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OUR COVER

The official flag of the Korean War Veterans Association is shown on our cover of this issue at Arlington Cemetery on July 27, 1988, in front of the Amphitheater and the Tomb of the Unknowns on the occasion of the dedication of the KWVA bench during the association's annual reunion.

The KWVA bench, carved from Korean granite, and presented by "No Greater Love," is located along a walkway just north of the Amphitheater, a short distance from the spot where the above was taken. KWVA members visiting Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns should locate their bench, pause, rest their weary bones, sit for a spell in restful meditation and contemplate the significance of the bench. If coaching is needed on that point, one need but to read the bronze plaque at the bench for assistance.

Our flag is understood to have been designed by KWVA founding father Bill Norris and is being held by member West Worsham on the right and, your newsletter staff believes, the late and founding member Kenneth Borchardt, of Fairfax County, Virginia, on the left. In the left background can be seen the mast of the United States Battleship Maine that was blown up in the Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898, an event which led to the beginning of hostilities that resulted in the Spanish-American War.

Just to the right of the walkway is located the graves of the astronauts who died in midair seconds after the launching of their missile at Cape Kennedy in the late 1980s. About 50 feet to the left of the flag is located the grave site of the famed Audie Murphy, the most decorated trooper of World War II, a struggle in which many Korean War vets also served.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The times continue to be quite critical for us in KWVA.

We have navigated through some most treacherous waters of late, but I think we are emerging from the more troublesome shoal infested areas and now have plenty of reasons for looking ahead with confidence. I predict that we can sail on and successfully reach our goals without further mishaps.

By now most of you will have received the first of our new issues of the upgraded newsletter. We hope you will agree it, and this issue, constitutes a huge leap forward.

Ahead on the immediate horizon are two matters that I think merit your close study, attention, and careful consideration.



DICK ADAMS

... it's annual meeting time!

Our reunion this year as all should well know by now it well to the west - in Tempe, Arizona.

As with most veterans organizations, the selection of reunion sites is always a major and challenging problem. Everyone, quite naturally, wants the meeting in their own localities for minimum travel expenses and inconvenience. As we age, retire with less incomes, and for other reasons, many are less able to travel far away to attend meetings.

In deference to the wishes of some western and central members, we changed our meeting places a few years ago from Washington on the east coast to locations westward. This year, again, we meet at a place more convenient to those in the west. Next year we will once more meet in the east in the Nation's Capital for the dedication of our memorial. Western members should take full advantage of the Arizona location and make every effort to attend. It is not too late to make reservations if members move fast. National Director and Arizona Chapter

President Dick Wainwright and his reunion committee have been working long and diligently on an exciting and worthwhile program. The schedule of events, and registration and reservation forms were in the last issue of our newsletter. I urge you to use them so that I can look forward to seeing the largest turnout ever in Tempe for this exceptional meeting.

We should take advantage of reunion opportunities now as they occur. Some will not have another chance. For sure we will find each year hereafter more difficult as we advance further in age.

.. its also election time ! !

In this issue you will find your ballot for the upcoming election for a full slate of officers. I urge all members to cast their ballots. This is certainly one of our most critical elections and its outcome could well determine the future of our organization, or at least its direction for years to come.

We are fortunate in having no shortage of qualified and dedicated candidates for office. Hard working Dick Wainwright and his nominating committee have done their work well. I do not see any candidate that I consider to be other than a great and patriotic American, a hard working and conscientious KWVA member, and an individual with a proven background of heavy commitment of time and effort to the well being of the Association.

But some candidates may well have different approaches to getting things done and, for sure, there are variances in personalities. Just now, we are in the strongest need for leadership that will be cohesive, effective and reliable, and that will inspire confidence and credibility. I would urge voting KWVA members to weigh these consideration with the utmost care to see which candidates best meet this test and can guide us smoothly ahead to reach the far shore without grounding. Above all, it should be kept in mind that the incoming leadership will be at the helm next year when our Memorial is dedicated. Truly, we want our best foot forward for that great historical event.

My best wishes to all.....!!!

BRONZE STARS FOR KOREAN VETS WITH THE CIB?

The Army Case in Opposition

August 23, 1993

We can understand the feelings that combat veterans of Vietnam and Korea should receive the same treatment as that accorded to combat veterans of World War II. However, there were special circumstances surrounding the decision to award the Bronze Star Medal to soldiers who earned the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) and Combat Medical Badge (CMB) during World War II that did not exist in subsequent conflicts. The combat period; it was created in February 1944. many soldiers who had served well and faithfully for sustained periods of heavy combat had not been recognized for their special contributions, either because they died or were seriously injured early in the war, or because the Bronze Star Medal was a new decoration that was not fully understood by field commanders. As is the case with all new awards, it normally takes a year or two before a new decoration is consistently and equitably implemented on a world-wide basis.

At the conclusion of World War II, a study revealed that the soldiers who had suffered the most casualties and endured the longest combat had received the fewest number of awards. These were the Army infantryman and his accompanying medical aidman. In the opinion of General George C. Marshall, the Army Chief of Staff in 1947, the fairest and most equitable way to alleviate the problem was to authorize a special award of the Bronze Star Medal to any soldier who was cited for exemplary conduct in ground combat. The citation could be in the form of a citation in orders, a certificate, or orders awarding either the Combat Infantryman or medical Badge.

The previously described situation did not exist in subsequent conflicts. The Bronze Star Medal was available for award during the entire period of hostilities, and standard procedures were in effect for commanders to promptly and properly recognize deserving soldiers who distinguished themselves by

meritorious service, meritorious achievement, or heroism in combat. These procedures permitted written recommendations for award of the Bronze Star Medal to be submitted by anyone having knowledge of a soldier's accomplishments anytime before August 1957 for actions during the Korean War. This afforded everyone ample time and opportunity to recommend or be recommended for an appropriate award, including the Bronze Star Medal.

We would hope that you and other veterans can understand that there never way any intention to discriminate against infantrymen and medical aidmen who served in Korea and Vietnam. The decision to authorize a special award of the Bronze Star Medal to selected World War II veterans was made in 1947 based on the unique circumstances at that time. Since these or similar circumstances did not exist after that time, it would be inappropriate for the Army to now consider awarding the bronze Star Medal to all soldiers who earned the Combat Infantry or Medical Badge since 1945. Not only would such a policy reduce the prestige and meaning of the Bronze Star Medal to a point where it would become little more than a medal recognizing participation in combat, it would also discriminate against other combat soldiers who faced somewhat comparable hazards and hardships in combat (such as armor crewman, artillerymen, combat engineers, and others).

This determination in no way detracts from the outstanding record of accomplishments of combat veterans of Korea, Vietnam, Panama and the Persian Gulf War who have served under the most trying of circumstances during difficult times in our Nation's history.

Sincerely,
/s/ Patricia A. Sigle
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Chief, Military Awards Branch

WE GET LETTERS

MEMBERS OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION:

On the weekend of April 9-10, I attended a meeting in Albany, New York. There were about 35 Korean War Veterans in attendance--fifteen chapter presidents and delegates from five other chapters. It was billed as the Northeastern Conference and it was called to bring together as many chapters from as many states as possible. It was not, and I repeat, **not** political in nature.

President Bob Morga, who co-chaired the meeting, in his opening statement stressed that the reason the meeting was called was to listen to ideas from the chapters themselves as to how we might best serve the National Association. As I sat and listened to members bring forth ideas, I had the feeling I was not listening to men from the northeast, but from Korean war veterans from all over the United States, with the one thought in mind as to how to improve our National Association. I would recommend, and encourage, that other regents throughout the country form similar conferences to bring forth ideas, and when we meet in Tempe, Arizona, this July, see if our ideas are the same.

The worst possible thing that can happen to this association is for one section of the country to go against the other. If ideas are coming out of the northeast, believe me my fellow veterans, those ideas are for the good of the Korean War Veterans Association and not just for the northeast.

I want to thank the members who attended that meeting for asking me to write this letter. I hope that in some way it will relieve the doubts that some have as to why this conference was called. See you in Tempe.

Fraternally yours,
William Beatty, Secretary
Central Long Island Chapter

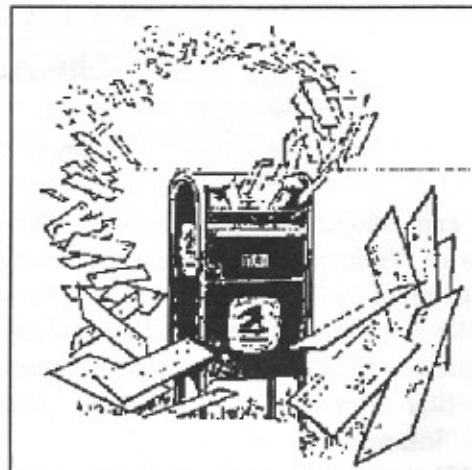
Dick Adams, President

As president of the Eddie Lyons Chapter of Miami, Florida, I totally agree with you that this is not the time to be throwing a road block into the construction of our memorial. We have waited too long for our memorial to be built. (Forty-one years too long.)

I also agree with Nick Pappas that the names of our KIA and MIA should be placed on a wall, but we can do this after the dedication of the memorial.

I would hope that all members of the Korean War Association would stock together, for the good of our association. We have come too far and work too hard to fall apart now.

Joseph D. Firriolo
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Editor, KWVA Newsletter:

We of the Indiana Chapter #1 Korean War Veterans Association invite all members of any KWVA chapter to have their "personal brick" laid on our memorial walkway.

KWVA vets' names may not appear in Washington, DC; however, they can appear in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as part of our memorial. The cost of each brick is \$50.00 with the purchaser allowed up to three lines engraved with 14 characters per line. Also, we are not limiting the wording on the brick just to veterans' names.

Fred L. Rentschler, Newsletter Editor
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Richard L. Adams
President, KWVA

This letter conveys a sincere thanks to you, the Officers and the Directors of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., for the most beautiful Certificate of Life Membership, which I very recently received.

I am extremely grateful and proud to receive this special Certificate from an organization that recognizes and respects those Ex-Prisoners of War of the Korean War. I salute all of you!

Respectfully yours,

Edward L. Daily, President
7th U.S. Cavalry Association
2503 Independence Drive
Clarksville, TN 37043

A FEATURE ARTICLE

WAR VETS REVISIT KOREA

Side Trips to Old War Zones

Over the past months, and now years, American vets of the Korean War have been revisiting the "Land of the Morning Calm" for weekly tours thanks to the hospitality, gratitude, and generosity of the Korean Veterans Association in Seoul and our own KWVA.



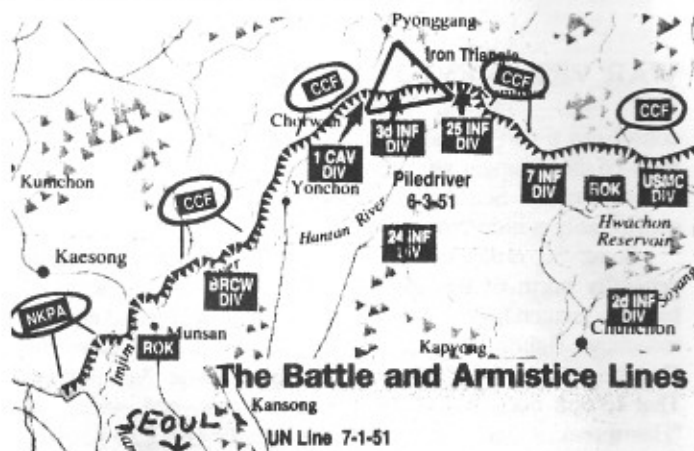
David and Alice Phipps at the Harry S. Truman Statue at the DMZ

The program has been monitored and coordinated by our Board of Director member Kathleen "Lt Honey" Cronan Wyosnick out Saratoga, CA, way, who was on duty herself during the Korean War and is a gold star war widow having lost her husband, an Air Force pilot, shot down during the war.

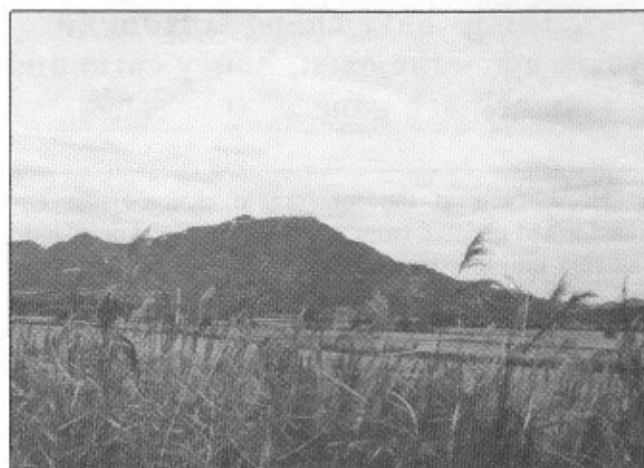
Some vets have also returned to see their former battlegrounds with tours arranged by Division or other Associations or groups. Occasionally, participants in the Korean hosted trips, that are usually limited to Seoul and Panmunjom, will extend their stays and make their own arrangements for a return to specific areas where they fought during the war.

Such a vet is Dave Phipps of St Charles IL. Comrade Phipps and his wife Alice participated in a revisit tour last Fall. He extended his stay and made arrangements through his tour guide to rent a van for about \$150 for a day so that they could see again the Iron Triangle combat zone.

The zone is in the central Korean highlands above the 38th parallel and about 75 miles northeast of Seoul. It is well known to many vets of the Korean fighting because of the long, bitter, bloody and costly fighting that took place there, especially by the 3rd, 24th, and 25th, and 1st Cav Divisions, plus some others from time to time.



The Iron Triangle had sides of about 15 miles in length with the towns of Pyongyang on its north, Chorywon on the southwest and Kumhwa on the southeast. Some of the bitterest fighting to take place in the Iron Triangle involved UN and American efforts to take a prominent and commanding hill that became known as "Old Smokey" by troops because it was so often shrouded in dense smoke caused by incessant and extended pounding by ground and air forces.



Old Smokey claimed many lives in the battles for it, but it was never taken and held and today lies within the Triangle but north of the DMZ and in North Korean controlled territory.

Although heavy fighting continued in and around the Iron Triangle from the time the lines were established in that area in late 1951 until the end of the fighting two years later, no significant exchange of real estate ever took place during the period. The

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front lines remained essentially unchanged and today constitutes a part of the DMZ that runs through the southern edge of the Triangle with the rebuilt town of Chorwon under the control of South Korea and the UN, and Pyongyang comfortably within North Korea.

Some 50 miles to the Southeast of the Iron Triangle, generally north of the Hwachon Reservoir and the town of Inje, are located highlands where prolonged, costly, but equally indecisive fighting also took place in an effort to drive the Communists to the peace negotiating tables at Panmunjom. That terrain became known during the war, and since, as "Heartbreak Ridge", "Bloody Ridge", and "The Punchbowl", and involved mostly the Marine Division and the 2nd and 7th Army Divisions and later, at times, the 40th and 45th. The British Commonwealth Division and Turkish Brigade usually were stationed more to the west with other UN battalions constituting "4th battalions" in American regiments.

Trooper Phipps was assigned to IX Corps Headquarters during the Korean War in the Armored command. He roamed in his radio jeep amongst the combat divisions and provided liaison and coordinating assistance to help insure that maximum effective use of armored forces was achieved in his corps area. He considers his trip back to the old Iron Triangle one of his most "memorable" experiences of his life.

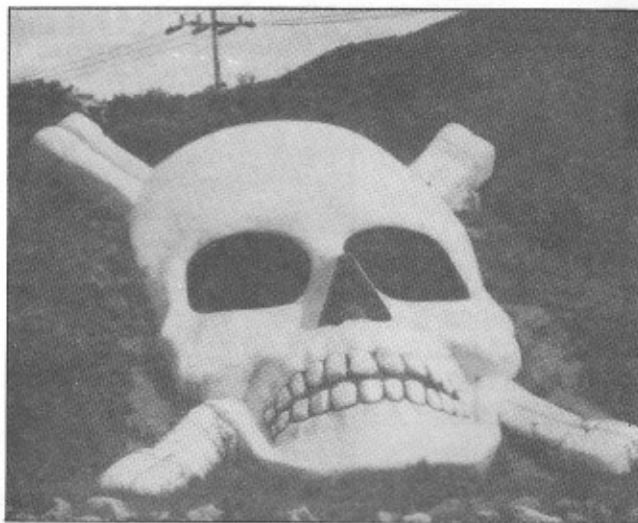
"...things have changed from 40 years ago - the oxen, honey carts and stench are gone..." Dave Phipps.

He marvels at the remarkable changes that have transformed the area from one of almost total devastation and ruin into a modern countryside with peaceful farms and rebuilt villages, but with heavy and ever present evidence of defensive fortifications and preparedness for attacks from the Communist North Korean forces almost within sight across the DMZ.

Phipps puts it this way in part: *"Things have changed from forty years ago. The oxen, honey carts and stench are gone. They don't use the stuff anymore. A person still has to be careful where he walks or drives because of land mines...most of the roads are paved now...the countryside looks very tranquil and peaceful, yet it's not...you can see it in the eyes of the civilians and the actions of the Korean troops. It's going to happen--maybe tonight."*

"Half a mile away is the world's 4th largest standing army of a million men, with aircraft and missiles capable of hitting Seoul, Pusan, and air/naval bases in Japan."

"North Korean is ruled with an iron fist by an ego maniac who has just one purpose in mind. His son and his heir apparent is worse."



"Two tunnels dug by the North have been discovered under the South Korean lines--it is suspected there are at least 20 more. They are large enough to dispatch a regiment per hour...(but) the South Koreans, with our own 36,000 American troops, are ready for them."



On a ridge overlooking the Kumhwa Valley, Phipps and Alice ran across a memorial erected by the South Koreans. It marked a crypt where the remains of 81 civilians murdered by the North Koreans are buried. A plaque on the monument reads:

"DEDICATED TO MEMBERS OF THE KOREAN ARMY, UNITED NATIONS FORCES, AND CITIZENS OF KUMHWA WHO FOUGHT ON THIS SOIL IN THE DEFENCE OF FREEDOM AND WORLD PEACE DURING THE KOREAN WAR 1950-1953 - THEIR SACRIFICE SPIRIT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN"

Be assured all - Korean War Vets will never forget !!!

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HIGH-TECH TRACKING OF MISSING VETS

A Korean War veteran's son has recently come to our attention, Lawrence David Moon, only child and sole-surviving son of M/Sgt Thomas Clinton Moon, Intelligence Chief with Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, of the 7th Division, U.S. Army, who was KIA at the east side of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. M/Sgt. Moon was wounded on 28 November 1950, and died the following day. His

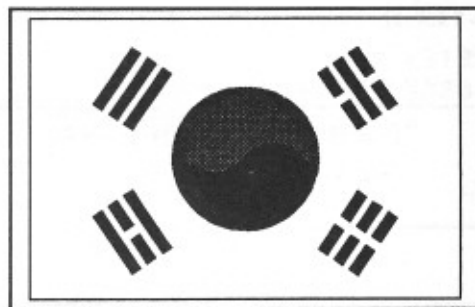


body was left at the site of the defensive perimeter used by the 31st RCT, along the south edge of the Reservoir's Pungnyuri Inlet, and buried by the Communists a bit upstream, at grid coordinates CV553824 (40°28'41"N, 127°17'18"E), beyond the causeway crossing the stream that flows into the inlet. In 1955 M/Sgt Moon's remains, having been turned over to American authorities as part of Operation Glory, were positively identified by the American anthropologists at Camp Kokura, Japan, then returned to the U.S. for Burial in M/Sgt. Moon's home state of Georgia, in November of 1955.

"...M/Sgt Moon's remains...positively identified...[were] returned to the U.S. for burial...in Georgia...."

His son, Lawrence, is an Associate Member of The Chosin Few, and began the difficult quest of putting together the missing pieces of his father's life in 1983. As a published novelist, poet, and dramatist, with a degree in anthropology from New York University, the M/Sgt.'s son already had honed his research skills, before turning his attentions to the problems of documentation that confront anybody attempting to gather information on the Korean War era. The son has hit the ground running, however, and already has scored some remarkable successes in research.

A noteworthy accomplishment involves a new tool for helping to track down long-missing vets. M/Sgt. Moon's son informs us that he has successfully located a man in the 57th F.A. Bn. whom nobody else had been able to locate, and whom people thought might be dead. The man, who for purposes of privacy, we will here call "Fort Knox," was contacted in the following manner.



The high-tech tool called "PhoneDisc" was utilized. This is a CD-ROM product of a Bethesda, Maryland, company called Digital Directory Assistance, Inc., located at 6931 Arlington Road, Suite 405 (Zip code: 20814-5231) (1-800-284-8353). The company is not an information conduit to advise where one may go to use "PhoneDisc," they merely sell and service the product. Public use of "PhoneDisc" is available at: many large municipal libraries, the more technologically attuned university or college libraries, and some U.S. military libraries. M/Sgt. Moon's son located "Phone Disc" at the Army base, Fort Drum, near his home in northern New York State. He reports it works in the following ways.



Since whole encyclopedias can fit into the CD-ROM diskettes, the people at Digital Directory Assistance conceived the idea to fit all of the telephone directory names for all of the United States onto CD-ROM format. There now exists a product available for consumers' purchase listing not only all residential names, addresses, zip codes, area codes, and phone numbers, for the U.S., but an expanded version, called "PhoneDisc Reverse," which combines both business and residential listings onto five diskettes, broken down into geographic regions (NE, SE, Midwest, West, and Central). The top price is only \$249 for all five diskettes.

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HIGH-TECH TRACKING (Contd.)

**"Names of missing vets
can be accessed...."**

With "Reverse" mode, names of missing vets can be accessed by such variables as surnames, complete names, surnames and first and second initials (if the forenames and middle names are not known), by state, or by city, by street, and of course by phone number.



MGen Geoffrey Keyes II Corps CG, congratulating M/Sgt Thomas Moon for award of Legion of Merit - Sept/1944, Italy.

In Mr. Moon's case, trying to track down "Fort Knox" was successful, even though the CD-ROM helper only managed to produce a couple of listings that were equivalent to "F. Knox." Even though M/Sgt. Moon's son had no idea if "Fort Knox" still was alive, he was able to reach the missing veteran on the first try. Given there were only two such hypothetical "F. Knox" listings in "PhoneDisc" in the United States, it was then a simple matter of dialling either of the two numbers. In this case the person who answered indeed was the Army veteran who had been held captive as a POW from December of 1950 until September of 1953.

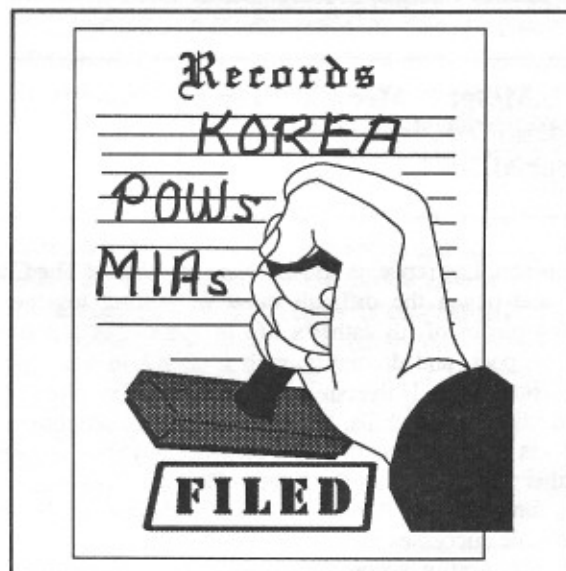
Such modern research techniques weren't available to war historians and scholars just a decade ago; thus, Moon's son is making the veterans of his father's generation wide-eyed with wonder--especially when a soldier, who has ferreted himself away for the past forty-some years, suddenly hears his name being called out by the son of a man from the vet's own Korean War unit. Regardless of M/Sgt. Moon's name, the surprised veteran on the other end always does a double-take,



but to a man the M/Sgt.'s son has found that even the most reclusive vet has opened up to him and has found himself telling him long-repressed facts--particularly about the disastrous Chosin Reservoir situation--which no one, to date, has seen in any book.

Out of all the many interviews that Lawrence has been conducting by phone, he intends to publish a text titled *Sole-Surviving*

Son: True Tales From an Orphan of War. This book will not only deal with his father's service in Korea and his death at the Reservoir, but will celebrate the whole of his dad's life. M/Sgt. Moon was a lifer--having entered the Army in 1932 with the 83rd Field Artillery Battalion. In WWII, he served with the 15th Field Artillery Observation Battalion for the whole of the Liberation of Italy, and was personally awarded the Legion of Merit by General Geoffrey Keyes on 24 March 1945. King Umberto II also decorated him with the Croce al Valore Militare; M/Sgt. Moon was one of only 1,440 U.S. servicemen who fought in Italy and whom the final King of Italy so honored.



Due to the pride and love that the M/Sgt.'s son feels for his dad, he has decided not only to commemorate him but also to pay tribute to all of the United Nations forces who saw action in Korea. He is going to compose a large musical work entitled "Symphony Number One: The Guardian Angel," a

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HIGH-TECH TRACKING (Contd.)

choral piece, approximately one hour long, for full symphony orchestra and three soloists. Excerpts from his dad's last letters home to his wife will provide the words to be sung in Movement 1; the final letter that the soldier ever wrote was dated Thanksgiving Day, 23 November 1950. Movement 2, her last five letters to her husband that were sent back from Korea stamped "Deceased." And Movement 3, will feature the words of M/Sgt. Moon's widow, derived from Symphony will be sung to a poem written by the M/Sgt.'s son, which expresses the anguish and sorrow that orphans--all orphans--of battle, experience in having to grow up fatherless.

Besides this major musical creation, the M/Sgt.'s son states he will compose a gospel-style hymn entitled "Spiritual for Our Beloved...Lost in Korea," which was suggested a few weeks ago in a phone conversation between Lawrence and Robert Hansen, Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Memorial, Washington, DC. During the days of July, 1995, when the memorial is to be dedicated and public awareness raised about all aspects of the Korean War and its aftermath, it is fitting indeed that music--composed from the heart--by a man whose father died in the Korean War--be included in the celebration of the dedication of the memorial. The heroic dead can and do speak, through the words and deeds of their children.

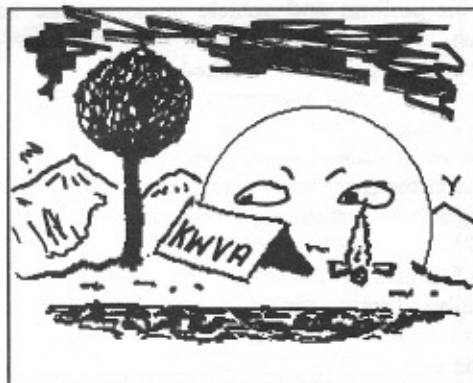
[As stated, material for the above article was provided by Lawrence David Moon, son of Korean War CUE vet M/Sgt. Thomas Clinton Moon. Son Lawrence lives in Watertown, NY. He has worked with New York lawyers handling income tax and other matters for the late Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets.]

A CORRECTION

In our last issue we published two reservation forms for the Tempe '94 reunion. The "non-binding" form on page 41 should not be used, and should be replaced if used already by form on page 35. Sorry. ED.

A TOUCH OF CREDIT

In the haste to publish when behind schedule with our last issue (April), we failed to point out that our eagle and flag cover was created, designed and drawn by one of our own members, M/SGT William D. Devine (USA Ret.), of Anchorage, Alaska. This energetic and talented comrade served in Korea with Co A/23rd Inf/2nd Div from June 1950 to July 51. He comes also well experienced in his civilian field. Among his many activities: he designs T-shirts, caps and other items for an Alaska manufacturer. We have had many compliments on the April cover and feel deeply indebted to member Devine. Our apologies to him for being late in acknowledging this splendid contribution to our redesigned newsletter. ED.



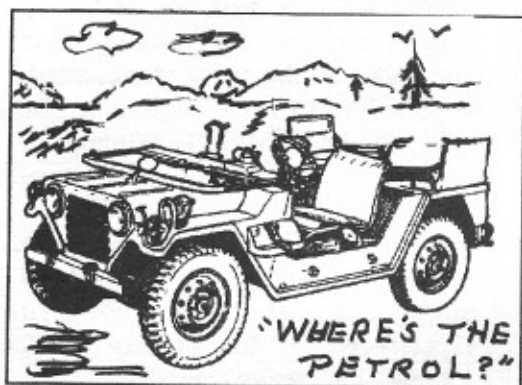
"John, don't you think we should get our hotel reservation in on time next year for the KWVA reunion?"

"Yes, Dear. Now shut up and drink your beer!"

FEATURES (Contd.)

AN UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTER

[An excerpt from "Decisive Battles of the Korean War" by Sherman Pratt.]



Shortly after assuming my new duties as Regimental Exec, I made an unusual acquaintance. I encountered a Greek soldier that I have always felt was in the category of people dealt with in the *Reader's Digest* series of years back when the magazine had a regular feature titled "The Most Unforgettable Character I Have Ever Met."

It happened one day in late summer of '51 when I was bouncing along a road in central Korea roughly southwest of the mountainous mass soon to be known as Heartbreak Ridge. In a rather lonely and isolated road stretch I spotted a chap with his jeep and driver, who signaled me for help. I could see by his uniform and vehicle markings that he was not American.

"What's the problem?" I asked him.

"I'm out of petrol," he answered in good English but with a strong foreign accent. "Could you spare some?"

"You're in luck, fellow," I answered him. "I have my spare can in the rack, and I can give you half or so of it. By the way, with that accent and uniform you're not American, are you?"

"No," he said. "I'm Greek. I'm with the Greek battalion."

"Really? That's good to know. I knew there was a Greek battalion here but have never run into them. Are you with an American unit, or does your battalion fight alone?"

"No, not alone. We are part of the 1st Cav--the 7th Regiment. They call us their fourth battalion."

"Yeah, I understand," I responded. "We have a French battalion as our fourth battalion in the 23rd Regiment."

As my driver unbuckled the jerry can and began transferring the fuel to the Greek's jeep tank, we continued our conversation.

"What are you doing along this road? Are we in your sector?"

"Not exactly," he answered. "I've been back to check on some of my men who were wounded. I'm a platoon leader."

"Have you been here long?"

"Since the winter. Came with the battalion as a sergeant."

"Did you come straight from Greece?"

"Oh yes. We are all volunteers and carefully selected."

"Is this your first combat?"

He laughed.

"Not exactly. I fought in the Greek Civil war against the Communists in '46 and '47, and before that during the big war with the guerrillas in my country."

"Don't you think you have had enough of war?"

"Yes, I do. But we Greeks believe strongly in this Korean War and that communism must be stopped here."

I felt awkward when hearing his comments. I knew that most Americans were a great deal less convinced that the Korean conflict was a necessary war for the United States, and I remembered our French General's chiding back at Chipyeong-ni.

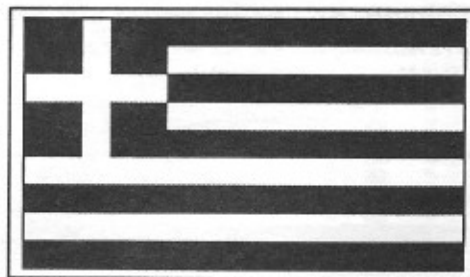
"Where are you from in Greece?" I asked the fellow.

"I doubt you will know if I tell you, unless you have been to my country. But I come from the southern tip of the Peloponnisos. From an area known as Mani in the Morea. Does that mean anything to you?"

"No, I guess not," I confessed meekly, hating to show my ignorance. "Does your home area have any claim to fame?"

I could see the guy was warming up and thoroughly enjoying his chance to respond to my questions about him and his country.

"Any claim to fame? We think so. Our Mani area is the only part of Greece the Turks were never able to conquer in their four hundred years of control before our war of independence in the 1820s."



The blue and white flag of the Republic of Greece ("Hellas"). In the Korean War the Greeks provided an air transport squadron and an infantry battalion that fought with the 7th Regiment in the 1st Cavalry Division.

"Why was that?" I asked, sure that he would have an answer to his liking.

"Partly because of the rugged terrain where I grew up. But more so," he said with his pride clearly showing, "because we are among the toughest and most independent of the Greeks." I suspected that there might be Greeks from other parts of the country that might argue with him on that point, but for sure I was not going to do so.

FEATURES (Contd.)

AN UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTER (Contd.)

In later years I would greatly expand my knowledge of the Greeks through research and otherwise. I would learn how ferocious and fearless they could be in fighting for their independence or another just cause. In Korea their remarkable combat record became legend. They were repeatedly decorated and prevailed again and again when assigned the most difficult missions. Clay Blair and others were to write glowingly of their conquests in Korea and picture them literally as fighting tigers. There is no shortage of stories that they frequently spurned artillery or other fire support in favor of close hand-to-hand fighting with bayonets or otherwise.

But then the same can be said of many of the other UN forces that fought with us in Korea. My fellow Americans may well resent my saying so, but my impression has been that overall and generally the other non-Korean troops engaged the Communists with much less uncertainty over the reasons for their being there than did we Americans. My Greek acquaintance has his gasoline, and the day was passing. We both had chores to do.

"What's your name, in case we cross paths again?" I asked as we prepared to part.

Again he laughed. "You think you can remember a Greek name?"

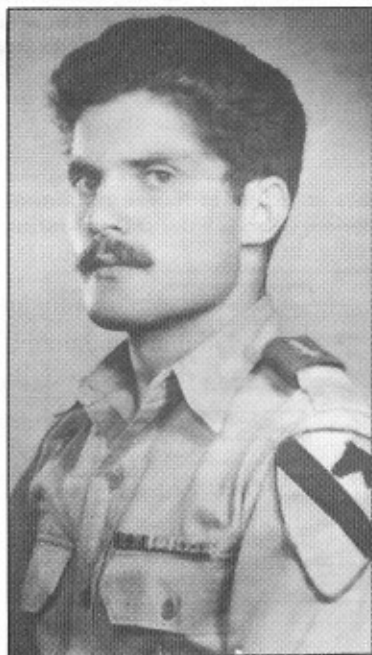
"Probably not," I admitted. "But try me."

"My first name is Spyros. But I will write out my full name for you."

He did and handed me a paper. From it I read: "Spyridon Alevizakos."

"Thanks for not asking me to say that," I told him, as we waved and drove off our respective ways.

I was later to learn the guy stayed almost another two years in Korea, unlike us Americans, who rotated after about one year. He continued to fight courageously and doggedly, and in addition to decorations from his own government and the Koreans he was awarded the Bronze Star with V by the United States after leading his platoon on an attack against a heavily fortified enemy-held hill. He was wounded seventeen times by machine guns, grenades, and bayonets.



Spyridon Alevizakos

After the Korean War, this remarkable Greek studied in London and obtained one Ph.D. and then another later in America. He served with the United Nations as a roving Ambassador, obtained American citizenship, and now resides in New York. He is in every respect one of the most unforgettable characters that I have ever met.



REUNION GUEST SPEAKER

The Arizona Chapter Reunion hosts have proudly announced that the guest speaker for the reunion and banquet will be:

**COL JOSEPH SMITH,
USMC (Ret)**

Col Smith has a distinguished background which will be further elaborated on at the reunion and is also President of the International Veterans Memorial organization.

Additionally, 17 Medal of Honor recipients, and one equivalent British George Medal recipient, will be at the reunion for KWVA members to meet, associate with, and swap war stories.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Editor-KWVA Newsletter

I especially want our members to know that I resigned as **Resolution Chair**, and my Co-Chair, is succeeding me. Also, that all resolutions must be submitted to him by the deadlines of one month prior to the next Executive Council meetings, i.e., June 23rd, midnight, for consideration at the July 24, 1994, EC Meeting. His address is: Billy R. Smith, Resolutions Chairman, #6 MacCory Drive, Oreana, Illinois 62554 (Telephone: 217-468-2049).

Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick
Member, National Board of Directors

1993 KWVA Reunion book has been sent out. If additional copies are desired, contact Art Segal, ABS Visuals (PA) 1-800-947-0808 for information and costs.

1992 KWVA Reunion (Reno) needs more orders--at least 50--only 8 or 9 members have ordered. To order, or for information call On Site Year Book (Ann) 1-800-634-2017.

From **Tom Clawson**
Minnesota KWVA

Editor-KWVA Newsletter

If you or any of your members wish to be a part of the **Distinguished Flying Cross Society**, contact me. I am starting something that I feel is long overdue. To become a member all that will be required is to have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC).

Starting this society will require a lot of preflight, but I feel I can get off the ground and be a successful organization; one that all members could be proud of. Hopefully this organization would eventually be recognized throughout the world. Please drop me a line if you have the qualification and wish to participate, or pass this along to someone else who may be interested.

Write to: **Alexander D. Ciurczak**, USAF Ret. DFC, 34552 Camino Capistrano, Capistrano Beach, CA 92624-1232

Korean War Vets Assn.

Enclosed is a press release concerning a very exciting event being planned for July 4, 1995, in Knoxville, Tennessee. The city is planning a **50th Anniversary Celebration** of the ending of World War II, and would like your assistance in reaching as many veterans of that war as possible. Please note that this event is not an official reunion, but provides a great opportunity for a reunion to be planned in conjunction with the scheduled activities.

If your members need additional information, feel free to write at the address below or call toll free: 1-800-727-8045. This 50th Anniversary Celebration is becoming an event of national scope and all veterans are invited to come to Knoxville so that we and the entire nation can honor them.

Write: **Bill Housley**, Knoxville Area Council for Conventions and Visitors, P.O. Box 15012, Knoxville, TN 37912.

OREGON TRAIL CHAPTER--KWVA

The newly chartered Oregon Trail Chapter, Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) announces plans to establish a Korean War Memorial in the State of Oregon.

This memorial will be a tribute to the men and women of all nations who served in the military during the war, those who died, those missing-in-action, those who became prisoners-of-war, and to the South Korean people who suffered the ravages of the war.

A recently appointed KWVA Memorial Committee has been appointed. Those wishing to provide input to help our committee, please call (503-684-3270) or write: **Fred Liddell**, Chairman, KWVA Memorial Committee, 16440 S.W. 129th Terrace, Tigard, OR 97224.

FORGOTTEN HEROES: THE U.S. MARINE CORPS IN KOREA

U.S. Marines first served in Korea in 1871. Dutifully, they returned to the Korean Peninsula in 1950. They "saved the day" for General Douglas MacArthur, the U.S. Army, and American influences in Asia for the 20th Century. General Clifton B. Cates, USMC, (CMC) and Admiral Arthur W. Radford, USN, (CINCPAC) directed the U.S. Naval Operations that has been identified as the "Korean War" (1950-53).

Even with the passage of four decades, this conflict has not been forgotten in the hearts and minds of the families and friends of the Few Good Men!

It is well understood by those who served that the story of this war is the story of the First Marine Division and its support force, the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet.

For more information on pricing and order processing call 1-800-546-8871 or write **Dane Hansen Productions**, 3405 Penrose Place, Suite 101, Boulder, Colorado 80301 (303-440-8873).



"Yes, Dear. I promise to register on time next year for the KWVA reunion.

"Now can I come out?"

Results of the annual election held Tuesday, April 5, 1994, show the following are the Officers and Board Members of the Edward W. Rhoads Chapter, Tucson, AZ, for the year April 1994 to April, 1995.

Commander--Levon Raybon (747-5840); **Vice Commander**--Lorrie L. Lowry (749-4625); **2nd Vice Commander**--Roger Nitchman (327-9116); **Secretary**--Glenn Payne (722-2026); **Treasurer**--Helen (Pat) Robertson (624-2059); **Directors (3 years)**--Camilo Castrillo (889-7347), (2 years)--Harley Davis (889-7347), (1 year)--Al Porfirio (881-8483); **Chaplain**--Alvena Walter (888-5715); **Judge Advocate**--Frank Snow (747-5765); **Sergeant-at-Arms**--Manny Garcia (887-2972).

Notice to all chapters: The correct and only official address for correspondence, both business and newsletter mailings, is: Edward W. Rhoads Chapter, Korean War Veterans Association of Arizona, P.O. Box 18271, Tucson, AZ 85731-8271.

REUNIONS

NATIONAL ORDER OF BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS (NOBC), Fayetteville/Ft. Bragg, NC, October 6-9, 1994. Contact: Bud Warnecke, 1916 Catawba St., Fayetteville, NC 28303.

U.S.S. McGOWAN DD678, September 27-October 2, 1994, Nashville, TN. All former crew members 1943-1960. Contact: Bill Lowry, 45 Thunder Cove Pl., The Woodlands, TX 75381 (713-363-0013).

U.S.S. PHILIPPINE SEA (CV-47), October 13-15, 1994, Newport, Rhode Island. Contact: Raymond R. Thompson, 11 Day Circle, Woburn, MA 01801-5443 (617-933-2183).

2ND INFANTRY DIVISION, 9TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, July 13-16, 1994, Tacoma, Washington. Contact: Ray Trabusi, 19 Waterford Drive, Englewood, FL 34223 (813-475-6063).

15TH FIELD ARTILLERY OBSERVATION BATTALION ASSN., September 23-26, 1994, Ashville, NC. Contact: President Ernie Brown, 206 West 18th St., Gibson City, IL 60936 (217-784-5570).

44TH DIVISION, August 25-29, 1994, Clarion Hotel, Cincinnati, OH. Reservations: 1-800-876-2100. Contact: Ed Smagala, 5400 S. Merrimac Ave., Chicago, IL 60638 (1-800-395-44th).

6147TH TACTICAL GROUP "MOSQUITOS" (served with Fifth Air Force in Korea), November 2-6, 1994, Sandestin Resort, 5500 Highway East, Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, FL 32541. Contact: Guy "Hap" Smith, P.O. Box 27, Niceville, FL 32588 (904-897-4849).

SEARCHING FOR...

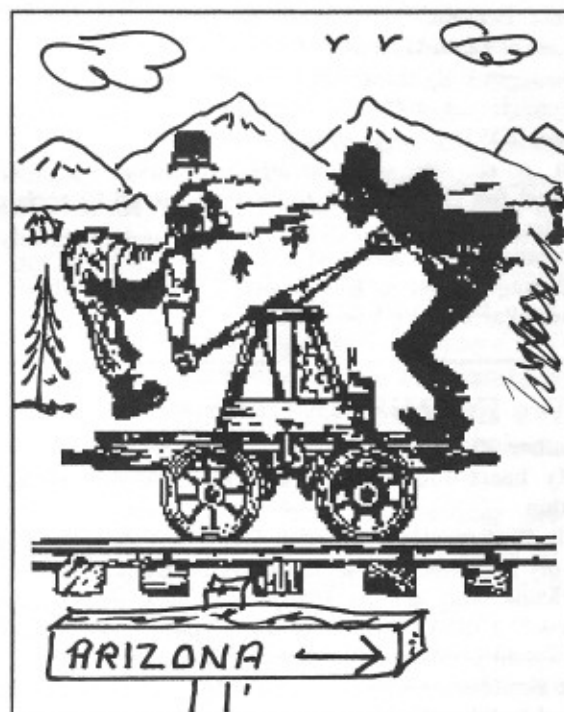
...KWVA solid member **VINCENT KREPPS**, 24 Goucher Woods Court, Towson, MD 21286, is still trying to learn the fate of his brother Richard, MIA in November, 1950.

Photo below shows **RICHARD KREPPS** by a M19 tank of **BATTERY D, 82 AAA, 2ND INF.** Anyone with any information or ideas, please contact Vince.



...Like to re-establish contact with old family friend **GEORGE M. PHILLIPS, JR.**, who served in the Marines out of Camp Pendleton, 1952. Anyone having information about him, please call Victoria Pilallis Kirkman, 206-842-3317 (collect calls accepted).

...Those who served with my friend **EDDIE CAINE**, who was killed in action. He was from Winsted, Connecticut. Sgt. Caine was in **Co. I, 15th Infantry, 3rd Division**. Write to: Dan Smith, 6421 Earlham Dr., Bethesda, Maryland, 301-443-2063 or 301-897-0858.



Burke: "Faster, Lt Wyosnick, or we'll miss the Tempe Happy Hour!"

MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS

KOREAN WAR LICENSE PLATES



Illinois Secretary of State George Ryan, member of Sangamon County Chapter KWVA (middle), presents special Korean War Veterans license plate "K-2" to Norbert Bentele, Department of Illinois President and member of Lester Hammond Chapter CMH KWVA (left). On the right Billy R. Smith, Founder and Past President of the Department of Illinois and member of Charles Parlier Chapter KWVA, receives plate "K-3."

In a display of comradeship, President Bentele arranged for plate "K-2" to be transferred to each new Department of Illinois President.

Comrade Billy Smith stated, "This is a great way for the message to get to the people of your state about the Korean War and its Veterans!!"

POWs IN RUSSIA?

November 30, 1993--Russia Bound

My heart full of hope and my soul full of determination.

My first meeting was with General Volkogonov, who brazenly informed me, at the onset of my trip, that "any Americans who are in Russia are here on their own volition." I informed him of the 77-page report that our government presented the Russian side of the Commission, which established that men from the Korean War were shipped to Siberia, including countless eyewitness reports. I also informed General Volkogonov of the Chinese colonel who testified to "putting Americans onto boxcars in route to Siberia." General Volkogonov conveniently knew nothing about this evidence. Colonel Gerald Parr, Task Force Russia/America, confirmed my statements and told

General Volkogonov that they indeed were presented a film of the interrogation of the Chinese colonel in June of 1993. Further proof that the Russian side of this Commission does not view American POWs as a priority.

...I left the meeting with a promise that an inquiry would be made into the security ministries (KGB) and that a search will be made into the psychiatric hospitals for my brother and other Americans.

I fully intended to travel to the gulag regions of Siberia; but our Task Force advised us against travelling into those regions because they could not guarantee an interpreter or transportation, our lodging or our safety. My older brother, Sal, accompanied me and I feel much has been accomplished by our endeavor. We now feel that we got the Russians thinking and talking Korea at long last!

The Russian people are also unaware of what happened years ago in their country and to our men. I made a video. We spoke of Korea and Prisoners of War. Russian journalists were even surprised at the acts of their forefathers and the present cover-up.

I had flyers made up with my brother's picture on it, instructing people in Russia to call the Task Force with any information they may have. My hope is that the Russian people who have similarly suffered, will sympathize with my brother's plight and come to his aid.

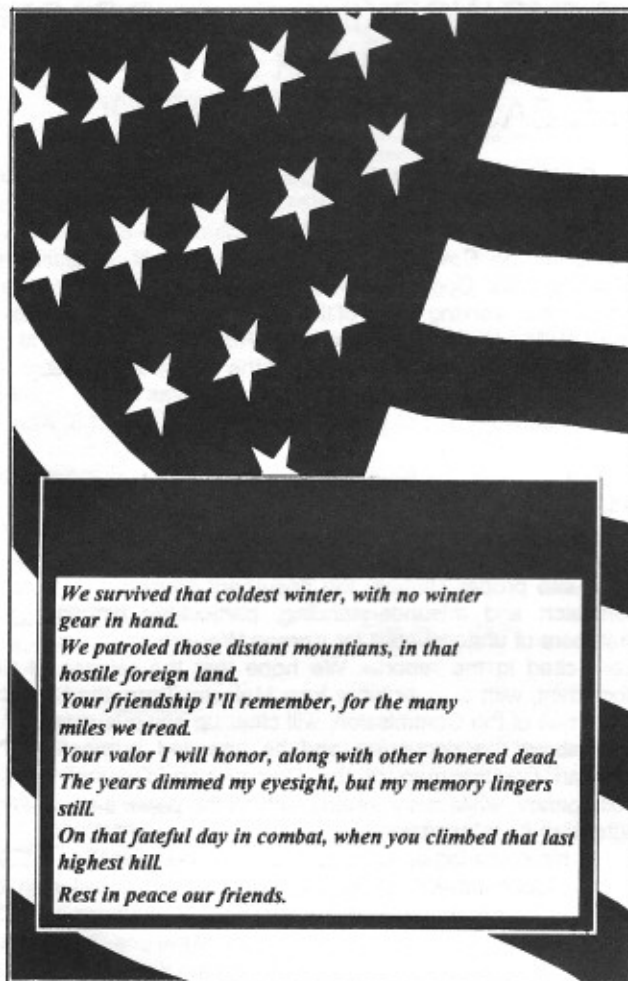
I sincerely feel that Sal and I left no stone unturned and we will see the fruits of our labor in a few months. We have raised the Russians' awareness and pray for it all to pay off. I thank you all for your continued support and prayers, without which I would have been alone; but together we stand as an army of strength who demands "Bring 'Em Home Now." I hope that your interest and continued efforts and telephone calls (White House Comment Line 202-256-1111) on this matter do not cease and that we let Washington know that Korea will not be forgotten any longer.

Irene L. Mandra
Chairperson POW's/MIA
Korean War Veterans/LI, NY

The National Order of Battlefield Commissions is trying to locate all men for membership who, in WWII, Korea, or Vietnam, on the field of battle against an armed enemy, received a commission from enlisted to Warrant or Commissioned status. IT MAY BE YOU! or someone you know. Contact: John Angier 67 Ocean Dr, St Augustine FL 32084 or call 904-471-7695.

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

WE REMEMBER



Vince Krepps in Baltimore announces that the flag "We Remember" is to be a part of a display that will be shown on Memorial Day 1994 at Social Security Headquarters in Baltimore and Armed Forces Day at Aberdeen, Maryland. It will be six panels (20" x 30") showing pictures of the Korean War history, arranged by the Maryland Chapter, KWVA "TELL AMERICA."

ARE YOUR DUES DUE???
CHECK TO SEE

MORE CONFERENCES AND MORE MEMBERS

A Recommendation for Study

I believe its time to change how our organization handles business affairs with its State Departments, separate Chapters and the many individuals that comprise our membership of the KWVA, Inc. We need to change our political image and become a more involved veterans organization with more participation by the general membership. Meeting only twice a year by the Executive Board is too long a time to be able to complete its business in an orderly fashion. Two (2) times a year just doesn't "cut it."

In addition to our Annual Reunion held in July each year, I am proposing two additional meetings, plus our mid-winter meeting. I propose a Fall Conference (October), a Winter Conference (January), and a Spring Conference (April) to run the normal business of the KWVA, Inc. The three meetings, October, January and April, would be hosted by a regional State Department or by a separate Chapter(s), which could include a Memorial Service, a Recognition Banquet, maybe a seminar, etc. The conference would be smaller in scope than the National Reunion, but equally as important so that the members who are not able to attend the Annual Reunion, could attend one or more of the three Regional Conferences, to further the "Goals of the KWVA, Inc." and for the comradeship of our members. The meetings are needed and would become very important and meaningful to every K-Vet. Our Board owes this to the membership.

I am also proposing that our National Organization return \$2.00 of our dues to each State Department, on a per capita basis, each year to be used only for the purpose of increasing our membership and our Chapters. If we are to become an active body, representing the Korean War Veteran, we have to enroll more members to make our voice heard in Washington and the State Capitols of our Nation. There is strength in numbers and our Legislators understand the Power of the Ballot.

If the membership agrees with my proposals and would like to see the KWVA, Inc., with additional Regional Conferences, new Chapters and more members, please let your voice be heard. Call or write all members of the Executive Board and tell them what is needed before the July Reunion in Tempe, Arizona, so they may vote on these proposals.

KAMSA HAMNIDA (Thank you)

William H. "Bill" Van Ort
1101 Parkwood Lane
Stillwater, MN 55082-5456
612-439-7161

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

DNA USE FOR KOREAN WAR IDENTITY

March 17, 1994

Mr. Vincent A. Krepps
24 Goucher Woods Court
Towson, Maryland 21286-5655

Dear Mr. Krepps:

This responds to your letter soliciting a Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) test sample kit.

Since it was publicized that the Army would provide DNA test kits to Korean War family members, the Army has become increasingly concerned about some aspects of the application of DNA technology to the identification effort directed at our war dead. The utilization of DNA technology is a primary means of identification for Korean War remains has not been established as a viable concept or policy at this time. As a result, the Army recently requested that the Defense Science Board study the feasibility of using DNA techniques in the identification of Korean War remains.

Accordingly, until the recommendations of the Defense Science Board are received, evaluated, and implemented no further action will be taken with respect to this initiative.

We will retain your correspondence. Should the Defense Science Board affirm the efficacy of DNA technology as applied to Korean War remains and endorse a program to solicit samples from selected family members, the kit will be dispatched to you expeditiously.

Sincerely,

/s/Mack M. Brooks
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Chief, POW/MIA Affairs

From the DOD-POW/MIA Newsletter

USRJC WORKING GROUP PAPER ON KOREAN WAR POW'S RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC

On November 9, 1993, the Department of Defense released to the public a Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO) document dated August 26, 1993, titled, "The Transfer of U.S. Korean War POWs to the Soviet Union." This document, prepared by DPMO's Joint Commission Support Branch for use by the Korean War working group of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs, was presented to the Russians in Moscow at the September 1993 plenary session of the Commission. Although initially intended for internal use, the paper was never classified and contains no official conclusions on the fate of U.S. Korean War POWs.

Shortly after the September meeting, a copy of the report was provided to the press without authorization of the U.S. or Russian governments. Unfortunately, with no explanation by the Department of Defense or the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission to put it into proper context, the document caused considerable confusion and misunderstanding, particularly among family members of unaccounted for Korean War-era servicemen who were cited in the report. We hope that the release of this document, with a cover letter from Malcolm Toon, the U.S. Co-Chairman of the Commission, will clear up any misunderstandings about the document and its intended purpose. The Russian Co-Chairman of the Commission, General Demitri Volkogonov, while not agreeing with all the paper's arguments, agreed to its release.

In his cover letter, Ambassador Toon outlines the purpose of the document--furthering the work of the commission by fostering joint research and investigation. The paper contains only a preliminary analytical assessment of the possible transfer of U.S. POWs to the Soviet Union during the Korean War. It reflects, as Ambassador Toon notes, the U.S. side of the Commission's *belief* that, "American POWs might have been transferred to the former Soviet Union in the course of the Korean War." The truth about this matter has yet to be determined.

When the work of the Commission on this issue is completed, everything it has done will be released to the families and the public at large. The U.S. and Russian sides of the Commission are investigating the information presented in the report. Members of the Russian and American delegations continue their examination of the archives of the Ministries of Security, Internal Affairs, Defense, and other agencies of the Russian Federation. We are also conducting on-site interviews with persons who may know of the possible transfer of American POWs during the 1950s. All information is being carefully checked. Our joint efforts will continue until such time as we are satisfied that our remaining questions are answered.

It is important to note that all of the information contained in this report is derived from material that previously has been shared with the families of those personnel cited in the report. Only in those few cases where the service casualty offices have lost contact with the families have we been unable to make these facts available.

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

AN URGENT PLEA FOR HELP!

IRENE MANDRA Chairperson for POW's/MIA, KWVA, LI, NY. has put in an urgent call to rally Korean vets behind HR 291, in the House of Representatives. (Also see "POW's in Russia?" article in this issue.)

She advises that the bill was introduced last year but is languishing amongst little interested members. The Bill is to amend Title 10, US Code "to establish procedures for determining whether members of the Armed Forces in a missing status...are deceased (and other purposes).."

The Congressional print out reads that the purposes of the Act "...is to insure that any member of the Armed Forces...is fully accounted for...and as a general rule may not be declared dead solely because of the passage of time." Its short title is the "Missing Service Personnel Act of 1933."

Comrade Irene asks all KWVA members to contact their Senators and Representatives and press for enactment of this bill, or for more info call her at 516-694-0989. (Ed.)

Notice To Korean Language Readers

We are considering the use of occasional bilingual items of interest and welcome submission.

한국인 독자에게 알림

본지는 필요한 경우 간혹 한국어로 쓰는 기사도 게재하려고 합니다. 뜻있는 한국분들의 활발한 투고를 바랍니다.

NEWSLETTER NAME CHANGE?

As previously reported, following recent criticisms of newsletter operations the Executive Board decided in February at the Baltimore meeting to change the name of our newsletter. But they didn't say precisely when--or to what.

Your editor has seized on this vagueness, at the risk of reprimand, to stall on the matter for a bit. For the time being, we continue to use our past name, but with less prominence.

Before completely changing the name, we will feel more comfortable if there is an opportunity for the collective membership to contribute to this rather important and substantive decision.

We think picking the best name for our newsletter requires some careful and deep pondering. Some have insisted that the name "Graybeards" is inappropriate, because of gender or other reasons. Others think there is an historical and established reason for retaining the past name which by now is well known and has become widely identified with the KWVA. Some may not care one way or the other.



"How about 'Doggie News'?"

We now suggest that all our comrades, to include any couch potatoes around, give the matter some careful thought and favor us with their recommendations. A sound argument can be made for a name that reflects the identity of our organization. For example, the name "Chosen Few" easily relates to the X Corps that landed in and left Northeast Korea in the winter of '50-51. The newsletter "The Bulge Bugle" is published by the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge in WWII.

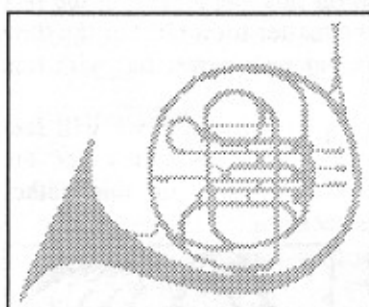
The more imaginative suggestions for our newsletter can be published as a poll in a future issue and members will be asked to vote on their preferences. The Board can then make a final decision on the matter after taking into due consideration the expressed views of the membership.

We await your response. Please help your association on this important issue. Do your part. Submit a suggestion.

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO ONE,...AND ALL, KOREAN VETS

[From *Chosin Few Newsletter*, March/April, 1994. See article by Moon elsewhere in this issue.]



The sole-surviving son of M/Sgt. Thomas Clinton Moon, USA (Hq/57FA/7Div), who died in action at the Chosin Reservoir on 29 November, 1950, informs us that he is going to expand the lyrics of his song in memory of his father, "Is He Just Some Guardian Angel?," which we published in the May/June, 1993 Magazine issue. Written by M/Sgt. Moon's only child, Lawrence David Moon, those words of tribute will now comprise the third and final movement to the author and composer's first symphony, which will be called Symphony Number One: The Guardian Angel.

♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

This musical tribute is to be scored as a choral symphony for a gospel choir of 12 men, 12 women, 12 boys, and 12 girls to reflect M/Sgt. Moon's Baptist roots from the State of Georgia. It will be orchestrated for all the

standard symphony instruments plus saxophones, harmonicas, banjos, and electric lead bass and steel guitars. Never before has such a musical work of this calibre been conceived by any American composer for the subject of the Korean War...let alone for one that touches so closely upon the nature of The Chosin Few and all its members. Lawrence has dedicated this artistic endeavor not only to the memory of his late father, who was a Legion of Merit recipient during WWII, but this Chosin son is also co-dedicating the choral symphony to "all the United Nations forces of the Korean War--especially to The Chosin Few." High level interest in this project already has been shown by the military. On 7 February, 1994, the composer was telephoned by Lt. Col. Finley Hamilton, of the U.S. Army Field Bank from Ft. George Meade, Maryland, who had heard about the work from the Pentagon.



We wish Lawrence all the best in realization of this project dedicated to The Chosin Few!!

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ANY KWVA ACCOMPLISHMENTS?

Before answering consider the following.

=In 1986 KWVA dedicated the Meditation bench in Arlington Cemetery - first Korean War memorial on Federal property in contiguous States.

=Same year launched drive to raise funds for Memorial with M-1 Rifle Raffles, fund raisers, etc. Second only to VFW which has nearly 2,000,000 members vs KWVA 10,000.

=Obtained Abigail van Buren's ("Dear Abby") help (thru member Kathleen Wyosnick) to publicize Memorial - 35,000 readers contributed over \$340,000.

=Sponsored 1989 White House Rose Garden ceremony to bestow honorary membership on Dear Abby with President unveiling winning Memorial design. Later honored Bob Hope and Bill Mauldin at annual reunion dinner.

=Instrumental in 1990 in return of first War dead from North Korea since 1954.

=Significantly assisted, with intense opposition from powerful Capitol Hill sources, in passing Coin Bill, with much help from associate member Sally Byington.

=Helped arrange Charles Kuralt CBS Sunday Morning TV Show featuring the Korean War Memorial.

=Produced continuing publicity concerning Korean War and its vets in over 2000 national periodicals.

=And there's much more, but no space here. Will try recap further in future issues. ED.

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KWVA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER Unsung Glory?



THE CHAPTER EDITOR

It strikes us that an area of intense and commendable KWVA activity that goes largely unnoticed, or at least that is taken mostly for granted, is the periodic news letters that are produced by local KWVA chapters.

These newsletters, probably printed and mailed largely at someone's personal expense, must surely constitute a much needed service and a valuable means of intra-association communication. Those responsible are to be warmly thanked with a resounding pat on the back.

We have two such publications on hand at the moment. For sure there are many more, but we don't have copies just now.

The two on hand are from the Maryland Chapter and the Edward W. Rhoads Chapter out Tucson way. That town is in Arizona in case you east coast stay-at-homers who never watched an oater movie haven't heard.

The Maryland letter is edited by energetic but unpretentious Vincent Krepps (the reader must search carefully for that info on the last page). It is 6-8 pages in size, produced with or by a PC software program and thus able to have enlarged headlines in bold fonts and other attention getting techniques to

include graphics scattered throughout. The bulletin has articles on upcoming events, elections, a human interest story or two, some member biographies, and reports of meetings. Its heading has the Maryland Chapter logo which includes a map of the State. It has several ads which no doubt help defray the costs of publication.

The Rhodes Chapter letter has a title--"The Sonny News" (not Sunny in Arizona?) and the two issues we have are both 8 pages in length. They list the editor as Dick Wainwright and the publisher as Glenn Payne.

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The Sonny News also contains a variety of items ranging from meeting dates to notices of forthcoming events. It has messages sections for the Commander, Secretary and Chaplain and a page for "Opinions and Comments".

In the March issue, the Commander in his "Message", reported in some detail on the results of the Executive Board meeting in Baltimore in February. He thus was able to scoop us here by at least a month since we were not able to get into print with the minutes of the meeting until our April issue that was late in mailing in May. Thus the Chapter newsletter provided its members with a valuable service that was forthcoming more rapidly than from our more bulky, less frequent, national newsletters. For this, the chapter editor, or

editors, are to be congratulated and their contributions should be duly noted by their own chapter members. For sure their banners of achievement flutter high.



Not many Chapters provide us with copies of their newsletters, or bulletins, and of course not all Chapter necessarily produce them. Newsletters received, however, will be carefully reviewed for possible items that may be of interest of our readers nationally in which case we will steal and republish them without apologies. But we won't plagiarize. Chapter Editors can be sure we will gladly afford them full and truly much deserved credit for their commendable efforts and contributions.

Well done Comrades. Keep up the good work!!! It's something well worth crowing about.....



SOME KWVA MEMBER OPINIONS ABOUT MATTERS OF CONCERN A Director samples feelings.

We have a copy of a recent letter from Director Wainwright to our President in which he reports on the results of questions he asked the membership in the January *GRAYBEARDS* issue concerning overall KWVA operations. Our Director reports that he received only 15 responses but we note they seem to all be from the "grass roots," that is, not from the national leadership. Thus we think these opinions may be of more than usual interest and deserving of reprint herein. For space conservation, we condense the questions and summarize the answers.

1. Your biggest KWVA concern; and solution?

ANSWERS: Internal bickering and dissention, finger pointing, criticisms, unnecessary remarks, use of *Graybeards* to advance the desires of the editor and his group, lost sight of goals, and so on in varying language; lack of strong leadership; need to more widely publicize the Korean War and its veterans.

(Editorial comment: We hope many of these complaints will disappear with the Board and other actions reported in our last issue. If not, we are sure we will hear from members as we should.)

2. Will you vote in 1994? How to increase voting?

ANSWERS: All said they would vote. Three suggested better ballots (insert with address) and better resumes of candidates. Several expressed doubt that many members would vote no matter what the approach.

(Editorial comment: We are relying on the type of ballot in this issue, and the way we presented the candidates in the last issue, to result in more confidence in our voting techniques and to bring out a heavier vote. Time will tell as to the extent of our success.)

3. National roster: Member permission to list? Who should receive? How often publish?

ANSWERS: Of the eight responses to the permission question, 6 said yes; two said no. As to who should receive, generally all said members only, one said to sell for revenue, two said to only officers and directors or Chapters.

(Editorial comment: This is a most tricky and troublesome issue. The Board in Baltimore in February

instructed the Secretary and Director Wainwright to prepare a membership list by May for general distribution and we ran a notice in the last issue for members to promptly report any changes in addresses to the Secretary.

Your editor's impression is that veteran groups with large memberships (American Legion, VFW?) do not distribute membership lists. They are too costly, bulky, rapidly changing, and in questionable demand. Groups with smaller membership, say under 5,000 - divisional, regimental, battalion associations - seem to routinely distribute membership lists at no cost and without securing permission from the members to include their names.

Our typist who also helps with the newsletter of the Battle of the Bulge Association with a membership in number almost the same as KWVA informed us that, when they polled their members, to their surprise, only about 5% expressed a desire to have a list even if automatically distributed. Assuming KWVA members may feel about the same, then a distribution to all members would be clearly a waste of money and effort.

This matter will probably remain under study in the coming months, but a reasonable and practical approach may well be to prepare and publish a list with a limited number of copies and provide a copy upon request to any member at a cost reflecting the expense of publication. Updates could be provided through "new members" items in the newsletter. We welcome further comment.)

4. Should members be receiving more information from National, and how should it be distributed.

ANSWERS: Generally, all said "No, not enough", and most responder had many suggestion. Most said the info should be distributed, mainly, in the newsletter. Suggestions included legislation, chapter information,



Director Wainwright: "What's your opinion fella?"
KWVA Member: "Hah! Thought you would never ask!"



"Whot, oh whot pray tell, is a poor body to do?"



...SOME KWVA MEMBER OPINIONS (Contd.)

annual goals, "anything to make the unit a better service to members", membership activities, valid accounting of memorial monies, better financial statements, more member activities, personal experiences, anything of Korean Vets and KWVA interests as items that should be more widely publicized.

(Editorial comment: We are noting these comments carefully and will try to comply. If we don't, we are confident we will hear from our members. Director Wainwright expressed confidence that the newsletter would henceforth see more of all of the above.)

5. Are you a member of a chapter? Would you work to form a chapter? Should National better help chapters? What if it required raising dues?

ANSWERS: Generally, all responders supported existing and more chapter organization and activity. They were split down the middle, however, on whether dues should be raised. Some said members could not afford and that it would result in loss of membership.

(Director Wainwright commented that additional National support was planned through a forthcoming Standard Procedures Manual and the "Tell America" project.)

6. Will you work on a public relations committee in your area?

ANSWERS: Most, not all, said yes and volunteered their experience or qualifications.

(Director Wainwright commented "This points out that we have members who can help.")

7. Other observations concerning actions you do not understand or approve.

RESPONSES: Many more heated comments on improper past operation of GRAYBEARDS, "...poorly prepared articles concerning Memorial construction are not essential", "find ways of better publicizing info about Korean POWs and MIAs", "recruiting fund for national membership advertising", some "interpretations of current by-laws and recommendations to correct them", "print answers to Stan Hadden's comments", "no place of honor at KV Memorial - still a rinky dink volunteer corporation", "highest honor will be names on the wall for those who made the supreme sacrifice", "Hadden should not be allowed to rant and rave about his perceptions of our problems", "KWVA should set goals other than Memorial name inscriptions", "pass out TS cards to members who seem to be motivated by self



interest and have them go to the Chaplain," "favor names on wall but can add later - we need a memorial now," "need to triple membership," "need strong Judge Advocate," expedite plans for '95 dedication, periodically publish chapters in newsletter (several such comments), appoint three member editorial review board, "prospective members viewing last several issues of Graybeards would not want to join KWVA".

(Editorial comment: Many of the above comments in the nature of complaints are probably now mostly moot in view of the recent actions of the President and the Executive Board, and changes in newsletter content and direction. At least we hope so.)

Concerning the often and recently made suggestion to appointment an editorial review board, this new and struggling editor would hope that any such action might be held in abeyance, at least for now. It may be



that such feelings are based on past Graybeard operations and may no longer very strongly apply. This editor finds the job challenging and all consuming enough as is without having to consult with three widely separated individuals, well meaning as they may be, for concurrence or guidance on each or most items and issues that is to appear in the news letter. In fact, such a procedure might well result in no, or very late, newsletters. Your editor pleads for indulgence for the time being. The matter can be reexamined at a later time if some members wish.

Director Wainwright commented in part, "I hope this effort to contact the membership is useful...we have come too far to drop what has been started." He encouraged all members to vote in the upcoming election and to work to recover lost members. The Director also commented that there was no need to discuss the former editor since he had resigned, that the By-Laws of 1992 are the current set, and that a new Judge Advocate has been appointed.

The following KWVA members responded to Director Wainwrights January request for comments: R.S. Simmons, Carmichael CA; Martin A. Markley, Fullerton CA; Tod Cornell, Albuquerque NM; George J. Hoffman, Columbus OH; William J. Walsh, Charlestown MA; Leon G. Johnson, Bath, NY; Charles C. Smith, Austin TX; James R. Colignon, La Miranda CA; Ulysses "Liddy" Nick, Jacksonville FL; Alfred L. Meister, Old Town ME; Ed Fellabaum, Clarrington OH; Thomas Twomey, Jr, Fayetteville NC; Donald G. Arp, Albuquerque NM; Audrey J. Reid, Plymouth MN and Ted L. Maloy, Houston TX.

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A SUGGESTION WORTH ADOPTING

GRAYBEARDS Editor

I would like to pass on a suggestion made at the recent unofficial regional meeting of Chapter Presidents in Albany, NY, and which I, as Chair of "TELL AMERICA," feel has merit.

Since the majority of our membership is not affiliated with a Chapter, and one of the aims of both the "TELL AMERICA" Committee, and the Membership Committee, is increasing the Chapter membership as we increase National Association membership, it would be productive to include in each issue of *GRAYBEARDS*, a Chapter list, with city (or area) and phone numbers.

In that way, at-large members who may have an interest in being part of a group effort, will have access to the nearest Chapter. Since most Chapters use an officer's home phone as their "Chapter phone," in many cities, KWVA does not appear in the phone directory.

Please give consideration to this suggestion. Many thanks.

Fraternally,

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[We think Comrade Cofsky's suggestion is quite worthy and we herewith publish our chapter lists below. Cost and limited space will prevent us from fully following his suggestion with publication in every issue, but will try to do so at least annually.]

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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!"

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AN EDITORIAL LAMENT



Elsewhere herein we print a letter from the Chief of the Army's Military Awards office that, in essence, presents the basis for not authorizing a Bronze Star award for veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars who received the Combat Infantryman Badge, as was done following WWII. The thrust of the Army's position seems to be that such awards were justified after WWII because the medal was not created, unlike Korea and Vietnam, until half way through the war and thus, at the beginning, commanders had no opportunity to award it.

The Army's letter deserves outrage, resentment and the utmost contempt by every veteran of these two generally unappreciated and forgotten conflicts where tens of thousands of our nation's youth lay down their lives or lost blood under the most painful and tortuous conditions imaginable.

The Bronze Star is scant token of what the country owes these veterans. It is the lowest ranking of the combat medals, below even the Silver Star. It was created in WWII, belatedly and begrudgingly it seems, following wide spread complaints by ground force front line combat troops that there was no recognition for their services comparable to the Air Medal for our flyers that was ordinarily awarded on the basis of five combat sorties, even if no enemy resistance was encountered. The Air Force to its credit recognized that flying missions was debilitating, stressful, clearly meritorious and deserved gratitude.

The requirements for a Bronze Star, in pertinent part, is simply and modestly, "meritorious achievement or service" in combat, no matter whether the award was authorized at the beginning or middle of a conflict. It does not even require "gallantry" in combat, as does the Silver Star, or "extraordinary" heroism as does the DSC, nor, for sure, conduct "above and beyond the call of duty" as does the Medal of Honor.

The Bronze Star regulation only requires service that merits recognition. Would not the mere participation in the landing at Inchon, an attack on Heartbreak Ridge, long nights of defense at the Naktong, or withdrawal from Chosen, or any number of battles elsewhere in Korea or Vietnam, even if no particular individual acts of heroism was demonstrated, be meritorious and fully qualify a veteran for not one, but many Bronze Stars? The answer is so obvious as to make response unnecessary.

The tragedy in the history of the Bronze Star awards, as can be said of many of the other medals where front line and especially lower ranking, combat troopers were

involved, is that the command structure has been so restrictive and niggardly, parsimonious and selfish in bestowing it on troops. The attitude has generally been that unless it can be clearly shown that the recommended individual has done something quite outstanding and exceptional that the award was not justified. But that is not what the regulation provides, nor has it been the requirement for the "sister" Air Medal as stated.

The published letter from the Army is heavy on bureaucratic, distorted, unrelated and tortured rhetoric and quite lacking and starving for meaningful substance. It doesn't escape our attention that it was written by a woman. Without meaning any reflection on her gender it is clear she had no sustained, or probably any, combat experience and thus cannot possibly have any conception of what life was like under the unimaginable front line conditions of death, pain, deprivation, mental anguish, cold, filth, hunger, and any number of mind boggling adjectives that could be thrown in.

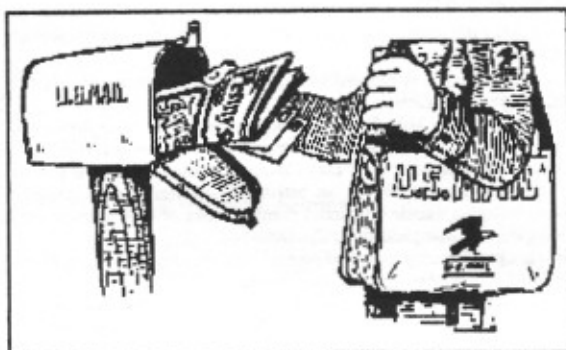
We contend that Bronze Stars should be awarded generously to front line veterans for multiple days of duty, and especially for any major action in which they participated regardless of whether individually recommended or any specific act of heroism is shown.

It has been sad and lamentable enough that the Nation generally has shown so little appreciation for or recognition of the sufferings and sacrifices of the fighting men of the two Asian conflicts, but for the government itself, through its bureaucracy to do so is little short of criminal. Any uncertainties as to the justification for across the board awards of the Bronze Star to, at the very least, anyone who holds the CIB should be resolved in the favor of the veterans. To do less is reprehensible, disgraceful and shameful.

Veterans who have been waging this battle in the past should continue to do so. Their cause is just and, we are confident, fully supported by every informed and understanding American and KWVA member. If not, and we are wrong, we will be glad to print rebuttals.

[Also see well articulated letter of Michael Bach, Staten Island, NY, on this subject in our APRIL issue.]

SWP



A MOST TOUCHING MATTER

We've received the following letter from one of our comrades, a dentist in Middletown, NY that we think may be of special interest to our readers, many of whom may well feel as does the writer.

Editor, The Graybeards:

I wasn't sure whether I should write this letter or not. It has to do with a problem I have and I wonder if any other battlefield veterans have a similar problem.

I remember on the battlefield seeing some of my comrades have nervous breakdowns and cry uncontrollably. Fortunately, this never happened to me in battle. Now, however, over 50 years later I can recall on several occasions when casually talking about things that happened in battle that I can feel the beginning of a strange feeling that I'm about to have a nervous breakdown. On several occasions I actually had an uncontrollable cry episode.

In fact, in April of this year a friend of mine asked me some questions about the war. I started to answer and then realized what was about to happen and I said I'm sorry but can't talk about it now. Tears came to my eyes and I was only a few seconds away from an embarrassing cry jag. Luckily I was able to look away and control myself.

Now, I can never get into any discussions about the war. I can never go to a war movie, I can't answer questions my children ask about it, and I have to be careful not to talk about the war. This scares me and I wonder if there are others out there who have a

similar problem and how they handle it.

WILLIAM J. KLINK,
2 Grove St, Middletown NY 10940.

Yours is a most touching communication Comrade Klink and we are very pleased for the opportunity to bring it to the attention of our members and readers.

You editor is not sufficiently schooled in the operations of the human mind to hazard a guess as to the psychological causes of the emotions that your report you are experiencing. Perhaps it is because of compassion for buddies lost, or the nearness and closeness of those that remain. It could also be due to the mentally painful and burdensome recollections of past periods of danger, deprivation, suffering, hardships, trials, tribulations, and some other adjectives to describe the prolonged periods of extreme mental anxiety and stress while all around there is death and destruction. Perhaps it is a combination of all of these.

As to why it hits us later in life may never be completely explainable but for sure our ability weakens in later years to cope with mental as well as physical challenges that were better handled when we were younger and in better shape.

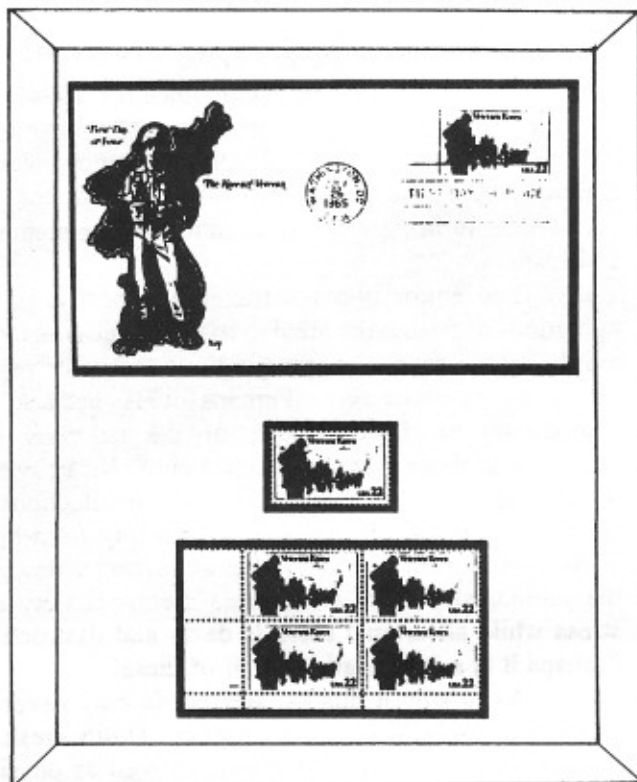
No matter what the causes of this, however, we would suggest that you should disillusion yourself that this is a condition experienced only by you or a few and that it should be a source of embarrassment or make you excessively self conscious. If you think that then you should visit the Vietnam Memorial on the Mall here in Washington almost any day. People there in tight and full control of their emotions are clearly the exception, not the rule. There are somber faces and most will unabashedly have damp eyes or tears running down their faces. Many are survivors of vets with names on the memorial, but others are vets themselves who are overcome by sad memories of those with whom they have shared a common and painful experience.

We think your emotional reactions are not unusual for veterans of our wars, or any wars. Surely, you would have far greater justification for concern if your emotions were other than as you describe.

We think this is a subject of profound importance and welcome comments from our readers on this matter.

EDITOR.

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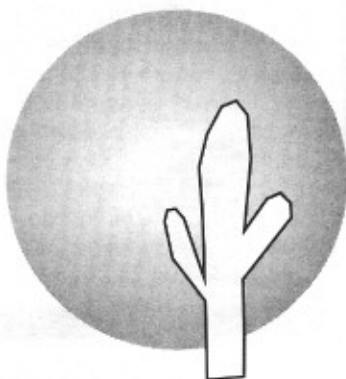
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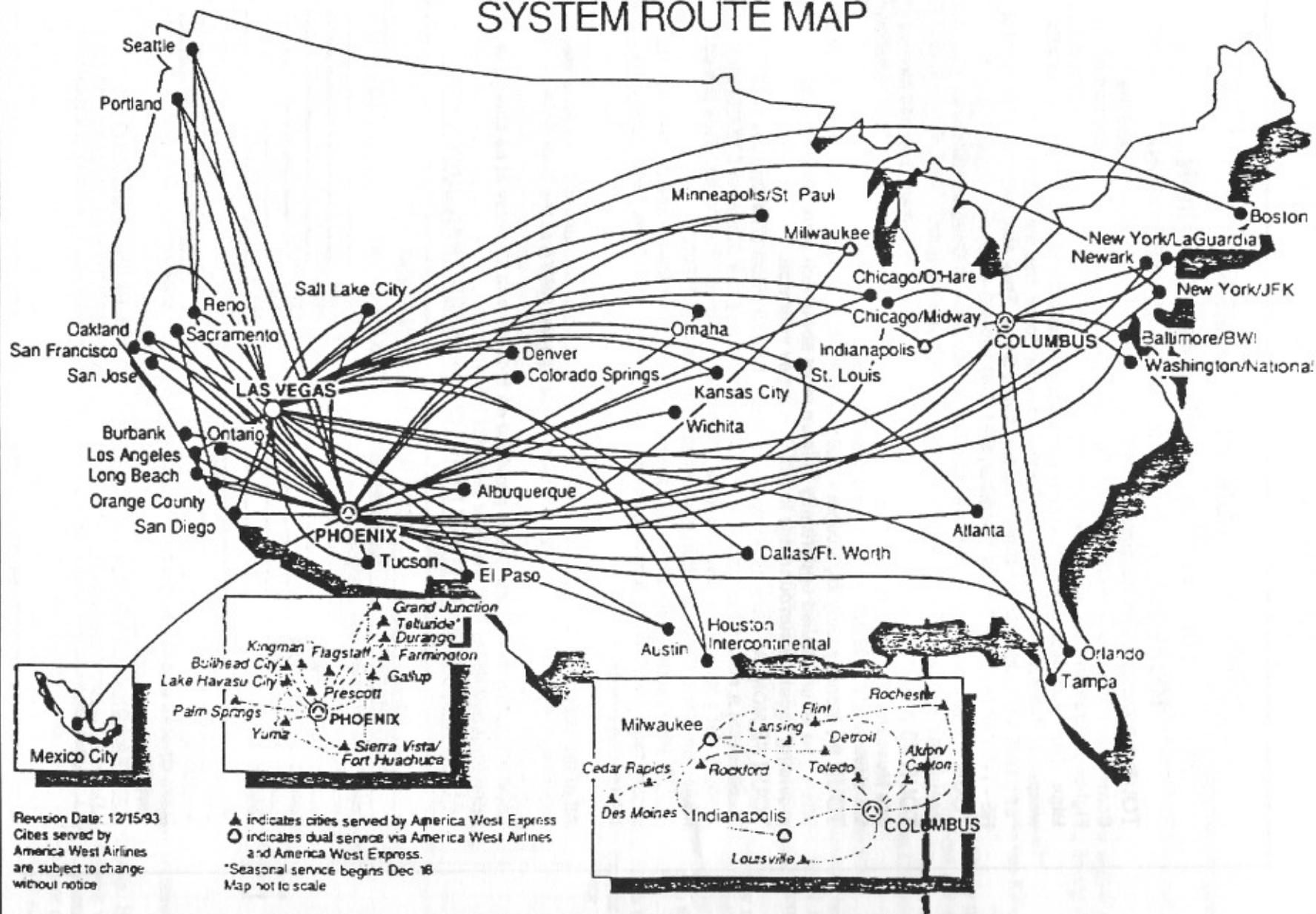
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From the Desk of the First Vice President:

With the KWVA elections approaching, let's look at the issues. KWVA members deserve an open and representative organization. The main issue is "Do you, the members, want a voice in how the KWVA will be managed in the coming years?"

You have read about long standing issues that have yet to be resolved by the Executive Council, and actions taken by the National leadership not approved by the Council. Additionally, more Council decisions are being discussed and/or voted on along party lines behind closed doors. I consider these actions ill-advised. For example, the '93 Reunion Council vote to fill Director Alexander's position, TELL AMERICA Chairman's Cofsky's appointment, validity of 92 Bylaws/financial records, IRS tax problems/ audit of KWVA not yet seen in writing by the Council, questionable Council vote/status concerning Friedlander, the allocation of \$20,000 to President Adams/Director Burke (\$10,000 each) for travel expenses to promote the KWVA, especially just before the '94 elections, etc.

Furthermore, did the KWVA leadership introduce the Congressional Bills to declare July 27 as Korean War Veterans Armistice Day as written in the April '94 GRAYBEARDS? I submitted a similar Resolution for council approval at the '93 Reunion, but it was rejected. The important thing is the Bills have been introduced, but why now and the secrecy as to who introduced the Bills for Congressional action. Was the Council's rejection of my '93 Reunion Resolution and the above action an election gimmick by a few who want to retain control of the KWVA?

The above Bill was written and introduced to Congress by John Kenney, who has been appointed by President Adams as Congressional Liaison along with Tom Maines as Executive Assistant to the President (April '94 GRAYBEARDS). Neither name had been submitted to the Executive Council for approval/disapproval as of the publication of the April GRAYBEARDS. This action is a direct violation of KWVA Bylaws and New York Law (N-PCL-713). The President has the authority only to appoint officers, subject to approval by the Council/Board before taking office.

It must be noted, Messrs. Kenney/Maines are also President and Secretary of the Korean War Veterans Foundation (KWVF), respectively, sponsors of the 92/93/94 Wreath Laying Ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery. Twice the KWVF has requested a small KWVA donation to help defray the costs of the past two ceremonies, but was rejected outright by President Adams. The KWVF will be sponsoring the '94 July 27 Ceremony. Will they ask for a KWVA donation this year? All of the aforementioned actions/issues/decisions bespeak suspicions of political intrigue. "Oh, what tangled webs we mortals weave, when once we practice to deceive!"

As First Vice President, I have pushed for open communication with the membership as well as submitting resolutions recommending organizational/ policies/changes, coupled with applicable business practices, to improve KWVA management. Why has our national leadership been unwilling to bring those resolutions and other issues before the membership for approval? It is simply a way to keep control of

the KWVA, by keeping members from becoming involved in decisions that affect the KWVA. Ask yourself, how did this happen? Is anyone watching the store? Don't you think someone should have told you the facts?

You must elect candidates who will keep you informed and take positive actions. The Candidates you select must be committed to the highest level of public service and not quietly trying to cover the tracks of the past. Don't allow the current leadership another two years of keeping you in the dark. Vote for candidates for National Offices and the Board of Directors who are committed to telling you all the facts. This is your organization. The President and Council members should represent you in every sense of the word.

Questions you the voter should ask, "Why is President Adams running for office again? Why this sudden attempt to project an image of a strong and active leader with his recent flurry of actions? Who is Dan Smith and what are his contributions to the KWVA? You know my record and what I stand for, hands on management for a more progressive membership-oriented KWVA!"

For the first time in years, you have the choice for major changes. Exercise that choice and vote in the '94 election for change and progress.

NICK PAPPAS

[The merits of many of Candidate Pappas' above comments must be left to his election opponents or the members to address or determine to the extent that they have the time or wherewithal for doing so between now and voting time. With respect to his statement that the designation by the President of Tom Maines and John Kenney as Executive Assistant and Congressional Liaison, respectively, is a violation of NY Law and the KWVA Bylaws, we feel impelled to point out in the interests of accuracy that neither of these positions are considered to be "officers," with voting and other rights, within the meaning of the law of the Bylaws. Thus there would seem to be no basis for concluding that the appointments are violative or other than simply an exercise of privilege by the president to designate certain persons to assist him in his administrative duties. Both individuals have advised us that if the Executive Board objects to the appointments at its next meeting, they will promptly resign. EDITOR]

SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES TO:

KWVA

Harry Wallace, Membership Chairman

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CORRECTIONS

Please note the following corrections to the biographical sketch of Daniel R. Smith which appeared on pages 36-37 in the April, 1994, issue of *GRAYBEARDS*.

Page 36:

First paragraph: "Ealham" should be "Earlham."

Fifth paragraph: "AMEC" should be "AHEC."

Sixth paragraph: "HRBA" should be "HRSA."

Page 37:

Second paragraph: "destruction" should be "obstruction."

An Election Statement from Dan Smith

Why should the membership support Dan Smith?

1. NAMES ON A WALL. Dan Smith is the only candidate who has a well thought out, workable and do-able plan to have names on a wall. He has discussed the problem with Congressional staffers and has subsequent meetings planned with key congressmen. This can only be accomplished, in the future, if you the members feel it is important enough to pursue.

2. KWVA needs change. Dan Smith would bring proven leadership and administrative skills to this position. Dan would be a KWVA president without the baggage of the current infighting, bickering and probable legal action against office holders. Even a new editor of *The GRAYBEARDS* can't replace the underlying friction between some members.

3. Dan Smith will serve as a unifying force and use his experience and skill to try to heal the wounds within the KWVA Family, bringing new blood and a fresh approach to new issues.

Dan Smith is asking our help and support to:

- A. make KWVA a respectable organization,
- B. design a project to ensure that no KWVA member has to go to bed hungry, homeless or that their family is in despair,
- C. provide for business and family education loans,
- D. promote better health care for veterans.

The Rumor Mill

It is important that we understand that while we are all linked together as Korean War veterans, we are in a political campaign. In as such, you will undoubtedly be subject to the old, negative Whisper Campaign. I am certain that before the balloting, you may hear "things" about Dan Smith that may be just enough to cast a doubt in your mind. These unsubstantiated and disparaging statements may be made in an attempt to cloud my integrity and commitment to KWVA.

I ask that you extend me the same courtesy about rumors, etc., as you would want for your family. If you have concerns--please call and hear the responses directly from the horse's mouth.

I have the utmost faith and belief in this country and feel that we can make KWVA a proud and respected organization. To all those who have joined in supporting me, now or in the future, I extend my appreciation.

HAPPY BALLOTING!

DAN SMITH

Presidential Candidate

301-443-2063--Office or 301-897-0858--Home

AN EDITORIAL
EXPLANATION

In this issue we are publishing additional campaign messages from two of the three presidential candidates. We do so with a great deal of reluctance and discomfort. Both candidates have insisted that they have this "right." We doubt it.

The other candidate for president, Dick Adams has not requested additional space in the newsletter to press his candidacy.

In our last issue, this editor's first, we published detailed resumes and photos on all candidates to include their positions on issues based on information they supplied to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

We are concerned that publishing additional messages by only these two candidates in this issue constitutes an unfair and unwarranted "second bite of the apple" to the detriment of other candidates.

Nevertheless, mindful of the troublesome period the Association has been going through, and because of the major importance of this particular top office and the absence of more definitive policy guidance from the Executive Board, we are acceding to the wishes of these two candidates.

We are deeply troubled by this development, however, and intend to make it the subject of remedial recommendations at the next Board meeting.



"Gawd, there must be a better way to get to Tempe in time...I dasn't miss the "Fun in the Arizona Sun".

A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW

[Elsewhere in this issue we print an additional election statement from presidential candidate Nick Pappas raising several points to include questions concerning action on Veterans Armistice Day Congressional bills. Newly-designated Congressional Liaison John Kenney has additional information which he feels is in conflict with some of the representations made by candidate Pappas and we publish them below. We think KWVA members will want to learn of both viewpoints and draw their own conclusions therefrom.]

May 10, 1994

Letter to the Editor, KWVA Newsletter

Shown below is a portion of a letter addressed to the President of the Korean War Veterans Association, and to forty other veterans organizations and service associations whose membership includes Korean War veterans, on March 14, 1994. I am asking that you publish the information below and the accompanying remarks in the next issue of your newsletter.

On March 9, 1994 Congressman Montgomery introduced in the House of Representatives, HJ Res 332; and on March 10, 1994, Senator Warner introduced in the Senate SJ Res 169, joint resolutions to designate July 27 of each year as "National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day." The purpose of this portion of this letter is to appeal to you and your organization to add your support to the passage of these vital resolutions....

The passage of these resolutions will add to the long deserved recognition and remembrance of those who served in the Korean War; and, like the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital, their passage is intended to strengthen the awareness of the Korean War and its veterans in the minds of the American people.

In this letter we are requesting authority to work with your Washington, DC, representative and with the legislative liaison members of your staff on the passage of this resolution. Our goal is to obtain passage by June 25, 1994.

Our appeal to you is based on the fact that you are one of the national veterans organizations whose memberships include veterans of the Korean War. Your fellow Korean War veterans need your help in obtaining this national recognition of their service and their sacrifice.

The purpose of these resolutions is to declare July 27 of each year a day of recognition and remembrance for those who served in the Korean War, especially those who died and those who are missing. The purpose is not to obtain a Federal holiday, but to gain a day of observance marked by a Presidential proclamation and the lowering of the U.S. Flag to half-staff to commemorate the dead and the missing.

These resolutions were introduced at the request of former U.S. Congressman, Stan Parris, Honorary Chairman of the Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Coordinating Committee, and one of the authors of the legislation which authorizes establishment of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital. I have the privilege of serving as the Committee Operations coordinator.

To succeed, these resolutions must be co-sponsored by 218 members of the House of Representatives and 51 members of the Senate. At the time of their introduction 22 Korean War veterans in the House of Representatives joined Mr. Montgomery as co-sponsors; six Korean War veterans in the Senate joined Mr. Warner in the introduction of the Senate joint resolution, and a seventh became the first co-sponsor of the Senate resolution.

Several major veterans organizations have agreed to support the passage of these resolutions. Since there has been no KWVA response to the March 14 letter, I am exercising my right as a member of the organization in good standing to make a direct appeal for support from the association membership. Here is all I ask.

Please call or write to the Congressman from your District and to the two Senators from your state, and ask each of them to become co-sponsors of one of the two joint resolutions:

In the Senate--SJRes 169, the Korean War Armistice Day resolution. Ask your Senators to call Senator Warner's office and ask for Russell Wilkerson at 202-224-6299 or 202-224-2023.

In the House of Representatives--HJRes 332, the Korean War Armistice Day resolution. Ask your Congressman to call Mister Montgomery's office and ask for Kyle Steward or Sharon Johnson at 202-225-5031.

You can obtain the mailing addresses and telephone numbers of your Senators' and Congressman's offices at your local library or from your local newspaper.

Please act on this today. We would like to have this legislation in place by June 25, and your prompt action will help.

Respectfully,

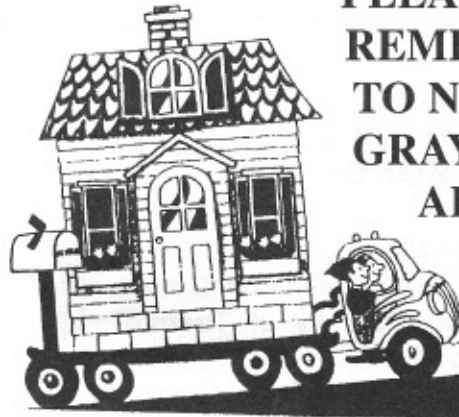
JOHN F. C. KENNEY, JR.
Life Member, KWVA
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY
Coordinating Committee

Why a KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION?

Our Goals and Objectives:

- ❖ Promote and maintain a Korean War Memorial in The National Capital.
- ❖ Promote and maintain Korean War Memorials elsewhere as appropriate.
- ❖ Promote and grant scholarships for descendants of Korean War Veterans.
- ❖ Keep alive the history of the Korean War.
- ❖ Pursue a resolution of the fate of MIA's
- ❖ Promote patriotic displays and programs
- ❖ Promote social and recreational activities for KWVA members and families.
- ❖ Monitor and promote the well-being of all Veterans of the Korean War.

MOVING?



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REMEMBER
TO NOTIFY
GRAYBEARDS
AFTER
YOU
TELL
THE
KIDS!**

------(CUT HERE OR MAKE A COPY IF YOU PREFER)-----

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

1. Enrollment for membership in the "Korean War Veterans Association Inc.:" is given to any man or woman who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, which service shall meet at least one of the following requirements regarding time and location: (a) within Korea 3 Sep 45 to 24 June 50. (b) within or without Korea 25 Jun 50 to 31 Jan. 55. (c) within Korea 1 Feb 55 to the present time. You need not have served in combat to be eligible.
2. Associate member is offered to surviving spouse, children, parents and other.
3. All Medal of Honor recipients and ex-Prisoner of War of Korean War are automatic Life-Time Members. There is no fee for dues unless that individual freely chooses to pay.

K.W.V.A. Regular Annual Dues - \$15.00
Life Membership - \$150.00
Associate - \$12.00

MAIL TO: Koreana War Veterans Association Inc.
P.O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD 21281
HARRY WALLACE, Membership Chairman;
phone 410-327-4854 (Baltimore, MD.)

YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐

All on our membership roster will receive the K.W.V.A. Newsletter (GRAYBEARDS).

Name: (PLEASE PRINT) _____ Service Branch _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Phone

Date of Service _____ Unit Assigned _____

Please Check One: ☐ POW ☐ Regular
KWVA
MEMBER
☐ LIFE MEMBERSHIP ☐ ASSOCIATE

Make checks payable to: Korean War Veterans Association.

Today's Date _____

Your Signature _____

FEEL FREE TO COPY THIS APPLICATION ALL YOU WANT!

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Date received _____
Assigned membership number _____
Category is _____
Dues expiration date is _____
Is a member of chapter _____
Amt. paid _____
Check number _____
Bal. due _____

A MOST DISTINGUISHED MEMBER

In the last issue we published a letter from Raymond Harvey, of Scottsdale, Arizona, reporting on the activities of the Arizona Chapter, the status of the Arizona Korean War Memorial, and some other matters of current interest. Some of our newer members in the KWVA may not know that Comrade Harvey is one of our Medal of Honor recipients and thus among our most honored members. We think they may appreciate learning more about this remarkable veteran, so we take pride in publishing his citation below:

HARVEY, RAYMOND

Rank and organization: Captain, U.S. Army, Company C, 17th Infantry Regiment.

Place and date: Vicinity of Taemi-Dong, Korea, 9 March 1951.

Entered service at: Pasadena, Calif.

Born: 1 March 1920, Ford City, PA.

G.O. No.: 67, August 1951.

Citation: Capt. Harvey, Company C, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action. When his company was pinned down by a barrage of automatic weapons fire from numerous well-entrenched emplacements, imperiling accomplishment of its mission, Capt. Harvey braved a hail of fire and exploding grenades to advance to the first enemy machinegun nest, killing its crew with grenades. Rushing to the edge of the next emplacement, he killed its crew with carbine fire. He then moved the 1st Platoon forward until it was again halted by a curtain of automatic fire from well-fortified hostile positions. Disregarding the hail of fire, he personally charged and neutralized a third emplacement. Miraculously escaping death from intense crossfire, Capt. Harvey continued to lead the assault. Spotting an enemy pillbox well camouflaged by logs, he moved close enough to sweep the emplacement with carbine fire and throw grenades through the openings, annihilating its 5 occupants. Though wounded he then turned to order the company forward, and suffering agonizing pain, he continued to direct the reduction of the remaining hostile positions, refusing evacuation until assured that the mission would be

accomplished. Capt. Harvey's valorous and intrepid actions served as an inspiration to his company, reflecting the utmost glory upon himself and upholding the heroic traditions of the military service.

KWVA of ARIZONA 1994 REUNION COMMITTEE

We are proud to announce that the following Medal of Honor recipients are expected to attend the Tempe "Fun in the Sun".

KOREAN WAR

LCol Stanley T. Adams, USA

Col William E. Barber, USMC

Col Lloyd L. Burke, USA

Pvt Hector A. Cafferata, Jr, USMC

Gen Raymond G. Davis, USMC

Cpl Duane E. Dewey, USMC

LCol Raymond Harvey, USA

Cpl Rodolfo P. Hernandez, USA

Fusilier Derek Godfrey Kinne,

Royal Northumberland Fusiliers *

Col Lewis L. Millett, USA

Cpl Hiroshi H. Miyamura, USA

Capt Raymond G. Murphy, USMC

Maj George H. O'Brien, Jr, USMC

Pfc Robert E. Simanek, USMC

Col Joseph C. Rodriguez, USA

Sfc Ronald E. Rosser, USA

* Awarded the British George Medal (comparable to the American M.O.H.)

WORLD WAR II

Silvester S. Herrera, USA

VIETNAM

CW2 Fred E. Ferguson, USA

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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)

4. STAY at Omni-Shoreham Hotel
KWVA Headquarters Hotel

YES NO

☐ ☐5. STAY at Another Hotel
Negotiations in process☐ ☐

6. ATTEND KWVA Board Meeting

☐ ☐

7. ATTEND KWVA General Meeting

☐ ☐

8. ATTEND KWVA Banquet

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

☐ ☐

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

☐ ☐

11. PROVIDE comments on reverse side of this form

☐ ☐

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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1995 REUNION/DEDICATION

MESSAGE FROM HARRY WALLACE 2nd Vice President, Membership and Reunion Chairman

To the Membership of KWVA

Second Update: July 1995 Reunion/National Memorial Dedication and Celebration

INTRODUCTION

As your 2nd Vice President, Membership and Reunion Chairman, I am again reporting to you about the 1995 KWVA Reunion/Convention. This status report follows the first one I wrote which appeared in the April, 1994, issue of *The GRAYBEARDS*.

Our excitement continues to mount as the well deserved reunion and associated events of the dedication of the National Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, grows nearer. As I write this, it is only 14 months away.

ADDITIONAL HOTEL ROOMS

Richard J. Greene + Associates (RGA), KWVA's agent for the reunion/convention, working with Dan Smith, KWVA's Reunion and Dedication Coordinator, and me, has been making additional hotel room arrangements on behalf of KWVA. The additional hotel negotiations are due to the response from the advance registration forms we are receiving, even before the mass distribution, notice on pages 35 and 42 of the April *GRAYBEARDS*, which has been mailed to members. RGA has assisted in rooms being held at several hotels in the Washington, DC, area, and currently has on-going negotiations with additional hotels. Obviously, with the vast number of KWVA visitors to Washington for the July 1995 reunion/dedication, no one hotel is large enough to accommodate all the KWVA members who will be attending.

JIM MARTIN TO AID DAN SMITH AND RGA WITH TRANSPORTATION

Dan Smith has informed me that Jim Martin, President of KWVA's Baltimore

Chapter, has agreed to take on the responsibility for the coordination of the local transportation in Washington, DC, for the July 1995 events.

Since the various meetings, dedication, wreath laying ceremony, mass muster, banquets, parade and entertainment events will be in various Washington, DC, locations, it is necessary to arrange transportation for KWVA members. In this regard, RGA is in the process of making arrangements with bus companies for the benefit of KWVA members.

ADVANCE RESERVATION FORMS

Our primary objective is to meet the needs of KWVA members at the July 1995 Reunion/Convention/National Memorial Dedication, the long awaited major recognition event. But in order to do this, we **MUST** have your cooperation **NOW** so we can know your plans.

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY COMPLETE AND SEND IN YOUR ADVANCE RESERVATION FORM INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.

Dan Smith and I will continue to be in communication with the membership between now and July 1995 to ensure that the KWVA Chapters and members are kept informed about the reunion status.

Sincerely,

Harry Wallace
2nd Vice President,
Membership and Reunion Chairman



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salutes all those who care enough
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A firing, museum-quality tribute to those Americans who fought for the Cause of Freedom.



Edition Limit: Only 500, worldwide
Caliber: Fires .45 ACP
Plating: 24-Karat Gold
Overall Length: 8-3/4"
Weight: 2.5 lbs.
Maker: Auto-Ordnance Corp.



The late General Stilwell presents Serial No. 1 of the Korean War Commemorative .45 to the former President of the Republic of Korea, Roh Tae Woo.

Pork Chop Hill. Heartbreak Ridge. The Frozen Chosin. The Bridge over Toki Ri. Wars end up being fought in the most inhospitable places in the world. The Korean War was no exception.

More than 5.7 million American servicemen were involved directly or indirectly from 1950 to 1953. In 37 months, 54,246 Americans were killed . . . nearly as many Americans as were killed in 10 years in the Vietnam War.

It was the first time the powers of the free world took up arms against Communist forces.

Now, working closely with the Korean War Veterans Association, The American Historical Foundation is proud to announce a lasting, tangible symbol of valor to ensure our nation doesn't forget those unsung heroes—the firing Korean War Commemorative M1911A1 .45.

World's First

This is the world's first commemorative .45 ever issued to honor the Korean War. As such, it is in the desirable "first ever" category of distinction which has seen many significant increases in collector value.

Firearms, as investments, have withstood the test of time—an important reminder during these days of economic uncertainty.

Limited Edition: Only 500

This is a firing limited edition of only 500, worldwide. Each .45 is specially serially numbered between 001 and 500, with the prefix "KW" for "Korean War." This number is also inscribed on the accompanying Certificate of Authenticity.

When you hold this 2-1/2 pounds of steel, 24-Karat Gold and Walnut, you will recall the valor of our Korean War veterans. Special inscriptions are etched and gold-gilt inlaid on the slide—including the date the war began, the date of the Armistice and the reason for fighting the war:



To proudly display your Commemorative .45, an optional furniture-grade American Walnut Display Case is also available. The locking-glass lid safely protects it from dust and unauthorized handling.

"In Defense of the Principles of the Free World."

The flats of the receiver and slide are mirror-polished and richly blued to contrast with the matte finished, non-slip curved surfaces.

An abundance of 24-Karat Gold plating clearly identifies this as a special, presentation grade firearm. The hammer, trigger, slide stop, magazine release—even the four grip screws—are 24-Karat Gold plated.

The grips are beautifully-figured American Walnut, hand-finished and fitted with a Gold plated, fired enamel cloisonné medallion on each side.

At the same time, this is a battleworthy, firing handgun which fires the same famous .45 ACP ammo GIs have used since 1911.

Each is custom built by Auto-Ordnance Corporation, the company founded by Brigadier General John Thompson. NRA test firings of the Thompson/Auto-Ordnance .45 report its accuracy to be " . . . significantly better than the as-issued M1911."

Satisfaction Guaranteed

This is available exclusively through The American Historical Foundation. Place your reservation by calling toll free 1-800-368-8080 or returning the enclosed Reservation Request. Satisfaction is fully guaranteed or you may return it within 30 days for a full refund. When you reserve you will become a Member of the Foundation.

If you do not have a Federal Firearms License, the Foundation will coordinate delivery with you through your local firearms dealer, after your reservation is received here. If you do have an FFL, send a signed copy and your .45 will be delivered directly to you.

If you are a Veteran of the Korean War, this is your tribute. If you are a family member of a veteran, this is

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Satisfaction guaranteed or return within 30 days for a full refund.

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Richmond, Virginia 23220
Telephone: (804) 353-1812
TOLL FREE: (800) 368-8080



Yes, please accept my reservation for the firing Korean War Commemorative .45. I understand I will receive a Certificate of Authenticity attesting to the edition limit and purity of the 24-Karat Gold plating. **Satisfaction guaranteed.**

☐ My deposit (or credit card authorization) of \$95 per Pistol is enclosed. Please ☐ charge or ☐ invoice the balance due prior to delivery ☐ in eight equal monthly payments of \$125, or ☐ in full.

☐ My payment in full of \$1,095 per Pistol is enclosed.

* If I cancel my reservation prior to delivery I will receive a full refund, less a commissioning fee of \$95.

☐ Please send the optional furniture-finished Walnut Display Case at \$149.

☐ Personalize my pistol at \$29. Please send the engraving form.

☐ Please charge: ☐ VISA, ☐ MC, ☐ AmEx, ☐ Discover Card

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Signature _____

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