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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To all KWVA Members

Our Association has been going through a very stressful period of late. I am aware of much discontent over the recent tone and contents of our Newsletter GRAYBEARDS, especially as concerns the issues of names on the Korean War Memorial now under construction, and on the question of copyrights and the manner in which the positions of some individuals in our organization have been presented in the newsletter.

Members have complained to me that the material in the newsletter on these subjects has been divisive, disrespectful and excessively contentious, among other things. One member wrote that he considered the GRAYBEARDS to be "unnecessarily inflammatory, offensive and abrasive" and that the newsletter had been transformed into "an organ of recrimination, bitterness and vague and unclear attacks on people and their motives." Charges and countercharges have been made and bad feelings abound.

Many of the members of your Executive Council and I agree with the expressed assessments of the GRAYBEARDS operations and have been greatly concerned about the matter. We consider that this development is counterproductive to KWVA goals as set forth in our Constitution and Bylaws and that corrective action was essential.

I think it desirable at this point to assure the members that your leadership is well aware of this problem and the need for correction. We have, in fact, already taken such action, together with certain other developments, that should resolve the matter and permit us to resume forward movement to advance KWVA goals.

The Executive Council at its midyear meeting in Baltimore on February 19th, upheld my earlier action when I suspended and removed from any KWVA office, member Blaine Friedlander, who had failed to comply with my instructions to make a full accounting of substantial unused funds that had been collected from the membership for accommodations at the 1992 Washington DC Memorial ground breaking ceremonies. Moreover, Friedlander, as will be readily recognized at a glance in the recent GRAYBEARDS issues, was a leading princi-



DICK ADAMS

pal in the activities that generated so much criticism and ill feelings over the above subject matter.

Additionally, following the expressed dissatisfaction over the GRAYBEARDS contents and tone, and perhaps as a consequence of it, the editor has resigned. I have appointed our member Sherman Pratt as his replacement and instructed him to operate in a highly professional and non-contentious manner. He has assured me that he will do so. Sherm has experience in publishing the newsletter of his National Order of Battlefield Commissions and is the author of military history books on WWII and Korea. He has a distinguished military record in 15 campaigns in the two wars. He is believed to have set a record for rapid advancement from First Sergeant to Captain in only 90 days and he commanded one of the two rifle companies that captured Berchtesgaden at the end of WWII. In Korea he commanded Baker Company of the 2nd Division's 23rd Regt in 1950-51.

With respect to the matters of copyrights and names on the War Memorial, I invite your attention to the letter herein by the highly respected and capable General Ray Davis, Chairman of the Korean War Memorial Board. His letter sheds light on the copyright matter and, hopefully, should lay the matter substantially to rest. If not, and there are members who want to pursue the matter, let us hear from them. We will publish their views in the GRAYBEARDS so long as they are respectful, objective and of substantive value.

Concerning names on the Memorial, I invite attention to the July 19, 1993, letter of General Davis published in the August/1993 issue of the GRAYBEARDS. The general explained that at

this point, after acceptance of the design without names long ago by all interested veterans groups, and with construction well underway, changing the design now to add names is most unreasonable and could harmfully delay or cancel the Memorial project. His letter is encouraging however, in suggesting that the names could be added later after the construction. We intend to follow the matter closely in the coming months with a view to achieving names on the monument if possible and feasible as desired so strongly by some of our members.

For the present, General Davis' position on the matter seems both reasonable and practicable under the existing circumstances, taking all aspects of the matter into consideration. Some members, of course may feel otherwise, and may elect to continue their opposition. They have every right to do so, no matter how unwise and counterproductive it may be. If such opposition continues, I can only hope that it will not be in the form of raucous or other disruptive behavior that might reflect unfavorably on our association and its members.

If picketing at the Memorial site, as depicted on page 25 of the January/1994 issue of the GRAYBEARDS, is undertaken by KWVA members, it must not be done with displayed insignias, signs, or other means so as to incorrectly indicate that the picketers are there with the approval or sanctioning of the KWVA. Neither the Executive Council, nor any officer with authority to do so, has authorized or sanctioned this form of protest or opposition.

So again, let me assure you that our KWVA train is still on track, steamed up and ready to resume the forward movement toward meeting our goals of perpetuating memories of the sacrifices of Korean War veterans through the construction of memorials, publicity campaigns, appearances, ceremonies, or other publicly acceptable means. I am persuaded that our Korean War Veterans Association and its worthwhile program is and will be needed so long as there are veterans around to fill its membership rolls. I feel confident that all of you are in full agreement with me in this respect.

Yours in lasting Comradeship.
DICK ADAMS

AN EDITORIAL



SHERMAN PRATT

GRAYBEARDS readers will note a difference in appearance and perhaps contents of our bulletin with this issue. At the recent meeting of the Executive Council in Baltimore in February, it was decided to give the GRAYBEARDS a fresh and "up lifted" appearance even if it cost modestly more to do so.

Additionally, your GRAYBEARDS, with this issue, has a different editor. Your former editor has resigned and President Adams, through his assistant Tom Maines, has asked me to try to fill the vacuum left by long-serving and hard-working Stan Hadden. It is a most difficult task in my opinion. Stan has labored long and hard in the vineyards and performed yeoman service for these past many months and years. But with his chosen departure, I have agreed to try to fill his shoes, at least temporarily, in the interest of our association, even though I have numerous other commitments that seem to entirely consume my time.

The GRAYBEARDS, like the periodic bulletins of all our other numerous veterans organizations, is the main link between the leadership and its members, and amongst the members themselves. In fact, for upwards of 95% of the members who are unable or unwilling to attend annual reunions, the bulletins are the only contact they have within the organization. Also, the cost of this communication is usually by far the most expensive item in the budgets.

Thus, it is imperative that the GRAYBEARDS be as readable, infor-

mative, concise, productive, communicative and responsive to members as possible. It should, further, serve as a catalyst to bond our comrades closely together considering their sacrifices to our country on the fields of battle where blood and lives were shed in a nasty and cruel war too many long years ago. Least of all, should our bulletin cause hard feelings or generate divisiveness or confrontational or abrasive internal friction. Its goal and policy should be maximum service to and sensitivity to its readers, our KWVA members. While I am serving as editor, this shall be my pledge and objective.

In recent months, many members have expressed strong dissatisfaction with the course the GRAYBEARDS has been following. Some felt the bulletin was unnecessarily divisive, disruptive, and clearly aimed at serving the needs of only a few members with axes to grind and in a disrespectful and contentious manner. Feelings have run strong to the disservice and disadvantage of our association.

Opinions will vary on the merits of those assessments. Be that as it may, the time has come to put it all behind us. We should all pledge now to henceforth work together in harmony, and good will, without rancor, to achieve KWVA goals as loyal and faithful comrades in arms. If we do, our association will prosper and our members will be richly rewarded as we move ever closer, at long last, to dedicating our long awaited Memorial on the Mall in Washington in 1995. A brighter future is ahead for us if we are prepared and can but accept it.

Autumn will again be upon us before we know it - so some KWVA members may feel this toast is much in order:

"Here's to Eve - the Mother of our race.

She hung some leaves over a very personal place.

"Here's to Adam - the Father of us all.

Imagine his delight, when the leaves began to fall!

FROM SECRETARY/TREASURER ROGER SCALF ACCOUNT BALANCES REPORT As of 2/28/94

Account	2/28/94 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
BankOne Checkin- Operating Fund	\$ 26,479.92
Life CD BankOne- Deposit Certificate	72,891.00
Life MM BankOne- Money Market	15,364.89
Memorial CD Bank One-Deposit Certificate	97,807.00
Op CD BankOne- Deposit Certificate	75,000.00
Op MM-BankOne- Money Market	80,000.00
Reunion Account- Reunion Checking	5,541.80
Scholarship Fund- Scholarship Fund CD	10,000.00
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	\$383,084.61
Assets	
Memorial Coins- At Cost	\$ 14,000.00
Physical Assets- At Cost	8,950.00
Weapons- Retail Value 1/31/94	14,776.00
Total Assets	\$ 37,726.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$420,810.61
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	\$ 0.00
EQUITY	420,810.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$420,810.61

EXECUTIVE BOARD MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND,

FEBRUARY 18-21, 1994

The Executive Committee of the KWVA met at the Lombard Street Holiday Inn in Baltimore, Maryland, over a three-day period from February 18th to 21st, 1994.

The minutes of the meeting are six pages in length and GRAYBEARDS feels that a verbatim publication would not be economically feasible or serve any worthwhile purpose. A summary of the agenda, deliberations and action of the Board follows. KWVA members who desire a complete copy of the minutes may request same from Secretary-Treasurer Roger Scalf.

Board members and officers in attendance: President, Dick Adams; 1st Vice President, Nick Pappas; Secretary-Treasurer, Roger Scalf; Directors Scooter Burke, Len Dube, Dick Wainwright, Don Byers, Emmett Benjamin, Kathleen Wyosnick, Harley Coon, Bill Coe, Hansel Hall, Billy Smith and Kenneth Cook. Absent: 2nd Vice President, Harry Wallace. Each meeting began routinely with a Pledge of Allegiance led by Scooter Burke and an invocation by Emmett Benjamin.

The first item of business was a request by President Adams that **Blaine Friedlander account for monies collected** by him for the June 1992 ground breaking ceremonies in Washington, DC. Mr. Friedlander addressed the Board for almost two hours on the matter. A motion that anyone handling KWVA monies must account for them within 30 days was adopted and the Board went into executive session. **The President's earlier action in removing Mr. Friedlander from office was upheld** by the Board.

The Board:

- Heard a report on the Tell America program and appointed Don Kofsky as the new chairman.
- Considered a **POW/MIA Report and complaint** from Harvey Coon and accepted a promise from Roger Scalf that he would apologize for

editorial remarks in local chapter publication "The 38th Parallel" that alluded to "38 turncoats" that was considered by Harvey Coon to be unfavorable or derogatory.

- Decided to submit to the membership a proposal on a sliding scale be adopted for **Life Membership dues**. [Reported in more detail elsewhere herein. Ed.]
- Heard the **Revisit Korea Program** report of Kathleen Wyosnick and voted to reimburse her \$2,000 for her expenses after she submits documentation.
- Heard report of Membership Chairman Dick Wainwright and approved recommendation that **membership lists be prepared and promptly distributed** with the understanding that each member's copy will be paid for with donations as the member feels comfortable with.
- Accepted the resignation of Stan Hadden as GRAYBEARDS editor and instructed the Secretary to write to him a letter of appreciation for his lengthy services.
- Heard and accepted the report of Len Dube, chair of the **Standard Procedures Manual Committee**.
- Accepted and accepted the **Tempe, Arizona, reunion report** of Gene Young, and encouraged him to continue his efforts.
- Accepted with commendations the **QM report** of Gene Young.
- Heard reports from President Adams that he has 498 **coins** selling at \$40; from Tom Maines that he has **commemorative** weapons valued at \$14,776; from Secretary-Treasurer Scalf on **account balances** as of end of calendar year; and from Bob Wacker on **flower sales**. **Treasurer's report** accepted subject to audit.
- Heard report from Bob Hansen and Ray Donnelly on **status of Memorial plans for dedication** in July, 1995.
- Adopted motion, with roll call with all 14 members voting YES, to

express **thanks and appreciation to the ABMC and KWMAB** for their long and dedicated work in building the Korean War Memorial.

- Heard and endorsed report by Jack Walker on **KWVA TV program** being prepared.
- Heard report by President Adams on \$10,000 in the **scholarship fund**. Tom Chilcott and members Benjamin, Van Ort, and Burke named as committee to work on the matter and report at the Tempe July meeting.
- Voted to **appoint Ed Grygier to fill Director vacancy (for five months)** caused by resignation of Lou Selmi with letter of appreciation to Selmi for his outstanding work.
- Deferred action on **Memorial Fund** pending advice from legal counsel.
- Accepted offer of **Ted McGill**, attorney and President of Chosin Few, to **serve as Judge Advocate**.
- Noted that Sherman Pratt had agreed to serve as **Editor of the GRAYBEARDS**, at least temporarily, and motion by Secretary Scalf that he be so appointed was approved.

Considered numerous resolutions with following actions:

1. **Resignation of Secretary-Treasurer Roger Scalf**, submitted by Stan Hadden and Nick Pappas (Pappas submission withdrawn); rejected.
2. **Resignation of President Dick Adams**, submitted by Stan Hadden; rejected.
3. Tabled motion by Nick Pappas to endorse **names of KIA/POW/KIA** on separate Memorial Wall. (Pappas and Cook voting not to table.)
4. Noted withdrawal of motion of Ed Grygier to **transfer 1994 reunion**.
5. Referred motion of Nick Pappas concerning **future KWVA annual meetings** to Bylaws Committee.
6. Rejected motion by Van Ort to **hold all future annual meetings of KWVA in Washington, DC**.

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(Pappas, Hall voted not to reject, Grygier abstained.)

7. Approved **courtesy accommodations for MOH holders and spouses** at 1994 Arizona meeting.
 8. Tabled motion of Van Ort concerning **KWVA State Departments**.
 9. Deferred to Executive Session question of **compensating Blaine Friedlander** for his services, submitted by Stan Hadden.
 10. (This number not used.)
 11. Rejected recommendation of Nick Pappas to establish **national KWVA Finance Committee**.
 12. Rejected recommendation of Pappas to establish a **national Publications Committee**.
 13. Rejected for now a proposal of Ken Buckley concerning the **Maine Veterans' Memorial** pending more specifics from the Maine Chapter.
 14. Referred to Bylaws Committee a proposal of Hall concerning **indemnification for Board members**.
 15. Referred proposal of Levon Raybon on voting process to Bylaws Committee.
 16. Rejected proposal of T. Robert Lewis on **limiting editorials**.
 17. Approved proposal of T. Robert Lewis on **reunions**.
 18. Referred to Bylaws Committee a proposal by T. Robert Lewis on establishing a **national Reunion Chair**.
- Board then accepted **contract of Richard Greene and Associates**, after address by Dan Smith, by unanimous vote with Scalf, Coe and Grygier abstaining, after rejecting a motion to table. Scalf asked to go on record that he feels Board is being "steamrolled" and "pressured" and wanted more time to study.
 - Approved **payment to Arlington worker** for services for Hadden and Friedlander upon return of data discs and base.
 - Heard from various Board members on **different aspects of the KWVA**.
 - Expressed appreciation to the **Maryland Chapter and Jim Martin** for their hospitality and authorized Nick Pappas to present a plaque of remembrance.

[The above report, somewhat unclear in places, is based on information received from the Secretary. If any member desires additional elaboration on any item, it is suggested they contact either Secretary Scalf, or a Board member. EDITOR]

God and Soldier we adore
In time of peril-not before,
The Peril ended,
all things righted,
God is forgotten, and
the Soldier slighted.

Kipling

*(Purloined from the 7th Inf
"Cottonbaler" newsletter)*

RESOLUTIONS FOR KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY INTRODUCED

On March 9, Congressman G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery (Mississippi) introduced House Joint Resolution 332 which calls for the establishment of a National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to be observed on July 27 of each year. It is a day set aside for the recognition and remembrance of those who served in the Korean War, especially those who died or who are missing. On March 12 Congressman Montgomery circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter bearing the signatures of 22 Korean War veterans in the House of Representatives seeking co-

sponsors for the resolution in the House of Representatives.

On March 11, Senator Warner (Virginia), and six other Korean War veterans in the Senate (Campbell, Chafee, Glenn, Kennedy, Simon, and Thurmond), introduced Senate Joint Resolution 169 with the same purpose and text as the House resolution, and on March 16 Senator Warner circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter seeking co-sponsors in the Senate.

These resolutions are the final outgrowth of the annual resolutions (originally drafted by the KWVA) calling for the setting aside of the week which included July 27, as a period of recognition and remembrance for Korean War veterans, and our goal is to see them passed and signed into law by June 25. It takes 51 co-sponsors in the Senate and 218 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives to move these resolutions through the legislative process.

The passage of these resolutions can be the biggest single thing we can do this year to increase the awareness of the American people about the Korean War and those who served in it.

The members of the Congress who introduced these resolutions have done their part. Now it is time for all of us to do ours! NOW, as soon as you finish reading your GRAY-BEARDS, look up the names of your two Senators and the Congressman from your district and write each of them a letter telling them how you feel about these resolutions and urging them to sign on as co-sponsors.

When you write to your Senators, be sure to identify the Senate resolution as SJRes 169, and ask them to contact Senator Warner's office (202-224-2023) to become co-sponsors. When you write to your Congressman/Congresswoman, be sure to identify the House resolution as HJRes 332, and ask him/her to contact

Congressman Montgomery's office (202-225-5031) to become a co-sponsor.

WRITE YOUR LETTERS TODAY!

LETTERS

WE GET MAIL



[We lead off this issue with a most important letter from Gen. Ray Davis, Chairman of the Korean War Memorial Advisory Board. In view of the recent controversy within our association over some aspects of the memorial now under construction, we think our membership will be especially interested in what General Davis has to say on this, and some related matters. Editor]

October 19, 1993

Mr. Dick Adams, President
Korean War Veterans Association

I write to you as a friend, as a fellow Korean War veteran, as a president of one of the chapters of the KWVA and as the Chairman of the Advisory Board charged by Congress with, among other things, selection of the design of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital.

The design is fully approved, the construction permit has been granted, the phase II construction contract has been awarded, and construction is under way for the greatest new monument to be added to the Nation's Mall in this decade.

The Design Program Requirements and Limitations for the national design competition requested by the Board specifically authorized inclusion of the names of the War Dead on the Memorial. The design concept statement repeated here, circulated among all veterans' organizations in advance of the competition and approved unanimously, was also included in the design program requirements. This design concept statement, which has remained constant and uppermost in our thoughts as the guiding light for this memorial, is:

The Korean War Veterans Memorial has two interrelated purposes which constitute primary considerations for its design and siting. The first—and fundamental—purpose is to express the enduring gratitude of the American people for all who took part in that conflict

under our flag, those who survived no less than those who gave their lives. The second—and of equal importance—is to project, in most positive fashion, the spirit of service, the willingness to sacrifice, and the dedication to the cause of freedom that characterized all participants. As these patriotic virtues have been common to those who served their country at other times of national crisis—and must not be lacking in the instance of future — emergencies—the Memorial must radiate a message that is at once inspirational in content and timeless in meaning. Both purposes dictate that the Memorial be unique in concept, designed for public use, located on a prominent prospect, and present a renewable aspect of hope, honor, and service.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, serving as the jury with five professional advisors, selected first, second and third place design concepts and twenty honorable mentions. None of the 23 design concepts selected by the Board included names of the War Dead on the memorial. The first place design concept was approved unanimously by the Board and the American Battle Monuments Commission. It was subsequently unveiled by President George Bush in a White House Rose Garden ceremony on Flag Day, 1989.

The first place winning design concept was then circulated among all veterans' organizations, including KWVA, for their comments. None suggested that it be altered to include names of the KIA's. Under the circumstances, at the eleventh hour, it is neither possible nor would it be appropriate to make such a major alteration to the design concept which won the competition.

In like manner the copyright issue is greatly misunderstood. "The Memorial" is not copyrighted. Primarily it is the specific designs of the Memorial contributed by the artists (Messrs. Gaylord and Nelson for the statues and the wall, respectively) that will be copyrighted. A copyright is granted for at least two major reasons; it protects the public from unauthorized reproduction and/or the misrepresentation of the copyrighted item, and it also provides a source of royalty fees to the artist when reproductions of the work is intended to be used for commercial gain. The copyright law allows for royalty fees to be negotiated with the artist in an art for hire situation.

Royalties are calculated on a case-by-case basis, but based on other similar royalty situations, a simple mathematical computation will prove that if the artists were to realize a gain of \$500,000, as some claim, at least \$30,000,000 of T-shirts would have to be sold at \$15 each. So if the artists are making money, someone else is making lots of money. It is not the ABMC, the Advisory Board (who realize no gain) or the government (which in the above example would get \$250,000), it is any entrepreneur with the tenacity and foresight to do so.

Further, anyone can photograph the Memorial for his/her own use at any time without infringing on a copy-

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right or having to pay a royalty. Anyone claiming otherwise is mistaken and misleading innocent bystanders.

This Memorial is intended to honor all those [who] served in the Korean War. It is not intended to be used as a principal fund raising mechanism. There is not a need for ongoing fund raising to benefit the Memorial. The Commemorative Works law requires that 10% of the actual construction costs be set aside with the National Park Service for a perpetual maintenance fund. That has always been part of our budget and had to be set aside as a condition for getting the construction permit. There is NO ongoing commitment for maintenance funds as now required by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The Commemorative Works law was not in effect when it was built. After dedication in July, 1995, the Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund as it now stands will cease to exist, its purpose being fully achieved.

In every instance when people understand the facts surrounding these issues, the issues tend to become less volatile. This Advisory Board and the American Battle Monuments Commission have worked tirelessly over the last seven years to have this Memorial become a reality. No group of people have spent more time and energy to see a successful end to a project ultimately packed with strong emotions as these two groups of professionals. This memorial will express the Nation's gratitude for those who came home as well as those who did not come home.

It is a grand and glorious salute to all who served. I can't close without crediting KWVA with enormous support and fund raising expertise when it was needed most. For a relatively small veterans organization your per capita contribution is probably second to none. Let's work together in the final hours of this project for I am convinced the Memorial is destined to have a penetrating and heart-felt impact on all of us.

Sincerely,
Ray Davis, USMC, (Ret)
General, Medal of Honor in Korea

December 20, 1993

Korean War Veterans Association

During the Korean War I was assigned to the 180 Infantry, 45th Infantry Division. In January of 1952 the 179th and 180th Infantry went on line in the Chorwon-T'son corridor. I am attempting to locate a map of the area occupied by 2d Battalion, 180th Infantry. I'm especially interested in the areas known as Eerie, Baldy, and T-Bone.

At one time I had such a map, however, it was misplaced many years ago. Any help you can give me by publishing my letter in GRAYBEARDS would be appreciated.

Edward J. McKittrick
4800 Arney Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111

January 1, 1994

Korean War Vets

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Stamp and Coin Club, of Tucson, Arizona, wishes to acknowledge receipt of your donation of stamps and/or coins and other materials.

On behalf of our veterans and Stamp Club members, we thank you for your thoughtfulness and assistance. The material which you have donated will be sorted and placed in our distribution boxes for immediate use of our "Project Outreach" members.

Your donation was very much appreciated by all concerned and we are looking forward to hearing from you again in the near future. Thank you for the help, we appreciate it.

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ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

Your lost military medical records have been found.

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) recently announced finding millions of servicemen's medical records from WWII through the Korean era. Veterans have been plagued by this misplacement for 50 years. Uncaring Veterans Administration personnel stated no records, no legitimate claim, and treated veterans as criminals attempting to steal from the system. How many legitimate claims have been denied because of this misplacement? It has caused grief to many veterans and their parents, wives and children. If your medical/physical disability claim or treatment for them was denied by the Veterans Administration you now have recourse. To determine what rights you, surviving spouses or children have because of this Federal government error, we suggest you consult a veterans organization's service officer. Ramifications concerning this are unclear presently. We will research and keep you advised.

LETTERS (Cont'd)

September 29, 1993

Mr. Dick Adams, President
Korean War Veterans Association

Congratulations on your successful reunion in Minnesota! I read, in GRAYBEARDS, that the association is demanding that names of KIA/MIA be engraved on the Korean Memorial wall. I wish to share the following thoughts with you concerning this matter.

The Arizona Korean War Memorial has bronze plaques containing the names of the 280 Arizonans who gave their lives in the Korean War. Assembling the names was a nightmare. We decided to work from two lists provided by the National Archives and the Arizona Department of Library and Archives. The lists did not mesh terribly well, but efforts were made to track down such discrepancies as someone being listed from a town we could not identify. It turned out one serviceman was from Arkansas instead of Arizona. This task was made harder because some of the towns no longer existed.

We also sent out a statewide press release advising people to contact the commission if there were any additions to the list. We did have one family contact us. With proper documentation, the serviceman's name was added to the list before the plaques were cast.

Needless to say, the amount of time and effort that went into the compilation of 280 names was considerable. Multiply our project by 49 other states and the task becomes even more complicated, especially after 40 years.

Enclosed is some information concerning the Colorado Veterans Monument. I call your attention to the third paragraph on the second page, which pertains to the War Dead Honor Roll Touch Screen Computer Display. This seems to be a possible alternative to having the names on the wall. You might have someone in Denver take a good look at the display. It would present the names in several ways (by state, by branch of service, etc.) and would also have the flexibility of being updated if there are any additions to the final list.

I hope you will take this suggestion in the spirit in which it is offered. When I saw that the memorial letterhead has

"Deceased Board Members" listed, I thought this idea might offer an alternative which would not delay the con-

struction of the memorial. I share in your frustration in dealing with a project that should be uniting and affirming, but which appears to be causing so many hard feelings.

My heartfelt thanks for all the hard work you do on behalf of the Korean War Veterans.

Sincerely yours,
Raymond Harvey
8780 East McKellips, #380
Scottsdale, Arizona 85257

SOCIETY OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION, U.S. ARMY

November 2, 1993

Editor, GRAYBEARDS

Tom Chilcott requested my sending you a copy of our National News booklet and also to add an application to join the Korean War Veterans Association to our next edition which will be in February of 1994.

I'm in hopes this will reach many that are unaware of your organization and does increase your membership. We are still finding veterans of the 3rd, that had no knowledge of our's either yet today after 50 some years.

Anything else I can help you with through the WATCH just type it up and send it to me.

We have a strong contingent of the Hugnam Survivors and also Outpost Charlie Veterans of the Korean War, and I'm sure if they haven't joined you as yet they soon will.

In closing, I must say for you to keep up the fine work you've done in the past. I find it quite heart warming hearing from my followers as you must too.

Yours in Comradeship,
Charles D. King
National Editor

If you are interested in membership in the Society of the Third Infantry Division, please write to: Earl E. Killen, Secretary/Treasurer, RD #1, Box 37, Bolivar, Pennsylvania 15923.

Membership is open to those who served in the division, family members and those who are interested in the division.

The Division will hold it's 75th Diamond Jubilee Reunion in Columbus, Georgia, September 15-18, 1994.

A FREELoader's LAST REQUEST

Once upon a time there was a veteran who never joined any veterans organizations. All his life, he took benefits and entitlements won for him by veterans service organizations.

He has a 10 point preference, a G.I. Home Loan, he had gone to school on the G.I. Education Bill, veterans employment even got him a job, among other things, but still he refused to join.

On his death bed he told his wife, "Please do something for me.... I want to be buried in a National Cemetery, have a military marker and I want a veterans organization to provide an Honor Guard and be my pallbearers." "But, you never belonged to any veterans organizations," his wife exclaimed. "Why do you want them for pallbearers?" "Dear," he replied, "they've carried me this far, they might as well carry me the rest of the way!"

Send Your
Membership Dues To:
KWVA

Harry Wallace,
Membership Chairman
P.O. Box 12205
Baltimore, MD 21281

THE LAST WORD?

GRAYBEARDS received the following letter in a plain brown envelope with no return address, post marked Harper Springs, West Virginia.

"My article for insertion.

After receiving and reading the January 1994 issue of our GRAYBEARDS, I cannot believe that there are so many of our comrades who are willing to let our Memorial be seen by future generations, without the names of our comrades who were Killed in Action.

They say they are going to put some faces on it. Please tell us whose faces are they going to be, maybe the faces will be that of some congressmen or senators or maybe even one or two presidents.

If you do not want to honor the KIAs, POWs and MIAs with their names on the Memorial, then you have no business to make a mockery of that memorial with a few faces.

In the first place that beautiful Memorial is to honor the killed, prisoners, and those missing in action, not those of us who came back.

Simply put, that beautiful Memorial is merely a huge tombstone or headstone whichever you prefer to call it, but without those names on it, it will only be an expensive slab of stone. Unless someone forgets to do it, there is no tombstone or headstone in any cemetery that doesn't have the name of the deceased on it. We honor our friends and loved ones in our cemeteries with the names on tombstones and headstones, but yet some of our comrades don't want to honor their fellow comrades. What a disgrace.

Without those names on the Memorial, it will be a waste of money and will mean nothing. Especially to the loved ones and survivors.

A huge billboard built with pine boards and engraved with those names, using a cheap wood engraving tool, would be a higher tribute and honor to

our comrades than a beautiful costly granite structure without those names on it.

My belief is put those names on the Memorial or forget the whole damned project.

Harry C. Tiefs, Sr.
31st Ord (MAM) Co
'The Best Dam Ord. Co. in Korea'
5339 Logan Ave., No.
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430."

[You state your case well, Comrade Tiefs, and undoubtedly you voice the sentiments of many others as well. We admire you for keeping your comments on a high plane and not attacking people or groups or their motives. We urge you, and our other members, to read carefully and study the detailed letter we have published in this issue from General Davis, who has headed up the President's Board that was and is responsible for the Korean War Memorial Project. While you may not agree with all the general writes, the information he furnishes should go a long way in answering questions regarding names on the monument.]

In particular, it seems to us that it would be helpful to understand that of the seemingly countless individuals, veterans' organizations (of which the KWVA was but one), boards, commissions, congressional committees, executive departments and others who provided input and views on the memorial from the outset, no one pushed hard, if at all, for names on the monument until lately with the project passing into, in simple terms, a point of no return.

Many, to include the Memorial's strongest supporters, feel to insist now, even if it could be done, to halt the project for redesigning to achieve names on it, would in effect kill the project.

You indicate that you would prefer no project to one without names. We

question whether many of your comrades would agree with you on that. At any rate, the jury is out now and will remain so until the monument is finished and opened for visitation. Perhaps those who are disappointed with the absence of names should hold their judgment in abeyance until we can later assess the acceptance of the Memorial by the public and we veterans. We're told the Vietnam Memorial which is nearby (across the reflecting pool), has become the most visited place in our Capital by tourists and others. Perhaps our Memorial will become even more so.

Two other items you mentioned deserve response. First, the Memorial is not a grave requiring names on tombstones. Known Korean war dead here and abroad are already buried in cemeteries with appropriately named tombstones. Secondly, almost all states have or plan to have local memorials with names of the fallen. While that may not serve as an acceptable substitute to you, you may want to keep it in mind.

EDITOR]

URGENT ADDRESS INFO NEEDED

Director Wainwright and Secretary Scalf have been instructed to publish and distribute by May a KWVA membership roster before the 1994 annual reunion in July.

Members with changes in addresses, phone numbers, units served with, or chapters, should so advise the secretary immediately. Failure to do so can result in errors about yourself.

**DON'T DELAY -
ACT NOW!!!**

MORE LETTERS

A VOICE FROM THE PAST



LTR RICHARD KREPPS

May 31, 1993
Memorial Day

Can I come home now?

It's been 43 years and I am still waiting to come home. Back in 1950, I was scheduled to go on leave to my new home in Essex, Md. My mom, dad, sisters and brother told me that it was a very nice place. My new home was at 11 Crafton Road located in an area that was called Eastern Terrace. I was told that most of the people worked at Martins, Eastern Stainless, Bethlehem Steel or General Motors. Baltimore was the closest big city and that is where the Star Spangled Banner was written.

I joined the Army at the age of 18 because there were no jobs available. My brother and several friends enlisted at the same time while we were living in Pennsylvania in 1949. After less than one year in the service with the 2nd Infantry Division, we were shipped to Korea. We arrived in Korea on August 16, 1950 and after unloading our equipment we found ourselves defending what was called the Pusan Perimeter.

For several days we stayed up all night watching the North Koreans build up their forces in order to cross the Nakdong River. On September 1st they came across and after defending our positions for days we finally retreated because we were outnumbered. I was wounded at that time and received the Purple Heart. After a short

stay in a hospital in Japan, I was returned to my unit just in time for the Inchon Invasion and the push north to the Yulu River.

At that time we were all looking forward to Thanksgiving and there was talk that the war was coming to an end and we might be home by Christmas. Needless to say my second chance to come home ended quickly. The Chinese entered the war and we found ourselves completely surrounded. We had several roads of escape, but luck was not with us, because our road was heavily defended. I and several of my buddies had to abandon our half tracks and tanks due to land mines and heavy fire. Soon we had to leave the road, we went on foot, hill to hill being turned back several times when we ran into the enemy. In a short time we became lost. It did not take too long to become trapped. We were taken prisoner on December 1, 1950 near Kunuri, Korea and we were tied to captured vehicles to keep our Air Force from destroying this valued equipment.

We were marched for several days without food or water until we arrived at what was going to be our prison. Our place of confinement was very crowded and we were separated from Officers. We had very little food and our wounded were not cared for. We were stripped of our clothing, tied to racks outside and cold water was poured on us and we almost froze to death. We soon found out that this inhumane treatment was leading up to what was called "Brain-washing." We found ourselves being taught the Communist Doctrine and that we were the aggressors in Korea. They tried to turn us against each other and our government.

As time passed we became very homesick and the small amounts of food could not sustain our health. My buddies were dying every day and soon my health turned for the worse. I did not want to go to any more brain-washing classes, I only wanted to come home to my family in Essex. I do

not know what day I died on, but my Communist captors said it was around September 30, 1951, just four short months after my 20th birthday.

During my imprisonment I worried about my mom and dad, for they lost some of their health when I was first listed as missing in action, then later listed as a Prisoner of War. They are with me now, along with my sister and they tell me about my home in Essex. My sister told me about the beautiful monument and that she went to the first two dedications. She said that the families and friends built this monument for local heroes from all the wars and it is called "The Lamky-Luther-Whitehead Veterans Memorial." She said that she was proud of me and that my mom, dad, niece and she are buried not too far from this monument. The U.S. Government was not allowed to recover my body for some silly political or military reason when the peace agreement was signed and prisoners were exchanged, but I would really love to come home and this monument is a big first step in remind others that many of us have not returned.

Please come and visit our monument, for it means so much to us to know we are not forgotten especially on Memorial Day Cpl. Richard W. Krepps

(Twin brother of Vincent Krepps,
Editor, Maryland Chapter
Newsletter)

[Comrade Vince Krepps also provided GRAYBEARDS with a copy of a letter from his deceased twin brother Richard to the President of the United States, eloquently and passionately pleading for his and other names on the Washington, DC, Korean War Memorial. Richard Krepps' name is now carved in stone on the Maryland Korean War Monument overlooking the Harbor in Baltimore.]

EDITOR]

■ OUTLOOK

CALENDAR

"The forgotten war." July 27 marks the 40th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. The 37-month conflict began with Communist-ruled North Korea invading American-backed South Korea. The armistice created a demilitarized zone between the two nations that still endures.

DATABASE

Dimensions of the DMZ: **155 miles long, 2 1/2 miles wide**

What the armistice gave North Korea below the 38th parallel: **1,243 square miles;**

what South Korea got above it: **3,729 square miles**

What prompted North Korea's decision to negotiate the treaty: **Stalin's death and Eisenhower's hint that the United States might use atomic weapons**

Number of U.S. troops who served in Korea: **5,720,000**; number who were killed: **33,651**

U.S. troops stationed in South Korea now: **35,500**

South Korea's government today: **presidential democracy**; North Korea's: **Communist dictatorship**

Americans polled in 1953 who regarded the Korean War as a cause worth fighting for: **64%**; Americans who think so now: **49%**

COURTESY OF RICHARD E. COATE



Duty in the '50s

M*A*S*H HELPS PERPETUATE A MYTH ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR!

US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

51% OF POLLED AMERICANS ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRUCE SIGNING DO NOT REGARD THE KOREAN WAR AS A CAUSE THAT WAS WORTH FIGHTING FOR.

■ LETTERS

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*Richard Coate
Brooklyn, N.Y.*



With the troops.
Aspin, Clinton in Korea

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, AUGUST 9, 1993

YES! I WANT TO HELP DISPEL THE M*A*S*H MYTH!

YES! I WANT TO HELP!

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P.O. BOX 127 - CARUTHERS, CALIFORNIA 93609**

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS: (PLEASE PRINT) _____

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, JULY 26, 1993

BY-LETTER FROM RICHARD COATE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

[The following letter appeared in U.S. News & World Report, July 26, 1993.]

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Richard Coate
Brooklyn, NY

CONSTRUCTION OF THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL BEGINS

Construction of the Korean War Veterans Memorial by R. J. Crowley Inc. of Laurel, Maryland has begun at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall after six months of soil stabilization. The Washington, D.C. firm of Cooper-Lecky Architects, PC, is overseeing the enlargement of the models and the casting of the 19 stainless steel statues created by sculptor Frank Gaylord of Barre, Vermont. The castings are being done at the Tallix Foundry, Beacon, New York.

Cooper-Lecky is also overseeing the final development of the mural wall designed by Louis Nelson Associates, New York City. The 8-inch thick, gray granite wall features a vast array of images of various support personnel (Army,

Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force) such as MASH personnel, artillerymen, pilots, seamen, truck drivers etc. who supported the combat troops in the field. These images were taken from photo-journalism archives and are being sand-blasted into the 164-foot long series of polished granite panels.

Preparations for landscaping have begun under the direction of landscape architect Henry Arnold of Princeton, New Jersey.

Dedication ceremonies are scheduled for July 27, 1995, the 42d Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in 1953.

Colonel Williams E. Ryan, Jr.
(202) 272-0536 ABMC

FEATURE ARTICLES

MILITARY NURSES IN THE KOREAN WAR

By Alice Gritsavage



The Far East Command medical community was sorely pressed when war broke out in Korea. It was geared mainly to meet the needs of peacetime military personnel and their dependents. From June 24, 1950, until July, 1953; I was the FEC military nursing consultant (Japan, Okinawa, Guam and The Philippines). This was a very complex job and made more so by the war. The large influx of wounded and sick from Korea had to be treated. Facilities, staff and supplies were not nearly up to the job. Prior to the Korean War there were only 400 nurses to cover the whole FEC. This was a ratio of one nurse to about 50 patients. Military nurses strove selflessly and valiantly to meet the new war demands until help arrived from the U.S. and its allies. The patient census increased vastly as the battle casualties streamed in. Many a casualty would up in the same hospital facility that was treating a family member at the time. There were many servicemen's families living in Japan during the occupation period so pediatric and maternity supplies were an additional requirement. Many of the dependent women and teenagers helped in the hospitals during the war. The American Red Cross organized volunteers and trained them in basic nursing skills. They were used to increase the hospital staffs. May God bless those many fine American Red Cross nurses who served on my team for they arrived in a time of great need and did their duty very well.

At the time male nurses were not given the same consideration as female nurses. They received no commissions and held enlisted ranks only. Many of them were placed in non-medical jobs such as: infantry, motor pool, signal corps, etc. The military nurses began to complain to their superiors, the media and eventually congress. They stated that many of them had worked side-by-side with them in civilian life and it was now unfair to the males. That mistake was rectified in 1955.

The nurses of the Korean War were women of valor whom were imbued with a dedication to help heal the wounded and sick brave warriors of the Korean War. The women were of impeccable behavior and reflected honor upon their chosen profession and that chapter in history.

Their dedication made my job easier and best of all, made the difference between life and death for many casualties.

Hardship was also shared by many a military nurse as she experienced the fear of war, the biting cold of winter, the sweltering heat of summer, mud, dust and destruction that was then Korea.

Many a nurse will ever remember holding the hand of a dying serviceman as drew his last breath. At that sad moment in time, she undoubtedly represented his caring mother and his final moment was surely somewhat eased. There are really no words to adequately describe such an event involving human compassion.

I am saddened to see that those gallant people are now depicted by that TV sitcom, known as M.A.S.H. One would think that the Korean War was mostly fun and games.

It is no wonder that the deeds of our patriots are so easily forgotten and we are still waiting for a national memorial.

Many thousands of our Korean War veterans lost their lives and many thousands more still suffer from their injuries of so long ago. We must also remember the emotional wounds suffered by the families. The National Korean War Veterans Memorial will surely help send a message to them that American did not forget them after all.

I give thanks to the Korean War Veterans Association for including us nurses and give thanks to the Ocala, Florida, Chapter for having me among them.

We, military nurses, are proud to be recognized as vital team members in a war that America had nearly forgotten.

Before I depart this planet, I fervently hope to see the memorial completed in Washington, DC.

Korean War veterans will then assume their rightful place in American history.

[Alice M. Gritsavage is a retired colonel, who served in both World War II and Korea. She lists her age as 92+.]

FEATURES

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POW/MIA OFFICE

GRAYBEARDS' readers and KWVA members should be aware that there is a special office in the Pentagon that concerns itself primarily with the location and return of POWs and MIAs, or their remains. We have received the following article from Col. Charles Henley of that office that explains in some detail the organization and functioning of the MIA/POW office. We print it below in its entirety because of its importance to so many of our members or their families, the recent widespread publicity concerning the possible removal of POWs from Korea to Russia, and for other compassionate and pertinent reasons.

Joint Commission
Support Branch
(Formerly Task Force Russia)

In December, 1991, during the Bush-Yeltsin Summit in Washington, D.C., President Yeltsin proposed the formation of a joint commission between the United States and Russia. The commission would investigate the loss of American servicemen in territory either on or adjacent to the former Soviet Union or under its control from 1945 until 1991. The concept was to be a humanitarian effort beneficial to both countries. For the United States, it would seek information on Americans lost during World War II, the Cold War, the Korean War, and the war in Southeast Asia; and for Russia, those Russians unaccounted for during the Afghanistan conflict.

The result of this bold idea is the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission. The American side of the Commission is chaired by former Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Malcolm Toon. Other members comprising the team are Senators John Kerry and Robert Smith, chairman and vice chairman of the former Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs; Representatives Douglas "Pete" Peterson and Sam Johnson, both former Vietnam War prisoners of war; and Executive Branch representatives from the departments of State and Defense, the Intelligence community, and the National Archives. The Russian side is similarly constructed, and chaired by Russian Colonel

General Dmitri Volkogonov.

The first plenary session of the Commission was held in Moscow in March 1992. During this historic meeting, each side obtained a general understanding of the other. The Commission also decided to organize itself by conflict, and separate working groups were organized for World War II, the Cold War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Following the meeting, the Defense Intelligence Agency, at that time responsible for POW/MIA affairs within the United States Government, placed an analyst in Moscow. In May, he was joined by an investigator from the Senate Select

Committee on POW/MIA Affairs.

Secretary of Defense Cheney declared the Army the Executive Agent of a limited-life organization missioned to provide support to the Joint Commission; and thus, Task Force Russia was born. By June 1992, approximately 30 individuals comprised of active duty soldiers, reservists, and Army civilians, all of whom were either Russian-speaking analysts, translators, or support personnel, had been assigned to Task Force Russia. Additional specialists were assigned to the Embassy in Moscow to support full investigative efforts of Soviet contacts with American POWs.

Highlights in 1992 for the Commission included plenary sessions in Moscow in June, September, and December; trips were made to Vladivostok and Posyet; and General Volkogonov testified before the Senate Select Committee. Task Force Russia began the publication of bi-weekly reports and translations of all Soviet documents passed to the Commission. To the maximum extent possible, all documents received were declassified. Pertinent documents and information were provided to the families of Americans unaccounted for; and all declassified documents were placed in the National Archives and the Library of Congress for public consumption.

Also, in 1992, researchers combing the National Archives for information on missing Americans discovered the Klaus files. These files, assembled by Samuel Klaus, Special Assistant to the State Department Legal Advisor from 1946 until his death in 1963, have provided the single best source of documents on Cold War shootdowns of American military planes by the Soviet Union.

Throughout the first half of 1993, Task Force Russia supported plenary sessions conducted in March and June, Commission trips to former Soviet republics, and interviewed many former Soviet citizens throughout that country.

In July 1993, with its temporary charter and funding scheduled to expire in December, Task Force Russia was given new life when it was incorporated into the Joint Commission Support Branch of the newly-formed Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO) within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. DPMO consolidated all Washington, DC based agencies dealing specifically with the POW/MIA issue into one operation headed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs.

Although the name changed, as did the majority of the personnel who were temporarily assigned to the Task Force from other United States Government agencies, the activities of the organization went uninterrupted. The new branch continued its valuable support to the Commission during important plenary sessions in August and September in Armenia, Moscow, and St. Petersburg, and the December plenary in Moscow and Belarus. In addition to its periodic tri-weekly reports, the Branch produced a working analytical document concerning suspected transfer of U.S. POWs from Korea to the USSR. Additional status reports were rendered on the Cold War shoot-down cases.

Among other activities being conducted by the Joint Commission support Branch are extensive support for the eighth plenary session scheduled February 28 through March 5 in Washington, D.C. During this unique plenary, the Russians are expected to provide results of their archival research efforts, conducted in response to detailed questions passed to them through our Moscow-based research team. Additionally, family members will meet and the Russian delegation and issues will be discussed.

The Joint Commission Support Branch remains a key element of major importance to Department of Defense efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting of Americans who remain missing. To that end, they serve with total dedication to the accomplishment of this important humanitarian mission.

FEATURES

REFLECTIONS ON A "KOREAN REVISIT TRIP"

By William H. "Bill" Van Ort

You go back to Korea with mixed feelings of anticipation and intrepidation. Forty years have passed, and it's not the same. You are older now, the twilight of your years. You are going back to your lost youth—and it feels different. You are going back to the "Land of the Morning Calm," Korea, and you are concerned as to what you will see and who you will meet there.

This trip had a special meaning to my wife, Peg, and I. I was worried about all kinds of things: weather, people, the money exchange rates, etc., but when we arrived at Kinpo Airport, I immediately felt comfortable. I felt "at home" once again. And I felt good.

There were distinct highlights of this revisit trip that I will long remember. I met many new friends and exchanged a lot of stories and anecdotes with them. I remember Capt. (Ret. USN) John Ford, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, who described some of the Inchon landings, and whose carrier based Corsair strafed and bombed the beaches at Olmido; Cmdr. (Ret. USN) Raymond "Bill" West, La Mesa, California, who, with a lump in his throat, stared

silently at the place where he had to set his plane down near Out Post Dora; M/Sgt. Jack Sullivan, platoon sergeant, Light House Point, Florida, whose heavy tank was the first to reach, and the last to leave the Yalu River, separating North Korea from Manchuria, testing the cold water with his boot, fighting his way back with the 17th Inf. Regt., picking up



Maj. (Ret. ROK Army) Yong-Sup Lee and Bill Van Ort at the National Cemetery in Seoul.

his Purple Heart and other medals along the way; Col. (Ret. USA) P. Mark Kooker, 45th Inf. Div., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who was only 100 meters away from his bunker near Panmunjom; Bill Mack, 1st Cav., from Port Monmouth, New Jersey; and Keith Kingsley, Portland, Oregon, who also received the Purple Heart. The whine of small arms fire, the klunk of mortars leaving the tubes, the whump when incoming artillery was heard and felt. The stories went on and on—and I was back again, forty odd years ago. It brought back a lot of memories.

The revisit trip was especially exciting for me, being awarded the Ambassador for Peace medal at the banquet in the Hotel Lotte World: The presentation by Mayor Choi Ki Sun, of Inchon, a commemorative medal of the 43rd Anniversary of the Inchon Landing on behalf of our tour group; Panmunjom at the "Freedom Bridge," where one of our captains was brutally hacked to death with axes by North Korean soldiers.



At National Cemetery. A moment of silence and prayer. Shown is Maj. (Ret. ROK Army) Yong-Sup Lee and Bill Van Ort, Minnesota Chapter #1, KWVA.

FEATURES — "KOREA REVISITED" (Contd.)



Bill Van Ort, signing the Book at the National Cemetery, for our tour group, upon completion of the ceremony honoring the ROK dead, on 14 September, 1993.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our good friend, Kap Chong Chi, Chairman of the UN Korean War Allies Association, Inc., developer of the Korean War Museum. Kap supplied our tour group with refreshments and then provided our group pictures of our visit to his museum. Kap truly personifies the spirit of the Korean people, and he has been very involved with the Revisit program since its conception.

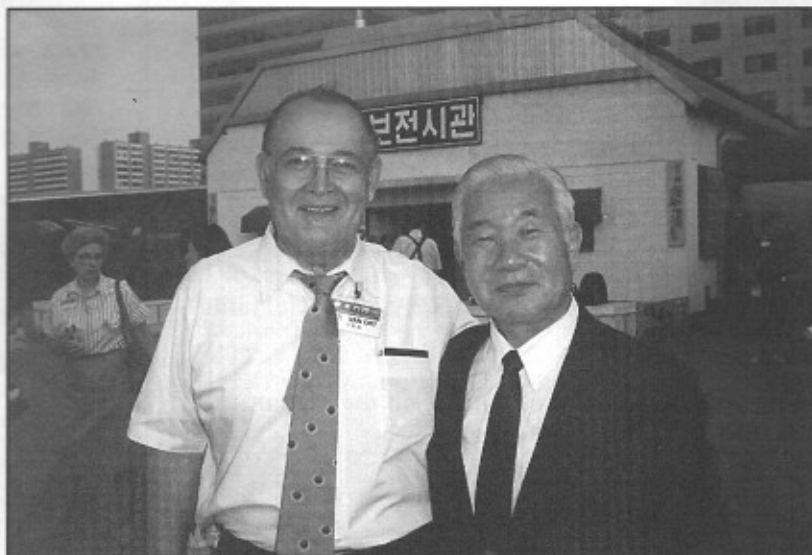
The most memorable event was at the Korean National Cemetery in Seoul, like our own Arlington National Cemetery in the Nation's Capitol. I was very honored to be selected to lay the wreath of the KVA at their National Monument and represent our veterans and families present. As I awaited the Officer of the Honor Guard, a young ROK naval officer who presented me with white ceremonial gloves on a highly decorated lacquered tray, I thought of the 135,000 unknown ROK soldiers buried here and the ultimate sacrifice that they gave for their young republic.

We began to march from the archway entering the memorial area, six abreast, past the Honor Guard (made up of ROK Air Force, Army, Marine and Navy personnel), who stood at strict attention and presented

arms. During the entire walk to the presentation area of the Memorial, I was flanked by the Director of the National Cemetery on my left, and on my right, by Maj. (Ret. ROKA) Yong-Sup Lee, Chief of International Affairs Division, Korean Veterans Association. My heart was pounding.

As I presented the wreath, I thought of the honor that was bestowed upon me to honor those Comrades-in-Arms who were at their final rest. I was moved as I put incense into the urn. As I sprinkled the incense the first time, watching the thin wisps of smoke begin to form, I thought of all the troops who had fallen in Korea. As I placed incense in the urn the second time, watching the smoke gently rise, and remembering all the Koreans who had fallen, I said silently, "Buddha bless them." When I placed incense for the third time into the urn, and the smoke gently began to curl up toward the heavens, I said a short prayer. "May God comfort them all."

It was a great trip. One that my wife, Peg, and I will long remember. I would like to go back again.



Bill Van Ort, Minnesota KWVA Chapter #1, with Kap Chong Chi, at the Korean War Museum.

[William H. "Bill" Van Ort is a member of the Minnesota Chapter #1, KWVA, and lives at 1101 Parkwood Lane in Stillwater, Minnesota 55082-5456.]

MEMORIAL UPDATE

MORE FEATURES

THE KOREAN WAR VETS MEMORIAL IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Wednesday, July 26

All Day: Check In, Register, Reunite with "Buddies"

Ongoing: Receptions of units, hospitality suites, Mall Activities*

Thursday, July 27

AM Wreath Laying, Tomb of the Unknowns, Lighting Freedom Torch

PM DEDICATION**

EVE Visit the Memorial

Ongoing: Mall Activities*
Entertainment, tours, visit the Memorial

Friday, July 28

AM Visit the Memorial

PM Mass, Muster***
Joint Chiefs Inspection

EVE Visit the Memorial

Ongoing: Mall Activities*
Entertainment, tours, visit the Memorial

Saturday, July 29

AM Memorial Church Services—all denominations, visit the Memorial

PM Parade, visit the Memorial

EVE Major Entertainment****, and
Fireworks, visit the Memorial

Ongoing: Mall Activities*
Entertainment, tours, visit the Memorial

Sunday, July 30

AM Check out of hotel, visit the Memorial

All Day: Visit the Memorial

* Mall Activities include tents to visit from all Veterans Organizations. The Department of Veterans Affairs, other government agencies, memorabilia sales, mess tent, registration log, embassy tents, 24 hour vigil reading the names of KIA/MIA/POW, first aid, general information and command post, reception area, meeting and greeting and reuniting with buddies, the Memorial will be available for visitors 24 hours a day in order to accommodate everyone, only about 2000/hour can flow through the Memorial so schedule your time accordingly. (Australia, Belgium, Canada, Columbia, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Greece, India, Italy, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Netherlands,

Norway, Philippines, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom.)

** Because of huge crowds (over 500,000 veterans and their families) anticipated, the actual Dedication ceremonies will be short (about 30 minutes in length), there will be jumbo TV screens on the Mall so everyone will be able to see, but there will be no seating available, standing room only. All living Presidents will be invited.

*** Mass Muster—ceremonial activation of those units who bear battle honors from Korea and not now on the active rolls. It is anticipated that the colors of these units will be uncased and join the active units who bear battle honors from Korea at this muster and stand for inspection by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

**** The major entertainment show will include such celebrities as Bob Hope, Rosemary Clooney, Ed McMahon, Mickey Rooney, Gregory Peck, Frank Sinatra and many others pending their availability. There will be an ongoing international film festival showing movies of the Korean War. Entertainment troupes from Korea and all nations who fought under the UN Flag will also participate.

Bob Hansen
18th and "C" Streets, Room 7424
Washington, DC 20240
(202) 208-3561



KWVA member 1st Sgt. (Ret) John Moore (Hq Co/17th Inf/7th Div) at the Korean War Memorial construction site on the Mall in Washington DC on Nov 11/93 during the Armistice Day observances. Moore was on hand to familiarize himself with the progress in the memorial construction for a report to his "Buffalo" comrades.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – REUNIONS

REUNIONS

BATTERY A/26th AAA AW BATTALION, 24th DIVISION, (Japan-Korea, Mar/49 to Jul/53, September 8-11, 1994, Indianapolis, IN. Contact: Franklin Goff, 518 21st St., Dunbar, WV 25064 (304-768-1514 or (office) 304-768-7454 or Marion Thacker, 2523 W. John St., Grand Island, NE 68803 (308-384-1950)

CANADIAN KOREAN VETS, Friday, June 24-26, 1994. Citadel Inn, Ottawa. Contact: Les Peate, CD, Exec/Sec., 8 Moorside, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2C 3P4 (813-225-0443).

KWVA CHAPTER SENECA COUNTY (CHAPTER #1), July 16, 1994, VFW Post 6433. Contact: Ernest Craig, 947 Route 96, Waterloo, NY 13165.

US BRINKLEY PASS, 28-31 July 1994, Baltimore, MD. Contact: Bob Shetron, 347 W. Leaside, Glendora, CA 91740 (818-335-8040)

US MARINES REUNION—SHIP H-3-1 Korea, June 23-26, 1994, Washington, DC. Contact: Jack Dedrick, 6 Sheridan Terr., Swampscott, MA 01907 (704-322-5445 or 328-8553)

USCG Gallo Island, NY, Sackets Harbor (Aux OP), NY, CGC 83359, September 16-18, 1994. Contact: Gordon Koscher, 4712 Glenwood Dr., Mantua, OH 44255 (216-274-2927) (Galloo Island, Sackets Harbor and CGC 83359 are each separate Coast Guard units.)

USS LYMAN K. SWENSON DD729, September 8-11, 1994, Sonesta Hotel, Portland, ME. Contact: Glen Ingram, 203 Shadow Lane, Eules, TX 76039 (817-283-8294)

USS ROCHESTER CA 124 ASSN, October 24-27, 1994, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Bill Couch, P.O. Box 0261, Avon, MA 02322 (508-586-5565)

WYOMING AIR NATIONAL GUARD, summer or fall/1996. Trying to locate personnel and aircraft that at any time was connected to said organization. Contact: Phil D. Yarter, Yarter-TekCorp., Box 38001, Denver, CO 80238.

1ST PROVISIONAL MARINE BRIGADE (and Korea-Era Marines), October 12-15, 1994, Hanalei Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108. Contact: 1st Brigade Committee, P.O. Box 140733, Austin, TX 78714-0733.

2ND CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION, June 24-26, 1994, Edgewood, MD. Contact: Herbert Gilbert, 3700 51st St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710

4TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR WING, KOREA, June 23-25, 1994, Dayton, OH. Contact: Norm Kalow, 2664 Brady Lake Rd., Ravenna, OH 44266 (216-296-3684) OR John David, Route 2, Box 2543, Quitman, TX (903-967-2569)

19TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, September 15-18, 1994, New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact: Charles E. Unsworth, Route 2, Box 339, Doyline, LA 71023 (318-745-2144)

72D TANK BATTALION, July 13-18, 1994, Tacoma, WA, (for rooms call: 1-800-845-9466—mention 2d Inf Div Assn). You must be a member of both 2d Infantry Division and 2d Division (KWB). Contact: Bill Creech, P.O. Box 460, Buda, TX 78610.

93RD CHEMICAL MORTAR BN, St. Louis, MO, Holiday Inn Westport, September 15-18, 1994. Contact: Joseph P. Towell, 5749 Azalea Garden Rd., Norfolk, VA 23518 (804-855-1858)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BATTERY, 13 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, 24TH DIVISION—Subject: Reunion "Once again looking for A Btry 13 FA Bn/ 24 Div for reunion, who were in Japan 1950. Red notice from Robert Edson. Please call me. Paul Wurzer, 886 Britton Rd., Rochester, NY (716-663-3153)

[Above printed as received. Not clear whether writer is announcing a reunion or seeks info on one. ED.]

BRENTWOOD NY KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL—"As Veterans of the Korean War, we have decided to raise funds—\$12 thousand—to build a monument to honor America's Korean War Vets—to be placed on the village green by the old railroad station. We need your help. Send contributions to: Brentwood Korean War Memorial, P.O. Box 578, Brentwood, NY 11717.

DOD MIA/POW OFFICE—Family members of the missing from the Korean and Cold Wars have joined together to form the Korean/Cold War Family Association of the Missing (K/CW FAM). Recent provision of information about missing U.S. Service personnel by Russia and North Korea has received frequent coverage and demonstrated the need for a family organization focused solely on the Korean War and the Cold War. "We hope to provide a forum...." For more info contact: Korean/Cold War Family Assn., Box 1222215, Ft. Worth, TX 76121-2225 (FAX: 817-732-1910)

ILLINOIS KWVA—Department of Illinois, Korean War Veterans Association, announces their fourth state convention to be held on June 11 and 12th, 1994, at the Illinois Veterans Home and Franklin Square in Quincy, Illinois.

All persons who served in the Armed Forces between June 1950 and January 1955 plus any individual with actual service in Korea after these dates is invited to attend. The convention starts at 11:00 a.m. with a Rededication ceremony of the Korean War Memorial and concludes June 12th 10:00 a.m. with a commemoration service.

For further information contact President Norbert Bentele at (217) 222-1525.

INDIANA CHAPTER #1, KWVA—Mel Aldridge has taken office as the new president of the KWVA Indiana Chapter #1.

KOREAN-AMERICAN VETS REUNION—Mr. K. L. Lee, Chief, Korea Revisit Program, and close consultant of our Kathleen "Lt. Honey" Wyosnick, reports that the Korean-American vets of the Korean War met on October 23, 1993, at the Dayton Mall Holiday Inn in Williamsburg, OH (suburb of Dayton). It was the group's 3rd annual reunion and there were approximately 50 couples in attendance. Four widows of soldiers killed in Korea were also present. There were worship and memorial services for the dead.

The group's bulletin editor wrote:

"...all the painful memories came back to the surface of my consciousness. I still vividly remember how my family was almost exterminated during the three months of Communist regime. Living in a remote village, we had no way of communicating with the outside. Once we realized that we were liberated from the evil grip of the communists, I remember the freshness of the air... I felt like I was standing in front of the throne of God with unfathomable awe. I know it was He who gathered you and me in this place after 40 years and far across the Pacific Ocean from Korea."

KWVA—NEW JERSEY—National KWVA Rehab program now a reality. Bob Wacker explains how it works: "You may purchase VFW daisies made by hospitalized veterans from me at \$100 per thousand. The flower is light UN blue—the tab reads 'In remembrance of me,' with the war dates, the 'Forgotten War,' casualties, on the back side. 'Last year, National (VFW) asked me to start a pilot program—a great success with sale of over 20,000. ...each year order will be placed—Chapters participating must have order in by last of April. Dates of sale are designed not to conflict or disrupt other vet similar programs. Suggested sale dates are June 25 to July 27."

"All sales should be ordered thru me. You will be billed. Checks to KWVA—all funds to National. No profits by me or the National KWVA—this is to help KWVA chapters everywhere. Questions? Call or write me: Robert Wacker, National Rehab Flower Chairman, 634 Colfax Ave., Kenilworth, NJ 07033 (908-241-0466)

OVERSEAS ALUMNI SOUGHT—Since its founding in 1986, OVERSEAS BRATS, Inc., has provided free information and referrals to thousands of hopeful alumni, regarding more than 200 overseas alumni

groups, which represent 156 high schools in 47 countries. OVERSEAS BRATS, Inc., also provides a support network, a magazine and seminars to those involved in organizing and running overseas schools alumni groups. Those interested in finding out if alumni groups exist for the overseas schools they attended may send inquiries along with self-addressed stamped envelopes to: OVERSEAS BRATS, Inc., P.O. Box 29805, San Antonio, TX 78229-0805. Inquiries by INTERNET E-Mail are also welcome at: tastiger@aol.com or by telephone at (210) 349-1394.

RETURN OF KOREAN WAR DEAD—

Department of the Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, VA, announces return of first American soldier by the Korean People's Army (North Korea). The remains were identified as Sgt. Frank Morales, who was lost in November, 1950, near Unsan, North Korea, while assigned to Co L, 8th Cav Regt, 1st Cav Division. The Command stated, "DoD views this identification as a breakthrough in our efforts for full accounting regarding the Korean conflict." For further information or speakers, contact Public Affairs Office, Army Personnel Command (703-325-8856).

WOMEN MARINE ASSOCIATION—"We are trying to ensure that former and retired women Marines learn about (our) association and reunion. For questions or info, I can be reached at 703-892-2674. Patricia A. Byrne, Maj., USMC (Ret), PRO Women Marines Association, 917-BS. Rolfe St., Arlington, VA 22204.

2ND DIVISION (KWB)—For information write: Chas. Heath, 8540 Mill Bight Rd., N.E., Olympia, WA 98516-9537.

17TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION (East)—The Regiment's Ft. Smith, AR, October 15-17, 1993, reunion at the Sheridan Inn is reported as a thundering success—"Buffalo Reunion a Stampede." President John "Jack" Sullivan reports the East Assn. has grown rapidly since its recent organization. Jack reports on the group's "Thanksgiving Day" dinner which was an improvement over the one "slopped into my mess kit" on the "banks of the Yalu River in 1950."

Roy Reynolds talked to the group on the history of the 17th Infantry, and pointed out that of the 12 Medals of Honor to the Army in the Korean War, four went to members of the regiment. Tony Montgnese presided at the SRO dinner. General William "Buffalo Bill" Quinn entertained with a humorous and informative talk, and introduced Bob Berk, world famous sculptor.

To join or for information, contact: John E. Sullivan, President, 3820 NE 23rd Ave., Lighthouse Pt., FL 33064 (305-785-6908).

[We hear from a Kissimmee, FL, Buffalo fan that the '94 reunion will be in Ft. Lauderdale. ED.]

72ND TANK BATTALION—For information contact: Max Ogas, 1214 Cummings, Copperas Cove, TX 76522 (817-547-8297).

SOME OTHER OPINIONS

YOUR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Emmett Benjamin
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

After years of suggestions, inactivity, laziness, the KWVA has awakened to the simple fact that if we are to survive as warriors who fought a great war in the interest of world freedom, we must by any and all means keep alive the story of sacrifices made by those whose bodies still lie in the Land of the Morning Calm and those who by the grace of God and fate came home to family, friends, and a forgetful country.

We will have our Memorial. It is in the process of construction. Several months ago, I personally inspected the site to satisfy myself of the progress and accomplishments to date. So our great dream that we will finally be remembered by a grateful nation is coming to fruition next year.

But what after the glorious ceremonies, tears, celebrations and temporary goodwill? How are we to commemorate the deeds of those who are now fading in the consciousness of the American people? When the Memorial is dedicated, how will we explain to the children what Dad and Granddad did for them?

The answer to that is simple—SCHOLARSHIPS. We must keep live the story of the Korean War through a scholarship program to keep in front of the American people what was accomplished by brave service personnel on that little peninsula where we stopped armed communist aggression cold and forced the communist world to reassess their time table for world conquest. We must let everyone know that the Berlin Wall did not simply crumble of its own weight and the USSR disintegrate—it all began in Korean with your bravery, guts, endurance and magnificent heroics.

We need your support in establishing criteria and guidelines for this big effort. We will need more input and ideas. I have already received some suggestions from Don Byers and Bill Van Ort. God bless them. They are serious about this effort.

Send any suggestions to me. My address is: 12431 Southwest 195 Terrace, Miami, Florida 33177.

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Hawaii
3611 Worchester Avenue
Hickam AFB,
Hawaii 96853-5530

BRONZE STAR AWARD

To all Korean and Vietnam Veterans:

In 1947, an executive order was issued giving all soldiers who won the Combat Infantryman Badge, in World War II a concurrent award of the Bronze Star Medal. This award was only given to World War II Infantrymen. Five years after the end of World War II the Korean War started, since then a small number of Korean and Vietnam Veterans have written to the Department of the Army Military Award Branch asking them to be considered for this same Bronze Star Award based on the same reasons as World War II Infantrymen. Each time the Military Award Branch has answered by denying this request, giving their reasons as to why both the Korean and Vietnam veterans should not receive this award. Their reasons or excuses for denial are both false and full of discrepancies.

For the Korean veterans it has been a 40-year wait that this Bronze Star Medal Award has been denied to us. It seems that their reasoning is that not enough of us are

willing to stand up for this award. As long as only a few of us continue to stand up for this award they have nothing to fear from just a few, and will continue to deny us. I believe that it's about time that all of us join together and make ourselves heard. I am urging all Korean veterans and your friends and relatives to write a letter to your Congressperson and Senators and urge them to write to President Clinton to ask him to extend that executive order or to issue a new one to include Korean and Vietnam Veterans for the Bronze Star Medal Award. Also tell your legislators to introduce a bill in the Congress giving that award.

In the opinion of this veteran the Bronze Star Award is not just an award, it is for a job well done under very dire conditions as every infantryman knows. We served our country with pride and honor and we expect equal recognition.

Miguel Bach

Co-sponsored by: Joseph Calabria, Second Vice President, and Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan, Post Staten Island, New York.

MEMORIAL INFO

Comrade Marty O'Brien, of the Maine Chapter, is collecting info on Korean War Memorials in each state, in being or planned.

He would like KWVA members to furnish such information as is available in their states—snaps or drawings would be super.

Send to:
Martin O'Brien
Maine KWVA
11 Meadow Rd. #202
Augusta, ME 04330

SEARCHES FOR...

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

I'm looking for THOMAS C. LAWRENCE, machinery repairman chief, U.S.N. retired, last known duty station, U.S. Naval Base Yokosuka, Japan, 1953-1957. I served with Thomas Lawrence on the U.S.S. Los Angeles CA 135 in 1952-1953, Task Force 77, Korea.

Appreciate any information on Chief Lawrence.

Richard J. Fischbach, P.O. Box 648, Shelbyville, IL 62565-0648

LOOKING FOR

Former members of the THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION—wartime or peacetime.

Contact: Stanley R. Smith, Membership Chairman, 163 Lyman Street, Westborough, MA 01581-2619

SHIPMATES SOUGHT

The National LST Association is looking for shipmates for reunions held each year. The next national reunion will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in September, 1994.

Contact: United States LST Association, P.O. Box 167438, Oregon, Ohio 43616-7438 OR Bob Garner, LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948 (409-579-3732)

LOOKING FOR

Former members of HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3RD BATTALION, 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION. Members who served in Japan and Korea in 1949 to 1953 time frame.

Contact: Charles H. DeGregorio, 525 LaGrange St., Vestal, NY 13850

LOOKING FOR 29TH INF COMRADES

Would like to find some men that were in the 29TH INFANTRY REGIMENT. This outfit was stationed in Napunja, Okinawa, in 1949 and was then shipped to Korea in 1950. The 29th sustained a heavy loss of about 700 men in one night.

Contact: Joe Macchia, Box 1369, Melrose, FL 32666

LOOKING FOR BROTHER, 24TH DIV

We have been asked by Frank Foxx for assistance in seeking information about his brother, TOPEL (TOBY) C.

FOXX, of Van Buren, Missouri. Toby was killed while serving in the Korean War on April 22, 1951. He was killed in the vicinity of Kuntanni, North Korea, during heavy fighting with the enemy. He was a member of Company C, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

Mr. Frank Foxx would like a history of this unit and pictures during the Conflict. He would also be interested in hearing from anyone who knew his brother. Please list this announcement in your next available newsletter. Persons may respond directly to the Center and we will provide information to Mr. Foxx.

Paul M. Edwards, Executive Director, Center for the Study of the Korean Conflict, P.O. Box 465, Independence, MO 64051

LOOKING FOR

PVT. CLIFF R. HILL, COMPANY "G," 23RD INFANTRY, who, for actions at Heartbreak Ridge, was to have been awarded the Medal of Honor. In addition, Pvt. Hill was commissioned an officer, purportedly for the same action at Heartbreak.

GRAYBEARDS:

Photo below is at the Chorwon Reservoir. Man on the mule (me) is Allen Haller, US 55061579, 5015 Combat Infantry Division [this sounds like a non-existent unit—writer may be confused. EDITOR], A/35th Inf, 25th Div. I wish to find the man beside the mule: MIKE BOHAN.

Thanks for any help.

Allen Haller, IPFR Coordinator, 4418 Dodge Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46815

Contact: Ron Larby; 178, Braemar Ave.; London, NW10 ODS, United Kingdom.

INFORMATION ABOUT MY FRIEND

I am trying to obtain information about a friend, SGT. FRANK J. ZAWASKI, who was in Korea with the 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, when he was captured on August 16, 1950.

He was never heard from after capture but I have information he made the Death March and was in a POW camp and was all right. I received this information from a former POW in the same camp who had escaped. I talked to him at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in 1951.

I am enclosing a picture of him and will note his name is spelled incorrectly. This appeared in a local newspaper when he was later declared dead.

We grew up together in Lamar, West Virginia, but went to Korea in different units.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who might have had contact with him while he was a POW or



SEARCHES FOR...(CONT'D)

at any time during his tour in Korea.

I will gladly accept collect calls at 1-803-846-8553 or write to William L. Gartlan, 1834 Carolina Ave., Beauford, SC 29902.



SGT. FRANK J. ZAWASKI

Sgt. Frank J. Zawaski, son of Mrs. Mary Z. Kotinica, of Lashmeet, was awarded the Purple Heart. He has been missing in Korea since Aug. 16, 1950. The War Department recently announced him as being officially dead. He was 24 years of age.

LOOKING FOR

I'm trying to find and get in touch with a former buddy from Japan and the Korean War. His name is **C. E. "CHARLIE" BROWN, JR.** We were with the 19th Inf/24th Div.

His last known address: Co L, 3rd Bn, 112th Regt, 28th Div, APO 111, NY, NY. His last home address was: 20950 Brighton Ave., Torance, CA.

Write to: Frederick Marsh, 4550 Morning Lane (RR #1), Wichita Falls, TX 76305-5224

GILFORD GENE SMITH, could be from Kincaid; Taylorville; or Springfield, Illinois. First Rec. Company HEQ: 1st Marine Div. FMF, Camp Pendleton, California.

Please notify: Alvin D. Smith, 1 Wintergreen, Irvine, CA 92714

If any one knows the whereabouts of **EDDIE DICENZO** (or **DICENSO** or **DECENSO**), **PATRICK GREENE, WHITE, RODRIGEZ, SCHNEIDER** (**SCNEIDER** or **SNYDER**) who were in Korea in 1952-53 in the 45th Infantry Division, 180th Infantry Regiment. White came from West Virginia, Rodrigez came from San Rosa, California, Eddie and Patrick came from New York City and Schneider came from New Jersey.

Notify: Miguel Bach, 154 Broome St. #10-A, New York, NY 10002

JEROME PATRICK HERBERT O'CONNOR, who served in Korea 1951. Wounded in hand and returned to Chicago in late 1951 or early 1952. Believed to have later been stationed in California. Contact: Mrs. Merla (O'Connor) Wilhelm, 1203 Orchard Lane, Corinh, MS 38834-3839.

Information on **PVT. CLIFF R. HILL**, Co. "G," 23d Infantry, who, for actions at Heartbreak Ridge, was to have been awarded the medal of honor. In addition, Pvt. Hill was commissioned an officer, purportedly for the same action at Heartbreak. Contact: Ron Larby; 178, Braemar Avenue; London, NW10 ODS, United Kingdom.

Marine **SGT. DONALD SMITH** (Wilmington, DE) with Gold Star Mother Emma Bosch at a recent "No Greater Love" luncheon at which Medal of Honor holder General Ray Davis was guest speaker. The photo is a follow up to the **GRAYBEARDS** story about Emma Bosch in the June, 1993, **GRAYBEARDS**. Mrs. Bosch was the mother of Marine PFC Edward Bosch, killed in action on May 31, 1952, in the Panmunjom area. **GRAYBEARDS** is delighted to run this photo of this gallant lady, even if somewhat belated.



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TELL AMERICA PROGRAM

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM THE KWVA "TELL AMERICA" COMMITTEE

Donald Cofsky, Chairman

During the past few years, you have seen reference made to the "Tell America" program, on the pages of GRAYBEARDS, and you may have tried to guess as to the meaning of that two-word title, and how it fit into the operation of your national association. I'm going to try to clarify that for you in this "Open Letter."

By way of introduction, my name is Don Cofsky, and I am the President of Monroe County Chapter No. 1, in Rochester, NY. My appointment as Chairman of the "TELL AMERICA" Committee ("TELL AMERICA" will always appear in capital letters) took place at the February Mid-Winter Executive Council meeting in Baltimore. Serving on the committee are National Director Len Dube, of Connecticut, and Department of NY President Bob Morga, of Long Island, NY. I'm certain that both of these gentlemen will add immeasurably to the success of the new "TELL AMERICA" program.

"TELL AMERICA" means exactly that! The mission is clear and non-equivocal! WE HAVE TO GO OUT AND "TELL AMERICA" about the Korean War and the Korean War veteran. That means going to the places that the public goes, to be seen and heard! That means public appearances at meetings of non-veteran groups, like schools, church groups, community involvement in associations like Kiwanis and Rotary, Boy Scouts and others. That means participating in

parades and fund-raising activities sponsored by other groups. That means community service work, like your state's Adopt-a-Highway program, or your local Red Cross blood donor drives. Involvement means getting off our butts and on our feet, out of the house and on the street, to "TELL AMERICA" about what we did! WE WERE THE WORLD'S FIRST DEFENDERS AGAINST COMMUNISM!, and we did our job well.

During the next few weeks, your Chapter President will receive a questionnaire from the "TELL AMERICA" Committee. It will ask about you and your Chapter. It will ask to share the ideas and programs that you have found successful, in building membership, community awareness, and a sense of pride in who you are and what you accomplished in the 50's. If you, as a member of the national association, have an idea on how to accomplish the goals of "TELL AMERICA," don't hesitate to write and tell us about it. If your Chapter is using an idea that is productive, make sure your President tells us about it.

We know that not every idea will work for every Chapter, but by acting as a clearing house for all ideas, we can assemble a program that can be used by every member and every Chapter to fulfill the mission to "TELL AMERICA"...to "TELL AMERICA" about the Korean War, and the Korean War veteran.

Your suggestions may be sent to:

"TELL AMERICA," 36

Tilegate Glen, Fairport, NY 14450.

MORE SEARCHES FOR COMRADES

February 15, 1994

Mrs. Arthur L. Patterson
218 W. Lake Lansing Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

Dear Mrs. Patterson,

Thank you for your letter of 11 anuary concerning your husband Sergeant First Class Harry E. Harkness who was reported as missing in action in Korea on 2 November 1950.

The policy on the use of DNA for identification of remains from the Korean War is currently being staffed at Department of the Army. Since this

policy is under review in Washington, I am forwarding your letter to the Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center in Alexandria, Virginia for a response to you. The U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii is not coordinating DNA testing of family members.

Any activity with the government of North Korea is negotiated through the United Nations Command, Military Armistice Commission to their counterparts in the Korean Peoples' Army at Pan Mun Jom. Our access and success depends on their willingness to move forward on this

issue. Regularized joint activity with Vietnam began on a small scale in late 1988 and increased to the current level it enjoys today; hopefully we will see some willingness on the part of North Korea to increase cooperation.

If there is anything else that I or any member of the staff of CILHI can do for you, feel free to contact me, or Mr. Rick Huston, our Casualty Data Officer, at the above address.

Sincerely,
William H. Jordan
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commander

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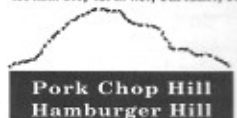
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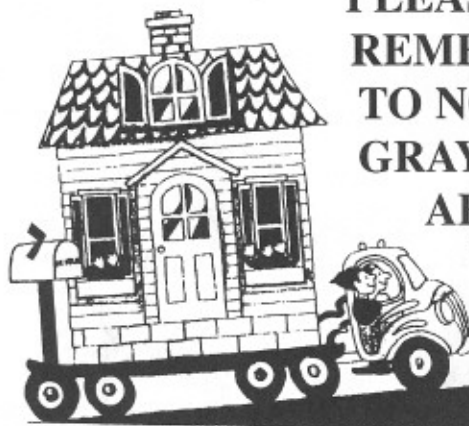


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ARTS PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES

February 1994—Very Special Arts (VSA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have announced that 17 VA medical centers nationwide will offer new arts programs for veterans with disabilities.

The partnership between the two organizations was formalized on November 3, 1993 when Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Jesse Brown and Chairman of the Board of Very Special Arts, Dr. Ernest Boyer signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

"This association between Very Special Arts and the Department of Veterans Affairs is designed to further cooperation in support of arts education for people with disabilities," Dr. Ernest Boyer said upon signing the MOU.

"These new programs strengthen our partnership with Very Special Arts and enlarge the dimensions of the therapeutic environment we provide for veterans," Secretary Brown said upon signing the MOU.

The 17 medical centers, in collaboration with the VSA organization in their state, will offer hands-on art activities led by professional artists and will showcase the artistic talents and creative achievements of veterans who receive care at these facilities. The centers are located in: Albuquerque, NM; Danville, IL; Newington and West Haven, CT; Salt Lake City, UT; White Junction, VT; Las Vegas, NV; Louisville, KY; Oahu and Maui, HI; Richmond, VA; Roseburg, OR; San Francisco, CA; Sheridan, WY; Wilkes Barre, PA; Alexandria, LA and Wilmington, DE.

The programs offered in the VA medical centers range from creative

writing and visual arts to drumming, kite making, and dramatic arts. Many of the programs, which run from ten to 20 weeks, will culminate with a performance or exhibition.

Very Special Arts is an international organization that provides programs in creative writing, dance, drama, music and the visual arts for individuals with disabilities. Founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith as an educational affiliate of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Very Special Arts seeks to promote worldwide awareness of the educational and cultural benefits of the arts for all people.

NEWS ITEM BOARD VOTES NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES

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NEWSLETTER NAME CHANGE?

Some KWVA members are known to favor a change in the name THE GRAYBEARDS, because of displeasure over recent content or tone of the newsletter or for other reasons. The Executive Board unanimously adopted a resolution at the February Baltimore meeting expressing its sense that the name should be changed.

Your editor believes that such a substantive and important decision should not be made without an effort to determine membership feelings on the matter. Some members are also known to strongly oppose dropping the name GRAYBEARDS that has by now attained a degree of historical and recognizable importance.

Consequently, no action to change the name of the newsletter is being taken at this time and the matter will remain under study. We urge KWVA members to reflect on the matter and either write to our President, or come to the annual reunion and express your desires and wishes in either retaining the existing name, or suggestions as to a new name.

It may not be possible to adopt a course of action pleasing to everyone, but clearly an effort should be made to displease as few as possible. KWVA does not thrive on contentious and disagreeable controversy.

A KWVA TIGER TROOPER

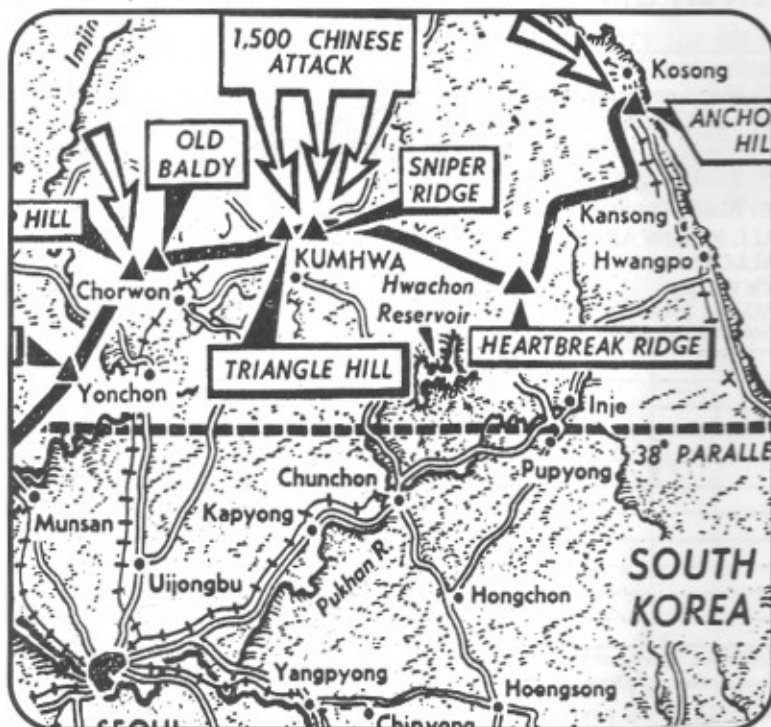
RICHARD ALEXANDER, Fords, NJ



Detail Section, C Btry, 15th FA Bn, 2nd Inf Div, Kumwha, No. Korea, Nov/51. L to R (Rear) Jim Warrender, Jim Sweet, "Slim" Hoffman, Don Baker (or Barker?), Winston Braswell, Ralph Bagget, Amos Van Hook, J. Williams (or Wilson?). Front kneeling by sign: Bob Neyart (or Neilhart?), Bill Hayden. Photo by Jim Warrender, Quimby, IA

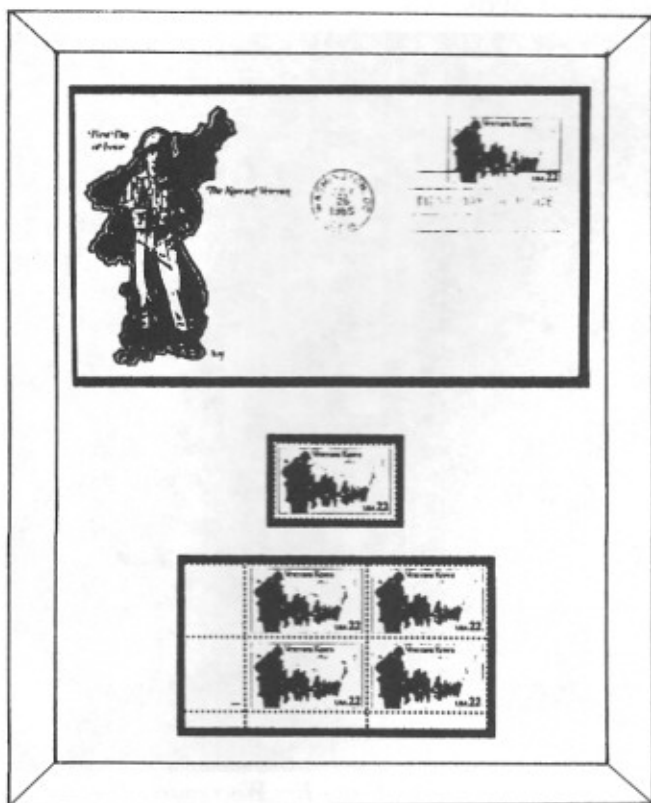


Richie Alexander, Jim McComber and Harry Lewis passing a little time with some country western music while Co H, 38th Regt is in reserve in Nov/51. McComber was well known as a country musician and song writer. He entertained troops extensively in his 2nd Division in the Korean War.



Sectional map of central Korean highland just north of the 38th Parallel around the Kumwha region where Trooper Rick Alexander was stationed in the winter of 1951-52. The map shows other landmarks that will be quite familiar to veterans of the fighting in that area at the time.

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ADDENDUM - A LATE LETTER

Editor, GRAYBEARDS:

I spent 1951 with Co. B, 35th Infantry, 25th Division. Discussion revealed my brother-in-law also served with Co. G, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division.

His name is Reed Haslem, and mentioned several times that "he has always wondered what happened to the rest of the squad the day he was captured in front of Heart Break Ridge 5/20/1952."

He said they were operating in front of the line when they were ambushed by a large force. Several were KIA outright, and Reed said he was soon out of ammo and grenades. When he could not fire back, they soon came up on him and held him as a POW.

They had him in an old mine tunnel until evening, which he said shielded him from our air strikes and artillery. At that time, they moved him north where he was held POW until the Armistice was signed.

Now, Reed is not a joiner, but if any G Co., 14th Infantry, 25th Division, guys can give Reed "the rest of the story," I'll pass it on to him.

Unit: "G" Co., 14th Infantry, 25th Division

Captured: In front of Heart Break Ridge,
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Name: Cpl. Reed Haslem

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Note: Reed stayed in the army, retired 20 years service as SFC. However, he chunked the infantry for the signal corps. Can you imagine? Must have been his rice diet in the north!

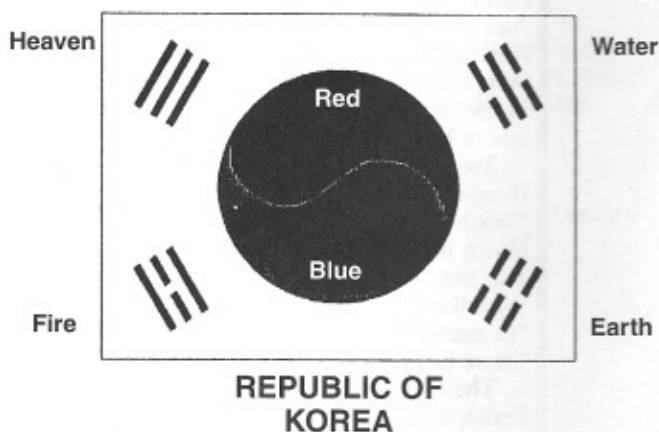
TAE GEUG GI (THE NATIONAL FLAG)

The Korean flag symbolizes much of the thought, philosophy and mysticism of the Orient. The symbol, and sometimes the flag itself, is called Tae Geug.

Depicted on the flag is a circle divided equally and blocked in perfect balance. The upper (red) section represents the Yan or Yang and the lower (blue) section the Um or Yin, an ancient symbol of the universe originating in China. These two opposites express the dualism of the cosmos: fire and water, day and night, dark and light, construction and destruction, masculine and feminine, active and passive, heat and cold, plus and minus, and so on.

The central thought in the Tae Geug indicates that while there is a constant movement within the sphere of infinity, there are also balance and harmony. As a simple example, kindness and cruelty may be taken into consideration. If parents are kind to a child, it is good, but they spoil and weaken him and thus lead him to become a vicious man and a source of disgrace to his ancestors.

Three bars at each corner also carry the ideas of opposition and balance. The three unbroken lines stand for heaven; the opposite three broken lines represent the earth. At the lower left hand of the flag are two lines with a broken line between. This symbolizes fire. The opposite is the symbol of water.



BALLAD OF CHOSIN TELLS WHY WE MUST NEVER FORGET THOSE WHO FOUGHT IN KOREA

By Robert Volkman

Sandwiched between World War II and the campaign in Vietnam was another conflagration known as the forgotten or Korean War.

In December 1950, a battle was fought at the Chosin Reservoir in the North Korean mountains near Manchuria. The Chosin battle pitted about 15,000 allied ground troops, mostly the 1st Marine Division, and two battalions of the Army's 7th Division against

120,000 Chinese who had been ordered to annihilate the allies.

Historians have termed Chosin the most savage battle of modern warfare. The press likened it to the Alamo or Custer's Last Stand because of the seemingly hopeless odds. The 15,000 allies suffered 12,000 casualties, including more than 3,000 killed and 6,000 wounded, plus thousands of severe frostbite cases from the minus 30 degree temperature. Thirteen Congress-

sional Medals of Honor and 70 Navy Crosses were awarded for the campaign, the most ever awarded for a single battle in U.S. military history.

In honor and memory of the gallant warriors who still hold the high ground in North Korea, and the survivors of the battle who are called the "Chosin Few," The Ballad of Chosin, written by Frank Gross, a wounded survivor, is offered in tribute:

The nights are cold in Korean soil
But the night's been cold before
And it's not so hard in your own backyard
to be set for peace or war
But in history there's a chapter
of a place called Valley Forge
Repeated one December on
The Chosin Reservoir.

They had us all surrounded
I could hear them scream and yell
My feelings at that moment
No tongue could ever tell.
I saw the bursting mortar shells
and the Bullets around me flew
As all my strength had left me
And all my courage too.

With the breaking of the morning
Just before the dawn
I heard the sounding bugles
And the big attack was on.
The cotton quilted uniforms
Against our bullet spree
The screaming yelling banzai
They called the human sea.

Baby faces bearded
And chappened with hardenin' mud
Parkas that were dirty
And stained with frozen blood.
Here a bunch of youngsters
Who fought on till the end
In the battle of the Chosin
where boys were changed to men.

Twelve long miles of convoy
Headed for the sea
Roadblocks at every turning
Down through Koto-ri.
The frostbite and the wounded
With their dead and dying too
No matter what the objective be
These boys were going through.

The captain he informed us
Perhaps he thought it right

That before we reach the river, boys
We're going to have a fight.
We're going out like Marines
In an organized withdraw
And No matter what the rumors say
It's no retreat at all.

We fought at least nine hours
Before the strife was o're
And the like of dead and wounded
I've never seen before.
But the everlasting promise
Kept along each bloody yard
No one leaves behind the wounded
'Cause there ain't no fight that hard.

The chaplain collected dog tags
In his hand were quite a few
There was Captain Smith's, McCloskie's
and Corporal Bryan's too.
And before we reached the river
And fought our way back through
The sergeant had the dog tags
And he had the chaplain's too.

If I make you pause one moment
And take a little time
Then I know it wasn't just in vain
That I put these words to rhyme.
For there's just too many people
Who take this all in stride
Who hear these tales of battles
Then cast it all aside.

The nights are cold in Korean soil
And the night's been cold before
And it's not so hard in your own back yard
To be set for peace or war.
But in history there's a chapter
Of a place called Valley Forge
Repeated on December on
The Chosin Reservoir.

Robert L. Volkman, of Gettysburg, is a veteran of the 7th Marines.

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NORTH KOREANS RETURN U.S. REMAINS

During the period November 30-December 21, 1993, the United Nations Command received 131 remains believed to be those of U.S. servicemen lost during the Korean Conflict. This makes a total of 194 remains returned by North Korea since 1990. Prior to 1990, the last North Korean repatriation of remains occurred during Operation Glory in 1954.

After a preliminary review of the remains most recently repatriated the Army's Central Identification Laboratory (CILHI) elieves that there are several potential identifications that may be made. However, no identification will be formally acknowledge until a recommendation has been through the complete review process and the respective families have been notified. These few cases are but a handful of the remains that have been repatriated. The remainder of those already in our custody, and the majority of those remaining to be repatriated, will require the application of mitochondrial DNA technology, in some cases, for identification; however, this may not result in the identification of a large number of remains.

The Department of Defense is determined to do everything possible to identify remains from the Korean War. In some cases, where a name association can be made with specific remains, the application of DNA testing is underway. Right now, however, the Army is making an assessment of the applicability of mitochondrial DNA technology to the large number of unassociated remains that we have received, and expect to receive, from North Korea.

The implications of a decision to pursue such a program are far reaching. An outreach program, to contact as many as possible of the over 8,100 families of unaccounted for Korean War servicemen to collect DNA samples would be unprecedented. The Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) would first have to develop this emerging technology for application to such a large number of DNA samples from both families and remains. The current capacity is limited to two samples per month. There is already a backlog of almost 100 Vietnam War-era cases pending DNA analysis. Increased requirements for laboratory space and highly trained technicians are other significant considerations.

The reopening of the Korean War remains issue involves other important decisions. The North Koreans have demonstrated their willingness and ability to repatriate a large number of remains in a short period of time. Their mass recovery techniques, however, do not lend themselves to recovering identifiable remains and accurately tracking the custody of these remains. DoD envisions a much more controlled approach involving some degree of CILHI participation to best protect what limited potential for identifying remains there may be, and to impose a strict chain of custody between recovery and repatriation. CILHI involvement would also facilitate verification of

North Korean expenses—an issue which remains under discussion. Whether the North Koreans will agree to joint operations on their territory remains to be seen. The remains issue is also influenced by events surrounding the North Korea-South Korea dialogue, the emerging U.S.-North Korean bilateral relationship, and developments in the North Korean nuclear program. Despite the many unknowns, it is certain we will be dealing with the issue of Korean War remains for some time, perhaps decades. DoD is committed to a sustained approach toward resolving the fate of those who are unaccounted from the Korean Conflict. These recent remains repatriations are just the beginning. On February 1, 1994, the DoD announced that the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI) had formally identified the remains of Sergeant Frank M. Morales. Sergeant Morales' remains are among the 194 sets of remains returned by North Korea since May, 1990. Morales and other members of his unit were declared missing in action after failing to return from an engagement with the enemy in 1950.

[Source: DPMO, OSD/RSA, Pentagon, Washington, DC 20302-2400]

EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLUTION

February 18, 1994

At their meeting in Baltimore, Maryland (18-21 February, 1994), the Board of Directors of the Korean War Veterans Association took the following action:

Whereas, Public Law 99 572 authorized establishment of a national memorial in the nation's capitol to honor the members of the Armed Forces who served in the Korean War; and, by subsequent action, authorized that Memorial to be sited on the Washington Mall; and

Whereas, Public Law 99 572 also designated the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) as the Federal Agency responsible for establishing the Korean War Veterans Memorial; and

Whereas, the ABMC's responsibilities include development of design; presentation of design to the cognizant Federal Commissions for review and approval; and modification of design, as necessary to accommodate the concerns of those commissions; and

Whereas, a principal objective of our association is to help bring the congressionally-mandated Memorial to fruition;

We, the Board of Directors, Korean War Veterans Association, hereby officially endorse the work thus far accomplished by the American Battle Monuments Commission. This endorsement is intended to express our full confidence in that commission's ability to bring into being a fitting Memorial and pledge our full support of their efforts to do so.

REUNION SCHEDULE

1994 10TH NATIONAL KWVA REUNION

(Hourly schedule will be provided at time of registration and/or arrival)

SATURDAY, JULY 23

All Day Officers and Board members
MUST arrive. Others welcome.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Morning Executive Board meeting,
church services, early bird registration

Afternoon Executive Board meeting, QM
and vendor exhibits
Tour #1 - Air and Confederate
Museums

Evening Dinner on your own—Bus to Ft.
McDowell Casino,
Hospitality Room open.

MONDAY, JULY 25

Morning Executive Board meeting, QM
and vendor exhibits
Tour #3 - Tucson museums

Afternoon Tour #4 - World Famous Heard
Museum, mall and other shopping

Evening Tour #5 - REATA PASS - scenic
trip thru Scottsdale to steak or
ribs

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Morning General membership meeting
Tour #6 - downtown Phoenix,
local shopping

Afternoon General membership meeting

Evening Bus to Ft. McDowell Casino -
hospitality room - on your own

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Morning Early Memorial Service,
Arizona Korean Memorial and
later at hotel

Afternoon Picture taking, seminars, president's reception

Evening Banquet and program, dancing

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Morning Breakfast, closing ceremony,
farewells

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\*ALL TOURS WILL BE LISTED LATER

THE PROGRAM AT THE BANQUET  
WILL BE LISTED LATER.

\*Admission to all seminars, social events,  
ceremonies is by badge only.

\*Admission to the Banquet and breakfast is  
by ticket only.

This event will be held at:

The Radison Tempe Mission Palms Hotel  
60 East 50th St.,  
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Reservations may be made by calling 1-800-  
547-8705—ask for the KWVA rate which is  
\$45.00, plus tax per room up to 4 persons

OTHER INFORMATION MAY BE HAD  
BY WRITING TO THE KWVA REUNION  
COMMITTEE AT: P.O. Box 1312

Goodyear, Arizona 85338  
or call (602) 936-4464

PRICES: Pre-registration \$40.00 per person  
(At Reunion \$42.50)—must be  
paid

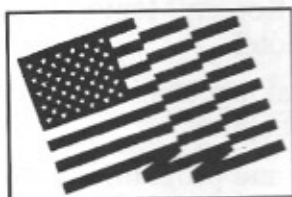
Banquet \$30.00 per person  
(At Reunion \$32.50)

Breakfast \$15.00 per person  
(At Reunion \$17.50)

# VETERAN NEWS AND BENEFITS

A. K. Vett

(The incognito KWVA mole in the VA)



## VET AFFAIRS

I often make trips to Arlington National Cemetery to accommodate veteran friends and relatives who wish to visit this memorial historical site. On December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day) walking to the amphitheater and Tombs of the Unknown, my veteran friend asked "When were you in [the service]." Upon my answer he exclaimed, "Look how many markers have Korea on them." Jokingly, he said, "I'm going to look for your name. Final bugle calls were unannounced; this caused me to think (my spouse debates such an ability) "How can a veteran be interred in a national cemetery"? Several cemetery systems exist within federal and state governments: 1. Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) and Soldiers Home (SH) are under the control of the Department of Army (DOA), Military District of Washington, 2. Post and overseas military base cemeteries are the Department of Defense (DOD) responsibility, 3. American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) has jurisdiction for all the USA overseas veterans cemeteries, 4. Department of Interior (DOI) is the caretaker for those declared historical, 5. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) has jurisdiction of cemeteries located in the states and territories, and 6. many states have veterans cemeteries subsidized by the DVA (state grant cemeteries).

Post and ABMC cemeteries have restrictions. Post burials are for active duty personnel and immediate family only. ABMC cemeteries are closed absolutely for either

interments or disinterments.

The remaining four cemetery systems are for us. What are the requirements? ANC and SH have restrictions; Soldiers Home is for residents of the home upon their demise. ANC is open for active duty; retired military; those with a 30% disability sustained prior to 1 October 1949; recipients of: Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force or Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Purple Heart, and ex-POW's. Spouses and minor children of the above and certain unmarried children are eligible (with restrictions). The Columbarium is open for created remains of all honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. For additional information contact: Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia 22211.

DVA provides a litany of eligibility requirements which I will summarize: same as those for ANC, those who received a separation under honorable conditions, those who served with an allied government during time of war and received an honorable discharge, commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with full time duty on or after 29 July 1945, Public Health Service Officers who served after 29 July 1945 or served in time of war, spouses of MIA's or those buried at sea, surviving spouses who remarried and whose remarriage was terminated prior to 31 October 1990, certain children (retarded or severely handicapped). Inquiries may be made to the Director of the nearest national cemetery or Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs, regional office in your area (you can find toll free telephone numbers in your local phone directories under "Government). Your local funeral

directors are versed in the requirements. Included only eligibility requirements of pertinence to our age group and period of service.

DOI subscribes to all DVA eligibility requirements. DVA maintains the DOI records. Contact the superintendent of the national park if they have a cemetery for details.

State grant veteran cemeteries usually require residency. All federal requirements are standard. Call your county or state Veterans Affairs Officer for more information.

Suggestions about how to arrange your plans for the final bugle call will be given in our next issue, if there is a demand. Interviews with the two principal Undersecretaries of DVA (Veterans Benefits and Vet Health Care) about ongoing benefits will be in future issues. Let us know if this is the type of data you wish.



"Who are all those chaps in the street, Bertha? Desert Storm homecoming Parade?"

"Course not Dummy! Those are KWVA members heading for Tempe, Arizona and the annual reunion."

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## ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

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\* Please complete and mail as soon as possible

**1995 KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
11th ANNUAL REUNION AND NATIONAL MEMORIAL DEDICATION  
July 23-30 1995, Washington, D.C.**

(See Article for Further Information)

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE

Name Wanted  
on ID Tag:

Member Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Service: (Circle) AF Army Marines Navy Other \_\_\_\_\_

Major Unit of Assignment in Korea: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Grandchild: First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Grandchild: First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**YES, I am enclosing a \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit for \_\_\_\_\_ Rooms (\$100 Deposit per Room).***Please assign an advance registration number for me to be able to make my choices for hotels, events etc.  
within 15 days after I receive further information including room rates and other costs from KWVA.***TENTATIVE Schedule of Events for July 1995**

Monday 24 KWVA Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday 25 KWVA Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday 26 KWVA General Meeting  
Thursday 27 Wreath Laying at Arlington  
National Memorial Dedication  
Mall Events/ Banquet

Friday 28 Mass Muster w/ Joint Chiefs  
Mall Events/ Banquet  
Saturday 29 Parade and Fireworks  
Major Mall Entertainment

I plan to: (please circle one for each line)

1. ARRIVE on July 22 23 24 25 26 27 other \_\_\_\_\_

2. DEPART on July 26 27 28 29 30 other \_\_\_\_\_

3. TRAVEL to Washington D.C. by

A - Personal Vehicle

B - Rented Vehicle

C - Regular Bus

D - Chartered Bus

E - Train

F - Airplane

G - Other \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to: (please check one for each line)

YES NO

4. STAY at Omni-Shoreham Hotel  
KWVA Headquarters Hotel☐ ☐5. STAY at Another Hotel  
Negotiations in process☐ ☐

6. ATTEND KWVA Board Meeting

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7. ATTEND KWVA General Meeting

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8. ATTEND KWVA Banquet

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9. NEED local transportation in Wash. D.C.

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10. ENJOY sightseeing tours in Wash. D.C.

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11. PROVIDE comments on reverse side of this form

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*The \$100 per room deposit will apply to your account for the activities you choose from a later mailing. As soon as plans are in place regarding National Memorial events (dedication, parade, entertainment, etc.) and further arrangements are made for KWVA, you will be informed.*

MAKE ALL CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO:

1995 KWVA REUNION

\* PLEASE MAIL THIS ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM & CHECK TO:  
RESERVE A ROOM NOW

Harry Wallace - KWVA Reunion Chairman  
c/o 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 400East  
Bethesda, MD 20814

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# REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The KWVA Nominating Committee, chaired by Dick Wainwright, has prepared, based on applications submitted, the following slate of officers and directors for the election in July, 1994.

## FOR PRESIDENT (one position)



**RICHARD ADAMS**, P.O. Box 334, Caruthers, CA 93609

National President—Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. from 1988 to present (Life Time Member); General Manager—Raisin City Co-Op Cotton Gin from 1958 to present; Served with U.S. Army—October 1949 to December 1952; Served with the 25th Division in Korea July, 1950, to May, 1951; and Discharged SGT.

Delegate National Cotton Council; Board Member California Acala Cotton Board; Recipient Community Service Award Chamber of Commerce, 1982; president Caruthers Chamber of Commerce, 1974-75; President California Gin Association, 1978-79; Director Twenty-fifth Infantry Division Association 1988-91 (Life Member); VFW (Life Member); Member California State University Fresno Alumni Association, President Caruthers High School Boosters Club, 1972-74; Member National Society of Accountants; Recipient Man of the Year Award and Citizen of the Year Award Caruthers Chamber of Commerce, 1993; President Caruthers Community Service District, 1990-??; Director Ranchers Cotton Oil Company, 1991-??; and Director California Agricultural Museum, 1993-??.



**NICHOLAS PAPPAS**, 209 Country Club Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

As 1st National Vice President, I have been concerned about the performance of the Executive Council. I am increasingly disappointed in our inability to resolve the number of KWVA issues (Aug 93 GRAYBEARDS) because of vested interests. Not only are solutions to many of these issues not forthcoming, but the fact that KWVA members are not receiving straightforward information or are unable to speak out about those issues disturbs me.

Many New Jersey members attended the 94 Mid-winter Meeting, expecting to address the KIA/MIA names issue but were not given the courtesy/time to speak on the issue, an agenda item. Also, my Resolution to erect a separate wall with names at the Memorial site, submitted to the Executive Council (EC) for consideration at the same meeting was tabled (not disapproved but to be brought up before the EC again), pending legalities(?) of using KWVA Memorial Funds. The Resolution did not change the policy for KIA/MIA names approved by the EC/membership at the 93 Reunion, just the SITE. Resolution copies are available from me. Considering the recent unilateral actions by certain EC members to subvert the 93 decision, coupled with the tabling vote (13-2) and the EC's history of inactions on/ignoring issues, the Resolution is in deep Kimchi.

Unless you, the members stand up and demand EC action/approval of my Resolution, there will be no names on a National Memorial Wall, anywhere or anytime. Under my leadership and with your support, KWVA will continue to press for legislative action to erect a separate wall with names at the Memorial site, similar to the Ellis Island Wall proposed by New Jersey Comrade Roy Hendra of Ocean County Chapter (Jan 94 GRAYBEARDS). The ball is in your court.

As President, I will focus on accountability, accessibility and openness. I believe the membership deserves to know what is going on within the KWVA. You are the ones who pay the dues

and elect us to serve your interests. My leadership will be dedicated to listening to and communicating with all members, establishing ways/schedules to resolve our issues, follow-ups to ensure schedules are met, and to moving forward beyond the 1995 Memorial Dedication as presented to you by my platform (Sept 93 GRAYBEARDS). I will also seek your support for KWVA action to have Bronze Star Medals awarded for combat duty during the Korean/Vietnam Wars, the same as WWII veterans.

Served with 29th Infantry Division, National Guard (1948-50); U.S. Army (1951-53); Korea (1952-53) with the 1343 ECB. Retired from the Federal government in 1990 with 37 years of service. Long and extensive involvement in trade union, civic, vet organizations; especially KWVA affairs (local, state and national).

Many members think the KWVA will fade away after the 1995 Dedication, because we are aging. I disagree. Since 1955, over 1 million Americans have served in Korea, a large untapped pool of young veterans, largely ignored. They are KWVA's future and must be recruited for membership, to ensure your Tell American messages are carried forward to upcoming generations.

Your continued support is appreciated. Only your ballot can make changes. A vote for me is a vote for progress!



**DANIEL R. SMITH**, 6421 Ealham Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817

Korean War Service: 121st Evacuation Hospital, 1952-54 Young Dong Po, served as operating room nurse technician, assisted in operation and administered blood transfusions and IV's during periods of exceptionally high casualties in the final days of hostilities. Served as lifeguard and swimming instructor at hospital swimming pool.

Education: B.S. Springfield College (New England)—student government president, post graduate work at University of Hartford, University of Southern Connecticut, Tuskegee Institute School of Veterinary Medicine.

Independent study at National Institute of Health and Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Employment: U.S. Government over 20 years, national director and chief HEW area health education center program; designed and managed a \$165 million national program for training and education of primary care, family practice physicians and health professionals that became the largest social contact program in the nation. I received a distinguished AMEC Award. At the request of White House, I assisted the Republic of South Africa in 1980s.

Current employment: special project manager: HRBA office of Administrator.

Family and Community Involvement: I reside in Bethesda, Maryland, with my son and daughter. I am active in religious, political, social, educational and athletic affairs. I have served as a member of the Board of Trustees, Springfield College, Montgomery County Foster Care Review Board, senior warden at St. Lukes Episcopal Church, and I am active in church and at work on behalf of the homeless. My Involvement in KWVA: I assisted at the 1992 Memorial Ground Breaking Ceremony, Washington, DC, and at the 1993 wreath laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery by the "Gathering"; assisted in efforts to start a UN, DC KWVA Chapter and assisted with the Korean Olympic Baseball Team exhibition in Virginia. Currently working with Harry Wallace and Dick Adams as the coordinator in the planning, designs and implementation of the activities for 1995 Reunion/Convention and Memorial Dedication activities.

My Position on National Issues: I believe in a multicultural society with all working together to make a better nation regardless of race. I believe in tougher punishment for criminals including capital punishment. I do not support the gays' military position.

# REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Cont'd)

What are my goals if elected KWVA President?

- A. I oppose any destruction or interference in completing and dedicating the Korean War Memorial. A top priority would be to implement and organize plan to have names on the wall.
- B. I will work to insure that KWVA members are well represented and cared for at the July 1995 Reunion/ Dedication.
- C. I will work to strengthen the Executive Council to include training.
- D. I will work to strengthen national's support for chapters and to improve relationship with other veterans organizations.
- E. I will work to heal wounds within KWVA if possible.
- F. I will provide leadership and work closely and improve communication with the Executive Council and the membership.
- G. I believe there should be more attention to KWVA homeless and veterans permanently in VA hospitals.
- H. I will encourage membership to provide names to an Executive Review Committee for the appointed offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Director. I will develop a committee to look at the issues related to the newsletter and the Bylaws.
- I. I will work with Harry Wallace to increase the KWVA membership.

I have proven skills, necessary leadership experience, contacts, vision, energy and diplomatic skills to best represent and move the KWVA beyond the current friction, disorder, infighting, and bickering. I would be as "upfront" and open with the membership so that each knows where I stand. Let's be proud of who we are and what we do. These are our final days—our last hurrah.

## 1ST VICE PRESIDENT (one position)



**THOMAS CLAWSON**, 953 Gorman Avenue, West St. Paul, MN 55118

Company B, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division 1951. "Old Baldy" 57 mm recoilless rifleman. Headquarters Company 1952 early 1953. Received Combat Infantryman Badge, Korean Service Medal with three stars, UN, Army Occupational and National Defense Medals.

KWVA and Veteran Involvement: Life member KWVA and MN KWVs, and member American Legion, VFW and AMVETS. Co-Chairman KWVA 9th Annual Reunion, Bloomington, MN, 1993; directed team approach to provide KWVA members with best possible hospitality and accommodations. Past president (1991-93) Minnesota KWV Chapter #1 with goals of promoting team work and positive activities and programs.

Education: University of Minnesota (alumni).

Civilian Occupation and Experience: Civil Service (ret), State of Minnesota; administered programs in the Departments of Natural Resources and Trade and Economic Development. Superintendent, Municipal Parks and Recreation.

Platform - Goals:

1. Support a team approach in KWVA leadership.
2. Support the completion of the KWV Memorial in Washington.
3. Vigorously press for satisfactory solution to POW/MIA issues as a high priority issue.
4. Strive to maintain and improve the quality and effectiveness of the KWVA newsletter as the life blood of our organization.
5. Strongly support "Tell America" (initiated by Stan Hadden and Dick Adams) as a high priority project.
6. Work steadily to improve comradeship and harmony within KWVA to accomplish goals. "A house divided cannot conquer."
7. Continue and increase membership efforts at National and chapter levels.
8. Initiate as a first priority a fund raising program. I feel I have a special background to target and lead such a campaign.



**LEONARD F. DUBE**, 410 Funston Avenue, Torrington, CT 06790-6223

Military Service: 1953-59 U.S. Army Active and Reserve (Korean War Veterans status); 1959-75 U.S. Air Force Active and Reserve (Vietnam War Veteran status); 1975 U.S. Air Force Reserve, recalled to Active Duty in August 1990; served one year in Operations Desert Shield/Storm; August 1991 reverted to Active Reserve status retiring September 1992; Military Service Army included Transportation (Boat), Infantry, Field Artillery, Air Force Air Transportation Manager, Airborne Para qualified.

Education: Associate Degree CCAF; Industrial Management/Labor Services Programs, business related courses and seminars, community and state technical colleges.

Presently serving on two State Commissions. Retired October 1992 as an International Representative United Auto Workers International Union. Skilled Senior Servicing Labor Representative with extended background in labor relations, negotiations, grievance procedure, arbitration and collective bargaining.

A former State and Federal lobbyist. Developed training and retraining programs that included State Certified Apprenticeship programs.

Related Activities: Veterans Service Office, Life Member FW Post 296, SGT Major Honor Guard/Rifle Squad, Life Member American Legion Post 44. Volunteer Deputy Director and Assistant Newsletter Editor of Westover Air Base Military Retiree Activities Office (RAO).

I currently serve on the Korean War Veterans Association National Board of Directors and Secretary/Treasurer of Connecticut Chapter #1.

I am married to AFRES First Sergeant selectee, MSGT Marilyn Dube; have three grown children and three step-children.

Summary: If elected, I will commit myself to work with our Board of Directors and Officers with dedication and determination. Our mission is outlined within our original Charter and Bylaws.

I am a team player and understand completely the duties of the position I seek. My past military and civilian experience representing and assisting veterans, retirees and others has groomed me for positive thinking and follow through. I now ask you for your consideration of my candidacy and vote of support.

Thank you.

## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT (one position)



**DONALD M. BYERS**, 3475 Lyon Park Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192

I began my military career by enlisting in the California National Guard in November, 1948, at the age of 16. After graduation from high school, I enlisted in the Regular Army on 9 May 1950. Following basic training I was assigned to Korea as a private. I landed at Inchon on 20 September 1950 and joined Company D, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, as an ammo bearer in the machine gun platoon. My first night of combat was when the Chinese came across the Chongchon River north of Kunu-ri. I was next engaged in the battle of Chipyeong-ni in February, 1951. On the 1st of March, I was wounded and evacuated to Japan. On the 1st of July I was reassigned back to my company in Korea, who was at that time heavily engaged in the Punch Bowl and then Heartbreak Ridge. After Korea I spent 9 months in Sendai, Japan, and 14 months at Camp Roberts, California. I was discharged from the Regular Army on 8 May 1953 as a sergeant.

Returning to Los Angeles I again enlisted in the national guard and went to work for them as a full-time technician while I attended night classes in college. I rose through the enlisted ranks to battalion sergeant major and then received an appointment as a war-

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Cont'd)

rant officer, one month before my 22nd birthday. I served three years as a WOJG, 6 years as a CWO, then moved to the army reserve where I received a direct commission as a first lieutenant in June, 1963. I was promoted to captain one year later and volunteered to return to active duty on 14 August 1967 to serve in the Vietnam War. After 11 years of continuous night school, I completed my college education, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and Accounting, and a MBA degree in Finance and Business ADP from the University of Southern California.

After two years at Ft. Monroe, Virginia, I was promoted to major and assigned to Vietnam in April 1969. I then spent two years at Ft. Eustis, Virginia, five years in the Pentagon in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (M&RA) where I was promoted to LTC, five years in Heidelberg, five more years in Washington, DC (MILPERCEN), and then back to Korea for a four-year tour of duty, 40 years after departing as a PFC. I again served with the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey. All my active duty assignments have alternated between my two military specialties: comptroller and ADP.

I retired at Fort Myer, Virginia, on 1 July 1992 with 43 years, six months and 19 days of total active military service. Being fully retired I am willing to spend the time and effort required of the important position of 2nd Vice President of KWVA.



**PAUL G. MARTIN**, 434 Marine Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209

Paul G. Martin would like to seek nomination for national

office of 2nd Vice President of the Korean War Veterans Association for the period of 1994-1997. As a marine veteran of Recon Company, 1st Marine Division, in Korea from September 15, 1950, to November 6, 1951, which included two reservoir battles Chosin November-

December, 1950, and Hwachon April-May, 1951. After many night patrols during 1951, Martin was greeted by the Commanding General Gerald C. Thomas on a VIP tour and was asked for comments about the situation and Martin as a corporal said that the forward battalion outpost overlooking Chunchon is unsafe because the Chinese Communist forces are taught small unit isolation and they will surround and annihilate the outpost and the general moved on and afterwards Cpl. Martin was criticized for advising a general on how to command his division and was called the no star general. Cpl. Martin was the last Inchon-Chosin veteran to be rotated stateside in early 1952 while General Thomas was given a third star, Cpl. Martin never got a third stripe and was discharged as a corporal.

During 1993 Paul G. Martin learned that his name was in a newly published book about the late General G. C. Thomas on page 295. ("Impressed by accurate timely observation from a recon team, Thomas asked vet leader Cpl. Paul G. Martin what he thought of outpost and reply was ill conceived and Thomas challenged the concept and got permission to reinforce the OP just in time for the next CCF attack.") Martin hopes his superior officers and NCO will read the book.

Paul G. Martin started a reunion during 1984 with three recon company marine veterans and increased it to 35 members during 1993. Further Martin after three years' efforts got one veteran a Silver Star Medal after the five year limitation law. This is what he will continue to do if elected to office. Paul Martin wants to get more for many unknown heroes one in every town around the nation.

Paul G. Martin helped get the Veterans Administration to recognize COLD INJURY to many Korean War veterans suffering from frostbite.

Paul G. Martin wants to continue the above efforts if elected. Detail biography of Paul G. Martin is on page 227, second edition of Korean War Veteran History Book.



**HARRY WALLACE**, 514 South Clinton Street, Baltimore, MD 21224

Current KWVA Position: 2nd Vice President and Membership and Reunion Chairman since July 1990.

Prior Military Service: Korea, December 1951 to November 1952; wounded twice; received two purple hearts and the combat infantry badge (CIB).

Personal History: Married, three sons, seven grandchildren. Athletic Director for the Salvation Army Boys Club of Baltimore.

I have enjoyed the opportunity serve as your 2nd Vice President and as Reunion and Membership Chairman for the past two years. It was unfortunate that I was not able to attend the Executive Council meeting in Baltimore, but as many of you know, I have been nursing an old shrapnel wound (trying to save my leg) and was being treated at Fort Meade.

A report on plans for the 1995 reunion, etc., was made on my behalf by Dan Smith, who was appointed by me and Dick Adams as the Coordinator (point man) for all activities related to the reunion and dedication of the Korean Memorial.

Serving as your Membership Chairman has been a challenging experience. When I took over this important position, there were only 2,500 voting members. I have tried to communicate with Korean veterans and encourage them to join the KWVA. I am pleased to report that as of February 28, we now have a total of approximately 10,000 voting members. My goal is to increase the membership by at least 50% in each year. Over the next two years, I am hoping that by the July 1995 reunion we will have at least 12,000 voting members.

There are four specific issues I would like to address to the voting membership:

1. I have and will continue to do whatever I can to decrease the friction that often arises between KWVA members. I will do this with the intent of making the KWVA a highly respected and well run national organization.
2. I will work to make certain that national gives more attention and help to the chapters—chapters and members are the heart of the KWVA organization and must be strongly supported.
3. What happens to the KWVA after the 1995 memorial dedication? I will work to establish programs and projects to ensure that the KWVA has a solid national agenda to work with after the memorial dedication. I will seek your ideas and thoughts and make certain that your voices are heard.
4. Finally, as Reunion Chairman I will keep you abreast of activities and plans for the reunion/dedication.

We are working very hard to make certain that our KWVA members are not left out in any way and that Korean veterans' needs are taken care of through the best of our ability. I am looking forward to serving you again for another two years.

### DIRECTORS (Four Positions)



**JERRY BEY**, Bond Brokers, Inc., 6160 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, IL 60646

I was a member of the 25th Infantry Division, 27th Regiment, and served in Korea from May, 1952, through June, 1953. My wife Pearl served in the army and is also a member of KWVA.

I have been a self-employed insurance broker (specializing in surety bonds) since 1959 and am now semi-retired.

I decided to run for director because I am concerned about the future of our organization. The bickering between factions appears to be tearing us apart. I am affiliated with no factions and will run as an outsider (which appears to be in vogue these days).

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Cont'd)

If elected, I will attempt to be a mediator while carrying on the normal duties of the position.



**EDWARD GRYGIER**, 136 Central Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301

Served in Korea with the 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, USA. Am a holder of the Combat Infantrymen's Badge, Korean Service Medal and four battle stars and also a Bronze Star. I have been an active KWVA member since 1988 and in 1990 I formed a local chapter here on Staten Island, the Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter, starting with 16 men, we now

have grown to a chapter consisting of over 250 men. I have been chapter president since its inception until this year when I decided to step down and let someone else have a chance. In 1990, when the NYC Korean War Veterans Memorial was unveiled in Battery Park, our chapter was instrumental in having the Korean War Veterans march down the traditional "Street of Heroes," Broadway, in spite of the active opposition of our city government. Since then, for the last two years, we have sponsored what is fast becoming a tradition here, a Memorial Service at the Monument. I have also attended eight reunions, national and others. I also helped form the Department of New York State KWVA, serving as its first Vice President.

For the aforementioned reasons, plus my strong commitment to be of service to our Korean War Veterans Association members, I request that you put my name in nomination for a directorship.



**RON JABAUT**, 125 Hobson Street, #6A, San Jose, CA 95110

The year 1994 can, and must be, a new beginning for our national association, and its appointed leaders.

To reach this goal will require leadership, determination, and the commitment to step forward and act on what must, and will, be done. All of us must lead, follow, or get out of the way.

Just as I fought, rocked boats and developed adversaries in convincing our

past leaders that it was of the utmost importance to give every member the "opportunity" to exercise their right to vote, I will use my seat on the Board of Directors to do what is right and to attain whatever goals are set by the KWVA.

Part of my commitment will be to assist in the development of new chapters and new membership in the Western United States. I firmly believe that a strong membership, anywhere, will strengthen the KWVA nationwide.

I will respect every request, answer any questions to the best of my ability and with an open mind, diligently and honestly.



**ANDREW "ANDY" J. LYNCH**, 2404 Oriole Drive South, Bensalem, Pennsylvania 19020

My service was with the 25th Infantry Division in Korea from 1951 to 1952 and my most significant duty assignment was with Headquarters Battery, 21st AAA AW Battalion in support of the 35th "Cacti" and 27th "Wolfhounds" Regiments of the 25th Infantry Division.

I would like to call for a cease fire in the ranks and get on with the business of

getting our memorial built at "all deliberate speed"—Edward Lewis Lynch, my brother, was buried in a Veterans Cemetery in August, 1992; my sister, Dorothy O'Hara, was buried with full honors as a Korean Veteran in Beverly National Cemetery in January 1994 and neither will ever see the Memorial in our Nation's Capitol—God willing that I should

I have worked many years to help raise money and get the monument built in our life-time by publicizing our organization and its goals with appearances on radio shows, various newspaper articles and am presently planning to start a new chapter of KWVA in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Presently, I am privileged to serve my fellow veterans as Secretary of the Tri-State Chapter of the 26th Division Association.



**WILLIAM "BILL" H. VAN ORT**, 1101 Parkwood Lane, Stillwater, MN 55082

I entered the U.S. Army, and served in Korea with the 11th Engineer combat Battalion from 1951 to 1953. After I returned home, I transferred to the USAR. I became active in the Minnesota Army National Guard, and received a direct commission in 1956, retiring in 1968 due to a squad car accident while a St. Paul police officer, which shortened

my military career.

Presently, I am the Recording Secretary of Minnesota Korean War Veterans, Chapter #1. I am a Life Member (#7770) of our national organization and serve on "TELL AMERICA Task Force" project. I am a Life Member and Quartermaster of my VFW Post #5725 and currently serve on Minnesota's United Veterans Legislative Council representing the Korean War Veteran.

I have been active with church and school organizations as a parish council member and a school board member. I have been awarded the prestigious St. George Award for adult Catholic Scouts, and have been named as "Scouter of the Year" for Indianhead Council, BSA, working with youth as a cub master and a scout master. I presently do part time volunteer work with Courage St. Croix, an organization who works with people who have physical disabilities, due to a stroke or other debilitating injuries.

I have been happily married for 40 years and have eight children and twelve grandchildren. I attended high school in St. Paul, attended Lakewood Community College and the University of Minnesota. I retired from the St. Paul Police Department, serving 28 years, and was nominated by my peers as "Police Officers of the Year" in 1982. I am a Life Member of Minnesota Peace and Police Officers Association. I also retired from Honeywell's Corporate Security in 1992, which now allows me more time to work for veterans' issues.

Some of our current board members have not been responsive to our members' needs. I intend, if elected, to address those issues such as veterans entitlements that we have fought for and deserve. We must rekindle the "fire" under those responsible to build our Memorial, and assure its completion for our reunion in 1995. Our Board must show leadership in this battle. We must plan for our organization after our Memorial is built. We must have a purpose and we should set goals so that our Korean War Veterans Association remains strong after we are gone.

We need a change in the makeup of the National Board of Directors, and I intend to make that difference. With your vote, I will work for all our membership and to get our National Board back on track.



## TAPS



- RONALD AULTMAN, Piqua, Ohio  
—October 24, 1993
- KENNETH BRANCH, Troy, Ohio  
—December, 1993
- RAY COSTELLO, Jefferson, Iowa  
—April 27, 1993
- ROBERT CARR, St. Paris, Ohio  
—December 6, 1993
- ROBERT CROWL, Conover, Ohio  
—February 12, 1994
- LAWRENCE R. CULLISON, Jackson Center, Ohio  
—Date unavailable
- DON DETERS, Dayton, Ohio  
—Date unavailable
- JACOB M. DITMER, Sidney, Ohio  
—Date unavailable
- CHARLES DODD, Bradford, Ohio  
—December, 1993
- DOUGLAS DUER, Tipp City, Ohio  
—December, 1993
- ROBERT L. ELLIOTT, Sidney, Ohio  
—February 16, 1994
- ARNOLD B. GRAHAM, Sidney, Ohio  
—date unavailable
- ARTHUR GENE HOUDSHELL, Troy, Ohio  
—February 1, 1994
- ROGER K. HUNT, Springfield, Ohio  
—December, 1993
- ALEXANDER R. JONES, Pennsylvania  
—December 5, 1993
- HAROLD KNAPSCHAEFER, Coldwater, Ohio  
—February 20, 1994
- JAMES R. LINES, Piqua, Ohio  
—January 18, 1994
- RONALD L. LONG, Greenville, Ohio  
—Date unavailable
- ROBERT C. MAYBERRY, Dayton, Ohio  
—October 27, 1993
- JOHN McKENZIE, JR., Vallejo, California  
—November 3, 1993
- RICHARD McNEIL, Staten Island, New York  
—January 18, 1994
- WILLIAM E. MEYER, New Knoxville, Ohio  
—March 1, 1994
- SAM MILES, Colorado  
—January 8, 1994
- JACK MINNICH, Piqua, Ohio  
—December, 1993
- JOSEPH E. PEARCY, Arcanum, Ohio  
—March 1, 1994
- KENNETH RASOR, Piqua, Ohio  
—December 1, 1993
- WILLIAM REED, JR., Covington, Ohio  
—December 6, 1993
- JAMES BEARD REES, Springfield, Ohio  
—February 19, 1994

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Pub: Author

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## SEEKING INFORMATION

Enclosed is a photo of Joseph F. DiGiorgio, who was private with the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment. He was sent to the 7th Cavalry sometime in late August or early September, 1951—reported MIA in the vicinity of Chorwon on either October 11 or October 12, 1951. (See following command report.) Please put his picture in the next issue of GRAYBEARDS with the hope that some one might be able to give information on where and how he became a MIA. Please have any one respond to me as follows:

Louis C. Neir  
94-32-112th Street  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419-1104  
Phone: 718-847-1214

Condensation of Command Reports  
7th Cavalry Regiment  
11 & 12 October, 1951

On the 11th of October 1951, the 1st Bn, 7th Cav Regt, was located in the area of CT 250310, HS 6528 I (see overlay). Patrols were dispatched to the front to determine enemy disposition and location in the area. The patrols moved short distances from the Bn positions and observed considerable enemy activity in the area. The patrols returned to the Bn positions and were assigned places in the defense perimeter for the night. At approx 2300 hours the enemy attacked the positions of the Bn and engaged them in a heavy fire fight. As the day ended, the 1st Bn was still under enemy attack and was heavily engaged with the enemy forces.



On the 12th of October 1951, the 1st Bn, 7th Cav Regt, was located in the area of CT 250310, MS 6528 I (see overlay). The Bn was located in defense positions and were under heavy enemy attacks supported by mortar and artillery fire. The first enemy attack was repulsed by the Bn after a heavy fire fight. The enemy withdrew and their artillery was directed on the entrenched 1st Bn, 7th Cav Regt. Attacking again through their own artillery, the enemy again stormed the positions of the 1st Bn, engaging them in a heavy fire fight. This second enemy attack was repulsed by the Bn with the positions still held intact. A third enemy attack was contained by the 1st Bn as the enemy was repulsed with grenades, automatic weapons, small arms and supporting mortar and artillery fire.

The enemy in his effort to seize the dominating terrain in the area on which the Bn was located, launched a fourth attack. This attack, preceded by intense enemy mortar and artillery fire, succeeded in penetrating and overrunning the 1st Bns positions, forcing them to withdraw back to new positions overlooking hill 287, CT 267304, MS 6628 IV, for regrouping. The Bn was then relieved by other friendly elements and put in Regt'l reserve in the area of CT 319229.

## 1995 REUNION/DEDICATION HOTEL NAMED

The Omni Shoreham Hotel of Washington has been contacted by Dick Adams, President, and Harry Wallace, National Second Vice President and Reunion and Membership Chairman, to be the headquarters hotel for the July 1995 Reunion and Memorial Dedication of the Korean War Veterans Association.

Negotiations are in progress to secure additional hotel rooms in Washington, DC, for KWVA. Please complete and mail the form below in order to reserve your place on a non-binding first right of refusal basis. A reservation number will be assigned to each form as received. This reservation will give you an option for 30 days after you receive the next mailing from KWVA to have a priority in choosing the hotel and events you wish to attend.

### NON-BINDING KWVA RESERVATION FORM

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| Phone Number   |           |            |
| Day ( )        | Night ( ) |            |

YES, Please assign a non-binding reservation number to me, which will give me 30 days priority after receipt of information.

I would plan to: (*circle one for each line*)

Arrive on July 22 23 24 25 26 27 Other

Depart on July 26 27 28 Other

Attend the Banquet Yes No

Stay at Hotel Yes No

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Comments:

RETURN TO: Mr. Harry Wallace  
514 South Clinton Street  
Baltimore, MD 21224

# REUNION/NATIONAL MEMORIAL DEDICATION AND CELEBRATION JULY, 1995

Harry Wallace  
Reunion Chairman

## **Introduction:**

As your 2nd Vice President, Membership and Reunion Chairman, I want to give the membership a status report on plans for the 1995 Reunion. I am very excited about the planning that has begun for the July, 1995, Korean War Veterans Association's reunion in conjunction with the dedication of the Korean War National Memorial in Washington, DC, and the related parade, wreath laying ceremony and other events. We are determined to make sure that the KWVA members will be an integral part of the memorial activities and will have their hotel, transportation, meeting and banquet activities well taken care of during the July 23-29 Korean War Veterans week.

Every attempt will be made to keep the members informed about the status of the 1995 reunion/memorial dedication.

## **Dan Smith Appointed Coordinator:**

I am pleased to announce that Dan Smith has been appointed by Dick Adams and me to work with me, on behalf of KWVA members, as the coordinator of the 1995 KWVA Reunion and Memorial activities. Dan has been vigorously working over the past ten months on the initial planning, and if the results of the fine efforts he has put in during these months is any indication of what we will experience in July, 1995, we are in for the time of our lives, a time not to be missed and certainly not to ever be forgotten.

Dan was selected because of his long history of planning, organizing and implementing complex community and government-wide projects. He has clear knowledge, and contacts about and within the Washington business and political community. In addition to the above, we work well together.

## **CPA/Business Management Firm Selected:**

At the February KWVA Council meeting in Baltimore, Dan Smith provided a status report on the 1995 Reunion plans for me since I am still nursing an old shrapnel leg wound. At this meeting, a CPA/Business Management firm, Richard J. Greene & Associates, Chartered (RGA), was presented to the Council to work with Dan Smith and me as KWVA's agent and CPA/business representative/management team in connection with KWVA's reunion/convention and its affiliation with the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in July, 1995. The Council approved our request for a \$10,000 Retainer/Agency Fee to RGA to jump start the planning activities.

RGA was selected based on its outstanding credentials including the successful handling, as business manager, of planning numerous events and the receipt and disbursement of the funds generated by events and entertainers, in addition to their many years of CPA firm activities in the Washington, DC, area.

## **Contract Signed:**

A contract was signed, on behalf of the KWVA, by KWVA President Dick Adams and me with the historic Omni-Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, for the Shoreham to be KWVA's headquarters hotel for the 1995 Reunion/National Memorial Dedication. Included in this issue of THE GRAYBEARDS, there is a reunion registration form for you to complete and return as soon as possible. Obviously, the number of rooms at the Shoreham are limited and these will be reserved for KWVA members on a priority basis as soon as the registration forms are received.

Since it is anticipated that a large number of KWVA members will attend the 1995 Reunion, arrangements are being made with additional hotels in the Washington, DC, area to accommodate KWVA members and their families.

## **Coordination with ABMC and KWVMB:**

Dan and I have been in contact with Colonel Ryan, of the American Battle Monument Committee (ABMC), as well as with Advisory Board member Ray Donnelly, Jr., and Bob Hansen, Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board (KWVMB). This presidential commission working with the ABMC has direct responsibility for the dedication of the memorial and ancillary activities. Their preliminary plans include a mass muster and inspection by the Joint Chiefs, entertainment, which may include Bob Hope and entertainers of similar stature, a parade and fireworks. It is our intent, in addition to working and coordinating with the international community, to maintain a close relationship with the KWVMB and ABMC.

Hence, we will be working closely with them, in a cooperative spirit, to ensure we are not working at cross purposes. Consequently, many of our tentative plans are on hold since we want to be certain to dovetail our reunion events with the events planned by the commission or agent for the KWVMB. We will keep you posted as soon as possible.

## **Summary:**

I hope this article provides information about the KWVA being proactive in its plans to play a major role, on behalf of its members, for the KWVA 1995 Reunion. In order for us to be responsive to your needs when you visit Washington, DC, in July, 1995, we must have your immediate cooperation to know of your plans. THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME IMMEDIATELY TO FILL OUT AND RETURN THE ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.

Dan Smith and I will be in communication with the memberships over the next 15 months to ensure that the KWVA Chapters and members are kept informed about the reunion status.

# THE KOREAN WAR

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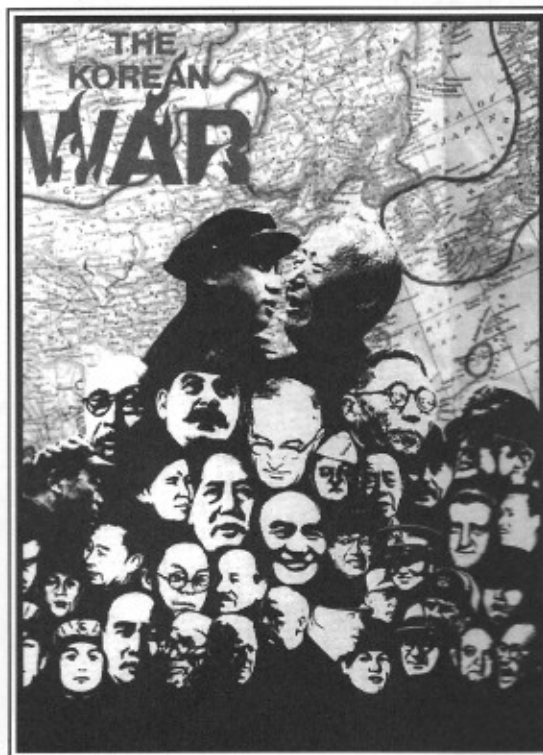
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