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OUR COVER

Our cover is intended to focus attention on the continuing tense situation concerning North Korea and its refusal to cooperate with the UN nuclear energy directives. Korean War veterans more than any other are justifiably concerned and apprehensive over this matter. The photo was taken by Dr. V. Matthew Rao, USMC Vet KWVA 31950, Margate, Florida, on his recent trip to Korea.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the membership for their support in electing me as their President. This is one of the most gratifying and proudest moments of my life and one which I share with all members of the KWVA. We are a part of the same mission, to ensure that America always remembers the "Forgotten War" as the "Unrecognized Victory," the first defeat of Communism. The KWVA is the only national organization that "singularly" represents the veterans of the Korean War, a commitment we must not forget.



With the elections over, the members have spoken loud and clear. Their overwhelming votes mandate that the Executive Council work together for change and progress. The Executive Council, under the newly elected leadership, will operate in open forum as a team in concert with the membership. Our decisions will be made in accordance with approved Bylaws. As President, I will seek advice and counsel, but I was elected to represent all the members and my decisions will be based upon that representation. The KWVA, with your support, will become "a united, dynamic and well functioning veterans organization, with long-term goals, responsive to its membership's interest and needs." With the Korean War Veterans Memorial being dedicated on July 27, 1995, we must look to the future.

But first, I want to address a situation I consider "unjust" that must be corrected. As a result of the elections, many members have asked why candidates Wallace, Bey and Martin were disqualified for office. The reason being their eligibility for office was formally challenged by Secretary Scalf because of late payment of their 94 dues. Each candidate's dues date was 1 January 94, but their dues were paid in the March/April 94 timeframe and backdated to 1 January 94, thus showing no service break, just continuous membership. Backdating has been a standard KWVA practice for members who paid their dues late, so delinquent dues should not have been a consideration in the elections.

Let's make it clear and for the record. The CPA firm counting the ballots and the American Arbitration Association (AAA) hired to overlook the election process did not and would not make a ruling on their qualification and membership status. The Executive Council made the "disqualification" decision, even though VP Wallace "rightly" certified all candidates as eligible to run for office.

The official *Graybeards* ballot stated "Dues must be current through July 27, 1994 to be valid." It is ironic that the three candidates were eligible to vote for themselves and others, but not qualified to take office. I wonder how many of the 1,969 ballots cast were checked to see if dues were backdated.

The Council's decision was after the fact and a denial of membership voting rights and their choice of candidates. Also to be weighted are the 290 signed photocopy ballots the AAA declared invalid. Based upon the above reasons and additional information, I intend to ask the Council at our next meeting to reconsider its decision and allow the election to stand as voted by the membership. New procedures proposed by Nomination Chairman Wainwright will ensure this does not happen again.

Now to the future. I have made several organizational changes. Founder Bill Norris was named President Emeritus. The Secretary and Treasurer responsibilities have been split. A Finance/Budget Committee established to overlook and control KWVA financial operations/budgetary processes. The setting up of a Publicity Committee, whose mission is published in the advertisement elsewhere in this issue. A Liaison Office to enhance and coordinate our relations with fellow South Korean veterans and communities. A corporate legal advisor appointed to ensure KWVA decisions are in synch with New York Not For Profit Laws. Harry Wallace appointed as "Acting" Membership Chairman and 95 Reunion Chairman.

Some management improvements, Treasurer Maison is developing an operational budget and improved financial management procedures. Monthly financial statements to the Council with summarized reports in every *Graybeards*. National VA Service Officer Reiner and Bob Wacker developing a plan for KWVA Service Officers in every state. Director Wainwright's proposed format changes in the membership application to produce more finite membership reports.

Also, the Council approved the Wall of Honor concept to recognize the sacrifice of the Korean War KIA/MIA/POW's at the 94 Reunion. A Congressional Resolution has been sent to the Hill staffers for their comments/review before final submission to Congress. Wall of Honor Chairman Friedlander is developing a plan of action to enact the resolution into law. More information will be provided at a later date.

One problem, the ABMC requested for the \$97,000 held in the KWVA Memorial Fund Account on 1 August 94, "right after the election." The KWVA had 30 days to comply by IRS regs. Payment was made on 5 August 94. I was not notified or asked for approval of this action, as per my 30 July 94 letter directing that no KWVA funds were to be disbursed without my approval, until the CPA audit was completed. The letter was sent to Budget/Finance Committee Chairman Maison and Treasurer Scalf for joint action. Treasurer Scalf resigned effective 9 August 1994; appointed on same date was Treasurer Maison. I also wanted to stop payment on the check to the ABMC on 9 Aug 94, but the Judge Advocate advised I not do so.

The KWVA Memorial Fund now has a "zero" balance. This means we will have to increase fund-raising efforts to pay for the Wall of Honor, but it can be done. We did it before. Even though the change of administration has not been smooth, I look forward to the coming year with great optimism. We have a great management team that will be communicative and membership oriented. Concurrently, the conflicts of the past must be forgotten and the wounds allowed to heal, if we are to remain a Brotherhood.

In closing, I would like to thank President Adams, Directors Dube, Coe, and Byers for their many years of faithful service and dedication to the KWVA. I wish them well. A Certificate of Appreciation has been sent to each.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

The 1995 Registration form on page 93 herein should be submitted immediately to insure hotel rooms that must be reserved months in advance. The Reunion Committee cannot guarantee rooms for late received forms.

"I would like to thank the membership for their support..."

--Nick Pappas

SOME EDITORIAL COMMENTS

This will probably be the last time this editor puts together the newsletter, which may be welcomed news for some members.

When asked last winter to help out in a time of some urgency or crisis, we did not promise to remain indefinitely. But more important, we have now had an election and a change in leadership with a rather heavy vote in favor of our new President Nick Pappas. Under these circumstances it seems only fair that the new President should be free to form his own team with assistants of his own choice. Thus, the time seems at hand for this editor to step aside.

Before doing so, we would like to brief the membership on some aspects of newsletter operations. They pay their dues and are entitled to know.

Our Treasurer informed us that before our time the printing cost of the newsletter was averaging just under \$6,000 an issue on much lower quality paper and without color backing. The last issue, Jan/94 costed out at \$5,700.



SHERMAN PRATT

...it seems only fair that the new President should be free to form his own team..."

Sherm Pratt, Editor

When we assumed editorship, with the help of Admin/ Asst Tom Maines, we searched, as requested by the Exec Board, for a new printer that would produce a product on higher quality paper and with a more attractive, multi-colored backing to satisfy an advertiser from whom we could expect to recover the costs of the more expensive cover.

We learned that most printing firms could not do the required four color printing process, and of several that could, the best price was from the B&B Company in Richmond Virginia. They bid \$7,000 for ten thousand 42 page copies (our mailing list was a bit over 9,000) plus \$1,400 for "layout"; i.e. type setting, arranging pages, engravings for photos or drawings, and other mechanical

steps routine in the business.

Although B&B turned out a very satisfactory newsletter, we found that working with a printer far away from the editor proved to be laborious and most burdensome so we looked for one closer and perhaps cheaper. We found such in Arlington, your editor's home "town" with Giant Printing, operated by David Park, a young aspiring, eager to please, Korean immigrant. Mr Park agreed to produce a product comparable to that of B&B but at a lower cost of just under \$6,000 for 10,000 copies with an equal number of pages. Additional 1,000 copies ran around \$400 or about the same as B&B. The Giant price includes the production of all needed work such as photos or drawings other than computer produced pages.

Layout of computer produced pages, other than prepared by the editor on his computer, have been prepared by our layout secretary Nancy Monson at \$18 an hour. Her charges for the June issue were just under \$900, or substantially less than the charge for layout by B&B.

"...the cost of a copy of the newsletter is in the ball park of 75 cents an issue..."

Sherm Pratt, Editor

The cost of labeling the newsletter for mailing has been around \$300 and seems to be about par from the several mailing houses in Northern Virginia that we contacted. We selected Data Prompt Mailing Services in Fairfax Virginia because it was across the street from the Merryfield Post Office that issued our non-profit bulk mail license and there would be no freight charge from the mailing service to the Post Office.

Mailing costs for the KWVA newsletter, no matter what its quality or color, is by weight and ordinarily runs just under 20 cents a copy, or something over \$2,000 per issue to the membership. Total costs have increased with the decision to mail some dozen or more copies to our 75 chapters, or to additional lists for membership recruiting efforts as described elsewhere herein. Thus, the costs to KWVA for a single mailed copy of the newsletter is in the ball park of 75 cents an issue, or \$3 per year, or 20% of a member's annual dues. Advertising revenues can reduce this even more. We think this compares favorably with any other organization with a comparable quality newsletter.

We hope this information will be welcomed by the membership and provide a better understanding of some of the requirements to produce an association newsletter. We welcome any suggestions as to how to improve operational efficiency.

WE GET LETTERS

Our mail has been quite heavy, to put it very mildly.... Your editor has been, in fact, most swamped and has been hard pressed to handle. We like to think that it is because the membership likes the new format and approach to KWVA news items. Many letters (below) seem to so indicate. In any event, we are devoting considerable space to "letters" herein. We think members who take the time and effort to write, are entitled to be heard to the maximum.

We lead off with the subject of the newsletter name, and its new format. By way of background, it should be said that we reported to the Executive Board at the Tempe reunion that we had received only 2-3 dozen letters from a membership of almost 10,000 concerning a name change, and that of these, most were opposed to dropping the existing name of GRAYBEARDS, which in the last issues was published with the name smaller on the cover as an interim approach. Upon hearing this, the Board voted unanimously to continue the newsletter "as is."

Our heavy mail on these matters has contained numerous highly critical and uncomplimentary remarks concerning the past editor. We are excluding most of these in the below quoted extracts. We think including them would serve no purpose since the subject individual is no longer editor, and we assume that he surely would not soon again occupy that position in the KWVA.

•FOR A NAME CHANGE•

"...name of this important communication.... I...favor a change. The term 'The Graybeards' in my opinion does not necessarily bring stature...sense of patriotism to our organization."

Ernest R. Gaugler--Eagleview, Pennsylvania

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"...but do not much care to be called a graybeard....prefer to be called the forgotten warrior or the shorted generation.

...isn't much glory in being a greybeard."

Roy "Seabag" Seabury--Chicago, Illinois

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"...there is probably a better name than GRAYBEARDS--something directly relating to Korea--but at moment, I cannot come up with a suggestion."

Norman Zehr--Golden, Colorado

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"I agree that the newsletter needs a name change. ...it certainly does not aptly describe the ladies who served. May I suggest the following: (1) Korean Times,... (2) Chosgn Times...."

John E. Hvizdak--Sacramento, California

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"Regarding your suggestion for a more appropriate name for our magazine. I don't think there's any contest. There can only be one logical name for our magazine: THE 38° PARALLEL. We fought below it, we fought above it, we fought on it. If there is any one thing that symbolizes our war, it's the 38°."

Thomas Nuzzo--Franklin Square, New York

[Editor's Note: All good points, Comrade Tom. There is one complication. A KWVA chapter has beat us out and named their newsletter the 38th Parallel. Two would probably create confusion.]

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"Please, please, dump the old "graybeards" tag. It is non-descriptive, demeaning and just not the type of image we should be putting forth for our group. This opinion is shared by all of the KWVAs I know and see from time to time.

...still want any Sabre pilots to join up. We sure as hell don't feel like 'graybeards' and none like the name. I will admit that the childish nature of some of the bickering I have seen would lead one to believe the 'kids' would like a nickname."

Harvey L. Brown--Delray Beach, Florida



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"Count me among those who would like to see Graybeards title replaced...rather than reflecting energy, dowdiness comes to mind."

Darlington Fedeley--Coltsville, Ohio

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•AGAINST NAME CHANGE•

"I like the name 'Graybeards' and am in favor of keeping this name for our magazine, its been with us from the beginning...."

Paul Brunner, Member #1951--Savanna, Illinois

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"Our members voted unanimously to keep GRAYBEARDS...even female members voted 'yea.'"

Barbara Lockery, President--Western Ohio Chapter, Piqua, Ohio

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"GRAYBEARDS (is) name in use for all this time--has established an identify...better left "as is."

E. G. Monahann, LM 8868--Garland, Texas

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"Why the name change? This Korean member (#10177) does not approve of the name change and hopes you receive much static from other veteran members. If you print this letter in our newsletter, I'd like to see what other members have to say on the name change.

Mr. Pratt, are you not printing any information on the closed meeting in Baltimore. "Executive Sessions" are okay, but why keep them a secret from KWVA members? Are we not to know what's going on in our own association?"

Richard Ralph Kaskolka--Pickford, Michigan

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"I like the name GRAYBEARDS...I thought appropriate all along...nothing to be gained by changing."

Donald Killmeyer, LM 6400--Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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"I think unkind, impudent and unrealistic for some women to object to GRAYBEARDS...cowardly for men to surrender...number of women in combat or support (in past is infinitesimal...very few in Korea...not all men grow beards...some not gray...no discrimination in the name."

Ulysses Nick, LM 06615--Jacksonville, Florida

LETTERS (Contd.)

"Pleased with new format. Sorry to hear Stan resigned--had a personal friendship...."

Ben Smith--Routlette, Pennsylvania

"Nice job on GRAYBEARDS--Keep the name."

Lou Gasparini--Brewster, New York

"...regarding the name GRAYBEARDS, I am enclosing a copy of an article from the *Boston Herald*, Sunday, April 14, 1985.... This article was instrumental in getting some veterans to attend the first reunion that I helped organize with Bill Norris. The name was chosen then for the first newsletter that Bill sent out. I think the format of the current issue of the GRAYBEARDS is professional and includes the name as well, so I think this should be satisfactory. (Speaking for myself only.)"

John P. McCallion, KWVA #0002--Boston, Massachusetts

"Conventional wisdom is you don't tinker with success that has since the inception.... So, screw the political correct gender crowd and keep the name THE GRAYBEARDS."

Jack E. Whitfield--Northern California Chapter #1 Member

"Who or why has changed our newsletter to Korean War Veterans Association. I had a hard time finding our newsletter logo (THE GRAYBEARDS). This was approved as our logo so I would recommend it appear in large bold type on your next newsletter unless the majority of membership vote otherwise."

You were not authorized to do so nor the elected head. So let's knock KWVA out and get THE GRAYBEARDS back on front....

You will be hearing from me for an explanation on this matter if not corrected. Count me as one vote for THE GRAYBEARDS."

William L. Pence--Tampa, Florida

"Why is GRAYBEARDS in such small letters? I think membership (still) wants the name GRAYBEARDS."

Richard Stinson--Detroit, Michigan

"It is disconcerting to learn the Executive Board thought of changing the name of the newsletter.... I am diametrically opposed to changing the name...too many memories.... I vote to keep the name GRAYBEARDS."

Charles Collins, #723--Huntsville, Alabama

"I see no reason to change the name of the newsletter--it says what it is and that ought to be sufficient. The Texas Lone Star Chapter has a catchy name though--*The Korean Warrior*."

Charles D. McBee, Sr.--LaMarque, Texas

"I have no problem with GRAYBEARDS...very descriptive.... As for nurses and other young women caught up in that horrible mess, can't we refer to them as 'Lady Graybeards'?"

Stan Burton--Fresno, California

"...many of our women K-Vets have contacted me, to object to GRAYBEARDS, as they are of the opinion GRAYBEARDS is gender orientated...to repeat, we 'female' K-Vets may have gray hair, but to date NO gray beards--that I am aware of!!"

Kathleen Wyosnick, Director--Saratoga, California

[Note: Director Wyosnick voted at the Tempe Executive Board Meeting that unanimously decided to retain the name GRAYBEARDS. Ed.]

"I like the new format of the magazine very much and I do notice

a difference. I do hope that they keep the name GRAYBEARDS. I feel the name suits our particular time in this life. None of us are kids any more. "Peace" come to this great organization."

Robert J. Sherwood--Livingston Manor, New York

"...GRAYBEARDS should remain the name for the newsletter."

Alfred D. Ramirez--Winterhaven, California

•REGARDING THE NEW FORMAT...•

"...delighted to be receiving a sober, temperate, sensible magazine. ...objected fiercely to (previous editor's) last issues of GRAYBEARDS."

Ulysses Nick, LM 06615--Jacksonville, Florida

"A great surprise awaited me when I picked up my mail yesterday. It was the new KWVA GRAYBEARDS. Congratulations to you on a very attractive publication. Each of its 44 pages is interesting and well edited."

A thousand percent improvement--at least! Please keep up the excellent work."

George Hoffman--Columbus, Ohio

"THANK YOU FOR SOME VERY MUCH NEEDED CHANGES ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION!! I have never seen such childish squabbling in a group magazine as I have seen the past two years in KWVA publications. The past editor was no editor at all and the junk he allowed or promoted in OUR magazine was disgraceful."

"I don't know the merits of the situation but it surely was handled in a foul manner. I hope you all have gotten things on an even keel and will go forward from here to bring us news and notices of interest and help to all. I really like the new format and subject matter of the journal."

Harvey L. Brown--Delray Beach, Florida

"As a member of the KWVA, I want you to know I enjoyed both GRAYBEARDS you have published. You are instrumental in producing a great magazine for us. One important issue is to stop the internal problems within our organization and to keep our course going straight."

On page 25 [April issue]...the name of our chapter is incorrect it should be: Cpl. Allan P. Kivlehan Chapter, Staten Island, New York. The address is incorrect. Right address is 77 Seaview Avenue, Staten Island, New York (Phone #718-351-0029). The address on page 25 is our deceased president, Mr. Richard McNeill, who died on January 18, 1994."

Peter Dodd--Laurence Harbor, New Jersey

"Finally, the long awaited day has arrived and I received my first copy of the new look THE GRAYBEARDS. Certainly I am impressed not only to style but also to content. I am the editor of our local chapter's [Corporal Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter] newsletter."

"...I have written a few articles on my time in Korea, ...*The Chosin Few Digest*, *Military* and elsewhere. I never submitted any to GRAYBEARDS, its format seemed better suited to dissension at the time but now I enclose a copy of one to you."

John C. Everts--Staten Island, New York

LETTERS (Contd.)

"Congratulations to you on your efforts as editor. The magazine is truly professional in content and appearance. I think this professionalism will help unite the members of our organization to work together in achieving our goals--once again, Congratulations!"

Joseph P. McCallion, KWVA Life Member #0002--
Boston, Massachusetts

"...splendid job of reorganizing and editing *GRAYBEARDS*. ...first class publication and I enjoy reading it very much.

Bill Raiford--Rockville, Maryland

"...job of an editor is to see that all views are given...nit picking should be left out. ...zinger to the past editor on the loss of a mail permit is uncalled for. While you may not agree with his viewpoints a thank you to Stan Hadden, rather, would be in order."

Al Orner--Cliffside Park, New Jersey

"...the new issue is great. It's easier to read and covers are outstanding. It's great to lay on the table and get other people to pick it up and read it. I loaned mine out to quite a few people. No reflection on Stan. He did an outstanding job also. It just has to get better and solve all the in-fighting in the organization."

Paul Wolfgeher--Independence, Missouri

"...my only real contact with my former friends and compatriots is through *THE GRAYBEARDS*.

"...Don't you think we are tired of a newsletter...filled with political loquaciousness, with claims and counter-claims from various political factions within our organization. We are tired of hearing about 'closed' or secret meetings. ...Stan Hadden, who I liked and supported very much, had too much of this in...newsletter, ...you have come along right behind him, in a much more expensive facade of slick paper and color litho-cover and done the same damn thing inside.

We should read discussion of the 'Bronze Star' issue. ...It's issues such as this that we would like to read about in the newsletter, not some candidates' plethora of bullshit!"

James H. Appleton--St. Augustine Beach, Florida

"Thank you for the new format, and attitude. I had convinced myself that when my dues came up for renewal I would not pay them, and just drop out. Thanks again for the change in direction."

Harvey L. Zion, Jr.--Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

"New magazine is really something to brag about. Took a copy to the VA Hospital here in Albuquerque. They were surprised at how well put together it was."

Jay D. Miller, Jr.--Rio Rancho, New Mexico

"I like the positive job you are doing. It is time for a change, the negativism was taking the attention away from our goals."

Foy Lovitt--St. Louis, Missouri

"Congratulations for a great *GRAYBEARDS* magazine for April. It was well put together. ...fine job. ...keep it up. I see there is no dirty linen in the magazine. ...I hope we do not see any more of it."

Richard Stinson--Detroit, Michigan

"Hallelujah. A nice format, a class act. It felt good to read the KWVA *GRAYBEARDS*. We need a memorial before there aren't too many of us to attend. My thanks for getting us on track again."

Joe Jess--Madison, Wisconsin

"Congratulations on a SUPER newsletter! Keep up the good work."

W. G. "Bill" Harrison--Fresno, California

"I believe new look is first class. The photos are clear and the printing is easy to read."

Joseph Barto--Lorain, Ohio

"I wish to congratulate you on the latest issue of *THE GRAYBEARDS*. About time someone ...realized that the KWVA is not a group of bickering blowhards. I wholeheartedly go along with the NEW format. New design enabled me to read the issue from start to finish without any interruptions.

My compliments on the new editor...for the most improvement in the appearance of the publication. It's time to stop the divisiveness in the association and we should move in promoting what the Korean War was all about...certainly that it ended in a victory by stopping communism."

Ernest R. Gaugler--Eagleview, Pennsylvania

"...we now probably have the best newsletter in the business!"

Charles D. McBee, Sr.--LaMarque, Texas

"The new format for our newsletter is OUTSTANDING. It is very professional, clean, and very read-a-ble."

Charles B. Badgett--Clarksville, Tennessee

"A handshake for the fine...newsletter...an organization's newsletter will make or break that organization...."

Richie Alexander--Fords, New Jersey

"I enjoyed both *GRAYBEARDS* (April/June)...you are instrumental in producing a great magazine for us."

Peter Dodd--Laurence Harbor, New Jersey

"...the new *GRAYBEARDS* was in the mail. What a welcome change in format, graphics, and tone! I will definitely start reading it again. ...will get the KWVA back on track with the new *GRAYBEARDS*. ...the *GRAYBEARDS* had become a refuge for anarchists, miscontents, malcontents...there is hope now that the Memorial will be dedicated in a spirit of harmony and fraternity."

Jack Sullivan, President--17th Infantry Association (East)

Lighthouse Point, Florida

"In my opinion, it was a class job! Congratulations!"

Bruce Carter--Glenfield, New York

"...thank [you] very much for bringing the *GRAYBEARDS* newsletter back to us. I am one of the first 39 to make up the KWVA. I want to congratulate you on this fine book."

Art Patterson--Stillwater, New York

"Bravo, Bravo! ...first edition of the KWVA magazine arrived.... Without even opening I was very impressed with the cover. A great improvement. ...inside is even more impressive. Well done! I had come close to the point of giving up on KWVA, although I am a life member. ...grew tired of the constant bickering among the officers...apparently useless harping on the monument issues. I have my own opinions on those matters but let's get the danged thing built so some of us can see it before we answer taps."

Norman R. Zehr--Golden, Colorado

LETTERS (Contd.)

"...first issue of *THE GRAYBEARDS* was just outstanding and...refreshing change from the previous issue."

Carl E. Lombard--Rochester, New York

"...it was mentioned that we would see a difference...I did! Excellent job. Well done. You didn't mention the amount of the modest increase in the cost, but I, for one, say it is well worth it."

Laurent C. Lafond, #2634--North Linstown, Rhode Island

[NOTE: See update on costs in "Editorial" herein. Ed.]

"My compliments...for the big improvement..."

Stan Burton--Fresno, California

"...definitely in favor of bronze star award."

"I'm in favor of new mag name--"KorVETS"--"38th Parallel," Papasan..."

William J. Walsh, LM #1469, Charlestown, Massachusetts

"...I was reluctant to recruit any one for our organization because *THE GRAYBEARDS* was an embarrassment to me. It was negative and devisive...we are (now) with you in spirit."

Charles and Amy Carafano--Deltona, Florida

"...absolutely professional appearance...an improvement over previous issues; the cover is striking and the quality of the paper and print makes it a pleasure to read from cover to cover."

"...*THE GRAYBEARDS*...the name having been in use for all this time has established an identity in the minds of many of us and is therefore better left 'as is.'"

E. G. Monahan, LM #8868--Garland, Texas

"...I like the name *GRAYBEARDS*. The new magazine is certainly meeting with everyone's approval I have spoken to."

Donald W. Killmeyer--Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

"...the latest *GRAYBEARDS*...its excellent. Glad to see all of the petty bitching is over and done with...we can now get on as an adult group of Korean veterans...not a bunch of 18 and 19 year olds..."

Rick Reiler--Ardmore, Oklahoma

"Congratulations on the new periodical. ...I have been concerned about the future of the KWVA; we are breathing easier now. ...a big thanks for taking the publication from a tacky, argumentative rag to a mature, thoughtful and readable magazine."

George B. Pakkala--Northridge, California

"As the new editor of *THE GRAYBEARDS* I just want to take the time to let you know the great job you are doing."

"I like the list of chapters in the publication, and would like to see it in every issue. Also is it possible in a future issue [to include] instructions if a group of members wants to start their own chapter?"

[NOTE: Good point on publishing chapter organizing instructions. We will plan to tackle in coming issue. EDITOR]

"Congratulations on the 'New Look' for the *GRAYBEARDS* publication. I like the positive approach, the format and style...especially the front cover. May we go forward as a united group with a positive attitude!"

Stanley H. Hoit--Eureka Springs, Arkansas

"...magazine says a lot for our organization in its advancement. ...the cover...tells all--just the way it is. ...its in the league with the American Legion and the VFW."

Humbert Poli, KWVA #3080--Wynantskill, New York

"Thank you, the executive board and editor...for the improved KWVA periodic bulletin.... Vol. 8, No. 6,...is the first one that I enjoyed reading. ...the cover was magnificent. Please consider using the same cover.... I fully agree with the ideas that you mentioned in the President's Message....I would like to become a life member... National KWVA does not have a policy...which, the local organization is reimbursed for...life member. Please discuss and hopefully an amended policy would be voted on at the upcoming convention."

Robert A. McGinty--Sayville, New York

"I [Charles Collins] am writing concerning the recent, unparalleled change of Editors! Norris started the newsletter and...Stan Hadden took over and did one HELL of a good show.... It now seems that Stan has stepped on toes...and, goodness gracious, he has been 'STUPID' enough to make those activities known to the membership. SHAME! The mark of a good editor is to inform the readers.... We would be in one Heck of a shape if our newspapers printed only the news that the RULERS wanted printed! It is the 'DUTY' of every EDITOR to make known...actions of the 'rulers...."

"Hadden...expressed the concerns of the members...concerning the design of OUR MEMORIAL, the copyright laws which are believed to pertain to OUR MEMORIAL, and the desire of the many of the members to have the names of the KIAs on a 'wall' The design chosen for the Memorial was NOT my preference, but I was willing to go along with it, IF we could just get OUR MEMORIAL built! "

[NOTE: We planned to print member Collins' expressive and articulate letter in its entirety but could not find the space. We think we have covered its main thrust above and in the "Name" Letters column. EDITOR]

"What a job and what an improvement. Not only in the appearance and layout of *GRAYBEARDS* magazine, but also in the contents. ...congratulations.... I called a friend...a member of the Second Division Association...he told me he was having thoughts of not renewing his membership...but the latest issue of *GRAYBEARDS* changed his mind. I am sure there are a lot of members who feel the same way."

Carl J. Shomper--Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

"In all sincerity, I could not put the new 'mag' down! The cover was "striking"! The new format is a 180° turn around, no carping, sniping, nor grousing; as a Life Member I was struck by the 'professionalism'.... I used to throw away most of the mags...because of 'one-man' editorials.... 'TX' and God Bless."

William J. Walsh--Charlestown, Massachusetts

"The new appearance of *THE GRAYBEARDS* is quite appealing and reflects considerable creative expertise. And the call for unity is welcome but some notable distractions are evident. Adams, deplors what he and some others consider divisive, disrespectful, and excessively contentious material. He states, 'some members...may elect to continue their opposition. ...no matter how unwise and counterproductive.... An unfortunate choice of words...that can too easily be construed as divisive and disrespectful."

Darlington M. Fadeley--Coitsville, Ohio

LETTERS GENERAL

July 4, 1994

Hi Sherm,

Just a short note. Enclosed is an article that was in the *Exponent Paper Clarksburg*.

On 25 June I watched the TV, read the local paper and there was no mention about the Korean War starting on this date.

It has happened many times in the past. When they mention the wars where the United States was involved, they mention WWI, WWII, and Vietnam. They skip over Korea. It makes me damned mad when that happens.

During the Korean War we lost over 54,000 men. In Vietnam in ten years, they lost 58,000 men. If the Korean war lasted ten years, I can imagine how many KIA there would have been. One KIA is one KIA too many in any war. I think it's time for us Korea Vets to stand up and be heard.

Daniel J. Cavanaugh
M/SGT US Army/Retired
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Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301

[We regret the lack of space prevents us from reprinting the excellent but lengthy newspaper article furnished by Dan Cavanaugh from the Clarksburg, West Virginia June 24/94 newspaper.]

The article covers some of the most critical engagements of the early days of the 34th Regiment and 24th Division in the war around Taejon and elsewhere when this trooper was decorated for valor in combat. The article describes many of the experiences and hardships of the above writer. It is an excellent example of what can be accomplished with continuing efforts to publicize the Korean War through the KWA TELL AMERICA program or otherwise. EDITOR]

THE FIGHTING NAVY

May 28, 1994

Editor,

As the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War approaches, we should not only remember the brave men and women who gave their last full measure for their country--

We should make the people of this country aware of what happened over there. It should be a National Holiday. We have holidays for lesser occurrences!

Because our ships in the waters around Korea were sunk or damaged. I was aboard the USS Hamul Ad-20 in Plymouth, England. Our home port was changed to San Diego, California.

We transitted the Panama Canal, and when we reached San Diego, we took aboard about 800 naval reservists. We worked around the clock in shifts to take aboard supplies for other ships and ourselves.

We arrived in Sasebo, Japan, in October. We spent three months there and then to Yokosuka, Japan. We spent nine months a year over there and three months back in San Diego (later Long Beach, California) for any work needed to be done on the Hamul.

Serving wherever needed. We made trips to Korea. We were at Hamhung and picked up troops, equipment, and brought them to Pusan or Japan.

The USS Hamul was flagship for Destroyer Flotilla One. We earned two battle stars, as well as other awards.

Lloyd L. Little, USN (Ret)
2042 C Martins Bridge Road
Charleston, West Virginia 25312

NAMES ON THE MEMORIAL

"Your monument, not mine"

We've been going down the "Primrose Path" for quite some time now. Led down this path by your "Fearless Leaders" who don't seem to want to hear the majority of the KWVA members telling them that they want those 54,000 plus GI's names who paid the ultimate sacrifice, put on a wall.

When I first joined this organization, I was "Gung Ho." Tried to get as many Korean vets as I could to join us...thought things were going great. Meanwhile, you "Fearless Leaders" were busy doing your dance. ...you didn't [listen to] us because your hearing aids had been turned off. You stalled.... Now you say we'll have our memorial without the names! You enjoy your "faces on a wall" by yourselves! I won't be there.

Ron Walsh
Elko, Nevada

POW/MIA POSTAGE STAMP

5/24/94

Editor:

In WWI 115,000 were killed, 146 missing in action and over 100 were prisoners of war; WWII killed 400,000, took 43,000 MIA's, and 96,000 POW's; Vietnam had 56,000 killed, 896 POW's, and 2,239 MIA's plus an additional 2,500 covert MIA's; the Korean war killed 54,000, had 8,177 MIA's and 7,140 POW's. This totals 625,000 dead, 53,562 missing in action and presumed dead, and 104,136 prisoners of war. These numbers may be low.

Many of these men and women were not lucky enough to return home and were "presumed dead." One of the luckier ones was my father-in-law who was a POW in the Korean war for 28 tortuous months.

The POW/MIA slogan is "you are not forgotten," but denying them a lasting memorial such as a stamp IS forgetting them and what they did for all of us.

It's about time people take pride in the sacrifices made to make our country great. Please give these people the respect and dignity they earned with their courage by writing your local Congressman and Senator and Marvin T. Runyon, Postmaster General; USPS Headquarters; 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW; Washington, DC 20260-0010.

Sincerely,

Julie Losee-Ruff
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Algonquin, Illinois 60102
(708) 854-7131

LETTERS GENERAL

FLAG BURNING

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL DIRECTORS, CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS:

There is a resolution before Congress, JHS Resolution #44, to have an amendment to our Constitution to make it a federal crime for one to desecrate the Stars and Stripes. It is a shame that it has come to this, that our Flag must be protected by law, that respect for it has disappeared. But for all our Heroes who died for our flag we must do it. To get this resolution before Congress, 38 States had to pass resolutions for it, to date 43 have, New York State became the 40th through the efforts of Ron James, a former Marine, who walked 160 miles from his Bronx home to Albany to lobby for it. He is presently walking from the Bronx to Washington, DC, to now see it get passed by Congress. He urges that we all individually write our congress people for its passage. I have already done so and I now call upon the Directorship of the Korean War Veterans Association to come out with a resolution under the aegis of the KWVA, backing the passage of this amendment. If we do not do this, we will have failed all our dead Heroes and ourselves.

John C. Everts
70 Ardsley Street
Staten Island, New York 10306

DNA TESTING

As efforts succeed in bringing home more of the 8,100 American servicemen unaccounted for as Missing in Action (MIA) of the Korean War, so do efforts to provide identification of them need to be intensified. There are 865 of those MIA buried (unidentified) in the National Cemetery (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii. The use of DNA testing appears promising, however, there is no list of the next of kin of the 8,100 plus MIA and DNA testing is no

good without a blood sample of a maternal relative. September 9, 1994, three (3) daughters of MIA formed the non-profit organization whose main purpose is to locate MIA next of kin. That national organization is the KOREAN/COLD WAR ASSOCIATION OF THE MISSION, Box 1222215, Ft. Worth, Texas 76121-2225 (FAX 817-732-1910). This "Family" group is very active and is recognized by the DOD MIA/POW Office as well as an increasing number of military and military veterans organizations including the national KWVA. One of the "Family" director's father was a Texas Air National Guard P-51 pilot MIA October 1951.

Submitted by:

James Malone and Ted L. Maloy
Houston, Texas

[Ted Maloy is informal advisor to the "Family," Charter member and POW/MIA Officer of the Texas Lone Star Chapter (about 400 members), KWVA.]

KOREAN MONUMENT

With reference to your letter dated March 23, 1994, concerning **Names on the Wall** at our memorial.

At the recent meeting of our State Department of the KWVA, we are in agreement that we need to proceed with the building of this memorial, and pursue the names on the memorial at a later date. The following chapters are in agreement:

St. Louis, Missouri, Chapter 1
Kansas City, Missouri, Chapter 2
Jefferson County, Chapter 3
Larry Dickerson, Commander
Kansas City, Chapter 2, KWVA

TAPS--ZADANAVAGE

...please print an article about my now deceased, but still my dearest friend, Tony "Doc" Zadanavage. He passed away on July 13, 1993.

He was a Korean War veteran, and also a friend to any Korean War veteran, or any veteran. He started the Korean War Awareness Project in 1984. He was a highly decorated Korean War veteran, who served with the 2nd Infantry Division as a medic in Korea 1950-51. He was an ex-POW. He was wounded twice and was involved in the action at Kunu-ri, North

Korea, in November 1950, where 6,000 men of the 2nd Infantry Division were KIA. Tony was taken as a POW and was WIA.

He was the author of the famed book *Korea--The War America Forgot to Remember*. He was very sick for the last 4 or 5 years of his life and his beloved wife, Esther, helped him write the book when he was either hospitalized or too ill to write. He wrote to thousands of Korean War veterans and was always trying to help veterans get their war related benefits, etc. I doubt there are many Korean War veterans who don't know his name.

Tony was 60 years old when he passed away. He was also an amputee (right leg). His address was PO Box 236, Berwick, PA 18603. He is survived by his beloved wife.

Den W. VanHise
3rd Infantry Division
Portsmouth, Virginia

A FREELOADER'S LAST REQUEST

The above referenced item in the last issue of *GRAYBEARDS* was the most disgusting thing I have ever read.

We bury many people at the Culpeper National Cemetery every year. At least seven or eight of them don't belong to any veterans group. I buried a good friend of mine six years ago--he didn't belong to anything, but he served his country.

Maj. Bill Jagdman
10062 Alum Springs Road
Culpeper, Virginia 22701

[NOTE: We received several complaints on this item. We did not realize it could be offensive to some. We do not plan to republish. Editor]

KOREAN TIMES

...page 17 [June 94 issue], you have some Korean (?) ideographs.

If you intend to include such bilingual items in the *GRAYBEARDS*, be sure to supply the English equivalent!!

Charles L. Collins, Member #723
Huntsville, AL

[NOTE: Yes, of course, we did and will. EDITOR]

LETTERS GENERAL (Contd.)

CHALLENGE TO THE KWVA

I am of the firm opinion that if the Korean War casualties could be polled they would unanimously object to having a draft dodger, regardless of political status, act in any official capacity at the dedication of their memorial, scheduled for 1995 in Washington, DC. Permitting a coward to speak at a national site for American heroes is outrageous. There could be no greater injustice and dishonor to combat veterans of all our wars.

This may be the last opportunity to show the nation and tell the world that real Americans despise those that aided and comforted the enemy in the 1960's with their anti-American activities.

It would be more honorable to have an enemy soldier present at the dedication than a brazen politician expounding spurious concern and sadness for our fallen comrades.

I hope all veterans will register their opposition and prevent the real travesty.

Hopefully, my letter to the editor will not further divide the organization. More positively, I think, we should be united in not desecrating the monument, names or no names.

Robert D. Hinkle, #7871
Delanco, New Jersey

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER ONE

We started in January 1994. We picked up our charter in April 1994. We now have 72 members and picked up five leads this morning from the attached story. I asked the advertising folks what it would cost if we ran a display ad the same size as the story. I was told that a 4 x 12 would cost \$1,728.00, plus tax.

I am very happy with the improvement in *GRAYBEARDS*. It looks good and it is readable. Now, if we could get articles on how to improve our chapter meetings, the value of the pub would really go up.

Tod Cornell, President-Elect
Albuquerque Chapter One

THE COST OF DEMOCRACY

Editor:

For several years we have been reading of Korean students rioting while shouting anti-American slogans and generally having a negative attitude toward the U.S. We never thought that such events could occur during our lifetime. They should ask their elders or those who served in the ROK Forces.

Forty-five years ago this same U.S. Government was sending our soldiers to fight in order to preserve their democracy. If North Korea and China had prevailed, these riots would probably have led to their death or imprisonment.

Remember Tiananmen Square!!

Think of how the families and friends of the 54,000 Americans who died there must feel. Over 103,000 were wounded. Some lost arms and legs and are still suffering. Was it all in vain? Over one million servicemen were drafted into the armed forces at great personal sacrifice. They were sent to a land, far from home, in order to protect south Korea. Billions of dollars were spent that could have been used to benefit our own country. This was done by the same U.S. Government which they are now cursing.

No one is denying their right to criticize the U.S. That is part of the democracy that we fought for them to keep. We are far from perfect and sometimes our interests are not in harmony with theirs. However, let their criticism be constructive and made in the manner of one friend and ally to another.

Jerry Bey
Chicago, Illinois

WHAT'S HAPPENING??

I am confused. I received your beautiful cover of the new magazine, and was impressed by the new makeup of the magazine; and then a week later I get a newsletter from Stan Hadden, of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. I guess the reason that I am confused is what magazine represents the Korean War Veterans Association.

In a newsletter that I received some time ago, I had a feeling that there would be a breakup of the organization, and sure enough I get two newsletters; one from one group and one from another. I am wondering which group to follow and which group to pay my dues to? I was wondering if just maybe the other Korean veterans aren't as confused as I am. I think it would be nice for someone to set the record straight.

In Korea we always knew who our enemy was. We couldn't always find them, but we knew they were out there somewhere. I am hoping this isn't the case in receiving two newsletters. You can use this article in your newsletter.

Charlie Williams
RR 2
Quincy, Illinois 62301

[NOTE: We, too, have received the former editor's "newsletter," which seems to contain essentially the same kind of material that was in his recent GRAYBEARDS and generated so much discontent. This latest activity has no official KWVA backing or funding. It's a free country. One can distribute what they please within the law. But neither do others have to read it. EDITOR]

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11TH ANNUAL REUNION
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July 23-30, 1995
Washington, DC**

LETTERS GENERAL (Contd.)

A SHAMEFUL DISGRACE

I marched in the Washington, DC, Memorial Day parade with fellow Korean War veterans and proud to do it! ...it was apparent the Korean War veterans would be overlooked. ...dignitaries, ...spoke of our veterans from the beaches of Normandy to the jungles of Vietnam to the deserts of the Gulf and Somalia. Again, Korea was not mentioned. Retired General Colin Powell was the only person to mention the name of Korea.... I think it was a disgrace and dishonor to omit our fellow comrades and all who fought in the Korean War.

William E. Berryman
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West Seneca, New York 14224

INQUIRIES...

Received Volume 8 #6 (dated 6 Apr 94) and Volume 8 #3 (dated 3 Jun 94) within a week of each other. I am requesting issues that were published between these dates: 5 January 1994 and 6 April 1994.

Why wasn't the drawing "The Forgotten Man," by Harry Champagne in the last issues.

E. William Motzny
PO Box 1503
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305

[NOTE: There were no issues between January and April. The Vol. and Nos. were mixed up. See explanation elsewhere herein.

No "Forgotten Man" drawings were submitted to this editor. If submitted they will be considered. EDITOR]

AN AILING COMRADE

Scooter (Director Burke)

Today I phoned Noel Roberts (LM 2726, Crocker, Missouri) to let him know how much we missed him at the reunion. Sadly, he said his health was rapidly deteriorating. His MD is putting him on the dialysis machine three times a week. Also he thinks his chest cancer is returning as he has bleeding--although the blood thinner may be causing that. Still he is planning to attend the '95 dedication.

I am faxing Sherm Pratt this so he can publish in the newsletter. Noel has dedicated himself to raising memorial funds and I think it is over-due we accord him some PR recognition in our association.

Kathleen "Lt. Honey" Wyosnick, Director

KOREAN MEMORIAL

Editor,

...concerning the Korean War memorial, I appreciate the effort put forth by some members in trying to get the names of the KIA/MIA's inscribed on the war memorial, but at some point a decision to compromise had to be considered. The Memorial should be considered a monument to remember all.

Special consideration should be given to the KIA/MIA and their names inscribed somewhere. This might be a solution if the commission does not agree to any suggestions by the KWVA.

I hope a solution can be worked out in order to keep the membership on a friendly basis.

William H. Mutart
Life Member #9695
24701 Wood

St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080

KOREAN DAY

Mr. Editor:

...read on page 4 of the April issue...that a Mr. Montgomery (Mississippi) has introduced a bill asking for 27 July of each year to be a memorial for Korean War

veterans.

Why? Why are we so different from any other veteran...? You are asking me to separate myself from my grandfather; father; two uncles; and a brother. Sorry, but all I did was a job the same as they....

DON'T give me something that no other veteran can have. Let's all unite and make the real Memorial Day a memorial day that is recognized by everyone for ALL veterans.

Ted. R. Varner, #12062
Okahumpka, Florida

A PLEA FOR HARMONY

Dear Editor,

In recent correspondence with others I had a hint that all was not well in the KWVA. ...a few days ago I received my first issue of *THE GRAYBEARDS* which I've read and re-read. ...this matter is on my heart. Please let me speak to you.

I'm sure I do not know all the facts or arguments....we are nearing a very important time in the course of our lives. ...Many people have worked very hard for a long time to bring our memorial into being.

Please, let's not do anything by our disharmony that would sully this most important, this holy, occasion. As we come nearer to that time in 1995, let us remember our comrades who paid the full price with their lives and those who are still missing.

...let's set aside disagreements, ...refrain from the use of grating words, ...mend our association. ...let us "Fall in" at this coming formation to honor those who did not come home, ...to validate the hard work, the worthy work, we did in Korea.

I am so grateful for General Ray Davis' letter in the April issue, let's take into our hearts what he says to us. He, not just because of his military rank but because he is one of us, deserves our attention to his most wise counsel.

James S. Allen, KWVA #13456
Jackson, Mississippi

LETTERS GENERAL (Contd.)

MEMORIAL COPYRIGHT

The Memorial copyright dispute has been going on for a long time, and no one...has shed much light on it. Since I don't think that anyone in the KWVA has actually studied the Copyright Office's Form "VA" which is used to apply for a Visual Arts (VA) Copyright, I've enclosed one for you to reprint in your next newsletter (THE GRAYBEARDS). [Sorry, no room for 4-page government form. If readers are interested, they can request Form VA from U.S. Copyright Office or from writer Schwarz. EDITOR.]

The first thing to understand is that a person who does a 'work for hire' does not have an inherent right to a copyright. The Hiring organization (person) does. The Instructions for Filling Out Application Form VA states in part, "In the case of a work made for hire, the statute provides that, 'the employer or other person for whom the work was prepared is considered the author,'."

So WHO...[gave] the copyright away to Messrs Gaylord and Nelson? You can also ask, who gave WHO the authority to do this?

Third, don't take my word for it; or the word of General Davis.... Hire a professional. They are now called "intellectual Property" lawyers...we have assets. We have enough money; spend some of [it] wisely.

Norman Schwarz
7901 Oakwood Road
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

[Editor comment: We think writer Schwarz may also have a misunderstanding concerning this apparently controversial matter. While he may be right with respect to a "person for hire" it seems there has been a fair question as to whether contributing artists Gaylord and Nelson, whose design for the memorial was accepted, are such persons, or simply two of many who independently submitted proposals.

In any event, the matter is not one over which the KWVA has legal jurisdiction and thus can exert control. KWVA is but one of many veteran organizations that participated in the memorial project, although our contribution in fund raising

and other efforts has been substantial. Decisional authority over the copyright question, and other matters, rests with the instrumentality created by law to handle the design and erection of the memorial, i.e., the Korean War Memorial Advisory Board, chaired by General Ray Davis, whose letter on the matter we published in our April issue.

It is highly doubtful whether the KWVA could alter the course of matters at this point even if it wanted to, and so far the Board of Directors has not opted to do so. For KWVA to undertake costly litigation now could well be the height of folly and almost certainly an exercise in futility. It is also likely that critics of the KWMAB copyright action have grossly overestimated the adverse consequences of the copyright release.

Writer Schwarz asks who gave the "copyright away" and WHO gave the authority. The short answer is, the Advisory Board, and pursuant to authority expressly vested in it by an Act of Congress signed by the President. Like it or not, unless repealed or changed, we know of no more solid basis for operational action by a governmental instrumentality. Hopefully, this explanation will lay the matter to rest.]

KOREA REVISIT TOURS

I met with LTC D. K. Lee. He is Chief of the Korea Revisit Tours program for the Korea Veterans Association (Korea) (KVA). I strongly expressed my opinion about the Korean War Veterans Association (USA) (KWVA) being given places by the KVA on Korean Revisit trips and none offered to our association. I repeated what I said in my last letter, "These trips have always been to thank Korean War Veterans for their service. It has never been based on what organization that you belonged." He strongly suggested that we become part of the KWVA. He explained that the KWVA represent all American Korean War Veterans. I disagreed with him. I also told him that there were many Korean War Veterans organizations that the KWVA does not represent. I further said that what my country needs is an organization that truly

represents all of our Korean War veterans organizations and that I had seriously thought about starting one but not as president. An organization that gets things done. Not one that is always insulting our government leadership and members of its own organization. An organization that representatives of different Korean War veterans associations belong. What you might call an UMBRELLA ASSOCIATION. Perhaps we can then get the names on the memorial. After about a one and a half hour conversation he said the KVA will give us consideration for next year. He stated he also has trouble with budgets. Their tours only work out if we can combine it with trips to our old battle sites and obtaining use of the Dragon Hill Lodge. Otherwise, what we save on their trips will cost us more on the rest of the tour. If we must we can use another hotel near our 2nd Division base, depending on the numbers of rooms needed.

[Above extracted from 2nd Division, Korean War Branch, Sept. 94 Bulletin; Sid Arthur, Chagrin Falls, OH, Editor, Joe Hess, Tiburon, CA, KWVA #136, Pres. EDITOR]

KAMSA HAMNIDA (Thank You)

...for your support and your vote of my candidacy as a National Director of the KWVA, Inc.

BILL VAN ORT

(Paid ad)

LETTERS GENERAL (Contd.)

KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL

Editor:

What can you tell me about [the] UN Service Medal-Korea. Do I qualify for this medal? I served from 1951 to 52 with 5 RCT and 1953 to 54 with 2nd Infantry Division. Can you tell me how I go about getting it?

Jay B. Dixon
Niagara Falls, New York

[Briefly, the Korean Service Medal is awarded to: Officers and enlisted men of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in Korea, including the waters adjacent thereto, within certain prescribed areas either on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days between 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954. There are exceptions for certain naval personnel. EDITOR]

NAMES ON THE WALL

Editor:

I have been a strong advocate of having the names of all 54, 246 KIA and 8,177 MIA placed on the wall. Seeing how far this has gone without the support it should have had, I will bend to get the Memorial built for now; BUT I say let's take Nick Pappas's lead and start to work immediately on a new wall similar to The Wall of Honor at Ellis Island. The names on the wall are the will of the majority of members.

Lou Gasparini
Brewster, New York

BS FOR CIB

This Commission was established 20 years ago to preserve the Military Heritage of this county. One part of that effort is the act of honoring the veterans of this county who have earned medals of VALOR! To do this a HALL OF HEROES was established....

Because of our Charter, we are required to verify every applicant who applies for induction into the HALL OF HEROES! ...we use various government documents such as Army Regulation 672-5-1, "Military Awards."

Section 2-15. BRONZE STAR, describes the way the Bronze Star is awarded both for Heroism and for Meritorious achievement or meritorious

service. ...Award may be made upon letter application to Commander, ARPERCEN, ATTN: DARP-PAS-EAW, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5200. For this purpose, an award of the Combat Infantry Badge, or Combat Medical Badge is considered as a citation in orders. (Emphasis added.)

...The letter written by LTC Patricia A. Sigle (GRAYBEARDS June '94), proves that she obviously does NOT know her regulations!

Charles L. Collins (#723-L), Secretary
Madison County Military
Heritage Commission
Huntsville, Alabama

NEW KOREAN WAR?

Editor:

Say "no" now to Korea II before it becomes unpatriotic to speak up.

We do not need an additional 36,000 plus names to inscribe on a war memorial, do we? It is now time for the national officers of the association of combat war veterans to sound off, loud and clear, to the Senate and the House of Representatives... we will not tolerate the letting of any more American blood on that...38th Parallel....

Think back 40 years ago. Did you have a buddy that never had the pleasure of being in love, or did you have anyone in your outfit that never got to see his baby, or how about the guy who never got to read that last letter from his mother? While you are at it, give some thought to what the [enemy] did to your comrades that became POW's.

Remedies: (1) withdraw and evacuate all American military from the DMZ and replace them with the professional students who have been demonstrating in Seoul..., (2) establish a dialogue with Pyongyang..., (3) Present President Kim Il Sung with models of our nuclear submarines and explain in vivid detail why we spent billions of tax dollars to build them.

Wilmont "Bud" Brady
1st Airborne Rangers,
Attached 2nd Division
Midlothian, Virginia

KWVA'S STRUCTURE

Editor:

There are several KWVA issues that should be addressed but...one

problem that "bugs" me is the way the organization was initially structured under New York Corporate Law. Why have a group of directors who are scattered about the country, be made responsible for the control and management of the affairs, property, and funds of the Association...?

Most of the day-to-day problems are directed to the President, who decides what course of action will be taken, which is contrary to the Bylaws of the Association.

When I became a Director several years ago, I immediately fired off a couple of salvos to the other Directors on various issues. No one answered.... This...led me to resign my position.

Why not do away with the Executive Council and give the President full power...thus, be fully accountable to the membership. Change the position of Director to Trustee and reduce the number of Trustees to 4, with a single duty of overseeing the finances. The current system is not working.

Richie Alexander
Fords, New Jersey

CHARTER

I have read with interest the KWVA's attempt to get a Congressional Charter. I just recently, as did some of my friends, resigned from the KWVA because it had voted to admit non-Korean War veterans as members.

I call your attention to the recently published Korean War Veterans Association History Book, published...by Turner Publishing Company, sanctioned and approved by the KWVA...that the enrollment qualifications for membership is for any man or woman who served in the Armed Forces from June 25, 1950, to January 31, 1955. No mention...of "honorable service."

I believe in a congressional charter for actual Korean War veterans only. It is imperative...for the officers and directors of the KWVA to...not think in terms of a "perpetual organization" but as a "last person" organization of actual KOREAN WAR VETERANS. We lost many Americans in the Korean War, and it is with the sincerest interest of memorializing their memory that I take this vehement position. The destiny of the KWVA should not be diluted by those that were not there....

Joseph A. Saluzzi
Brooklyn, New York

LETTERS GENERAL (Contd.)

CEMETERIES

Dear A.K. Vett:

I would appreciate your printing more information on the subject of cemeteries and the final bugle call, since most of the Korean vets are at least 60 years and older.

Angelo J. Biviano
Hammononton, New Jersey

[A. K. Vett, please take note. Incidentally, this contributor has now retired from government-VA service and his identity can be revealed. He is Norbert Reiner, McLean, Virginia. See item elsewhere herein. EDITOR]

DATA BANK

Editor:

Just read an article in the August '94 VFW magazine in which the Korean War Memorial Advisory Board is asking for information on KIA, MIA, and POW's to be put in a computerized data bank. What about the thousands of men who died in Korea doing their jobs as best they could and are listed as non-combat deaths?

We had several in my unit--10th Engineers, 3rd Infantry Division--in 1952 which are listed as non-combat deaths.

Two that come to mind are: CPL's Wallace and Rittenhouse, who drowned in the Imjim River, July 27, 1952. They were trying to save the Mallard Bridge a few miles from outpost "Nori" in a combat zone getting combat pay. The Imjim was at a record flood stage and the Mallard Bridge was lost in this flood.

What would these families say and think if they knew that their loved ones were to be excluded from this data bank?

Tom Chilcott
Brighton, Michigan

DISAPPOINTED

What a disappointment in Arizona. There were about 100

regular members present, not counting spouses. I only counted around 70 present in the audience of the general membership meeting. The MOH recipients made it look like there were more and the night of the banquet there were a lot of invited guests and entertainers that helped fill the hall.

I'm a fun type of person. I didn't like the idea of the pool being closed at 9:00 p.m., same with the outdoor jacuzzi. Never saw a hospitality room close at 10:00 p.m. until Tempe.

Those Apache Indians held me hostage at Fort McDowell and took my money. I said to one Indian, "Me want-um some fire water." The Indian replied, "No have-um fire water on reservation. You drink-um Pepsi." I asked the Indian why the government was building all new rest rooms around the reservation and he said the government just issued a new order: "No more pee-pee in the tee-pee."

I learned about cactus the hard way and it hurt. Me and my woman went to the dog track with Ed Grygier and Larry Shaver on Thursday night. We watched that dust storm come down the valley and it took one of the roof panels off the grandstand. It lasted for 20 minutes and then calmed down. The dogs did not cooperate at all and we all left with thinner wallets.

Richie Alexander
New Jersey Chapter

ORDNANCE COMPANIES

...I question the letter signed by Henry C. Tiefs--best damned ordnance company in Korea. Without our 195th Depot Company to supply parts, all the HAM and MAM Ordnance Companies would have nothing to do. The 195th Ordnance Depot was the first to implement "Project 70," the Korean stockage list. That was the army's first attempt to computerize the supply system.

Ben Smith
Roulette, Pennsylvania

[NOTE: Be sure your Editor is not imprudent enough to step into this crossfire. Our feeling is that both the 195th and the 31st Ordnance outfits did one hell of an outstanding job and there is more than enough credit to generously go to each. EDITOR]

HOW MANY NAMES?

If they ever do put the names on the Korean Monument, how will they know how many names to put on the wall? Over and over I read two different numbers of war dead. On page 10 of GRAYBEARDS, Vol 8, 6 April 1994, it states number of who were killed [as] 33,651. Then in my home town paper, as you can see for yourself, [it says] United States had 54,246 dead. My figures tell me this is a difference of 20,595. I'd like to know which is right. Korean Association at one time put out stickers with 54,246 dead. Now Korean Association is saying 33,651 dead.

[The following information is furnished by member and reader Marion Thacker, Grand Island, Nebraska, and may be of help. Note he cites Charles Casey as his authority:

According to official records--refer to "In Memory-Lest We Forget," Korean War 1950-1954, KIA-MIA and others, by Charles E. Casey.

United States Forces had 33,629 combat deaths, as follows: Army--27,704; Navy--458; Marines--4,267; Air Force--1,200.

World-wide non-combat deaths were 20,617, as follows: Army--9,426; Navy--4,043; Marines--1,261; Air Force--5,884.

Non-combat deaths in Korea: Army--2,452; Marines--244; and others are not counted.

Wounded in Korea were 103,284, as follows: Army--77,569; Navy--1,576; Marines--23,744; Air Force--368.

There were 131 Medal of Honor awards, as follows: Army--78; Navy--7; Marines--42; Air Force--4.

I can find no other breakdowns of stats, but the total U.S. service forces during the Korean War was 5,764,143. The Total U.S. service forces to see service in Korea was 1,500,000. Total U.S. POWs were 4,418 of these 2,701 died in captivity and 21 refused repatriation. MIAs were 8,177 of which 389 were unaccounted for.

LETTERS GENERAL (Contd.)

MEMORIAL NAMES

The new format is very professional; although, I must confess I will miss Stan Hadden.

I am writing because I finally can't keep still. For the past several years I have read all the bickering back and forth about the names on the Memorial. I am the daughter of Major Geoffrey Lavell, captured and never returned from Korea.

To me, personally, the important thing is the Memorial--not my father's name on it! The Memorial must be built. To risk the entire project over names is foolish. When I saw President Bush unveil the model for the memorial several years ago, I burst into tears. Never once have I thought his name on it was as important as the project itself. Besides, his name and others are on the Korean Memorial at Punchbowl in Hawaii but no one has talked about that!

Also, this is probably going to sound petty, but your referring to the members as Comrades set my teeth on edge. I know the definition of the word, but its Socialist and Communist usage has really soured me on the term; particularly since my father died fighting Communism.

Terry Lavell
Burbank, California

[Editor note: We are pleased to publish your views on the Memorial, Ms. Lavell. Coming from you as the daughter of a fallen hero, we are sure our members will want to weigh your words carefully.]

With respect to your reaction to our use of the word "comrade" we are uncertain just how to respond. We are aware also that some Ex-POWs find the word especially distasteful because of its frequent use by their brutal communist guards or camp officials. The word "comrade" has been around for a long time, however, as an

endearing term to close friends and respected partners in military combat and otherwise. It was a perfectly accepted and legitimate word in the English language long before the days of Lenin, Marx, Engels, or any of the other communist bad guys that caused modern-day civilization so much trouble.

We don't think many people would want us to discard or cease using an otherwise appropriate word just because our adversaries might have also used it. On the other hand, we regret that it causes you discomfort. No doubt it's going to be around for a long time whether we use it or not and thus we hope for your sake that you can learn to live with it. We proudly salute you for your sacrifice by the loss of your father.]

ANSWERS

Dear Sherman,

Congratulations on your appointment as Editor.... I must say the right man has been appointed Editor.

I did not send in my opinion on any of the questions asked by Director Wainwright in the April issue.

On question 2, your format of a pull-out type ballot is a great idea! ...if a turn out of 10-15% is achieved, I would be surprised. [That's about what it was. ED.]

On question 3, distribution of a membership list. ...should not be sent out to all groups.... I am the Secretary of the United States Navy Cruise Sailors Association.... We do not send any person or organization our list. ...cost of sending out lists to all the members would be cost prohibited. ...postage is a large portion of expenses....

On question 7, the last thing you, as Editor, need is an editorial review board. It will make newsletter publication deadlines very difficult....

I got a chuckle out of your "something to crow about" cartoon

which took me back to my navy days. I was on the USS Worcester CL-144, a light cruiser. Our ship's paper was called the "Worcester Rooster. Something to Crow About."

Ronald J. Maciejowski, #5553
Secretary, USNCSA
Taunton, Massachusetts

AN EDITORIAL PS

As we were going to press with this issue we received an express mail four-page letter from former editor Stan Hadden.

Mr. Hadden expressed congratulations to our new President Nick Pappas and other winners. In this, we join him.

The remainder of Mr. Hadden's letter consists mostly of questions and discussions that seem to imply, without any evidentiary substantiation, misconduct or irregularities in the election, the proceedings of the Board at Tempe, or the conduct of certain association officers or others.

We decline to publish those writings. Not only do we not have the space, but we believe it would serve no constructive purposes or advance the goals of KWVA. Reliable information on the elections and the Board meeting are published elsewhere herein.

If any members desire details of Mr. Hadden's missive, they are free to contact him directly.

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FEATURE ARTICLES

DEFENDING AMERICA JUST THE FACTS, PLEASE

By David H. Hackworth
By Special Permission

When I left the majestic mountains of Montana five weeks ago for South Korea, U.S. newspaper headlines read: "Perry cautions North Korea," "South Korea steps up surveillance of the North," and "U.S. moving to ready public for Korean tensions."

As I disembarked at South Korea's Seoul International Airport, I expected to low crawl to a terminal bunker, ducking incoming all the way. Like most Americans, I believed what passed for news on the tube and in print--the conflict between North and South Korea was on a final countdown.

"...as I disembarked at Seoul's airport, I expected to low crawl to a terminal bunker, ducking incoming all the way."

--David Hackworth

Because the U.S. media had no other drum to beat before the "Saga of Simpson," Korea became the story, puffed up big time. CIA boss R. James Woolsey, Jr., told Larry King and the world that "North Korea has the bomb." His counterpart at the Pentagon, William Perry, told the National Press Club that North Korea was a threat to "the entire world."

The U.S. press, feeding on one another, breathlessly and tirelessly reported all the propaganda, which escalated with each story. Few reporters dug for facts or searched through the feeding frenzy for shreds of truth, choosing instead to recycle one another's tired copy. Between the garbage in and garbage out, the average citizen needed a spade to shovel through all the disinformation.

Once on the ground, I discovered there hadn't been any unusual military activity for a good while on the part of either North or South Korea in this last campaign of the cold war. Contrary to U.S. media coverage, there was no crisis, no war jitters, and to the average Kim on the streets of Seoul, the U.S. media spin on tension with Pyongyang about the bomb was a big yawn. Their main interest was World Cup soccer.

Just as you and I expect to pay taxes, the South Koreans accept the fact there's a dangerous neighbor to

the north who hasn't gotten the word the cold war is over. They also realize that, ultimately, the Bamboo Curtain will fall, and the two Koreas will unite without a shot being fired.

After spending almost one month talking to generals, officials, grunts and people all over the land, I concluded all was quiet on the Korean front, in spite of the media-prompted hysteria.

Sure, there's danger along the Demilitarized Zone, a mine-sown, gun-choked 150 mile long no-man's-land dividing the two Koreas. On both sides--where dedicated soldiers have sat behind the world's most fortified potential killing field since 1953, waiting for someone to slap leather and start the shooting phase of the Korean War all over again--two awesome armies are still squared off, fingers on triggers and rounds in chambers. The situation is identical to what the world lived through until the high cost of the cold war made the Soviet Bear cry uncle and stop the war games.

An old warrior, Fred Ramm, said, "The big joke during the Korean War was: 'What are the last words a soldier wants to hear? Answer: Fix Bayonets.' Today, our soldiers in South Korea say it's: 'Good evening, this is Dan Rather, reporting from the DMZ.'"

"...wars and rumors of wars are too dangerous to be treated as show business...."

--David Hackworth

Media spectacles such as "Joey and Amy," "The Shootout at Waco," Tanya Harding and Her Three Thugs" and now "The Juice in the Caboose" are sure winners for those high TV ratings that bring in the heavy advertising bucks.

Wars are too. Too many enjoyed "The Blood in the Balkans," "Death on the Streets of Mogadishu" and "The Desert Storm Laser Show," all successful series with logos and theme songs. The networks and much of the print media cashed in converting these real life-and-death events to mainstream entertainment for blood-lusting spectators in modern day couch potato coliseums.

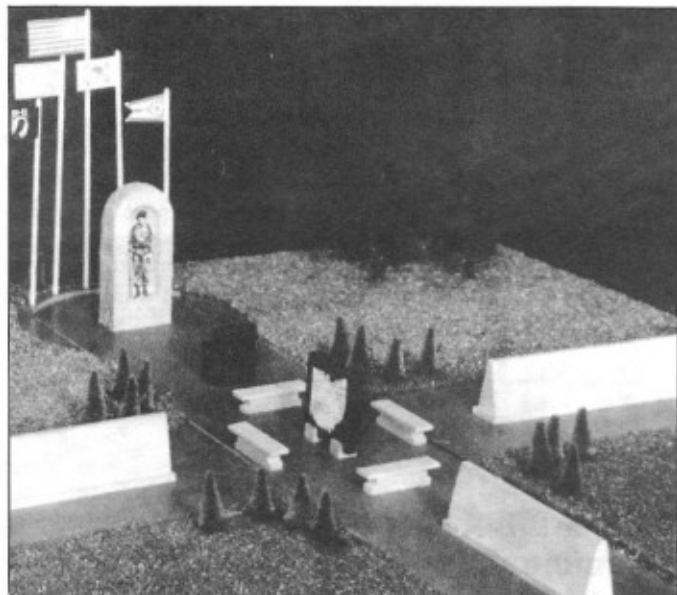
Will Rogers used to say, "All I know is what I read in the newspapers." As a reporter, all I know is what I see, smell, touch and hear firsthand.

Since wars and the rumors of wars are too dangerous to be treated as show business, I need to tell you folks: there's no crisis in the two Koreas except that promoted by an irresponsible American media that needs to shape up and put in the time needed to report just the facts.

FEATURE (Contd.)

KOREAN VETERANS MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Veterans Memorial Walkway



The State of Ohio has designated Dayton, as the official Ohio site for the Korean War Veterans Memorial and All Veterans Memorial Walkway.

The memorial pictured to the left will consist of five (5) lighted flag poles which will fly the flags of the United States, Prisoner of War/Missing in Action, United Nations, Republic of Korea and State of Ohio. At the base of the statue, granite memorials will be placed to represent all counties. Women will be honored that served in Korea or during the Korean War era.

The projected cost of this memorial is \$270,000.00.

We are attempting to complete the Korean War Memorial to coincide with the dedication and celebration of the National Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC, in 1995.

James W. Snyder
Ohio War Memorial Board

CONGRESSIONAL
MEDAL OF HONOR
RECIPIENTS' MONUMENT

The monument shown to the right was dedicated the 4th of July. It is a tribute to three Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, all from the small town of Audubon, New Jersey: Samuel Sampler, US Army, WWII, and Edward C. Benfold, US Navy and Nelson V. Brittin, US Army in the Korean War.

The monument is the result of the high school students of Audubon High. The efforts were led by students Melanie Aubrey, Anthony Simeone, Scott Johnson and Derek Everman and guided by Principal William Westphal. "This is proof that our youth does care and we are not totally forgotten." [GRAYBEARDS congratulates all involved in this commendable project.]

A ship is to be christened in 1996 which will be named U.S.S. Benfold after one of our Korean heroes.

Submitted by: Joseph Gramigna
South Jersey Chapter



FEATURES (Contd.)

These Memories of 'The Frozen Chosin'

By John Everts (F-2-1)

What are these memories?

I never saw the Changjin Reservoir, we held the fort at Koto-Ri and I do have memories of that--the setting up of tents, we hoped to sleep in, but, alas, that was not to be, they became warm-up tents.

Then there was the digging of fox holes in earth frozen 2-3 feet deep. A couple of our more enterprising "Jarheads" dug a small-size bunker, unsupported by timbers, the overhead held by the frozen earth.

The memories continue--the arrival via truck along the M.S.R., the next day finding out we are surrounded by Chi-Coms. My platoon is in a warm-up tent, arms are stacked, the cry is raised: "Enemy sighted," he sights in on a Chi-Com, he fires! Click! He fires again, another click! Oh! Oh!

"I oiled all the parts...and found out the hard way this was the wrong thing to do...."

--John Everts, USMC

Down in Hamhung (or was it Wonsan?) where we had Thanksgiving Day dinner I had so properly field stripped and cleaned my weapon. I oiled all the parts, it was nice and shiny. I sure found out the hard way that this was the wrong thing to do in sub-zero weather. The crack shot threw my weapon at me in disgust. My M-1 was never oiled again and fired perfectly every time.

Memories, memories! The mess company that was with us gave us one hot meal a day, pancakes and sausages every morning. That was real good! I recall we also had a medical unit with us. The Chinese held the high ground above them. They got down into sick bay once but were thrown back. We never wrested the high ground from them.

Memories--they continue. My company, F-2-1, was tied in with "F" Company, 2/31 Inf., U.S. Army. They deserve better, sent up with no winter gear, had to get it from our supply is what I heard.

Our Easy Company involved in a vicious attack, one or two squads from my platoon (but not mine) with our platoon leader, Lt. McQuay, rush to their aid.

One of our men, Rob Olson, carries off a Chinese machine-gun.

The air strip, 3/4's of which lay outside our perimeter. The air drops--the first drop lands in no-man's land, outside our lines. We scramble out amidst long range Chinese firing, to retrieve what we could.

We heard that the pilot was so chagrined over this error that when he got back to Japan, he scrounged a full planeload of supplies, came back and dropped them right on the money.

The men of the air! What would we have done without them? Marine, Navy, Air Force and the Aussies--we would

have never survived. The close air support, the dropping of supplies, the picking up of our wounded, God bless them all!

How about those great Royal Marines and their fight from Koto-Ri to Hagaru-Ri!

The memories, they flood back as a torrent--the fifth and seventh Marines who had it twice, nay!, three times as rough as us, finally break through to us, the burying of their dead, bulldozers plowing frozen earth of the bodies.

Finally we leave, F-2-1 is part of the rear guard, our tanks bring up the rear so as to blow up bridges and what else with our 90 M.M.'s as we go on.

"...thousands of North Koreans...following us out...voting against Communism with their feet...."

--John Everts, USMC

There are thousands of North Korean civilians following us out, voting against communism with their feet. We cannot let them through, we fear Chi-Coms have infiltrated them. Sure enough, we get the word (was it rumor?) that five of our seven tanks were taken over by Chinese infiltrators. We get all back same one, and it's destroyed.

Memories, memories--they are now a tidal wave in my head. The many times we have to stop and take up defensive positions off the M.S.R. (if there was room to do so) and fight the Chinese. To my shame I sicken, I can't go on, I can't walk out with my comrades, I'm forced to get on a jeep with two or three other wounded or sick Marines.

At last! We make it! Down to Hamhung, I stumble to sick bay, I'm diagnosed as having "walking pneumonia" and I'm given the standard treatment--APC's!--and ordered back to my outfit.

Final memories--boarded the Gen. Collins. Man! Did those "Swabbies" take care of us! Continuous chow line from 5 a.m. to 4 a.m., closing down for one hour to clean up. They even broke open their ship's stores for us.

Yes, the floodgates of my mind were opened. These memories of "The Frozen Chosin" will never be forgotten.

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FEATURES (Contd.)

Merokian Looks Back on Korean 'Police Action'

By Irwin Braun

It was 40 years ago (July 27, 1953) that the Korean War ended. The big guns roared right up to the last minute, as the war came to an end with a massive artillery barrage.

At final count, 54,246 Americans were killed. A staggering five million GIs saw duty in the conflict that lasted three years. Of the nine wars that the United States has fought, only four have claimed more lives: the Civil War, both World Wars and Vietnam.

At the height of the cold war, without provocation, North Korea launched a surprise invasion of South Korea on June 25, 1950. President Harry Truman, recognizing that Americans were tired of fighting another war right after World War II, called it a "police action."

The draft was reinstated and we were quickly trained and sent on troop ships to Inchon, Pusan and other ports. And we were told that if we didn't stop the Communists in Asia, they soon would be landing in San Francisco.

Merokian in Seoul

Despite the propaganda, the Korean War was notable because over 30 countries belonging to the United Nations supplied combat and support troops. I remember going to war-torn Seoul and seeing soldiers of France, India, Turkey, Ethiopia, Great Britain, Columbia and Greece mingling in the crowded streets.

In 1952, the conflict settled down to where both sides--United Nations forces and the North Korean and Chinese armies--were entrenched in opposing hills and mountains in central Korea. The fighting was contained to limited attacks, ambushes, reconnaissance patrols and air strikes.

The regiment that I served with, the 32nd Infantry, 7th Division, was on the battle line in an area called, "The Iron Triangle." It was named after three villages--Pyongyang, Chorwon, and Kumhwa--whose locations, north of the 38th parallel, formed a triangle on a map.

However, it was that cool night in July of 1953 that brings back vivid memories. We were told that after two years of negotiating at Panmunjom, a truce was finally signed. The order was given that at 10 p.m., there would be a cease fire and our unit was to pull off the battle line and into a reserve area about 20 miles south.

At about 8 p.m., the South Korean artillery on our left flank opened up a tremendous artillery barrage that

lasted nearly two hours. One officer remarked that the ROK (Republic of Korea) troops didn't want to lug the ammunition back to the reserve area. At 10 p.m., sudden stillness descended over the battle field. The Korean War was history. Lights went on, music began to play, and helmeted, flack-jacketed men stood up and glanced about. And the rush was on.

There was an exodus from rear units to the front. This was the last chance for every officer who sat out the war in relative safety to see the enemy positions. One sergeant remarked, "If we charge these guys admission, we could make a fortune."

Two GIs from our company decided that this was a great opportunity to socialize with the former enemy. The Chinese erected a "welcome" sign the next morning and these riflemen decided to accept the offer. Unfortunately, when they returned to our positions, they were arrested by the military police.

Looking back, the young men, women and World War II veterans who served there never forgot the war. The Chinese bugles blaring in a human wave attack, the frigid-cold winters, the never-ending rainy season, the dusty Korean roads, the humidity and heat of summer, and buddies who never made it back--left its mark on all of us.

However, Korean War Veterans with renewed confidence, recognized that the war accomplished its goal: The United States could be counted on to support its allies to stop aggression. Certainly, something to be proud of.

And the rest of America was beginning to recognize this too. On June 14, 1982, President George Bush broke ground on the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital and it is slated for dedication in July of 1995. Americans who want to support this long-overdue memorial should send their donations to American Battlefield and Monuments Commission, Washington, D.C. 20314.

It is the least that we can do to honor those who served and gave their lives.

[Reprinted from Merrick Life, dated Thursday, July 22, 1993. Irwin Braun of Merrick is an author and Korean War Veteran.]



ON GUARD: Author Irwin Braun at the Iron Triangle during the Korean War, which ended 40 years ago.

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THE FIRST SEVEN DAYS TURNS A BOY INTO A MAN

My name is Salvatore Scarlato. I was born in the great borough of Brooklyn, New York, on January 14, 1933. I attended P.S. 157 and Boys High School. On October 15, 1951, when I was 18-1/2 years old, I joined the United States Marine Corps. I did 12 weeks of boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina. After boot camp I was sent to Camp Pendleton, California, for 12 weeks of combat infantry training and was part of the 19th Replacement Draft to go to Korea. On board the U.S.N.S. W. M. Weiger Troop Ship there were 4,500 Marines going to Korea and I was one of them.

Our first stop was Kobe, Japan. We were there for a couple of days. Then the ship went to Korea. We arrived in Inchon Harbor (western part of Korea) on April 10, 1952, between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. We went over the side climbing down the rope ladders into a landing barge. While in the landing barge our officer told us to "Lock and Load," which means load your weapon. I knew then this was the real thing. It was a shooting war, not a police action.

**"...It was a
shooting war--not
a police action...."**

--Salvatore Scarlato, Pvt. USMC

We landed on the Inchon Harbor and climbed up the wall with ladders onto the dock. We had little resistance from the guerrillas. We were put on trucks and went to Ascom City where we stayed for a few days. The Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) did not waste any time. They gave us our first air raid the second night we were there. On the third day we were put on trucks again to go to our assigned units that were on the Main Line of Resistance (MLR). I was assigned to "B" Company, 1st Shore Party as a combat engineer to Kimpo Provisional Regiment (KPR) above the Kimpo Peninsula.

The Kimpo Provisional Regiment (KPR) consisted of the following units: 1st Armored Amphib Bn, as supporting artillery, USMC; 5th KMC Bn; 13th ROK Bn; 2/7 USMC; Co A 1st Amphib Tractor Bn, USMC; Co B 1st Shore Party Bn (as engineers), USMC; Co D 1st Med Bn, USMC; Recon Co, USMC; Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Co, 1st Signal Bn, USMC; 181st Counter Intelligence Unit, USA; 61st Engr Searchlight Det, USA; and 163rd Military Intelligence Det, USA.

While enroute to the main Line of Resistance (MLR), we were hit with mortars and small arms fire. We jumped out of our trucks and I jumped right into a rice paddy and engaged in the fire fight. After the firing stopped, and it got very quiet, I realized that I was in a puddle of human waste. Now I know what the old timers meant when they said that Korea smelled like ----.

**"...as I lay there with
my face down in human
waste, my mind
flashed back...."**

--Salvatore Scarlato, Pvt. USMC

As I lay there with my face down in the human waste, my mind flashed back to something my former commander in the Naval Air Reserve said to me when he

was trying to convince me to stay in the Navy: "How would you like to die? In a warm bed with blankets or like a pig?" As I lay in the rice paddy with my face all covered with gunk, I knew now what he meant.

After a while there was silence and it started to rain very heavy. Our sergeant yelled "all clear" and we were told to get back in the trucks and we proceeded to go to our assigned company. We, the marines, had very little casualties.

When we got to our destination it was raining very hard and it was pitch black. A sergeant came over to us and said, "Get out and take any shelter you can find." The next morning the lieutenant and the sergeant came and assigned us to platoons. I was in the Third Platoon 1st Squad Third Fire Team. At the same time, the Platoon Sergeant said to me, "I have a present for you." Guess what it was? A BAR weapon (Browning Automatic Rifle). So, I became a BAR man.

That evening my squad leader came and told us we had outpost duty. The hill that was assigned to our squad was called (Outpost 1). It took approximately one hour for us to get up this mountain they called a hill. It seemed to never end and because of all the rain during the night it was very muddy which made it even harder to climb.

We set up in the bunkers and that night, the Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) did not waste any time in greeting us new guys. First the CCFF blew a horn to shake us up and then they blew a bugle to charge us. I fired my BAR so much and so long that it got so hot I had to use water to cool it off. This battle lasted over two hours and when it was over, there were bodies of CCF all over the place and on the barbed wire. We also had heavy casualties but not as many as the CCF did. I went to Korea as a 19-year-old boy and after 7 days in Korea I became a man.

As a member of Fox Co 7 Regiment 1st Cav, I read with interest the story about Spyridon Alevizakos a member of the Greek battalion attached to the 1st Cav's 7th Regiment.

I was under the command of Colonel Dan Gilmer known to us, without affection, as "Ringmount Dan the Barbwire Man." Gilmer is described in Clay Blair's *The Forgotten War* as "...among the worst regimental commanders to serve in Korea." "Less than heroic," and an "...utter disaster for the crack 7th Cav." Thank God for the Greeks.

In early fall of 1951 I wandered into the Greek detachment. One of their soldiers was wounded and weeping. At a glance the wound did not appear to warrant tears, so I asked a Greek officer what was wrong. He told me I wouldn't understand, but then went on to explain anyway.

He said the young soldier had been very slightly wounded by a mortar fragment. He was weeping because his father might find out. He feared his father would not approve such an impersonal wound. Had it been a knife, bayonet or bullet in face-to-face combat that would be acceptable. Given that attitude no wonder the UN command kept them as far away from the Turks as possible.

As I said, "Thank God for the Greeks." After George Custer and Dan Gilmer they certainly came in handy.

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'THE FORGOTTEN WAR...REMEMBERED'

**Dedication to the Memory of John Brown, Hero
The Only Trenton, Ohio Youth to Have Died in the War**



Lenora Schenck and Mary Sundo - John's sisters

Special to Graybeard, © by Richard Coate

Members of the Korean War Veterans Association throughout the nation have joined in a collective effort to call attention to the plight of the forgotten veteran of "The Forgotten War," especially those who paid the supreme sacrifice in answering the call to arms in a mid-century national crisis. Korean War memorials are springing up throughout the nation. The Korean War Veterans Memorial in our nation's capital, to be situated on the mall opposite the Vietnam War Memorial, will be unveiled for dedication on July 27, 1995 - the 42nd anniversary of the truce signing in Korea.

It is fitting that we pause on this Friday afternoon, the 27th of May 1994 prior to Memorial Day that we pay tribute to the eight Korean War veterans of Trenton, Ohio. However, as I return to my hometown on this very special occasion I am reminded of the letter I received from Betty, my bride, during my tour of duty bearing the news that a comrade in arms, a youth from Trenton, John Brown was Killed in Action. The anguish I felt was all the more keen since John was Betty's neighbor, his family residing near the Scheibert home on State Street.

It was a sad day for me, and I thought of the company clerk whose job it was, like mine, to write up the casualty

report which triggered the telegram home. Since I was five or six years older than John, graduating from Trenton High by the time he was in Junior High School we had relatively few immediate contacts. However, it did not lessen the pain, for I knew then as now that John and I were true brothers in the larger sense of the word. I recall pausing in prayer for both John and his family. I knew that the news of young John's death would be like a shock wave hit our beloved small town which had nurtured us through the trials and triumphs of childhood and youth prior to army induction. I knew that the distance between that faraway land few of us had heard of prior to the outbreak of the war would be considerably lessened after the news of John's death swept through the town. The forbidding and endless chains of mountains and rice paddies upon which we fought would become all the more immediate after John's parents, Harold and Jewel received the telegram. I thought of my wife and parents if they were to receive news of my own death. Trentonites, schoolmates as well as the townspeople at large would be quick to respond with an outpouring of sympathy for my family as they had for the grieving Brown family.

Fate would have it that a photo of a lonely foot soldier in silhouette taken by the AP photographer, James E. Martenhoff, on March 3, 1951 would, in the ensuing months and years ahead attain unique significance in our nation's history, symbolizing as it has America's fighting forces in the Korean war. Though I am the soldier who posed for the photo, it has gained a life unto itself, which explains why the Korean War Veterans Association honored me by using it on the cover of their history book of the Korean War, second edition. It also explains the reason for my presence here today.

But this is an especially poignant moment in my life since I'm presenting this volume to an old Coate family friend, Peggy Leis, Vice President of The Trenton Historical Society. A special mention should go to Doris Page, co-curator of the Trenton Historical Society for her interest, compassion, time and energy which went into preparation for this ceremony. Without her cooperation it would not have been possible. Peggy, on behalf of The Korean War Veterans Association I present this volume, aptly titled "The Forgotten War ... Remembered," to the Trenton Historical Society in memory of John Brown.

John was born in 1932, his life coming to an end on June 6, 1951 in the battle for Kumwha, South Korea. John joined the army at the age of seventeen in 1949 - a year before the outbreak of the war. Eager to get his tour of duty in the army out of the way that he could get on with his life without further interruption, he persuaded his parents to sign for him. John served with the valiant 7th Infantry Division which, by the time of his death, had seen some of the most horrific fighting in the Korean War. Though I do not

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know the specific battles in which John was involved, I do know that the winter of '50-'51 was the coldest in recent history and the men fighting for survival, as General Ridgway put in his book, "The Korean War" - "were asked to meet modern armor with obsolescent weapons and had been sent into subarctic temperatures in clothing fit for fall maneuvers at home ... In view of all this, it was a miracle, and a credit to those who had bred them, that our soldiers had fought so magnificently against such brutal odds, and still retained their courage and the dogged willingness to go where their leaders sent them." Both the weather and the communist enemy took a terrible toll.

John was killed early June in the battle for Kumwha, the southeastern apex of what was known as "the iron triangle." The triangle was the traditional invasion route to the capital city of Seoul and whoever controlled it controlled the southern portion of the Korean peninsula. Subsequent battles in the triangle area were to be among the bloodiest in the war.

The Korean War, like the Vietnam War was not a popular war. However, it must be noted that young men like John Brown did not die in vain. Though we must not glorify war as a means of settling dispute, the cause for which John's young life was sacrificed was a noble one. Consider the alternative. What would the world be like today if America had not taken a stand in Korea?

Men have pondered throughout time on why some die in battle while others survive. The fallen mark the lives of survivors in varied and profound ways. An infantry company, to be an effective fighting force is the sum total of its separate parts: each man has his own designated place in a platoon and squad; each contributing to the success of the operation. John died in "Operation Piledriver" in a key battle for control of strategic territory. The invasion route to Seoul would never be wrested from UN hands again. South Korea, unlike its counter-part to the north is a free country.

It is with great pride that I present this volume, "The Forgotten War ... Remembered," to the Trenton Historical Society in John's Memory. The recipient of a Posthumous Silver Star for heroism above and beyond the call of duty and a Purple Heart, visitors down through the years, as they browse through the book in this museum, will come upon John's name, giving pause in reflection for the only Trenton youth to have died in the service of his country during the Korean War. And now let us all bow our heads for a minute of silence and meditation. We do remember, John.



New York also now issues auto plates for Korean War Vets. Above is State Commissioner presenting plate #1 to Bill Norris, First President of KWVA. Left to right: Dan Audley, Div of Vet Affairs; Norris; Commissioner Patricia Adduci; Harry Van Zandt, Proj. Coordinator NY KWVA; and Art Patterson, NE NY KWVA Chap., and past Director, KWVA



In our June issue we published a photo of two of our members receiving the new Illinois Korean War vet auto tags "K-2" and "K-3". Cathy Rich of Louisville OH, who says her father is a Korean vet, sends us the above photo of Hershall Lee, founder of the Illinois KWVA back in '86, with his plate "K-1". Cathy includes a stack of documents, media clips, photos, and letters from the Secretary of State and others. All establish that the new plates are primarily the results of Tiger Lee's energetic and determined efforts. We are happy to round out this record and grateful to Cathy for bringing it to our attention.

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FROM THE JAWS OF DEATH

A Fantastic Rescue at Sea



The U.S.S. Ozbourn as she appeared in the winter of 1950-51. Photo provided by CO Capt. Charles O. Ackers, believed to be the person standing on the flying bridge.

The events that I relate happening in 1951. The names of many of the others involved have long since escaped memory, and only scant documentation remains.

"...I ditched an F4U-4 Corsair in the Sea of Japan somewhere South of Wonsan,...."

--R. M. Tvede, USN

On 18 Feb 1951, about 4:00 p.m. local time, I ditched an F4U-4 Corsair in the Sea of Japan somewhat south of Wonsan, Korea, evidently in a mine field. This was prior to the establishment of the helicopter rescue unit in Wonsan Bay (à la *Bridges at Toko Ri*) so rescue by surface means was the only resource available.

The mine situation precluded sending a destroyer or other similar vessel into the area. The only alternative was to launch a crew in a motor whale boat to try the job [this was the captain's gig--the whale boat had been holed by a North Korean shore battery (Ed.)]. While the weather was clear, it was bitter cold, became very dark and the seas were heavy. With help from airborne observers, the boat arrived at my location about 7:30 p.m. and took me aboard. I was in pretty bad shape (hypothermia) and was not very lucid during the two hour trip back to the destroyer (*USS OZBOURN*). The boat crew was by that time almost as cold and wet as I was. It was after midnight when I "came around" and all I wanted was something to eat and a hot shower.

I left the destroyer via high-line transfer to a supply ship (*USS CHARA*) at dawn. I mention this detail only to indicate that I never had the opportunity to meet with my benefactors, let alone to review the events of the evening before.

"It was amazing...to discover that the officer-in-charge...of the boat was the son-in-law of a co-worker of my mother."

--R. M. Tvede, USN

At this time my mother was working at the San Francisco Board of Public Works at PBX telephone operator. I had long since left home and, except for fairly frequent letters, I had not kept close contact with the family and had no idea where or with whom my mother worked. It was amazing...to discover that the officer-in-charge...of the boat was the son-in-law of a co-worker of my mother. Neither of these women had been aware that the other had a son or son-in-law in the Navy!

On 18 February 1958, seven years later, I was in Naples, Italy on shore leave with a couple of friends. Although I was not specifically invited by the host, I joined my friends in a dinner date they had arranged with an officer they knew from the NATO staff. I knew neither the officer nor his wife. Before taking us to a restaurant, we went to their home. After a few moments of conversation, the wife asked me if my wife's name was Barbara. When I said, "Yes," she mentioned that she had worked at the telephone company in San Francisco with Barbara before she, Barbara, left to go to Pensacola with me. Then the surprise: "My brother-in-law was the officer-in-charge of the boat that picked you up off Korea." I looked at my watch; it was about 7:30 p.m.!

R. M. Tvede, USN

FEATURE ARTICLE--An Overlooked "Tiger-ette"

A PRINCESS IN SHINING TIARAS

Korean Vet's Daughter Works Quietly but Steadily for Korean Vets....

There are, of course, many toiling souls around, often overlooked and unthanked, who focus intently on supporting and thanking veterans of the "Forgotten War." Many of our members wives fit neatly into this frame. Their efforts result in the Korean War increasingly becoming not forgotten, but "remembered", and they are a source of comfort and encouragement to the veterans of that struggle still around.

One such a person, whose contributions seem to be especially long standing and diligent is pretty little Cathy Rich, out Louisville Ohio way. She is the daughter of James Newport who served with the 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea during one of the War's toughest periods in 1950-51.

Cathy is always on hand whenever a cry goes out for help for any assistance in a project for or on behalf of Korean vets. She is well known among our National leadership and both in her Ohio area and across the line in Illinois in the Hershall Lee Chapter. As can be seen elsewhere herein, she too has taken us to the wood shed for overlooking Lee's energetic campaign to get Korean Vet auto tags for Illinois vets.



KWVA staunch supporter and activist Cathy Rich assisting with interpretation for the hearing impaired at the Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Service on the occasion of the Korean Memorial ground breaking on June 14, 1992.

It was Cathy Rich who put out the word for the interested to assemble in the North Branch of her local library some years ago to organize the Korean War Veterans of Stark County Ohio. She said, on the occasion that one of her goals was to "make people

aware of the forgotten war, the ignored victory and communism's first defeat."



Cathy Rich with Maj Gen Han, Korean Defense Attache at the Memorial Banquet in Washington, D.C. on July 27, 1993.

KWVA and Korean Vets everywhere can be thankful for people like Cathy Rich. We just thought our readers would like to know of this unique lady that has been a loyal and unwavering supporter and frequent helper. If there are those who might want to drop her a note of thanks, her address is:

8695 Columbus Rd,
Louisville OH 44641.



The Korean War Memorial at the Court House in Grant County, Indiana. Submitted by Phil Street, Jonesboro, KWVA #5769.

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A VERY SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLE - A voice from the Past!!

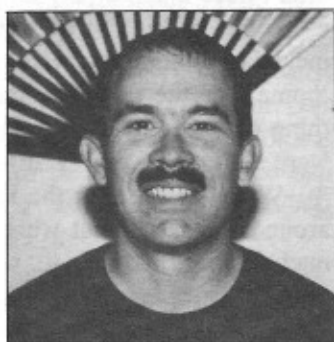
[With the story below we break our harsh and self-imposed rules on brevity in a most crowded issue of our KWVA newsletter.

We think the tale is so unique and moving for any vet of the Korean War fighting that our readers will be glad we do so. If we err, we're sure to hear about it. It is the "voice" of 19th Inf/24th Div trooper Edward Wayne "Sonny" Rhoads, who died in a communist POW camp on December 31, 1951. The Rhoads Chapter in our KWVA is named after this soldier.

The article was written and prepared by the above pictured Gerry Jones, Chapter Historian, and an Air Force Sgt with 17 plus years of service, 6 of which was in Korea at the Osan Air Base. Jones is married to the former Miss Pak Chong Hui, and he reports they have three young adults.

Jones relates that he bases his writing on Chapter archive material, Tiger Death March by Rev. Phillip Crosbie, and from discussions with the Rhoads family who have read and approved the article. He welcomes further information on Rhoads from any reader who might have served with, or knew, him. Jones' address and phone: 3001 Mustang Dr, Tucson AZ 85708, Tel. 602-790-9122.

We wonder if there will be a reader out there anywhere who can retain his composure with dry eyes after reading this article. EDITOR]



Gerry Jones, Historian,
KWVA Rhoads Chapter

Dear Fellow Korean War Vet's,

My name is Edward Wayne 'Sonny' Rhoads. I thought I would share with you a little about my life.

I was born in Tucson on 30 July 1927. I attended Davidson School and Tucson High School before joining the army from 24 July 1946 to 23 April 1947 and 1 December 1947 to 31 December 1951. In 1948, I was sent to Camp Chickamauga (Beppu, Japan) to be a part of Company G, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. We trained off and on over those years and finally I was given orders to leave Japan which I will

describe to you in my letter to Mother:

20 JUNE 1950, BEPPU, JAPAN: DEAR MOTHER, ...THIS WILL PROBABLY BE THE LAST TIME I WRITE YOU FROM JAPAN. I AM GOING TO YOKOHAMA A WEEK FROM SUNDAY AND FROM THERE TO THE STATES. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I WILL BE IN YOKOHAMA BEFORE I CATCH A BOAT. NOT LONG I HOPE - BEEN OVER HERE TWO YEARS AND THAT IS PLENTY...WELL I'LL CLOSE FOR NOW AND WRITE YOU AGAIN FROM YOKOHAMA...LOVE, SONNY.

On 25 June 1950, the invasion of South Korea began and I was sitting in Yokohama waiting for the boat that never came, or at least went in the wrong direction. Home was so close, yet so far away. I was recalled to my unit on 3 July, and loaded on LSTs bound for Korea. We arrived on the 4th of July in Pusan, put on trucks and rushed North to meet the enemy. I was a jeep driver.

On 20 July, the day before we were captured, a fella by the name of George Rogers, who occasionally rode shotgun with me, was given a message to take to Battalion Headquarters. The message read "Enemy in sight." He took off but couldn't locate the Battalion Hq, so he returned to the Company area. Unfortunately, the Company had bugged and we in the supply area didn't know until he arrived to tell us. We still had the supplies (mostly munitions) loaded on trailers. The Sergeant in charge of our section told us that we should put all the vehicles bumper to bumper and set fire to them and the supplies. We took as many rounds of ammo as we could carry, before starting the fire. George suggested we take the jeeps that had guns mounted on them and try to fight our way back south. The Sergeant said that it was too late, Taejon had been captured the night before. So we were cut off. There were about eight of us that started walking south.

We joined with a larger group of folks from Fox Company located near the Kum river. Shortly after our arrival, the Jeep Sergeant told us all to separate into smaller groups, because we presented a larger target. That night our small group hid in vining bushes and weeds, about 5-6 feet apart. The next morning we left, but unfortunately George and another fella didn't get tapped to leave, however, they did catch up to us.

The only weapon I had for protection was a 45 caliber pistol. I thought I should clean it, after crawling

through a rice paddy, so I borrowed George's handkerchief. Somehow I had left a round in the chamber and it went off. Well this drew enemy fire and we had to leave in a hurry. We were trying to keep ahead of the enemy, but there were too many of them. So I tore my 45 apart and threw parts away as we ran. George was dropping out one round of ammo at a time from his M-1, until we finally ran out of room and were captured.

A telegram from Washington DC was sent, on 22 August, to my mother:

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS
ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET
THAT YOUR SON PVT RHOADS EDWARD
WAYNE HAS BEEN MISSING IN ACTION IN
KOREA SINCE 16 JUL 50...WITSELL,
MAJOR GENERAL, USA

The march to our first POW camp began about 15 miles north of Taejon and ended in the vicinity of Manpo (near the Yalu River). We began with 55 folks and by the time we arrived north of Pyongyang, we had grown to approximately 700 people (a mix of civilians and military). Most of us had been transported by trucks or trains.

"...the march to our first
POW camp began about
15 miles north of Taejon..."

--Edward Rhoads, POW Korea.

Little did any of us know after leaving this transportation that our group would begin the infamous 'Tiger Death March', on 31 Oct 1950. A North Korean Major, we gave him the name 'Tiger,' force marched us nearly one hundred miles. Along the way his troops killed our people for dropping out of line, mostly due to exhaustion. Others were killed because they either stopped to relieve themselves or in the case of some officers because men in their group had fallen out of line. I tried to help a few of the exhausted men who couldn't walk, by carrying them. I was one of the few who had shoes and could handle the extra weight. I guess it helped to be 6 feet 2 inches and have size 13 feet, because there wasn't a North Korean who could wear them.

We found out from some of the clergy that walked with us, that our captors had even murdered some nuns and old people along the way, because they couldn't keep up. That angered a lot of us, which probably

helped keep us going. The best way to describe this march is to picture in your mind a scene similar to the Bataan Death March, only worse. Our food was lousy, if we got any at all. We were given boiled corn, millet, sorghum, and rice packed in softball shape and size. Thirst was our biggest enemy for a while, then the cold of winter began setting in. Most of us were only dressed in the uniforms we arrived in-country with and had been wearing day after day since our capture. We didn't have much of anything to keep warm with except each other and if you were lucky a small quilted blanket picked up along the way. We arrived at Jungkan-Jin our 'home' for the next few months, or years. The only thing that we did care about was that those of us who were still alive were TIGER SURVIVORS.

While we were in the Korean camp, we used to sit around and talk about what we wanted to do when we made it home and the talk would always revolve around food. My plan was to eat fried banana's and peanut butter. Of course, camp life was no picnic. It took a lot of strength just to survive in the freezing cold hooch

"...those of us who were
still alive were
TIGER SURVIVORS..."

--Edward Rhoads, POW, Korea

On one particular day a man by the name of Frank Rowe was very sick and appeared to be dying. I got pretty angry and went outside to demand some help from the guard. The guard responded (without kicking the stuffing out of me or worse) by getting some fellow prisoners to help move Frank and Joe Bergeron to the warmest hooch (known as the 'Hospital'). Frank made it out alive, but Joe, unfortunately, died that night. After we had those men moved to warmth, I probably said to myself a few times, "you're lucky you weren't killed doing this," but I would do it again if I have to. Thanks to mother and her teaching me persistence (and a little stubbornness).

In July 1951, we were to move to Camp 3, Changsong and were turned over to the Chinese. Our people stopped dying and things were beginning to look better for all of us. After a short while, though, I started to lose my appetite and began to cough slightly at first. Gradually over the next few months I was coughing up blood. My lungs & body ached terribly. I thought it was just another type of pneumonia. Finally, I guess somebody was looking out for me, because I was allowed to write home for the first time since being captured:

December 3, 1951,
Camp 3, NORTH KOREA:

DEAR MOTHER:

MY FIRST CHANCE TO WRITE YOU SINCE I HAVE BEEN A PRISONER. I HOPE YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TOO WORRIED..I SURE DO MISS YOU ALL. HOW IS EVERYBODY, FINE I HOPE. I SURE WISHED I WAS HOME FOR THIS XMAS. MAYBE SOON...WHEN THIS MESS IS ALL OVER WITH. I AM IN FINE HEALTH AND DOING FINE. DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ME. I AM A PRISONER OF THE CHINESE AND THEY TREAT US WONDERFUL... HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL SOON.

LOVE SONNY.

My mother also received the following telegram shortly after receiving my letter:

19 December 1951, Washington DC:

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS ASKED ME TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NAME RHOADS, EDWARD W., BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF YOUR SON, IS INCLUDED IN A LIST OF PRISONERS SUPPOSED TO BE HELD BY ENEMY FORCES. THIS LIST WAS PROVIDED BY ENEMY FORCES... BERGIN, MAJOR GENERAL, USA

Shortly after the letter home, my condition deteriorated and I succumbed to T.B. on 31 December 1951. Some of my friends, like Shorty Estabrook, buried me outside the camp. They were kind enough to read words over me and bury me properly.

Mother didn't hear anything about me until this telegram arrived:

15 August 1953, Washington DC:

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT A NAME BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF YOUR SON PRIVATE EDWARD W. RHOADS APPEARS ON A LIST OF AMERICANS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMUNISTS WHO ACCORDING TO THEIR RECORDS DIED WHILE IN THEIR CUSTODY... BERGIN, MAJOR GENERAL, USA

...and it was followed shortly after by this letter:

27 AUGUST 1953, WASHINGTON DC:

DEAR MRS SELBIE:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO CONFIRM MY RECENT TELEGRAM IN WHICH YOU WERE NOTIFIED THAT THE

COMMUNIST FORCES IN KOREA HAVE REPORTED THAT YOUR SON, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD W. RHOADS, DIED WHILE IN THEIR CUSTODY. THE REPORT FURTHER STATES THAT HE DIED IN CAMP 3, NORTH KOREA ON 31 DECEMBER 1951, AS THE RESULT OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS....BERGIN, MAJOR GENERAL, USA

The North Koreans turned my remains over to the United Nations Military Armistice Commission in April 1955. I was escorted by MSgt Hamel and came home on 1 May 1955. I now live with other veterans at South Lawn Cemetery in Tucson, Arizona.

My comrades, please don't feel sorry for me because down to the end I maintained hope for my future. Remember, even though I didn't die in battle; I did die A SOLDIER.

Your Comrade,
Sonny Rhoads

T A P S

JOSEPH W. WILLIAMS, #11174,

Nov 7/93. (B/3FA/2nd Div-'50-52) Columbus OH, "volunteered to face enemy...carried wounded during intense fighting...5 Bronze Stars...Pusan to NKVA and CCF...life of public service...32 yrs in transportation...tournament winning golfer...

from George Hoffman, Columbus.

ELBERT NELSON, SR, Col(USAR Ret) at 95 years, late '93. Mil/Intel WWII & Korea. Managing Editor Weirton WV Daily Times in 1930s. Numerous decorations including SS and BSs.

from George Hoffman, Columbus.

JOHN J. FENTON, DOD unknown, charter member KWVA, (7 Inf/3rd Div '50-53). Thrift Store manager, collapsed with heart attack at home rear door. AT&T engr for 36 yrs. aptd by Gov to adv/bd on Vet affairs..."truly friend of all Vets..especially Korean War..."

from Robert Jewell, #6243, Omaha
(9 Inf/3rd Div)

A FEATURE ARTICLE...32nd Infantry Starts Newspaper

The 32nd Infantry's Jolly Roger and Humor in Korea

By Sgt. Irwin Zabusky Braun

Without fanfare in the spring of 1952, the Public Information Office of the 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, launched a weekly humor publication called *The Jolly Roger*. The weekly magazine carried news and humorous articles written by Lt. James D. Callahan and his dedicated staff. The paper was mimeographed on brown-bag stock.

The most noted piece of humor was found on the back page and it was an ad for a fictitious product that would make the life of the average GI a little easier. *Saturday Night Live*, many years later, with hilarious commercials, would also do spoofs of products that did not exist. This writer had the opportunity to work on those ads with Lt. Callahan and, when Callahan rotated back to the States, I took over total responsibility for producing them.

Here are some of the products featured in *The Jolly Roger*: a combat pay indicator, a chopper attachment for jeeps, fade-a-way flakes for camouflaging your area, a collapsible helmet, and a bullet-proof flack sack.

But this enthusiasm was not shared by everyone. In the fall of 1952, *The Jolly Roger* ceased publication because of criticism from the higher echelons.

Lt. Callahan would write in an obituary for *The Jolly Roger*, "That one of the American Infantryman's greatest single attributes is his ability to laugh at his problems. Laughs can make a soldier a long way from home forget momentarily the problems that beset him. If it accomplished one thing, *The Jolly Roger* evoked thousands of laughs

from the officers and men for whom it was written--The Buccaneers."

In February of 1953, *The Combat Forces Journal* published in Washington, DC, ran a lead article titled, "Communist Military Indoctrination and U.S. Soldier Satire." The article compared verses found in communist military publications adulating Stalin and the humorous ads found on the back page of *The Jolly Roger*.

The article pointed out that "communists, imprisoned in their own dogma, cannot conceive that any American would dare poke fun at such a great American business institution as advertising and in satire that plays with his own pay and allowances to boot. Which mind will last longer in combat? The free, the flexible imaginative

mind that can invent the "Collapsible Mess Kit Corp." or the frustrated, bitter, parrot-like chanting of the line that "Where Stalin is there too is victory."

Shortly thereafter, *The Jolly Roger* was resurrected under the direction of Warrant Officer Joseph Criswell. It was published for many months thereafter until the end of the war in July of 1953.

As Callahan wrote earlier, "The little publication always came out on time, had become something of a legend in the regiment. So much so that its day of publication, every Sunday, came to be laughingly known as Jolly Roger Day. This was the high point in the week of the Buccaneers. Everyone from the staff to the Pvt. E-2 on outpost relaxed and laughed with *The Jolly Roger*."

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ENDORSED BY: CAPT. A. RUNAROUND WHO
SAYS, "WHEN I'M NOT FLYING, I
USE MY CHOPPER AS A FAN. IT
REMINDS ME OF THE SUBWAY IN NEW YORK."

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TOKSON - KOREA

A FEATURE ARTICLE...Korea Revisits--Two Updates

NORBERT BENTELE

Quincy, Illinois

I was in X corps Dec/52--May/54 from Mungdung-ni and Punch Bowl--then ROK Signal and X Corps Signal maintenance.

Last year wife and I spent 2 wks in Korea--with Dick Adams and others--rented car and traveled to Injae Valley and Kwandae-ri (old X Corps Hq). Valley now flooded from new dam on the Soyang-gang. Old Injae Valley-Yangu road is closed. One can't quite go to the Punch Bowl--but close. ROK army in control and doesn't want visitors.

"...an unforgettable trip
back into memory..."

--Norbert Bentele

Pupyong-ni is still a little village--houses being repaired--crops planted--otherwise much like '53. Close to Pupyong-ni there is impressive memorial to the French Bn and Gen Monclar by side of main road. Not many people know of it--We took some snaps. Now ready to take part in Memorial dedication in Washington...march in the parade...have color guard--can travel and volunteer to help...

(Plans for dedication still being made by Bob Hansen and Company at the Memorial Board. Don't know just yet if includes a parade. Dan Smith and Harry Wallace handling KWVA involvement. Sure they would welcome offer to help. ED)

DAVE BESSIRE

Nashville, Tennessee

by John Everts

Jun 19/94--Departed for Korea with good WWII and Korea buddy T/Sgt "Buzz" Cahn, USAF (Ret) on American AL Flt from Chicago's O'Hare for Kimpo in Seoul via Anchorage.

Unbelievably long bus ride to Sofitel Ambassador Hotel downtown with horrendous traffic 4-5 lanes, bumper to bumper. Buildings and people everywhere. Two room \$150K apartments built for '88 Olympics athletes were resold out for civilians before even built. 2nd day, bus tour and went shopping in famed Itaewon center for cashmere material. For dinner sat with KWVA founder Bill Norris and Robert Roy of N.Y.S. Swapped tales of the past.

Third day we were driven to monuments and

Panmunjom to service club, DORA OP, and conference room and table on DMZ--bridge "Of no Return"--told not to make gestures or wave of attempt to speak to North Koreans.

Seoul is city of 12 million--Koreans drive with foot on gas and hand on horn--pedestrians cross street with great care and at own hazard.

Next day attended symposium with Gen John Singlaub the lecturer followed by lift to 59th floor Sky View Restaurant and \$5 beer and most enjoyable buffet with unbelievable variety of food.

Following day sightseeing--trip to popular tourist stop Kyongbok palace, slated to be razed because built by Japanese. Enmity still runs deep between the Koreans and Japanese. Later at banquet we were received by Pres. Kim Yong Sam and presented gifts.

"...great trip, hectic and
tiring at times but well
worth it..."

--T/Sgt Dave Bessire, USAF-Ret.

On our last full day we witnessed a moving ceremony at the National Cemetery...led by our own KWVA Pres. Dick Adams. All speeches including the one by the Minister of Patriot and Veteran Affairs Minister was translated...our big gala reception on the last day by MGen Tre-Wan Chang, Korean Vets Assn Pres., attended by the Korean President...but marred because of misunderstandings concerning dress and the appearance of many of our group in very informal attire

"...the young Koreans
wear nice clothing--unlike
our youngsters..."

--T/Sgt Dave Bessire, USAF-Ret.

The Korean father is "King of the Castle"... they expect care in their old age...only the very elderly still wear traditional clothing...with Abe Lincoln tall hats...continued building is fantastic...cement trucks everywhere...Amazing we have seen so few accidents.

Many in our group left for visits to Hong Kong, Shanghai, or elsewhere...it was a great trip but tiring.

A FEATURE ARTICLE--A Marine Taste of War...

OUTPOST RENO VEGAS
REMEMBERED

Leroy Seabury
In Younger Years

GRAYBEARDS has a fascinating narrative from Marine Leroy "Seabag" Seabury of Chicago (Wpns Co/3rd Bn/7th Marines). Its too lengthy to publish in whole but the following graphic extract should give any reader a workable idea of what the Korean War was all about in heartache, bloodshed, agony and pain. Many of our members will relate closely with "Seabag" and his experiences, which are but one of many.

I was a machine gunner in March/53. We were in Regimental reserve just south of the Imjim..we were looking forward to Spring...On the night of the 27th, Pfc Ray "Zippo" Huot and I, and about 10 others were guarding a quad 50. the sky was a red glow...we could hear the thunder of shells...we knew the fighting 5th was getting blitzed. When our brothers were in trouble we worried...

A truck convoy approached...the lead driver told us they had bodies from the 5th...I checked the back and nearly fainted...blood was pouring out...mutilated bodies, limbs missing. These courageous Marines were all dead...truck after truck passed us...don't know how many...never get used to seeing your own dead...part of you dies with them.

We were told we had to send replacements...I was one of them...our names were drawn from hat...we arrive in reserve area...trucks reved up...lots of exhaust fumes...stretchers being loaded...I was assigned to Dog Company...trying to get thoughts together...thinking of home and family...and if my body would be on a later truck.

We arrived at our jump off point...it started to snow, mixed with sleet...we moved forward at a slow pace...my turn came to go over the ridge...there was a bright flash...I could see a Marine's body blown through the air to my front... I was next to go...fear turned to terror. Fear is when one is on patrol...or the thought of being taken prisoner. Terror is the thought of being shredded with shrapnel...hard for the human mind to comprehend all the violence...then your Marine training and discipline overcomes your fear...thank God for boot camp.

After going over the ridge I heard an explosion. Another Marine was hit...I was alone...had to cross 76 Alley...rice paddies on both sides...my parka heavy from sleet...boots caked with mud...my chest exploding...head pounding...I was hot and sweaty and yet cold and damp.

We were told later we were to retake OP Reno...it and OP Vegas were two of the highest...rumor was there were 50-80 dead up there...we reached the base of Vegas for the assault...7th Marines were already at the top in fierce hand to hand fighting. A Marine in Fox company lost both legs above knees, was standing on his stumps firing his BAR when he died. But Vegas was secured. Out of 240 Marines, only 8 survived. Vegas was lost and retaken many times...should go down in Marine History along side Tarawa, Peleliu and other battles, where valor was the norm....

God Bless our honored dead - and Semper Fi to all Marines and others who survived the bloody battles of Korea 1950-53.

NEWS FLASH

FAMED KOREAN SPEAKS

(From Tom Maines and Kathleen Wyosnick)

The famed and highly decorated Korean General (Ret) Chang Do Young was the guest speaker at the gathering of the Greater Chicago Chapter, KWVA and the Mid-West Region of the KWV (Rok) at the Glenview Naval Air Station Officer's Club on June 25th.

In an inspiring talk that easily held his audience's attention, the General recapped the five phases of the Korean War. He listed them as; the initial withdrawal to the Naktong River; the UN defensive operations there when Gen Walton Walker said there would be no more retreating nor a Dunkirk or Bataan; the counter offensive by the UN forces; the intervention of the Chinese; and finally the war on two fronts, the battlefield and the conference table.

General Chang closed by reviewing the current tense situation with North Korea and said, "...the present emerging stability under the U. S. staying power remains unchanged. Peaceful relations between the two Koreas could eventually lead to a peaceful unified Korea."

The Korean veterans reiterated their desire for a continuing close relationship with the KWVA.

A FEATURE ARTICLE...A Struggle for Justice

KOREAN WAR VET BATTLES ON-- Wants Army to Correct Records

It is said that Socrates said (actually we didn't hear him, so can't so state with finality), "If you walk away from evil, it will follow you."



"Army correct its records?"

Trooper Robert Hall, a Korean War medic in some of the bloodiest of fighting, KWVA member #6402, and a retired Army colonel in Raleigh NC must be a student of the classics.

Hall thinks he knows evil when he sees it and steadfastly over the past years he has refused to walk away from it. In fact, he stands pat and fights it.

To this persistent warrior, evil is in the form of erroneous war records and a bureaucratic Army establishment that refuses, for no good reasons, to set its records straight.

Hall was with the medical team of the 23rd RCT of the 2nd Div at Chipyeong-ni during its perimeter defense in mid February/51. His complaint first centered around statements in *The Medics War*, published by the Army's Center of Military History that a MSGT had cared for all the casualties at Chipyeong-ni because of a "deficiency in the number of doctors and in the quality of their training."



Medical evac at Chipyeong. Lt Hall back to camera.

Col Hall has refuted the statements, pointing out that eight US and French medical officers and more than 150 other medical personnel of both armies treated the wounded during this battle. He has written extensively on the issue (GRAYBEARDS Jan/93) and has furnished in depth information to support his statements. Included in Hall's documentation has been a written statement from the individual that the book credits with treating all

of the wounded at Chipyeong-ni. In the statement the individual denies the accuracy of that version of medical treatment. Hall asserts that the author of the book did not interview the individual or anyone else who had been there. Also included was a letter to the Army Chief of Staff, Gen Carl Vuono from now deceased MGen John Chiles who had assumed command of the 23rd Regt at Chipyeong-ni. Chiles wrote, "The book contains numerous false, detrimental statements about medical support of the 23rd, any one of several being serious enough to warrant recall of the book."



Helicopter evacuation of wounded -Chipyeong Feb/51.

Col Hall has been especially displeased with other statements in this book, some of which deny that well-documented achievements of the entire front-line medical service took place. Others blame the service for the deaths that occurred among the Army's casualties who were listed as missing in action. These are said to have been due to ineffective evacuation of the wounded. The book says this, although it lists as a reference the statements of commanders of the units concerned, all of whom said that the MIAs were not the fault of the medical service.

In 1991, the Second Infantry Association asked the Center of Military History to acknowledge that specified passages in its book are untrue, and to investigate the book for other errors. Both requests were refused.

At the 1994 reunions both the 2nd Div and the KWVA adopted Resolutions asking the Secretary of Defense to request an independent organization of veterans of military medical service to review this volume and recommend whether or not, in their opinion, it should be recalled and portions of it rewritten.

We wish Col Hall luck in this formidable crusade. KWVA members must admire his tenacity and the justice of his cause. Facing his Army adversaries he has not so far blinked. We doubt he will do so.

SEARCHING FOR...

...**MILITARY DOCUMENTS.** Researcher seeking U.S. and foreign propaganda leaflets, safe conduct passes and military money from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm for research/museum project. Postage refunded if desired and all material will be promptly acknowledged. Mail to: W. G. "Bill" Harrison, 5546 North Sixth Street, Fresno, California 93710.

...**TASK FORCE SMITH** survivors for the dedication in July, 1995, Washington, DC. Can you help me? Where is Col. Smith now? Any addresses of TFS guys. Contact: Gus Alongrio, P.O. Box 9744, Coral Springs, Florida 33065.



...**RAY MARONCELLI, 505 TRANS. TRK. CO.**, wants to know if there is anyone out there who remembers him from Ft. Riley (1948-50) or Korea (1950-51).

Ray (pictured at left) is originally from Chicago. You can now write to him at: 2722 Avenue "U", N.W., Winter Haven, Florida 33881 (1-813-967-5423).

...Does anyone remember **R. J. BERRIER** and **KEN RIVLIN**, **INSTRUCTOR COMPANY ONE**, or **JIM CONWAY**, **COMPANIESG** and **A, SCRTC**, Camp Gordon, Georgia (1952-53)? Contact: James Conway, 1184 14th Place, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309 (404-875-6170).

...**CANADIANS** who served with the American forces in Korea. If you can help, please contact me: Fred Gaffen, Military Historian, 82 Florizel Avenue, Nepean, Ontario, Canada K2H 9R1.

...members of my old outfit. **JOSEPH S. BARTO, 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 19TH INFANTRY, COMPANY M, 3RD PLATOON, 1ST SQUAD, GUNNER, 75mm RECOILESS RIFLE PLATOON.** Left Korea for Camp Haugen with the 24th Division to Japan in January 1952. Write: 1942 East 33rd Street, Lorain, Ohio 44055.

...my friend **GEORGE HENSON**, who was believed to have been KIA in Korea. Last letter was dated October 30, 1950. He spoke of landing in Inchon, took Socul and drove the North Korean's back across the 38th parallel. His last address was: PFC George Henson, RA 111-95-612, **CO. L, 39TH INF. REG. 9TH INF. DIV.**

We were close friends with George. All this time he thought that George was MIA but he was very hurt. He still had hope for his best friend. We spent several hours in tears because now the uncertainty of what happened to him was unbearable.

Part of it was that we never heard of his remains being returned. My brother tells me that he was told that George and some others went on patrol and never returned--he was at that time MIA. We have to know. Please help!! My name is Joseph E. Wallace, P.O. Box 364, Warren, Maine 04864 (207-273-4058). I lived in Connecticut at that time and my brother still does.

...former members of the **BATTLE PATROL, 15TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 3RD DIVISION**, who served with me in 1952 in Korea. Contact: Donald Booth, P.O. Box 37, Mt. View, Arkansas 72560.

...ship-mates. Crewmen who served aboard the Navy Hospital ship **USS REPOSE AH-16** from 1950 to 1952, in the **2ND DIVISION**. Also seeking information to determine if there has ever been, or there are plans to have sometime in the future, a reunion of the **USS REPOSE AH-16** or a combined reunion of all the hospital ships--**USS REPOSE, USS HAVEN AH-12** and **USS CONSOLATION AH-15**. Anyone with information please contact: **BILL HOUSER**, P.O. Box 868, Holtville, California 92250 (FAX 619-356-2216).

...information on divisions at **CAMP ATTERBURY**, Columbus, Indiana, during 1952-53. I'm looking for a person stationed there at that time. I was hoping that there might be a yearbook or roster with names of the men? Contact: Judy Townsend, 1933 Pinewood Drive, Columbus, Indiana 47203.

...any one who remembers this incident or the two men: Being in special weapons (flame thrower), I was attached to various companies. Early one morning (August, 1952?), we were on Bunker Hill. We were hit badly by a heavy concentration of enemy artillery. As we ran for the forward slope and our bunkers, two men were laying on the side of the hill wounded. I went back for them and put battle dressing on their wounds. One was hit in the lower back near the butt and the other in the ankle and came out the bottom of his foot. I stayed with them on the hill until Doc and the two men were inoculated. Our sergeant was named **ROSENGRANT**. Contact: Bill Berryman, 28 Eldred Avenue, West Seneca, New York, 14224.



...any **WOLFHOUND** buddies (**27TH REG/25TH DIV**) in period July/51 (upper left--I'm on left) and December/51, **KESO-DO** (I'm also on left). **WILLIAM G. MAYTI, 2222 #A Randolph St., Huntington Park, California 90255.**

...information on my brother--**HERMAN R. CARUSO (RA 12285199) CO. E, 19TH INF. REGT., 24TH INF. DIV.** He was reported MIA July 20, 1950, in the area where Major General Dean was captured in Tajan area.

Write me or call collect: Michael Caruso, 218 Hewit St., Rochester, New York 14612 (716-865-7311).



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CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL.
ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

ANNUAL KWVA REUNIONS

OFFICIALLY IN TEMPE ARIZONA

AND UNOFFICIALLY IN ARLINGTON VA

Almost 300 members, their wives or husbands, and guests assembled at the Radisson Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in the Phoenix metro area July 23rd to the 27th for the 1994 10th Annual reunion of the Korean War Veterans Association.

While association leadership met for Board meetings leading to the General Membership meeting on the 26th in the Hotel meeting rooms, others enjoyed tours of the City and surrounding area. There were visits to the world famous Heard Museum, Riata Pass, the Ft McDowell Casino on the Indian Reservation, and to the area's numerous outstanding eating facilities.

At daybreak on July 27th Memorial services were conducted at the new Arizona Korean Memorial on the State Capital grounds with its huge traditional Korean brass bell prepared by the Bell Study Group at the Seoul University. In a moving ceremony, wreaths were laid by KWVA Dick Adams, South Korean Consul General Kim and Sec/Gen Ro, Canadian George Scott, Dept of AZ KWVA Dick Wainwright and AZ Korean Assn Thomas Chun. Vocalist Jackie Marx sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "Amazing Grace," accompanied by Piper Larry MacLean.

The Tempe gathering was hosted by the Ray Harvey and Edward Rhoads Chapters of the Arizona Department led by Roger Scalf and Levon Harvey and the Department of Arizona under President Dick Wainwright.

Social highlight of the meeting was the formal banquet that honored 17 Medal of Honor, and one British George Medal, recipients. Korean, Indian and Mexican dance teams, and a local choral group, and a ten member dance band, provided captivating entertainment that delighted their audience.

Col Joseph Smith, USMC Ret., served as keynote speaker and reviewed recent developments that presented national security challenges to the United States.

Summer Arizona temperatures in excess of 100 degrees prevailed during most of the reunion but KWVA Tigers took it in stride.

While their Comrades were meeting in Tempe, almost 200 KWVA members and guests who did not desire to travel to the Far West, or could not do so, assembled in the Arlington Cemetery in the Nation's Capital to also observe the anniversary of the signing of the Cease Fire agreement in Korea 41 years ago.

In a moving ceremony in the Cemetery Amphitheater, adjacent to the Tomb of the Unknowns, speakers paid tribute to the veterans, dead, alive or missing, of the Korean War.

SPEAKERS

Speakers included His Excellency Korean Ambassador to the United States Seung-Soo Han and the Hon. William Clark, Former Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Hon. Rolland Kidder of the American Battle Monuments Commission and a special welcome was extended by the Hon. Stanford Parris, who initiated legislation to authorize the Korean War Memorial now under construction on the Mall in Washington.

MUSIC

Music for the ceremony was provided by the U.S. Marine Band. The Color Guard was from the Military District of Washington. MSGT Michael Ryan sang the National Anthem.

At the conclusion of the formal ceremonies there was a chrysanthemum ceremony outside the theater at the Korean War Veterans Bench.

On the following pages are photos of events at both the Tempe and Arlington gatherings.

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Gene Young, Tolleson, AZ, served as Reunion Chairman for the Tempe meeting and John F.C. Kenney, Jr., Alexandria VA, handled arrangements for the Arlington ceremony.

On behalf of KWVA leadership our
thanks to all who made these events
possible. Well Done!! Nick Pappas

AT THE TEMPE MEETING



Holders of the Medal of Honor and the British George Medal with Past Pres Dick Adams.



Attentive Pres-elect Nick Pappas and Board members at the General Membership meeting.



Korean Con/Gen Kim and Sec/Gen Ro ring AZ Korean War Memorial Bell at sunrise Service.



Co-hosts Don and Mrs Sager and Alice Gritsavage with KWVA pals at Pres's reception.



Jolly KWVA vets frolic on side trip at Tempe Reunion on July 24-28, 1994.

ARLINGTON CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE



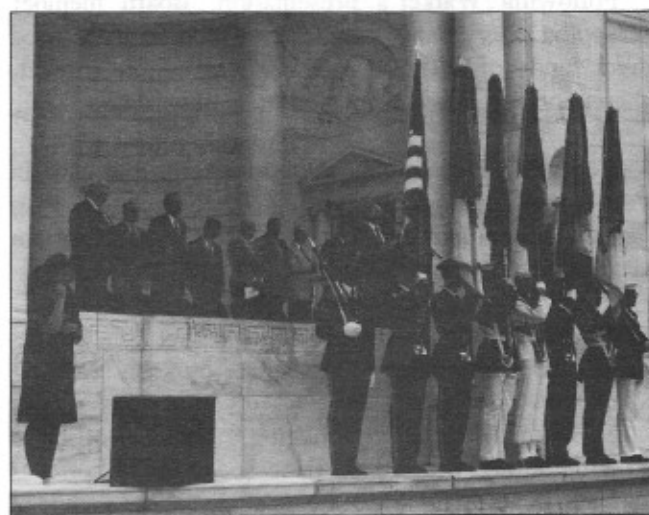
At Arlington Cemetery Tomb of the Unknowns, Dignitaries William T. Norris, Founder KWVA, Korean Ambassador Seung-So Han, Military District of Washington CG F. A. Gordon, and William D. Clark, DSC, Son of the late Gen. Mark Clark, witness laying of wreath.



Reba Melvin, Korean War Gold Star Mother, and Irwin R. Schwartz, and veterans and families (right background) lay flowers at the KWVA Meditation Bench at Arlington Cemetery during July 27, 1994, Memorial Services



Bob Hansen (right, helmet) conducts Korean Vets on tour of War Memorial site on the Mall in The Capital.



Dignitaries and Color Guards at the Arlington Cemetery Dais for the July 27, 1994, Korean War Memorial Services.

ANNUAL MEETING - MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board and General Membership meetings at Tempe had not been transcribed as of press time for this issue of the newsletter. When received they can be summarized in a future issue, or verbatim copies can be obtained from the recording transcribing company, or the KWVA Secretary. So that the membership can have some idea of what occurred the following informal and unofficial, but reasonably accurate, summary of a few of the more important matters is provided from your Editor's notes.

a. The Board noted that member Blaine Friedlander had not complied with its February decision that a financial accounting be made within 30 days of almost \$5,000 of monies collected or provided by KWVA and not spent for the 1992 Washington ground breaking ceremonies; whereupon the Board voted again to require him to do so not later than 30 days and that if he did not, he would be expelled from KWVA after a hearing.

b. The Board was briefed by Jack Walker of Antioch TN concerning a multimillion dollar project to produce a Korean War film as a sequel to the PBS film aired in 1992 that has been criticized as leftist and biased. The Board unanimously endorsed the effort of Walker and placed \$20,000 in escrow as support for his efforts. (see item elsewhere herein on this subject).

Following Walker's presentation, Board member Burke and Pres Adams stated they would return unused travel funds of \$10,000 each for use on the project, whereupon the Board rescinded the authorization.

c. Board decided to hold mid-winter conference in Washington DC on Feb 11-13/95. (Subsequently, Pres Pappas scheduled an October 14-17 meeting in Alexandria VA at the Ramada Plaza Hotel).

d. Pres Pappas announced he would set up a Budget and Finance Committee to be chaired by John Maison.

e. Board discussed establishing a National office in Washington DC with a paid Exec/Sec. Final action was not taken pending review of funds available for such use.

f. Nominating Committee Chairman Dick Wainwright reported that he had to reluctantly disqualify candidates Wallace, Martin and Bey because they were not "in good standing" with dues paid on the deadline of

March 15th for filing. He felt failure to do so could result in election challenges by other candidates. The Board by a narrow margin, and with reluctance, agreed and struck the three from the list of candidates.

g. At the General meeting, the CPA counted results of the 1,519 vote election, were announced as follows:

For President:	
Adams	460
Pappas	941
Smith	108
For First Vice Pres:	
Clawson	1094
Dube	398
For 2nd Vice Pres:	
Byers	234
Martin (disqualified)	147
Wallace (disqualified)	1117
For Directors (4)	
Bey (disqualified)	1062
Grygier	1069
Jabault	829
Lynch	1085
Van Ort	1254

The American Arbitration Association disallowed 450 votes because of ineligibility of voters (delinquent dues), or late post marks, or use of other than official ballots.

h. At Board meeting following election results disposition of \$97,000 collected for Memorial was discussed. Pres. Pappas stated "we should sit on it" until requested by ABMC. ABMC did so later request and the Secretary accordingly sent a check in the subject amount. Pres Pappas objected and attempted without success to get the check returned or payment stopped.

i. Upon learning election results Director Byers announced he would be unable to serve with the new President and he announced his resignation. Director Benjamin expressed his dissatisfaction with the outcome of the election and voiced concern for the future of KWVA. Secretary Scalf also announced his resignation upon completion of an audit to turn over accounts. Later he announced his resignation effective August 9th.

j. After the reunion Pres. Pappas made numerous appointments as reflected on the masthead on the inside front cover of this issue.

REUNIONS

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE PERSONNEL, August 18-21, 1994, Executive Inn, 600 Walnut Street, Evansville, Indiana. Contact: Camp Breckinridge Reunion, 4104 South 42nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68107-1096.

MCAS EL TORO WAVES, October 14-17, 1994, Santa Ana, California. Contact: Fran "Kamaka" Harriman, 210 Burnham Road, Gorham, Maine 04038.

NAVY AIR GROUP 33 (VF-33/VT-33) U.S.S. SANGAMON, CVE-26, U.S.S. CHENANGO, CVE-28, May 4-7, 1995, Norfolk, Virginia. Contact: Scott Young, 115 Kitty Hawk Bay Court, Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina 27948 (919-441-6289).

U.S.S. KERMIT ROOSEVELT ARG 16, September 11-13, 1994, Reno, Nevada. Contact: Ed Butler, 8200 Cook Riolo Road, Sacramento, California 95678 (916-771-0778).

U.S.S. SATYR ARL 23, September 21-24, 1994, New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact: Jay Kelinsmith, 8005 Nancy Lane, Ellenton, Florida 34222 (813-729-4259).

5TH COMMUNICATIONS GROUP/934TH SIGNAL BATTALION, October 25-29, 1994, San Antonio, Texas. Contact: Rick Feiler, Box 405, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402 (405-657-8601-evenings).

5TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ASSOCIATION, May, 1995, Orlando, Florida. Contact: 5th RCT Association, 8028 South New England Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459-1635 (708-430-8029).

14TH SIGNAL COMPANY USMC, October 1, 1994, 22 Chapel Street, Brooklyn, New York. Contact: Neal Mishik, 55 Dewhurst Street, Staten Island, New York 10314 (718-761-5442).

17TH INFANTRY REGIMENT ASSOCIATION (EAST), October 21-24, 1994, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Contact: Jack Sullivan, 3720 N.E. 26th Avenue, Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064 (305-785-6908).

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 21ST INFANTRY, COMPANY K, September 9-11, 1994, Amana Colonies, Iowa. Contact: Mel Eliason, P.O. Box 98, Hawkeye, Iowa 52147 (319-427-3792).

27TH INFANTRY REGIMENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., September 22-25, 1994, Nashville, Tennessee. Contact: Wolfhound Reunion, 4104 South 42nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68107-1096.

40TH DIVISION, 224TH REGIMENT, HEAVY MORTARS, September 31-October 2, 1994, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact: D. Reilly, 1329 Cliff Avenue, Fillmore, California 93015 (805-524-4939).

86TH ORDNANCE COMPANY ASSOCIATION, September 12-15, 1994, The Pines, South Fallsburg, New York. Contact: Richard Schilbach, 101 South Whiting Street, #514, Alexandria, Virginia 22304. (703-370-2707).

90TH FIELD ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION, October 13-16, 1994, San Diego, California. Contact: R. M. McBride, 7514 Girard Avenue #1-630, La Jolla, California 92037 (619-456-2275).

532ND EB & SR, October 7-9, 1994, Kokomo, Indiana. Contact: Clifton Shepherd, 2901 Westmoor Drive, Kokomo, Indiana 46902 (317-453-5270).

704TH ENGINEER DUMP TRUCK COMPANY, August 14, 1994,

Oneida County 40 & 8. Contact: William S. Voce, 4 Mapledale Road, New Hartford, New York 13413 (315-732-8101).

SEARCHING FOR...(Contd.)

...anyone who might have known my cousin, **CPL. KUANE EVANS, COMPANY A, 31ST REGIMENT, 7TH DIVISION**. He was killed on June 4, 1951, while in the Hwachon Reservoir Region of the MLR. His mother is still alive and would like information. Contact: D. Reilly, phone 805-524-4939.

...**WAVES, COMPANY 76**, Bainbridge NTC, Maryland, 1952 for possible reunion. Contact: Fran Carey, 210 Burnham Road, Gorham, Maine 04038.

FROM VP TOM CLAWSON

A heartfelt thank you to all KWVA members who voted for and supported me as your 1st VP. Many administrative changes have been made and will continue to be made with the on target goals directed by our new Pres Nick Pappas.

Your executive council has their work cut out for them and they are willing to be straight forward and diligent and they will strive to accomplish their jobs. The 1st VP's duty will be building bridges of understanding between the Exec Council, State Depts, State Chapters, Members at Large and potential new members.

Please send me your suggestions and ideas which stress the enormous potential of the Korean War Vet to advance the KWVA in the public eye.

Again thanks for your vote - I'll be seeing you at the Memorial Dedication in July 1995.

TOM CLAWSON, 1ST VP
West St Paul MN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANTED MEMBERS FOR NATIONAL PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Mission:

To formulate a marketing/public relations concept/plan to promote the KWVA and to tell America about the Korean War, nationally and at the grassroots level. It will include methodologies to attract new members, and a comprehensive strategy to rapidly increase or establish KWVA state departments/chapters. It shall include communication and media requirements for use at all levels of the KWVA.

Produce programs to increase KWVA revenues through advertising in *The Graybeards*, point of sales, direct mail, design/selling of Korean War minted plates, raffles and other fund-raising techniques, to support KWVA programs/projects.

Experience:

Professional expertise/qualifications in public relations, marketing, sales, advertising, fund raising, and media processes. Contacts with industry-related companies would be beneficial.

Purpose:

To make KWVA a united dynamic organization that works for you. Make it happen. Send a short resume to President Pappas. We need your help. Committee membership and functional responsibilities will be published in next *Graybeards*.

[Thanks to member David DePew (Missouri Chapter 1) for his ideas and inputs for this ad.]

COON ELECTED

KWVA Director Harley Coon, Beavercreek, Ohio, has been elected President of the newly-created Department of Ohio. Ohio has five chapters of KWVA. More on this in a later issue.

WANTED SITE '96 REUNION

Any chapter willing to bid to host the 1996 KWVA Annual Reunion, please so inform the reunion site committee chairman:

Kenneth Cook
Route 3, Box 573
Danville, Illinois 61832
217-446-9829

VIETNAM VETS HONOR KOREAN COMRADES

Vietnam Veterans of America, Washtenaw County Chapter 310, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Gary Lillie, President, held a huge pig roast on Sunday August 7th at the VFW Post 423 Grounds.

They announced "KOREAN WAR VETS--this one's for you. Forgotten War?? Not by us!!! WELCOME HOME AND WELL DONE."

The word reached us too late for our June issue and is past history by the time this issue hits the streets. Nevertheless, we applaud the Washtenaw Chapter and those "Nam" vets can be sure that our guys deeply appreciate this attention and consideration. Many of our members, of course, are also Vietnam War vets. Perhaps we can in some way reciprocate?

The chapter's pig roast was written up in the *Detroit Free Press* and 17th Cav/199th Inf Brig member Paul Stewart Dumsch wrote a poem for the occasion that ran, in part:

KOREA--THE FORGOTTEN MEN

The Forgotten War they call it
In the face of you good men
We'll pretend it never happened
and never speak of it again
* * *

It's time that we said, "Thank you"
For what you did back then.
To say "Welcome Home" and "God Bless You,"
Then to speak again and again
Of the honorable men who fought that war
Never, to be forgotten again.
Welcome home!
* * *

COMMEMORATIVE RIFLE

Director Emmett Benjamin, Florida Department KWVA has reported that the winner of the Commemorative Garand Rifle drawing at Tempe by Gen. Davis was Harold "Red" Caldwell, #81211, Buena Vista, Colorado.

We congratulate this lucky comrade and fellow vet.

Benjamin also advises, sadly, that the drawing this year was not very, if at all, profitable for the association because of low attendance at the reunion and resultant low sales of chances.

We share his disappointment and hope for more success in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Contd.)

COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The College Educational Committee of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., is announcing that college grants-in-aid are now available to all current paid-up members and their families.

Applicants applying for the educational grant must be a Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., member, member's spouse, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, great grandson or great granddaughter of said veteran, either a direct descendent or by marriage or adoption. Grants awarded will be for tuition or books only. (Sorry, Honorary or Associate members of the KWVA, Inc., are not included in this program at the present time.)

The committee is currently awarding several \$2,000 grants each year. As the program progresses, and there are additional sponsors, more grants will be awarded. Applications requested will be processed for the 1995-96 school year.

To apply for an application packet, contact:

College Educational Committee
Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.
%1101 Parkwood Lane
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082-5456-16

All applications must be submitted by 1 April 1995.

Donations to the College Educational Committee are now being accepted from individuals, chapters, and corporate sponsors. Send checks to the Treasurer, KWVA, Inc., to be deposited for the Grant Program.

Members of the College Educational Committee are: Chairman: William H. "Bill" Van Ort; and Directors: Lloyd "Scooter" Burke, (CMOH); Emmett Benjamin; and Thomas Chilcott.

KWVA VET HONORED Director Harley Coon Named to Ohio Hall of Fame

Ohio Governor George Voinovich has announced that Harley Coon, Beavercreek, Ohio, has been selected for the honor of induction into the 1994 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

"You are one of 23 very distinguished Ohioans selected," the Governor wrote Coon. Other veterans selected include Medal of Honor recipients and six Presidents from Ohio who are veterans.

The Governor advised Coon that induction will be held at 11:00 a.m., November 1, 1994, at the Veterans Memorial on West Broad Street in Columbus.

We are sure that all KWVA members proudly join us in congratulating our Harley on this great honor.

NEW KWVA NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE Dick Adams and Nick Pappas

J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner, served in the U.S. Army in both Korea and Japan, was appointed and accepted the position of National Service Officer (NSO) for the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

He is a life member of the KWVA. Norb (or Skip) has been active in KWVA matters. His first major activity was to heal wounds of foreign visitors at the 1992 ground breaking ceremony. He has been a co-chairman for the 27 July ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery for the past three years. And, has been active in the Washington, DC, area recruiting with several others to form several chapters and eventually a department.

He recently retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs after 22 years of service with them reaching the rank of Director of Operation.

Norb/Skip served five terms as D.C. AMVETS Department commander, is the Post 109 Commander (Capitol Hill Post which includes members of congress), and is a national provost marshal for AMVETS, a life member of the CWVA, life member and Jr. Vice Commander of Post 1830 (VA Post) of the VFW, Board member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. (GAR) [limited membership, currently] which conducts ceremonies at the Arlington National Cemetery, founder and Chairman of the District of Columbia Veterans Council. He works with many veterans groups and organizations. Volunteers at the VAMC, DC. Norb/Skip is known by Secretary Jesse Brown and Undersecretary John Vogel with whom he has many working relationships.

Norb's first assignment is to establish a national service office in Washington, DC, for KWVA. First, he is assuring our accreditation as a veterans service organization with the VA. We found this was not done.

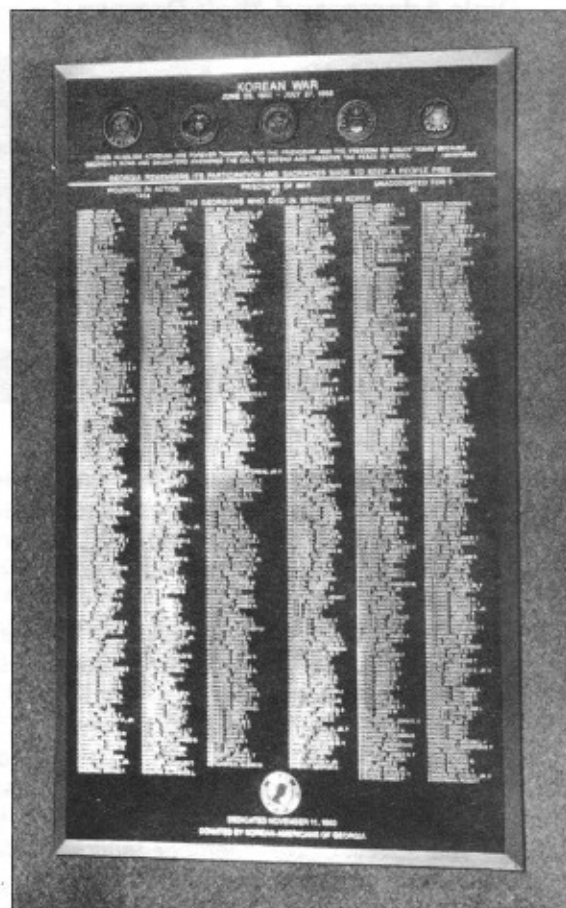
Direct any inquiries to Norb/Skip at his address which appears on our masthead.

Norb/Skip is an active member of other social, educational and fraternal organizations. A visit to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington may find him either a lecturer or chief usher. We are counting on his background, ability and contacts to enhance the image of the KWVA. He is a contributor to our magazine.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Contd.)

GEORGIA MEMORIAL DEDICATION



KWVA long time member James Conway, #307 North Georgia Chapter, reports on the dedication of the Georgia Korean War Memorial (pictured above) at an impressive ceremony on Armistice Day, November 11, 1993, at the Floyd Memorial Building.

The ceremony was attended by numerous high government and other officials. The Army Ground Forces Band provided music.

The Georgia Adjutant General, MGen William P. Bland, Jr., introduced the guest speaker, Governor Zell Miller. The memorial was presented by Mr. Sunny Park, President of the Monument Commission, who provided money for the memorial. Pledges of Allegiance were given by Mrs. Jo Ann Shirley, of the National League of Families, and Mrs. Jo Ann Shaw, State Coordinator, POW/MIA.

The imaginative program for the ceremony included a listing of national and Georgian casualties in the Korean War, and a chronological of major developments in the war.

BACK THEN... AND NOW

Like to play the game of how we looked in the war and now--half a century later?...

Member John (Pat) Patterson has sent us a couple of photos of himself and his pal John Redman taken first in 1951 in Korea and second at a recent reunion of his 25th Division. You can try to figure out which of the photos is from 1951.



Redman and Patterson



Patterson and Redman

Patterson reports that the two shared foxholes in Co L/35th Regt and that he last saw Redman when he was wounded September 7, 1951, on Hill 717, and that he did not see him again until a reunion, 43 years later, in Beckley, West Virginia.

"...I never dreamed I would have the pleasure of seeing him again...."

—John (Pat) Patterson

Patterson provided a copy of the Citation for the fighting on Hills 717 and 682 where 46 KIAs occurred.

MISCELLANEOUS--KWVA Footnotes and Endnotes

A REMARKABLE TROOPER

**A determined Korean
Vet survives the war and
rises to exalted heights**

Many veterans of tough Korean War fighting will be able to relate closely to the experiences of Lt Eugene "Gene" Reinhardt of Houston Texas and feel they have covered ground almost in his shoes.

After WWII duty in Europe with the 357 Reg/90th Div, Reinhardt was recalled to active duty just after the Korean War broke out. He was rushed to Japan, shipped to Pusan and loaded for rail and truck movement to a collection point to join the U. S. Second "Indianhead" Infantry Division then heavily involved in fighting at Chipyeong-ni and Wonju. He served as a platoon leader in Company B of the 23rd Regiment and participated over the next months in some of the bloodiest and most challenging combat in the entire Korean War.



Company officers of Baker/23rd Regt at a "breather" just after the Feb/51 battle of Chipyeong-ni. L to R: Lts Ray Dupree, Eugene Reinhardt, Lee Brasswell, Capt --Koebbe, and Lt Richard Kolite.



Lt Eugene Reinhardt at Pusan enroute to the front, Feb/51.

Reinhardt led his platoon through the several Chinese Offensives in the Spring and Summer of 1951, and finally to the high central mountains north of the 38th parallel in what was to become known as the Punch Bowl and Heartbreak Ridge.

Reinhardt's combat included service after Heartbreak Ridge into 1952 onward to the rugged terrain around Kumwaw, part of the

Iron Triangle.



Troops of Lt Eugene Reinhardt's platoon (B/23rd) in well prepared positions in the Central Korean highlands near what was to become known as Heartbreak Ridge.

He was to be decorated repeatedly for heroism at Hoesongsong and elsewhere.

Like some of his more fortunate comrades in the Korean War, however, he was to survive and return home and continue his fight on the home front but there as a civilian and former soldier. In that battle he was to succeed as have countless other determined and dedicated Korean War veterans. This trooper would exceed even his Korean accomplishments and reach never imagined exalted heights in many areas to include the insurance business and fraternally in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. KWVA members, as well as all Korean War Vets can be proud of the example Gene Reinhardt has set for his fellow troopers.



Lt "Gene" Reinhardt, as Exalted Ruler, is shown on left with his wife Juanita in the meeting hall of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in the organization's meeting hall in Houston, Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

CHEMICAL???

MORTARS

Why are they called "chemical"...?

GRAYBEARDS has an interesting letter from member Herb Gilbert (St Petersburg FL). He reports that after an absence of 44 years the 2nd Chemical Mortar Bn has just "returned" to the Army Chemical Center at Edgewood MD, where they trained in '49-50.

Herb writes as follows:

"The 2nd, a bn of 4.2s, had 895 days on line in combat, more than any other unit in Korea. In Jan/53, the unit was designated the 461st Inf, and the men were awarded the CIB.

"Unfortunately, because the Unit was called the 2nd Chemical Mortar Bn, the men who landed in Korea, Oct 8/50, and who were overran at Unsan, and then Kunu-ri, first with the 1st Cav and then the 2nd Div, are not entitled to wear the CIB. All 4.2 members of the Infantry Divs are entitled to this award. Doesn't seem fair does it? Just a thought from an old soldier."

We are not sure about the accuracy of Herb's statement that all 4.2 men of Divs are entitled to the CIB, but his arguments otherwise strike a most sympathetic chord with this editor, an infantryman with 15 campaigns in two wars. Jealous as we are of our CIB, we have always felt uncomfortable that non-infantry comrades in almost our same fox holes, were not authorized CIBs.

Trooper Herb recently attended a tearful reunion at Aberdeen Proving Grounds on June 25th, at which guest speaker Col William Thomas read the honor roll of men who did not return from the fighting.

Other tigers, wheels, doers or movers in the 2nd include RICHARD SLICK, Littletown PA, NORMAN DEROSIER, Smithfield RI, ANDREW BARR, Arlington VA, WILLIAM THOMAS, Dallas TX, as well as Herb himself. We are grateful to you, Comrade Herb Gilbert, for briefing us on these little known gems of wisdom about 4.2s, one of the infantry's dearest friends.

A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER SPEAKS



Judge Richard Mills

KWVA Members can be proud to learn that one of our own was the guest speaker at the rededication of the Korean War Memorial at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, IL, on 11 June '94.

Richard Mills, who is not only a retired Major General in the Illinois Militia, but also the Federal Judge in the U. S. District Court in Springfield, was guest speaker for the ceremonies.

Judge Mills gave a stirring recap of the Korean War from its beginning at 4:00 a.m. on June 25, 1950, and the almost desperate commitment of the 24th, 25th, 3rd, 2nd, Marines, 1st Cav Divs and other units. The Judge described in graphic detail the Pusan breakout, the Inchon landings, bitter and prolonged fighting after the intervention of the Chinese, and finally the long drawn out peace negotiations. He told of the "bombshell" removal of General MacArthur and the painful decisions required of Gen Ridgway, Van Fleet and others, and of the bloody fighting in the Iron Triangle and elsewhere.

"In war there are no victories, only survivors," the General told his audience. Most KWVA vets would doubtlessly agree.

The General retired with 33 years service. He served 14 months in Korea with the 3rd Inf/Div and was in charge of CIC ops for the 65th Infantry Regiment and the Greek and Belgium Bns.

We are proud to report on this event that contributes meaningfully to our "Tell America" efforts.

RESPONSES TO AN EDITORIAL LAMENT



Your Editor's "Lament" (June *GRAYBEARDS*, page 26) seems to have hit some very sensitive nerves. We have received several letters, and many phone calls, taking us to severe task in strong opposition for supporting those Korean Army vets with the Combat Infantryman Badge who feel on its basis they should also have an automatic Bronze Star, as did, generally, WWII vets under similar circumstances.

The letters we have received are exceptionally well written, scholarly, detailed, and, unfortunately, rather lengthy. We wish we could print them in full, but they are over ten pages in length and we simply do not have such space available.

Among the better letters is one from Marine Joe Saluzzi (Brooklyn NY, author of "Red Blood...Purple Hearts"). He writes, "I, as a Marine Corp Purple Heart combat vet...vehemently oppose the proposal...the Bronze Star must be individually recommended for a specific act of valor...to award it (as proposed) would demean its value...how anyone would accept the BS without having performed meritoriously on the battlefield would be totally shameful."

James Appleton (1st Mar Div, '51-52) of St Augustine FL put it a bit more bluntly. He wrote "...to give a medal intended for bravery or exemplary service simply for 'being there' is idiotic."

Army vet Curtis Halvorson (M/65th/3rd Div) Ft Collins CO came down particularly hard on your editor implying self serving motives. He wrote, "Medals are for heroism or singular achievement...jobs especially or extraordinarily well done...the CIB is exclusive to the U.S. Army...to show 'we've been there'..the BS is a personal decoration of achievement and awarded for valor or service achievement...if you didn't do something special, don't ask for something you didn't earn. Lt Col Sigle's official reply is not distorted or bureaucratic.. (the editor) glosses over facts and plays loose with language...lay off the gender sniping..I am offended by (Pratt's) patently invalid and overheated statements...reading his book (on the Korean War) it appears he is using our magazine as a forum to advance his...desires...should not use intemperate language to grind a personal axe...don't assume a mandate from the

membership. This ex-grunt, at least, doesn't support your cause."

Marion Thacker of Grand Island NE (26th AAA Bn) wrote he believes Col Sigle was wrong, in part, but he, and Maj. James F. Malone, Houston TX, wish that more combat

units serving with the infantry, and not just troops assigned to the infantry, could receive the CIB.

James W. Kerr, Winter Park FL (7th Inf "Cottonbaler") wrote, "...I am a BS expert..I have 4.. 3 in Korea...Sigle was clear, accurate, and deserves support... 'SWP' deserves a fat lip...mine (BSs) were earned.. I want no freebees."

We will not attempt to respond to all these points raised by these prolific and, we assume, sincere writers. It is not very surprising that the Marines would have little sympathy for the proposal since they do not have a CIB. But perhaps the solution would be, rather than deny deserving army troops with CIBs the BS, to also award a BS to marines who performed the same service that qualified their Army comrades for a CIB. Two wrongs don't always make a right.

We think also that some place too much emphasis on individual acts of heroism, and not enough on meritorious service as a basis for front line BSs.

Lastly, we regret leaving any impressions that our stand on this matter is self-serving and for this editor's personal gain. This editor is not seeking more PHs, SSs and BSs than the many he already has. Our main concern is the countless overlooked troopers, usually lower ranking, who spent long months in combat and emerged with no medals at all for their sacrifices and efforts, often because there simply was no one still around who could, or did, write them up. We think this is the unkindness injustice of all. It could be easily rectified if the Army was but willing to do so. It is not to the Army's credit that it is so unyielding on this matter.



"Why have you stirred up a hornet's nest?"

"You think I haven't asked myself that?"

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

HERE AND THERE



Ed Grygier: "Why you work so hard, Comrade?"

Rusty Tramonte: 'Caus Nick will cane us if we don't keep the ball rolling !!"

JAY D MILLER AND WIFE ROSE MARY Rio Rancho NM sends us a clipping of a news story from the local Courier newspaper that gives a big boost to our "Tell America" program.

The story is headed Another Forgotten War: Korea and recaps in some detail the costs in prisoners taken and other casualties, both American and UN. Thanks Jay. This Tiger was on the first ship that touched shore at Inchon on Sep 15/50.

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CRAIG SMITH, Delmar NY, sends us a copy of the article in the August Military magazine, and extracts of LGen Lucian K. Truscott's Command Mission, A Personal Story that centers on the ANVIL (DRAGOON) landings in Southern France. KWVA vets who were involved in that operation of WWII, directly or otherwise, may want to refer to these articles.

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HARRY VANZANDT, Clifton Park, NY sent us a copy of his Congressman Jerry Solomon's newsletter with a photo of the dedication ceremony of the Korean War Memorial in Crandall Park in Glens Falls NY. Pictured with the Congressmen were members of the Adirondack Chapter, KWVA.

Harry wrote: "This was a big day for the Glen Falls Adirondack Chapter - a parade, ceremony and dinner-dance that evening". (Reports are that Harry cut a mean rug.) He promised pictures for a later issue of *GRAYBEARDS*.



Members of Chapter 2, KWVA, Lafayette Indiana joined with other veterans groups in the line of march in observance of Memorial Day Ceremonies, May 30th, 1994.

Submitted by: John Rutledge,
Publicity Chairman
Lafayette IN

Toll-Free phone numbers

Nearest VA Regional Office	1-800-827-1000
Agent Orange Settlement/	
Payment Program	1-800-225-4712
Civilian Health & Medical	
Program of the Uniformed	
Service (CHAMPUS)	1-800-236-6000
Civilian Health & Medical	
Program of the Department	
of VA (CHAMPVA)	1-800-733-8387
Social Security Admin (SSA)	1-800-772-1213
Soldiers & Airmens Home,	
Washington, D.C.	1-800-422-9988
Radiation Helpline	1-800-827-0365
VA Debt Management Center	1-800-827-0648
VA Insurance Center	1-800-669-8477
VA Education Loan	1-800-328-8276
VA National Cemetery System	1-800-697-6947
VA Telecommunication Device	
of the Deaf (TDD)	1-800-829-4833
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	1-800-829-3676
Elder Care Locator (Senior service	
as legal assist, day care, home	
health care, financial aid, &	
nursing homes)	1-800-677-1116
Finance Centers for Military	
Retirees/Survivors:	
AIR FORCE	1-800-525-0104
ARMY	1-800-428-2290
NAVY	1-800-321-1080
MARINE CORPS	1-800-645-2024
COAST GUARD	1-800-424-7950



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SAN JUAN, TEXAS, HONORS ITS HERO

Final Tribute
July 5, 1994



San Juan, Texas, is honoring Korean POW Leonel Trevino, by naming a school after him. He was wounded twice captured, re-released in 1953 but never recovered from his war disabilities and died in 1988.

His friend, and fellow POW KWWA member Harry Brunelle, of Alamo, Texas, writes us:

"I talked to his brother, Teofile Trevino, who told me that they were unable to get any information from his brother, Leonel, when he returned.

He would very much like to hear from anyone who may have served with him or was in POW camps with him.

His brother's address is:

Teafilo Trevino
706 Alameda
San Juan, Texas 78589
Telephone: 210-787-1965.

Sgt. Leonel Trevino was in I Company, 23rd Infantry, 2nd Division. He was a POW from late May or early June 1951 to August 8, 1953."

Another letter from page 15 -

"...thanks for new format and clear print...my eyes are not what they used to be...especially appreciated article by Nurse Alice Gritsavage..."

Ms Audrey Reed MN Chap 1, Plymouth MN
(Your poem "Korea Remembrance" is superb but ran out of space. Will retain for future use. EDITOR)

Nobody Asked Me, But...

The **member** is the most important person in our **association** and **chapter**. The **member** is not an outsider.... He is an owner of the **association** and **chapter**.... He is the purpose of it.

The **member** does us a favor when he calls.... He is a human being with feelings and emotions like our own. The **member** is not someone to argue or match wits with. The **member** is a person who brings us his wants or desires. It is our job as officers and directors to fill those wants or desires.

The **member** is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him. The **member** is not dependent on the **association** and **chapter**. Indeed, the **association** and **chapter** are dependent on him.

Without the **member**, the **association** and **chapter** cannot achieve its fundamental goal.

The **member** is the lifeblood of our **association** and **chapter**. Without the **member** our **association** and **chapter** would soon fade out of existence. Think for a moment of that old cliché that relates..."Last one to leave, be sure to turn out the lights."

Jack E. Whitfield
Northern California Chapter #1
8257 Olivine Avenue
Citrus Heights, California.

MEMORIAL INFO

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

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

Send to:

Martin O'Brien
Maine KWWA
11 Meadow Road #202

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

KWVA DIRECTOR VISITS UK CEMENTS TIES WITH SCOTS



GRAYBEARDS is pleased to publish the above photo of Director Kathleen "Lt Honey" Wyosnick with British Korean Vet Peter West (left) and Frank Fellows, International Secretary, UK, Korean Vets Assn., taken at Stratford-on-Avon, England in May.

Wyosnick advises us that she and her husband Al were hosted most graciously by Korean war vets in England and Scotland and that she visited many historical and cultural sites to include the Memorial Chapel in the Edinburgh Castle.

In a later letter to Wyosnick Lt Col I Shepherd of the Scottish National War Memorial took the opportunity to remind KWVA members, through her, of the significant role of UK units in the Korean war and the contributions of Scots in the Royal Navy, Air Force and other branches of the Army. He mentioned specifically the Royal Scots (Regt), the King's Own Scottish Borderers, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and that two privates soldiers were awarded the Victoria Cross - the highest British award for gallantry.

Many KWVA members fought along side our British comrades and will remember well their contributions to victory in Korea. We are indebted to our Director for bringing this to our attention.

GRAYBEARD VOLUMES AND NUMBERS

GRAYBEARD editors seem to have much trouble correctly numbering the issues. We've had several letters taking us to task.

In September '92 the volume number was not changed from 7 to 8 - thus there were two years of Volume 7. In 1993 there were two Volume 7, Number 3's - one in Jan and another in April which should have been Number 4. This year our April and June issues were numbered 6 and 3 respectively, instead of 3 for April and 4 for June.

This issue should be Volume 10, (because of the two years of Volume 7), but we think that would cause even greater confusion - so we simply advanced to Volume 9, and Number 1 for this issue.

Confused? Don't feel badly. Join your editors where you can feel comfortably at home. Hopefully, we can henceforth stay on track.



Andy Lynch: "Being a procrastinator ain't so bad."

Ron Jabaut: Is that so?"

Lynch: Yep. In fact, I wish I had started years ago!"

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

BREAKFAST GANG



Some of the monthly "Breakfast Gang," Minnesota Chapter #1, KWVA, was the idea of member Harry Tiefs, Jr., and it is catching on. This group meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, changing restaurants every month throughout the Twin Cities. Pictured at Barnacle Bills, left to right, are: Chuck Quigley; Allan Smith; Bill Van Ort; Orville Nelson; Ed Valle, Chapter President; Jerry Smith; Bob Ullevig; Harry Tiefs, Jr., and Stan Snow. Standing are Jim Eiden and Hank Capiz. Present, but not in picture were Don Erickson, Jim Dwyer and Jim Bottlum. The real meaning of the breakfast is to get better acquainted with one another under calmer conditions. Harry Tiefs' idea for this was great.

VISITATION COMMITTEE



Part of the "Visitation Committee," Minnesota Chapter #1, KWVA, which visits the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, every 3rd Thursday evening of the month. Pictured above, left

to right: Harry Tiefs, Jr.; Chuck Quigley, Chairman; Don Erickson; Mel Behnen; Lou Weber; Bill Van Ort; Herb Parnow; and Bill Boyes. In addition to visiting Korean War Veterans, they pass out combs, lotion, pens and paper, playing cards and other small items approved by the staff. They also visit the K. Vets at the Minnesota Veterans Home and are planning picnics, ballgames, etc., with this group, leaving GREYBEARDS at all places.

MEMORIAL UPDATE

The Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capitol will have a computerized data base honor role listing all KIA/MIA/POW's, their name, rank and serial number, home of record, unit served in, date of casualty, circumstances causing casualty **AND a picture if one is available.**

But we need help obtaining reproducible photos. Anyone knowing of next of kin of KIA/MIA/POW from the Korean War who is willing to furnish photos to the Advisory Board at the address below, it would be most appreciated. OR perhaps you have a photo of a buddy who was killed in Korea that you would be willing to donate to the cause, it, too, would be most appreciated. The Advisory Board will not send out verification of receipt or be able to return the photos.

Progress on the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capitol is wonderful. The Phase II contractor is working on the site, the granite for the wall is being engraved, and the statues are being cast at the foundry. Dedication is on track for July 27, 1995.

This memorial will express the Nation's gratitude for those who came home as well as those who did not come home. It is a grand and glorious salute to all who served. It is no longer a **forgotten war** but in fact a **forgotten victory** which this Memorial will document for all time to come.

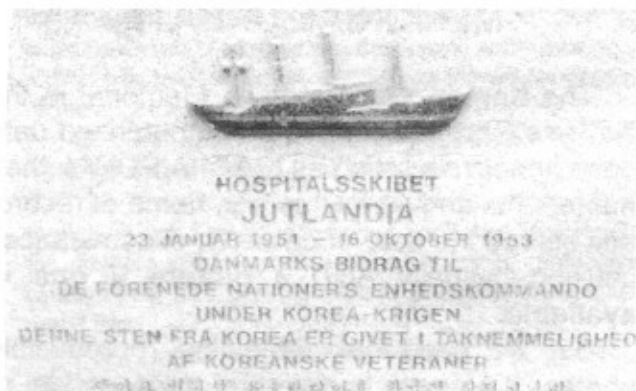
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Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board
U.S. Department of the Interior, Main Building
18th & "C" Streets, N.W., Room 7424
Washington, DC 20240-9998

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

...FROM DENMARK

The inscription reads:

THE HOSPITAL SHIP
JUTLANDIA
JANUARY 23, 1951 - OCTOBER 16, 1953
DENMARK'S CONTRIBUTION TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ONE UNIT COMMANDO
DURING THE KOREAN WAR
THIS STONE FROM KOREA IS GIVEN IN GRATITUDE
BY KOREAN VETERANS



The above photo of a memorial in Copenhagen was provided to *GRAYBEARDS* by George J. Hoffman, KWVA #11174, from Columbus, Ohio.

A POEM

Just below the Russian Border
Korea is the spot
Where must all must spend the time
in the land that God forgot.
Down with the snakes and lizards,
down where a man gets blue
A thousand miles from nowhere,
three thousand miles from you
We sweat, we freeze, we shiver
'tis more than a man can stand
We're not supposed to be convicts,
but defenders of our land
Nobody knows we're living,
nobody gives a damned
We are forgotten,
we belong to Uncle Sam
Living with our memories,
waiting to see our gals.
Hoping that when we get home
they're not married to our pals.
And when our lives are over,
and we reach that land known well
St. Peter will say they're from Korea,
They spent their time in HELL!!

Frederick G. Marsh
Wichita Falls, Texas

MAILING LABELS

It would be very nice if membership and membership expiration date was printed on the label which is used to send out the news magazine.

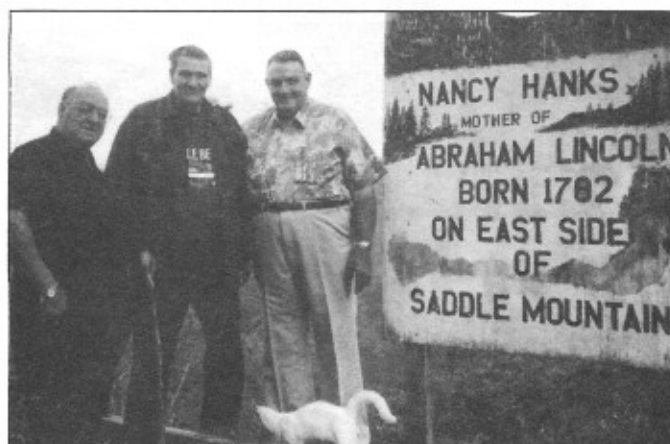
Richard A. Platts, #12951
Newton Square, Pennsylvania

[NOTE: We've received several such suggestions. Our Secretary tells *GRAYBEARDS* this can and will be done. EDITOR]



The July 27th wreath laying detail from the Northeast New York Chapter for the Albany memorial Ceremony "to remember our comrades in arms who made the supreme sacrifice."

From: R. H. Brown, Northeast New York Chapter, KWVA



24th Division vets Ken Anderson (5th RCT), Robert Ostrowske (19th Infantry) and Harry Whittman (21st Infantry) gather at Keyser, West Virginia, for a "great time" and in executive session to lay strategic ground work for monumental decisions at the forthcoming Division reunion in September in New Orleans.

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

CONDOLENCES FOR KIM L. SUNG II

KWVA Director Objects

Dear Mr. Clinton:

I am writing on behalf of the Korean EX-Prisoners of War Association. We are extremely disturbed at your sending condolences to the family and followers of Kim L. Sung II. This tyrant was as bad as Adolph Hitler, Joe Stalin and Mao-Tsetung. Kim L. Sung II was directly responsible for the deaths of 54,000 American soldiers, over 100,000 American casualties, over 8,000 missing in action and 7,500 Prisoners of War of which 60-70 percent died in Prison camps.

Having spent 33 months as a Prisoner of War myself, I witnessed many atrocities committed against their own people by the North Korean Army. The Prisoners of War in Korea received more inhuman treatment, starvation, disease than you could ever imagine. In Camp #5, Pucktong, North Korea, we buried over 2,000 of our fellow soldiers in unmarked graves on a barren hillside, with no caskets or any type of funeral service during a period of five months, from January 1951 to May 1951.

If you had been on a few of the combat patrols and found your fellow American soldiers with their hands tied behind their back, execution style, and shot in the back of the head you could never have concluded that condolences were in order.

We understand the political process in dealing with matters of foreign nature. However, sometimes it is best to remain silent, especially when it offends so many brave Americans that placed their lives on the line to defeat such a tyrant as Kim L. Sung II.

Harley J. Coon, Vice President
Korean EX-Prisoners of War Association

THANKS FROM MEMORIAL BOARD...

...TO KWVA

Please convey to the members of your organization the heartfelt thanks of this Commission, the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board and all Korean War Veterans and their families for their magnanimous \$98,521.01 donation to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund. Your organization's total contribution now is \$293,984.18. The generosity and support given by the Korean War Veterans Association have done much to ensure that this richly deserved but long overdue memorial is realized.

Individuals wishing to attend the dedication ceremony should write to the Korean War Veterans Advisory Board, ATTN: Mr. Robert Hansen, Executive Director, Main Interior Building, Room 7023, 18th & C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

William R. Ryan, Jr., ABMC

A FREELOADER'S LAST REQUEST

There have been some complaints about an item headed as above in some earlier issues which was intended to solicit membership.

We apologize to those who felt offended and because of that we will not rerun the item.

KOREA The Forgotten War

The Korean War has a sad lament
There's no memorial, no monument
No landscaped grounds or hallowed halls
No bronze statues or marble walls
Only scattered graves across the nation
Silent prayer and meditation

They rest in peace--there's no more pain
No bitter cold or monsoon rain
No heavy pack or bandoliers
No sleepless nights and lurking fears
No hand grenades or bayonets
No eerie shadows or silhouettes
No fire fights or night patrols
Just silence now...God rest their souls.

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Wakefield, Massachusetts

**MAKE PLANS TODAY
TO ATTEND THE
MEMORIAL DEDICATION
DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE**

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)...Some last minute items.

BRONZE STARS FOR KOREAN CIB?

This subject has been amply treated elsewhere herein but we just reread some comments in a Jun/22 letter from John Everts ("Chosen Few", Editor, Kivlehan Chapter, NY Newsletter) that we want to note for the record.

Comrade Everts, another proud Marine, strongly joins with those who disagree with our June Lament about no Bronze Stars for Army Korean vets with CIBs. Among the thoughtful arguments advanced by Everts for his point of view are: he thinks it would "denigrate" soldiers who already have the Bronze Star and that they would feel "cheated" if the medal were issued "carte blanche" to others. He says "please don't cheapen their achievements".

Everts and other marines in this dialogue have not mentioned that in the Vietnam War, the Marine Corps authorized a "UN War Combat Action Ribbon". Col Anthony, Chief of the Awards Section in Marine Corp Hdqrs informed us that it was for "firefights or behind the lines reconnaissance". That ribbon seems substantially comparable to the Army CIB. We wonder if our Marines respondents herein would also object to the award of a Bronze Star to Marines with that ribbon. We would not.

With all due respect to those who have taken learned issue on this matter, your editor stands on his published position but in view of the intensity and withering criticism, we plan to "chicken out" and say nothing further on the subject. We do not hanker for any "fat lips" as one writer suggested, so we will leave the battle to others to wage.....

WESTERN OHIO CHAPTER HOLDS ARMISTICE DAY CEREMONY.. Piqua

Gene Bower, Publicity Chairman for the Western Ohio Chapter, reports that the Chapter held a Memorial service at the Piqua Gazebo on the Square on July 27th following a parade from the American Legion Memorial Building.

The observance marked the hoped for enactment of Congressional Resolutions to designate July 27th as "National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day". The speaker list was headed by Chapter President Barbara

Lockery, who also assisted in wreath laying. Steve Baker served as Master of Ceremonies. Taps were sounded by Jerry McCulloch and John Slonaker.

Bower commented, "This was our first ceremony for this to be designated day. It was a solemn and meaningful ceremony. Our Korean veterans were not forgotten."

A CORRECTION

-- OR APOLOGY

Recent candidate Dan Smith has expressed his discontent that we might have implied that he did not "play by the rules" when he insisted that he have more space in the June newsletter for additional campaign messages--the justification of which we questioned in an editorial comment in that issue.

Smith brings to our attention a March letter to candidates from the Nominating Committee Chairman in which he indicates that the editor will accept "a short letter to clarify your position in the June newsletter."

At the time of our subject editorial comment, we were not aware of the subject letter committing us to make additional space available as described. In view of that offer, however, it would seem clear that there was no justification for any suggestion by us that "a short letter" by candidate Smith would be inappropriate. If there was an error in all this, it seems it could have been a breakdown in communications between the Committee Chairman and the editor. We regret any discomfiture this may have caused past candidate Dan Smith or others.

We think the likelihood of a recurrence is slight in view of remedial recommendations made by us to the Executive Board at its recent Tempe meeting to the effect that unpaid for election statements henceforth must be in the form of a one-page resume and restricted to the issue before the one with the ballot.

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

NEW KOREAN WAR
FILM RESOLUTION

[The following resolution was presented to the KWVA Executive Board at Tempe, Arizona, on July 25, 1994, by KWVA member Jack Walker of the Tennessee Korean War Association (not KWVA, Inc.).]

WHEREAS, a cardinal purpose of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) is to promote the history of the Korean War with integrity; and

WHEREAS, television is one of the leading educational vehicles in American; and

WHEREAS, AS OF THIS DATE, THE MOST EXTENSIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE WAR WAS A VIDEO PROJECT ENTITLED "KOREA, THE UNKNOWN WAR" (a six-hour series aired three (3) times on public broadcasting) WHICH SEASONED HISTORIANS AND NEWS ANALYSTS HAVE CONCLUDED WAS LESS THAN OBJECTIVE IN PORTRAYING THE AMERICAN HISTORY, THE MOTIVES OF THE USSR AND THE POLICY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT; and

WHEREAS, the Korean War Association (KWA) estimates this project will cost around four (4) million dollars and has applied to the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, foundations and other sources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) endorsed this project at the 1994 February meeting; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA):

(a) Make an initial grant of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars to the Korean War Association (KWA), and

(b) Establish a national fund to which members and citizens associated with local chapters will be encouraged to financially support this project.

UNIQUE ASSIGNMENT
Humor in Uniforms

During a lull in the Korean fighting the commanding general of I Corps and his staff came through our area to inspect our equipment to see how it was being maintained. Because the colonel's regular driver was recuperating from injuries the colonel told me to stand by his jeep during the inspection. While inspecting the jeep, the general noted that there was an excess of grease in the ball joints of the steering mechanism, explaining that this condition would cause grit and grime to work its way into the mechanism. To insure that I understood the problem, the general had me bend down with

him to peer under the front bumper while he pointed to the problem areas with his swagger stick. Afterward, the general noticed, to his chagrin, that the tip of his swagger stick contained a large blob of grease which he immediately ordered me to remove. I frantically began searching my pockets for something with which to remove the grease. After an eternity--it seemed--my fingers found a lump in my rear pocket which, upon inspection, was a raunchy balled-up handkerchief. After unfurling the handkerchief I removed the offending grease from the tip of the swagger stick while the general held onto the other end. Glancing up I couldn't help but notice the bemused look on the face of everyone in the inspection party--everyone, that is, except the embarrassed general!

Jack Murray
Arlington, Virginia

DON'T MOURN KIM IL SUNG
Texas Chapter Launches
Counter Campaign

The Texas Lone Star Chapter has launched a campaign with press releases and other measures to counter the recent Presidential expression of consolation to North Korean leaders following the death of Kim Il Sung.

In releases to all radio and TV stations, the VPI, APP, many newspapers and to national periodicals to include *Time*, *Newsweek* and *The Wall Street Journal*, the chapter listed the American and UN casualties from Communist forces while Kim Il Sung led the North Korean Government.

The release said, in part:

"...it is next to impossible for us, the Korean War Veterans to mourn the death of the leader of North Korea.

"Our chapter, the Texas Lone Star Chapter of the Korean War Veterans is the largest single Korean War veterans organization in the State of Texas.

"Are we sorry, do we regret the death of Kim Il Sung, we feel that the judgment he will receive can never compare to that of us the Korean War veterans.... I wish his death could bring back my brother. Perhaps the longest cease fire in the history of the world will come to an end....

"The North Korean troops launched a full-scale invasion of South Korea on June 25th, 1950. The war concluded with a Cease-Fire Armistice on July 27th, 1953.

"...aid...was in excess of \$,635,000,000 and we dare you to put a price tag on the lives that were lost."

[The press releases were distributed by Chapter Secretary Jerry Weber from Houston.]

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

"THE CATHEDRAL AT SEOUL"

I had the pleasure of serving as CO of "Charlie" Co., 120th Engr. (C) Bn., 45th Inf. Div. from the spring of 1953 until I was selected to become the Aide-de-Camp of the CG, 45th Div., Maj. Gen. Paul D. Harkins.

I read with great interest the article on Mr. Moon's forthcoming musical composition. After the war had ended, I was in Seoul on business for General Harkins one day, when I noted a small procession of nuns on their way to the Myongdon Cathedral, all chanting in a monotone. As a musician, I was inspired to sit down on the curbside, and, on a small piece of paper, to sketch out the outline for a hymn which, upon my return to the States, was scored as "The Cathedral at Seoul."

At the request of the late General Dick Stilwell, I performed my composition on a Steinway grand in the crossing of the National Cathedral on 31 July 1988, at the commemoration of the 45th Anniversary of the end of the war. (A copy of the program of that event is enclosed herewith.) When I returned to Korea in 1981, I had the pleasure of playing my composition at our "farewell" dinner, and presented the manuscript to the Korean Veterans Association, on behalf of all Americans who served in Korea during the war.

I have volunteered to Dan Smith to play my composition again during the 1995 Reunion/Dedication Ceremonies. Since I still give one concert each year somewhere in the world, "The Cathedral at Seoul" has been heard many times in many lands and is often requested at other times and places. I hope this information will be of interest to my fellow veterans, and I look forward to participating in our 1995 Reunion.



Bill Raiford
Rockville, Maryland

P.S. Your story about Spyridon Alevizakos was very interesting. Might I please have his address?

[Thanks. Some readers felt the editor was too self-promotional. His address: 460 East 79th Street, New York, NY 10021. EDITOR]

RECOGNITION FLOWERS

To all KWVA Officers and Chapters:

KWVA National Recognition flowers have been purchased and will be made available to all KWVA, State and Local Chapters at a cost of \$100.00 per 1,000, plus mailing. Please place all orders through me. The purpose of this program is similar to the American Legion Poppy and the VFW Buddy Poppy. Funds derived from our project can be utilized for needy veterans, widows, and their families, also VA hospital programs, Americanism projects or assistance to dire needs within the chapters themselves. Your approximate profit per 1,000 would exceed \$600.00 or better. They are to be handed out similar to other veterans organizations with a donation value--no specific price. Your group may purchase your own canisters from a

local vendor or national through the project at whatever the cost is per unit or case.

This project can enhance your own programs and is a great public relations venture. The tentative dates for a sale period is from June 25th to July 31st each year--Korean War Veterans Month. This can be by state or local community proclamation.

Please advise me on your progress and profits after the completion of your project so we can evaluate the improvements and success of your endeavor.

Robert J. Wacker

National General Chairman/New Jersey State President
P.S. PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The dates are subject to your own program time. This is only a suggested date. There is NO close-off date for ordering as was incorrectly printed in *THE GRAYBEARDS*.

FOREVER ONE NATION

From Robert Wacker, New Jersey State President, KWVA
and Col Lee Myong Chol, KWVA ROK Chapter

조국통일을 갈망하시는 교포 여러분!

한국과 북한의 분리를 조망하며 조국통일을 위하여 우리는 어디에서 무엇을 하든지, 그 일을 끝까지 완수할 것을 굳게 결심하고 있습니다. 통일만은 쉬운 것부터 시작하면 한반도 전체가 다가오고, 멀고 험하다고 안다면 영영 못가는 길입니다.

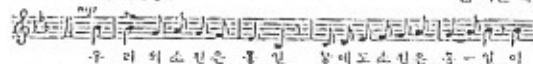
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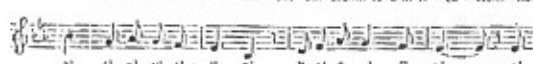
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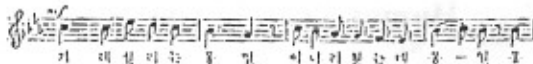


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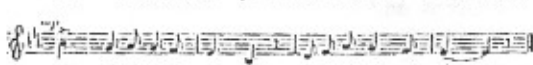
We want Ko-re-a u-ni-fied; our dream is u-ni-fied na-tion. Let



each of us work to-ge-ther to a-chieve u-ni-fied na-tion. This



is what we hope that we can u-ni-fied na-tion. Let



re-unite us na-tion, for ever one na-tion.

한국 참전 동지회 회장 이 명 철

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION
REPUBLIC OF KOREA (R.O.K.) CHAPTER
TEL: (609) 877-4196

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

DISTINGUISHED KOREAN VET SPEAKS

The guest speaker at the June 9th Korean War Memorial Ceremony in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was retired Navy Captain Thomas J. Hudner (Ret).

Captain Hudner reviewed the torture and achievements of the Korean War and the sacrifices of those who fought in the struggle. He told his audience, "The Memorial you are now setting out to build will ensure they will not be forgotten."

The Captain was awarded the Medal of Honor in the Korean War when, while with Squadron 32, he attempted to rescue a squadron mate, Jesse Brown, the Navy's first black aviator, who was shot down behind enemy lines during the historical battle of the Chosin Reservoir in late 1950.

Captain Hubner has been active with many veterans organizations in his state and the Concord, Massachusetts, area and has been Commissioner of Veterans Services for Massachusetts since 1991.

From Tom Maines

HEAVEN & HELL

What's heaven? Heaven is where the police are British, the chefs are French, the mechanics are German, the lovers are Italian and the organizers are Swiss.

So then, what's hell? Hell is where the police are German, the chefs are British, the mechanics are French, the lovers are Swiss and the organizers are Italian.

From Ann Onimoose

"TELL AMERICA"

Katharine Auld Breece
Angela Hammond
Julie Lyon-Frantz
Yorktown High School
Arlington, VA

Mr. Sherman Pratt, Editor of the Korean War Veterans Association newsletter, has informed me of the exemplary work and effort put forth by your students on a recent assignment to create an oral history of the Korean War.

On behalf of the 5.7 million men and women who served the cause of freedom during that terrible time in our nation's history, I extend my heartfelt thanks to you as their teachers, for having the caring and concern required to promote this kind of education experience to our nation's future leaders, and to the young people in particular, for their participation in the program.

The TELL AMERICA Committee is in the process of designing an educational awareness program to be used in

schools across the country, as a teaching tool. The Korean War is acknowledged as the seminal point in world history as nations.

On behalf of the TELL AMERICA Committee of the Korean War Veterans Association, I again extend my congratulations and thanks for helping us TELL AMERICA about the Korean War and the Korean War veteran.

Donald G. Cofsky, Chair
TELL AMERICA Committee

MORE TAPS

Paul Argabright, U.S.N., Jackson Center, Ohio, March 29, 1994

Robert C. Conard, U.S.A., Troy, Ohio, April 2, 1994

Austin Meeks, U.S.M.C., Piqua, Ohio, March 25, 1994

Carl R. McGlinch, U.S.A., Sidney, Ohio, April 10, 1994

Jack N. Vulgamore, U.S.N., Troy, Ohio, March 30, 1994

Jerry W. Fair, U.S.A.F., Sidney, Ohio, March 21, 1994

Bluford N. Baker, New Bremen, Ohio, April 15, 1994

Robert Engler, U.S.M.C., Troy, Ohio, May 23, 1994

Donald Kew, U.S.A., Rome, Georgia, May 21, 1994

Eugene Steinke, U.S.A.F., Phoenix, Arizona, April 30, 1994

Howard E. Hibner, U.S.A., New Bremen, Ohio, March 28, 1994

Kenneth L. Rivlin, North Woodmere, New York, July 1, 1994

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

President Pappas has announced a special meeting of the Executive Board, October 14-17, 1994, at the Ramada Plaze Hotel, 4647 Kenmore Avenue (I-395 at Seminary Road), Alexandria, Virginia. All members are invited to attend. Room rate for KWVA: \$69.00 per night.

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

NEW TV DOCUMENTARY
ON THE KOREAN WAR

- An eight-hour TV series on the Korean War is being planned by a group of six Korean War veterans (known as the Korean War Association, non-profit, tax-exempt) who have assembled for the project a team of professionals including producer, script writer, historians, consultants and other experts on the war.
- You need to send in:
 - (1) interesting experiences--your own or others,
 - (2) historical, geo-political, economic aspects you feel should be covered,
 - (3) other pertinent information.
- The most extensive series on the war--*Korea, the Unknown War*, six hours--was given an extremely left-leaning spin, which one historian said, made it too hard on the U.S. and too soft on Russia. It has aired three times since November of 1990.
- Not only must this misinformation be countered but our own veterans need to understand the more positive aspects of the war.
- Example: Col. David Hackworth--a fine soldier and reporter--writes in *Newsweek*, July 18, that the second Chinese offensive (Kunu-ri) caused "...the most decisive defeat of U.S. arms this century."
- The proposed program will be an accurate, informative and balanced TV series of which the American people will be both pleased and proud.
- It was not the failure of U.S. troops that brought about the defeat, but rather the collapse of the II ROK Corps, who can hardly be blamed,

considering their lack of training and equipment. See *Decisive Battles of the Korean War* by Sherman Pratt.

- TO SUPPORT THE TV PROGRAM, the Korean War Veterans Association has established a fund, initially containing \$20,000, to which individuals, chapters and departments are encouraged to contribute.



"Good news Korean War Vets! A new film is underway that will present a more fair view of your role in the war than the recent biased PBS program."

- **WE NEED TO TELL AMERICANS ABOUT: THE KOREAN WAR, 1950-53, THE FORGOTTEN VICTORY WHERE COMMUNISTIC MILITARY AGGRESSION WAS DEFEATED!**

Send your suggestions and contributions to:

Jack D. Walker
5353 Cane Ridge #115
Antioch, Tennessee 37013
Telephone: 615-731-8795

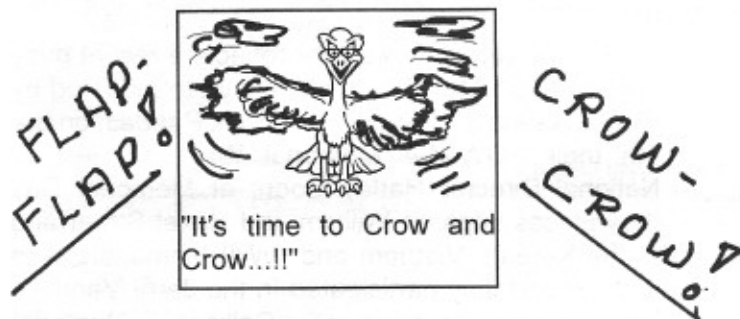
(List of participants available on request.)

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CHAPTER NEWS

News and Events of KWVA Chapters or other KVV Groups

In our last issue we had an item lauding Chapters for their magnificent efforts in producing newsletters for their memberships. We named chapters in Arizona and Maryland that had especially come to our attention, and indicated we were not much informed on what others might be doing. Whereupon, others have seen fit to correct that deficiency in our knowledge. Our mail has been heavy with Chapter news letters and we are pleased to highlight some of them below in this issue.



KWVA, Dept of Illinois - Undoubtedly, the high light event of this Chapter, headed up by Norbert Bentele of Quincy, with assistance from many others, has been the rededication of the Adams County Korean War Memorial on June 11th, written about elsewhere herein.

The Chapter prepared a program brochure with multicolored backing, many ads, casualties, and other related information. The program is quite attractive and a credit to all who had a hand in its publication and distribution. It should have gone far in helping to insure a successful ceremony and as a meaningful contribution to the "Tell America" campaign. To help finance the project, personal markers were sold at \$300 each.

"Tell America" Committee Chairman Don Cofsky can be highly pleased with this event.

COL ALICE GRITSAVAGE CHAPTER OCALA FL - Charlie and Amy Carafano (vets of the Jun/92 Korea Revisit trip and camcorder operators first class) report that their chapter participated in the Marion County Memorial Day parade with a float.

Last year they had the only float and copped all the attention. The Carafano's 14 year old grand daughter Lisa Cervellera sang "I'm Proud to be an American" at the McPherson complex ceremonies.

Our readers will recall that we had an article on nursing by the namesake of this active chapter in our April issue.

CPL ALLAN KIVLEHAN CHAPTER - Stated Island, NY - This dynamic chapter's newsletter Editor, John Everts, as well as numerous others, keeps us well supplied with material as the reader will note on other pages of this issue.

Their bulletin is "newsy", includes a variety of subjects, and is leisurely and easy to read. It begins on the cover page with an membership application form to their chairman James Bader, which seems to us forward thinking.

The chapter has a new president, Jim Jahns who replaces their recently deceased Richard McNeil. Jim and the other officers are listed on the cover page. The newsletters carries ads that no doubt help in offsetting costs. On the back is a replica of the NY auto license plate for Korean vets. All in all a worthy newsletter.

MARYLAND CHAPTER - We have all four of the recent issues of this chapter's newsletters. Theirs was one of the better chapter newsletters we cited in our last issue of *GRAYBEARDS*. This newsletter, under the obviously highly qualified hand of Vincent Krepps continues to shine. The editor advises that it is self supporting financially because of a generous amount of ads, mostly from local business firms.

We are pleased to note the newsletter includes a helpful listing of chapter officers and others in leadership. The new president William K. Wahlhaupter is shown as replacing former James Martin. Well done Maryland!! Keep up the momentum of the assault....

A CORRECTION - April issue list of chapters incorrectly listed Delray Beach FL chapter as "Lt Richard E Cronan". Should have been "Cronin". Sorry folks. Secretary please take note!

CHAPTER NEWS (Contd.)

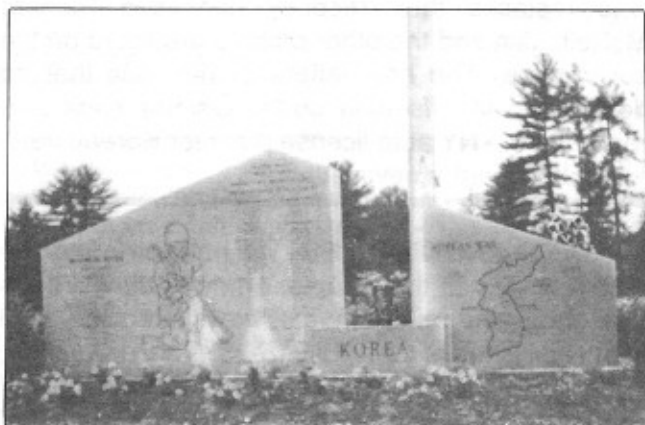
DUTCH NELSEN CHAPTER, Colorado Springs, CO. Sec Bill Riester reports that the chapter met for luncheon at high noon (in the far West in Colorado with pistols at the ready?). It was called to order by Pres. Fred Schroeder on June 18th for the regular monthly meeting with 48 members and guests present.

Following an election, new officers were installed as follows:

Pres: Ed Ziegler
1st VP: Bill O'Hara
2nd VP: Edgar Cook
Sec: Bill Riester
Treas: William Price

Bill reports the chapter lunched again for its monthly meeting on 16 July with 33 people present and an excellent program on the present situation in North Korea including the death of leader Kim Il Song.

ADIRONDACK CHAPTER - Glens Falls NY



Treasurer Gene Slavin sends us the above photo of the new Korean War Memorial dedicated by the Chapter and others on June 25, 1994. He writes that 80 names are on the Memorial and that former Mayor Francis O'Keefe of Glens Falls served as Grand Marshall in the parade to the Memorial site.

NY Congressman Gerry Solomon, also a member of the Adirondack Chapter, gave a moving speech about the Korean War and called it the beginning of the end of Communist world power.

The parade was well attended by VFW, American Legion, NE Chapter KWWA, The Chosen Few and Marine Corp League representatives.

At the evening dinner dance, the Chapter installed its newly elected officers:

Pres: Fred Marino	Chaplain: Paul LaValley
1st VP: Bob Florence	Judge Adv: Jim Corcoran
2nd VP: Don Porter	POW/MIA Off: Myron McCoy
Sec: Mike Pacheco	Trustees: Nick Marschausser
Treas: Gene Slavin	Gene Slavin, Don Bedee

"Somehow, we now feel that the Forgotten War is not still too forgotten in the Adirondacks", said Treasurer Slavin.

ROBERT WURTSBAUGH CHAPTER - Danville IL.

This Chapter's newsletter reflects a recent busy schedule. On May 6th its officers were inducted by KWWA National VP (now Pres) Nick Pappas; on the 7th their POW/MIA Memorial Way was led by National Director Harley Coon; at Memorial Day they place flags on William and Hazel Street and at the Korean, Vietnam and WWII Memorials; and in June and July participated in the Jerry Vandyke Parade and ceremonies at the Collison, IL Memorial Dedication Service; and some members went to Washington DC for the Arlington Cemetery Memorial Day ceremonies.

The Chapter, led by Pres Ken Cook, 1st VP Ray Nasser and 2nd VP Dan Schlorff, reported on scholarship poppy Day sales of \$756. We wish this vibrant Chapter well. They are a credit to KWWA.

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER - Clarington Ohio.

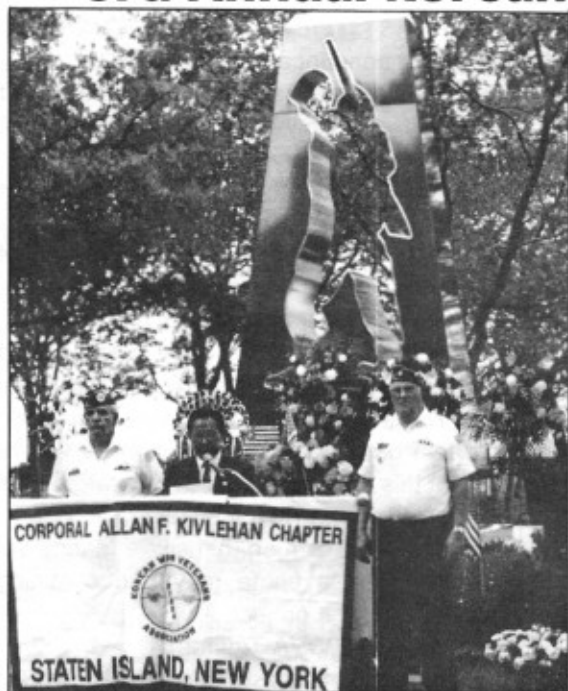
The newsletter reports on the regular meeting of the Chapter in Bellaire American Legion Post on June 18th with KWWA Director Harley Coon, Ohio Senator Robert Ney, and Presidents of other Ohio KWWA Chapters, and some other notables, in attendance.

The newsletter lists new members, several Ohio vets killed in action, and some interesting bios and brief stories on other Ohio veterans.

The newsletter does not list its officers, perhaps because of its size of only one sheet (2 pages), but it does include a message from its president, Ed Fellabaum.

CHAPTER NEWS (Contd.)

3rd Annual Korean War Memorial Service in NYC



The Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter of the KWVA held its third annual Memorial Service at Battery Park in New York City, Saturday, June 25. This memorial, called the "Universal Soldier" was dedicated on June 25, 1991, finally after years of planning and frustration over recognition of the Korean Veterans and the Korean War. A hard fought battle was won, over the dedication of the memorial and also the parade route marching down Broadway. Ed Grygier, the then Chapter president and founder was one of the individuals in the forefront of this victory. He went head-to-head with the Mayor of New York City and had an appearance before the City Council putting pressure on them to extend the route of the victory parade down Broadway from a measly three or four block walk to a parade down Broadway the way the Committee intended. On this day in 1991, the city opened up its arms and responded in its jubilant fashion with a ticker tape parade we will all remember for the rest of our lives—*recognition*.

This year was the Third Annual Memorial Service and was held and sponsored by the Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter of Staten Island, NY. It was attended by approximately 250 persons, including many veteran groups. Joseph Calabria was the master of ceremonies and the Chapter President James Jahns gave a welcome speech. The invocation was given by Rev. John Kim and was followed by posting of the colors of our Chapter and also of Post 277 American Legion Vietnam vets. Our Chaplain Bill O'Brien conducted a ceremony for MIA-POW's neglected by many today. He also delivered an eulogy later in the program. Dr. Han K. Tark, President of the Korean Veterans Association of the Korean War presented a Korean flag to the Chapter for use at our meetings and parades.

Staten Island's own Norma Suh sang the Korean National Anthem and was followed by our National Anthem sung by Robert Sussama and Jennifer Flippazzo of the St. Joseph by the Sea concert band which supplied the music program. Dr. Han K. Tark, spoke of the veterans successes both in war and peace. His message was presented both in English and Korean. Don Cofsky, President, NY State Department and presently Chairman of the "Tell America" Committee did his job well. His speech covered the plight of the Korean War Veterans from the fighting fifties through the forgotten era to the recognition that is deserved today. No longer the **Forgotten War**, but the *first defenders of democracy against communism*.

In memory of our fallen comrades, wreaths were placed at the memorial by our chapter and also by the Korean and Turkish contingents. After a rendition of "My Buddy" by Jennifer, a 21-gun salute was delivered by the combined Chichon Post and Watkins-Kellett Post of Staten Island, followed by a very stirring playing of taps by Anthony Lamax of the band. Rev. Paul Khang gave the Benediction which was very appreciative of all that the veterans accomplished in Korea to bring peace to Korea. Ed Grygier was the final speaker who thanked everyone for attending and

promised a return in more force next year. Attendees included Reps. of the Korean Ambassador, Korean Council General, UN Reps from Netherlands, Philippines and the Turkish American Assoc. Our own Joe Pirrello made all arrangements.

After the ceremony, the veterans of the Chapter were invited to the Korean United Methodist Church on Staten Island for a picnic featuring Native Korean dishes. Everything was delicious and I got my first long-awaited taste of chimchi.

Submitted by B. Hoganson, 159 FA BN, APO 301

PHOTOS: Top: 1st VP Joe Calabria, Dr. Han K. Tark, and our Pres. James Jahns. Center: Turkish rep and Dr. Tark along with Jim Jahns placing wreaths at Memorial. Bottom: Some of members of Cpl. Kivlehan chapter of Staten Island.

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US NAVY CRUISER SAILOR ASSN, Rehoboth MA.

Perhaps the most sophisticated newsletter provided to us is the one named above and published by Ronald Maciejowski, (KWVA #05553, Taunton MA) Comrade Ron is no amateur. His bulletin runs up to 28 pages in length, is on high quality paper with a heavier weight cover in three colors and contains news and items that cover the spectrum.

In addition to the usual Chaplain's corner, TAPS, letters to the editor, association activities and news items of members or interests extracted from various newspapers or magazines, the newsletter includes numerous articles from writers about ships of the Navy, sea battles, and other historical events. The Spring issue (there are apparently four issues annually) has an impressive full size photo of the USS San Francisco submitted by the Assn Secretary Don Gritz. The Fall/93 issue has a cover story of the USS Saint Paul and Ron proudly points out, "...the Saint" as her crew affectionately called her, fired the last naval gunfire support in WWII, Korea and Vietnam! Some record for this 'Gray Lady'.

You sure better be right on that Comrade Ron. If not, brace yourself for a thunderous salvo from your naval colleagues some of whom may disagree with you.

Barbara Lackery, justifiably takes us to the woodshed for omitting her Western Ohio Chapter from our chapter lists in the June issue. She asks how can they build membership if we ignore them. She's right of course. We apologize. KWVA Secretary take notice. Barbara is the Prez - their address is PO Box 19, Piqua OH 45356. If we mention this elsewhere, twice won't hurt. All concerned please amend your lists.

THE KW VETERANS OF MASS, INC., has a unique approach to a newsletter. It is small, only one sheet folder of "birthday card" size, with a few ads, and mainly publishes only a list of the officers, area events thought to be of interest to its readers, an item on flags, and one or two general announcements. It reminds readers of the dedication of the Massachusetts Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Charlestown Navy Yard on 27 July 1993 and urges everyone to place a brick (for a donation?) on the pathway of the Memorial.

THE NORTHEAST NEW YORK CHAPTER, Stillwater NY, proudly announces through their Secretary Harry Van Zandt, that after almost a generation of campaigning the Greater Albany-Capital District of NY will finally have a veterans cemetery.

In the Chapter's press release it is announced that 300 vets and their political allies met to sign documents transferring 106 acres adjacent to the Saratoga National Park to the Veterans Land Management services for use as the latest in the 114 cemeteries across the country.

The NY Chapter participated in color guard ceremonies and marched with color guards from local VFW and Purple Heart posts.

Vets and certain dependents within 75 miles will be eligible for burial at this site of the Battle of Saratoga that marked a turning point in the Revolutionary War.

Congressman Gerald Solomon, himself a Marine vet of the Korean War, was a prime mover in obtaining government approval for the project.

Well done, New York KWVA Tigers!!!

KWVA MO Chapter No.1, St Louis. We can't close our pages on KWVA Chapters without also calling attention to the well done "KorVets News", the bulletin of this Chapter.

We have the July 1994 issue with Paul Phillips shown as the Chapter Commander. It has the KWVA log in eye catching bold black on its address part of the cover. Like its sister (or brother?) newsletters, it has articles on ladies auxiliaries, a featured veteran, meetings, some nostalgic recollections of past history, and even a calendar for events of the month.

3rd Division veterans would especially appreciate an article listing the formation and activities of the Division's 7th, 15th and 65 "Puerto Rico" regiments, and the Division's recent involvement in Desert Storm and return to its base in Germany.

More letters from page 13

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Jay Kleinsmith (USS Satyr Assn) Ellenton FL

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Sal Seris, #8402, New Orleans, LA

A BOOK REVIEW--by Jack Walker, Antioch, TN...

Jack Walker is a veteran of the Korean War with perilous and touchy KMAG front line experience. He is an historian in his own rights and has a deep knowledge of American and world, ancient and modern, military history. He is the editor of the Newsletter of the Korean War Association (not to be confused with KWVA) and former Chairman of the Tennessee Korean War Memorial Association. He is currently leading a multi-million dollar effort to produce a film on the Korean War that he says will be more objective and balanced than the six-hour film shown on PBS a couple of years ago.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since this review involves the editor's own book, our first inclination was not to publish the review on grounds it might be viewed as too self-serving. We had been accused of that earlier when we published in our last issue some pages from the book about a Greek veteran of the Korean War that seemed to be a most unforgettable character.

When we informed the reviewer that we would not run his review he figuratively "went into orbit". He asserted that as a dues paying KWVA member he had the right to use the newsletter columns for his efforts and he insisted in the strongest terms that we print his review. Whereupon, we caved in as can be seen below. If there are those who object, we urge them to direct their wrath at Jack Walker and not this editor/author. When doing so, however, we think it would be thoughtful to the extreme if the complaint included a donation to Jack's worthy film production project.

Decisive Battles of the Korean War, Lt Col Sherman W. Pratt, USA (Ret), Vantage Press, New York, NY. 1992. \$24.95.

Author Sherman Pratt enlisted in the U. S. Army, saw WWII service with the 3rd Infantry Division and won a battlefield commission.

With light hearted prose he relates the heavy hearted task of the infantry soldiers in Korea as they face not only the North Koreans and the Chinese, but also the great enemies of weather and mountainous terrain. A rifle company CO - one of the toughest and most important jobs officers can have - as a Bn staff officer and regimental exec, Pratt served with the 23rd Reg, 2nd Inf Division during the hard fighting of the first year of the war.

The 2nd Division suffered more casualties than any other division; almost twice the amount of the second highest, the 7th Division. Bloody and Heartbreak Ridges were taken by the 2nd and described by the North Koreans as their most difficult battles.

The Pusan perimeter, Kunu-ri, and Chipyong-ni are listed as the three most decisive battles of the war. Pratt, who arrived in Korea just at the end of the battle for the perimeter, was personally involved in critical stages of the other two, and his graphic description is most impressive and realistic.

Upon the intervention of masses of Chinese in November 1950 the UN advance toward the Yalu in the west was halted and withdrawal was contemplated. The 2nd Division's front line regiments were breached in places and an artillery battalion was overrun, but the penetration was contained by Pratt's Regiment, the 23rd. However, the ROK Corp collapsed under the weight of the CCF attack, exposing the 2nd's right flank, which necessitated a withdrawal. The 2nd was left behind to cover the move south of the rest of the 8th Army. It did so, but at a ghastly price in casualties as regiments were greatly outnumbered and all but wiped out.

Pratt stresses that in the withdrawal, U.S. Forces were not frontally forced back, or "routed", but rather pulled back to avoid encirclement when ROK units collapsed on their flanks. An excellent point by the author.

The other battle, Chipyong-ni, occurred in mid-February, 1951 some 50 miles east of Seoul. Unsure of the strength and capabilities of the CCF, and unable to stabilize ROK units, the UN Command had been "rolling with the punches", as the Chinese launched limited attacks southward. Severe casualties were inflicted on the Chinese with each "roll", but they were inconclusive.

When the new Eighth Army CG Ridgway arrived, he decided to test with a "hold in place" when the Chinese next attack. LtC Pratt's regiment, although completely surrounded and greatly outnumbered, did hold for days of continuous attack at Chipyong-ni until an armored column from the 1st Cav Div drove from the south and linked up. On the last night the Chinese broke through but Pratt's reserve Baker Company counterattacked to close the gap. With continuous bloody assaults Baker was able to overcome a determined and fanatical foe and restore the defense line, but at a cost of over 50% casualties.

Pratt has no animosity toward the ROKs but rather an explanation of the great disadvantages under which they operated, and sympathy for the Korean people who suffered so much. Pratt leaves room for contrary opinions but gives us much to ponder.

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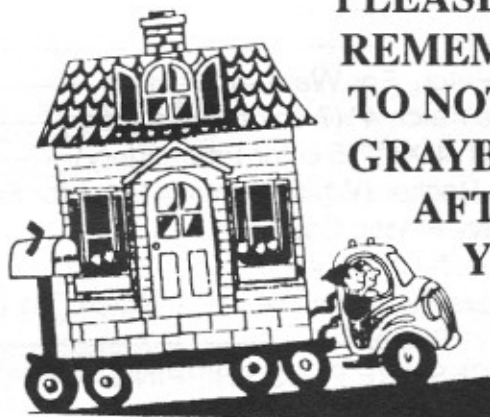
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Tuesday	25	KWVA Board of Directors Meeting			Mall Events/ Banquet
Wednesday	26	KWVA General Meeting	Saturday	29	Parade and Fireworks
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1995 KWVA REUNION

Status Report From Your Reunion Team Harry Wallace and Dan Smith September 30, 1994

Harry Wallace has been asked by KWVA's new President Nick Pappas, to serve as chairman for the 1995 Reunion. Harry, working with Dan Smith, KWVA Special Events Coordinator, and KWVA's Agent Richard Greene + Associates (RGA) as a team have been working for the past nine months to secure hotel rooms for our members. Hence, KWVA now has signed contracts with 10 different hotels securing a total of 2,500 rooms. We are in discussions with additional hotels.

Our Reunion and the accompanying dedication will demonstrate to all that we no longer will be forgotten, since our place in history will be permanently recognized along side the Washington Monument and the Lincoln, Jefferson, Vietnam and Women's Vietnam Memorials. This once in a life-time event is not to be missed. As many as 50,000 people are expected to witness the dedication.

Dan Smith's July report to the Board of Directors in Arizona provided the following planned schedule of events:

- MON July 24 -** KWVA Board of Directors Arrive
- TUE July 25 -** KWVA Board of Directors Meeting
National Cathedral Service
- WED July 26 -** KWVA General Meeting
Embassy Receptions
KWVA Banquet
- THUR July 27 -** Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns
National Memorial Dedication
Mall Activities
Tours
- FRI July 28 -** KWVA Final Breakfast
Mass Muster before the Joint Chiefs of Staff
Mall Activities
Tours
- SAT July 29 -** Parade
Major Entertainment
Fireworks

A special Package Plan for KWVA members has been developed by the Reunion team. It provides an opportunity for KWVA members to make up to 9 monthly payments to cover all or just selected items, such as hotel rooms, transportation, registration fee, breakfasts and banquet.

The Package Plan is necessary and beneficial since it provides members with a budget plan and provides

funds for required periodic payments to contracted hotels. You will receive more information shortly.

The Omni-Shoreham's (our headquarters hotel) 500 rooms will be filled first based on the first registration forms received with the \$100.00 room deposit. members will then be given their options of rooms at the following hotels:

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Please be alert to the following:

- A. The Reunion will be combined with the Dedication,
- B. D.C. area hotel rooms are in great demand at a time when there is tremendous competition by other groups for the same limited number of hotels,
- C. Rather than just one hotel, 10 or more hotels will be housing KWVA members, and
- D. 10 to 20 times more KWVA members than in the past will attend the 1995 Reunion/Dedication.

The KWVA Reunion team needs to have your Registration Form returned immediately but no later than 15 days after you receive your copy of the October issue of *THE GRAYBEARDS* in order to assure that you and your family have rooms available for the Reunion/Dedication.

We are working closely with KWVA's newly-elected president, Nick Pappas, and the Korean War Advisory Board, to ensure that KWVA members are accommodated and that the Reunion/Dedication will be one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives.

Do your part by sending in your Registration Form promptly. This is critical for complying with KWVA hotel agreements.

From Presidential Candidate Dan Smith

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for all KWVA members who encouraged and supported my participation in the recent election.

I also wish to assure all that I will continue to do my best as your KWVA Special Events Coordinator, working with the newly elected president, the Executive Board, the individual KWVA chapters, and others to ensure that our Reunion/Dedication will be an occasion for a proud moment in KWVA history.

Again, your votes were appreciated. Thank you,
Dan Smith

Special Events Coordinator



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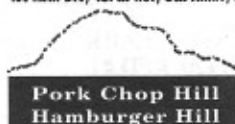
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