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Our cover shows an artist conception of the 19 troops representing those who fought in the Korean War on foot marching eastward toward the American flag and a commemorative pool. This and other memorial drawings herein are courtesy of Cooper-Lecky Architects.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the last three months, the transfer of leadership has been beset with difficulties, but very heartening because of the support the Executive Council and membership have given to the new KWVA management team. Slowly, but surely, we are returning the KWVA to its members.

The Council meeting, (October 15-17) in Washington, DC, was very productive. The council rescinded its previous decision disqualifying Candidates Wallace, Bey, and Martin, thus reaffirming Wallace as 2nd Vice President. It also approved counting of the 290 "unofficial photocopied" ballots ruled invalid, enabling the composition of the Board of Directors to reflect the voters' decision. Final election results are tabulated elsewhere in this issue. The Council approved the 1994 Bylaws, but did "not" accept/approve the 1994 CPA financial audit or 94 Reunion Minutes, because the financial records/secretarial tapes transferred to the CPA and KWVA cognizant officers were incomplete and very questionable. The Council is working to resolve the problems and complete the audit. Also, Life memberships were awarded to Wallace and Hadden in appreciation for their contributions to the KWVA.

Committee reports given by chairpersons were progressive. *The Graybeards* Editor Pratt announced his resignation after the January 1995 issue is published. Amos T. Camp (#3021) has been appointed as his successor, and *The Graybeards* will go to six issues annually. The Council visited the Memorial site and were pleased with the construction progress. It is scheduled to be completed early July, 1995.

Other important issues discussed which need to be corrected as a matter of "public record" are the editorial comments in the October 1994 *Graybeards* concerning Friedlander/Wallace and the accounting of associated funds. The comments not only reflect on their integrity, reputations, but were prejudicial and must be clarified. One editorial comment stated Friedlander "over-collected almost \$2,000 from members for the 14 June 1992 groundbreaking ceremonies, plus another \$3,000 of association funds were provided to him for use on that same occasion." Another quoted almost \$5,000 of monies were collected or provided by KWVA and not spent for the 1992 Washington groundbreaking, etc. The above comments as "quoted" are not true or the funds inter-related.

First, the \$2,000 over-collected. Based upon bank records provided to me in early September, Friedlander collected \$7,955 from KWVA members attending the groundbreaking, not about \$10,000 as originally claimed. Five checks totalling \$7,826 were issued for the following expenses, postage, buses, catering services and printing, the remainder bank surcharges. A key fact not mentioned is the KWVA leadership "consistently disclaimed" any KWVA responsibility for the fund raising and accountability of these funds, until made aware by a 2 September 1993 letter the KWVA could be open to a possible law suit, if action was not taken. Editor Pratt can attest to that fact, being one of the members requesting an accounting of the above funds after a year of silence.

Now an explanation of the \$3,000. Official 1993 KWVA financial records show that was an expense advance paid to Friedlander for services rendered, not for "groundbreaking" usage. Two (2) checks were issued by Treasurer Scalf for \$1,000 and \$2,000 dated, 14 June



1993, and 28 July 1993 respectively. He also was issued an IRS Form 1099 by the KWVA for that amount, on which he paid taxes, thus not requiring an accounting. These expenditures have been reconfirmed by a notarized letter from Stan Hadden, then a member of the Executive Council. I have directed Editor Pratt to publish the full letter in this issue of *The Graybeards* to ensure members have all the facts. From my viewpoint, coupled with the above facts, Friedlander has complied with all of the Council's wishes; therefore, I am appointing him as KWVA "Legislative Affairs Officer," subject to approval by the Executive Council. By this action, I hereby abolish the Congressional Liaison position. Also, by this letter, I expect Editor Pratt to publicly retract the erroneous comments concerning Friedlander.

The issue concerning Wallace is different. Editor Pratt righteously quotes "It should be emphasized that no one seems to suggest member Wallace (then VP) had in anyway misused or improperly disposed of the subject funds, etc." His wordage "that no one seems to suggest" is as negative a "defense" of one's character and veracity that could be written. The comments mainly extolled the virtues of Ex-Treasurer Scalf and the reasons he was right harassing VP Wallace for not providing all documentation to supposedly account for \$138,000, with no allowance for Wallace to rebut or explain his side. Simply explained, Wallace did not have the required documentation to back up the bank statements provided to the Treasurer. The same problems of the recent CPA audit.

Furthermore, nowhere does the column state the bank that formerly held the Membership/Reunion Accounts, closed out by VP Wallace, refused to provide checks and other financial documents as requested. Nor does it address Scalf's "personal" lawyer hiring a Maryland law firm on 1 July 1994, to prepare and file a Bill of Complaint for an accounting and an issuance of subpoena for records without Council approval. Services that were "suddenly" terminated by Scalf on 4 August 1994 (right after election) without reason. Payment for said service was \$391.50 by personal check.

The bottom line is that any KWVA member who "personally" knows Wallace would never question his honesty or dedication to the KWVA. The \$138,000 in question is nothing but smoke, the results of "sloppy" bookkeeping and a personal "vendetta" which must be forgotten.

As president of the KWVA, I am ultimately responsible for what is published in *The Graybeards*. By this letter, on behalf of the KWVA, I extend my apologies to Harry Wallace and Blaine Friedlander for the contents therein and hope I have cleared the air for the membership. The information concerning Friedlander/Wallace and the election will be sent to the Secretary to be filed with other corporate records. Information is available to any member who requests it.

As to the future of the KWVA. "Will it be alive after 1995?" as quoted by one of the chapter's newsletters. The answer is "Yes," if we all pull together. We have much to accomplish in a short span: The Wall of Honor, a Korean War Memorial Library/Museum, educating America about the Forgotten War, increasing membership and preparing for the 50th Anniversary of the Armistice. All of this to happen after the 1995 Memorial Dedication.

Nick Pappas



SOME PARTING EDITORIAL COMMENTS

In our last issue of the GRAYBEARDS we indicated that it might be this editor's last issue. Afterwards, the new President urged us to stay on. We said we couldn't. He said "at least do the next issue to give me time to find a replacement." We consented. He tells us he has found a replacement editor, so for sure this is our last.

We leave with a bit of a heavy heart. It has been challenging and rewarding editing the Graybeards with the belief that an appreciated and constructive service was being performed, even if at a heavy price.

Your editor has been trying to market a couple of books (a full time job in itself) and write a third one (no pen lifted on that in past year or more), edit another newsletter for his Battlefield Commission Assn, serve heavily in his local Historical Society, and in between try to find some moments for family, crabgrass, leaves, shopping and other chores - and perhaps sleep. It has been simply too much at this time in life and relief is required.

In all candor, however, it must be admitted that even if somehow, a way could be found to bite the bullet and remain on in spite of the crushing workload, this editor would be unwilling to do so under present circumstances. Relationships between us and our new President have sadly deteriorated as can be seen in his message in this issue. Furthermore, he has brought back on board for his team two individuals that this editor cannot - or at least will not - work with, or be a part of the same team. Both were engaged in activities last year that we perceived to have almost destroyed this Association by their disruptive misuse of the newsletter and otherwise sewing seeds of discontent. One individual, the former editor, was promptly named to the highest appointive position of "CEO" until removed under vigorous protest from a senior and esteemed KWVA member who was a KWVA founding father. The other individual has in our opinion still not satisfactorily accounted for substantial funds over which he had control. (see letter herein from the former President).

Further aggravating the situation, the President has accused us at the October Board meeting and in his message, wrongly we contend, of publishing "false" information in the newsletter. His version of pertinent

events surrounding the accountability of funds control by Mr Friedlander is simply incorrect. Unlike the

President, this editor was directly involved in the arrangements for the 1992 Memorial ground breaking and thus has personal knowledge of the circumstances.

We will not, however, debate the matter further with our President, at least in the newsletter. It would not be helpful to him or the KWVA at this sensitive time and on the eve of our Memorial dedication.

This is not to say at all that the membership erred in selecting Nick Pappas as their president. That remains to be seen. He may yet turn out to be one of KWVA's best ever. Our new President can sometimes be too loud, domineering and even abrasive, as he demonstrated at the recent Board meeting.. But he also for sure is a most energetic, fair, dedicated, fully committed, and assertive president. He appears to have sincere intentions. But as the old adage goes, we know that too often the road to you know where is paved with good intentions. It takes more than just that - it takes achievement and positive results. We hope he can produce them. At this point we think he will.

In any event, we wish him and the Board well. We will certainly not do anything by word or deed that would cause any difficulty for them in effectively carrying out their duties.

In parting, we feel, unlike when we took over, there is in place all the ingredients, which the new President says he will retain, for a smooth transition to a new editor. This editor will provide whatever help and advice desired. There is in being an acclaimed format, an efficient editorial and layout assistant, Nancy Monson, an able and devoted printer, David Park, and a smoothly operating mailing house, all of whom have proven track records with our earlier issues.

We are humbled with the tidal wave of supporters who had pleaded earnestly with us to stay. Many contended that KWVA will collapse without this editor. While all that may be helpful to one's ego, it is hardly true. Somehow the sun will rise, the Republic will survive, and KWVA will go on, with or without this editor. In the meantime we urge all to take heart, support your new President and work for the benefit of the KWVA. There is no other vet organization that duplicates the KWVA and it deserves survival and loyal support by its members in the interests of the too often forgotten Korean War Veterans.



WE GET LETTERS

As can be seen herein, our mail continues to be quite heavy--so we are devoting a considerable number of pages to our "Letters" section. We feel strongly that when the KWVA membership takes the time and effort to write us, every effort should be made to accommodate them, and not disregard their efforts--within the limitations of our space--as long as their writings are respectful and not otherwise unlawful or inappropriate. If we are wrong in this practice we are sure our readers will let us know. EDITOR.

WHERE'S OLD SMOKEY?

Dear Editor:

The article you published on page 5 June issue ("Revisit to Korea") was interesting to me. When my wife and I made the "revisit" trip to Korea in 1989 we were fortunate to sit with MG (Ret.) Yun, Hung Ki and his wife at the dinner party at the Shilla Hotel in Seoul. When I said that we were planning to rent a car so as to drive up to the Ch'orwon area (we had a one-day lay-over in Seoul before we left for a Singapore visit), Gen. Yun volunteered the services of his car and driver and recommended against doing this on our own.

Driving north through Uijongbu, Tongduch'on and Yonch'on we finally ran out of road at an ROK roadblock. We were advised that we could only reach Ch'orwon by heading south again and then take the road that headed northeast towards Kumhwa. Actually, this would have taken us to Shinch'orwon ("New Chorwon"), which is not where I wanted to be. As we drove north, with my old 1:50,000 contour maps in my lap, I saw several sites where some of our memorable actions took place in the 1951 "Yo-Yo" war, but I was disappointed that we could not get closer to the DMZ in the Iron Triangle area.

In my days in Korea we went only by Hill numbers (elevation). In '52 and '53 it was the vogue to give all the hills names, so in my reading about the war, I often have problems locating the site of action. For instance, I spent much of August '51 on Hills 391 and 488 in the Iron Triangle. This was a company patrol base approximately 7 miles in front of the MLR. It was some time before I realized that Hill 391 was the infamous "Jackson Heights" of late 1952. But, where is "Old Smokey"? Do you have any idea of its location? A hill number or its map coordinates would help.

Harry C. VanZandt, Clifton Park, NY

[For more information on Smokey or the area, you may want to contact writer Dave Phipps, 6 N. 914, St. Charles, IL 60174. EDITOR]

POPPY SALES

I would like to know why we can't sell poppies on July 27th, like other organizations do--like the VFW, American Legion, and AMVETS do on their day--to help raise money for our memorial, to maintain it, or for other activities. I think an effort should be made on this in remembrance of our Korean War Veterans. I think the colors should be white and blue.

Emilio F. Gusman, #13202, Ottawa, IL
[Are you aware of KWVA's flowers program headed by Bob Wacker? See masthead for his address. EDITOR]

KOREAN WAR MEMORIALS

I'd like to thank those folks who have sent me photos, brochures and letters, etc., per my ad in the last issue of our magazine describing their Korean War memorials, either planned or built. ...I've heard only from Conneaut, OH; Watertown, WI; Lafayette, IN; Port Charlotte, FL; Hamburg, NY; Bayonne, NJ; and Jonesboro, IN.

...I'm trying to do is put together a scrapbook which we can show to the governor, legislators, etc., of what other states are doing or have done. It might help our cause. We're still running into resistance from State of Maine officials and The American Legion as to the location of our planned memorial in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery here in the state capitol. We still have one more hill to take!

Perhaps later on (or sooner?) I can interest you in putting together a special section in *The Graybeards* of the completed work. Or some variation thereof? Perhaps, after all, this may be a more appropriate project for *The Graybeards*?

...I'm enclosing an item which appeared in the latest issue of *The American Legion* magazine. (You may have seen it.) I'm also enclosing a copy of *The New American* magazine which touches on the subject of a United Nations Army. I can't help wondering what the position of the Korean War Veterans Association is on this subject. I'm sure that you could stir up a lively discussion.

Martin J. O'Brien, Augusta, ME

[We also have suggestion from Marty for a special edition of *Graybeards* "totally dedicated to the TELL AMERICA program and the Memorial." We are adopting his suggestion in part herein with a special feature, and our cover, devoted to the Memorial. EDITOR]



BODIES FOR SALE! WHO WILL BUY!

MARKED DOWN TO \$19,500 PER KOREAN WAR VETERAN HERO

On 9/14/94 an AP news article appeared in my local paper stating that our government paid \$19,500 per body for 46 remains returned by the North Koreans (they don't deserve caps) about a year ago--a bit more than the \$10,000 the families received when they were declared dead. The article goes on to say that the U.S. Army and the UN Command want to set it at \$2,000 to \$3,000 a body but the North Koreans want \$30,000 each! Talk about extortion and/or ransom plus propping up the North Korean Government with cash they desperately need! Wow! In the article our president, Nick Pappas, was quoted as saying, "Today his group had no official policy on payment for the return of remains. I now call upon our new president to show his true mettle and refute any payments to the North Korean Government. If it takes the concurrence of our directors let it be so. I have never heard of KIA's on a mass scale being held for ransom. For shame our government has done so now. Pres. Pappas and directors come up with a resolution against this extortion now! Make it known to the press and our government!

John C. Everts, Kivlehan Chapter,
Long Island, NY

[We regret lack of space for the well detailed, but lengthy article Everts furnished, but we think his above item includes all the pertinent substance. EDITOR]

LETTERS (Contd.)

LEGISLATORS RESPOND

Following are thrusts of responses to me from some various elected officials that I and others have received:

Congressman Robert K. Dornan: Accepted excuse from Sigle and the matter is dead. He is a Nam veteran.

Senator Carol Mosely-Braun: Sent form answer letter, relating she would "get back to me." Wrote her a second letter and yet have to receive an answer.

President William Clinton: Received a reply that "I will not forget the contributions and sacrifices of our distinguished veterans." I think he did.

Military Order of The Purple Heart: Does not seem to want to get involved. Never answered me directly.

Rep. John McHugh (R-NY): He had Sigle on the carpet concerning the awarding of the CIB in Somalia. No answer.

Senator Daniel K. Akaka (Hawaii): Since the 5th RCT was from Hawaii, I wrote to him requesting a bill be put through Congress to correct the wrong done to the veterans after WWII. Is looking into it. Have not received a reply concerning his tangling with Lt. Col. Patricia Single. I warned him as to the letter he would receive.

Damn Lt. Col. Single, full speed ahead (on our guest for the BSM). I have not yet begun to fight (for my BSM). We have met the enemy (and it is Lt. Col. Single). Surrender? Nuts to you.

John W. Sonley, Burbank, IL

[As stated earlier, we are withdrawing from this controversy in the face of devastating marine fire. We continue, however, to have the strongest sympathy for Korean Army vet John Sonley's cause. EDITOR]

SPECIAL LETTERS ISSUE?

Dear Editor:

Sure enjoyed your new layout of *The Graybeards*. Leave the name as is. Enjoyed your "Letters General" very much. I read the newsletter for two days over and over. Didn't want to miss anything.

Now wouldn't it be nice to have a special issue "Letters General of 60 pages? I'm sure all the members would never throw the issue away. "Food for Thought."

Jack E. Jones, Emporium, PA

BRONZE STAR FOR CIB WEARERS

Thanks for taking on the newsletter job. The new format is great.

Regarding the recent discussions related to the award of the Bronze Star to wearers of the Combat Infantryman's Badge after WWII.

My understanding of the reason for the award differs somewhat from the reasons stated by others in the newsletter, including that given by the U.S. Army Military Awards Branch.

I may be all wet, but this is the reason we were given at the time: In WWII "points" were awarded for various accomplishments, such as battle stars on your EAME medal, special awards such as the Bronze Star, Silver Star, etc. The number of points varied with the award. "Points" had a large bearing on how soon you went home after the war ended, and thus were much-coveted. However, battle stars for your EAME medal were awarded to all men who participated in the various campaigns, such as "Battle of Northern France," "Italian Campaign," "Rhineland," etc. (I don't recall the official names of the battles); and participation meant only being there but not necessarily in combat. Many men accumulated battle stars as they moved forward with the flow of the war, but not in action. In my case, only one star for five months of action around the Lorient-St. Nazaire pockets on the Brittany coast.

We were told at the time of our receipt of the Bronze Star and its precious five points that they were being given to all holders of the CIB in order to equalize things a little and allow infantrymen to get home sooner.

In a way, this cheapened the Bronze Star, especially for those who earned it for a special act and, please believe me, the Bronze Star wasn't easy to get. I had the occasion to recommend a Bronze Star for bravery for a man in my rifle platoon, but it was rejected at battalion or regional level.

Please don't misunderstand: anyone who received the CIB deserved an award, and to this day it is my CIB (with a star added for Korea) of which I am most proud. It is a shame that another unique medal (The Infantry Cross, to give it a name ??) wasn't awarded instead of the Bronze Star to CIB holders, to allow the Bronze Star to retain its distinctiveness.

Well, that's the way I look at it, anyway. I'm mighty proud of them both!

Morton Wood, Jr., Bethesda, MD

PROTESTS KOREAN STUDENT RIOTING

KWVA DIRECTOR JERRY BAY WRITES KOREAN PRESS

The Korean Times
(Also to *Korea Herald*)
Seoul, Korea

Gentlemen:

For several years, we have been reading of Korean students rioting while shouting anti-American slogans and generally having a very negative attitude towards the U.S. These young people should ask the elders, or those who served in the ROK Forces, about Korea's recent history.

It was only forty-five years ago that this same U.S. Government was sending its servicemen 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. Many 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. P.S. The ROK Veterans Organization has not forgotten! They are still paying expenses for United Nations Korean War Veterans who wish to return for a visit.

Jerry Bay, Chicago, IL

LETTERS (Contd.)

NEW BOOK

I enjoy *The Graybeards*.

I am writing a book on Korea. But not like the ones which have hit the streets. The story that I'm writing is from the Korean veterans themselves who write me their stories [regarding] them and their units, army, navy coast guard, USAF, MAW, marines, UN nations. Plus KMAG units of the ROK Army. Plus I need their written permission too.

This book starts with the 1905 invasion by Japan, and annexing Korea as part of Japan. Japan built up buildings, air fields, compounds, roads, and bridges to bring in their war machines to later attack China and Manchuria. During these times, Korea lost their freedom, language, even their dignity.

The American Occupation Era and the Korean War--1945 to July 1953 and up to the present time. Will South Korea Ever be Free? I call this book *Korean History and Mine*. I have quite a few veterans' stories now, but I need more and pictures, too. So I would be most grateful if you could place this in *Graybeards*.

Richard Stinson #11559, Detroit, MI

GRAYBEARD FORMAT

I'd like to add a few comments about issues raised again in the most recent (October) copy of the newsletter.

1. Regarding the new format--my congratulations to you and the "crew" in producing a more professional and cost-effective magazine.

2. I agree with those who would dump the title *Graybeards*. While it may describe some of our membership, it definitely doesn't apply to, or please, many others--so why keep it? KWVA says it all.

3. You've also received letters regarding the covers of the new newsletter. The cover of the Vol. 8 #6 issue in April 1994 (which, I believe, was the first of the new format) featured a design of an eagle, flag and UN logo by Mr. William Devine. It was very strikingly done!

Do you know if Mr. Devine, who works for an Alaskan T-shirt manufacturer, has marketed these? Could you provide Mr. Devine's address or additional info?

Robert Hall, Jr. #1264, N.E. NY Chapter
[This NY Robert Hall should not be confused with the NC Robert Hall featured on page 31 of our October issue. The address of Bill Devine, KWVA member #00387, is 310 Fern St., Anchorage, AK 99504]

TASK FORCE SMITH
SURVIVOR

Editor:

I received both your post card and magazine Korean War Veterans Association and I am very grateful for [your] remembering me.

Last December a friend from up north, visiting his mother in Coral Springs, Florida, informed [me] that in 1995 [KWVA] will dedicate the Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC. So, I had written a certified letter to our President Clinton to see if I can be invited to the ceremonies. I have yet to receive an answer.

I am a proud Fighting Gimlet, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion "Task Force Smith," 24th Infantry Division, first unit committed in the Korean Conflict and presume one of the very few survivors. I retired from the Army August 29, 1952, at the rank of corporal after serving my adopted country proudly for three years, plus the Truman years. Came in the country from the exotic Mediterranean island of Cyprus on October 24, 1948. Enlisted in the army March 7th, 1949. Served at Camp Wood. Momen Moto, Japan, from August 20th until the Korean hostilities erupted June 25, 1950.

We were flown via C-54 and landed at Kimpo Airport outside Seoul, South Korea.

I was wounded twice. Received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart with certificate signed by the then Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr., with my name on the back of both the above mentioned medals which through the stupidity of my ex-wife I cannot find.

Also lost are my Presidential Unit Citations from U.S. President Harry S. Truman and the Korean Unit Citation from the then South Korean President Sigman Rhee. Also gone are my United Nations Campaign Medal with 5 battle stars, Good Conduct Medal and Japanese Occupation Medal.

I would like you, sir, if I could have all those medals replaced. I would be forever indebted to you.

Now, on the back page there is a plaque with a 45 pistol on it and as I have ready [there] will be only 500

made. I would like to have one but at the present time I am financially unable to come up with the total price. I would like to send you \$200.00 by November 10th, 1994 and pay the rest later if possible. See if you can help. I would like to add to my big collection.

[For information on attending Memorial dedication see page 8 herein. To obtain missing medals contact: Commander (ARPERCEN); 9700 Page Blvd.; St. Louis, MO 63132-5260. To buy commemorative pistol with delayed payments, inquiry should be made to American Historical Foundation at address on back cover. EDITOR]

STARS & STRIPES

Each morning,
As a new day begins,
My Stars and Stripes
Are unfolded,
And hoisted up the flag pole.

Some people walk by,
And watch me wave,
Others walk by,
Stop for a moment,
And admire my Stars and Stripes.

Some walk by and don't even notice me,
They seem to have forgotten,
Who I am, the wars I've been in,
The coffins I've draped,
The Great men who served me.

But every now and then
A patriot walks by
He stops and salutes me,
Because he knows who I am,
And where I've been,
Because he's been there too.

Celine Rose Mariotti
Daughter of Peter Mariotti,
KWVA #00240,
Shelton, CT

LETTERS (Contd.)

GRAYBEARDS COMMENTS

Editor:

I enjoy reading *The Graybeards* magazine very much.

I also think Stan Hadden was a great editor. He called 'em as he saw 'em.

Also, please keep the name *Graybeards*, as most of us Korean vets have gray hair and graybeards. The name is very appropo.

I belong to the Greater Cleveland Chapter. We have one on the east side and an extension on the west side. We have the largest chapter in Ohio. We participate in many, many functions for veterans and civic doings and have gotten a lot of awards. Our chapter takes a back seat to no one. We're very proud of our chapter.

Dick Blanc, LM 8154, Cleveland, OH

NO 'COWARD' FOR COMMANDER

I am writing you after just receiving my October, 1994, issue of *Graybeards* book and in reference to the article on page 9 entitled "Challenge to the KWVA" written by Robert d. Hingle #7871, which I concur with wholeheartedly. As a veteran who fought in Korea and who now has a 22-year-old son servicing there now, we both feel that the coward that is now the commander-in-chief should not be the one to dedicate the Memorial. I am sure that the 58,000 men who gave their lives would also agree.

If Freedom for all men is not worth the risk of one's life, then he is not worthy to address us and to deny him the right to speak at the dedication would send a loud clear message to him and any other individual who would run from any fight.

This veteran had a clear chance to avoid going to Korea when a personal friend offered me a drug that would have prevented me from going and this offer was made by a former marine in front of his father who was a major in the Marine Corps at that time.

I am very proud that our youngest son is in the Army today and serving in Seoul, Korea, and has traveled over some of the areas that his father had traveled in during that "Police Action."

Robert C. Sharrard, #1215,
Waterford, MI

LIST OF ALL VETERANS BENEFITS

Editor:

I am writing as representative for several veterans that I have talked to at VA hospitals in Mobile, Alabama; Biloxi, Mississippi; New Orleans, Louisiana; and several veterans organizations I belong to.

We would like to ask you to print a list of all laws or benefits voted on during the year that affected us veterans. What we would like is how our senators and congressmen voted. This should be done near election time so we will know who to vote out of office.

We feel if the elected officials know we are watching, they will be more careful how they vote to cut our benefits. We feel this would be one of the most important things you can do for us veterans. We know as our voice, you will not let us down. We would like to thank you in advance. We know you will be there for us. Thanks

Hugh Langham, #11990, Mobile, AL
[Would like to comply with your request to print "all laws," but this is beyond our resources. Have you tried the VA? EDITOR]

SUPPORT ASKED FOR NAVY RIBBON

In *Military* magazine there is a letter by Lloyd M. Felmy, MD, about the efforts to have eligibility dates for the Combat Action Ribbon (a Department of the Navy award) changed to include those who served in the Naval Service during WWII and Korea and participated in ground and/or surface combat action. Presently, the eligibility date begins 01 March, 1961, and carries through to the present.

Congressman Michael R. McNulty, the representative from NY, agrees and introduced a bill in Congress (H.R. 4459) to have the dates changed. This bill is like all bills, it needs the support of as many Congress persons as possible to help it pass.

Please make the KWVA membership aware of H.R. 4459 and its purpose. If they agree, they should write to their respective Congress person, soon, and ask he or she to contact Congressman McNulty, and arrange to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 4459.

Vincent D. McCormick, #0982,
Binghamton, NY

REVISIT PROGRAM

I take this opportunity to express my thoughts in response to the letter titled "Korea Revisit Tours," page 11, October, 1994, *The Graybeards*.

The letter points out the difficulties attempting to bring various veterans organizations together in furtherance of a common goal. I see such an objective very desirable. However, I do not see that in the immediate future.

I have strong reservations about telling the Korean Veterans Association (Korea) (KVA) how they should administer their Korea Revisit Tours. I know of no other country, where Americans have fought, that has such a program. Perhaps there are, in that case I would be pleased to be wrong. I suspect the KVA, like other organizations, is not possessed of unlimited funds. That is to say they must do what they believe best with what they have. I am very thankful for what the KVA has accomplished with the Korea Revisit Tours.

I did not join the KWVA to revisit Korea. I joined the KWVA because two members recommended I do so. Dick Adams and David Hackworth told me there were good people in the KWVA. Good people who were attempting to do good things. I believe that to this day.

Ken Sheldon, #10676, Tacoma, WA

A LAST MINUTE LETTER

[Re] Dave Bessire letter on Revisit trip [Oct issue] and statement that trip "marred" because of dress misunderstanding.

If Mr Bessire can recall...we were on same bus...later returning from Olympic Park to change into evening wear...bad traffic...went direct...beyond our control...to Pres Kim...the gracious Pres of So-Korea didn't even notice...

Bill & Donna Berryman
West Seneca NY

LETTERS (Contd.)

DOESN'T LIKE TERM "COMRADE" AND DIVISIVE KWVA MEMBERS

Editor:

Received the October *Graybeards* today...outstanding job!

Two comments...:

1. My letter on page 13, "Charter" should have been identified as the letter sent to Blaine Friedlander on March 29, 1991. The way it was presented in the current issue gives the appearance that I just wrote it and resigned from the KWVA. I would appreciate your clarifying this in the next *Graybeards*.

2. I am in total agreement with Terry Lovell's letter on page 15. I totally object to the reference of "Comrade"! While the dictionary defines "Comrade" as "a friend, associate, or companion" and may appear appropriate for some usages, it is not appropriate for American veterans to refer to each other as such. Perhaps more appropriate would be "patriot" or "veteran." Please think about this. For me, every time the word "Comrade" is used, it gives me immediate flashbacks of communists. Remember, the Chinese always referred to American POW's as "Comrade" in their "indoctrination" sessions.

Joseph A. Saluzzi, Brooklyn, NY

RECORDS BATTLE CONTINUES

Dear Nick [Pappas]

Thank you very much for all that you have done. You could not have been more supportive and I'm grateful. [See *Graybeards*, October, 1994, page 31.]

The last phrase of the last letter you sent, speaking of the "negativistic bureaucratic platitudes," described exactly what has been happening. That's a nicer way of referring to it than "stonewalling and cover-up."

Your letter requests that physician veterans of military medical service, assisted by Korean War veterans of the combat arms, be asked to evaluate this book. I know of only two groups of

physician veterans. One is The Society of Medical Consultants to the Armored Forces, of which I'm a member, and Chairman of its Archives and Medical History Committee. The other is the National Medical Veterans Society.

My organization will meet in Bethesda early in November. One of the members of my committee is the individual who has unearthed the data on casualties from friendly fire that we've been reading in the newspapers recently. He's now a colonel, MC, in the Surgeon General's Office. I first knew him when he was a brand new captain, and was assigned to Vietnam. He was fluent in French, so we assigned him to the Vietnamese Army's Cong Hua Hospital in Saigon as an advisor to the medical people there, who had all been trained by the French.

He had demonstrated that the conventional wisdom, that casualties from friendly fire are "about 2%" is wrong. They are more like 15%. As a result, more money is now being allocated to their prevention that was spent when they were "about 2%."

Thanks for all that you have done. Good luck with all that you're doing, and all best wishes.

Bob Hall, Raleigh, NC

MORE ON BRONZE STAR

Concerning those experts on the Bronze Star medal.

My brother was killed in action by machine gun fire, another suffered bayonet wounds to receive the Purple Heart.

Are those that cut themselves on a C-rations can going to turn their Purple Hearts in?

When Mr. Saluzzi turns in his Purple Heart, I will concede that all infantrymen with the CIB turn in the Bronze Star.

There are people that lost limbs in the Korean War in combat and never received the Purple Heart. Justice? Where?

Peter Susko, East Syracuse, NY

OBJECTS TO OCTOBER COVER

Having received the October 1994 issue, I was somewhat taken aback to see two enemy troops peering into my realm. My response to you is to enclose a recent color photo from the July 4th issue of *The Army Times*, showing friendly troops on patrol at the DMZ. This photo also addresses, perhaps even more pointedly, "...the continuing tense situation concerning North Korea..." I respectfully request that this photo be featured on the cover of the January 1995 new *Graybeards*.

Many of our members would not purchase an article of clothing or household equipment if it were labeled "Made in China." The very thought of their veterans magazine featuring the enemy on the cover, coming into their homes, uninvited, is an anathema to all that the KWVA stands for. While I do not ask for a retraction or apology, certainly an "equal time" cover would be in order.

Donald G. Cofsky, Fairport, NY

[These reactions of such a distinguished KWVA member as Don Cofsky surprises us and certainly cannot be ignored. Other than his letter, we have had only favorable responses (many phone calls) to our cover. See, for example the following comment by Lawrence Moon. We have no problem, however, to providing "equal time" with a cover on a future issue of the type suggested--provided we have a better than newspaper quality photo. We cannot use our January cover for such, since we have it earmarked for our Memorial. We did not think that the use of a photo of our lingering "enemy" would constitute an "invitation into our homes" anymore than the photos of countless other national or international "bad guys" we see regularly on the covers of home front media. EDITOR]

COVER WAS GREAT

Thought the two Korean soldiers on the cover was great.

David Moon, Watertown, NY

LETTERS (Contd.)

REFLECTIONS ON WAR AND MEMORIAL

Editor,

I am enclosing some photos that I have taken from my original newspapers which I obtained on 27 July 1953, when I was in Tokyo, Japan, awaiting my duty assignment at Camp Drake.

I served in the Korean War with the 1st US Cavalry Division, 7th Regiment, from September 1950 to August 1951. Being a career man I was then assigned to New York City. After I had returned to the U.S. April of 1953, I once again received orders for overseas to the Far East for assignment and I can tell you that when I heard this it sure did get me to thinking about having to go back to the fighting in Korea. But I was happy to learn that I would be going to Japan for duty and not back to the war in Korea. So to make this a short story this was how I became to be in Japan on the 27th day of July, 1953, and how I obtained the enclosed photos of the newspapers I am sending on to you.

I think these new type of newsletter/ magazine which prefer to call them are some of the best type of publications of veteran information that are put out by the different military and veteran organizations. You guys back there are doing one helluva outstanding job and I salute you all one and all.

About the name of *Graybeards* for this magazine, I just never did care too much about that title because as you well know there were many great and courageous women who served in the Nurse Corps in the Korean War and we should never forget them for their outstanding service performed for we fighting troops.

I think it would cover all of us who served and fought in Korea with just a simple name as Vets of Korea but the name I really like and think it fits to a big T, is THE INTREPID, because with the type of weapons we had to fight with and three enemies of the North Koreans, the Chinese CCFs and that deadly bitter winter of 1950-51, with little or no winter-type clothing and damned few troops to man the front lines, we had to be bold, fearless and yes at times we had to be courageous to defeat and withstand all three of our enemies--the North Koreans, the CCFs and the damnable freezing winter--with not a helluva lot going for us. So, for this and many other good reasons, I think the name of the INTREPID, is what we are and were back in them dark days and times of the Korean War. We had very little to fight with but we always made a damned good accounting of ourselves when we met the enemy.

I know there must be many better names for this magazine than the *Graybeards* we now have because this name just does not cover us all or pay due respect to all, both male and female, who served in that war.



Photo provided by Fred A. Duve, Jr., Vermillion, South Dakota.

I hope and pray that we all can meet at the dedication of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC. A project that is very long overdue to we who served and our comrades who gave their all in that long forgotten war in a place called Korea.

Fred A. Duve, Jr. #0581, Vermillion, SD

THANKS FOR TEMPE

I would like to thank the KWVA, the KWVA Department of Arizona, the Ray Harvey, MOH, Chapter of Phoenix, and the Edward W. Rhodes Chapter of Tucson, for having Nancy and me as your guests at the Tenth Annual KWVA Reunion in Tempe.

We were treated royally from the time we arrived until we left. We were especially impressed with the Memorial Service and the Banquet.

We enjoyed meeting with some old friends again, and meeting many more of you. We hope to see you all again next summer at the Memorial Dedication in Washington.

Thank you all; God bless you.

**Robert E. Simanek, MOH,
Farmington, MI**

LETTERS (Contd.)

SHOCKED AT KWVA

I am totally shocked that the KWVA, Inc., now admits as members those that served from 9/3/45 to 6/25/50 in Korea. This was not brought up to the total membership via *The Graybeards* for their approval. The same thing happened when membership was extended to those serving in Korea from 2/1/55 to the present.

Mr. Adams, the KWVA, Inc., belongs to the Korean War veteran. You and the rest of the officers and directors were elected to serve the organization, not yourselves as the case appears to be. All the actions pertaining to membership eligibility requirements subsequent to the charter requirements have been in violation of said charter. It appears that you are not getting proper legal advice and, in that respect, you should seriously consider replacing Mr. Friedlander.

Now, speaking for several members, and I'm sure a majority if they know what is going on, I am issuing an ultimatum:

Declare all eligibility requirements, other than those presented in the charter, null and void pending the adoption and application of proper legal proceedings. If you do not do this I will present these facts, along with a file of other facts that I have compiled, to the Attorney General of the State of New York with the request that the charter be suspended. In addition, I will forward the same package to the Internal Revenue Service to question the legality of the non-profit status as pertains to the present set-up of allowing non-veterans as members. Bear in mind that violation of the provisions of the charter which originally granted tax-exempt status would be sufficient cause to suspend and possibly revoke such status.

These concerns must be addressed immediately! I would like this letter and your response printed in the next *Graybeards*. The membership must be informed and we must allow them to speak out. Not every one can attend the meetings but as dues paying members, shareholders if you will, our voices must be generated through our medium of communication, *The Graybeards*.

Joseph Saluzzi, Brooklyn, NY

EMOTIONS OF WAR

Dear Sir:

In the June 1994 issue of the Korean War Veterans Association there was a letter from William Klink, who told of his emotions when thinking about the war and asked if others had this problem.

For many months after becoming a member of *The Graybeards*, I considered not renewing membership. Not that I did not want to be a part of it or that I was not proud of having served, but rather the emotions it brought. ON reading the letters and looking at the pictures sent in by family members and comrades of those who didn't make it back, it was too much. The lump comes up in the throat and tears to the eyes. I read these letters and look at these pictures and I wonder what the ones they are inquiring about and think of my own friends who didn't make it.

After being discharged from the army after my enlistment was up, I returned home and became a law enforcement officer, spending over 33 years in that profession. At the same time I became a member of a volunteer fire department and rescue squad spending some 28 years in that profession. In my life time, I have seen more death, suffering, agony, anguish, violence and destruction than most people have. I have become hardened to all of this and it does not bother me.

Yet the memories of the war and the lost comrades makes me cry and unable to speak. As a person who lost a family member in WWII and whose body was never recovered, I know the anguish of the families of the MIA's and all others.

I see this not as a problem but as a human being whose memories run strong and deep and who knows what wars are all about.

James Brown
P.O. Box 2362

North Canton, OH 44720

WANTS INFO ON 40TH DIVISION

Editor:

For a Division history that I'm writing, I am compiling information and pictures about the 40th Infantry Division during its service in the Korean War.

When were you in the 578th? For myself, I was in the 2nd Battalion of the 224th Infantry Regiment from early October 1952 thru most of July 1953. I shipped out from Inchon just two or three days before the cease fire took effect.

Concerning my book, I want to include chapters on all the outfits that made up the Division. Any help...regarding engineer support would be appreciated. Do you have any pictures of engineer activities or of yourself and buddies while in Korea? In addition to the usual historical facts--who, what when, where--I also want to include narratives of some actions involving the engineers. Do you recall any events or projects that you think others might like to read about?

I also recently purchased a CD-ROM computer program that lists over 70 million names throughout the United States including phone numbers and addresses. If you don't have one of those programs available, I would be glad to look up people you may be trying to locate.

Please let me know if you have any pictures or can help in any way with my book. I want to get information, pictures, etc., from as many sources as possible and include all components of the 40th Division.

Otmer R. Gorrell
2617 Scorpio Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906-1039

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**Check your mailing label
to see if your
dues are due.**

LETTERS (Contd.)

"DECISIVE BATTLES" A Contrary Marine View

Editor:

I enjoyed my last issue of *The Graybeards*, and you are to be commended. I particularly liked to read my old friend and fellow Tennessean, Mr. Jack Walker's review of Lt. Col. Sherman Pratt's book *Decisive Battles of the Korean War*. It is regarding this review and of this book that I write. Jack Walker states that Col. Pratt alludes to the fact that "The Pusan Perimeter, Kunu-ri, and Chiyong-ni are listed as the three most decisive battles of the war." Such a statement is obviously very myopic and a unilateral opinion. This statement might be true if one was discussing the war from only an Army viewpoint.

But to consider the decisive battles of the Korean War, and assert that the above three battles were the most decisive, to the exclusion of the Inchon Invasion and subsequent battle through Yong dong-po and into retake Seoul is an invalid premise. The Inchon Invasion, was, perhaps, the single most decisive battle of the Korean War, in that it did, indeed, turn the tide of the war. It relieved the pressure on the Pusan Perimeter, cut off and ultimately caused the capture of thousands of NKPA troops, and denied the NKPA the use of tons of military materials left behind in the massive retreat back north. Had not MacArthur's strategy to push toward the Yalu, bringing the Chinese in November, 1950, the Inchon Invasion would probably go down in history as the Master Stroke that won the war. Many other historians have alluded to as much.

I, too, have a manuscript at about the halfway point now, which will ultimately be named *The Next Damn Hill*, which follows along the period of Operation Ripper and Operation Killer, the taking of the "Punchbowl" and the subsequent operations of the First Marine Division after their move to the western theater of operations.

I might add to Jack Walker, in regard to his movie efforts, I would be glad to

share my experiences with him and I have copious photographs of my unit and situations they were involved with. I was a Marine sniper for about six months of my tour in Korea, with Item Co., 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment.

Keep up the good work!

James H. Appleton
St. Augustine, FL

[We especially welcome this letter from reader Appleton; himself a distinguished and accomplished historian and lecturer and a prolific writer, we await eagerly his Next Damn Hill. He may be right in his charge that Pratt's views are "myopic" and "unilateral." The viewpoints of most participants in events probably are so. He doesn't state whether he has read Pratt's arguments. If not, he may be better advised to hold his conclusions as to the merits until he has done so. Pratt concedes, as do many others, that the Inchon landings were truly brilliant and masterfully carried out, and surely facilitated a faster turn around in the war. He argues, however, that the outcome would have been unchanged even had there been no Inchon landings, even if slower and more difficult. Participants in the landings, both Marine and Army may well, understandably, disagree. It probably must be left to the impartial and objective observers, if any, to assess the weight that should be given to conflicting viewpoints. Jack Walker, please note the offer of assistance. EDITOR]

DOESN'T LIKE THE NAME GRAYBEARDS

Dear Sir:

I cannot relate to the name *Graybeards* at all. I was in the Iron Triangle Kumwa to Chorwon Valley, 3rd Infantry Division, during the Korean War. I can relate to frostbite. Why not call it Frozen Chosen. I am also a 100% war service connected --- and total veteran. I think any veteran that served in Korea during war time should be entitled to the Bronze Star. After all only 12% served in combat. I fought the VA for 40 years for medical and compensation. I should

be entitled to the Congressional Medal of Honor.

P.S. I was 17 years old when I got there. *Graybeards* doesn't remind me of anything in Korea. The land of the morning calm is right before daylight.

Best wishes and keep up the good work on *The Forgotten War*.

Bill Covington, Myrtle Beach, SC

UPDATE ON 45TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Our association newsletter, the *45th Division News*, has published information about KWVA membership and, from time to time, other Korean War information. KWVA membership is discussed at various meetings and KWVA chapter formation information has been disseminated to other members who are expecting to organize more of the KWVA Chapters. Forty-fifth Korean War veterans are encouraged to join the KWVA.

The "Thunderbird" association of several thousand members will hold its annual reunion 21-24 September, 1995, in Oklahoma City, OK. Free tours of the outstanding 45th INF Division Museum's WWII and Korean War equipment (outside static display of 30 or so tanks, artillery howitzers, aircraft, etc.). Also several thousand square feet of extensive inside air conditioned display including smaller equipment (machine guns, rifles, mortars, uniforms, combat and training pictures, etc.) will be provided.

Reunion details will be published in the... *45th Division News*. Four hundred sixty-nine members (300 Korean War vets) plus guests attended the 1994 reunion. That figure nearly doubled for the last night's banquet. Membership is open to all former members, relatives, and those once attached. Korean War membership is steadily increasing and WWII vets continue to find the association after 50 years. One year dues are \$5.00. Applicants can send their dues along with name, address, units and month/year served (including reference to this *Graybeards* letter) to: 45th Infantry Division Association, 2145 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111 or Ted L. Maloy, 10227 Metronome Dr., Houston, TX 77043 (Telephone: 713-461-9218 or FAX: 713-461-1868)

LETTERS (Contd.)

SUGGESTIONS

A little input regarding October, 1994 issue:

1. Page #1 states we have zero funds to place the names of our honored dead on the Memorial. When 94% of our membership wants the names, why did we contribute \$293,984.18 for a Memorial with only 4 names? Who is in charge?

2. Also on page 1, "The Wall of Honor" is only for KIA/MIA/POW, what are our other 3,262? Chopped liver? Example pilot makes 30 combat missions on the 31st his plane crashes on take off. He does not go on the Wall of Honor. Ex #2 GI in Korea one day gets drunk walks into a marked mine field: his name goes on the Wall of Honor. Again who is in charge? This covers Tom Chilcott's concern on page 14.

3. A good idea is to place one's membership number on the mailing label.

4. Page 9, ride on Robert Hinkle, better to have an enemy soldier at the dedication than Clinton.

5. Page 13, ride on Joe Saluzzi, a last person organization is good.

6. Page 15, Terry Lavell, yes the wall in Hawaii has our 8,177 MIA's but that is only a small part.

7. Page 14, Editor Pratt you left out non-combat dead for Navy 173 and Air Force 298, check your Marine count again it is 339. Many persons who build memorials or write in the *Graybeards* do not know the correct totals. If we do not know our dead, who will?

8. Page 17, improper display of the Korean national flag. It appears in the photo that the U.S. flag pole is taller than the Korean pole. All international flags are displayed at the same height.

9. Page 32, my records show George Hanson (Henson?) with the 32nd Regiment, 7th Infantry Division and was MIA at the Chosin Reservoir.

10. Page 33, nice to see the two reunions in print. We held the fort for years while you all were out of town. A big thanks to Bill Norris. He and his men did us proud.

11. Page 42, the Memorial should read killed 36,914 includes 8,177 KIA.

12. Page 51, ride on Texas Chapter.

13. Page 57, 21 gun salute, perhaps the author meant a 3 volley salute. A 21 gun salute is done with cannons only to honor a president, visiting president. In Arlington National Cemetery, 27 July 1992 there was a 19 gun salute to honor the Korean Ambassador who with Bill Norris placed a wreath.

14. Sherman, next issue it would be a good idea to set aside a page for protocol: flags, color guards, firing parties.

15. Perhaps you could list the 3,262 non-hostile dead as they are not easily known or obtained, four issues would cover these men.

William Hothan, #2419
New Hyde Park, NY

[We are highly complimented by the thoroughness with which reader Hothan peruses the newsletter, we wish he were on hand at proofreading time. Perhaps we could reduce our errors. EDITOR]

SPECIAL THANKS TO TONY "DOC" ZADANAVAGE

Dear Editor,

Amen, amen and amen.

I just received your new *Graybeards* issue and can't stop praising it. It makes me proud to be a Korean War Veteran. The time and energy put into this publication is a credit to your entire staff. Read every page and can't wait until the next issue arrives. Keep up the good work.

It was with great sadness that I read a letter from Den W. VanHise, of Portsmouth, Virginia about Tony "Doc" Zadanavage (page 8) and his untimely death. Few Korean War veterans, or veterans of any war at any time, have given so tirelessly of their time and energy, as Doc did in a cause that was so close to his heart.

As we go through life there is only a handful of men and women who touch our lives in a special way. Tony was such a person to all Korean War veterans. We can all stand tall and be no longer "forgotten" because of him. A prayer of thanks should emerge from the lips of every veteran in thanksgiving to God for giving us such a good friend and crusader.

A fitting tribute, I believe, would be having the story of his life published in *Graybeards*--from the day he landed in Korea, until his death on July 13, 1993. Photos and information, I am sure, could be obtained from his devoted and caring wife, Esther.

P.S. I'm in favor of a new magazine name--KorVETS as suggested by William J. Walsh, Charlestown, MA

Charles Matthews, Philadelphia, PA

[We are sure all our membership joins us in warmly thanking Chuck Matthews for these exceptionally compassionate and expressive comments on our late Tony Zadanavage. His widow and literary partner, Esther, will feel the same. She is still marketing his book Korea--The War American Forgot to Remember from Box 236, Berwick, PA 18603. EDITOR]

NEW PA KWV LICENSE TAG



Above is the new Pennsylvania KWV license tag.

It is white (background), blue letters and red "Korean War Veteran"

Note map of Korea with the logo "No longer forgotten."

"It looks great! and gets a lot of favorable comments!"

Thomas E. Gindele, Philadelphia, PA

GEORGE HENSON UNIT CORRECTION

Regarding page 32, latest issue George Henson was not in the 39th Regiment, 9th Division. He was 32nd Regiment, 7th Infantry Division and MIA at the Chosin Reservoir. After Inchon the 7th was trucked to Pusan and then by ship to the west coast of Korea then up to the Chosin Reservoir. Also I favor membership numbers on address labels.

Bill Hothan, New Hyde Park, NY

LETTERS (Contd.)

DEFENDS
CLINTON

Sirs,

I am of the firm opinion that when we voice such, in public, we should at least know what the words mean. I was drafted in 1945, and re-called to active duty in 1951. A draft dodger was one that Bill Clinton has never been. Perhaps he was a draft evader; but he never eluded capture by the authorities because he was never served with induction papers.

As for protesting America's wars, I never even considered doing such a thing until I went to Korea, but I have done nothing else since that time. As I remember, I was in excellent military company. It was fair to say that the Korean War had its objectors, not the least of whom was General Douglas MacArthur.

Now that I have had that experience, I can feel empathy with the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and with that young graduate student at Oxford who was to become our President. However you feel in the KWVA, I think that it is time to put this issue to rest. At least, I think that our Chief Executive deserves a draft amnesty.

Whatever he is, President Clinton is not a coward. He has shown us that he can take great political risks, as in Haiti and in the Persian Gulf. If he does not deserve a medal from his countrymen, he should receive one from Israel.

This man has earned his spurs. As our Commander-in-Chief, the Korean War Veterans Association should be proud to invite him to the dedication of the Memorial at Washington, DC. I, for one, would be happy to salute him.

Leon G. Johnson, #3626, Bath, NY

The QM order
Form will return
next Issue

WHO KNOWS
"P. J." DENEIR--D/21/24 DIV

Editor,

This letter is to let any one who knew or served with M/Sgt "P. J." Deneir, Dog Company, 21st Regiment, 24th Division, 1950-51, that I found that P. J. was from Troy, New York.

He died about two years ago of a heart attack in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

He went back to Korea after the war and lived there. He was a business man there. He also died in Korea and is buried next to the Catholic orphanage he loved and supported for many years.

I talked to his nephew in Troy, but I did not find out the name of the orphan home and location. P. J. was an orphan himself and the Army was his home and family. He was a dedicated soldier--tough, but with a heart of gold. He was a 25-year man with the Army.

I just thought that any who knew "P. J." would like to know what happened.

Thomas Sherry, Gouverneur, NY

THANKS KWVA

Thank you KWVA, KVA for the opportunity to revisit Korea.

The trip was a tremendous trip.

I would never in a life time expect the welcome and the services rendered while there.

Our time and days were filled from the time we arrived and until we left.

I would have liked to see an additional two days to give us the chance to visit the area of our choice. I would [have] liked to have seen Osan and area.

The awards reception and the dinner was outstanding.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation once again to all concerned.

P.S. Is Wisconsin Chapter chartered?

Donald Cunningham, Madison, WI

[For information on Wisconsin Chapter see our list of chapters, pages 24-25 in our June issue. EDITOR]

WANTS NAMES
OR NO MONUMENT

Editor:

I served with the 2nd Platoon, 10th Special Service Company in Korea from January, 1952, through March, 1953. I have been a member of the KWVA since I first heard of the organization.

I think it is criminal that the Vietnam War and its survivors have received as much public recognition (far more than us) and have already established their monument (including the names of all those who died in that war) long before anything is being done about our group.

I have not paid much attention to the differences of opinion regarding the above but I do feel strongly that the monument should not be built unless it contains the names of all the Korean dead. I don't feel any negotiations should have transpired which would have allowed a "nameless" monument. The copyright issue seemed, as presented by Stan Hadden, to make sense.

Unless, by the time the unveiling occurs, contractual arrangements have been made to add the names to the Memorial, I fail to see any reason why I should support the Monument.

Bruce Budd Brown, #2759,
Kissimmee, FL

A last minute letter.

[re] the Oct article by Gerry Jones - I am the Shorty Estabrook and was a POW with Sonny Rhodes. A beautiful story - and I cried. [see] book by [Aussie] Father Crosbie "March till they Die"..still alive at his church in Korea...Allen Kivlehan Hq/34Reg/24Div,(Staten Isl Chap) was also in our group...and died..

...POWs had reunion in Minneapolis...Tom Clawson met wife and I at airport...great guy that Clawson - you should be proud of him. (We truly are. Ed)

Wilbert Estabrook, Lake Forest CA

LETTERS (Contd.)

CONGRATULATIONS KWVA & GRAYBEARDS

Dear Sirs,

Having read the October, 1994, issue of the new *Graybeards* (in its entirety), permit me to offer some observations.

1. The "President's Message" offering by Nick Pappas is a refreshing departure from the past. It bodes well that injustices are being recognized and are to be addressed. Also the new direction that Mr. Pappas prepares to pioneer should be welcomed and supported by all the membership.

2. Although I had expressed in writing to the KWVA some discomfort about the *Graybeards* title, I certainly am not offended by the cover title as it now appears. It should not be considered a burden to any of us.

3. And the "We Get Letters" section; what a pleasant surprise! Contrary to my fears, resulting from a reading of the two prior issues, the membership has been provided an opportunity to express pro and con views. All organizations experience disagreements within the ranks but if offered and received in a spirit of fairness, there should be no cause for serious disruption.

A couple of asides:

The letter of Robert D. Hinkle, #7871, in the subject issue reflects my feelings and I would like to contact the gentleman. It is not my desire to obtain his address without his permission. Perhaps there exists a method to ask his approval. In any case you are free to provide my address to Mr. Hinkle; or any other interested member.

In July of next year I will be in Towson, Maryland, attending the Second "Indianhead" Division Association annual reunion. A highlight of the agenda will of course be the Korean Veterans War Memorial dedication and I hope to meet KWVA members at that time.

Darlington M. Fadeley
13 Jump Drive
Coitsville, OH 44436

WOMEN'S ROLE IN KOREA IGNORED?

Dear Sir:

Today I received my first issue of the new magazine. It was beautiful and certainly a great improvement over previous issues. However, as mentioned, it is my FIRST issue to be received....

I also notice, as I have before, that women are rarely mentioned in the issue. There really were thousands of us who performed our duties on behalf of the Korean veterans during this conflict. I, for one, was recalled to active duty to serve in QM in Philadelphia Depot and had 50 odd or more women Marines in my command working to provide for Korean marines.

I will continue to support the organization, but I must state frankly, that my heart isn't in it--I belong to many military organizations, but this is the only one who ignores the service of women so completely. It is a shame that I left college to return to duty for the duration of the Korean Conflict only to find my satisfaction in so doing, not in the organization supposedly honoring all Korean veterans.

Marie E. Anderson,
South Daytona, FL

[We are aware that we do not have many articles from or about women, but an editor of a vets newsletter can mostly print only those items received and we have not received much from women. We know of no instance when we failed to publish an item from a lady. It seems you did not receive our April issue with an article by our distinguished member Nurse Alice Gritsavage, who is 92 years young and has a KWVA chapter named in her honor. We are mailing you separately the April and June issues of The Graybeards. EDITOR]

INFO ON KOREAN MEDAL

In the October *Graybeards*, page 13, "Letters General (Contd.)," Jay B. Dixon of Niagara Falls, NY, asked two questions about the Korean Service Medal (1) Did he qualify?, (2) How do I go about getting it?

His first questions was answered to the "T," however he was left naked on his second. I thought I had the address to which he could write; however, it is undoubtedly in the place where I put it so I could find it when needed. His best alternative is to contact his nearest RSO (Retirement Services Officer) who is qualified to get answers to any questions for him. Since he resides in Niagara Falls, he could write or call:

Commanding General
10th Mountain Div (LI) & Ft Drum
Attn: AFZS-PR-AG-RS
Fort Drum, NY 13602-5009
(315) 772-6434

or

U.S. Military Academy
ATTN: MAAG-PA
West Point, NY 10996
(914) 938-4217

I hope this will assist a fellow soldier and KWVA member in obtaining that to which he is entitled.

Earnest W. "Ernie" Eldredge,
LM 1869, Gulfport, MS

ANOTHER KOREAN TRIP

Joel Davis, Lucey OH (772ndMPs) reports he is in from his Korea "revisit" trip with wife. Says wonderful... loved and loved... thanks to Korean Vets there. Enjoyed reception with Pres. Kim and sports watch gift, but missed Taegu side trip because of rail strike. Says Oct cover looked much as what he saw in Korea (Korean soldiers)... hoping to see Vet friends at upcoming dedication in Washington.

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LETTERS (Contd.)

TAKES STRONG ISSUE WITH EDITOR

In the October *Graybeards* there appears in the "Miscellaneous" column an article titled "Bronze Stars for Korean CIB". I take this article as a malicious and false attack against myself and former Marines for the tenor of the article turns it into a Marine vs. Soldier battle. It is not. Has not "Miscellaneous" heard from soldiers who are against the awarding of the Bronze Star to CIB holders? I spoke to ten former soldiers in my chapter, only two were for the proposal, one lukewarm, the other vehemently for. Of the eight against one was a brigadier general, U.S. Ret.

Further, the article calls me "a proud Marine" and that I am but I am also proud of all Korean War veterans, regardless of what service they were in. I am a proud member of the KWVA in which Marines are in the minority. I am also a proud member of The Chosin Few in which they are in the majority. I have written many articles that have been printed in vet mags, journals, military, etc. One appeared in the very same October issue. Never have I denigrated U.S. Army Soldiers, the worst I said was in the article "Memories of the Frozen Chosin" that an Army company we were tied into had no winter gear. That was just fact. Hell, same thing happened to us after Seoul was taken and the temperatures dropped to 30 degrees and we still had summer sleeping bags. I don't believe there is one member of my chapter that will not verify my bona fides re: soldiers, sailors, airmen, merchant marine, even the boy scouts! Check it with The Chosin Few also.

Then the article brings in the fact that some marines in Vietnam were issued a "UN War Combat Action Ribbon." I am not familiar with this award. Does UN denote United Nations? Can't be, Vietnam wasn't a UN war. Anyway why was this interjected? I am not aware of any marine members who hold this ribbon that are pushing for the automatic issuance of the Bronze Star. Should they

get the Bronze Star for holding this ribbon? Of course not, same as holders of the CIB. The Army saw fit to issue this award, that's fine with me. It's their business but the Bronze Star goes to all services and the answer is given on page 13, which defines the Bronze Star and the CIB. The CIB and this Combat Action Ribbon are separate items, that the Bronze Star when first issued during WWII was misunderstood and was issued to some soldiers just because they held the CIB does not mean we should continue this foolishness. You may rebut this argument but for me it is case closed. I do think my "honor" requires this be printed in the next *Graybeards* since dueling has been banned.

John C. Everts, Cpl.
A. F. Kivelehan Chapter, KWVA
Staten Island, NY

[We don't understand how our esteemed marine member Everts could construe any comments by us as being "malicious or false" or an attack on him. Our use of the term "proud marine" was intended to be complimentary in the highest meaning of the words. EDITOR]

MORE ON 4.2 MORTARS

Editor,

In your last issue you had a letter from Herb Gilbert, who had served with the 2nd Chemical Battalion H.M.

He states that they were changed to 461st Battalion in January 1953. I served with them after I left the 40th Division. I was with the 224th Infantry, 2nd Battalion, "H" Company, M.C. Platoon, during the last few months of the war.

In May of 1954 the 40th rotated to the Z-1. As I didn't have enough time with them, I was transferred to the 88th Infantry, Battery, H.M. Ex., 2nd Chemical, Ex., 461st Infantry Battalion, H.M. All the guys that were with them during the last part of the war were awarded the CIB. They were overrun twice during the last month and a half (June/July) giving fire support to ROK

outfit. The last time they were overrun they lost most of their equipment and regrouped at Chip-o-Ri, called Happy Valley. This was the same place that the SSS Triple Nickel Artillery Battalion SRCT regrouped when they were overrun in July, 1953, when left them in August, 1954, the 88th Infantry Battalion H.M. were still in Korea.

Richard Sheets, Coulterville, CA

MEMORIAL FIGURES

The following photos of finished Memorial Statues were provided to GRAYBEARDS by KWVA member Lou Gasparini, Brewster NY who lives near the place where the Memorial figures are being made.



LETTERS (Contd.)

DOESN'T SUPPORT
CLINTON

Dear Sir,

I just got through reading Harley Coon's excellent letter to Clinton in the October, 1994, edition of *The Graybeards*, regarding Clinton's message of condolence over the death of Kim L. Sung, and I would like to respond to Harley.

Harley, get real, what did you expect from that lying, yellow belly, draft dodger. He is finally showing the American people where his true feelings lie. Not with America, her service men and women and certainly not with the American veteran who fought to save his ass so he could run for political office.

Harley, have you ever looked into the background of this liar? Not only is he a draft dodger, but he even went to such lengths as organizing protest marches against the American involvement in Vietnam during his draft dodging days in England, supposedly as a "scholar" but actually a leader of demonstrations supported by The British Peace Council, an affiliate of The World Peace Council, a front group for the Soviet Union's KGB.

More recently, since becoming President, he brought along his fellow travelers into his administration. Here's a few our leftist, liberal news media didn't bother to tell us about.

Samuel Brown, Jr., a promoter of unconditional amnesty for draft dodgers who was "deeply moved" by Vietnamese statements excoriating America's role in Vietnam. In 1970 Brown stated, "those who have waged this war really should be treated as war criminals." Think he was talking about the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong? Think again. Although Brown was denied the title of "Ambassador," he is in fact head of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) delegation in Vienna, Austria.

Then there is Charles Searcy, appointed to a post in the Pentagon POW/MIA Office. Mr. Searcy headed the

University of Georgia's Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) chapter on the Athens campus and participated in the leftwing "Coalition." He is also affiliated with several organizations trying to "reconcile" relations between the U.S. and Vietnam. Want more? Read on.

Did Billy Boy stop at the above two appointments? Hell, no he didn't. He went on to appoint another controversial figure to the National Security Agency--Mr. Horton Halperin. And to add more insult to injury, he appointed the infamous Jane Fonda as "Ambassador to the UN Population Fund." I'm sure you remember Jane Fonda, the gal who went to Hanoi over the objections of the U.S. Government, with her husband of the time, in an effort to assist the North Vietnamese in persuading our POW's to collaborate with them and squeal on their fellow POW's and make statements condemning the U.S. role in Vietnam. As a celebrity she couldn't pass up a photo opportunity to have her picture taken with a gun crew, aiming at an enemy (American) aircraft. Nice company our president runs around with. But looking into his background, who's surprised? Not I.

Harley, in closing I just want to say your letter to Clinton was excellent and thanks for writing it. But don't expect an apology, he routinely disregards letters like yours. He probably doesn't even see them. I'm sure The White House mail room has instructions to trash letters like yours. He feels so smug and secure, he doesn't even take time to think about you or me. I don't mean to say you or anyone else should stop writing protest letters, on the contrary. We have to write more and more, and not only to him but to our congressman as well because they are the ones who approve his appointments. We should also let them know how we feel when we go to vote, by voting them out of office for supporting the lying yellow belly. God bless you, Harley, and keep up the good work.

William F. Borer, Hampstead, NC

QUESTIONS
NEED FOR
HIGH CASUALTIES

The Wall Street Journal
Monday, March 18, 1991

Reflecting on the astonishingly cheap (in terms of U.S. casualties) victory, I could not help remembering a single battle in the Korean War that lasted just about as long as the Gulf War and generated three times as many killed and wounded. Tragically, the Battle of Pork Chop Hill, which began on April 16, 1953, served no useful military purpose.

When the Chinese attacked and took "Old Baldy" from us the month before, our division commander was quoted widely as saying, "I'm going to take that hill back even if it costs me a deuce-and-a-half-load of dog tags." Fortunately, wiser heads prevailed and he didn't, but that same mentality resulted in the costly defense of Pork Chop, which had no tactical value. How refreshing to see the change in the attitude of our military leadership.

Richard E. Jaffe, #12357, Miami, FL
[Member Jaffe has submitted a fascinating account of an FO's experience on Pork Chop Hill as published in the newsletter of the FA Association. Regrettably, it is too lengthy for this issue, but we will retain for use in our next issue. EDITOR]

A CORRECTION

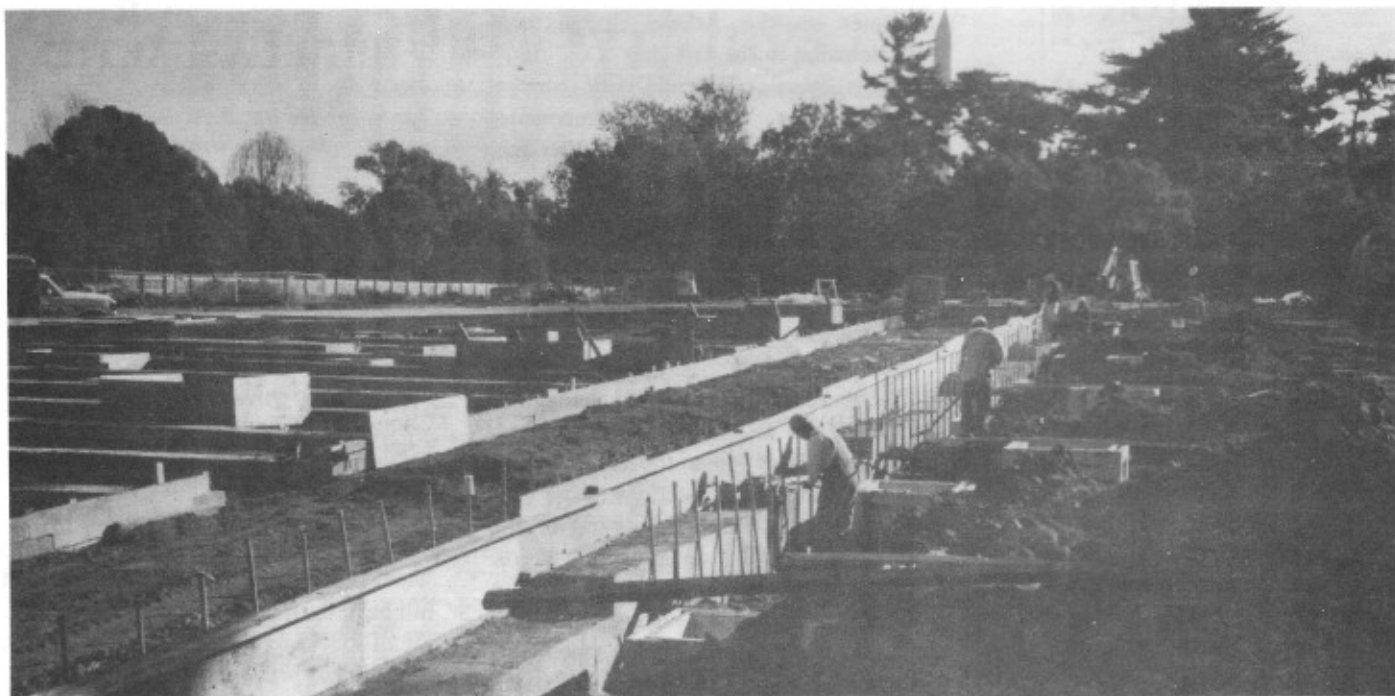
Bill Sims down San Antonio way points out an error by one of our letter writers in the Oct issue concerning name of the North Korean leader.

Says name should be Kim Il Sung and not Kim L. Sung II. We suspect others may have noted this also.

Bill is, of course, quite right. We should have caught this but didn't in our haste. Sorry guys.. and gals.. [Ed.]

GRAYBEARDS MAJOR FEATURE ITEM =

THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL



The above photo taken in October, 1994, shows the progress in construction of the Korean War Memorial on the Mall in the Nation's Capital near the Lincoln Monument and across the reflecting pool from the Vietnam Memorial. The view looks east toward the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol beyond. The men shown are on the site for the Memorial Wall. Center left will be the location of the column of troops facing eastward.

CONSTRUCTION MOVES AHEAD

Opening expected by June-
Dedication on July 27, 1995.

Work on the new Korean War Memorial is moving steadily on, as are detailed plans for an elaborate dedication next year scheduled to last for several days around the anniversary of the signing of the Cease Fire Agreement in Panmunjom on July 27, 1953.

Responsible officials insist that the Memorial will be a unique, one-of-a-kind work of art that will become world renowned for its greatness and a Memorial that all can be proud of.

The Memorial is being built with three main features; 1) a column of 19 troops representing those who fought the war on foot, 2) a wall depicting the array of combat and support troops in operational mode, and 3) a commemorative area and honor roll for the KIA/MIA/POWs.

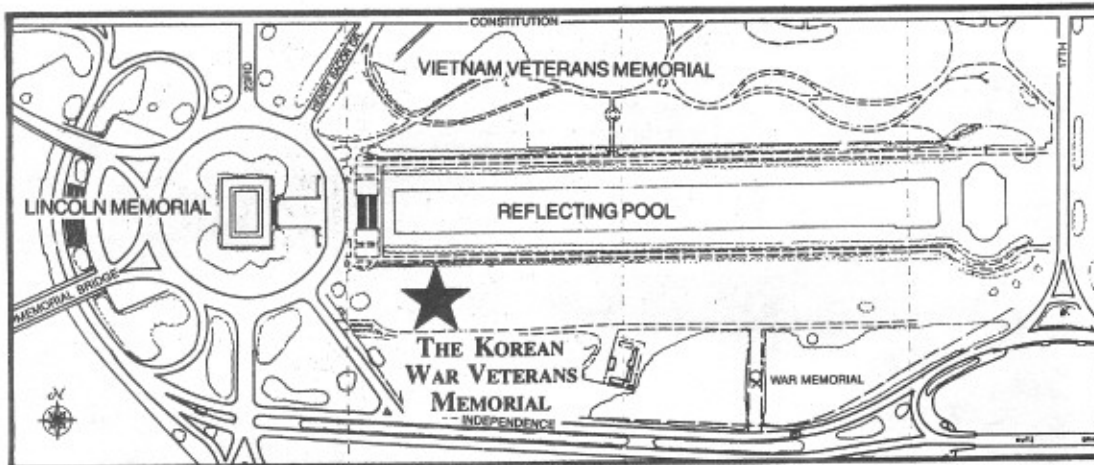
The troops are in an open field with several

emerging from the woods to give the impression that legions follow. Facial features depict all ethnic origins. A highly polished granite wall 164 ft long will have 1000's of images etched in a mural recognizing the totality of the Armed Forces effort. The images, from authentic combat archives, will be perspective so as to appear that there are thousands more. The wall will be reflective so that visitors see not only themselves and the faces etched on the wall that might be someone a veteran knows, but also the column of troops in the field as well as the surrounding scenery on the Mall.

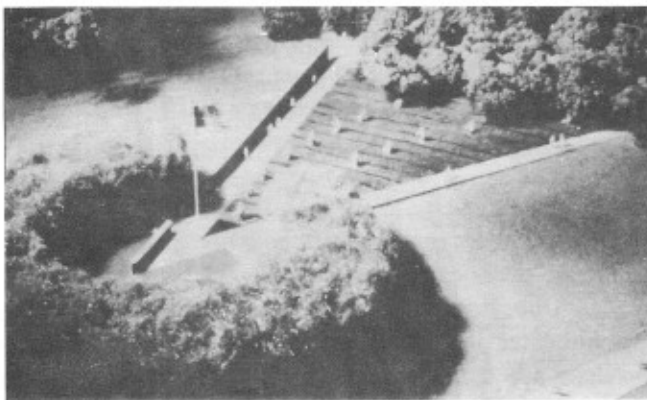
Of particularly meaning at the Memorial, and unlike anything anywhere elsewhere will be, accessible to all visitors, a computerized data base of names/details of all known KIA/MIA/POWs. In it, visitors can see not only the name, rank, serial number, home of record and a picture, but also the details of the action, such as the date, time, place and location, that caused a KIA. A print out of the continuously updated information will be available as a memento.

The Memorial will be a living tribute and will be moving to visitors for all time to come. It is not designed to be a grave stone. (From Bob Hansen, KWMAB)

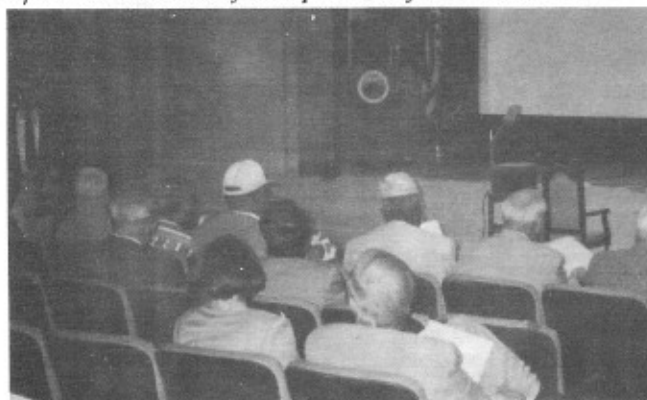
GRAYBEARDS'S MAJOR FEATURE ITEM -THE KOREAN WAR MONUMENT



The above sketch shows the location of the Korean War Memorial under construction on the Mall in the Nation's Capital. Note its location across the reflecting pool from the existing Vietnam Veteran Memorial and within the shadows of the revered Lincoln Memorial on the banks of the Potomac River.



Artist sketch of the Memorial as viewed from above and the east with the flag pole and pool in the lower left and troops and reflecting granite Honor Wall to the left. Sketch courtesy Cooper Lecky PC Wash DC.



Bob Hansen, Ex/Dir KWMAB briefs heads of National Vet organizations on Memorial progress and dedication plans in the Dept of Interior Auditorium in October, 1994. Similar briefing on other dates were held for Embassy staffs, government officials and others.



Artist Sketch of Memorial as seen from the west looking east with column of troops on left and reflecting granite wall to the right. Washington Monument, can be seen left middle. The U. S. Capitol beyond out of view. Sketch courtesy Cooper Lecky PC, Wash DC.



On the Memorial site, U. S. Army Corps of Engineer site manager Rick Dean holds a tablet with etched faces from the reflecting wall with KWVA Exec/Bd members. Tip of the Lincoln Memorial through trees indicates how close is the Korean Memorial to the Lincoln Memorial.

GRAYBEARDS MAJOR FEATURE ITEM - THE MEMORIAL (Cont)



Members of the KWVA Exec/Bd, and others, at the Korean Memorial Construction site on the Mall in Washington DC on October 10/94 at the time of the mid-winter Executive Board meeting in Arlington Virginia.

DEDICATION PLANS CONTINUE

Many events scheduled....

As the date nears for the completion of the Korean War Memorial, and its dedication on July 27/95, action by many interested and participating organizations intensifies.

Greatly in addition to efforts by KWVA's own Harry Wallace and Dan Smith and their helpers to host and otherwise accommodate thousands who will assemble in the Nation's capital are countless other groups. Included are the many other veterans groups, division, regimental, battalion, fleet, wing, squadron, and other associations, the Memorial Advisory Board, the Embassies of UN Countries that participated in the Korean War, and a long list of others.

The dedication promises to be unique for the country and particularly for the veterans of the Korean War and their families and friends.

Over a period of days before and after the actual dedication, there will be banquets, parades, memorial services, demonstrations, visits to embassies, get-togethers in hospitality suites, as well as time for visiting other monuments and historical and important sights in the National Capital. GRAYBEARDS will try to keep

KWVA members informed in the coming months as the scheduled events are refined.

One limitation in planning will involve the Amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery where Memorial Services are usually held in conjunction with wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns just behind. The theater is now undergoing a \$9.3 million facelift that will not be completed until 1996. Thus any memorial services in the cemetery will have to be conducted elsewhere, probably in an open area just below the Tombs.

An additional item of interest to Korean War vets who served with the 289th MPs is that its 1st Platoon has now been reactivated and made a part of the 3rd "Old Guard" Infantry Regiment at Ft Myer. This should be a source of much pride for our MP vets. The Old Guard is a distinguished unit that furnished guards for the Tomb of the Unknowns, cemetery funerals and other important functions.

All in all, 1995 is sure to be a historic and unforgettable year for veterans of the Korean War.

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Col Fred Badger, US Army, Director/Engr&Main, KWMAE briefs vet assn heads on Memorial status in Oct/94.

REUNION/DEDICATION

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

Harry Wallace, 2nd Vice President
Daniel Smith, Special Events Coordinator

Hotel Accommodations—Rooms Remain Available

There are still rooms available at hotels under contract by KWVA. We urge members or their units to call RGA's office at 1-800-495-KWVA (1-800-495-5982) immediately and indicate the number and types of rooms to hold for you while the necessary registration and package plan form and deposit are being completed and forwarded to KWVA's agent, RGA.

Please encourage your Korean War Veteran friends to contact us and to send in their Package Plan Forms immediately. In addition, we suggest that each Chapter run an ad in their local newspaper informing Korean War Veterans about your Chapter, the reunion and dedication, and that they can make reservations for rooms to attend this event through KWVA's agent, Richard Greene + Associates.

The Rationale for the Package Plan

The Reunion team started negotiating with D.C. hotels over a year ago to ensure KWVA members would have an opportunity for hotel rooms at favorable rates. Because hotels in the D.C. area had poor experience with holding rooms that were never used and having to try to fill them at a late date, the hotels require large deposits to hold rooms. Those negotiations resulted in the development of a Package Plan Program for the benefit of KWVA and its members, in order for KWVA to enter into contracts with hotels without the required large deposit, which range from \$500,000 to \$100,000. For organizations such as KWVA who did not have an established hotel track record in the D.C. area, RGA negotiated with the hotels to guarantee full payments by May 15, 1995, for all rooms under contract. This was a change from previous reunions when members made their reservations directly with the hotels and paid at the time of arrival or departure.

The package plan format was developed which would include advance payments by KWVA members, and in turn, assure advance and full payment to the hotels. In addition, the package plan provides for KWVA members to conveniently budget their payments and decrease the need for a one-time large hotel payment, at a time when their thoughts should be on their long over due recognition at the history-making dedication of the Korean War Memorial.

Reunion Banquet

The KWVA Banquet will be held on Wednesday, July 26th, following the KWVA's President reception. We anticipate that officials of the international community will be attending and reservations and seating will be on a first come first assigned basis. We urge veterans to reserve their

banquet space now. Call RGA's office 1-800-495-KWVA (1-800-495-5982) now and follow up by submitting the necessary forms and deposit. If you wish to reserve tables by unit, please act now.

Korean War Veterans Advisory Board (KWVAB)

Dan Smith and Richard Greene attended a KWVAB briefing on October 18th which was conducted by Bob Hanson, KWVAB Executive Director. Special key points were made at this meeting.

1. World Travel Partners was awarded a competitive contract by the KWVAB. They have established a sub-organization called the Korean War Veterans Memorial Dedication Foundation, Inc. (KWVMDFI). Victor Tambone serves as Chief Operating Officer for this foundation. Vic indicated that:

- tents on the Mall will be available to groups (cost to be determined),
- each hotel will have a computerized locator system,
- the Memorial will be open 10 days prior to the dedication,
- fund raising through the "Passport" is in progress,
- the parade will be for representatives from all groups who wish to participate.

Transportation at the Reunion/Dedication

Jim Martin of Maryland's Chapter, who is heading the Transportation Committee, has been actively working with us as we try to assure appropriate and adequate transportation to and from the Memorial events. Several meetings have been held including one with President Pappas to consider such issues as bus captains, cost, lunches on busses, event locations, parking, security and safety. We urge members with medical and health issues to PLAN NOW TO BRING AND CARRY WITH THEM, CLEAR INFORMATION AND DATA ON THEIR HEALTH STATUS AND SPECIAL NEEDS. We welcome your constructive comments and suggestions.

Parade and Mass Muster

In coordination with President Pappas, we have asked Jim Martin to coordinate the Mass Muster and to also coordinate the necessary logistics and plans for the parade which will be held on Constitution Avenue. Chapters or sub units, if planning to march in the parade, should inform Jim Martin, in writing, no later than January 15th to ensure that we have the accurate number of marchers as the necessary forms need to be completed shortly thereafter. In addition, please indicate special needs of your members as it relates to the

handicapped or disabled. It is particularly important to let us know the number of wheelchair veterans who desire to be in the parade.

Registration for the Reunion/Dedication

The Executive Council had decided the 95 Reunion Registration Fee (\$48) would only apply to members attending the Reunion, not their spouses or guests. Funding adjustment will be made to members who have paid the additional fee. In addition, KWVA members who do not pay the above required fee will not be issued registration credentials nor be allowed to attend KWVA sponsored functions, i.e., President's reception, Banquet, etc., or usage of KWVA bus transportation.

REMEMBER, one-third of the Registration Fee and other associated reunion costs were due by December 15, 1994--payable by check or credit card.

National Cathedral Service

Arrangements are being finalized with officials at the National Cathedral to have a KWVA sponsored service for veterans during the reunion/dedication week. As part of the service, Bill Raiford will conduct his musical composition entitled *The Cathedral at Seoul* (please see page 32 of KWVA's October newsletter).

Dan Smith will be working with KWVA's Chaplain Frank Griep, officials at the Cathedral and others to ensure a Memorial Service for all veterans.

KWVA Reunion/Dedication Team-- Volunteers Needed

Finally, the team (Harry, Dan and RGA) is working to make this an outstanding week to remember. We need your continued cooperation. If you have some time to volunteer contact Dan Smith at 1-800-495-KWVA (1-800-495-5982).

It is sometimes forgotten that the people being honored at the dedication of the National Korean War Veterans Memorial activities are the Korean War veterans.

The primary organization that solely represents the Korean War veterans is the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) and they should be given the recognition they deserve in all of the week-long Korean War Veterans Memorial Dedication activities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT November 30, 1994

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets:	
Cash	\$277,540
Fixed Assets	6,259
Other Assets	52,681
Total Assets	\$336,480
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$5,991
Stockholders Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$416,258
Current Period Profit/Loss	\$12,231
Total Stockholders Equity	\$321,604
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$324,951

INCOME STATEMENT

Merchandise Sales (Net)	\$ 22,470
Other Income	18,833
Membership Income	124,576
Reunion Income	22,440
Total Revenues	\$188,319

OPERATING EXPENSES

Administration Expenses	\$126,179
Cost of Sales	6,863
TELL AMERICA Expenses	626
Quartermaster Expenses	1,118
Reunion Expenses	41,302
Total Operating Expenses	\$176,088
Net Profit/Loss	\$ 12,231

The new Korean War Memorial under construction in Plover, Wisconsin, with a population of almost 8,000. The town is located five miles south of Stevens Point and almost dead center in the State. The monument is located on a small island in a man made lake. When completed, the monument will have three figures standing in front, one to be a nurse. Funding for the project began with a grant from the State Dept of Veteran Affairs, but most of the money will be raised by donations from Korean War Vets.

Photo provided by Norman Myhra, Stevens Point, a WWII vet who lost both hands in a mine explosion on the Southern France invasion beaches.



OCTOBER BOARD MEETING - A Report

At the call of the President, the Executive Board met on October 15-16, 1994, in Alexandria, Va., at the Ramada Motor Inn. Graybeards has received no official minutes of the meeting, but the following report from your editor's notes of major matters considered is provided. We think our notes accurate in substance, but not necessarily complete in all details. Those desiring official minutes should request same from the secretary.

1) The new Treasurer submitted a **financial report** reflecting total assets of KWVA of \$436,000 (not all of which is available for expenditures); income of \$105,000 (excluding reunion income); and operating expenses of \$95,000. He stressed that his report was not reliable as yet because he had not received all needed information from the former treasurer. The Board heard, but took no action on, the report.

2) Heard a detailed report by Bob Hansen, KWMAB, on the '95 Memorial Dedication Plans.

3) Reconsidered, and reversed action at Tempe reunion wherein they disqualified 2nd VP candidates Martin and Wallace, and Director candidate Bey for delinquent dues. Nominating Committee Chairman Wainwright submitted a detailed report on the 1994 election.

Wainwright included details of the efforts of the President to compel the Chairman to forward the ballots to the President or the Board; and that Wainwright had refused on grounds it would violate the required secrecy



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requirements for an election; and that thereafter Wainwright was relieved by the President as Chair of the nominating committee. There was no discussion as to how the President could take such action without Board approval.

4) Heard a detailed and encouraging report from Director Bill Van Ort on the **College Grant Program**.

5) Heard a **POW/MIA issues and payments report** from Dir. and POW/MIA Chair Harley Coon.

6) Heard a report from Blaine Friedlander on a proposed **"Wall of Honor"**, similar to one on Ellis island, to be located on or near the Korean War Memorial on the Mall at a cost of \$300,000. The report

was received with considerable skepticism by several board members. Director Burke indicated that any hopes of raising that amount of new money so soon after the drive for donations for the memorial under construction was unrealistic and highly unlikely to be successful. He felt the proposal would be a "wasted effort" and never get favorably through the many agencies whose approval was needed so soon after struggling and acting on the Memorial now under construction. Several other Board members indicated their concurrence in that view. Burke predicted that ten years would pass without any forward movement on such a project. The Board took no action on the report but did not order action stopped.

7) Heard a report from the "Tell America" Chair Tom Cofsky on his efforts and plans to use in the program a booklet entitled "The Legacy of the Korean War" by Chicago Tribune writer Merrill Goozner. Harley Coon, and some others, objected to the booklet as biased, slanted, and lacking in emphasis on much bloody fighting to include the sacrifices of units such as Task Force



Smith. After much discussion, the President ordered the matter tabled and directed Editor Pratt, as an "editor and author" to review the booklet and submit his analysis. (NOTE: Your editor later did so and concluded that while the booklet clearly does have deficiencies insofar as its value to KWVA's Tell America program is concerned, it appeared to be the best available to the Committee, and was not entirely unsuitable, and probably should be used as proposed. Chairman Cofsky later wrote that notwithstanding the Editor's "reconciliation" approach, because of strong Ex/Bd reservations, his committee would seek a better solution and would aim to write its own booklet with an ad in Graybeards to recruit necessary writers.)

8) Heard a report from Kathleen Wyosnick on the **Korea "Revisit" Program**, which may be tapered off somewhat due to reduced funding by Koreans.

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ANOTHER GRAYBEARDS FEATURE ARTICLE

"A MIRACLE AND A STRANGE EVENT"

by Willard Matthews, KWVA #8507, Lewisville, NC

On Monday, July 25, 1994, about 7:15 p.m., my telephone rang. I answered the phone and the caller asked if this was Willard Matthews. I replied, "Yes, it is." The caller identified himself as John W. Dempsey but everyone called him Jack. He was a Korean War veteran and had seen my picture and a poem I wrote in the Korean War veterans history book. He learned that he and I had served in the same company during the Korean War--Company A, 19th Regiment, 24th Division. He said that we must have served at different times because he didn't know me. Jack inquired of my arrival date which was May 2, 1951. His arrival date was December, 1950. He arrived about five months before I did. As our conversation continued, I asked Jack where he was from and he said, "Scranton, Pennsylvania." We talked about our experience in Korea that was similar in nature. Jack told of riding on tanks going north when the Chinese were on the run in the latter part of May. I also rode on tanks going north at that time.

He told me of being seriously wounded May 25th and at the same time his best friend was seriously wounded or killed. He never learned which way it was. He began to tell me of the details of the event.

"It was a beautiful spring morning. The weather was neither hot nor cold in this land known as the Morning Calm. They dismounted from the tanks and started up a hill that was not very steep. They marched casually up the hill in single file, back behind his friend. Some distance up the hill, there was an explosion. Jack thought his friend had stepped on a mine."

As he told me his story I could see and feel that our conversation was putting us closer together on the same day, same place, at the same time. He and his friend were the only ones injured in this incident. Before he told me his friend's first name, I knew who he was talking about, and knew what he was going to say next. With my knowledge of the event, I could hardly believe what I was hearing. I waited for his next words.

"...I told this story...about a soldier named Christmas and how he died...."

Willard Matthews

He said his friend's name was Christmas. I, Dempsey, had a walkie-talkie in my right hand and it was destroyed by the explosion.

I had the answers to Jack's questions that he had wondered about for more than 43 years. I was there and saw the event he was telling me about. We were so amazed at what we had discovered during this conversation.

In the military, everyone is called by their last name. In the rest of the story I will refer to Jack and Lloyd as Dempsey and Christmas.

On this date in time, I had been in the company about three weeks. I came in as a replacement when all units were building up to full strength to go on the offensive. The Chinese were being pushed back and we were moving forward. I didn't get to know Dempsey and Christmas very well, only by hearing their

names. Dempsey's name I had forgotten, but you don't forget a name like Christmas. I had never heard of a person by the name of Christmas before, so it was easy to remember thereafter and so hard to forget after I saw him die.

I told Dempsey how it happened. He said to me, "You have put to rest and cleared up things that I have wondered about for so many years." He never knew if Christmas lived or died or what it was that hit them.

I have told this story to my family before and they remember it as I told it about the soldier named Christmas and how he died. By the grace of God, it would have been me. I never thought in a million years that I would be telling this story like this and sharing it with a fellow soldier who was involved with me in this tragic event, more than 43 years ago.

This is the true story of Dempsey, Christmas, and me.

As Dempsey said, it was a beautiful day May 25, 1951. Our Chinese enemy was on the run and we were advancing on them. The tanks picked us up as we walked along the side of the road and carried us near the hill we were to go up. The first squad of the first platoon would take the lead. Dempsey, Christmas, and myself were in that squad. I was designated to be point man, to go out first up the hill. This is the most dangerous position because you are the first to come in contact with the enemy. Also if there are booby traps or mines on the trail you will be the first to know it. The mines or booby traps may explode before you discover them.

I led the column up the hill. Christmas was behind me, Dempsey behind him. We walked at five foot intervals. Dempsey had a walkie-talkie radio with a strap for carrying around the soldier. The radio was in his right hand. As we moved further up the hill, I looked left and right and straight ahead for signs of the enemy, hoping to see them before they saw us. Suddenly, a voice spoke to me. It was not the voice of another soldier; it had to be the voice of God giving me warning, "Get off the trail." It was so plain and clear. I did not see any sign of danger but I heeded the warning. I stepped to my right, to the side of the hill, but was still in front of Christmas. I suppose those behind me wondered why I stepped off the trail and kept walking as I did. I did not say anything at the time. Christmas, Dempsey and the others continued to walk on the trail. We walked about 20 feet further, then there was a loud explosion. I looked back to see what happened and saw Christmas fall to the ground and Dempsey fell about five feet below him on the trail. The whole column hit the ground to prepare for an attack but no enemy was in sight. Christmas was killed instantly. Dempsey was in



Willard & Ann Matthews

A FEATURE ARTICLE—"A MIRACLE AND A STRANGE EVENT" (Contd.)

serious condition. His right arm and right shoulder were mangled. The radio was smashed to pieces. He was carried to the foot of the hill on a stretcher. He said he was picked up by helicopter and taken to a field hospital.

"...I believe the radio saved Dempsy's life that day and by a miracle, God saved mine...."

Willard Matthews

It did not take long to discover what happened. As the Chinese retreated they tied an explosive device to the back side of a tree beside the trail. It could not be seen from our direction. They ran a trip wire across the trail and had carefully concealed it. Christmas had stepped on the wire and activated what we called a Chinese potato masher. Christmas was virtually blown apart. It would have been me had I not moved off the trail when I did. That few seconds of time put him where I would have been. Why God gave me warning and did not warn Christmas is something I cannot answer.

Dempsy told me that Christmas was a very nice person with a wife waiting for him back home. He would show her picture to others and talk of how nice and pretty she was. Just another soldier in a foreign land fulfilling his duty and counting the days until he could go home and live out his plans.

Here are some names we mentioned that we both remembered: Sgt. Bakken, our platoon sergeant, Sgt. Burthart, Honeycutt, and Lee, all squad leaders at that time. Dempsy asked me what happened to them. They all served their time and rotated home—all in one piece. Dempsy's wounds were so severe that he was sent home. I asked him about his disability. He said he was 80 percent disabled. He lost part of his right arm and his right shoulder was messed up, but he has had a pretty good life.

When we were about to end our conversation, one of us would remember something else, and we talked for another ten or 15 minutes. After about two hours' conversation from Scranton, Pennsylvania, to Lewisville, North Carolina, I reminded him of his phone bill. His answer was, "Whatever the cost of this call, it will be well worth it."

We exchanged addresses and phone numbers and plan to keep in touch. I don't know what the odds would be of this happening again, but to me it is indeed a strange and rare event.

I believe the radio saved Dempsy's life that day and by a miracle, God saved mine. By God's grace, we both are alive today. There were many more times when I walked in the shadow of death while in Korea, and each time God sent my guardian angel to walk beside me. Yes, miracles do happen.

Written July 24, 1994

[The above story was provided to us by Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick, Member of KWVA National Board of Directors. Kathleen (better known in KWVA circles as Lt. Honey), wrote Willard the following upon receipt of his account. EDITOR]

...So many of "MY" combat vets have contacted me to share similar stories as the above. One of the most rewarding experiences I have had was when I arranged for a combat vet to

"find" a fox-hole buddy, who managed to "rescue" this combat vet, who had been seriously wound, by enemy fire, to safety and medical attention. The buddy, of course, never knew if his fox-hole mate had survived to return home after 40 some years.

I first met Don...the wounded combat infantryman, at one of our DC KWVA reunions in 1990. Don appeared to look very sad, so I asked him if I could be of any help, etc. And, then, he shared HIS story with me...the combat vet who pulled Don to safety was from Hawaii, as best Don could remember. I happen to have all the Hawaii phone books at my house, as before I became so involved (busy) with KWVA, I would frequently fly to the Islands for vacations.

So, on a chance, I looked in the Oahu phone book for the last name...and, BINGO!! The first number I called, Honolulu, was the uncle of the fox-hole rescuer, and he gave me his number. Then, I phoned Don, Ohio, and told him I had, by a miracle, located his buddy!

Don and his wife, in a generous gesture of gratitude, donated \$500 to our DC Memorial, to honor my husband's memory, who was KIA over North Korea. I have told the above to only a very few of my "special" K-Vets.

[Now you have told it to all, Lt. Honey. EDITOR]

KWVA VETS VISIT LUXEMBOURG



Korean War vets and Virginians Jack Murray and Ira Jett in Luxembourg in September for the 50th anniversary celebrations of the liberation of the country in WWII. The two KWVA members continued on to the Netherlands as guests of AMVETS for the dedication of a carillon at the Margraten, Netherlands, U.S. Military Cemetery. The carillon was the latest in a series being placed by AMVETS worldwide in U.S. cemeteries.

KWVA POETS

KOREA

The Forgotten War

by Joseph P. McCallion, 0002-L
(The author is a KWVA founder)

A folded flag, a telegram, some letters tied with string
A Purple Heart, your photograph--a graduation ring
Souvenirs and memories are all that remain
You served with pride and honor--you didn't die in vain

Broken hearts and empty dreams
Funeral cars and limousines
The honor guard--the echoed sounds
Of three successive rifle rounds
The wound of tops in the winter snow
Vivid memories of a time so long ago

You were so young to go to war
And die so far away
I often think of others, too
Who lost their lives that way
The bugle shrieks and charging hoards
The Yallu River--"Chosin" Reservoir
"Pork Chop Hill" and "Heartbreak Ridge"
Prison camps and Freedom Bridge

Freedom's price is always high
Some are wounded--others die
Blinded eyes and shattered bones
Hospitals and nursing homes

"Police action"--"Conflict" is what they said
It was war--54,246 American dead
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

You 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 patrol
Just silence now--God rest your soul.©

KOREAN HOLIDAY

By Edmund D. Hall, KWVA 12698
Oceanside, NY

'Twas three nights before Christmas on a hill near Haeju
In the year of Our Lord one nine fifty and two.
Since early that morning we'd trudged through the mud,
Bone weary, dog tired, and covered with crud.

We had dug in for the night--our thin blankets unrolled,
Full of lice, dirt and dampness--by Christ it was cold!
Our patrols did come in; weren't nothing in sight.
So we all hunkered down for a long winter's night.

'Bout two in the morning, the first mortars hit
With a whine and a thud, and a cry of "Oh shit!"
Cpl. Dixon's eyes glazed as he squinted to see
The hole in his shirt where his arm used to be.

Some flares went aloft, changing night into day.
So I stole a quick glance from the spot where I lay.
They were coming in droves; nine or ten to a row.
Through the smoke 'n the thunder, the slush 'n the snow.

The bolt of my rifle was froze in its yoke,
"Piss on it," yelled Jim--the last words he spoke.
The shrapnel tore through him like a buzz saw through wood,
And I screamed for a medic, 'tho it wouldn't do no good.

We called for artillery and fell back a bit,
But before it all ended, my pay Billy got hit.
Me and Billy was buddies, close as peas in a pod,
So I hugged and I kissed him, and cussed out at God.

His leg was blown off and his insides hung out,
And I knew he had bought it, there weren't no doubt.
He lay in my arms as quiet as could be,
All alone in the world, just Billy and me.

And I heard him exclaim, 'ere he gave up the ghost,
"Only two days till Christmas--we made it--almost."

(Apologies to Clement Moore)

ANOTHER GRAYBEARDS FEATURE ARTICLE

LETTER TO A VET'S AGED FATHER

by Richard Coate

October 21, 1992

Bob Verhasselt
85 Deerfield Rd.
Wayne, NJ 07470

Dear Bob,

I was leafing through the September edition of *The Graybeards*, the Korean War Veterans Association's newsletter, when I spotted the bold print--

PFC. NICK CAVALIERO, K.I.A.

CO. E, 15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Div.

When I read "Killed in Action October 3, 1951. His 87-year-old father would like to hear from anyone who knew his son," I had to pause and collect myself. That date is etched into my mind as no other on the calendar.

Right off I have to tell you that I did not know Nick Cavaliero personally. I was Company Clerk for Company "E," 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, and worked Battalion Aid during that action, so I was probably the last man in Company "E" to view his body before his long journey home. I was the soldier whose job it was to write up the casualty report home. My thoughts drift to Korea on a daily basis, frequently to the tragic circumstance at Battalion Aid, never realizing that I would ever have need to contact the relatives of one of the men who died on Hill 477, October 3, 1951. I can appreciate why Nick's father would want to hear from anyone who knew his son. I share his pain now, just as I did at Battalion Aid.



Within the past year I've been able to contact several men with whom I served, three who were involved in the action on Hills 487-477. I placed a call to his former Company Commander, Stilman Hazeltine, who resides in South Dakota; his former Top Sergeant Leonard Cusson, who resides in Connecticut. I've yet to contact Company "E" Supply Sergeant, James "Moon" Mullens, who resides in Texas. It was agreed by Stilman and Leonard that it would be appropriate if I wrote to Nick's father.

Though I have a distinct recall of Nick Cavaliero's name and in all probability did have contact with him as either a foot soldier or in my capacity as company clerk, I cannot recall a specific incident. Hazeltine and Cusson, like myself, send our belated and heart felt sympathy for his father, who at this time in his life must look back in remembrance of the happy days before the outbreak of the Korean War.

As I noted in the accompanying *Columbus Dispatch* editorial about "The Forgotten War," it was often my job to write condolence letters to parents of those who were killed in action. Sometimes the platoon leader involved would do it, but if the circumstances were such that he was unable to, I would buckle to the solemn task. I do not know if Nick's father received such a letter but if he didn't, I hope that this letter, some 40 years late will compensate or fill the void that he's had to live with since he received word of his son's death. As company clerk I was devoted to the men of Company "E." It was difficult to perform my duties at Battalion Aid, always with the certain dread that some of the men from the company were among those who would not make it through the battle.

A paragraph from a letter, dated October 10, 1951, I wrote to my wife, reads as follows:

"Another week has rolled around. No doubt you've been concerned about the whereabouts of one husband. The week has passed--the tensions eased and time for catching up with the wife at home has come.

"We're in Battalion reserve. The 2nd Bn of the 15th is recuperating. This past week is one that I'll never forget. Tonight I don't feel like relating the facts--the subject is vast--the fact not pleasant--so I'll save them for a later date when perspective is gained.

"But tonight we've been drinking--the Top, the Supply Sgt.--the CO and I have been hashing over life and times. We're in a deserved reserve. Easy Company has made "beeg" reputation for events this past week. Quite a record. Something to be damned proud of and the men of Easy Company are proud. The price was heavier than they've yet had to pay in Korea. Tonight we've been hashing over the old country, The United States, that is. Also the network of an infantry company--its composition and how it works.

"My darling, for sure I've never really met as fine a group of men as these guys. Over here--in situations or circumstances of war--men show their colors. I'm glad I've been able to have experienced the association."

But the subject that was uppermost in our minds was one that we couldn't discuss. We were attempting to come to grips with our private and collective grief. The one thing that bonded us for life were the names of the men who would never again appear on the company roster.

Some nights, just as I doze into sleep this scene reemerges: candle light spilling just enough (Continued on next page)

ANOTHER GRAYBEARDS FEATURE ARTICLE

LETTER TO VET'S AGED FATHER (Contd.)

illumination, I sit on the ground with the typewriter between my legs, the rain pelted the canvas of my pup tent. I can still hear the sound of rain as I peck away at my typewriter. The "Killed in Action," "Wounded in Action," and "Missing in Action" casualty reports are typed up, always with the parents, wife, or sweetheart of the youth in mind. Then as now I offer a prayer on behalf of my fallen comrade.

I'm glad that Nick's father wants to hear from anyone who knew his son. It makes me feel better to be able to write this letter, hoping that it will in some measure, ease his mind. Mr. Cavaliero, men have pondered throughout time on why some men die in battle while others survive. The fallen mark the lives of the survivors in varied and profound ways. An infantry company, to be an effective fighting force is the sum of its separate parts; each has his own designated place in a platoon and squad; each dependent upon the strength of others in his unit; each contributing to the success of the operation.

Hills 487-477 were among a chain of hills guarding the traditional invasion route to Seoul. These commanding heights were situated westerly in the Chorwon Valley, some 30 to 35 miles north of Seoul, the capital of South Korea. Strategically vital, wresting them from enemy hands was, as I noted in the letter to my wife, costly in terms of life and wounded. Not until they were securely in friendly hands did the offensive perimeter move further north. That city never fell into enemy hands again. Olympic Stadium now stands on turf which the 3rd Infantry Division, in its drive back to the peninsula in the winter of '51 seized from enemy control. Athletes now compete on grassy turf where bloody battles once raged. Unlike its counterpart north of the 38th Parallel, South Korea is now a free country.

Though I did not have the privilege of personal friendship with your son, we are brothers in the larger sense of the word. My commitment to the funding drive for the Korean War Veterans Memorial has been no less than total. Rest assured that your son is remembered. His spirit will linger long after we are all gone, certainly as long as there is a Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Richard Coate, former Company Clerk
Co "E," 15th Inf. Reg., 3rd Div.
205 Hicks St., Brooklyn, NY 11201

Pres Nick Pappas has appointed John Kwang Nam Lee, Joseph Cho and Young Kim to serve as Liaison Officers to the Korean Veterans Association for the Eastern, Mid-Western and Western Regions, respectively.

In letters dated October 12th, the President told each of the Koreans "Your appointment to serve in this position will strengthen the ties between our two organizations. .. You are encouraged to keep us informed of events of mutual interest to the men and women of both our Associations. In this way, the bond forged in the early 1950s will grow."

Pappas told the new appointees that any recommendations submitted to effect stronger relationships would be greatly appreciated.

The new appointees will be shown on the masthead of future issues of the Graybeards.



George Hoffman, KWVA # 11174, Columbus OH sends us press clippings, including the above photo, of our Director Harley Coons who recently was honored by his induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame (see item on p.39 October GRAYBEARDS). Harley was one of 23 Ohio veterans from the Civil to the Vietnam Wars so honored in a ceremony on November 1, 1994 at the Veterans Memorial in Columbus.

Pros and Cons of the North Korea Deal

Jessica Mathews was unnecessarily partisan in commenting on the U.S.-North Korean nuclear agreement ["A Sound Beginning," op-ed, Oct. 21]. She also committed a technical error.

The two huge commercial reactor units we have promised Pyongyang will not produce spent fuel "lean in plutonium." In fact, their annual output of that fissile material is likely to be dozens of times as great as what could have been produced by the combination of small units the North Koreans have now or are building. The important distinction is that—with normal operation—their plutonium will be more difficult to separate and could only be fashioned into nuclear weapons that would be less reliable and less

efficient. In addition, diversion of spent fuel from them should be easier to detect and prevent.

Our negotiators should be supported in the deal they cut. The reactors that now are to be taken out of play were never designed to produce more than token amounts of peaceful energy, and the face-saving idea of "replacing them" in the interim with conventional industrial fuel was brilliant. Paying an additional \$4 billion bribe in the form of the larger reactors (and monitoring compliance with the terms for the next decade and more) is preferable to triggering a conventional war.

But let's admit the downside, including the potentially dangerous precedent of offering a payoff for rogue behavior. And please, Jessica Mathews, don't castigate all honest critics as "Republicans who ... seem strikingly uninformed."

JOSEPH M. DUKERT
Bethesda

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One of the saddest aspects of the Korean War fighting is that by the end of 1951 with the battle line stabilized into what, essentially, became the present day DMZ, intense conflict continued and ghastly casualties were incurred although there was not thereafter any significant exchange of real estate or alternation of the battle lines. The aim was to pressure the enemy into negotiating seriously for a cease fire agreement at Panmunjom. Bitter fighting continued almost to the very end and through the months of May, June and July of 1953, just before the signing of the cease fire agreement. Units so involved included the Marines just east of Panmunjom and on, or just west of, terrain features that would be labeled by the troops to include names such as Old Baldy, The Hook, Bunker Hill, Pork Chop and White Horse. One of KWVA's members involved intensively in that action was and is marine vet Roy A. "Seabag" Seabury and the following new poem written by Retired Sgt. Major D. J. Flynn has been dedicated to him.

REMEMBRANCE

The Outpost Battles--Korea 1953

I sit back and sigh, and close my eyes--and I'm back there once again;
With ghost-like men in flare-light, and the anguish and the pain.
A few short hours to Cease-Fire, in our bunkers on the line;
Hill outposts manned by combat Marines--whom had just run out of time.
The Chinese Army would want these hills before the war would end;
And there'd be no reinforcements for us--these outposts to defend.
Night fell--darkness hid the movements of a skillful enemy;
We knew that few of us would remain alive--the morning sun to see.
And then they came--wave after wave, like screaming hordes from Hell;
The night was blown to fragments, with screams and shot and shell.
Our rifles and machine guns spewed forth a rain of death;
and many a Marine bayonet--cut short a living breath.
Hand to hand in bunker and trench--outnumbered twenty to one;
We gouged and maimed and killed them, with fist and knife and gun.
Shooting, screaming, yelling and killing--Marines and Chinese fought;
The victors would own a hilltop--that in blood was dearly bought.
I only have to open my eyes--and it goes away, for a time;
I leave behind those dear, dead friends, those valiant pals of mine.
And I am growing old and gray--God's granted me a full life to live;
While on a hilltop long ago and far away, others gave all they had to give.
Sometime in the future, I'll cross that mist-capped hill;
A slip free of these bonds of earth--to a place that's green and still.
The squad will be sitting there, brewing a cup of 'Joe';
And I'll be back with them once again, just like long ago.
Ski will grin at me slyly, and take a lengthy sip of beer;
and shout "Welcome back here you S.O.B., you took
your time gettin' here"!

ANOTHER GRAYBEARDS FEATURE ARTICLE

DEFENDING AMERICA**Bill Clinton and the U.S. Military**By David H. Hackworth with special permission to *Graybeards*

Right or wrong, to most serving soldiers and veterans, retired General Harold Campbell's comments that Bill Clinton was a "gay loving," "pot smoking," "draft dodging," "womanizer" were dead on target.

Bill Clinton's relationship with soldiers remains a barbed wire-lined sleeping bag. In their eyes, he can't lose his Vietnam War baggage or the widespread view he's morally unfit for the job. The perception is he doesn't understand or respect the military culture, and gives his duties as Commander-in-chief a back seat ride to domestic issues.

White House spin master George Stephanopoulos says Clinton's relations with the armed forces are "quite strong." Yet, from Korea to Kuwait and in foxholes in between, I find the rumbling in the ranks louder than the roar of a B-52. As usual, "Boy George" is wrong.

**"...Clinton made mistakes...gays...
women in combat...."**

David H. Hackworth

Clinton's made big mistakes in his military policies, such as insisting gays serve openly in the ranks, putting women in combat slots, placing unqualified civilians in high Pentagon and security posts and selecting politically correct top brass who won't fight his agenda to swap fighting ability for social opportunity. These and his dithering use of military force have turned off most warriors, past and present.

The character issue haunts Clinton. He lied about the draft, waffled with "I didn't inhale," and generally doesn't care to tell it like it is. Instead, the truth gets washed, spun and dried, be it the distant past or what happened last month in Somalia or Bosnia.

Clinton's values and the military's don't mix. A soldier's code is straightforward: "Don't lie, cheat and steal and don't tolerate people who do." Many soldiers feel Clinton hasn't set the example of integrity, decisiveness, courage, leadership and vision that warriors expect of their president.

Herbert Shughart, the father of Sergeant Randall Shughart, refused to shake hands with Clinton following the White House ceremony last May when his son was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. Shughart, who reportedly told Clinton, "You are not fit to command," captured the feeling of most warriors and veterans I've interviewed.

Clinton's back and forth, up and down, in and out fumbling over Somalia, Bosnia, North Korea and Haiti have widened the gap between the president and the military community. His apparent inability to focus on national security and develop a coherent defense strategy has put warriors in harm's way. His weapons acquisition policy is pure pork. He buys unnecessary gold-plated weapons while neglecting the stuff that's needed. His indifference has resulted in badly defined and frequently changing political and military objectives. This has caused warriors such as Sergeant Casey Joyce and 43 comrades in Somalia to die in vain, and others not be employed competently elsewhere around the world. Most warriors feel he can talk the talk, but not walk the walk.

I have never heard more bad-mouthing of a president. In the 1940's, FDR was hated by the brass and called "Rubber Legs" by generals like Joe Stillwell. Truman was held in contempt for wanting to deep-six the Marine Corps and gutting military preparedness, which led to the initial disasters in Korea and the Douglas MacArthur firing. Military academy graduates Eisenhower and Carter were considered turncoats by the brass for cutting defense spending. With Clinton, it's not just the brass and right-wingers grouching; it goes down to the grunt, where the buck stops with bullets. And in their dangerous world, he is despised.

**"Clinton should stop his trite
speeches, cosmetic wreath laying
and military stumping...."**

David H. Hackworth

Perhaps if he became a SEAL and won a Medal of Honor he could win the hearts of those who have and still wear dog tags, but I doubt it. He'd be viewed like a serial killer who finally sees the light on death row. Even with divine intervention, he's not redeemable by the standards of most warriors and veterans.

To ease the pain, Clinton should stop his trite speeches, cosmetic wreath-laying and military stumping. All are viewed as insincere political schmoozing. His wearing military jackets and hats for photo opportunities is bad enough, but his preppie saluting to warriors is even worse. FDR understood the salute is a symbol of respect that can only be earned, so he elected to hold his hand over his heart instead. Bill should follow suit.

Another SPECIAL FEATURE _ Perhaps VERY Special?

HANTAVIRUS GENUS

A Time Bomb Ticking?

The Jun/93 issue of the GRAYBEARDS contained an item about a disease, or ailment, that a writer in Wisconsin, and one of our KWVA members, (#11560) felt was deadly, potentially catastrophic, and little known about by the public and especially veterans of the Korean War that might be primarily affected.

The writer, Michael Strynick described himself as a "terrestrial ecologist". We had to run to our dictionary for help on that one. Our book reads for terrestrial, "of or concerning the earth", and for ecologist "one who deals, in biology, with the mutual relations between organisms and their environment" We will leave it at that.

Member Strynick has again written to us and furnished copies of numerous writings or letters from the National Archives, the Institute of Medicine (National Academy of Sciences), the Department of Veterans Affairs, the American Legion Magazine (Commander's Message, Aug/94, p.8), his Senator, and some other authorities or publications, and a collection of newspaper clippings.

The thrust of the materials that Strynick sends us seems to be that a disease known as the Hantaan strain of the Hantavirus Genus is causing deaths, that many Korean war veterans, especially, are infected with it, and that little is known or being done about the disease or its treatment.

Included in the materials furnished is a copy of a page from a 1992 issue of a publication titled Archives of Virology that describes the disease briefly thusly:

"Hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) refers to a number of human diseases ...characterized by fever and renal failure...the etiologic agents of HFRS are Hantaan, Seoul, and Puumala viruses of Hantavirus.."

Also included in Strynick's materials was a page from Science Magazine (11 Jun 93) that sheds additional light on this complicated matter. A boxed item headed "As rare Virus Wanes, Army Viral Research Wanes" reads:

"...U.S. health officials tentatively fingered a member of the hanta virus family as the cause of an outbreak of the flu-like illness blamed for the deaths of seven people in New Mexico and Arizona. Now comes

the bitter irony: For nearly a decade the U.S. Army maintained a program for studying just such a virus, until it began shutting down..

"The Army's interest in hanta viruses dates to the Korean War. Korean hemorrhagic fever, caused by a hanta virus killed nearly 400 U. S. soldiers in Korea in the 1950's...the Army began studying the virus at its Medical Research Command at Ft Detrick MD, and expanded its work to its unit in South Korea. After the Gulf War, Congress criticized the military for pursuing arcane studies at the expense of its (other) research...and the Army began phasing out hanta virus work and closing its Korean outfit...many of the Army's hanta virus scientists have left the military...that may pose a problems to public health officials who may someday wish they had a hanta vaccine in hand."

Strynick apparently has no desire to yell "fire" in a crowded theatre, but strongly feels there is a serious problem with potentially grave consequence that is not being adequately addressed. He indicates he is greatly disturbed that VA or other government authorities will not recognize the need to give the matter high priority attention and he feels that many Korean, Vietnam, or other war veterans with the diseases symptoms are not considered to have a service connected problem. Although there have been several proposed studies since 1958, to date, none have been implemented.

Obviously this is a most complex and frustrating matter and KWVA is in no knowledgeable position to resolve the many uncertainties surrounding HANTA VIRUS.

We felt, however, that the matter deserved to at least be brought to the attention of our readers for whatever consideration they may want to give the information. If our readers feel they may be affected by the disease, or want to explore it deeper, or otherwise have strong feelings about it, they can contact Mr Strynick directly. His address:

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MEDICAL ALERT

ANOTHER GRAYBEARDS FEATURE ARTICLE

THE U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE

Saga of "The Fighting Lady"

Submitted by Ruby R. Tindall, KWVA #5604-L, Decatur, Illinois



Probably only the oldest of vets of today will remember the USS Valley Forge, one of the most remarkable fighting craft to ever be a proud part of the U.S. Navy.

In October 1949 she took part in "Operation Miki," the largest amphibious exercise conducted in the Pacific subsequent to the defeat of Japan. Again, on 1 May 1950, the Valley took leave of San Diego on a peacetime cruise to the Orient. She was swinging peacefully at anchor in Hong Kong Harbor on 25 June 1950 when the powder keg that was Korea blew up.

Acting under urgent orders, the Valley Forge...steamed for Korea. The first offensive carrier mission of the Korean War was launched from the deck of the Valley Forge on 3 July 1950 to provide close air support to the ROK Army.... This supporting action continued throughout the First Korean Cruise. The Valley steamed into her home port on 1 December 1950. In her wake was a fine record established by Carrier Air Group (CAG) Five. She also had a major supporting role in the Inchon Invasion.

On 3 December emergency loading operations were begun in preparation for a second Korean Cruise. ...Over 1,850 tons of supplies were loaded in three days, and on 6 December 1950, the Valley again headed for West Pac.

"...the first aircraft carrier to return to Korean waters for the third time."

For four months Carrier Air Group Two pounded the enemy, dropping almost 2,000 tons of bombs and flying 2,580 sorties. On 29 March 1951 the Valley Forge tossed her proud head and turned toward HOME.

Early in August the Valley returned to San Diego to

prepare for her next combat cruise. The Third Korean Cruise began officially on 11 December 1951, and thus another record was set. She became the first aircraft carrier to return to Korean waters for a third time. With Air Task Group One aboard, her mission this time was something new--rail interdiction. This was designed to disrupt vital enemy supply lines, thus depriving front line troops of means of opening an offensive. For seven months this task was pursued relentlessly. On 3 July 1952, ...the Valley Forge returned to the United States.

"...her mission this time was something new--rail interdiction...for seven months the task was pursued relentlessly...."

...on 20 November 1952, with CAG Five embarked, the Valley Forge again headed for Korea, no one doubted her prowess as a fighting ship. The Fourth Korean Cruise officially opened on 2 January 1953 with CAG Five pilots again creating havoc with enemy supply lines. For five consecutive months this pace continued.

When early in June 1953 the Valley Forge again turned homeward, she left another record standing in her wake--she was the first aircraft carrier to complete four combat cruises in Korean Waters. With this behind her, she was to rest on her laurels for a while and shake the waters of the blue Pacific off her plates, destined for duty with the Atlantic Fleet, thus granting other carriers an opportunity to come of age as fighting ships on the line.

Another GRAYBEARDS FEATURE ARTICLE = KOREA REVISITED - More vets return.

In each of our recent issues we have published accounts of Korea Revisits by our KWVA members, usually on tours arranged by or through our Director Kathleen Wyosnick and sponsored by the Korean Veterans Association in Seoul.

In this issue we are pleased to feature the visit last June by Andrew Lucas and his wife Shirley of Fayetteville Arkansas as related in a well written and professional account of five pages. We regret our space does not permit us to publish it all, but we will cover the salient points.

Andy writes that he was a member of the 90th 155MM FA Bn of the 25th Division. The bn's vets recently formed their own Association and held its first meetings in 1991 and '92 in Fayetteville. Andy learned about the Korean trips from a buddy from Chicago, Jose Martinez at the '92 reunion. He later called another buddy, Raul Huerta of Reseda California and the two with wives Shirley and Elsa decided to sign up for the 1994 trip, along with almost 150 other vets and wives.

"...When I left a destroyed and bloodied Korea 43 years ago, I told myself if I ever saw the place again it would be too soon."

Andy Lucas, 90th FA Bn

The Lucases flew with one group from Chicago and the Huertas with another group from Los Angeles. Andy reports that at departure the Korean Airline attendant announced that Americans were on their way to revisit Korea and be a part of the June 25th commemoration of the War's start 44 years ago.

"Native Korean passengers began applauding. Some approached a few of us to express their personal thanks", Andy writes. "The Koreans, it was quite obvious, had never forgotten."

Once in Korea, the Lucas and Huerta group followed an itinerary of events much like that of others before who have described their trips in Graybeards. They were billeted in the Sofitel Ambassador in downtown Seoul, bused to the DMZ for a visit to the Panmunjom, taken on sightseeing tours, watched patriotic and Korean ceremonies in Olympic Park, and hosted at receptions attended by President Kim, KWV president Major General Tae-Wan Chang, and other high officials. As an added bonus for this tour group, Andy

and Raul attended a symposium commemorating the start of the war's anniversary with a retired Russian General, and American Major General John K. Singlaub (Ret) as speakers. With the group during the six days were also General Ray Davis, USMC Ret, MOH, Dick Adams, KWVA President and syndicated columnist Col David Hackworth, author of *About Face*. (One of Hackworth's columns is republished herein on page 28. Editor)



KWVA members Raul Huerta, and Andrew Lucas at the U.S. Battle Monument's Circle of Flags near the Korean DMZ.

Andy writes further.

"On the outside of our busses were banners in Korean stating we were veterans...in shops and stores people would come out and wave a greeting. We were amazed.

"The War of four decades ago and the possibility that it could erupt once again are obviously on the minds of every Korean man, woman and child; but if they had any concerns while we were there, it certainly didn't show.

"South Korea's peace and the economic success their citizens enjoy are benefits they have earned for themselves. They recognize and give credit to others, particularly the United States, for helping them achieve their relative security and prosperity. The 44 year old War, which technically is still clouding the certainty of real peace, may only be a footnote in American history. But for the Koreans and the veterans of every nation that fought there it is a terrible episode they will never forget."

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MORE GRAYBEARDS FEATURE ARTICLES

A REMARKABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Trooper James Allen, KWVA #13456, down Jackson, Mississippi, way, reports with some justifiable satisfaction about a remarkable achievement.

Allen advises that in a recent moment of impetuosity, he dropped his governor, Kirk Fordice, a letter and suggested there should be a "Korean War Veterans Armistice Day." He told the governor that his purpose was (1) to share with you the costly account of the war, (2) to urge him to use his influence with the state legislature for a "State Day of Remembrance," and (3) to ask the state's Washington delegation to co-sponsor the effort.

To Allen's great surprise, an aide to the governor promptly contacted him and assured him the requested action would be taken. In due course, on June 27, 1994, the Governor issued a proclamation to initiate the requested action.

The governor's proclamation begins with a number of WHEREAS's to wit, in substance: On June 25/50 the North Koreans crossed the 38th; the UN condemned the act; President Truman ordered U.S. Forces into Korea to defend the Republic; Twenty other UN Nations joined in support; over 5.7 million Americans were involved in the war; hostilities were suspended on July 27, 1953; for the cause of Freedom, America has always distinguished itself; and the Korean War Memorial now under construction in the Nation's Capitol is to be dedicated on July 27, 1995.

"NOW, THEREFORE," reads the proclamation, "I, Kirk Fordice, Governor of Mississippi, hereby proclaim July 27, 1995, a day of celebration to honor the 44,000 Korean War Veterans from Mississippi.... This would not be the Land of the Free if it were not the Home of the Brave. The long overdue Memorial in our Nation's Capitol is a salutary tribute to all of you well earned and much deserved."

Done in Jackson on June 27, 1994.

Signed KIRK FORDICE, Governor.

Trooper Allen can take well earned pride in his success on this modern day campaign. *Graybeards* is proud also of his accomplishment. It sets a splendid example of what can be done to **Tell America** the message that our War Vets want more widely known.

HAWAII MEMORIAL DEDICATED

By 1st Lt. Charles J. Anthony

Submitted by Louis Baldovi, Hawaii Chapter #1

SILENT VIGIL FOR A SILENT FRIEND—Army Sgt. Alfred Los Banos is comforted by a fellow veteran as he reflects on a comrade lost in combat during the Korean War. The lost vet is one of 766 Hawaii vets immortalized in granite at the Korean and Vietnam Memorial dedicated on July 24, 1994. NG photo by 2nd Lt. Steve Lai, 117th PA Team.



An estimated 3,500 invited guests, veterans and well-wishers packed the ewa side of Hawaii's state capitol grounds Sunday, July 24, to dedicate the state's long-awaited Korean and Vietnam War Memorials.

It was an emotional event for the family members of and veterans who served with the 766 men whose names are inscribed in the black granite pedestals of the memorials.

"It was something I will forget," said Korean War veteran Louis Baldovi, who was able to reflect near the linked pedestals of three of his oldest buddies. "I feel a sense of accomplishment and well-being."

"The ceremony brought back a flood of memories," said Lt. Col. John Hao, who was a sergeant with the 29th Infantry Brigade, Hawaii Army National Guard, when called for duty in 1968, "I could feel myself back in an APC (armored personnel carrier) and see us slogging through the mud. A lot of us had friends that died. I feel satisfied that they have now been appropriately recognized."

"These memorials will forever be a source of pride, understanding, reconciliation, healing, peace and remembrance to all who come here," said Gov. John Waihee.

As attendees filed past the memorials after the ceremony, veterans and their family members read the names of each service member listed on the pedestals.

The Hawaii National Guard's 111th Army Band provided music for the dedication, and four F-15's from the Hawaii Air Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron performed a missing man flyover. Two UH-1 "Huey" and one AH-1S Cobra Vietnam-era helicopter from the Army's 25th Infantry Division also provided an airborne tribute.

"It was a sad moment when we, as a nation, did not welcome home our returning warriors with a parade," said Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general. "To all of those who gallantly served; welcome home. This is your parade."

ANOTHER GRAYBEARDS FEATURE ARTICLE =



Bill Maddox - Today

THE RAZORBACK

CHAPTER Our Man (Men?) Of the Year (Month? Week?)



Bill Maddox - Korean War

We suspect that few vets, especially KWVA activists, would contend that they do not enjoy annual reunions of their military organizations. Its a time to renew old acquaintances, persuade their comrades of long ago how they won the wars single handedly, and to inbibe in a bit of banquets, hospitality rooms, or other socially meaningful get-to-gethers.

Yet, these things don't just happen. They are made to happen, most often by a small number of energetic tigers that are "doers" and "movers" that act and don't just think or ponder. They are unlike most of the rest of us who mostly only react - if even then we can get our feet off the desk, or away from the fellow sofa potatoes. The "DOERS" leap out to organize units, chapters, memberships, programs, and all the rest of the hard and constant work that goes with it. They spread inspiration and encouragement that make possible heart warming annual meetings with a meaningful turnout that is the mark of a successful reunion.

Two, such Korean War tigers come to our attention down Arkansas way (you've heard of that State since the last presidential election?). They are Bill Maddox of North Little Rock and Melvin Bailey of Pine Bluff, two Korean War vets with distinguished, colorful and painful combat service in some of the bloodiest and cruelest fighting in the entire war - in '51 and '52.

Bailey was with the 82nd AAA and the 12th FA Bns. Maddox was mostly with the 38th Infantry Regt of the 2nd Div.

Maddox and Bailey, by chance, met some of their old combat pals a year or so ago and decided to see

what could be done to bring more together. They consulted with the leadership of their Division association and decided to try to form a chapter in their neck of the woods.

The two Tigers set to work with a fervor and a vengeance. In due course, The Arkansas "Razorback Chapter" (or "Branch") emerged. By the Spring of '94 they had enough fellow vets rounded up to justify a meeting. They then placed reservations at the Mather Lodge in breath taking, beautiful Petit Jean State Park 50 miles northwest of Little Rock and overlooking the winding Arkansas River - only a stone's throw from the famous (or "infamous", depending on one's point of view) Whitewater estates so well know to our President.



Mel Bailey models the new style winter clothing, Korea '51.

Of the more than 100 members in the Razorback Chapter, many also KWVA members, almost 75 attended the Petit Jean meeting on Mar 18-20, from as far away as Texas, Iowa, Louisiana and Kansas. A follow-up meeting is schedule for November as we go to press with this issue.

We are most impressed with these achievements by these

two, and all others in the Chapter who have contributed in the effort. They should be recognized, congratulated, and, we hasten to add, emulated by any others who may not yet already have done likewise.

We proudly salute you Mel and Bill for the super example you have set for us all.



Mel Bailey at his self built 12th FA Korea "townhouse", winter 1951.

SPECIAL FROM PRESIDENT AND 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

FIRST VP RETURNS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

First VP Tom Clawson has just returned from the 5th Assembly of the International Federation of Korean War Veterans (IFKWVA) held in Seoul, Oct 25-28. The following is his report to KWVA membership.

"During the first session of the assembly I knew it would be a most interesting, fruitful and worthwhile meeting... The historical aspect is that it was the first time in which all 22 countries that participated in the Korean War had met together since the inception of the IFKWVA in 1985. Our Association was admitted as a member in October 1992 at which time we were represented by Nick Pappas (KWVA-USA).

"During this session, Nick was elected 2nd VP. It is good that we continue to be represented in this important organization.

"The major objectives of the IFKWVA is to honor and perpetuate the memory of those who gave their lives in defense of freedom under the UN flag in the Korean War and to develop and maintain liaison and fraternal links among the veterans of the nations involved.

"Key issues and resolutions approved and publicized were to:

a. call on North Korea to abide by the agreement with the USA concerning its nuclear development;

b. start discussions to solve other outstanding issues including POWs and return of bodies of UN KIAs;

c. urge international control and supervision of weapons of mass destruction; and

d. formulate plans to commemorate in the year 2000 the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War on June 27, 1950.

"The Federation welcomed the signing of the nuclear agreement. Sir William Keys of Australia, President of the Federation said, 'It's an encouraging beginning, but of course everything depends of the sincerity and speed with which North Korea carries it out...'

"Many other issues were handled...a highlight of the meeting was a discussion of the dedication of the US Memorial in 1995. An informal invitation was extended to the presidents and their wives of all member organizations to attend the USA KWVA President's

memorial dedication reception and banquet scheduled for 5 p.m., July 26/95 in Washington DC.

"Additional information on these developments will be published in forthcoming GRAYBEARDS. It was a privilege and honor to represent KWVA at this historic meeting".

KWVA MAY HOST DIGNITARIES FOR DEDICATION

Pres Nick Pappas announced that the Executive Board has tentatively set aside funds to permit the invitation of 39 original founding members of KWVA and their spouses, and the Presidents and spouses of the 22 UN members of the International Federation of Korean War Veteran Associations as guests at the President's 1995 dedication reception and banquet.

"We have still some troublesome details to work out such as transportation, monetary commitments and such. Just now we are by no means sure we can swing it," said Pappas, "but it is time we recognized the contributions of these distinguished people."

Pappas pointed out that there would not likely be a KWVA except for the imagination and effort of the original founders, and he stressed the past warm and generous hospitality extended repeatedly to KWVA members when visiting Korean War vets in other UN countries.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Pappas said. "We should do it up right to acknowledge these peoples' contributions to history and to our own KWVA."

Pappas explained that KWVA members willing to help in the effort should send donations to the "Reception Banquet", c/o KWVA Treasurer, 117 Mark Drive, Fairview Heights IL 62208. If the project does not materialize, donations will be returned upon request, or used for the Tell America, Scholarship Fund or other KWVA projects.

Council members are also seeking corporate sponsors to help defray expenses for this project. More information on this will be published in the next GRAYBEARDS.

DEDICATION

SUFFOLK COUNTY (LI) KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

An Honored Day to be Long Remembered



Pictured above are members of the Central Long Island Chapter of KWVA, headed by President Bob Morga, and Public Relations tiger Harold Krantz, at the Nov 11/94 dedication of the Suffolk County Korean War Memorial in Hauppauge LI, NY. Below are Chapter members participating in the wreath laying at the Memorial. To the right is the new memorial. Note, among other remarkable features, the names of KIAs, the insignias of divisions or other major units in the war, and the crests of each of the branches of service.



CHAPTER NEWS

News and Events of KWVA Chapters or other KVV Groups

INJIM CHAPTER Fairview Hts IL

We've received the Chapter's news letter from Treas. John Maison (who is also our Nat'l Treas.) They report 13 new members - an achievement any chapter should well be proud of.

IMJIM reports officers as Ed Musser, John Slagle, Bill Cummins, John Maison, Joe Baillargeon and Wayman Milan as Pres, 1st VP, Sec, Treas, POW/MIA and 2nd VP respectively.

The chapter participated in a flag raising at City Hall on Nov 11th and wreath placing at the Monument, and Pres Musser expressed the appreciation of the Chapter to the City Hall for being allowed to participate.

"OUTPOST HARRY"

Fullerton CA

The outpost met on Jun 17-19 in York PA to honor the memory of those who gave their lives at that historic position. Rep. Bruse Smith presented a State proclamation honoring those who participated.

New Officers are: Pres., Sam Buck; VPs R.A.Burgess & Charles Scott; Sec/Treas Edward Hanrahan; Chaplain, Ernest Kramer; Historian/Editor, James Day; Sgt/Arms, and Jerry Cunningham reunion chairman for Jun 8-11/95, at Columbus GA. The Chapter seeks vets of the Outpost Harry. Contact: Ernie Kramer 6931 Grimes Ave No, Brooklyn Center MN 55429

MISSOURI CHAPTER KWVA

St Louis

An unusually attractive newsletter - lengthy (10 pages) - numerous stories of interest - featured item about 7th (?) Regt/7th Div by John Collier; "Listening Post" by Gene Blandford and Ken McKalip, and of special interest, a report that CIB license plates are now available in MO.

TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER

Houston

Another commendable Chapter newsletter. We have the Sept & Oct issues. Numerous interesting items. Editor is most modest - could not find his identity. Sept issue includes a copy of the Presidential Unit Citation for the 23rd RCT and all its components for the battle at Chipyong-ni in Feb/51. The Oct issue has article by Ed Evanhoe entitled "The Search for Gen. Dean".



MN Chap One picnic at the MN Vets home showing some of the hundred or so people who attended. There was good food, music, conversation. Chapter members were urged to return.

Photo courtesy Chuck Quigley.

45TH DIVISION

KWVA vets of the 45th Div Assn in Oklahoma City have sent us a copy of their newsletter. They report that Cong Dave McCurdy was the keynote speaker at their recent reunion. Their newsletter features articles "Anzio Memories" by Ralph Fink and "Combat Chronicles" by Louis Scott and a recap of 1952 combat activities of the 179th and 180th Inf Regts and other Division units. The Assn is seeking Korea vets of the Division for membership. Contact 45th Div Assn, 2145 NE 36th St, Okla City OK 73111.

EDDIE LYON CHAPTER

N.Miami Beach FL

The Eddie Lyon Chapter KWVA held a gala kickoff on October 15th at the Golf Club in Hollywood FL as a fund raiser for a new Korean War Memorial. The Memorial is to be built on land donated by the city on "Young Circle" in the heart of downtown. They ask for names of vets who served during the Korean War for donations of \$150. The Chapter says "Want to be remembered in posterity? Send us names and donations".

Info from Joe Firriolo, Comdr

2510 NE 209 Ter., No Miami Bch 33180.

Sandy Silverman, Sec'y

7421 Lincoln St, Hollywood 33024

CHAPTER NEWS - (Cont'd)

DUTCH NELSON CHAPTER Colorado Springs CO



Members of the Dutch Nelson Chapter participating in the Veterans Day parade. L to R are Merlin Laabs, Lou Schindler, 3 times recipient of the CIB, Bill Riester, Sec'y and Ed Ziegler, Pres.

Photo courtesy Bill Riester

We have the Aug, Sept, and Oct newsletters from this Chapter. An item of particular interest was the attendance at the Sept Chapter meeting of Korean National Sam Kim who was 14 years old when the Korean War began. He served 3 yrs in the ROK Army and became an employee of U.S. Intelligence and obtained U.S. citizenship as a result.

We want also to acknowledge newsletters from the following chapters that are brimming with sparkling content. We wish we had space to feature them all in this issue. Since we can't we will hope to do so in an upcoming issue of the GRAYBEARDS.

Dept of Ill, Bob Kenney, Sec'y.
Gulf Coast Chapter, Irvington AL,
Sec Don Swanson Editor (?)
Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter, Danville IL
Ken Cook, Pres (and Editor?)
Central L.I. Chapter, Bayport NY,
Bob Morga, Pres and Editor
Burton-Goode-Sargent Chapter, Bangor ME,
Fred Hardin, Pres (and Editor?)

(Great pun in newsletter of this Chapter: "Politicians are like diapers - should be changed often, and for same reasons")

Cpl Allan Kivlehan Chapter, Staten Island NY
John Everts, Editor.
Edward W. Rhoads Chapter, Tucson AZ
Jerry Jones Editor/Historian

WANT TO FORM A CHAPTER?

We have received several inquiries concerning the procedure for forming chapters in KWVA. The following is offered with hopes it may be helpful.

The KWVA By Laws requirements, briefly, in Article V, II, "Chapters" are:

- 1) 12 or more members must obtain a certificate from the Natl Sec that they are in good standing,*
- 2) the 12, or more, must hold an organizational meeting and adopt by laws,*
- 3) they must apply for and obtain articles of incorporation as a subsidiary of KWVA from their State authorities, and*
- 4) they must then hold an additional meeting and elect officers before the next annual meeting of the National KWVA.*

A COUPLE OF TIPS =

Some may view the hardest part of this as drawing up articles of, and obtaining, incorporation. It need not be. A good start would be to contact other chapters in your State and ask for a copy of their articles to use as a guide.

Also, there may be no need for legal counsel to file for and obtain a corporate charter. Most State corporation commissions (or whatever authority serves this purpose) are usually most helpful. A letter or visit with an explanation as to what is desired, and by whom, will usually illicit friendly and helpful assistance and advice. The cost for all this, if no lawyer is retained, can be as little as \$50 in some States and should rarely exceed \$100-150.

Don't be intimidated. Your KWVA buddies who have been down this path will probably advise you that it is easier than you think. Dive in and good luck!

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A SURPRISE DEVELOPMENT =

(Your Editor has been directed by President Pappas to publish the following in its entirety).

To: Nick Pappas, Pres KWVA
From: Stan Hadden, member at large.

This is in answer to your phone call of Monday October 10 discussing my knowledge of \$3,000 paid to Blaine Friedlander during the July KWVA reunion in Bloomington/Minneapolis. That money was paid to Blaine for work he did for KWVA and which Dick Adams said Blaine had earned and deserved.

Before the convention I talked on the phone with Dick Adams and Dick agreed that Blaine was to handle the protection of KWVA interests for the 1995 reunion. At that time the Memorial Advisory Board had made its plans for the 1995 dedication ceremonies and, from what I could see, had decided to omit KWVA from its plans. Blaine had insisted to the Council and other interested members that KWVA was to host the July 27, 1995 banquet. I found nearly universal agreement among our membership with that position. Further, Blaine had gone to far as to write a speech for President Clinton in which Mr Clinton stated he should be with KWVA on July 27, 1995.

Another thing that Dick Adams told me was that Blaine was to handle the names on the wall. This was important to the members. Dick, Blaine, and I discussed all these matters including the 1995 reunion and banquet prior to our meeting in Minneapolis.

Blaine had already expressed his dissatisfaction with the treatment he had received from Roger Scalf and you in scuttling Blaine's proposal to increase membership and be paid for his efforts. In my earlier talks with Dick I thought Dick had agreed to pay Blaine \$10,000 for the above items/services and to further arrange for Blaine to be on KWVA payroll.

At the July 1993 board meeting and during the convention the subject of Blaine's proposed compensation was discussed and agreed to. Not only did Blaine arrange at the last minute for a banquet guest speaker, he also made the full arrangements to have President Clinton address the convention via TV film.

You will recall that several of our members were mention in Clinton's address, including Dick, Scooter, and me. Blaine set it up and I don't know if you are aware of it, but Blaine wrote that speech.

In addition, Blaine, Dick, Roger Scalf, Emmet Benjamin and I met on the evening of July 25 in Roger's suite, to prepare the "mad as hell" speech for Dick Adams. Blaine wrote that with full input and approval

from Dick, Roger, Emmett, and myself. At the business meeting the next day, that speech had the members on their feet cheering to have the names on the wall.

At that previous night's meeting while we were putting together that "mad as hell" speech, Blaine made it clear to all present that he had to be paid for his efforts. Dick, Roger, Emmett, and I all agreed with that statement.

Later I learned that Blaine had been paid only \$3,000. I believe you know how he was mistreated by Roger and Dick and those names thought of us as being "the Donnelly bunch" during the fall, winter, spring, and continuing to the present day.

I regret that the compression fracture injury to my back will probably keep me from traveling at this time. Therefore I am sending you this notarized statement by FAX; I will send the original via U.S. Mail.

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(The above is shown to have been notarized by Linda A. Stewart in the County of Jefferson, WV on Oct 12/94. Since the former KWVA President is mentioned throughout by name, we have, in fairness to him, furnished an advanced copy of the above, and the President's Message herein, for any comment or response he may wish to make. The following is a reply from him.)

"I have reviewed carefully the Oct 12 letter (affidavit?) of Stan Hadden concerning the circumstances of advancing \$3,000 to Blaine Friedlander. While not desiring to engage in any further controversies within KWVA, I must, for the sake of accuracy in the record, state my sharp disagreement with most of what had been said by Mr Hadden and Pres. Pappas on this matter.

Concerning their contentions that the money was for 1995 dedication activities, it should be remembered that at the time the dedication was still far off, actual construction of the Memorial had not begun, and little or no details of the dedication had been firmed up.

Concerning the payment of Friedlander "for services rendered" it must be noted that to do so would be a violation of the KWVA By Laws. Association officials serve without pay. There is no authority for wages or salaries. The provision in Article III, Section 8 concerning "indemnification" alludes to reimbursement for routine expenses such as postage, printing, some travel, etc. Ordinarily, even those costs should have been specifically authorized in advance and supported by detailed documentation such as invoices or sales slips.

I hope this information may help in better establishing an accurate record of these events."

DICK ADAMS Past Pres., KWVA



A LATE MINUTE ITEM ==

TASK FORCE SMITH

Mostly Forgotten and Overlooked?

We recently received a card from **Gus Alongrio**, in Coral Springs FL, asking if there were any Task Force Smith survivors. He asked us for addresses if there were any, and where Col Smith might be. We have received several such requests.

We are please to report that there are indeed vets of that unit still around. In fact we had almost a whole bus load of them for the 1992 ground breaking ceremonies in Washington DC. Its a bit hard to track them from KWVA records since the membership list doesn't identify a member's war time unit. Col, now retired General, Charles "Brad" Smith, the commander of the Force now lives in Scottsdale, AZ. We have no word on his health or whether he answers correspondence.

For the benefit of any Korean War vet who has not heard of, or forgotten about, Task Force Smith, and we hope there are none such, we can point out that the unit is distinguished as being the first Americans to face the North Koreans in the opening days or hours of the war in 1950.

The American (UN) contact with the North Koreans occurred in the early morning hours of July 5, just North of a small town of Osan, about 40 miles South of Seoul on the Seoul-Pusan highway. Smith's 1st Bn of the 24th Division's 21st Infantry, together with Miller Perry's battery from the 52nd FA, consisted of only about 700 men, desperately and frantically thrown into Korea from occupation duty in Japan. They were inexperienced in combat, under strength, under trained pathetically equipped, confused, disoriented and unclear on their mission or what lay ahead.

Armed with only 2.36 "bazooka" rocket launchers with much defective ammo for armored defense, the force was no match for the attacking troops accompanied by over two dozen T-34 Russian Tanks. The Task Force fought gallantly and stubbornly all through the day but eventually were scattered with sickening losses and had to withdraw as best they could. Each survivor's experience is a tale or horror as many have ably and graphically written.

But the efforts and sacrifices of the gallant men of Task Force Frost is far from a record of failure.

The men of Col Smith's command succeeded in delaying the enemy advance for at least a day or more. That may not sound like much, but it was clearly critical and decisive. Those few precious hours permitted the rest of General Dean's 24th Division to arrive in delaying positions further to the south, which in turn delayed the enemy advance sufficiently to provide time for other divisions to arrive in the area to set up a Pusan perimeter defense that held, although tenaciously at times, over the following weeks until the break out.

The Free World, America, South Korea, and vets of all Korean fighting forces, owe the men of Task Force Smith a debt unlike any other that arose in that bitter and often thankless struggle. Had the Force not held as it did, one can argue strongly that the 24th Division would not have been able to hold either and the communist forces would have reached Pusan before adequate reinforcements could have arrived in place. It is highly unlikely that in that event it would have been politically or militarily feasible for South Korea to be reoccupied by non-communist forces and all of Korea would be to this day totally communist. Veteran of Task Force Smith are due every respect and honor possible.

Retired BGen Uzal W. Ent, in Camp Hill PA, whose forthcoming book Fighting on the Brink, due to extensive research or otherwise, probably knows more about the whereabouts of surviving vets of Task Force Smith than any others today. He has provided us with a list of about two dozen. We hesitate to publish the list without knowledge of whether the vets on it would approve, but if any readers wants a copy they can so request of General Ent at his home at 37 Golf View Rd, Camp Hill PA 17011, or write this departing editor at his home address as shown on the masthead of GRAYBEARDS.

May this brief overview of one of the most glorious events in American military history shed some much deserved light on a group of mostly unsung heros.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



KWVA MEMBERS ON 1993 REVISIT TRIPS (Apr/Sep/Oct)

Colonel Lee, D. K., Chief-Revisit Program, KVA/Seoul, gave me pictures of you being presented with Medal, Ambassador to Peace, at the KVA hosted banquet when you were in Korea.

He has asked me to apologize for not mailing them out as he was seriously ill and unable to work most of 1993, due to being exposed to Agent Orange when he was in combat in Vietnam.

I received about 400 pictures from Colonel Lee when I accompanied the September 27th-October 2nd, 1944 trip. I would appreciate it very much if you would please mail me a self-addressed, stamped envelope so I might forward your pictures ASAP. Much thanks.

Kathleen "Lt. Honey" Cronan Wyosnick
P.O. Box 3716, Saratoga, CA 95070
Phone: 408-253-3068

COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Honorable Warren Christopher
U.S. Secretary of State

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.

1940-50'S U.S. COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS AVAILABLE

The 24th Infantry Division Association has acquired a large number of U.S. commemorative stamps in plate blocks (four stamps with plate number), mostly 3 cents from the 40's and 50's. As a fund-raiser the association will sell ten plate blocks for \$5.00. An excellent gift for anyone who collects stamps. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with the fiver to:

24th Infantry Division Association
P.O. Box 6066
Colorado Springs, CO 80934
Dutch Nelsen, L2387, Colorado Springs, CO

NO PEACE WITHOUT RESOLVING POW/MIA ISSUES

The Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) has been reading recent news reports that the U.S. State Department is sending a delegation to Pyongyang, Korea, this weekend [September 10th] to discuss the possible establishment of liaison offices in each other's capitols, establishment being contingent upon the results of U.S./North Korea nuclear talks concurrently being held in Berlin, Germany.

The KWVA has long been interested in achieving peaceful relations with the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK), but not without the resolution of American POW/MIA issues. This includes any conditions that would be detrimental to the "well being" of the Republic of Korea, our Comrades in Arms.

It seems that American officials are again forgetting about the "Warriors" of the Korean War and the families who keep wondering about the disappearance of their loved ones. The Republic of Korea of today is a showcase of what a democratically free people and capitalism can accomplish; a monument and memorial to those Americans who so gallantly and heroically served in the "Forgotten War," especially those who have not returned.

It is recognized that the need to control nuclear weaponry is paramount, but moral issues must also be considered. The KWVA strongly opposes any negotiations to establish liaison offices, if the negotiations do not include returning the remains of all U.S. service personnel and the presentation/clarification of other POW/MIA issues. We recommend that you add Mr. Harley Coon, KWVA Director and POW/MIA Chairman, to your delegation. He is an ex-POW and former President of the Korean War ex-POW Association, thus providing invaluable experience/assistance in any bargaining with the DPRK concerning the aforementioned issues.

Nicholas J. Pappas, KWVA President

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Contd.)

FROM THE POW/MIA CHAIRMAN

The Armistice Agreement signed in 1953 between the United Nations and the North Koreans included a fair reimbursement for the return of the remains. Now 45 years later the North Koreans want additional funds to return the remains. At the October special meeting in Washington, DC, the Executive Council of the Korean War Veterans Association voted unanimously by resolution, not to support any additional funding. The return of the remains should be tied in with the Nuclear Agreement.

There have been some stories about a 63-year-old Korean escaping from North Korea after 40 years of confinement. We would like to request that the members do not misinterpret any information that is released. As POW/MIA Chairman, I will work closely with the Department of Defense (DOD) and POW/MIA Section so that accurate information can be reported.

After reviewing our membership roster, I find several that claim POW status and there is not sufficient evidence to substantiate their claims. The members that cannot produce sufficient evidence will be removed from the membership roll under POW status. Secondly, any member whose documents are altered, falsified or show misrepresentation of POW status, will be removed from the organization.

As your POW/MIA Chairman, I will make every attempt to keep the membership informed of any activity concerning our Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

Harley J. Coon
KWVA POW/MIA Chairman

FIFTH CAVALRY REGIMENT MEETS

The Fifth U.S. Cavalry Regiment Association met in conjunction with the 47th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division in Kissimmee, Florida, on August 12-13, 1994. It will hold its 1995 Reunion in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, from May 3-7/1995. For information or registration forms contact:

5th Cavalry Association
P.O. Box 822
Columbia, MO 65205-0822

James Eubanks, 1st VP

[Your Editor carries a special bias and favoritism for the 5th Cavalry Regiment. It was the unit that pounded northward in mid-February, 1951, at ghastly costs in casualties to relieve the 23rd Regiment in the Chipyong-ni perimeter. Your Editor's 23rd Regiment veterans owe the 5th Cavalry a debt that can never be fully repaid. EDITOR]

NEW ILLINOIS CAR PLATES FOR BRONZE STARS

The Springfield, Illinois, *County Journal* announced on August 24, 1994, that Illinois will begin on January 1, 1996, issuing special vehicle license plates to veterans who were awarded Bronze Stars "for their valor under fire." The state already issues special plates to veterans with various other medals.

Two dollars (\$2.00) of the \$15.00 additional fee for the plates will be added to the \$450,000 earmarked by the state for the construction of a Korean War Memorial at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield.

From the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles

HAMMOND, ILLINOIS WAR HERO TO BE HONORED BY STREET AND PARK NAME

Hammond--In 1952, Staff Sgt. William G. Windrich, a Hammond native, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery and heroism as a platoon sergeant in the Korean conflict.

On hand in Washington, DC, when the Secretary of the Navy presented the nation's highest award for valor in combat were Windrich's widow, Margaret, and their daughter, Alita "Bonnie," then 7.

Now 42 years later, some diligent local war veterans have resurrected Windrich's story of bravery.

They would like to see Windrich memorialized by renaming a street and park near Hammond's Civic Center in his honor.

The City Council is expected to vote tonight [October 24, 1994] on a proposed ordinance to do just that.

Herb Verrill, Windrich chapter president of the Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter III of Indiana, said there are only 131 Medal of Honor recipients from the Korean War, and Windrich is the second one known in Lake County.

"Frankly, every Medal of Honor recipient is honored in one way or another," Verrill said.

Windrich was killed in action December 2, 1950, near Yudam-ni, North Korea, following a long night battle.

Windrich is buried in Arlington National Cemetery

Robert Kesperich, KWVA Chapter III
Calumet City, IL

MISCELLANEOUS

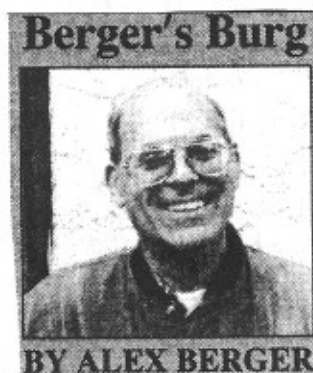
ANGER & SORROW For Vets in Fading History

[The following is taken from an article by Alex Berger, KWVA #11357, that appeared full page in the Six Queens, New York, Times/Ledger for 1994 Memorial Day.]

**It started right after the Civil War.
Our country was trying for wholeness once more.
Flowers were placed by an unmarked grave
To honor the fallen men, hardy and brave,
Whose lives had been given, our freedom to save.
This day, we honor all brave men and true
Who fought to protect us—to guard me and you.
The freedom worth having, to keep it secure,
Takes a wide-awake heart and a hand that is sure
And a humble remembrance of what went before.**

--Anonymous

Memorial or Decoration Day (given this name because it was the day for decorating graves with flowers and garlands), was primarily a time to honor brave Americans who died in our wars. It originated after the Civil War and May 30 was chosen as the observance day because that date was the anniversary of the discharge of the last Union volunteer of the war.



Berger's Burg
BY ALEX BERGER

By the 1880s every one of the Union States has set aside this day for patriotic rites. Also, in the South, a Confederate Day, with varying dates, was observed, but it was kept separate from May 30. Eventually, May 30 became the day for all Americans to honor those who fought and died for their country. Memorial Day for many years had been a day of mourning and remembrance, of reconciling the past and present, and hoping for a better future. However, in recent times, these observances are now ignored by a growing number of people.

The number of fallen has since been increased by casualties the Korean War (the "forgotten war"), the Vietnam War (the unpopular war), Desert Storm (the quick war), and all the recent "police actions" around the world.

For their lives, no mass appreciation is evident on Memorial Days. However, we should remember that because of them all, you are reading this column in peace and comfort in our democratic society.

The Korean war--I (myself) enlisted in the Air Force at the age

of 17 immediately after graduating from Stuyvesant High School. Most of my classmates went on to college, but with the Korean War raging, I felt my country needed me more.

Although I saw no action, waiting for something to happen, and perhaps to die, was not very psychologically-friendly to me. I did lose my 19-year-old friend, Johnny Marchese, whose young life was snuffed out in Korea. I think of him very often.

Isn't it time for all Americans to start remembering martyrs like Johnny again and the many other heroic servicemen, whose lives were cut short by war? At least remember them if only once a year on Memorial Day.

WILLIAM NORRIS RECEIVES KVA'S HIGHEST AWARD



Col. Kim, Sung Ho, presents Korean Veterans Association's (Korean) highest award to William Norris.

Col. Kim, Song Ho, Korean attache presents the Korean Veterans Association (Korean) highest award to William Norris, KWVA #00001L, from Waterford, New York, in recognition of his long and outstanding service on behalf of American and Korean Veterans of the Korean War.

Norris is a founding father and past president of KWVA, Inc., as indicated by his membership number.

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

KWVA CHARTER

Filed by William Norris

First: The name or title by which this society shall be known shall be: **Korean War Veterans Association.**

Second: The term for which it is organized shall be perpetual.

Third: Its particular business and objects shall be:

1. to organize, promote and maintain for benevolent and charitable purposes an association of persons who have seen honorable service during the Korean War at any time between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, and of certain other persons, the particular qualifications for membership to be set forth in the Bylaws of the Korean War Veterans Association.

2. To grant charters to groups of members at large of the Association.

3. To provide a means of contact and communication among the members of the Association.

4. To promote the establishment of, and to establish war and other memorials commemorative of any person or persons who served in the Korean War.

5. To aid needy Association members and their wives and children, and the widows and children of persons who were members at the time of their death.

6. To establish and maintain a national headquarters.

7. To do any and all things necessary or proper for the accomplishment of the foregoing business and objects of the Association, including, for such purposes, to contract and pay for personal and other services, to contract for, buy, take by deed, gift or devise, hold, possess, manage, borrow, rent, lease, loan, assign, convey, sell, and dispose of in any manner real and personal property, and to act as trustee, or be a beneficiary of a trust.

Fourth: The number of trustees, directors, or managers for the first year of its existence shall be nine.

End of Charter

Incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

Persian Gulf and Somalia. I see the Veteran as a group of people who are proud and brave and served their country honorably.

When I see the memorials for the WWI Veterans and WWII, the Korean Conflict, and the 53,000 who gave the ultimate sacrifice, and the 58,185 names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall, and the POWs and the MIAs who have not returned home from all wars, I see the Veteran as a Doctor, Lawyer, School Teacher and even President of the United States. And when I think of the Veteran in this light, I think again of the question: What Is a Veteran? and my chest suddenly expands as I think...**"I Am a Veteran!"**

[Theodore H. Lloyd, enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in South Korea during the Vietnam War.]

KNOW YOUR PRINTER



We think our membership may enjoy meeting the team, headed by June and David Park above, who print our *Graybeards*. David, at the age of 10, came to America in 1977 from Seoul with his parents who started a small printing business in Northern Virginia. David soon assumed operation and management with continuing help from his parents. The business plant is located on Wilson Blvd. in Arlington, Virginia. June Park has been in the U.S. since 1989. The two were married in September this year and run the Giant Printing Company as a "Ma & Pa" small business. Both are very proud to have been selected as printers for the newsletter of American Veterans who fought in and for their native country.

EDITOR

WHAT IS A VETERAN?

By Theodore H. Lloyd

During a normal working day I hear many questions concerning Veterans. The questions vary, and in some cases, fully stated usually adds up to one question: What is a Veteran?

Some say a Veteran doesn't work and gets a monthly check from the government. Others say the Veteran is a loser. Some say we are old and sick so we should close the Veterans Administration Hospitals because we cost too much.

Myself, I do not see the Veteran in the same light as any of these people. I see the Veteran as a group of people who are different in their ways but are held together by a common bond called Brotherhood. I see the Veteran as a group of people who fought for what was rightfully theirs and were branded 'savages.' I see the Veteran as a group of people who courageously fought against overwhelming odds during World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, Granada, Lebanon, Panama, the

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

BRITISH HONOR KOREAN CONFLICT VETS



Graybeards is greatly pleased to publish the above photo provided to us by Dave Ranson, Holland on the Sea, Essex, United Kingdom (former 28th Royal Engineer Regiment). We do not receive many contributions from our other UN Korean Combat comrades and are thus eager to publish any when we do. Ranson explains that the above memorial is located in St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

Ranson warns us that the Red Coats are returning for the dedication next year to avenge the Boston Tea Party--and in same breath he sends us best wishes and "Good on you, Yanks"!

VET DELIVERS UNUSUAL ADDRESS

KWVA member J. R. Bird, Medford, New Jersey, made history of a sort in June at a combined D-Day Flag Day ceremony by delivering his speech in the form of poetry with over 25 verses.

As a representative of the Boy Scouts of America, Byrd began by reminding his audience that his organization had helped thousands of boys "mature as patriotic and fruitful Americans, probably a few who served in Normandy."

In his poem, Byrd paid special tribute to Americans fallen in battle and he recapped the service of the living and dead from the days of Michaelangelo and Shakespeare to modern times at Dunkirk, Sicily, Normandy and elsewhere. He closed with a quote from his local *Courier-Post*.

"We must never forget!
Remembering is not enough--
So taking a phrase from the
Battle Hymn of the Republic
LET US LIVE TO MAKE MEN FREE!"

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION TENTH ANNUAL REUNION--1994 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, *The Medic's War*, published by The U.S. Army's Center of Military History as a history of the Army Medical Service during the Korean War, contains numerous errors, misinterpretations, and misrepresentations, and

WHEREAS, an example of all three occurs when deaths among the Army's casualties who were classified as Missing in Action are attributed to defective evacuation of the wounded, and blamed on the front-line medical service, and

WHEREAS, the author presents no evidence in support of these accusations, which were said to be untrue by the commanders of the units that had suffered the casualties, and by others who fought in Korea, and

WHEREAS, the Center of Military History has refused previous requests that an investigation be conducted of all of the errors in this book, and

WHEREAS, such an investigation has now been conducted, and has identified and documented numerous other errors, including untrue statements that deny the well-documented accomplishments of those who manned the front-line medical service, and that reflect unfavorably on the United States Army, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that this Association recommends to The Secretary of Defense that an independent agency, composed of veterans of military-medical service, be requested to evaluate this book, and recommend whether or not all volumes should be recalled and the book withheld from circulation, until it has been revised and is considered ready for publication.

Submitted by Robert M. Hall, Raleigh, NC

SPECIAL NOTICE!!

Membership applications,
dues payments,
address changes,
and other matters which affect your membership
information should henceforth be sent to:

KWVA, INC.
P.O. Box 10806
Arlington, VA 22210

We have changed our operating procedure and mailing these matters to the above address will facilitate processing of these matters.

MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.)

WHITE HOUSE
CONTINUES TO
INSULT MILITARY

Editor's note: This letter furnished to Graybeards by Homer Smith, KWVA #419, Muncie, Indiana, was sent to Clinton 29 June 1994 by Rep. Dan Burton and 63 members of Congress.

Mr. President

We are writing to request an explanation for your administration's attitude toward members of the United States Armed Forces. Notwithstanding previous incidents of arrogance toward the military, we are specifically outraged by the most recent event. We are speaking about the direct order given by your Social Secretary, Anne Stock, to four U.S. military officers, to carry trays of hors d'oeuvres during last week's Democratic National Committee function at the White House.

It is our understanding that it is an honor to be chosen to serve on the Social Aide detail to the President. It is also our understanding that a Social Aide is supposed to be on hand at White House social functions, so that questions about the military may be answered in a personal and professional manner. If this is the case, why were these officers asked to perform the duties which the very capable White House domestic staff has performed for years? This sort of activity by your administration appears to the public to reflect a disrespectful attitude toward the Armed Services.

These officers were humiliated, both personally and professionally. As a result of the order given by Anne Stock, we believe that both the dignity and morale of our Armed Forces was seriously damaged. In response, we strongly request a public apology be made to the four officers, as well as to the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force. We certainly hope a change in attitude toward the Armed Forces will be evident and forthcoming.

We are anxiously awaiting your response.

South Korean
Tells of Escape
From the NorthEx-P.O.W. Spent
43 Years There

[Dermott P. O'Grady, KWVA #10491, sends us the following account from the October 24, 1994, New York Times of a South Korean escape that should be of special interest to KW Vets.]

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct. 24 (AP) — A man who spent 43 years in North Korea, the first 13 of them as a prisoner of war, has escaped from the North and returned home, the South Korean Government said today.

The 64-year-old South Korean, Cho Chang Ho, was a second lieutenant when he was captured during the Korean War. South Korea said he is the first P.O.W. held after the war ended to have returned.

Mr. Cho greeted relatives today from a hospital bed and described a life of back-breaking hardship in North Korean coal mines, where he was sent to work after 13 years in prison. He said he escaped after he became too ill to work and was sent to a remote area to live. He gave a sketchy account of an escape made possible with the help of Chinese smugglers.

"It's like a dream," he said of his return. "If you are in a desperate situation, you can do anything."

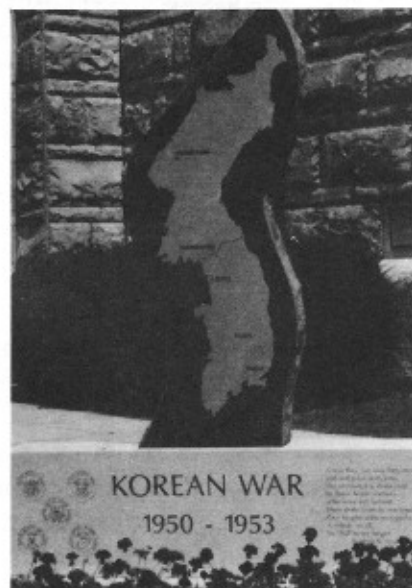
It was impossible to verify the story independently, as it was told by South Korea's main intelligence agency. North Korea and South Korea remain technically at war, and nearly two million troops guard their sealed border.

Mr. Cho said he reached his homeland before dawn on Sunday. "God helped you," his sister, Cho Chang Suk, a 74-year-old former college professor, said at his bedside.

South Korea says more than 40,000 South Korean prisoners were never returned by the Communist North after the 1950-53 Korean War. But the North says all P.O.W.'s went home when the war ended. About 8,100 Americans are unaccounted for from the war, in which the United States sided with South Korea.

Mr. Cho said he was captured in 1951 by the North's Chinese allies. The Defense Ministry said he had been listed as killed in action.

Mr. Cho was rescued off South Korea's western coast early Sunday, the intelligence agency said. He said he crossed the Yalu River border into China on the night of Oct. 3 and 16 days later, Koreans there helped him head home aboard a boat that Chinese men use to smuggle goods from South Korea.



The above Korean War Vet Memorial now graces the lawns of the Wood County Court House in Bowling Green OH. It was dedicated on July 24/94 and has the names of the area's 15 KIAs. Names were added after erection, but before dedication, when research was completed.

The photo was provided by KWVA member Joel C. Davis (HqCo 772nd MP Bn) who is the President of the Monument group.

Davis writes, "My first objective was getting the monument erected so the living vets could see it. Names were added [later]...My feelings are the same for our monument in Washington. Let's get it built NOW...[ADD] names later..."

A KWVA INTERVIEW WITH THE VETERANS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

On October 11th, KWVA National VA Service Officer J. Norbert Reiner and the GRAYBEARDS Editor were granted an interview with the Department of Veterans Affairs Director the Hon. Jesse Brown during which the Director answered questions from the KWVA representatives. The following is a summary of the more important questions and answers on that occasion.

KWVA; Mr Brown, could we start by giving us an idea of the overall scope of VA operations today in terms of money or vets involved?

Mr Brown: Well, we have about 2.7 in the VA hospital system, or about 10% of the vet population. We have the largest loan guarantee activity in the history of the VA - about 55 billion dollars. With the drop in interest rates we recently sent out over two million letters suggesting veterans to refinance at lower rates. We believe that action saved vets over \$450 million a year.

KWVA; What to you perceive as the major problems today in or with the VA?

Mr Brown: Since health care reform is probably dead for this year, it bothers me that we are unable to move more forward on veteran health care. We treat only about 10% of the 2.5 million vets because we do not have the resources to provide full care. When a vet comes in for amputation attention and while with us we find he has hypertension, we cannot treat that problem. That's not my view of good medicine. There are other areas also where we are not permitted to provide medical service or attention.

KWVA; Do you need new legislation to cope with that problem? If so what is being done?

Mr Brown: Yes indeed, new legislation is needed. Law defines what we can do and to whom and we have operated under a concept that has been around for years while the modality of care has been changing. It is clear that some sort of eligibility reform is needed if we are to move ahead. Health care is one of our major issues that I am most concerned about. From the Gulf War there is the Persian Gulf Syndrome, as well as unknown skin rashes and other ailments that do not fit into the definition of diseases for which we can legally pay compensation. We want new legislation to help cope with this.

KWVA; Any other major problems?

Mr Brown: Yes. Homeless veterans. In a country that is as rich as ours we have over 250,000 of our people on the streets each and every night, with no place to call home. It bothers me that the fastest growing of these is our Vietnam and Gulf veterans. We have more Vietnam vets on the streets of America today than there were actually killed in that war. We need to do all we can to help them to become productive citizens. I served in the Marine Corps but regardless of the service, most people were strong - the best in the country and the healthiest. We're working on the problem as pertains to vets. I have created a new position - a special assistant to bring all our homeless programs under one umbrella.. We had over six hundred people here in February to give us their input...

On a different note, I want women vets to get the same quality care that they get at John Hopkins or Mayo...to insure privacy and all it takes to resolve female medical problems...

KWVA; You don't feel they have privacy?

Mr Brown: They don't. Many hospitals do not have private rooms. Some places when a woman wants to go to the bathroom, you must first get the men out. I don't like that. Doesn't bring respect.

KWVA; Is it rather widespread?

Mr Brown: In about 50% of our facilities. Many are old and do not have private or semi-private rooms. Many have wards. We have wards with 16 beds and a common bathroom. But we are coping with the problem. Takes time, planning, and money.

KWVA; Any other legislative activity?

Mr Brown: Yes, one new law I am especially excited about - has to do with POWs and heart disease, berri-berri, and some other problems contracted while a prisoner. We can now consider whether a later death was due to those factors and thus conclude service connection. Affects their widows and families.

KWVA; We were going to ask you about widow concerns. You are anticipating our questions.

Mr Brown: Perhaps so. And there are some other related areas. In cancer cases the new law presumes that a vet from Vietnam was exposed to agent orange and no longer has a burden of proof to show that he was in fact so exposed. This is leap forward.



Pictured above is the Department of Veteran Affairs Director Hon. Jesse Brown with KWVA members J. Norbert Reiner and Sherman Pratt at an interview in DVA Washington offices on Oct 11, 1994.

KWVA; So it took new legislation to do this?

Mr Brown: Well, actually no. I did this on my own, administratively.

KWVA; And you didn't have opposition?

Mr Brown: Well some. Certain scientific people complained a bit. but we did what we thought we had to do for the veteran. And we had help from the National Academy of Science. They did a study showing vets were under increased risk.

KWVA; Any other legislation needed?

Mr Brown: Well, I would like some pertaining to radiation - nuclear tests - and about 15 diseases we have in the US that we think causes cancer.

KWVA; And you can't do this administratively?

Mr Brown: Possibly. But we will feel safer with specific legislative authority. It's a complex area.

KWVA; Let's turn to nursing homes now. Do you think these are adequate for vets?

Mr Brown: We feel there is a continuing need and are converting many empty spaces in hospitals to nursing facilities all over the place. This too is a complicated area. Facts are in-patient care is going down and out-patient up because of advancements in medical technology. Many patients once needing hospitalization are now treated in one day in the out-patient clinic and released. This frees beds that may be used for nursing care. We thought National health care might open up the system to all 27 million vets. It didn't happen so now we are back to the drawing boards to see just how we continue to maximize our resources. Be sure the problem is under close scrutiny.

KWVA; And we suppose much attention must be given to just what kind of nursing care - minimum or maximum?

Mr Brown: Absolutely true.

KWVA; We have many area of concern Mr Brown, but will impose on you for just one other that we think will be of strong interest to our members. How about pharmaceutical services? Is there a short fall? Can vets get pharmacy requests filled most of the time?

Mr Brown: Yes, we think so. Matter of fact, we just had a major reform of our pharmacy delivery system where we went from the warehouse distribution to a concept we refer to a "prime vendor". Instead of stacking medicines in a warehouse, we have the contractor send them directly to the hospitals. This saves much money. We think we have no problems here of any consequence. If vets feel otherwise we hope they will so inform us.

KWVA; And waiting lines? Any improvement?

Mr Brown: Of course we like to get our waiting times down. In some hospitals the situation is good - in some it takes a while and you can see waiting lines. But I always check this when I visit.

KWVA; Perhaps we would be remiss if we didn't ask you about burials before we close. Are vet needs covered in this area?

Mr Brown: We have 114 National Cemeteries now and are looking to open up new ones at every opportunity. We also like to bring them closer to homes. Just now WWII vets are dying out fast and we know we must be responsive to this to include introduction of mausoleums where appropriate. I think we have not failed to provide any eligible vet with a grave but perhaps not always at the precise place where the vet or his family preferred the remains interred. We are still studying mausoleums. They are more costly at \$300 to \$400 per niche as compared to about \$125 for a grave site.

KWVA; Thank you Mr Brown.



J. Norbert Reiner

FOR VETS ONLY - INFO YOU CAN USE -

by Norb Reiner,
KWVA VA Service Officer

Want to receive VA benefits fellas? Then you best get your military records in shape and on hand. One area of entitlement is interment in National Cemeteries.

Korean War Vets are eligible for burial in either National or State Grant Cemeteries (one that receives 50% funding from the VA. The State Grant cemeteries usually require residency in the State.

Many Korean vet records were burned or damaged at the big fire some years back at the St Louis record center.



Don't fiddle around and wait too long. Dig out your DD 214 and make copies. Place a copy with your personal papers or the person in charge of your personal affairs. Don't procrastinate. Much grief could be caused your survivors.

Jot down your desires for your burial ceremony. Upon that final bugle call your next of kin or person in charge must contact your funeral director for arrangements.

Do you want National or State, or Private cemetery? A carillon? Many cemeteries have them, or can obtain from a vet organization. Taps? Volleys? Music? Honor Guard? Military pall bearers? Usually there is no charge. But no one can read your mind. Especially after you are gone. Make you wishes known now.

And what about your spouse. If she predeceases you, you can still rely on your DD 214. Present it to the funeral director and he can arrange for interment. If you desire to be buried with your



spouse, say so. You've been married twice? No sweat or fret! Spouses can be buried in your grave site (eventually) with you. Fact: One KW vet has seven spouses in his grave site. (several graves, of course). (What kind of medals should that chap be awarded?).

Don't forget that info is always available from VA offices, regional or otherwise, and from National Cemetery directors. Request pamphlet VA-NCS-IS-1. Your local telephone director (under government) should have an address or toll free number. Some grave sites are available in national cemeteries (in national parks?) under control of the Dept of Interior. Your funeral director will know.



Play ball with your funeral and cemetery directors and they will for sure help you along your way. They have been down these roads before and are usually helpful and eager to be of service.

Headstones and markers are provided for all vets regardless of where buried.. Again, the funeral director will have any application forms necessary and can help on inscriptions and as to what restrictions apply. A fee for inscriptions will usually apply.

Your spouses name will be placed on the back of an upright marker or below your name on a flat marker. We hope you will defer this final benefit until long after the dedication of our memorial on 27 July in Washington.

* * *

And finally, if you are unsure if your records were destroyed, find out for sure from: The National Personal Records Center (indicate branch, e.g. Army, Marines, etc) 9600 Page Ave., St Louis Mo.
(Graphics courtesy Editor)

REUNIONS

KOREAN WAR VETERANS, 16-21 October 1995, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Contact: Richard R. Gallmeyer, 808 Oldham Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464. Phone: 804-467-1233.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATOMIC VETERANS, Spring, 1995. Contact: William A. Harper, 9308 Navajo Place, Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248. Phone 602-895-0676.

U.S.S. JOHN R. CRAIG (DD885), August 23-27, 1995, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Contact: Bob Owens, 9 Cobbler Lane, Marlton, New Jersey 08053. Phone: 609-983-7129.

U.S.S. INDEPENDENCE CVA/CV-62, July 12-16, 1995, New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact: Denis Bagley, 12 Trenton Avenue, Edison, New Jersey 08817. Phone: 908-819-0359. FAX: 908-819-9016.

U.S.S. GENERAL W. A. MANN, April 27-30, 1995, Pensacola, Beach, Florida. Contact: Gerald J. Bligh, 685 Squire Circle #102, Naples, Florida 33942. Phone: 813-353-0891.

U.S.S. SALT LAKE CITY CA 25-(SSN 716), in Sacramento, California. Contact: Myron Varland, 458 Argos Circle, Watsonville, CA 95076.

1ST AMPHIBIAN TRUCK COMPANY (DUKW), 1ST MARINE DIVISION, September, 1995, Washington, DC. Contact: Wayne R. Poff, 639 Candlewyck Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601. Phone: 717-569-3995.

72D TANK BATTALION, 2D INFANTRY DIVISION, July 26-29, 1995, Washington, DC. Contact: Harold Ward, 2303 Sherwood Drive, Lemon Grove, CA 91945. Phone: 619-469-3810.

102ND AC&W SQUADRON, June, 1995, Falmouth, Massachusetts. Contact: Henry J. Connors, 14 Tanglewood Drive, Riverside, Rhode Island 02915. Phone: 401-437-1482.

728TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION, July 26-28, 1995, College Park, Maryland. Contact: Harry J. Cottman, 4710 Brandon Lane, Bestsville, MD 20705. Phone: 301-937-7370.

SEARCHING FOR...

...Anyone who served with me in **40TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 980TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, "B" BATTERY**, (Korea 1952-53), and might be interested in having a reunion, please write to **JAMES J. COLLINS**, 152 Ocean Avenue, Massapequa, New York 11758.

...**S/SGT. ROBERT A. HALL (Deceased)**, my brother, served in the Korea 1952-53. He was a gunnery sergeant with a Field Artillery (155 105's, etc.). I would like to contact persons who may have known him. He was a native American Indian from Wisconsin. Contact: Sidney R. Hall, P.O. Box 1131, Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615. [Readers should not confuse this Robert Hall (deceased) with others from NC and NY mentioned herein. EDITOR]

...Vets from **8TH CAVALRY REGIMENT, COMPANY "B,"** please contact Robert Sharrard, 2516 West Walton Blvd., Waterford, Michigan 48329.

...the following Marines: **GEORGE KERN**, New Jersey; **BERNARD BROWN**, Yates Center, KS; **KURT RABOT**, Manhasset Long Island, NY; **DONALD "GUNNY" DOOR**, Stanton, MO; **BOB "YOGI" MICHAEL**, Cedar Rapids, IA; **DON JOHNSON**, St. Charles, IL; **NELSON "JEFF" JEFFERY**, Courtland, NY; **NORMAN BATTORFF**, Onarga, IL; **CARLO "JAKE" GERVASI**, Flint, MI; **M/SGT. GREGG ??**; and **WAYNE HENDERSON**, Nampa, ID. Let's get together to honor that pact we made (only 40 years late). Contact: **BOB MICHAEL**, 1119 Woodlark Lane, NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405. Phone: 319-396-4070.

...**2ND INFANTRY DIVISION VETERANS** of the Korean War Branch, Arkansas Razorback Branch for purposes of forming a chapter in or near Arkansas. Contact: Melvin Bailey, 2308 West 40th Avenue, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603-6224.

...**FIELD ARTILLERY VETERANS** who live in the State of Rhode Island for the purpose of attending a Christmas party for **SSG RAYMOND VIENS, JR.**, 103RD FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE. Contact: Stacy L. Viens, 1455 Manville Road, Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895.

...Anyone who served with the **ASA** in Korea (1951-53) in either the **326TH** or **329TH COMMUNICATION RECONNAISSANCE COMPANIES** or the **336TH** or **337TH COMMUNICATION RECONNAISSANCE COMPANIES** at Fort Devens, Massachusetts (1953-54). Contact: **ED CONWAY**, 938 3rd Street, #306, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Phone: 310-395-4494 or **TOM O'KEEFE**, 16 Edwin Lane, Huntington, NY 11743. Phone: 516-271-4650.



FOUND-Above Tigers! I

L to R: Tony Picciano, Pennsauken NJ; Roman Gill, Escanaba MI; Alongo Sanford, Rudyard MI; Ed Nuding, Ceresce, MI.

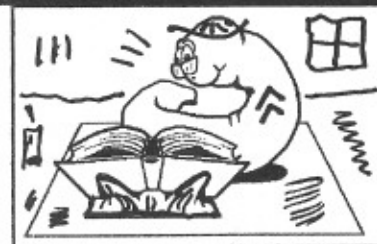
Above snap was provided by Roman Gill 3Bn/14/25 Div.

Gill likes the new **GRAYBEARD** and claims he is standing at mailbox waiting for the next one. He was shocked at Oct cover with North Koreans. (some others were too, Pal. See letters herein).



BOOKS

And Other Writings



A KWVA BOOK WORM.

The following books or writings have been brought to our attention that we think should be of particular interest to vets of the Korean War and that merit special attention.

BATTLE FOR KOREA, Buckley, Ken, \$24.95 plus \$2.70 P&H (jacket \$34.95), from the author at 207 Forest Ave, Bangor ME 04401. Book is a complete survey of the war's events, featuring front line stories and photos from those who covered the conflict. 317 pages "cram-jam full of text, photos and maps. A K-War vet collector item. One of the best".

FIRE MISSION: Memoirs of a Korean War Veteran, Bryant, William H., \$16.95 including P&H, from the author at 2707 Vallette St, Bellingham WA 98225. The author was a recoilless Rifleman in Co D, 19th Inf, 24th Division in 1951. He believes his work of 150 pages in unique and is the first book about the Korean War written by an enlisted man. He states, "It will bring back some lively memories for those vets who served in Korea at that time."

Bryant's work is a realistic and inside look at the day to day experiences, hardships, dangers, heartbreaks and occasional humor of the mud slogging Willie and Joe GIs in the Korean War. The book will be a valuable and treasured addition to any Korean War vets library.

THE INCHON LANDING, KOREA, 1950, An Annotated Bibliography, Edwards, Paul M., Bibliographies of Battles and Leaders, \$49.50, Greenwood Publishing Group, 88 Post Road West, Box 5007, Westport CT 06881-5007. This book appears to be a unique reference publication and is described as a "brief history, chronology, and annotated guide to archival and special collections, primary sources, and secondary works, dissertations, journal articles, fiction and films that cover...the landing and campaign. For students, teachers, professional researchers and all those interested in the Korean War". This book sounds as though it would be of particular value to anyone undertaking to write about the Korean War.

FIGHTING ON

THE BRINK, Defense of the Pusan Perimeter, Ent, Uzal, Gen, US Army, Co B/27th Inf/24th Div Nov/49 to May/51. \$24.95, \$5.00 P&H, Turner Publishing Co., Bx 3101, Paducah KY 42002-3101, available late '95. The author tells us that he will write "an honest and true account of the valiant, bloody and often frustrating battles which were waged before, during its defense and during the breakout".

Gen Ent starts with Task Force Smith (see article elsewhere herein on the Task Force), and covers the ordeal of the 24th Div before the Perimeter and the Battles of the Naktong Bulge, P'ohang, Bowling Alley, Waegwan, and many other actions. The author writes that he contacted over 4,000 vets of the Perimeter and had over 500 responses and is laboring steadily to sort out their comments and he continues work on this sure to be uniquely important book.

It appears that this work, by a most distinguished veteran and scholar, will be one of the most reputable, authentic, and reliable works to emerge on this particular and most decisive phase of the Korean War.

Gen Ent has asked us to convey his deep appreciation to all the KWVA members who contributed vitally in response to his request for support.

We believe this book will be an absolute must for vets and scholars of the Korean War and especially the critical first days of sacrifice that delayed the enemy until the Perimeter defense forces could arrive. The book will be well worth waiting for.

CIRCLE OF COURAGE, Chamberlin, Al, \$13.95 plus \$1.50 P&H, from the author Rte 1, Bx 178, Brantingham NY 13312. "...an account of some of the bloodiest battles..Eerie, Baldy, Porkchop, T-Bone...the experiences of combat soldiers on the battlefield and in more relaxed moments (from Jacket).

KOREA - The War America Forgot.., Zdanavage, Tony, \$14.95 plus P&H, from his widow Esther, Bx 236, Berwick PA 18603. A heart warming account of the author's combat experiences and reflections with his 34th Regt/24th Div in Iron Triangle area fighting and elsewhere.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING A Report (Cont'd from Page 21)

9) Heard a report from John Kenney and Tom Maines on the **1995 Dedication Wreath Laying Ceremony** in Arlington Cemetery, which cannot be held in the Amphitheater due to "face lifting" underway.

10) Heard a report on **1995 Reunion Status** from Dan Smith and Ray Greene indicating much progress but still much work to be done to accommodate KWVA vets.

11) Heard a report from Norbert Reiner, VA Service Officer, on **vet affairs and KWVA Certification**.

12) Heard a status report **by GRAYBEARDS**

Editor Pratt on newsletter operations. Editor reported that costs for the October issue had risen from the established \$6,000 for 10K copies of a 42 page newsletter to just under \$9,000 because the number of pages were almost doubled to 72, and a run of almost 14,000 was ordered so that extra copies could be mailed to almost 100 chapters and key officers, and another 400 to the Membership Chairman so that a copy could be mailed with membership cards to each new member. The Editor reported that operations were running smoothly with a reliable and a least expensive but well qualified printer, layout assistant, and mailer.

Upon completion of the Editor's report, the President accused him in open meeting before all present of printing "false information" in that he had published on page 12 that Blaine Friedlander had failed to account for \$3,000 of Association funds provided for the 1992 Groundbreaking. The President asserted that the money had not been provided in 1992 for ground breaking, but rather for 1995 Dedication purposes. The Editor responded that he had worked with Mr Friedlander at the time and had personal knowledge, to the contrary, that the money was for the ground breaking. The President did not indicate whether Mr Friedlander still had the funds on hand, or, if not, what use had been made of them.

13) Heard a report from Graybeards layout and computer operator assistant Nancy Munson on membership recording activities that she had recently been assigned by the President. She reported that discrepancies in disks obtained from the Membership chairman and the former Secretary were being



reconciled and she expected the mailing lists for the next issue to be relatively free from errors.

14) At the end of the Meeting the President announced that he had one more item to cover. He said he had received a financial report from Blaine Friedlander as directed by the Board in Tempe, and that the subject funds controlled by Friedlander had been accounted for by checks; that he considered the report satisfactory and the matter closed.

The President did not indicate what disposition had been made of almost \$2,000 received from members for ground breaking accommodations over and above the subject checks, nor did he show any "report" by Friedlander to the Board, or indicate why he had acted on the matter and disposed of it, rather than the Board who had directed the action at Tempe. No member of the Board raised any objection to the disposition of the matter in that manner by the President.

15) The Board also heard strong and vocal complaints from former Director Rick Alexander (23rd Regt/2ID), Fords NJ and John Plenskofski (5th RCT, '50-51), Warminster PA. Alexander repeated his past criticisms of KWVA management (e.g., see p.13-14, October issue Graybeards). Plenskofski, in a heated and shouted exchange with the President, demanded National's assistance in dealing with a chapter problem of misconduct by a member. After first refusing to become involved on grounds it was only a local problem, the President agreed to appoint a committee to look into the matter. The Board did not participate or take action.

The President also announced that under no circumstances was he going to reappoint Stan Hadden as editor of the GRAYBEARDS. He did not state, however, that he would not use Hadden's services in some other capacity, either openly or otherwise.

16) Just before adjournment, several Board members spoke in very laudatory terms about the valuable services of the Membership Chairman Harry Wallace and former GRAYBEARDS editor Stan Hadden, and also of Blaine Friedlander. A motion was made and passed unanimously to send a letter of appreciation to Wallace and Hadden and to grant them a Life membership.

17) The meeting adjourned in late afternoon of Sunday October 16th and on the following morning, most members of the Board, and some others present not Board members, visited the Memorial site on the Mall in Washington DC. Some photos of that visit are published elsewhere herein.

ELECTION RESULTS

Provided by
President Pappas

The following are the official results of the 1994 Election for Officers and Directors as tabulated by Leary & Associates, P.A., November 4, 1994:

President:

Richard Adams	489
Nicholas Pappas	1,162
Daniel Smith	118

First Vice President:

Thomas Clawson	1,211
Leonard Dube	540

Second Vice President:

Donald M. Byers	351
Paul G. Martin	165
Harry Wallace	1,238

Director:

Jerry Bey	1,227
Edward Grygier	1,304
Ron Jabaut	1,021
Andrew J. Lynch	1,163
William H. Van Ort	1,480

Total Official Ballots Tabulated:	1,779
Additional Ballots Received:	
Ineligible due to member status	129
Late or illegible postmark	61
Facsimile ballots	<u>2</u>

TOTAL BALLOTS 1,971

[The above figures were extracted from a Certification by Kevin J. Leary, Certified Public Accountant and notarized on the 9th of November, 1994, by Sandra J. Fuller. EDITOR]

SOUVENIR ANYONE?

Bill Sims in San Antonio sent us a Five Shilling Somalia note as a souvenir. Very thoughtful of him, but we couldn't think of any use and returned. If anyone wants, drop Bill a note.

7820 Woodchase #113,
San Antonio TX 78240.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before
Christmas, and all through
the tent
Was the odor of fuel oil
(the stove-pipe was bent)
The shoe packs were hung
by the oil stove with care;
The weary GIs were sacked out
in their beds,
And visions of sugar babes
danced through their heads.
When up on the ridge line
there rose such a clatter
(A Chinese machine gun
had started to chatter.)
I rushed to my rifle
and threw back the bolt.
The rest of my Tentmates
awoke with a jolt.
Outside we could hear
our Platoon Sergeant Kelly,
A hard little man
with a little pot belly.
"Come, Yancey, come, Clancy,
up, Baker and Dodson!"
We tumbled outside in a swirl
of confusion,
So cold that each man could
have used a transfusion.
"Get up on that hilltop
and silence that Red,
And don't you come back
till you're sure that he's dead."
Then, putting his thumb up
in front of his nose,
Sergeant Kelly took leave of us
shivering Joes.
But we all heard him say
in a voice soft and light;
"Merry Christmas to all--
may you live through the
night!"

-Author unknown-
Submitted: Paul Strietelmeier
Indianapolis, IN
(Fox/27th Wolfhounds) 51-52

CAPTURED

What must it be like,
Captured by the enemy,
What must it be like,
Stripped of all your dignity,
What must it be like,
Not to see the light of day,
What must you do,
You have only to pray,
What must it be like,
Enduring so much torture
and abuse,
To feel you are abandoned
and
To feel utterly confused,
What must it be like,
Captured by the enemy,
Feeling you are helpless
and alone,
What must it be like,
To feel so much pain,
Wanting only to go home,
And be free once again

Celine Rose Mariotti
Daughter of Peter Mariotti
KWVA #00240
Shelton, CT

A LAST MINUTE LETTER --

"...phenomenal way to go [on newsletter]..but a minor criticism...letters no longer have addresses....Could you resume publishing? Takes only a teeny bit more ink..."

WILLIAM SIMS, Phd,
Capt USAF (Ret)
7820 Woodchase #113
San Antonio TX 78240.

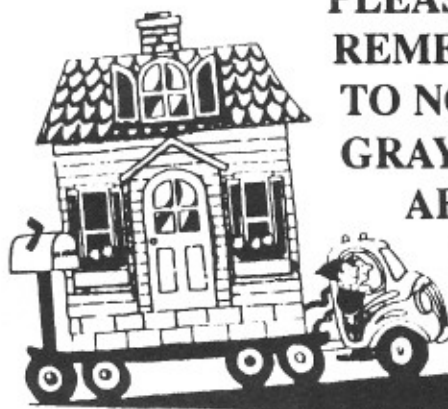
We agree Dr Sims.
GRAYBEARDS policy is to do so. We departed in recent issues only because of the volume of mail. Will forthwith resume publishing full addresses unless requested not to do so. [ED.]

Why a KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION?

Our Goals and Objectives:

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

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2. Associate member is offered to surviving spouse, children, parents and other.
3. All Medal of Honor recipients and ex-Prisoner of War of Korean War are automatic Life-Time Members. There is no fee for dues unless that individual freely chooses to pay.

K.W.V.A. Regular Annual Dues - \$15.00

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P.O.Box 10806, Arlington VA 22210
HARRY WALLACE, Membership Chairman;
phone 410-327-4854 (Baltimore, MD.)

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Date of Service _____ Unit Assigned _____

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DOD POW SEC VISITS KOREA

GRAYBEARDS has received just at press time a lengthy report by LTC Martin Wisda, DPMO Policy and Plans of the September visit to Korea of Dep/Asst Sec/Def James Wold. This secretary is responsible for POW/MIA Affairs. The information in the report should be of special interest to our readers interested in these matters so we have made a special last minute effort to include the below summary of the report in this issue. Readers interested in obtaining the entire report should contact the Dept of Defense, Attn: OASD/ISA, POW/MIA Office, Washington DC 20301-2400.

By: LTC Martin Wisda, USA

Mr Wold went to Korea to assess the overall Korean situation and to hold discussion with officials of the UN Command and the American Embassy concerning the status of Korean War remains talks with North Korea.

The visit provided DASD Wold a firsthand feel for the situation. DASD Wold and his team held extensive discussions on remains-related issues with UN officials...and the three countries of the Neural Nations Supervisory Committee. Issues discussed were the status of KPA unilateral operations, compensation, status of remains identifications, and publicity.

UNILATERAL OPERATIONS

The current objective is to revise the 1993 remains agreement to emphasize joint operations. The Korean Peoples' Army (KPA) is far short of the level required by the US Army Laboratory in Hawaii to guarantee the best possible chance of identifying remains. It is reasonable to halt further unilateral operations so that we can discuss joint operations.

COMPENSATION

The US does not pay for remains because we view this to be a humanitarian issue. We do, however, compensate foreign governments for fair and reasonable expenses association with the recovery of remains.

In September the US paid the KPA \$897,300 as compensation for recovering and returning the 46 remains repatriated between 1990-92. Although we could not fully verify these expenses, we accepted them to indicate clearly our commitment to the recover of American remains.

Although the KPA acknowledged in writing that the payment was not a precedent, they now contend that the initial payment was not compensation, but rather, a sign of US gratitude or appreciation, consistent with

long held Korean customs. This dichotomy has proven to be a major point of contention.

IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS

The KPA has expressed dismay at the lack of identification of the remains returned thus far. They believe the US is deliberately withholding identification to deny KPA political benefits. We've attempted to make the KPA aware of the difficulties we face regarding the less than satisfactory state of Korean War records and legal requirements of forensic identification. We are attempting to arrange orientations to convince the KPA that joint recovery operations are in everyone's best interests.

PUBLICITY

KPA has stated displeasure with the negative publicity over early repatriations and compensation. Of particular concern were accusations that animal bones were in early repatriations containers. There were no such bones. On compensation we have agreed to refrain from addressing KPA motives.

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On the return trip, Mr Wold visited the Hawaii Army identification laboratory. The lab made clear that their direct involvement in recovery operations would result in less co-mingling of remains and more thorough recoveries and result in more identifications. The Korean War data base can now search individual case histories. This capability is based on the lab's efforts to locate and collate information from all available sources.

Mr Wold is moving quickly to capitalize on this successful trip to keep a focus on this issue. He is in the process of hiring an analyst with a strong Korean affairs background who will be devoted strictly to Korean War issues.

One of the first priorities will be to link up with the 501 Military Intelligence Brigade in Seoul and the various agencies and archives supporting efforts in the continental US to better coordinate the search for and exchange of information.

There is little additional information on the alleged South Korean POW who reportedly escaped from North Korea into China and was picked up by a South Korean fishing vessel. We have provided questions to US Forces in Korea in an effort to determine if the individual has information on Americans or other UN servicemen. We are closely monitoring the situation and will pass on further information as it is received.



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Participants 290,000
Deaths in Service 4,000
Last Veteran, Daniel F. Bakeman,
died 4/5/1869, age 109
Last Widow, Catherine S. Damon,
died 11/11/06, age 92
Last Dependent, Phoebe M. Palmeter,
died 4/25/11, age 90

WAR OF 1812 (1812-1815)

Participants 287,000
Deaths in Service 2,000
Last Veteran, Hiram Cronk,
died 5/13/05, age 105
Last Widow, Carolina King,
died 6/28/36, age unknown
Last Dependent, Esther A.H. Morgan,
died 3/12/46, age 89

MEXICAN WAR (1846-1848)

Participants 79,000
Deaths in Service 13,000
Last Veteran, Owen Thomas Edgar,
died 9/3/29, age 98
Last Widow, Lena James Theobald,
died 6/20/63, age 89
Last Dependent, Jesse G. Bivens,
died 11/1/62, age 94

INDIAN WARS (Approx. 1817-1898)

Participants 106,000
Deaths in Service 1,000
Last Veteran, Fredrak Fraske,
died 6/18/73, age 101

CIVIL WAR (1861-1865)

Participants (Union) 2,213,000
Deaths in Service (Union) 364,000
Participants (Confederate) 1,000,000*
Deaths in Service (Confederate) 133,821*
Last Union Veteran, Albert Woolson
died 8/2/56, age 109
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(*Authoritative statistics for Confederate Forces not available. Estimated 28,000 Confederate personnel died in Union prisons.)

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Participants 392,000
Deaths in Service 11,000
Last Spanish-American War Era Veteran,
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WORLD WAR I (1917-1918)

Participants 4,744,000
Deaths in Service 116,000
Living Veterans 25,000
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WORLD WAR II (9/16/40 thru 7/25/47)

Participants 16,535,000^a
Deaths in Service 406,000
Living Veterans 8,150,000^{b c}

KOREAN CONFLICT (6/27/50 thru 1/31/55)

Participants 6,807,000^{a d}
Deaths in Service 55,000
Living Veterans 4,692,000^{b c e i}

VIETNAM ERA (8/5/64 thru 5/7/75)

Participants 9,200,000^d
Deaths in Service 109,000
Living Veterans 8,287,000^{b e h i}

PERSIAN GULF WAR

(Starting date is 8/2/90 thru date to be determined)
Participants 2,038,341^f
Deaths in Service 4,354^g
Living Veterans 1,027,000^{h i}

AMERICA'S WARS TOTAL

(Thru 7/1/93)
War Participants[#] 40,328,341
Deaths in Service 1,085,354^g
Living War Veterans 20,675,000
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NOTE: Figures on the number of living veterans reflect final 1990 Census data and include only veterans living in the U.S. Detail may not add to total due to rounding. Footnotes appear on reverse side.

Veterans and Dependents
on the
Compensation and Pension Rolls
as of
October 1, 1993

	VETERANS	CHILDREN**	PARENTS	SURVIVING SPOUSES
Civil War (approx. 83% Union)	-	27	-	3
Indian Wars	-	2	-	5
Spanish-American War	-	490	-	1,632
Mexican Border	45	32	-	556
World War I	6,357	9,178	5	110,181
World War II	1,082,942	23,792	9,444	348,372
Korean Conflict	296,363	6,252	5,023	73,061
Vietnam Era	727,486	20,426	10,730	81,117
Persian Gulf War	76,100	2,127	170	1,390
TOTAL	2,660,030^j	75,080^k	29,977^l	657,239^m

FOOTNOTES:

* Persons who served in more than one war period are counted only once.

** Children connotes a minor or a helpless adult.

^a Includes 1,476,000 who served in World War II and the Korean Conflict.

^b Includes 234,000 who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Era.

^c Includes 561,000 who served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

^d Includes 887,000 who served in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Era.

^e Includes 313,000 who served in both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Era.

^f At Mid-February, 1991 — the latest figure available.

^g During Fiscal Years 1991, 1992 and 1993 for Persian Gulf War.

^h Includes 164,000 who served in both the Persian Gulf War and the Vietnam Era.

ⁱ Includes small number who served in the Persian Gulf War, Vietnam Era and the Korean Conflict.

^j Includes 470,726 peacetime veterans with service between January 31, 1955, and August 5, 1964; peacetime veterans with service beginning after May 7, 1975, and all other peacetime periods; 9 World War I Retired Emergency Officers and 2 Peacetime Special Acts.

^k Includes 12,754 children of deceased peacetime veterans.

^l Includes 4,605 parents of deceased peacetime veterans.

^m Includes 40,922 surviving spouses of deceased peacetime veterans.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL CEREMONY TO LEAD OFF DEDICATION

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony will be the first of many events and activities associated with the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital. July 27, 1995 will also be the tenth anniversary of the first such ceremony, which was conducted at the foundation of the Korean War Veterans Association.

Over time the Ceremony has evolved into a three phase event, conducted at, or near, the Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.

- o Laying of a memorial wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.
- o Conduct of a Memorial Service inside the Amphitheater.
- o Placing of chrysanthemums on the Meditation Bench.

CEREMONY LOCATION

Since the Amphitheater at Arlington is under construction until 1996, the Ceremony will be conducted at two locations in the cemetery. The Wreath Laying will take place, as usual, at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The remainder of the Ceremony (Memorial Service and Chrysanthemum Ceremony) will take place at the Hemicircle Monument at the main entrance to Arlington Cemetery.

The key participants in the Ceremony will be seated on a raised dais at the Hemicircle; spectators will be seated on Memorial Drive between the Visitors' Center and the Hemicircle lawn. Activities at the Tomb will be shown on large screen television at the Hemicircle.

WREATH LAYING

Current plans call for the Wreath Laying Party to include the President of the United States, the President of the Republic of Korea. The Wreath Laying Party will move to the dais at the Hemicircle immediately after completing this phase of the ceremony.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND CHRYSANTHEMUM CEREMONY

Both the Memorial Service for the dead and missing of the Korean War and the Chrysanthemum Ceremony will be conducted at the Hemicircle. It is anticipated that the President of the Republic of Korea will bring greetings from the Korean people and that the President of the United States to make the principal address of the Memorial Service.

The final step in the conduct of the Memorial Ceremony -- the placing of chrysanthemums on the Meditation Bench, will be modified. Because the bench may not be moved from its current location it will be replicated and at least two facsimile(s) will be placed at the Hemicircle to accommodate the placement of chrysanthemums by a crowd anticipated to be 5000.

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