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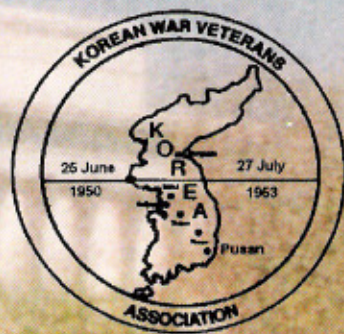
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Our Memorial — Finishing Touches



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Cover — KWVA Member Scott Boatwright has taken a most unusual photograph of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. The grainy appearance from the marble reflection off a single panel of the Memorial wall itself clearly shows the Lincoln Memorial and the statues on the Memorial field. Only a few of the over 2500 archival images of Korean War veterans etched on the wall appear in the photo.

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President's Message

KNOWING YOUR ORGANIZATION...

In an effort to keep you abreast of the changes we are making to better serve you, we herewith offer some information regarding operational procedures.

MEMBERSHIP FACTS

KWVA has instituted a new data base and methods of handling our membership records and dues payments. This will allow us to keep more accurate records and the capability of reflecting changes and additions more quickly.

KWVA has been growing at a steady rate. Since the middle of December, 1994, we have enrolled nearly 1,000 new members. This reflects approximately 11,000 active members on our rolls. This is a growth of 250 members per month. We are taking steps to further expand our membership and every member can help by promoting membership in their local area. A press release has been sent to 5,000 newspapers throughout the United States to help enlist new members. We anticipate it will be as successful as the efforts described in the following paragraph. Copies have also been sent to all chapters to ensure their local newspapers publish it.

At the end of March, a dues reminder was sent to 1,500 on our active rolls who were delinquent in their dues. This resulted in approximately 600 reactivating their membership and another 150 reactivating and opting to become a life member. Cost was approximately \$700, with a return of over \$15,000 in membership dues.

Since KWVA's inception, over 16,000 persons have at one time or another been entered on our membership records. This means that about 5,000 have opted to drop their membership, have passed away, have moved with no forwarding address, etc. This is a rich resource for membership promotion and these former members should be contacted by the departments and/or chapters regarding membership renewal. By contacting these former members you will probably find that they will be glad that you are concerned about them.

ARE YOUR DUES DUE??

Paying your dues promptly results in great savings to KWVA in both time and money. If you will check the mailing label which was used to mail this issue of *Graybeards*, you will see a **date on the first line**. This date is the date on which your dues were due. You can also assist us in our efforts to maintain accurate membership records, if you will check this label and advise us of any errors in your name and/or address.

One other thing that will need to be undertaken is converting to the calendar year for all dues payments. (This was delayed due to the large volume of work which needed to be done on the data base.) Beginning next year, dues will no longer be paid on the anniversary date of when you joined the organization, but will begin on the 1st of January each year. You can help us a great deal by changing your dues date as your dues become due. In other words, if your dues are due or will become due soon, simply follow this procedure when paying your dues.

Submit your check for **\$15.00** to cover your normal yearly dues, plus **\$1.25** for each month between the

month your dues are due and the end of December. To pay your dues until January 1, 1997, for example, you would pay:

Dues were due in January, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$15.00 = \$30.00$

Dues were due in February, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$13.75 = \$28.75$

Dues were due in March, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$12.50 = \$27.50$

Dues were due in April, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$11.25 = \$26.25$

Dues were due in May, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$10.00 = \$25.00$

Dues will be due in June, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$8.75 = \$23.75$

Dues will be due in July, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$7.50 = \$22.50$

Dues will be due in August, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$6.25 = \$21.25$

Dues will be due in September, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$5.00 = \$20.00$

Dues will be due in October, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$3.75 = \$18.75$

Dues will be due in November, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$2.50 = \$17.50$

Dues will be due in December, 1995: $\$15.00 + \$1.25 = \$16.25$

Your assistance in this matter will greatly facilitate our conversion to the calendar system. Make your check payable to KWVA and mail it to: KWVA, P.O. Box 10806, Arlington, Virginia 22210.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS/PROCEDURAL ENHANCEMENTS

Many members are under the mistaken impression that they will receive a new membership card each time they pay their dues. This is incorrect. You receive a membership card when you join and a new card when you convert to life membership. These are the only two cards issued. As KWVA membership cards are plastic and embossed, cost would prohibit issuance of a card every year.

We are taking steps to shorten the time frame for members to receive their cards. Other planned improvements are monthly issuance of State Department/Chapter membership lists, updated membership reports in *The Graybeards* and membership reports by service branches, units, zip codes, etc.

In closing, I want to personally thank all who participated in both phases of Operation Memorial Escort Convoy; KWVA members, Cold Spring Granite Company of Minnesota, Tallix Foundry of New York and Anderson Trucking Company of Minnesota. Kudos to Comrades Ray Donnelly, Norb Reiner, Ira Jett, Jack Murray, Sherm Pratt, John Kenney, Amos Camp and Jim Martin, whose planning made the "Convoy" a success.

Also not to be forgotten are the KWVA State Coordinators who helped to implement the above plans: VP Tom Clawson, of Minnesota; Dot Schilling, of Wisconsin; George Pempke, of Illinois; John Settles, of Indiana; Bob Haas, of Ohio; Bud Wahlhaupter, of Maryland; Jerry Lake, of New York; Bill Hancock, of Delaware; and Bob Wacker, of New Jersey. I wish I could thank all of the other KWVA members who were involved by name, but space precludes that.

All I can say is the "CAN DO" spirit of the "QUIET WARRIORS" of the "FORGOTTEN WAR" is still there when called upon. SEE YOU IN WASHINGTON.

Nick

March 3, 1995

Dear Editor:

I am trying to get answers to some questions about what is going on at the July 27 dedication. Will you please tell me -- That will be on a Thursday, a work day in D.C. Is it true that if I want to see the Arlington ceremony I have to be at the Arlington parking lot, or visitor center, by 8 a.m.? How do I get there? Will I have to go through a metal detector before maybe or maybe not getting a chair to sit on?

Will I be seeing Pres. Clinton at the Tomb only on TV screens in the parking lot? What time will that be? Will we then walk as usual to lay flowers on our Memorial Bench? Where will that be?

Is it true that due to lack of parking spaces those of us who do not have bus seats reserved will have to walk about 2 miles across the Potomac River Bridge to our Memorial dedication? And then go through more metal detectors, and stand in the sun or rain, to watch the ceremony and a bunch of VIPs on giant-size TV screens?

How about toilets? Will there be enough of them? And what are we going to do for food and water? Will us ordinary veterans have a chair in the shade?

Am I right in figuring that I will be standing or walking from 8 a.m. to about 4 p.m.? How do I get to my hotel after the dedication?

How much truth is there in the stories I hear that certain people have been picked as VIPs and will have special seating in the stands? If that is true, who are they?

My last question is about the embassy parties I hear are going to be held that night. How do I get an invitation? Or are those limited to only the VIP people and not the ordinary veteran and his family? Who are the people in the inner circle running the show?

I am asking you to publish this letter in the March 1995 edition of *Graybeards*, with your answers. Thank you very much.

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STRAIGHT TALK

KWVA Member/Members Deserve An Answer

The letter addressed to the Editor printed above deserves an answer. Questions asked concern a number of events for which KWVA has no responsibility. Since an explanation is required, I asked President Pappas to respond to Joe Beck's letter and clarify our role. Here is his response.

Programs sponsored or promoted by KWVA are only those connected with our National Reunion. These include the Reunion meetings at the Omni-Shoreham Hotel July 25 and 26; the Reception and Banquet of July 26; the July 28 Breakfast and the Memorial Service at the National Cathedral. All other events are not the responsibility of KWVA.

The KWVA is not responsible for any Memorial Dedication events/programs and social amenities/arrangements questioned in Joe's letter. They are the sole responsibility of government agencies and/or sponsoring organizations. We have no control over their actions, nor have we been requested for input or recommendations for this memorable occasion. Examples include invitations to special events, "Passports," invita-

tions to participate in ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery the morning of the 27th or the dedication in the afternoon at the site of the Memorial. Therefore, we can only report information about TV screens, toilet facilities, transportation, crowd control, etc. when received.

In the March/April *Graybeards*, many events mentioned reflected such information about plans known then. *Graybeards* will continue to make reports of changes and/or information and meanwhile to department and/or chapter officers if needed. I want our members to have all the facts as known and reported as promptly as possible.

We want the events of July 27th to reflect the dignity and respect such a solemn occasion demands. We will do all in our power to see each Korean Veteran who comes feeling he/she is the guest of honor and a VIP on that day. I want as many of you as can to stand with me. Together, we represent the true spirit of the Memorial and our presence will be a fitting testimony to our fallen comrades.

Nick Pappas

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Campfire



AMOS T. CAMP, EDITOR

Are you Perspicacious?

Taking a look at Perspective

Some years ago I came across a truth that has proven helpful in trying to understand what is really going on. It is simply, recognizing "*you only know what you know from your own perspective.*" Even as an eye witness, you often discover what you are seeing may only be a surface indication of what is really going on. Further, checking every library, reading every source may still leave you uncertain of the real truth. You must take another step — share what you know with others. Comparing your own perspective with others is the only way to confirm the validity of your own perspective. **You become perspicacious** (*pers-pi-ca-cious*)!

The American Heritage Dictionary defines **perspective** as "The relationship of aspects of a subject to each other and to a whole: *a perspective of history; a need to view a problem in the proper perspective.*" Or, "The ability to perceive things in their actual interrelations or comparative importance: *tried to keep my perspective throughout the crisis.*" The same dictionary defines **perspicacious** to mean "Having or showing penetrating mental discernment, clear-sighted."

Now I would like to think you and I are perspicacious, or **clear-sighted**. Probably our "buddies" wouldn't acknowledge it, even if true. But, clearly developing a little more perspective about the Korean War could change all of that. Therefore, it is time we Korean veterans start discovering a new and clearer perspective of that war. Since we haven't talked enough about it with each other or with the public, it has become the "Forgotten War." That must change.

When you start playing mind games with these two "two-bit" variety words (perspective and perspicacious), something interesting develops. First, with critical thinking you realize how little you really know about the subject under consideration. For example, you were attacking a hill overlooking your position. The importance of that hill in the scheme of things probably never crossed your mind. Was it critical to winning the war, or just necessary to get you and your buddies out of a hot spot? Wars and understanding them can get very complicated. Ultimately, the benefit of hindsight helps interpret them. Even then, it is seldom enough.

Books about the Korean War or any other war reveal many of the decisions the generals made were often short sighted. Understandably, having a clear perspective of what is really going on in the heat of battle, is not easy. Knowing this, commanders like to command seasoned troops. They have a better feel for what is happening. It explains why our training about previous wars and the lessons they teach is so important. In short, we must spend valuable time in developing a perspective of our past history. It is unwise to rush to judgment until

we have studied a subject for ourselves. Then we must test our perspective with others who have also done their homework.

As editor of your magazine, I receive many letters and calls. The interests of the members are broad and all encompassing. Each writes from his or her own perspective. In response to the writers, let me put perception to the test by focusing attention on one of the issues raised — the Korean War Memorial to be dedicated in Washington, D.C. on July 27.

Some members have written, for one reason or another, they are not coming. Reasons cited include: do not like the President being involved; the memorial will be dedicated to all veterans, not just for veterans who served in Korea; the weather will be too hot; I won't be able to see anything; the cost is too high; etc. Since I can only respond to these members from my own perspective, let me try. I will know whether I am on the right track when I hear from you.

The Memorial will be dedicated on July 27 whether you are here or not. It is magnificent, unlike any other. I believe this memorial will set the standard for judging future memorials. This is fact. It will evoke emotions that will be indescribable as they will be your own. However, my perspective tells me your personal presence here would not make the history books. However, should you be here, the pride you feel will be knowing this memorial is for you. It is being dedicated because of your service. Consequently, it will be a day in your life of great significance. The reasons given for not being here, seemingly so important, pall in comparison to the emotional experience gained by participating. Many will see it as their duty to memorialize the men and women who fought the war and be present. Others will see it as a way of paying tribute to all who fought and died in **one of the most important wars in history**. Certainly if health and budget considerations allow, surely you and I, as well as others, will choose to come!

Focus on another perspective. Read the essay in this issue of *The Graybeards* entitled, "Time to Remember!" by COL (Ret) William E. Weber. He illustrates in dramatic language the importance of perspective in evaluating the significance of the Korean War. With facts and figures, he puts the war into perspective in a way few others have done. As you read his words, your sense of pride and accomplishment will soar. Sadly, even among our own peer group, few realize the true significance of our accomplishment. We have never put this war into a proper perspective. Certainly the public doesn't know.

This dramatically illustrates why we must take another look at the Korean War. If we are to do justice to telling our story, we may need to take a second look. We now benefit from seeing the war from a more historic perspective than ever before. COL Weber does just that by offering a completely new one. He states, "*this war was the bloodiest war of the 20th century in which Americans fought.*" If this is true, we ourselves need to take another look at what happened. With this new perspective in mind, our story about the war must be told before it is too late. If we don't like the label, "The Forgotten War," why should anyone else? Better to tell our fellow countrymen of "The Forgotten Victory."

As the July 27 date approaches, the veteran of this war has an opportunity to witness for his or herself the dedication of a most significant memorial. You will be proud and stand tall!

Amos T. Camp, Editor

Letter to President Clinton concerning VIP Ticket Holders

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April 6, 1995

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Washington, DC

Dear President Clinton:

I am in receipt of government sponsored promotional materials, 21 March 95, soliciting contributions to underwrite costs of the 1995 Korean War Veterans Memorial Dedication ceremonies and events in Washington, DC. Included in these solicitations to prospective donors are promises for VIP tickets to certain events and other courtesies for their contributions. The Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) recognizes the Memorial Dedication week will be costly and does not object overall to how the funds are raised. We only take umbrage with certain items in those solicitations. Namely, the allocating of VIP tickets to donees for the July 27 Wreath Laying/Memorial Service in Arlington Cemetery and the Memorial Dedication Ceremony on the Mall.

We want to go on record as opposing any donations directly connected with the two events that promise favored or VIP treatment. The KWVA pioneered the annual Wreath Laying/Memorial Service in 1985, continued to this day in concert with the Korean War Veterans Foundation and No Greater Love. The "Service" is to honor the American KIA/MIA/POWs who so heroically and gallantly served in the Korean War. It was not meant to be a paid extravaganza to benefit the few who can afford the price of VIP tickets, but a moment of solemnity. It is a time of remembrance for Korean veterans and families who suffered losses of comrades and loved ones. Only they fully understand the significance of the Memorial Service and the impacts of the "Forgotten War" on themselves.

The above comments about VIP tickets also apply to the Memorial Dedication Ceremony. The Memorial, financed with private/public donations, is a tribute and commemoration by our country to the 5.7 million Americans who served in the Korean War to preserve the ideals of freedom. Their actions, bathed with the blood of many, allowed a nation to freely chose their own destiny. Now these same veterans, after 42 years of waiting, are being relegated to the rear, because VIP ticket holders will be in the forefront of "their" Dedication Ceremony. Are the "Quiet Warriors" of the "Forgotten War" to be again "ignored" as they have been since June 1950?

Mr. President, only you can resolve the inequities concerning attendance at the aforementioned events. We request you insist the "average" Korean Veteran be the VIPs at these functions, not the ones that pay for that privilege. Better a policy of "first come, first served", than the one addressed in the solicitations. Only invited participatory dignitaries should have reserved areas.

Please give dignity to our day in the sun and not let financial preferences be a guiding factor for these two events. This is a "once in a lifetime" for us. Thank you.

Very respectfully,

Nick Pappas
Nicholas J. Pappas

cc: U.S. Senators/House of Representatives/KWVA Executive Council

"... the Korean War was the bloodiest war of the twentieth century in which American soldiery fought."

A new perspective

Foreword: Korea has too long been "The Forgotten War"! On 27 July 1995 a final step will be taken to place it in perspective in the 20th century history of our Nation.

There is no such thing as a "good" war! All are "bad" from the standpoint of those who must bear the brunt of battle! But, it is a fact that wars are characterized, in retrospect, by statistics as a means of judging the differing levels of risk encountered by those who fought the wars. Risks over which they had no control and to which they were subjected by fate.

These risks are a by-product of many variables ranging from the nature of the enemy, locale of battle, perception of combatants regarding the conflict and, to the perceived goals of the conflict.

The degree to which these variables interact can exert a major influence over the level of combat and the odds faced by the soldiery that are subjected to combat in any form.

Perhaps it is wrong to "measure" war! For a nation and people it seems appropriate that wars should be recorded in their history and that recognition be granted those of their countrymen they sent to do their bidding. But, when a nation and people "forget" it is incumbent upon some to encourage that they "remember"!

SO IT IS WITH "THE FORGOTTEN WAR" OF KOREA!

The purpose of this short essay is not to denigrate the American soldiery of other foreign wars of the 20th century or to suggest that, in any way, their cause and contribution thereto was any less than that of the soldiery of The Forgotten War! But, if the war in Korea is to be remembered and the level of the sacrifices entailed understood, some basis of comparison is appropriate.

Thus, what follows is an attempt to place "The Forgotten War" in perspective. More importantly, it is an

attempt to encourage that our nation's history record which was characterized as a "Police Action" is finally recognized as a major "War". A war in every sense of the word ranging from the ferocious level of the combat, the level of casualties, length and the impact on the world and nations and people involved.

Sadly, in terms of percentages, the Korean War was the bloodiest war of the 20th century in which American soldiery fought. It was also, in terms of continuous sustained linear ground combat, the longest war! Add to the foregoing the factor of the numerical enemy strength facing American soldiery in ground combat in unbroken campaigns and one has to ask, "Why is it that Korea became a forgotten war?"

The reader is urged to remember that what follows is a combination of rounded off percentages and raw data. One must bear in mind the global nature of WWI and WWII, and the time, length and nature of the Vietnam War to keep the perspective presented in context. As well, the factor of "ground" combat is the comparison basis. Excluded are the factors of air and sea combat because they varied so dramatically in the wars of the 20th century in comparison with the basic commonality of ground combat.

Ground Combat Duration: Note: Pertains to the length of time American soldiery was exposed to direct enemy action in ground combat campaigns.

A. **WWI:** America entered the war in Apr 1917. The war ended November 1918. Even though American soldiery did not engage in combat in significant numbers immediately following entry, the total period is counted for ease of understanding. Duration of ground combat in World War I = 20 months.

B. **WWII:** One must look at WWII, because of the global nature, as Theaters of War. In fact, WWII is like four separate wars occurring simultaneously.

1. **The Mediterranean** ground campaigns began with the invasion of North Africa in November 1942. Progress with short periods of no ground contact to the Sicily and Italian campaigns through May 45. Duration of ground combat: 31 months.

2. **The western European** ground campaigns began June 1944 and ended in May 1945. Duration of ground combat: 12 months.

3. **The Pacific War** comprised two theaters. Ground combat was not continuous in either theater and, until the invasion of the Philippines, rarely involved US forces larger than Corps size. However, for comparison purposes ground combat initiated in August 1942 and terminated in June 1945. Duration of ground combat: 34 months.

4. **China, Burma, India** theater ground campaigns involving US forces began February 1943 and terminated in August 1945. Duration of ground combat: 30 months.

C. **Korea:** Ground combat in Korea in which American soldiery was under enemy fire was continuous in scope and linear in terms of the peninsula nature of the theater of war. From September 1950 through July 1953 three full US Corps were constantly engaged. Duration of ground combat: 37 months.

D. **Vietnam:** Ground combat in Vietnam was not continuous nor were all US forces constantly engaged. The nature of the war was intermittent and rarely were Divisional sized forces fully engaged. For comparison purposes assume a form of constant, but nonlinear exposure to the enemy. Duration of ground combat: 81 months.

E. **Persian Gulf:** Due to the nature of the Persian Gulf War and the Desert Shield/Desert Storm campaign aspects, it eases comparison by assuming exposure to ground combat effective with deployment of forces to Saudi Arabia in August 1990 and the termination of combat in February 1991. Duration of ground combat: 6 months.

Excepting the length of the Vietnam War, and evaluating in terms of constant linear ground combat at Field Army level, the Korean War was the longest continuous ground combat war. American soldiery in Korea faced the enemy in constant contact longer than any campaigns in any theater of WWI, WWII, Vietnam or the Persian Gulf!

Strength Of Enemy Ground Forces: Note: Figures given are rounded to the nearest thousand.

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A. WWI: US units, when engaged as a US Field Army were confronted by enemy forces not exceeding 300,000, including front-line and reserve forces.

B. WWII: In all theaters, US forces at Field Army level faced enemy ground forces at an average of 295,000 in size. The fiercest battles of WWII were the Battle of the Bulge and Okinawa.

In the **Battle of the Bulge**, the Germans committed about 295,000 troops. In **Okinawa**, US forces faced approximately 100,000 Japanese troops. At any one time throughout the campaigns in the **Mediterranean and Europe** the enemy never had more than 56 Divisions engaged against combined Anglo-American forces.

C. Korea: Combined North Korean and Communist Chinese forces deployed in Korea approximated 1,500,000. Of these, no less than 500,000 were deployed in linear array against US/UN forces, the US portion of which approximated 250,000. Except for brief periods preceding the Inchon landings, the regrouping following CCF entry and, following the withdrawal of X Corps after the Chosin Reservoir, all seven US Divisions and two Regimental Combat Teams were in constant combat with the enemy in front-line or Corps reserve positions.

D. Vietnam: Computing enemy ground combat forces arrayed against US forces is difficult due to the varying strength of Viet Cong indigenous forces and regular North Vietnam forces. However, at no time were enemy forces in excess of 200,000 within the total US Corps Areas of Operation. Contact with regular NVA and indigenous Viet Cong forces was sporadic and only rarely at levels higher than Brigade sized US elements. Even when Divisional sized forces were engaged, the aspect of linear war, as was common in WWI, WWII, Korea and the Persian Gulf, was not characteristic of the Vietnam War.

E. Persian Gulf: The Iraqis fielded the third largest standing Army in the world during the war. Frontline forces, with immediate re-

serves, including the Iraqi Republican National Guard, did not exceed 250,000.

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KIA, WIA, NIA and POW Percentages and ratio: (Note: Figures are computed on basis of US forces actually engaged in ground combat in a theater of operations. Figures for Korea, Vietnam and Persian Gulf, exclude including US ground forces that were not deployed to combat theater. Figures for WWI and WWII, due to global nature of these wars, include total forces mobilized. The only purpose of comparison is to define the relative level of risk faced by the US ground combat soldiery. It is axiomatic that

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during WWI and WWII, all mobilized ground forces faced the very real prospect of being engaged against enemy forces. In Korea, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf, only those forces deployed to the theater of war faced such exposure. Thus, in comparing relative risk of becoming a casualty, missing or captured, the soldier's risk was a function of potential deployment to the combat theater versus serving a draftee tour or initial enlistment tour in noncombat theaters. As stated earlier, no war is a good war! However, limited wars, in terms of theaters of combat versus service in general can markedly influence risk factors. The data presented serve only to compare that risk level! Any casualty of any war is a victim of war, irrespective of the nature of that war.)

	KIA/WIA %-ratio	MIA % Total still missing	POW % Died as POW
WWI	7.6 1 of 12	not computed	not computed
WWII	6.9 1 of 15	20	9.6
Korea	9.7 1 of 10	86	51
Vietnam	5.6 1 of 19	57	18
Persian Gulf	Insignificant	0	0

A direct comparison between Korea and Vietnam, because of the relative similarity in their non-global aspects reveals the following:

A.

	KIA/Month	MIA Month	Ratio: KIA/WIA
Korea	1500	2800	1/2.6
Vietnam	480	1750	1/3.7

B.

	MIA	TOTAL	VS	STILL	MISSING
Korea	9400	vs	8177	% Still MIA =	86%
Vietnam	3500	vs	2100	% Still MIA =	57%

Comparison is an odious methodology to call attention to war! But, when a nation and people forget to remember a generation that goes to war at their bidding, some means of gaining recognition for the sacrifices entailed by that generation is necessary! The foregoing is intended only to demonstrate the true nature of the Korean War so that the

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veterans of Korea will be granted the recognition and honor they are due and, to ensure they will be enshrined in the hearts and memory of their countrymen as are their brothers in arms from other wars!

Why, "The Forgotten War"?

Given the above comparisons, how is it possible that Korea has failed to be recognized for the major war that it was? Perhaps it is a function of many factors that, combined, acted to create a perception that made Korea, "The Forgotten War", inevitable. Even today, 45 years after the onset of the war and, 42 since the cease fire, only a small percentage of Americans "know" the Korean War!

Some of the factors that influenced perception of Korea may have been as follows:

a. Coming so soon after WWII, most Americans conceived of war as a nation in arms. Their recall of conditions during WWII did not match what was happening in Korea. The "good times" of post WWII were the dominant factor in American everyday life. People did not want to hear of war after their victory in a war the scope of WWII.

b. American leadership deliberately presented the war as a "police action." Every attempt was made to describe it as a limited involvement with little, if any, disruption of the post WWII recovery efforts.

c. Few Americans could perceive even a remote threat to our nation because of Korea. Thus, the interest level was as remote as the fighting. Plus, so few of our population were in combat in Korea, less than 1%, as contrasted with almost 6% in WWII.

d. The Korean War, after CCF intervention, seemed to be a stalemate, with no perceived goal of victory. Plus, after truce talks began, the emphasis of media interest focused on such and their interminable length gave the impression of the war "sputtering" to an end.

e. American educational practices relegated Korea to a "five paragraph" war in our history books. More emphasis was placed on the presumed threat to western Europe from communism and the resultant development of NATO.

f. Much of the industrial effort to sustain forces in Korea was concentrated in Japan. Thus, American industry, communications and workers were not "aware" of any changes in their perception of what was ongoing.

g. Korea, in contrast to Vietnam, was not a "TV" war! Vietnam was a daily event in American life. Korea was but an intermittent event.

h. Servicemen returning from Korea were "lost" in our population and intent upon getting on with their lives. Their sequencing and numerical rate of return was an insignificant impact on everyday American life. Many of their countrymen did not even know they had been gone! That, coupled with the fact that there was no major public "controversy" about Korea, as with Vietnam, made Korean veterans a "nonevent"!

i. Lastly, Korean veterans were a small percentage of the veteran population in the 50s. Also, many had also served in WWII and the mass of veteran interest in the nation was focused on the WWII veteran. The Korean veterans had no "voice" and no ombudsman to tell their story!

Impact of Korean War:

A. The communist philosophy of conquest by force of arms was confronted and defeated. Result: forced the USSR and comintern to give pause before embarking on similar action.

B. Preserved a free people and nation from subjugation. Result: South Korea of today—an emerged nation state, economically viable, democratic and thriving.

C. Catalyst for the eventual downfall of Communism as a major threat to world peace. Result: Korea was the opening engagement of the Cold War era. The resultant process of confronting and thwarting communist expansion caused the communist philosophy and thwarting communist expansion caused the communist philosophy and system to disintegrate. Absent the Korea war, the opposite was a potential.

D. Gave substance to the United Nations. Result: The participation and cooperation of the world's nations in confronting communism made viable the concept of the United Nations and the goal of meeting the problems of the world by united action.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial, to be dedicated on 27 July 1995 in the Nation's Capitol, is a belated recognition of the generation of Americans who are the veterans of "The Forgotten War"! Appropriately, the Memorial is a testament to patriotic service, the equal to that of any generation of American soldiery. The sacrifice made by this generation is not slighted in the Memorial for Korea was also that kind of real war! But, equal emphasis is placed on the unique and lasting contribution of this generation to the honor of our Nation, its' soldiery and the role they played in making the world of nations what it is today!

About the Author

COL William E. Weber retired October 1980 after 37 years and 7 months of active service. Born in Chicago, IL he attended secondary and high schools in Milwaukee, WI and Ensley, AL. He received a BS from the University of Maryland and MA, Hood College. He is married with two children.

He enlisted in the Army on 25 Feb 43. After receiving a commission in OCS he was assigned to the 11th ABN Div in the Pacific serving there until the end of WWII and the occupation of Japan. He was deployed to Korea with the 187th ABN Regimental Combat Team at the outbreak of the War. Wounded while commanding "K" Co. of the 187th, he was evacuated to CONUS for prolonged hospitalization.

He is a graduate of the INF OFF ADV Course, Command & General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College. His many assignments include staff duty ODCSPER, HQS USAREUR; OPNS OFF, ODCOPS HQS CENTAG in Europe; DIV CHIEF, HQS DA (ODCSPER); DEP DIR, Army Council of Review Boards and President of several Sec/Army Statutory Review Boards.

Decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star; Bronze Star w/"V"; Legion of Merit w/Palm; Purple Heart w/2 Palm; Army Commendation Medal w/Palm; GCM. Citations include Presidential (Army); (Navy); (Philippines); (Korea) and badges which include Master Parachute; Glider; Pathfinder; Combat Infantry; Army General Staff; and NATO Staff (CENTAG).

He received a presidential appointment to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Board; Pres, 187th ARCT Assn; Dir, Korean War Vet Assn; Dir, Allied ABN Assn and others.

Official Announcements

RESOLUTION

RE: ENROLLING MEMBERS IN THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

WHEREASThe strength of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. lies within the local Chapters, and

WHEREAS.....There is a need to increase our National strength through individual State Departments and Chapter growth, and

RESOLVED.....That through current Bylaws, additional membership in local Chapters is not addressed,

RESOLVED.....That the following be followed under Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Bylaws, Effective: 0001, 27 July 1992, Amended: 0001 27 July 1994, changed to;

ARTICLE

DEPARTMENTS AND CHAPTERS

II CHAPTERS

SECTION 1.

a. Additional members joining said Chapters, must be enrolled as a National member and must maintain their membership in the National Organization. Those persons joining said Chapters, and NOT joining the National organization, must be classified by the Chapter, as an Associate Member with NO voting rights in either the Chapter, Department or the National Organization.

Submitted by,

William H. "Bill" Van Ort, Director

Organization History Being Written

KWVA's newly appointed historian has been asked to compile a history of the formation of the Korean War Veteran's Association. If you were a part of the founding group, or if you have materials, accounts, letters, early *Graybeard*, papers, archival materials, photographs, or anything which relates to the first decade of the Association, please contact Paul M. Edwards, PO Box 436, Independence, Missouri, 64051 or call or FAX 816-252-5624.

Many thanks for your help. I look forward to producing an interesting and informative history.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Edwards
KWVA Historian

ATTN.: ALL KWVA MEMBERS

The official ballot for the election of four (4) members of the Board of Directors is attached as the center-fold of this issue of *Graybeards*. Check your dues paid-up status by checking the label on this issue. *Only paid-up members are eligible to cast a ballot.* Ballots will be verified as part of the counting process. Make sure your dues are current and carefully follow the instructions for voting found printed on the ballot. Ballots must be postmarked no later than July 10.



1995 REVISIT TRIPS TO KOREA

The Korean Veteran's Association (KVA), Headquarters, Seoul has scheduled the following trips:

June 21st-26th; September 27th-October 2nd. The June, September/October Trips have only limited spaces still available.

For further information, applications, etc., please contact the designated Travel Agent who is arranging ticketing for KWVA Members:

Tom Jin, President
Dearborn Travel, Inc., 3 First National Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Phone: 800-621-5724 (Illinois Residents: 312-332-1107) Fax: 312-332-6305

Moving?



Please notify
Graybeards
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PROPOSED KWVA RESTRUCTURE RESOLUTION

I. Establishment of Regional Directorates

A. A region is a geographical grouping of states and territories for the purpose of membership expansion. Each region will be represented by a "resident" Director, elected for a three (3) year term to the Executive Council. Elections to be held in accordance to KWVA By-laws. The elected Directors shall not hold any KWVA elective office at the State or Chapter levels during their three (3) year term.

Region 1 Connecticut Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire New York Rhode Island Vermont	Region 2 Delaware Maryland New Jersey Pennsylvania Virginia West Virginia Dist. of Columbia	Region 3 Alabama Florida Georgia Mississippi North Carolina South Carolina Puerto Rico Virgin Islands	Region 4 Indiana Kentucky Michigan Ohio Wisconsin Tennessee
Region 5 Minnesota Iowa North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska Montana Illinois	Region 6 Missouri Kansas Oklahoma Texas Arkansas Louisiana	Region 7 Arizona New Mexico Colorado Utah Idaho Wyoming	Region 8 California Nevada Washington Oregon Hawaii Alaska Guam

B. Duties of Regional Directors:

1. Be responsible for the implementation of effective programs for new memberships, early renewals and organization of new departments and chapters as prescribed by National By-laws and Executive Council.
2. Ensure the lines of communications are tightly drawn so that flow of information will be easily available to all regional state departments, chapters, members at large, and the Executive Council.
3. Affirm that KWVA programs, objectives and By-laws are adhered to by all departments and chapters.
4. Provide a centralized communication linkage for all regional/state matters that require the assistance of National Officers or the Executive Council.
5. Ensure constituent interests are heard at Executive Council meetings as accorded by KWVA By-laws.
6. Keep abreast of regional legislative bills that may impact Korean War veterans and present recommendations to the National for inclusion or presentation to the Executive Council for action.
7. Maintain contacts and liaison with all local public, veteran and government organizations in similar fields of endeavor, bearing in mind, accomplishments of mutual objectives are for the benefit of all veterans and dependents as well as our own.
8. Coordinate with state departments, chapters and other regional/local veteran organizations to increase public awareness of KWVA and its objectives.
9. Hold two (2) yearly meetings with State/Chapter Presidents 60 days prior to Annual KWVA Mid-Winter Meeting and National Reunion to address issues requiring Council decisions.

C. Procedural Implications:

The Resolution will be implemented beginning with the 1996 Elections, if approved by the membership at the 1995 Reunion. Final result is for eight (8) Directors of the Executive Council to be elected by members of their cognizant regions and four (4) Directors will be at-large members, elected nationally by all KWVA members.

Four (4) Directorships each will be open in July 1996 and 1997 respectively. The 1997 elections should finalize the proposed realignment of the Board of Directors. The results of the 1995 Directorship elections will determine how the Executive Council will break down the regional and at large Directorships for the 1996 and 1997 elections.

Candidates cannot run for regional and at-large Directorships at the same time. It will be up to State Departments/Chapters to ensure qualified candidates run for elections to represent their respective regions. If no candidate declares his/her intention to run for a Regional Director, the Executive Council will fill that vacancy as accorded by By-laws Article III, Section 6, either by appointment or select candidates who ran as at-large Directors that were not elected. All candidates for Directors, must be certified by the Nominations Chairman as accorded by By-laws Article III, Sections 3C & D.

The proposed restructure does not violate general membership voting rights or election processes, nor alter any KWVA By-laws. It is strictly an organizational change to give the general membership a more "representative" say and vote on the conduct of KWVA business affairs and decisions.

I would also request the Council consider a limited travel budget for the eight (8) Regional Directors. It would be an incentive in filling their mission.

Reunion Update

by Harry Wallace, Reunion Chairman Daniel Smith, Reunion Coordinator

We have provided periodic reports on activities leading to the KWVA Reunion scheduled to start with the Board of Directors meeting on July 25 followed by the general meeting, Presidential Reception and Banquet at the Omni-Shoreham Hotel on July 26.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Richard J. Greene & Associates (RGA), KWVA's agent, has reported to us that rooms at various rates are still available and also banquet tickets can still be obtained. Veterans should call 1-800-495-KWVA (5982) or 301-656-1800 and indicate their needs and immediately send via fax or mail to: Richard Greene + Associates, the completed registration and package plan form printed in *The Graybeards* (Pages 61 and 63).

Sometime in late May or early June each KWVA registrant will receive hotel material directly from the respective hotels, outlining general and specific information about the hotel.

REUNION REGISTRATION

Tom Clawson, Registration Co-Chairman, has been extremely helpful in assisting with the tasks to be completed. Tom's wife Sue along with Katherine and Nancy Lane Cook will be working the registration table. We cannot express enough the welcomed addition of individuals volunteering to assist us. We welcome and need additional volunteers. Please contact Dan Smith at (301) 656-1800 if you or your family members have any time now or in July to contribute to this effort.

For those of you who have registered through Richard J. Greene & Associates, the following are some of the items that will be included in your registration package:

- *Material on sites to visit in Washington D.C.
- *Badges, Banquet and Breakfast tickets
- *Transportation tickets

TRANSPORTATION FOR KWVA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

Transportation Chairman. Jim Martin (410) 285-0707, has been working extensively with us in coordinating and designing plans with National Coach Works, Inc. of Virginia to provide plans for KWVA members, who have signed up for bus services with RGA, to arrive and depart at the various Reunion/Dedication events.

QUARTERMASTER ACTIVITIES

John Maison. 1-800-603-6555, has volunteered to coordinate the KWVA Quartermaster activities. There will be badges, hats and related paraphernalia available for sale.

BLACK-AMERICAN VETERANS ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Grace Johnson of Atlanta, a Gold Star Recipient, has been communicating with Congressional and former White House personnel concerning the role Black-Americans played in the Korean War. She will serve as the coordinator for the display of Black-American photos, letters and other paraphernalia at the headquarters hotel. She can be contacted at 481 Maynard Terrace SE, Atlanta GA 30316, (404) 377-3860.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following page is a Schedule of Reunion/Dedication Events for the week of July 25-29. The final schedule will be printed in the next issue of *The Graybeards* and will include additions and deletions. **Note:** starred items indicate KWVA events only.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

as of May 4, 1995

**The Korean War Veterans Reunion
and Memorial Dedication**

TUESDAY July 25

★KWVA Board Member Meeting — Omni-Shoreham Hotel

WEDNESDAY July 26

9AM ★General Meeting-Omni-Shoreham

4-5PM ★Exchange of Greetings-Omni-Shoreham—Presidents of
The International Federation of Korean War
Veterans Association

5PM ★KWVA Presidential Reception

7PM ★KWVA Banquet by Reservation

THURSDAY July 27

10AM Wreath laying Ceremony – Arlington Cemetery

2PM Korean War Memorial Dedication – The Mall Site

All Day Mall Activities including Entertainment and Tents

8:30PM Fireworks Display

FRIDAY July 28

7-9AM ★KWVA Breakfast – Omni Shoreham

10AM Mass Muster, Review by the Joint Chiefs on the Mall

3PM ★Commemorative Memorial Service at The National
Cathedral – on Wisconsin Ave.

Mall Activities

SATURDAY July 29

10AM Parade – Constitution Ave.

Mall Activities

★KWVA sponsored events only

BALANCESHEET AND PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Period Ending April 30, 1995

BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH & CERTIFICATES OF	
DEPOSITS	\$245,113.00
FIXED ASSETS	10,638.00
OTHER ASSETS	58,262.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$314,013.00

CURRENT LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$28,606.00
TOTAL LIABILITY	\$28,606.00
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$295,109.00

CURRENT PERIOD PROFIT (\$9,701.00)

TOTAL EQUITY

TOTAL LIABILITIES EQUITY ... **\$314,014.00**

INCOME STATEMENT

MERCHANDISE SALES (NET) ...	(\$11,008.00)
OTHER INCOME	6,069.00
MEMBERSHIP INCOME	70,264.00
REUNION INCOME	24.00

TOTAL REVENUES

OPERATING EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION	\$41,028.00
TELL AMERICA	690.00
QUARTERMASTER	88.00
REUNION	75.00
GRAYBEARDS	33,168.00

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES .. \$75,049.00

NET PROFIT/LOSS (\$9,700.00)

An Uuthentic American Hero

Recently all of us lost a very dear friend. Robert L. DeBarge died on November 5, 1986 of a heart attack at the age of 63. Bob was a Navy veteran of World War II who was later terribly wounded by a shattering grenade blast in the Korean conflict. It destroyed one of his vocal cords and the right internal carotid artery, the main vessel to the right side of the brain. Left for dead, he was discovered on the field and through providence, medical skill and miracles he survived - mute and hemiplegic. With the tender care of his adoring wife, Janet, the marvels of rehabilitative medicine and his indomitable spirit, Bob learned to talk and to walk again with no assistance other than a brace on his left foot to prevent foot-drop.

When Janet became a victim of Alzheimer's disease, Bob gave his time and effort to the ADRDA, San Diego. I can recall he was present at almost every support group meeting with his cheerful smile and warm greeting. With his speech disability it was very difficult for me with my hearing disability to understand him, but when the time was taken to listen one found a delightful, humorous, caring, interested and interesting human being. I really got to know Bob when we worked together to lay the carpet on the back ramp of the Alzheimer's Family Center in Hillcrest. It was a messy job spreading the mastic glue, which seemed to get on everything. Not only was Bob helpful, he practically took over the job with his powerful right hand pulling the carpet after he had taken off his foot brace in order to kneel. And when there was a problem, he came up with solutions faster than I, with an undamaged brain, did. Bob was very, very bright.

One day I received a letter from a caring and concerned neighbor asking me to intercede to prevent Bob carrying Janet from his car when he brought her back to their home each weekend from the nursing home. I wrote back, it was something I couldn't do, for this was Bob's expression of love for Janet and I didn't feel it proper to interfere. I don't know if Bob died prematurely as the result of the tremendous efforts he took with Janet until her death in January of last year, but I suspect he was yet another, second victim of Alzheimer's disease.

Whenever I feel down and become depressed by the greed, uncaring and deceit of some around us, I will think of Bob DeBarge and his invincible spirit, illuminated by love and compassion for his fellow man - and let the sun shine in.

An Editorial from the San Diego Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Association Newsletter (Spring 1987)

The above story is a result of a letter sent to President, Nick Pappas in January 1995 by Bob DeBarge's sister, Doris A. Muise. Her brother died, leaving his remains to the Medical University in Massachusetts so they could study the brain and see if they could help other veterans who had similar injuries. As a result, his remains were cremated several months later and he does not have any kind of stone or marker.

Her letter was turned over to Samuel B. Mullin, Commander of the DAV, Dorchester Chapter No. 13. He immediately took steps to arrange proper recognition to Bob for his service and courageous life, but also to two of his brothers who died from exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. A proper burial service will be conducted for the brothers on May 21, 1995 on Cape Cod.

STATEMENT OF The Korean War Veterans Reunion Before Department of Veterans Affairs Commonwealth of Virginia

Please accept our thanks for your kind invitation to explain the purpose of the Korean War Veterans Reunion.

The originator of the Korean War Veterans Reunion is retired Master Sergeant Richard Gallmeyer, of Virginia Beach. Dick would have been here today, but for one small detail. As many veterans, old age caught up with Dick. He is in the hospital recovering from a serious operation. He is recovering, and I am here before you today.

The Korean War Veterans Reunion is now a real project with great support grown from the acorn of an idea of Dick's. Dick wondered how the intervening years treated his buddies in Korea. He could not find them. He went to the Virginia Beach city Officials with the concept of the reunion, not only for his forty buddies, but for missing friends of all who served during the Korean War, all 4.6 million still living. Virginia Beach was very excited, and agreed to assist.

The State Department of the VFW put an ad in their General Orders for July, 1994. I read the ad, which did not have a phone number or address, called the National Commander of the Korean War Veterans Association, who had just received literature, and I called Dick to tell him of KWVA and to find out what he was doing.

As a result of that lengthy telephone call, Dick learned that this was not to be the first Korean War Veterans Reunion, for the KWVA did have annual reunions for the past ten years and I learned about the First Annual Reunion at Virginia Beach. The result.—

- we are grateful to be heard by the Department of Veterans Affairs and would appreciate your assistance in passing the word;
- What was a group of four of us last August is now a new and viable veterans organization in Virginia. The four of us meeting in the offices of the Convention Bureau has turned into the Korean War Veterans Association, Department of Virginia, with Chapters now being formed in Virginia Beach, Hampton, two chapters in Richmond, and three chapters in Northern Virginia. We hope to have 2,000 members when we have the first meeting of the Department in October, 1995.
- And more important, the First Annual Reunion will be held in Virginia Beach from October 19 until October 21, 1995. I hand each member a copy of the Korean War Veterans Association magazine *THE GRAYBEARDS*, where on pages 46 and 47 one may find a registration form and a list of the hotels.

This will be a different type of reunion. There will be no banquets and no formalities. This will be a chance for old buddies to meet, and new buddies to become old

friends. There will be a parade, a fireworks display, and get this — a reenactment of the artillery barrage staged during the last hour of the Korean War just before the armistice took effect. Plus, there will be Memorial Services at Fort Story. If a veterans organization wishes to have their reunion, it will be done. The parade will be led by **TASK FORCE SMITH**, the first American Troops to fight in Korea, and I understand they will have their reunion at that time.

We are working on plans to have the largest history lesson at that time. Working with high school and colleges, we are attempting to have students take the oral history of those of us fighting in Korea, or serving as did one of our number, in the United States.

The 82nd Airborne was the only fully equipped, fully manned, and trained division stationed in the Continental U.S. in 1950 that could be injected directly into combat. It was kept intact for any emergency. During the Korean War we rapidly built up our forces in Europe and around the world including Indo-China. Without formalities, this reunion will be exciting.

- And buddies will become closer friends, for the Richmond Korean Presbyterian church, 2990 Broad Rock Road, Richmond is having a special program for the Korean war veterans day at 5 P.M., June 17, 1995. The Korean War Veterans Association will supply a response by our National President Nick Pappas, The President of the Korean Ex-Prisoners of War, Earl Dantzler, and ROK veteran Col. Hee Yong Lee. All are members of the KWVA.

We trust that you will feel the excitement of veterans working together and we invite you to join and enjoy this effort.

Again thank you for allowing us to present our program.

Blaine P. Friedlander
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Korean War Veterans Reunion Registration Form is found on page 46

OUR MEMORIAL

The Statues – On the move . . .

by Sherm Pratt

It is 0300 on the east coast on April 17, 1995.

In numerous hotels around the town of Beacon NY, on the Hudson about five miles above the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, early calls are ringing in the rooms of KWVA veterans. They are assembled in the area to escort and accompany the 19 stainless steel statues of Korean War ground troops that are to be moved from the local foundry to the Korean Veterans Memorial site on the Mall in the Nation's Capital.

By 0400 some 20 cars of veterans are gathered in the brisk night air, under a full moon, in the compound of the Tallix Art Foundry for a briefing of truck drivers and others by the convoy commanders KWVA Pres Nick Pappas and Maryland Chapter coordinator Jim Martin, and Ray Donnelly. In the foundry yards, the 19 statues are loaded on three flat bed "18 wheeler" semi-trucks of the Anderson Trucking Service from St Paul, MN. That firm last winter also moved the Wall to the site from Minneapolis. The statues are cradled and strapped on their sides, but unwrapped so they can be seen along the way, on the truck beds.

Precisely on schedule at 0400, with Pappas in the lead truck, the convoy edges out of the foundry and onto Fishkill Road for the short trip to Interstates 84 West, and 87-287 South to the New Jersey Turnpike. Ray Donnelly and Sherm Pratt left earlier and preceded the convoy through the day as advance liaisons to spot any problems along the route.



At 0815, slightly ahead of schedule, the convoy with police escort lights flashing pulls into the Walt Whitman Rest Area and halts for pit stops, daylight viewing and "photo-ops" in the warming early morning sunshine. Here the vets are joined by fellow KWVA members from New Jersey, NY and Penn..



Walt Whitman Rest Stop

At 0900, the convoy departs, again on schedule, for the remaining 30 miles to the Delaware Veterans Memorial Park in a flag bedecked grassy rise along side I-95 at the South end of the Memorial Bridges over the Delaware River where it halts for memorial services.



Korean Veterans Memorial - Delaware Bridge

In ceremonies put together by Bill Hancock of the KWVA Delaware Chapter, and Emceed by State Vet Affairs Commissioner Charles Farrell, there was posting of the color guard from the Dover Air Force Base, and the chaplains invocation. Messages were read from Gov. Tom Carper, Senators Joseph Biden and William Roth, and Congressman Michael Castle. The principle speaker was MGen George Hastings, Del/National Guard. Also attending were reps of the local chapters of most major vet associations to include the VFW, American Legion, Paralyzed Vets of America, Marine Corp League, Order of Purple Hearts, Navy Fleet Assn, Vietnam Vets of Amer., Jewish War Vets, and Reserve Officers Assn. The location of the three trucks of statues in the adjacent parking lot afforded ample opportunities for inspection and photographing by the several hundred people in attendance.

The Trip Down from Foundry - a KWVA Operation!

By 1300 the statue trucks and the rest of the convoy arrives, under Maryland Police escort, at the Maryland State



Delaware Memorial Site

Korean War Memorial in the Canton Waterfront Park on Boston Street in Baltimore, and was joined by additional carloads of KWVA members from local area chapters.

The moving and touching ceremonies handled by Mary-



Ceremonies at Maryland State Korean War Memorial Site

land Chapter Pres. William "Bud" Wahlhaupter, began with the posting of colors and an invocation by National Guard Chaplain Col. Paul L. Grant. The speakers list, headed by Baltimore Mayor Hon. Kurt Schmoke, included KWVA Vice Pres Harry Wallace, BGen Thomas Baker, AG, Md National Guard, and Col Randall Inouye, U. S. Army Baltimore Dist. Engr, the office under whose jurisdiction the Korean Memorial has been, and is being, built.

Mayor Schmoke paid tribute to the courage and sacrifices of those who laid down their lives on the field of battle in the Korean War, or otherwise paid the price for victory in that struggle. He also expressed his appreciation to all living vets who had contributed so much, and had worked so long and diligently so that the National Memorial could become a reality.

At 1515 the statue convoy, escorted by DC

police motorcyclemen arrived at the Memorial Site in the shadows of the Lincoln Memorial on the Mall in Washington. On hand was a crowd of several hundred and batteries of news media cameramen at the ready, under overcast skies with scattered threats of a shower.

In a ceremony announced and organized by KWVA National Service Director Norbert "Skip" Reiner, and with music provided by the U.S. Navy Band Conducted by Chief Art Cochran, numerous individuals involved in the Memorial project were introduced and made comments. Included were Kent Cooper on behalf of the Engineering firm building the Memorial; sculptor Frank Gaylord, Tallix Foundry President Dick Polich, Korean Embassy Minister Jang Jai-Ryong; American Battle Monuments Commission Acting Secretary Ken Pond; KWVA Pres. Pappas, and Memorial Advisory Board Exec. Secretary Robert Hansen. The keynote address was delivered by Board Chairman Raymond Davis, US Marine Corp Ret, and Medal of Honor recipient. General Davis reviewed the history of the Memorial Project and expressed appreciation to the many people involved.

Thus, with the arrival of the statues, the last major step in the completion of the Memorial is over. The statues were promptly off loaded and are now on their pedestals in the commemorative field within the site. There now remains only the matter of final touches to some sidewalks and vegetation and the Memorial will be complete and ready for dedication on July 27th. The elaborate dedication ceremonies will be headed by the Presidents of Korea and the United States, and attended by countless major national organizations, veterans groups, and by other dignitaries from America and the foreign nations involved in the Korean War.

KWVA members can take great satisfaction in this accomplishment. Our Memorial is in every sense, "a unique artistic achievement that will become world renowned and a fitting tribute to the many veterans who paid the price for victory to end the Korean War."

Photos by Ray Donnelly and writer.



Ceremony on the Mall

THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

Tallix Art Foundry
BEACON, NEW YORK
April 11, 1995

An eerie feeling came over me as I looked at the statues of the troopers lined up in patrol order as set up at the Tallix Art Foundry-Forty four years melted away and it was 1951 again and I felt the frigid Korean cold and some of the terrible fear that was inherent with a nineteen year old's uncertainties in War.

Names reeled around in my head: Yongdungpo, Seoul, Taegon, Taegu, Kimpo, the Taebak Mountains in the South, the Hamgyong Mountains in the North.

I thought about the 29th Regimental Combat Team, Camp Napunja, Okinawa-activated on Okinawa on 1 May 1949 as the security force for that island-and how within a few weeks of the start of the Korean War, this understrength regiment, First and Third Battalions,

boarded LST's for that battleground. With great sadness I recalled, how, in one day they suffered 700 casualties in a Communist ambush.

These survivors of the 29th RCT, later became members of the understrength Tropic Lightning' 25th Infantry Division - becoming the third battalions of the 27th training, 300 Volunteers were approved for transfer to Korea - where I joined the 25th Infantry and was assigned to the 21st AAA AW Battalion. I mused about my introduction to the shooting war - going forward from the Repo Company in Yongdungpo, and, in a heavy rain coming to an unknown campsite near an Artillery Unit. Here, finding: two empty ammo boxes, a narrow plank of wood, and covering myself with a poncho, I fashioned a bed to keep

out of the mud. Unfortunately, I was thrown down into the mud by the artillery barrages firing from my immediate rear. I remembered falling three times from this fragile perch - artillery fired all night - and the third time, being totally exhausted, I said, "the hell with it" and slept in the mud.

Today, I was privileged to attend the ceremony in the company of National President Nick Pappas and Jim Martin of the Maryland Chapter -our very able Convoy Commander.

It was a long and thrilling day, a very touching ceremony, and will long live in my memories of this Memorial.

Andrew J. Lynch
KWVA - National Director

I Am Not Forgotten

I have walked these Korean hills before, crossed these rivers
I have passed through these fields, heavy with the odor of growth
My presence is here...and elsewhere
In the pages of a letter, yellow with age
At the edge of a photograph, on a torn dance program
I am by love begotten...
I am not forgotten.

I am here in the hearts of those who were with me
On the Perimeter, at Inchon, at The Reservoir and The River
And in the hearts of those who waited...
In their thoughts I walk again
And I wait at the curb in my car on a soft summer evening
The sound of crickets, of passing automobiles
And the muted songs of the city are near.
I am a tear in the eyes of mothers, sisters, fathers,
Brothers, wives, friends, lovers...
I am by love begotten...
I am not forgotten.

I am black, white, Jewish, Centile, red, yellow
I speak English, Hebrew, Korean, Chinese, Gaelic, German, Spanish
I am known in many countries and by many people...
I have heard the rush of summer seas and the fist of thunder...
I have known a distant star on a cold December night...
And I have known the love of a friend who would die for me
And I for him...
I am by love begotten...
I am never forgotten.

—Richard Laurens Kirk

Printed in Chosin Few Digest

Who Are The Chosin Few? When it Began

Background:

In the summer of 1950 the United States of America was at peace. At least as far as the American public was concerned. The Berlin crisis was over and most Americans were looking forward to increased prosperity.

In the Far East, a small peninsula separates the two giant Asian countries, China and Japan. This peninsula is Korea. Korea was politically divided at the end of World War II by an agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Northern half was placed under communist rule and the South under democratic rule. From the later part of 1945 through the early part of 1950, both the North and the South built up their armed forces. However, the Soviet Union prepared and armed the North with modern offensive weapons. While the United States prepared the South with hardly more than a national police force.

Then on June 25, 1950 the Communists decided to make a bold move. The North Korean regime under the dictator Kim IL Sun, with the Soviet Union's blessing, invaded the South. This was the start of the Korean War, which lasted 3 years, 1 month and 2 days, and cost America 54,246 dead, 103,294 wounded in action and left 8,177 listed as "missing in action." These Americans are still accounted for to this day.

For those too young to remember the President of the United States,

Harry S. Truman decided to obstruct the Communists plans. In a bold counter move he committed U.S. Air, Naval and land forces to the Korean Peninsula. General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur was named by Truman as overall commander of the US Forces. South Korean President Dr. Syngman Rhee, placed the Republic of Korea (ROK) forces under MacArthur's command.

In a spat with member nations in the Security Council of the United Nations over the admission of Communist China and expulsion of Nationalist China. The Soviet Union walked out. With the absence of Jacob Malik, the Soviet Union's Ambassador to the United Nations, the United States sought and obtained UN sanctions against North Korea. Token forces were committed by other UN nations, with the largest contingent furnished by the United Kingdom. All UN Forces were placed under the command of General MacArthur.

In June of 1950 the US Armed Services were the weakest they have been since the end of World War II in 1945. MacArthur scrambled together a piecemeal land force in Japan and sent it to Korea. The immediate purpose was to hold on until the UN land forces could be built to sufficient strength to counteract the North Korean Peoples Army (NKPA). The two UN forces that quickly gained superiority was the US and British Naval Forces and the combined air lead by the US Fifth

Air Force, Navy and Marine Air and Australian Air Forces. This complete superiority of land and sea afforded the UN ground forces the cover, support and supply they needed to hold onto a tiny corner of South Korea, named "The Pusan Perimeter." The UN ground force was under the command of LT.GEN Walton Walker, U.S. Eighth Army, Commander. The force consisted of four incomplete US Army Divisions, a Marine Brigade, a British Brigade and the remnants of two corps of ROK troops.

By the early part of September, 1950, it was touch and go as to whether or not the UN troops could hold the small perimeter. On September 15, 1950 MacArthur in a brilliant move directed an amphibious landing on the west coast of South Korea at the seaport of Inchon. After extensive naval gunfire and air bombardment by the combined naval, marine and air force planes, the landing was spearheaded by the First Marine Division, reinforced and followed by the Seventh Army Division. In a few short weeks Seoul, the capital city of South Korea, was retaken and the North Koreans supply lines were cut. This move effectively ended the North Korean Peoples Army Forces in the south.

A backgrounder on the beginning phase of the Korean War reprinted from *The Korean Warrior*, newsletter of the Texas Lone Star Chapter.



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Legislative Agenda

Blaine P. Friedlander

Conflict or War?

Last month, we wrote about Police actions, conflicts and wars. We have two responses.

One was from Robert J. Rath, Missouri Chapter #1, calling to advise that he had definitive proof it was the Korean War. He had saved a newspaper clipping that proves that the "police action" or "Conflict" was changed in 1958 to a "war." The clipping is as follows:

NOW ITS OFFICIAL:
KOREAN BATTLE ACTION
WAS A WAR

(NY. Herald Tribune, St. Louis Post Dispatch. & Special Dispatch)

—Washington, April 26, [1958] Henceforth the conflict in Korea will be termed officially a "war", according to the new Department of Defense order. Previously, regulations had required military personnel to refer to the war as a "conflict" or "United Nations police action."

This is the entire article.

Rath thought that this was a dispositional government action, but it was not. Only the Congress can declare a war. The Korean War was not a declared war.

This was an internal action applicable to the Department of Defense only. It appears that those in the services who had to describe the action in Korea were using "Korean War", "Korean Conflict", "Korean Police action", or "United Nations police action". It was all very confusing; Regs referred to a conflict or United Nations police action.

A search of the Department of the Army Library revealed no orders issued by the Department of Defense around the last of April, 1958. The defense establishment has several types of directives, such as orders (and several classifications of those), circulars, directives, and goodness knows what all. I have explained the dilemma to a contact in the Pentagon and they are trying to locate the source of Rath's article.

Maybe what happened is this: Some corporal asked his sergeant, "Which one do I use? War, Conflict, Police Action? Answer me that, sarge!"

The Sergeant replied, "Wait one!" The Sergeant then went to the Second Looie, who then went to the First Looie, who then went to the Captain, who then went to the Major, who then went to the Light Colonel, who went to the bird Colonel who went to the Star.

The Star said, "Wait one! Let me decide!" The Star—then called in the Sergeant Major, and said, "Sergeant, prepare an order deciding what we call the Korean War in the Department of Defense!"

The Sergeant Major saluted smartly, wheeled and marched briskly to the Corporal, "Corporal," said the Sergeant Major, "Tomorrow Morning at 0-Dark-Thirty, you will have, one each, an official directive deciding what we will call the Korean War in the Defense Department." "But Sarge, which name should I use?" "Its your choice, I am already late for Happy Hour."

As Corporals have done since armies began, he made a beeline to the latrine (where he does his best thinking) and made the decision as he was polishing his CIB, "I kinda like Korean War." The Corporal then prepared the order or circular or whatever, and on 24 April 1955, placed the document in the middle of the Sergeant Major's desk. Promptly at 0800 25 April 1955, the Star said to the Top, "Well done." The document was prepared and as far as the Department of Defense was concerned it was the Korean War.

How do we prove this? Well, the Corporal took the paper and filed it. No one has seen it since. What happened to the Corporal? Well, the corporal was discharged from the service the following week and went home.

On Sunday, 27 April 1958, Robert J. Rath spent a dime and purchased the *St. Louis Dispatch*, read the article and, heaving a sigh of relief, clipped the article, noting the year, and was living in hog heaven

until he read the *Graybeards* and all of his beliefs were under a cloud. Bob called and read the article to us.

The reader will note that the source of the clipping was "Special Dispatch". This indicates that the DOD sent out a special dispatch to the news media. Somewhere, in some warehouse, the "order" and the PIO release therefrom was accomplished Friday, 25 April 1955. The Pentagon is looking for it.

Bob, when we track down the document we will know more. Then, again, we may not! In any event, all in KWVA should be thankful that Bob Rath saved the clipping and it may be that we shall solve the mystery of the Pentagon's official nomenclature for one each: War, Korean (1950-1955).

However, the proper conclusion: Let us all refer to the Korean War, and ignore those who use other descriptions.

Bronze Star

For those who have made inquiry, be advised that while on my quest for the Wall of Honor, I made a contact with a person who believes that CIB holders and other combat personnel in Korea not eligible for the CIB should be recognized with a Bronze Star.

This person is not only working to obtain this recognition, but to retroactively seek a CIB type of recognition for the Navy, Marines and Army personnel such as Artillery and Armor. More later.

Virginia Department

The Virginia Department for the KWVA was established in April.

We have over 100 expected members, and will grow. For more information contact Dick Gallmeyer, interim secretary, at 808 Oldham Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464; Phone 804-467-1253. By the time you receive this, Dick should be recovering from major surgery. He will be glad to discuss the medical aspects. We will have two chapters in the Norfolk area, one or two in Richmond and three in Northern Virginia. We are seeking chapters in other Virginia Locations.

Chapter Affairs

Central Ohio KWVA Chapter Formed

Seeks New Members

The recently formed KWVA Ohio Chapter, headquartered in Columbus, has announced election of its officers.

Serving as president is **C. J. "Skip" Rittenhouse**, whose work and planning led to creation of the organization.

Other officers chosen were **Betty Kelly**, vice president; **Charles Mc Kinniss**, secretary; and **Al Smith**, treasurer.

Rittenhouse stressed that an important function of the new chapter will be developing increased support for the planned Ohio Korean Veterans Memorial in Dayton. He sees many chapter programs for Korean veterans in the future. Those interested in joining the Central Ohio KWVA Chapter should write or call Skip.

His address is 1540 Norma Road, Columbus, OH 43229. Phone 614-885-4118.

Northeast N.Y. Chapter



Chapter members posed during the ceremonies before the statuery as it was displayed at the Tallix Art Foundry in Beacon, NY . Note the statues are clearly visible in the background.

NATIONAL KWVA REHABILITATION FLOWER PROGRAM

TO ORDER FLOWERS FOR YOUR CHAPTER PROGRAMS:

1. ORDERS ARE TO BE MADE IN BOXES OF 1,000 PER BOX. YOU MAY ORDER AS MUCH AS YOU NEED.
2. THE COST IS \$100.00 PER BOX TO COVER ALL ORDERS, PLUS SHIPPING CHARGE OF \$5.00 PER ORDER.
3. ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE MADE THROUGH KWVA NATIONAL CHAIRMAN ROBERT J. HACKER, 634 COLFAX AVENUE, KENILWORTH, N.J. 07033-2052 AND CHECKS MADE OUT TO THE KWVA.
4. OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED BY HELPING THE LIVING VETERANS, WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.
5. PLEASE BE ADVISED, THE FLOWERS MAY BE USED AT ANYTIME YOUR GROUP DESIRES. A SUGGESTED PERIOD IS TO START AT THE END OF JUNE AND CONTINUE TO THE END OF JULY. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WE WILL NOT BE CREATING ANY PROBLEMS WITH OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS WITH SIMILAR PROGRAMS. AT THAT TIME, IT ALSO HAS A DEFINITE SIGNIFICANCE WITH THE DATES.

Flag Day June 14



A Project Idea for Chapters
Plan a program for local schools on that day.



Members of Nassau County Chapter #1 at the Levittown/ Island Trees Parade — W. Dyer, J. Williams, W. Rose, J. Carco, J. Daros, C. Scriva, T. Riley, E. Fenton, G. Dormoby, H. Nowicki, J. Algeo, L. Trope, R. Greig, J. Von Braunsberg

Nassau County Chapter #1

Nassau County Chapter #1 was chartered in February 1992, and has finally grown to the point where we now have 125 members — a very large number who are quite active in the many activities undertaken. Our big project is trying to gain more local members, because our county has over 50,000 Korean War veterans, so we try to appear in as many cities, towns and villages as we can, to let the vets know that we are in existence. We have been quite busy with cemetery flag placings, ceremonies, parades and picnics.

Edward F. Fenton
Founder & First Chapter
President

Lafayette, Indiana Chapter #2



Congressman John Myers speaks to the audience as Chapter member, Dan Shields waits to present him a plaque from the Shields' family in appreciation of the Congressman's

efforts in securing medals for their brother Andrew who was killed in action, Korea, 1950. Also pictured are Mayor of Lafayette and Chapter member James Riehle, Mayor Sonya Margerum of W. Lafayette and State Representative Sheila Klinker at the observance of the 41st anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending the Korean War.



KWVA Chapter 2, Lafayette Indiana participate in the Annual Parade kicking off Fourth of July festivities.



Greater Lowell, Massachusetts Korean War Veterans. The Chapter recently helped the Polish American Veterans Club acquire a wheelchair accessible bus, which in turn was donated to the Edith Nourse Rogers Veterans Administration Hospital in Bedford.



Members and Officers of Minnesota KWVA Chapter #1 at the Wall Dedication in Cold Spring, Minnesota



KWVA President Nick Pappas addresses Tallix Open House

The Reverend Linda Burson from Wappingers Falls, NY delivered the Invocation. Richard Polich, the founder and Chairman Emeritus of Tallix Art Foundry delivered a heart warming praise of the employees who dedicated themselves to the hard work in casting the statues.

Nick Pappas, National President of the KWVA delivered an inspirational message as well as Lieutenant Colonel Conrad Crane from the US Military Academy at West Point. One of the highlights of the program was the presentation of colors by the West Point Honor Guard.

Clara Lou Gould, mayor of Beacon added, "It has been an emotional experience seeing the Korean War Memorial Statues completed here in Beacon. It makes us ever mindful of the contribution made by the Veterans of the Korean War."

Master of Ceremonies Jerry Lake extended his heart felt thanks on behalf of all Veterans for the outstanding work the management and workers did on the statues. Jerry also made a special presentation of a map of Korea that reflected the K locations and every battle location, date and data that covered how very high the price of Peace and Freedom is to Lee DeGuise, a metal finisher and Korean War Veteran that has worked at Tallix for many years.

Bill Steinhaus, Dutchess County Executive, expressed how very proud he was at having the impressive and moving sculptures cast in Dutchess County.

Marsha Gordon, President of the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce, expressed how proud the Chamber was in having Tallix as a premiere company in Southern Dutchess County.

Jerry Lake paid tribute to the family members who paid a very high price of being left alone at home while their loved ones were off to war in Korea. Too often they are not given the proper honor and respect they deserve.

Colonel William E. Weber, Executive Committee, Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board delivered a very emotional statement of how it was.

Frank Gaylord, a noted sculptor was the sculptor for the project. Mr. Gaylord was a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, an experience which provided him with a first hand feel for the combat soldier's experience. An up close and personal view of the sculptures reflects that very individual combat soldier's expression. Each sculpture also provides the fact that there were many different age groups as well as ethnic groups who served in the Korean War.

Jerry Lake served during World War II and remained on active duty until late 1949. Jerry married his wife Mary on January 14, 1950 and received orders to

Tallix Art Foundry Celebrates Completion of 19 Statues for National Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

BEACON, NEW YORK, APRIL 11, 1995 — Tallix President picked Jerry J. Lake, President of the Eagle Chapter KWVA, Rockland County, New York as Master of Ceremonies.

Tallix hosted an open house that saw hundreds of Veterans and the General Public in attendance.

KWVA Chapters from New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware and Maryland were well represented. The Rockland County Eagle Chapter was the host Chapter and had 25 of their members take part.



West Point Honor Guard with Jerry Lake

active Naval service in March of 1951 at a time when they were expecting their firstborn. Jerry was granted a delay in reporting and was able to see his new born and know that his wife was OK before he reported. About 18 months later he was home and saw his family again. When Jerry gave credit to the loved ones left behind, he knew what he was talking about. The retirees deserve a lot of credit as do all Veterans.



Some of the KWVA Eagle Chapter, Rockland County, NY who attended the open house at the Tallix Art Foundry

MARYLAND CHAPTER, KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSN. 1st KOREAN WAR POW/MIA CEREMONY

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

The Maryland Chapter, Korean War Veterans Association held it's first POW/MIA Ceremony on March 26, 1995. The ceremony was held at the August J. Raveio American Legion Post #195. The ceremony was opened by James K. Martin, Past President, MD Chapter, KWVA who introduced several special guests that included Nick Pappas National President, KWVA, Harley Coon, POW/MIA Committee Chairman National KWVA and our own MD Chapter President William K. (Bud) Wahlhaupter. After introduction of guests, Jim Martin turned the program over to the Master of Ceremony, Mike Olienyk, Program Manager, Memorials & Monuments, MD Veterans Commission.

After a brief opening speech Mike started the ceremony by ordering Mickey Warfield, MD Chapter Color Guard Captain to advance the colors. Seventeen Color Guards from veteran associations all over the State of Maryland and other invited organizations posted their colors. Opening prayer was offered by Deacon Jack McKenna, Korean War Veteran, then the Pledge of Allegiance was proudly said by all in attendance. The National Anthem was sung by Mrs. Miller and all joined in.

The Korean War casualty rate was 9 out of 10, and the longest continuous sustained ground combat.

The first guest speaker was William E. Weber, Col. USA Ret. Korea 1950-1951, Capt., Rifle Co., 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team. Col. Weber gave the audience a history about the Korean War that I am sure many never heard before. The brutal war fought by men who were forgotten by this nation, including the telling statistics that backed up the fact that this war was equal to or more bloodier then any war, this country was involved in this century. The words that still echo in our ears is *"THIS WAR (KOREA) WAS A WAR IN WHICH ROUNDS FIRED IN ANGER ALONG A LINEAR FRONT AGAINST AMERICAN FORCES WAS THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS SUSTAINED GROUND COMBAT IN THE HISTORY OF ALL AMERICAN FOREIGN WARS"*. The length of time was 37 months, 2 days. I cannot enclose all of Col. Weber's speech, but I am sure at the conclusion, all Korean Veterans were more aware of the severity of that war and all of us that that heard his narration were more aware of the sacrifices made by the personnel that fought and died in that war.

The reading of the 90 Maryland MIA names with the Battle Hymn of the Republic as a background was very moving and brought tears to many of us in attendance.

If you wish to find the fate of your missing in action family member, then you will have to do it yourself.

The second guest speaker, Ms. Nancy Dean of Korea/Cold War Family of the Missing Association Washington Representative, then spoke about her father first listed as missing in action in Korea in December 1950 after his plane was shot down, then declared as killed in action, and later through a propaganda broadcast being interrogated by the Russians as a Prisoner of War. Ms. Dean went on to relate her actions in trying to obtain the fate of her father through the Department of Defense, Joint U.S./Russian Commission, National Archives and any other Government source. Ms. Dean works with the K/CWFAM Association in an effort to help others with finding their lost loved ones.

American Legion hopes to pass legislation to help present and prevent future Americans from being left behind as POW's & MIA's

The third guest speaker, Bill Proctor of the American Legion Post #195, 3rd Vice-Commander, State of Maryland recognized the valor of the men who fought the Korean War and the injustice done by our government in leaving our war dead and missing behind. He read several resolutions presented to our government by the American Legion to prevent our POW's and MIA's from being forgotten. Mr. Proctor also related some information of live sightings of POW's from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He thanked the Maryland Chapter for having the ceremony at his post and welcomed them back again.

I have documents that prove American POW's were sighted during and after the Korean War in other countries.

The forth and last guest speaker Mike Van Atta Vietnam War Veteran & Author of "Insider" which contains information on Americans captured alive, covered the Korean War POW's and MIA's and the many documents stating that Americans were taken to other countries as POW's.

Mike gave us enough information and also said that some could still be alive today considering that a recent 64 year old former lieutenant of the Republic of Korea's Army escaped from Communist China.

Laying of a Wreath honoring all Korean War MIA's.

God Bless America was sung by Michal Reichert and all joined in, then a wreath was laid by Ms. Nancy Dean who was escorted by Olan Brown a World War II Veteran who's family received a telegram on Christmas Eve, 1950 stating that their youngest son Robert had been killed in action, about a half hour later a second telegram was received saying that the older son Harry who was a prisoner of war in World War II was missing in action. Harry's remains were never returned. Also escorting Ms. Dean, were six bearers of lit black and white candles, representing the POW colors. One candle each for POW's, MIA's and the branch of service that they came from.

Volley of Fire, Then Echo Taps brought tears to many eyes.

A Volley of Fire, followed by Echo Taps brought more tears to the eyes of those in attendance. Finally, the Retirement of Colors and the Benediction ended this ceremony.

Korean War Veterans thoughts, including one that lost a twin brother in Korea as a POW and remains not returned.

Words cannot express the feelings of the veterans and families who experienced these events during our countries wars. The Korean Veteran and the war he fought in is forgotten and it does leave bitter feelings, especially when we read our newspapers and magazines that fail to mention the Korean War, let alone the Korean Veteran. I would like to tell some of the feelings that went through my mind during this beautiful ceremony. My thoughts went back to those cold and wet hills of Korea. Watching your friends become casualties every day, wondering when your turn would come, and as in my case worrying about your twin brother who was only a hill away trying to stay alive and to also do your duty to the best of ones ability as each one of us did.

Family and home never left our minds.

Family and home was always on your mind. Sleep and washing was something that was not scheduled, it just happened from time to time.

No! this is not another war story, even though I have many that I could tell, but just a few words to speak from my heart. Seeing the destruction of homes, seeing complete families die in battles as villages were won and lost over a period of time, seeing a small child standing beside a dead family member tore at your heart. Watching your buddies die due to severe wounds because help was not always available during the sustained fire that lasted for hours. The cry for help and sometimes for mom or dad, still echo's in your head. Even watching an enemy POW with wounds filled with maggots due to lack of medical treatment took a toll on your once sane mind.

Respect for our returned POW's and those that did not return.

Those that spent many months as prisoners of war, especially those that died a slow death of starvation or illness, even those that had their minds altered forever will always have my respect and I am sure all veterans share this feeling. Those that died on the battlefield and those that came home without all their body parts, are also special in our hearts.

Proud of Maryland Chapter, KWVA and all Korean War Veterans.

I am proud of my MD Chapter for their super efforts to pay respect to those mentioned above. I am proud of those speakers that bravely spoke words that some of us would not dare to say out loud. I am proud of those that attended this ceremony. From the bottom of my heart, I have to say that I am also proud of all Korean War Veterans and I am continuously amazed of their heroic actions in Korea as I read the many books I purchased only a few years ago and I still have more to read. I wish to thank President Pappas for asking me to tell you about our POW/MIA ceremony and to be allowed to express my feelings. Lastly I am fortunate to be the editor of the Maryland Chapter, for I get a chance to read most of your super newsletters and I will be looking for your POW/MIA (or KIA) ceremonies and if it means anything I and all Korean Veterans will share our pride that you remembered.

Sincerely,
A proud Korean Veteran

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Ps. A special thanks goes to ceremony coordinators, Mickey Warfield and Bill Zollenhoffer.

MARYLAND CHAPTER, KWVA "TELL AMERICA PROGRAM"

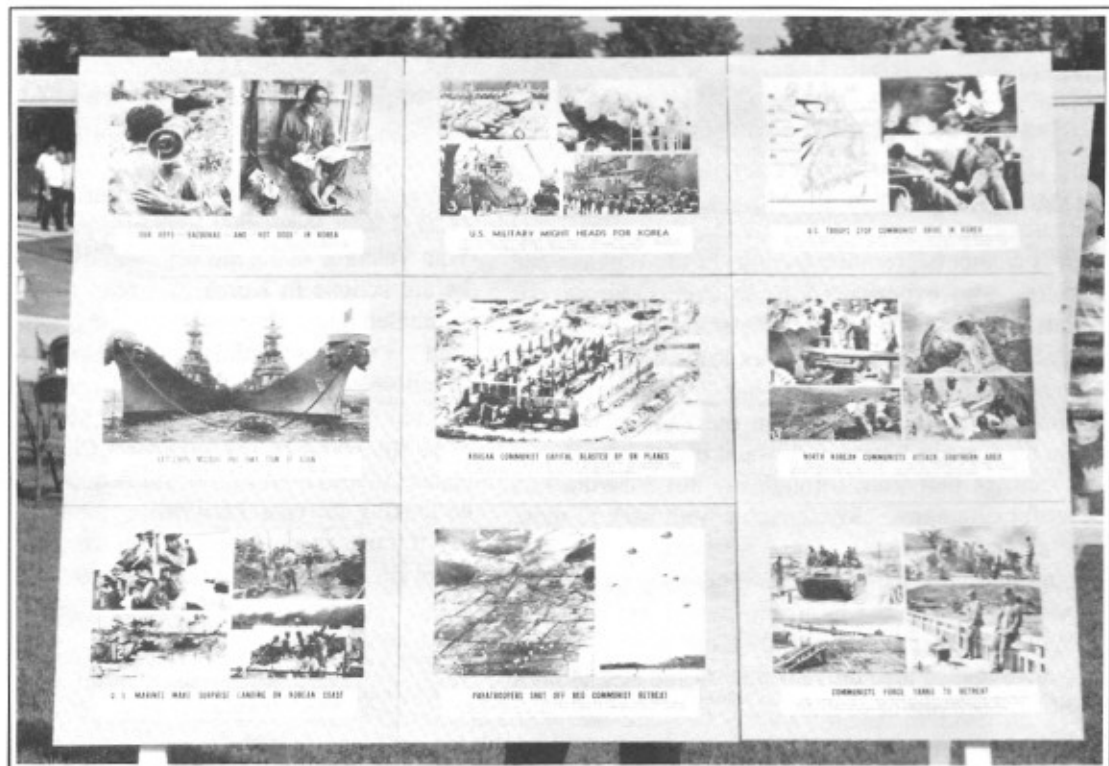
The picture panels shown are mounted on a stand and have been displayed in Maryland on Armed Forces Day at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Social Security Headquarters on Veterans Day, Memorial Day at the Korean War Memorial, The Korean Festival in Baltimore, VFW Post #9083 and a local grade school in Baltimore.

Display #1



A brief history on the Korean War and statistics on casualties. Each picture depicts phases of the war in chronological order, all services are included with a heading and a footer describing what is shown.

Display #1
(Back side)



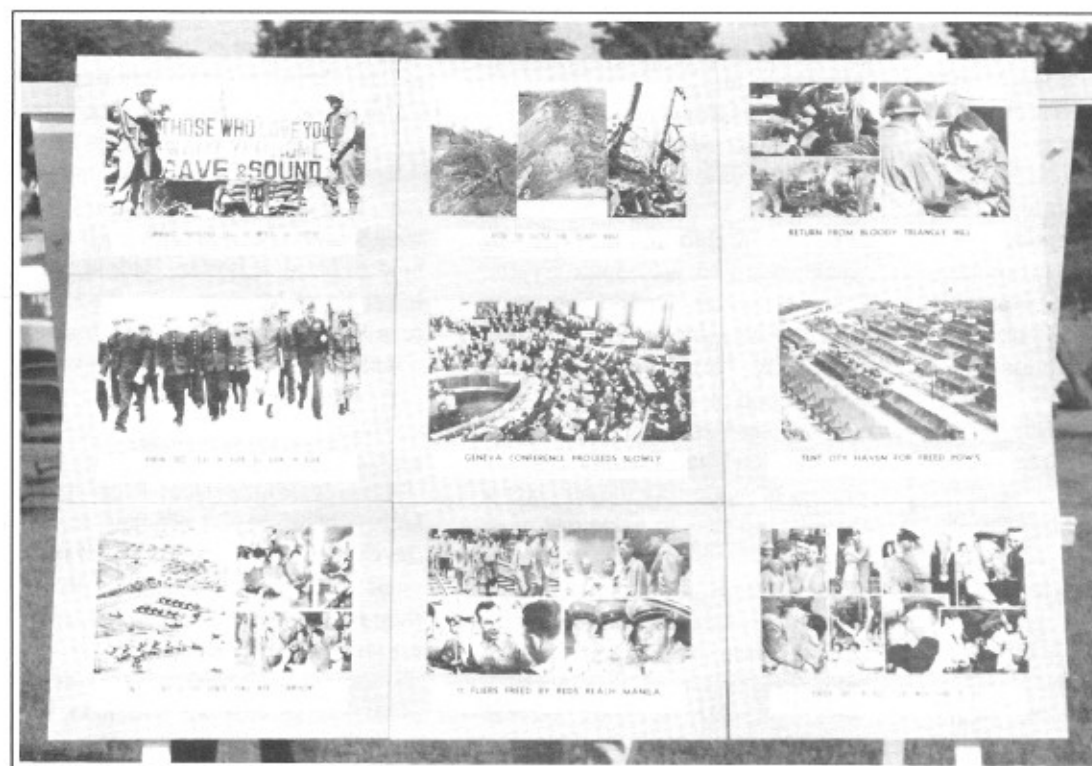
Pictures show different phases of the Korean War. All services are included with a footer describing what is shown. These 1950-1953 pictures were displayed in store front windows.

“Tell America Program”



Display #2

The picture on the above panel shows the children of Korea waving to American soldiers that visited their orphanage. Statistics on the American units that served in Korea, some history on atrocities, lists of Maryland KIA's and books on the war fill out the balance of the panel



Display #2
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More pictures of the Korean War with the same format as on Panel #1.

Kivlehan Chapter Sponsors 3rd Annual Dinner Dance



Chapter President Jim Jahns with Dinner Dance Chairman Tim Foley, Vocalist Norma Suh, Co-Chairman Tommy Harrison and Journal Chairman Bernie Hoganson

The Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association held its 3rd Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday evening, April 1, 1995. This annual event was held at one of Staten Island's most prestigious restaurants, The Staaten. Since its inception three years ago, this event has grown progressively and attendance on this evening was placed at 235 persons.

The Korean community on Staten Island generously participated in attending and also supported the Dance Journal. This Journal in which many members solicited ads from local business establishments and took ads themselves was published to help in the financial future of our Chapter and to finance one of our own dreams of a Memorial on Staten Island.

Norma Suh, a member of the Korean Community sang a very inspiring Korean National Anthem and followed it with our own National Anthem and was appreciated

by all in attendance. She wore her traditional native costume and was admired by all.

New Officers Elected

At our regular meeting in April, new officers were elected for the coming year. They are: President, Joe Calabria; 1st VP, Art Gaughran; 2nd VP, John Everts; Treasurer, Pete Dodd; Secretary, Jordan Czerniawski and Trustees Joe Ferris, Larry Shaver and Tim Foley. Good luck fellows.

Korean Veterans Highway

The Kivlehan Chapter is in the process of requesting the officials of the city and state to name one of its highways in honor of all the Korean War Veterans. Letters have been sent to borough, city and state officials requesting their support and immediate action on this proposal. We are presently receiving letters of support from veterans organizations throughout our immediate vicinity. We hope to fulfill our desires in the immediate future with their help

and assistance and our letter writing and signature petitions that we are circulating at the present time.

June 24 Memorial Service

This Chapter will hold its 4th Annual Memorial Service on Saturday, June 24, 1995, at 12 noon in Manhattan. This service will be held as usual at Battery Park at the lower tip of Manhattan by the Korean War Veterans Memorial Monument. A local school band will participate with the musical program and many veteran groups have been invited to participate.

Many dignitaries from the United Nations and officials from the City of New York have been invited and have informed us that they will attend as in the past. All are welcome.

Upon completion of our Memorial service we will have a gathering at our meeting hall, the VFW Post #9587, in Oakwood Heights. Come and join fellow Korean War Veterans.

DEL-K-VETS Charters Bus for July 27

The Department of Delaware, has set up a Charter Bus, for the Date of July 27, 1995.

Specially for our Members who would like to attend the Memorial Dedication in Washington, DC, but could not afford the expense of the Hotels and Transportation.

This Bus will leave from Bldg. #425, at Dover Air Force Base, at 06:30 Hrs in the morning, and will make a breakfast stop just after the Chesapeake bay Bridge.

The cost to each member for this trip will be \$10.00 Each for the Bus, and members are urged to make their own food arrangements. The Bus will leave Washington DC at 6:00 PM in the evening, and due to the reasonable cost will have to be on a First come Basis.

There is only forty-four seats, so please contact Dept. Presidents, Bill Hancock for further info and arrangements for the Trip, at AC 302-678-5265.

The United States Park Police will give this bus some Special Courtesies during this trip.

Open letter in response to Peter Susko's letter in the January 1995 Graybeards, page 7

Before commenting on your remarks I want to express my most sincere sorrow for your brother KIA in Korea. His Purple Heart was certainly justified as was that given to your other brother for bayonet wounds. However, your sarcasm and apparent reference to my Purple Heart needs to be addressed.

Mr. Susko, I received my Purple Heart for serious gunshot wounds sustained in Seoul on September 26, 1950. I had been left for dead. But my will to survive, instilled in me by the U.S. Marine Corps plus my faith in God, pulled me through. To say that when I "turn in my Purple Heart" you will "concede that all infantrymen with the CIB turn in the Bronze Star" is a totally idiotic statement, although you are entitled to your opinion.

In response to your last paragraph, you stated that people lost limbs in the Korean War in combat and never received the Purple Heart. This is a statement made without basis, designed to emotionally draw support to your position. I, therefore, challenge you to give me the name(s) and all related facts of anyone denied the Purple Heart for the reason you state. I will personally fight to have justice, if warranted, done. As a service officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart, I can follow through.

As for your reference to "experts on the Bronze Star Medal", I am an expert on all valor awards, from the Bronze Star to the Medal of Honor. My experience lies in the effective research I did in writing my book, "RED BLOOD...PURPLE HEARTS".

Stay well and don't be quick to jump the gun. Always have your facts straight.

Sincerely,

Joe Saluzzi

2339 E. 12 St., Brooklyn, NY 11229-4201

Dutch Nelsen Chapter Colorado Springs, CO

This active Chapter meets each month with a planned program.

Here are some recent activities and programs:

Participated in a Loyalty Day parade in April; evaluated drawings for a proposed Korean War Veterans Memorial. Three sites are available to place such a monument in Memorial Park. Site selection and the raising of funds are in the working stage. The Chapter hopes to interest other military organizations with the possibility for obtaining funds; Funds derived from a drawing were donated to the Korean-American United Methodist Church. The gift is in the memory of Tae Bok Yane, a Korean Army Veteran (ret) who died recently; COL Don Curtis covered the "D" Day invasion with a slide presentation. COL Curtis was a member of the First Infantry Division, participating in landings in Oran, Sicily, Italy and France.

ELIGIBILITY For Burial in a National Cemetery

Who is eligible for Burial in a National Cemetery?

Any U.S. Armed Forces veteran of active-duty service whose separation from service was not considered dishonorable.

Members of the Armed Forces who die on active duty.

Their spouse, unremarried widow/widower, minor children and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children.

Important Information for Those Desiring Burial in a national Cemetery.

Have a copy of your military discharge certificate of Form DD 214 available.

If you don't have these papers, contact the VA Regional Office, Veterans Services Division nearest you for assistance in establishing eligibility.

After death your family or funeral director should contact the director of the national cemetery where you wish to be buried to schedule a committal service at the cemetery and burial.

The cemetery director will order a grave marker and verify the information to be inscribed on it with your funeral director or family.

Other Death Benefits Available to Veterans

If you are eligible for national cemetery burial but choose to be buried elsewhere, you may apply for a VA monument to mark your grave in any location where a government marker is accepted.

Family members and friends of honorably discharged veterans may request a memorial certificate, bearing the President's signature, expressing the nation's recognition of the deceased veteran's service.

Presidential Memorial Certificates are available not only for recent veteran deaths but for those that occurred years ago.

In cases of recent deaths, VA regional offices generally initiate the request for a certificate. Additional certificates, or certificates for earlier deaths, may also be requested through the VA regional office.

Reprinted from "The Morning Calm", Newsletter of the KWVA of Massachusetts

CHAPTER AFFAIRS

Treasure Coast Chapter

The recent dedication of the Veterans Memorial Park in Port St. Lucie, Florida found the Chapter working with Chapters from Delray Beach and Miami. National KWVA President, Nick Pappas joined in the dedication. Robert McCaffrey is Chapter President.



Robert F. McCaffrey

NOEL ROBERTS (Mst/SGT, Ret. USA)

Graybeards received word, that Noel Roberts passed away, December 17th, 1994, from a heart attack. He was from Crocker, MO.

Noel, KWVA Member 2726, L.M. raised the most money in Missouri in donations for our D.C. Memorial. Many of our members will remember Noel faithfully attending our National Reunions, despite being confined to a wheel-chair. Noel was a true patriot, and served with the 1st Cav. during the Korean War. His many friends in KWVA will miss his friendly smile, and cheerful personality. Noel, and his wife of more than 40 years had looked forward to attending the July Reunion, and the Memorial Dedication ceremony.

Our members who may wish to send a card/letter to his widow may contact her at:

Mrs. Cleta Roberts
Star Route 3
Crocker, Missouri 65452



Seated left to right - Bob McCaffrey, Nick Pappas, John Bowman and Port St. Lucie Mayor and Mrs. Minsky

Missouri and Illinois Chapters to Host '96 Reunion

St. Louis has been selected as the site for the '96 KWVA National Reunion July 22-28, 1996. John Maison, National Treasurer proposed St. Louis to the National Board, who approved the site unanimously. Later, Maison was elected President with Paul Phillips as VP, Stu Ballou, Secretary, and Don Gutmann, Treasurer of the Reunion Committee which is made up of representatives spread across eight MO-IL chapters.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE VOTER: To vote for a candidate place an X in the box by their name. Vote for no more than the required number. Print the required information about yourself on the return address portion of the ballot and mail your ballot to the listed address so it will be postmarked no later than July 10, 1995. (NOTE: Please check the mailing label on this issue of *"The Graybeards"* for your correct membership number. It will be necessary for you to have all the information requested since a current roster will be used to verify your eligibility to vote.)

FOR DIRECTOR - 1995 - 1998

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN FOUR

- ☐ Emmett Benjamin, LR02781
- ☐ Richard W. Danielson, LR04729
- ☐ Paul G. Martin, R03589
- ☐ P.G. "Bob" Morga, LR04026
- ☐ Dorothy "Dot" Schilling, LR07713
- ☐ Daniel Smith, LR08504
- ☐ Gilbert E. Turner, LR10779

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You will find information and pictures submitted by the nominees in the March issue of *Graybeards*.

DUES MUST BE CURRENT THROUGH JULY 10, 1995 FOR YOUR BALLOT TO BE VALID. THIS BALLOT WILL BE VIEWED ONLY BY THE CPA AND WILL BE DESTROYED BY THE CPA AFTER THE FINAL RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND THERE ARE NO CHALLENGES.

Paragraph E, Section 3, Article III, Election of Officers states "The Editor of *Graybeards*, working with the proper officials, shall prepare and publish a ballot for printing, which shall appear in only the June issue of *Graybeards*. **NO OTHER BALLOTS WILL BE HONORED OR ACCEPTED.**" Ballots copied or reproduced will not be accepted.

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—College Educational News

by Bill Van Ort, Chairman
College Educational Committee

The response from our members to participate in the College Grant Program in our first year of operation has been very heartwarming and most encouraging. The names of our ten (10) grant recipients will be announced at the K.W.V.A. Banquet on the 26th of July during our 1995 K.W.V.A. National Reunion this summer in Washington, D.C. at the Omni-Shoreham Hotel.

As this issue of the *GRAYBEARDS* is being printed, our committee is hard at work grading and scoring the many College Grant Applications we have received. Due to the late mailing of the March-April issue, we extended the return deadline to the 21st of April to accommodate any late entries.

Every application received by the committee has been of exceptional quality. We wish we could award each and every applicant. The names of the winning ten finalists with their photos will be printed in the *GRAYBEARDS* following the Memorial Dedication. We also hope to print some of the essays applicants have submitted in future issues of the magazine.

Emmett Benjamin, Director of the K.W.V.A., President of the Florida Department and a member of our committee, held a "Black Tie" Dinner on 17 September 1994 at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Miami, Florida specifically to help raise funds for our College Grant Program.

"Peace through Friendship and Commerce" was the theme Honoring the Consular Corps of Miami. In attendance were Col. Lloyd "Scooter" Burke, a member of our College Educational Committee, Maj. George O'Brien and N.C.O. Hector Cafferta, three Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.

A check for \$5,000.00, the proceeds of this gala, was presented to me for deposit into our College Educational Fund. A special thanks to Emmett for this event and a "well done".

We are presently investigating the feasibility of providing "Chairs" for certain fields of education. The idea is to contact members of the K.W.V.A. (or they may contact us) who are financially able to assist us in this arena, and possibly "Name a Chair" for them. Example... (C. Jones Chair for Medicine) to be funded with a projected level of a \$2,000.00 grant each year. "Chairs" could be provided for many fields of study; i.e.



Medicine could be for a Doctor, Nursing field, Veterinarian, etc.; Agriculture could include agronomy, farming, etc.; Engineering could be aerospace, chemical or architecture, etc.; Law may include corporate Law, trial lawyers, may also include law enforcement, etc. The committee, with our Benefactors could then increase our support to College bound students. Those members who could help finance this endeavor are asked to contact the Chairman, or any member of the committee.

Bill Van Ort, Chairman
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Lloyd L. Burke
700 Grand Point Dr.
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Tom Chilcott
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Brighton, MI 48116



Emmett Benjamin has just presented Colonel "Scooter" Burke with a \$5,000 check for the KWVA College Education Fund at the dinner held in Miami, Florida on September 17, 1994. The 53 Consulates General based in Miami were invited. Flags of those nations are in the background.

"... for the Children of our Sacrifice ..."

LETTERS

POW Article Hits Mark

I am impressed and have read the current issue from cover to cover. Keep up the very good work.

With reference to "The POW and the Code of Conduct" by Harley Coon. Mr. Coon hits the mark with his article. As the VAVS Rep for the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor at the Albq VAMC, I get "bloody" upset when I run into hacks that do not know their history.

I must report the good Col D.H. is in good company. William Manchester in "American Caesar" has the troops taking part in the Bataan Death March, which is also pure bunk.

The bottom line is that we have five years before the big Five-oh. We had best support the KWVA and Tell America!

Ted D. Cornell, CMDR KWVA-NM
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Albuquerque, NM 87108

Corrective Action

I am astounded that the name of William Norris does not appear in the list of National Officers in the March/April issue of *The Graybeards*. Perhaps it was an oversight . . .

Genevieve S. Anderson GM00001

Yes, while making corrections to the listing the name became covered and unnoticed in the process. Now it is corrected. Editor.

A Perspective on Names on the Wall

A Letter to President Pappas

My sole purpose in joining the KWVA as an associate member was to learn about the Korean War and, hopefully, some things about my brother who was K.I.A. in April 1951. (When my devastated parents buried him 8 months later, they never spoke about the War again.) Several wonderful people from the KWVA and the Chosin Few have taught me much - and talking with them has turned out to be the best reward of my venture.

I, among many, miss Stan Hadden, for he impressed me with the courage of his convictions. Mr. Hadden inspired me to learn more than expected. Yes, I agree with the adding the names to the Memorial, but not for my initial reasons. At first, my thoughts were of my dead brother who never got to tell me stories again; do magic tricks for me or see the car that my father was saving the service paychecks to buy, when he came home. I thought of his sweet-heart he would not return to marry and the children they would not conceive.

Then my perception changed. I began to realized why feelings were intensified. Suddenly, I had a few more "brothers" calling and writing to me - trying very hard to help me fill in blanks in the life of an 18 year old in the Korean War. Their personal stories of survival, and the honor they continue to demonstrate revealed the true need for a Wall of Names. To quote Mark Helprin, author of "A Soldier of the Great War," "And they will not change, because they have become what they have become to keep the fallen alive." Walter's name on that wall will be for the buddy who pushed him through the Chosen ordeal, - for the fox-hole guy who may have smiled at this not-so-funny joke - the friend who "took out" a "gook" in Walter's name, and the solemn litter bearer who carried him off Hill 902.

In the future, when these combat veterans show their child or grandchild, niece or nephew a name here - or a name over there - they will be historians, educators - telling a real story while dramatically and positively instilling knowledge and pride

one will not find in a classroom today. An artist's monument is most certainly beautiful. But a true story is utterly POWERFUL.

I am indeed humbled by your generation of warriors. I am grateful and proud of you. I've reintroduced many people to the Korean War era and told them how wonderful and caring you all have been. (Next-you'll ask for donations!) I'm determined to convince people to care.

Please, also, for the sake of your experiences of forty years ago, resolve your various differences so that you may utilize the tremendous talents of the present and former administrators. The loss of a single veteran, as a result of dissent or rivalry, is a hollow victory. Mother Nature is taking her toll, as it is. United, you are a formidable and productive group. Division, within the ranks is destructive, as you know better than I.

Once again, thanks and congratulations!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia (Norris) Markley

Looking for Combat Footage

For quite some time I have been seeking to obtain combat footage and photos of a battle which took place during the Korean War, and I have written to the National Archives and to various other places without success and I am now hoping someone who reads the magazine can help me.

It took place on April 25, 1951 just south of the 38th parallel when we were ambushed by Chinese forces who had sneaked behind us as we were trapped up north. The units involved were the 555th Artillery, and the 5th RCT, the 5th Tank outfit and the rangers. The place was called Death Valley where 405 Americans were killed or captured.

I was a member of the 729th ORD (M) Maint. Co. of the 24th DIV assisting in the withdrawal. Two men from the 724th who were with me were killed. Combat footage was taken that day and I was in the footage taken. Is there anyone out there who was there let me know how to obtain this footage or photos. I would be very grateful!

John A. Venezia

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KWVA Has Come A Long Way

I remember the original publications put out by Bill Norris, our founder. I remember the early Graybeards, with all the many improvements that Stan Hadden put out.

This new Graybeards is great, but it is a result of all the earlier ones that formed the foundation. My membership number is 1416, so I go back to 1967-1968. I was also a National Director and the National Quartermaster for awhile. I can honestly and proudly say we have come a long way in a short time. Now onto other matters.

I think the publicity we are reading about in our Graybeards, and the upcoming Memorial Dedication in July, I hope that the dedication will help America remember, and bring forth a lot of exposure about the war. There were lots of hard fought battles and situations that took place; history has not been good to us.

I do hope that all the hard work done from the beginning by members such as Bill Norris, Dick Adams, Blaine Friedlander, Harry Wallace, Stan Hadden, Bill Coe, Tom Maines, Scooter Burke, Carl Ritter, Bill Nurrer, Warren Avery, Norm Jonry, and myself will have been worth it.

Al Rudy
P.O. Box 516
Dania, FL 33004
23rd Regt., 2nd INF DIV 1950-1952

What you are about to read is so far out that the chances of it ever happening is far remote. (JSF)

I have just joined the KWVA, and I have just received the March-April issue of *The Graybeards*, and on reading page 62 the poem entitled "Camp Stewart" was found. As I read the poem I could have been knocked over with a feather.

This is what happened I was in Korea from May 1951-May 1952, serving with the 3rd Div. 3rd AAA. AW, BN, (SP) Btry. C Section 71 (M-24 Tank W/twin 40's).

One day as I was walking down the side of a small hill, "some where in Korea" I saw a piece of paper on the ground, it looked as if it could be a short letter from home to someone. It was hand written, not a letter it was a poem. I was so impressed with the wording, and how it seemed to describe how things were at that time in Korea for an 18 year old.

I committed the poem to

memory, and also kept the poem for many years although I now seem to have lost it.

This is the poem.
*Away across the pacific,
Korea is the spot,
Where we are doomed to spend
some time,
in the land that God forgot.
Down with the snails and
lizards,
down where a man gets blue.
Right in the middle of nowhere,
ten thousand miles from you.
We sweat, we freeze, we shiver,
it's more than a man can stand.
We are not supposed to be
convicts,
just defenders of the land.*

And that was all of the poem that was on the paper.

I have always wanted to know the author of that poem, and to meet the man that dropped it on that hillside in Korea.

I would like to get in touch with Sgt. John G. Dellorto and Sgt Thomas Quidone. I feel now that one of them is the author, and perhaps the one that dropped it in Korea.

If you feel that this is news worthy *the Graybeards* may be able to help me locate them, and others that served with me in section 71, 72.

I have tried unsuccessfully to locate two friends Elmes C. Grimm of Pottstown, Pa. and Julien Bond from Ga. I would appreciate any help that you can give me in locating these men

Oh yes, I made a return visit to Korea last Oct. and I must say that God has blessed that Country. Korea is the safest place in the world and I plan to go back again soon.

James S. Franklin
1303 N. Shore Dr., Leesburg, FL 34748
Ph. 904-365-1014

Korean Vets Deserve Salute

I am a former member, of the Army 3rd Infantry Div. I was discharged 6 months before the Korean War started.

My Buddy, Ardell Kirkpatrick, of Dodd City TX, was on the same mortar squad as I. His enlistment was up shortly after mine. He went home to Dodd City, and joined the reserves, as I did in Milw/WI.

He was called back to the Army, and assigned to the 2nd Inf-Div. Ardell was captured and died in a prison Camp Feb. 12, 1951.

I was never recalled, but I sometimes have a guilt feeling that I should have been there to help you guys out.

Not everyone has forgotten you. In my eyes you are all Heroes. I am particularly proud of you who earned the Combat Infantry Badge. All of you from all branches of the service, have our gratitude for your sacrifices.

I would like to shake the hand of every one of you.

It is sad the ranks of Korean Veterans are rapidly thinning due to age. Many aren't around to see their Memorial.

Here in Wisconsin, we have a Marine Veteran, with quite a history. He is Marvin Nigg of Mountain, WI. Marvin was a 17 yr. old, underage Marine, who took part in the Inchon landing, fought at Chosen Res., and suffered frostbite.

People like him and you deserve a salute.

Every time I read my *Graybeards*, I am proud to be an American.

You Korean Veterans are one of the reasons America is such a great country, you are not forgotten and will not be.

Bill Michaelis
Rt. 4, Box 317-A1
Crivitz, WI 54114

License Plate-1st Owner...

I thank you for the fine magazine and, keep up the good job.

I saw a picture of the Pennsylvania license plate to Thomas E. Grindle. It prompted me to let you know, according to the Maine License Registration Office, I'm the 1st owner of a 5th



R.C.T. plate (5th Regiment Combat Team).

I'm hoping that other Maine Vets from the 1st BN, F Co, 5th Regiment Combat Team "52-53" will see it and blow their horn, and perhaps we can get together.

Ralph N. Foster
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Robert M. Euwer
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LETTERS

Congratulations from Former Editor

Congratulations on your first issue of the *Graybeards*. Truly a magnificent job - membership should be proud and fully satisfied. . . most professional in layout and appearance - more so than my amateurish issues of past months. Your long years of experience in the publication field has shown through. It seems it was little less than a stroke of genius for our President to select you as our new editor. He too is to be congratulated. I wish you well.

I also note with pleasure on page 16 the letter from the Board indicating that they had accepted Mr. Friedlander's accounting of moneys and has closed the matter. Only down side is the regret that he did not so account long ago and thus avoid the past months of unnecessary contention. We should now be able to move forward in KWVA and hope for no repetitions or like controversies. We have a bright future ahead for all to enjoy. We must make the most of it. As our Marine comrades say, "Semper Paratus!"

Sherm Pratt, Former Editor

Names on the Wall

Just ready your *Graybeards* page 8 - clearly shows gold star family members that there will be 12 names on your memorial. Now they should not complain that the memorial has no names, 12 non-vet is a good start.

Bob Hogan
P.O. Box 1058, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Memorial Only Way to Get "Unforgotten"

Just received my copy of the *Graybeards* today and it looks to me like things are going along well. I have never seen any organization that ran perfect. I do not believe that is possible! I, like our new President, believe Korean War Veterans should try and do our best to get along among ourselves. We Korean War Veterans by our very nature after coming home from that War, we forgot it. I must confess I tried to and made a career of the Army. I wore the ribbons on my class A uniform, but never talked about it unless it was brought up by some one and then the conversation was very short. The Country Forgot it and we let them.

I like the new format of the New Magazine we now have it's first class. I first joined the KWVA back several years ago when Jim Bork of

Teamwork Makes Many Heros

For a long time as a Veteran who had served in Korea for nearly a year (1951-2) in a non-combat role with the 445th Ordnance Ammunition Company in Heunde, Korea it was my feeling that we hadn't done much as compared to those up on the front. Our company operated the main Ammunition Dump in Korea which supplied the front line "GI's" and was located about eleven miles from Pusan.

Then one day recently while riding for several hours to a meeting it suddenly struck me that every "GI" who did his assigned job to the best of his ability was important and maybe even a hero as we were all part of a team.

A real team is the sum of its parts and each role played by its members is important and failure by one group can mean failure for all. In our case failure to provide the ammunition for the front would have been disastrous but so would failure to provide food, medical services, air cover, gasoline and all the other support services.

In summing up I feel that all who served and did their assignment to the best of their ability can feel proud of their service and when they look at the booming economy of South Korea (as compared to North Korea) they can say, "Yes I had something to do with this".

Franklin R. Joseph
Danville, Virginia

Phoenix and I were returning from the Nebraska Reunion on the same plane we talked and he started the Arizona Chapter in Phoenix. I joined it for Life and then the National and now we have a Chapter here in Tucson. The KWVA Organization is growing and I hope that it continues. That's the only way we can get "Unforgotten"! The Memorial in Washington is not all that I could hope for, but then it's a Memorial we never had until those men in the beginning got together in Washington and started the KWVA Organization. I shall as one Korean War Veteran be eternally grateful for each of those men. I say thank you to each of them. . . .

Franklin D. R. Kestner Sr.
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Seeking Information of General

I am a KWVA member and one who served in Korea during the war and on for a few months after the truce was signed in July 1953. Very often I have wondered about the post war years in the life of General Harrison who was our chief negotiator during the last months of the truce talks.

Would you print in the KWVA magazine a few biographical notes about him and his life after those talks? Very early in 1951 the General and I served together with the Ninth Infantry Division; at Fort Dix, New Jersey. There was a big difference between us, however; he was the Commanding General and I was a basic trainee in Company E, 47th Infantry Regiment.

Daniel G. Butz
1118 Blue Spruce Drive
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Anyone having information about General Harrison may write the editor for future publication.

Proud of Her Service

...To the gentleman who wrote asking why more Lady Veterans don't join: Sir, I joined the American Legion after I came from Korea to Ft. Leavenworth, KS. From there I was sent to Walter Reed Army Hospital in D.C., and my personal life fell apart, so I neglected my membership. When I got home, finally, I tried to join VFW - they didn't accept women. There being nothing else, I went back to the Legion where I am now a paid-up-for-life member after 19 years. I FINALLY heard about KWVA from a friend and immediately applied for membership, but when the first few issues of "Graybeards" arrived, it seemed to be nothing but "Bitchin' and Complainin'", and I wondered if I had made a mistake! Now however, the new magazine has brought news of Units and places I know. . . .

I am proud to say that I joined the US Army Nurse Corps in December, 1951. After basic, I was sent to Camp Polk, LA. I re-upped and asked for Korea. Received my assignment to 48th M.A.S.H. - near Seoul - the Hemorrhagic Fever Hospital ("H.F.") in May '53 and was there until Sept. '54. We used to visit

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MIA/POW Seen in Russia

On Monday, April 3, 1995, two representatives from the Department of Defense visited me in my home on Long Island to give me an update on their trip to Magadan, Russia.

In September of 1993, I was advised that a Russian Colonel Malinin, who was visiting a Magadan prison facility in the sixties and saw a lone prisoner walking a courtyard at that facility. When this Colonel inquired about this prisoner, he was told that "the prisoner was an American spy." When Colonel Malinin was shown pictures of MIA recently, he identified the prisoner in that courtyard as Sgt. Philip V. Mandra, a U.S. Marine who was captured in Korea on August 7, 1952 and never released by the Koreans.

For eighteen months, Task Force Russia refused to go to Magadan because the Russian side of the commission did not believe Colonel Malinin story, nor acknowledged the existence of this prison.

At my insistence, our side of the commission finally sent a delegation to Magadan in Siberia. To their surprise, the delegation found the prison described by Colonel Malinin, with the courtyard and the window Colonel Malinin stood in. Again, it shows that the Russian side of the commission is not forthright, we are not getting the truth from these people. We need the help of the State Department and the White House to pressure the Russians into turning over factual information on our MIA. They cannot continue to deny that they indeed took our men from the Korean War. We have overwhelming evidence that they indeed took these men and it's time they told us where they are!

We want our boys, who are now old men, home now!

Irene L. Mandra, Chairperson POW'S/
MIA Korean War Veterans, L.I., NY

Best Graybeards

In all the years I've been a member, I can't recall a better *Graybeards*. The cover - stark black on white. Excellent typeset. I am a poet and life member, and have read many *Graybeards* since '86.

Also articles showed you probed the Association in depth. Language a friend of mine, both in college, and writing for publication. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire edition, especially the poems.

W.J. Walsh, Charlestown, MA

KWVA Vets the Real Heroes

The KWVA are honored this year by telling the public what they accomplished for the cause of world peace. Just show some of the headlines printed during those years. (NY Times - "President Warns We Would Use Atom Bomb in Korea, If Necessary; Soviet Vetoes Pleas to Red China") 1 Dec. 1950 shows how the whole free world was in panic and the UN was begging China for peace talks which was ignored by Peiping.

This was the communists big mistake because they nearly had the war won. Before the UN could make a better offer, the Korean veterans licked their wounds from the 1950 set back and with fresh replacements from the states organized the divided forces of 8th Army and 10 Corps into one force with teamwork and firepower and footwork pushed the enemy back into North Korea during Feb-March 1951. The enemy took their last gamble by a double massive counterattack April-May 1951, and we stopped them inflicting heavy losses in troops and equipment and never again was South Korea invaded.

Finally, who was the next to ask for peace? Not the United Nations of free nation but the communist side. The U.S.S.R. delegate to the UN asking for peace on June 23, 1951.

Who gets credit for turning Korean War around? Who else besides the Korean veteran who in turn helped bring a favorable end to the 40 year COLD WAR.

Paul G. Martin
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Healing the Violence

As the nation heals from the senseless loss of life from the violence in Oklahoma City, we can all gather strength from the pain and courage of the citizens who live there.

Those who spoke during the Prayer Service asked all Americans to start healing the violence in our society from both within ourselves, and towards one another.

We are a nation founded on Democracy and Freedom. At times we take our freedoms for granted by not speaking out against hate and intolerance.

Many people do not bother to vote, yet feel free to use the airways to attack other Americans for different ideas and opinions.

The people we elect to office are there to do the work of the people of the country, not just special interests groups. Instead of working together to solve our problems and create a better world for our children, we find intolerance, greed, and a total lack of cooperation on the part of some of our elected officials, to work with the President on the issues we all care about.

It comes across the airways and the media more often than not, that we as a nation are driven by wealth, power, and division, rather than unity, common good and caring.

The healing of hate and violence that divides us, can only be done from within the hearts and souls of everyone of us. We need to listen to our spiritual source of healing, which is love; Love of ourselves and love of one another.

Audrey J. Reid
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Bronze Star Medal and C.I.B.

I don't usually write letters to the Editor. However, I feel compelled to comment on this subject.

It is my opinion that because someone was awarded a Combat Infantryman's Badge they should not automatically be awarded the Bronze Star. My reasoning is somewhat biased. I could never quite agree, that only a person with a certain MOS should be awarded a medal indicating combat service or combat exposure.

What about acknowledging the

days of combat for the men who served in artillery units, the tank corps, etc. Many members of my outfit saw more combat days than many people who wear the CIB. Many of us have more battle stars on our ribbons.

I don't mean to take anything away from my comrades, but let's not compound this unfairness by giving them a Bronze Star and creating another inequity.

Thomas A. Evan
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304th Signal in Seoul and 57th Signal Co. at Kwan-do-ri - "on the mountain" across from X Corps. Visited 1st Marines-on-line for their Anniversary party, and I was "the American Girl" whose visit to 57th Signal - just before the area was again opened to Korean civilians - caused at least one GI to "remember what American girls look like." I'm so glad! But, gosh, guys, my feet sure hurt - dancing in pink pumps after all those months in boots!

Mary Burley
Mt. Morris, MI

Poncho's - No! ... But That Is Past

... I like so many of my comrades of then long ago years I can't remember all things and just how and where many things and incidents took place and like so many others I am aging by the days and years and just do not have total recall after so many years from so long ago. Again, having said this let me tell you what I remember of those says and how I saw that front line trooper who day after day faced the enemy and who made most of the sacrifices in combat. I remember and I see that soldier in worn and torn fatigues. I see that trooper with worn out combat boots with worn down heels. I see that trooper with a dented and blackened helmet from cooking and washing and from using them for other functions. I see troopers with bulging pockets on their jackets and pants with all kinds of different kinds of packet of rations, i.e., coffee, sugar, salt, pepper, cocoa and other assorted odds and ends that he might have a need of. I see these individuals walking down the road or trail in many different types of dress and outfits but I am sorry to have to say I just can not picture or see these troopers wearing poncho's and like I have said I just do not remember or do I recall wearing a poncho that such when it rained or in the foul weather.

Now that I have gotten my say in my two cents worth let me also say all of this is now in the past and let us get on with the present. We now have our memorial and it is something to be damn proud about after all of these many long years, for now it has become a reality. No

longer will the Korean War be a forgotten war and no longer will those who fought in that war be forgotten.

Our dear comrades who gave all they had to give in that war will now be remembered and be honored by us all. We now have a memorial that says to me and all that there was a war, a bloody savage war that was fought in a place called Korea in the 1950's, way before a place called Vietnam was known about and it will tell and show how many thousands of men and women made the sacrifices to keep a people free from a Communist force.

Let us now come together, be we Marines, Navy, Air Force or Army but as one and let the country know that we all stand as one and that this Korean Memorial that we dedicate is for not only we the living but mostly for the 54,246 men and women who paid the price for others freedom and who now live in peace, who no longer live in vain, who no longer feel the sun and rain on their faces, who will never know what it is to see the families grow or smell feel the things about them, they are with God and they one and all are forever young and shall always be with those of us who knew them and who will for always miss them.

Fred A. Duve Jr., USA Ret.
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To those few souls who dislike the term "COMRADE" being used.

The American Legion has been using that term since its formation in 1919! Perhaps our members are NOT members of other veterans organizations such as the American Legion and are NOT used to the term being used as a term of respect, i.e. Comrade Commander or as a term of fellowship.

I have been associated with the American Legion since I was about 8 years old when my father signed me up in the Sons of the American Legion and I was very proud to be accepted into the American Legion in 1945, before WWII was over! I, too did not like the term of "Comrade," until I was told that it was used during World War I by those participants! Therefore, I use the term freely and have NO hesitation about using it! The Communists "stole" the term, so far as I am concerned.

Fraternally yours,
Charles L. Collins

Women in Military Service

I wish to respond to two letters concerning women who served in the Korean War: (1) from Fred A Duve, Jr. #0581 and (2) from Marie E. Anderson (No membership # given).

America Memorial Foundation (WIMSA) shows that about 22,000 ladies served during the Korean War! While your chart on page 58 of this issue shows that there were 6,807,000 participants in the Korean War! These two sets of data indicate that ONLY 0.323+ percent of the participants were ladies.

Neither set of data shows the breakdown of ladies by branch of service. Especially the nurses or other personnel who served in Korea or in Japan during this period! I would like to know those figures, perhaps our ladies could provide such data!

With such a small percentage of possible membership, I cannot believe that any credence is being given to those few souls who wish to change the name of our magazine JUST because they do not have graybeards!!

Finally, any member wishing to see articles about THEIR unit's activities during the Korean War, is MOST welcome to submit articles to the Editor for approval. That is how the majority of the other articles get printed! The Editor and staff normally do not have the time to research the many units which were in our War and to write individual articles about them. Neither do the Staffs of older magazines such as *The American Legion* magazine (and besides, we don't have the money to pay independent authors to do that for us.)

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Notice to Vets of Ft. Devens

Recently I received my Mar/Apr issue of *Graybeards* and wish to ask you a question about an article on page 39 from the Public Affairs Office of Fort Devens.

I went to Morse Code Interceptor School at Devens during the Korea era before going to Korea myself and would like to write to Phillip Morris, Jr. but *Graybeards* failed to list an address for anyone wishing to answer the request. Please let me know of this so I can communicate with the PAO.

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My Turn — Members Soundoff

War or Conflict? — Debate Still Rages

I was both surprised and dismayed by the number of times the name Korean Conflict, (capital C), was used in the January issue of the KWVA magazine. I along with many other Korean War Veterans have always found this name offensive. I notice that the Department of Veterans Affairs uses this name also and I find that insulting as I see they decided to name Desert Shield/Storm the Persian Gulf War. Neither of these wars were declared by our country, nor do I think that our own Civil War or the Indian Wars were. Anyway this is a technicality and a fine line to cut for what a war should be called. The term conflict was first used because our country felt that it was necessary to downplay the Korean War. It is no longer necessary to minimize it, and the severity of the War dictates that that is what it should be named. Who originally decided to name it the Korean Conflict? To name it a Conflict as opposed to calling it a conflict are two different things. I have a letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, with this statement and I quote, "you may be interested in know-

ing that there are no official names for conflicts (wars). The terms are used interchangeably and such usage by U.S. government officials does not imply that veterans who saw combat in one conflict (small c) are any less worthy than others." Bull! I have never seen it referred to as the Persian Gulf Conflict.

Then the secretary placates by stating that our memorial will be called the Korean War Memorial. To name it the War memorial while Veterans Affairs calls it a Conflict seems to me to be a conflict in terms. I believe that the KWVA should use its influence, if it has any, to get the name changed to Korean War. Should the government do so it would be showing some long overdue respect to the veterans who fought that bitter war. The Korean War veterans have never gotten the same respect or recognition as the veterans of other wars. They have been both maligned and forgotten, (even it seems by Jesse Brown). After the war, the government and others as well as the army did

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Reaction to *Defending America*

...After reading the article on page 28 in the January issue of *Graybeards*, "Defending America" by David Hackworth, whoever he is, I'm left wondering if we are a class outfit from even publishing this article. I take this as an insult to our Commander-in-Chief. Before I continue, I am one of the Marines President Truman choose to direct his vile attacks at — a veteran of the Korean War at 18 years old, at 61 years old I still have the self discipline taught to me by my Italian immigrant father and the U.S. Marine Corps.

The President of the United States is the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces like it or not — he doesn't have to be a brave combat veteran — we don't have to like him or the things he says or does on his civilian background. He's the Commander-in-Chief.

This article and its publishing shows lack of respect for the title of the office — I'm requesting we examine ourselves before we examine anyone else let alone the Commander-in-Chief. Self discipline is badly needed in this area.

I am hoping that you will find the space to publish my complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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Second Indianhead Division, WWI, WWII, and Korea Your buddies are waiting to hear from you! Contact: Delmar Dyer, 1713 Dorcas Street #3, Omaha, NE 68108. Phone 402-342-4262.

8075th Signal Air-Ground Liaison Co, Seoul, Korea 1951-1953. Seeking to organize a reunion. Contact Joe Marchetto, 716 Spring Garden St., Easton, PA 18042-3435.

Hq Co 1st Eng Bn, 1st Mar DIV Korea around Feb 1952 knowing of my being burned face and hands from exploding in tent Comm Sec. Contact Joseph Piccione, 3276 SE Saint Lucie Blvd., Stuart, FL 34997.

712th Corp of Eng, Granite City, IL '48-'50 and Korea Oct 51; 5th R.C.T., 24th DIV. John W. Sonley, 8028 S. New England, Burbank, IL 60459

HqCo, 2nd BN, 35th Inf Regt, 2nd Div, served in Korea Nov 52 to Nov 53, Frank Salern, Frank Santora, Tommy Sergi, Tony Scovetti. Contact Bernie Phillips, 136 Riddle St., Brentwood, NY 11717, Phone 516-435-3481

Buddies of Thomas F. Toner, killed by landmine, Seoul, Korea, Dec '51. Contact Jessica Flynn, 707 W. Madison Ave., Magnolia, NJ.

USMC - Camp Pendleton 1950-51 - Looking for Dave Barholdt from Allegany, N.Y. and Bill Newcomb from Des Moines, IA — Please contact Arlene Rhinehart in Newport Beach, CA at 714-760-9660.

1st Medical BN "A" & "H" & "S". They were combat photographers named Ralph Titlebaum and William "Bill" Landers. Bill was from the San Diego area. Contact Ira Davis, 1717 Laurel St., #H, San Carlos, CA 94070 - 415-592-7095.

Hq Co, 1st BN, 17th Inf Regt, 7th Div. Korea 1953, Commo Platoon - Looking for former members for a Korean War Vets reunion Aug. 25-27, 1995 Columbus, NE. Contact Orville L. Dean, Rt. 4, Box 197, Hiawatha, KA 66434 - Last year at NE Reunion in Grand Island 4 of us came - this year in Columbus 16 expected.

1st MAW, MAG-12, SMS-12, 1951-1952 - Looking for Henry Osterkamp from Georgia, and others who serve in Korea during this time. Contact Ed Knapp, 33 Camelot Dr., Rochester, NY 14623

Third Infantry Division - Looking for present and former members and anyone with an interest in the 'Third Infantry Division.'

H-3-1 KOREA - Looking for those who served 1950-1954 to renew friendships, make new ones, share experiences, and especially to remember those who gave their all. Contact Jack Dedrick, 6 Sheridan Terr., Swampscott, MA 01907 for Questionnaire, Mailing/ Muster Roll, KIA Memorial Roll and comments on the three reunions that have been held. A 1995 reunion is being planned for Nashville, TN.

377th Trans. Trk Co, seek info on Cpl. Daniel Healy M.I.A. late '50 or early '52 from west side of Chicagol. Ray Maroncelli, 2722 Ave. U, N.W., Winter Haven, FL 33881.

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everything it could to discredit the soldiers and put the heat on them for said Government & etc's mistakes. (Read chapters 21 & 22 in the book, "The Wages of War," by Richard Seves & Lewis Milford). And during Desert Storm President Bush was quoted in the newspaper as saying, "at this time we should not forget the veterans of WWII and Vietnam." Was it all right to forget the Korean War veterans Mr. President? And as most of us are aware, the media rarely if ever mentions the Korean War, even on those holidays when the veteran's of other wars are being remembered. When Korean War veterans are mentioned, all too often it's "Korean veteran," "veteran of Korea" and in an obituary I saw, "Korean Air Force veteran." (By the way he was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force who served in Korea). Along that line, I was told by some funeral homes that the Chicago Tribune refuses to put the name Korean War in its obituaries. Enough already.

Now about Jesse Brown. He is being interviewed by the KWVA and not once does he mention the Korean War. Only WWII the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf

War." (What the hell is Persian Gulf syndrome). He mentions homeless vets from the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf. No homeless vets from the Korean War Mr. Director? I also wonder about some things from print-out on pages 58-59. 109,000 deaths from Vietnam War does not coincide with any book or almanac although 55,000 does from the Korean War. Why did the Persian Gulf War start 6 months before hostilities began and why is it still going on for veterans benefit purposes, and why is there a special hotline for Vietnam War vets (not shown in printout)? I thought there were no special veterans from any one war. Some things to ask Secretary Brown. Lastly, I don't think our magazine should use the name Korean Conflict unless it is a letter which would be the author's right. I know this letter is long. You may use any part of it in the Graybeards or none of it. You choose. I am sending some copies of pages from some books that you might find interesting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Sasveld, Jr.
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Reunions

JUNE

Outpost Harry Survivors, 4th Annual Reunion, June 8-11, Columbus, GA. Contact Jerry Cunningham, 501 Dhillowies Rd., Columbia, SC 29209 Tel: 803-782-4491

JULY

Third Marine Division Assoc. — July 19-23, 41st Annual Family Reunion, Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. Contact Sergeant Maj. Don Wilson, 978 Larkspur Pl. N., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054-4952, (609-235-8178)

187 ABN R.C.T. (RAKKASANS) — July 23-30 Annual Reunion, Washington, DC - Contact Robert H. Brown, 121 Dunsbach Rd., Clifton Park, NY 12065-6300

7th Cavalry Regiment — July 25th, 26th and 27th (Korea 1950-1951) reunion in Washington, DC. Contact: Walter C. Schrank Jr., 327 Starlite Way, Fremont, CA 94539-7642 (510-656-4782)

Montford Point Marine Assoc., July 25-30, 1995, Bally Casino & Hotel, Las Vegas, NE. Contact Jerome B. Milburn, 1822 East Belvedere Ave., Baltimore, MD 21239, Phone 410-254-8588 or MPMA Nat. Conv. Director, Garfield James, 9008 Justine, Chicago, IL 60620. Phone 312-239-6729.

Battery A, 26th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Bn, 24th Inf Division, July 26-30, Washington, DC. Contact Beryl (Blinky) Smith, 7961 Falcon St., Jacksonville, FL 32244 Tel: 1-904-771-7585

U.S.S. Brinkley Bass (DD-887) - 27-30 July, Pensacola, FL - Contact Bob Sshetron, 347 W. Leeside St., Glendora, CA 91741 - Phone 818-335-8040

AUGUST

Nebraska Korean War Vets — August 25, 26, 27, 1995 Columbus, NE. Contact Orville Dean, Rt. 4, Box 197, Hiawatha, KA 66434-1913

Nebraska Korean Veterans Reunion, Aug. 25-27, 1995, New World Inn, Hwy 30 & 81 South, Columbus, NE. Contact John J. Kurtenbach, 4216 Indian Rd., Kearney, NE 68847

SEPTEMBER

6147th Tactical Group "Mosquito Association — September 5-10, 1995, Antlers Doubletree Hotel, 4 S. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO, Contact James W. (Joe) Merritt, 2440 South Ammons Street, Lakewood, CO 80227. Tel: 303-986-2692.

Combat Infantrymen's Association — September 7-9 — Hickory, NC. Contact Leonard J. Capozziello, Captain, CIA, Co Chairman, 1995 CIA Convention, P.O. Box 23351, Columbus, OH 43223

97th Fighter Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB 1950-1955, Sept. 7-9, 1995, Hope Hotel (Wright-Pratt) for pilots and officers. Contact J.D. Smith, 2408 NW 112th Terrace, Oklahoma City, OK 73120. Phone 405-9097.

2nd Bomb Group & 2nd Bomb Wing, Sept. 7-10, 1995, Kansas City, MO. (Reunion is open to all present and past members of the Group and the Wing). Contact: Kemp F. Martin, 806 Oak Valley Dr., Houston TX 77024 - Phone 713-467-5435.

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Third Infantry Division, Sept. 7-10, 1995, Reunion/convention, Tacoma, WA. Executive Inn, Royal Coachman and Comfort Inn. Contact: Morris Krepy, 11807 Larson Rd., Anderson Island, WA 98303. Phone 206-884-4023.

U.S.S. Wilhoite DE397, Sept 12-15, 1995, Waterbury, Conn. Contact Robert R. Long, R.D. 1 Box 200, Pine Grove, PA 17963. Phone 717-345-4712

86th ORD Co. - Sept. 13-16, 1995, Holiday Inn, New Philadelphia, OH. Contact Dale F. Lirgg, 1356 Kelly Street, NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663 - Phone 216-364-3603.

Ordinance Units stationed in Vienna, Austria (1947-53)-Ft. Devens, MA- and/or Fort Drum, NY (1951-66). - Sept. 13-16, 1995, Holiday Inn, New Philadelphia, OH. Contact Richard Schilbach, 101 So. Whiting St., Apt. 514, Alexandria, VA 22304. Phone 703-370-2707.

VR 22 — 14-17 Sept., 1995 Charleston, SC - Contact Stanley Hunt, 5944 Glasgow Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560-1411 Phone 419-882-1723

Combat Infantrymen's Association, Convention & Reunion, Sept. 15-17, 1995. Contact Assoc. 138 Locust Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10805-3510. Phone 914-632-5827

U.S.S. McGowan DD678, 18th Reunion, Sep 14-16, Boston, MA area. Crew Members 43-60. Contact Bill Lowry, 45 Thunder Cove, Pl., The Woodlands, TX 77381, Ph: 713-363-0013

204th Field Art. BN (Li'l Joe), Korea, 1950-1954, September 17-20, 1995 - Dan Diego, CA. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 or call 201-538-7189.

180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Division(Thunderbirds) WWII and Korea — September 21-24 — Radison Inn, Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Raul Trevino, 1918 Leander, San Antonio, TX 78251. Tel. 210-681-9134

45th Infantry Division (Thunderbirds) WWII and Korea — September 21-24 — Radison Inn, Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Raul Trevino, 2145 NE 36th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73111. Tel. 210-681-9134

B Company, 15th Regt, Audie Murphy's Company, 3rd Division - Sept. 21-24, Fort Benning, GA - Contact Len Lassar, 7 Berkshire Ln, Dover, NH 03820-4532, Phone 603-742-9195

First BN, Seventh Marines, 1st Marine DIV, Korea 1950-51, Sept. 22-24, 1995, Ramada Inn Airport, 111 N.E. Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78209, Phone 210-828-9031

U.S.S. Poole (DE-151) U.S. CG & U.S.S. Gandy (DE-764) U.S.N. — September 21-24 — Contact Donald Macchia, 256 Spruce St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003-3644. Tel. 201-748-0731

532 EB & SR, 22-24 Sept. 1995, Hammond, LA. Contact A Very Brown, 40291 Adams Rd., Hammond, LA 70403. Phone 504-294-5611.

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780th Field Artillery Bn, Sept. 29-30, 1995, Holiday Inn, Sheffield, AL. Contact George J. Ellis, 1020 Wildwood Park Rd, Florence AL 35680-3352. Phone 205-764-5938.

7th Defense-AAA BN, USMC Reunion, 27 Sep to 2 Oct., San Diego, CA. Contact Carl M. Grubic, 510 Avalon Ct., Harrisburg, PA 17111, Phone 717-564-0577

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USS Helm DD 388, Oct. 8-13, 1995, Hacienda Hotel, 3950 Las Vegas Blvd S., Las Vegas, NV 89119. Contact Thomas J. Reilly, 412 E. Grand Ave., Rahway, NJ 07065. Phone 908-382-0481.

GITMO — 12-15 Oct., 1995 - Jacksonville, FL - Contact Stanley Hunt, 5944 Glasgow Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560-1411 Phone 419-882-1723

USS ORISKANY (CVA-34) Ships CO/AIR WING/ MARDET, 12-15, Oct., 1995. Contact Bob Heeley, PO Box 517, Oriskany, NY 13424-0517. Phone 315-736-7529/2751.

USS Lyman K. Swenson DD729 Association — October 12-15, 1995 Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA. Contact John Sorrells DD729 — 5114 F.M. 1960 West #194, Houston, TX 77069 Tel. 713-355-0101

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999th Armored Field Arty. BN Korea 1950-1954 — Oct. 14-15, Arlington Resort Hotel, Hot Springs, AR. Contact: John Goff 222 W. 5th St., Texarkana, TX 75501, Phone 903-793-7592

U.S.S. Satyr, ARL 23, October 15-19, 1995, Golden Nugget Hotel/Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Contact Donna Eichenauer, Sun Kachina Travel, 1987 McCulloch Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403. Phone 1-800-900-0066.

351 Comm Recon Co. (ASA) - October 15-19, 1995, Boomtown, Las Vegas, NV. Contact Bob Rutter, 26 Ware St., West Brookfield, MA 01585. Home 508-867-6097.

Carrier Air Group Two (CVG-2), all hands who served in CVG-2 with VF-23, VF-24, VF-63, VF-64, VA-65 and VC/VT/HU Dets 1950-53), 19-22 Oct. 95, San Antonio, TX. Contact R.A. Wallin, 5904 Co-manche Place, Lynchburg, VA 24502 - Phone 804-239-0428.



Power of the Press

Editor has received 10 written communications in response to a small item on page 20 of the March-April *Graybeards* seeking information on the book "Bayonet: A History of the 7th Inf Division."

This outpouring of information is greater than the space available in this issue. Listed below are some of the responses to the request for information by the lady living in Winfield, KS:

From: John C. Sloan — Contact the 7th Inf Div. Assn, 7303 H Street, Little Rock, AR 72205; From Art Harvey, Book published January 1953, prepared by the PIO of the 7th Div for the Div Historical Council. Printed by Dai Nippon Printing Co., Ltd. by the Airline Service Co.; From Irwin Braun, 2287 Howes St., Merrick, NY 11566 has a copy; Cornelius Vander Weide suggest she contact The Battery Press, Inc. P.O. Box 3107 Uptown Sta., Nashville, TN 37219. They do reprints of many military unit histories; Donald Stubbings reports he has (2) copies. Asks that she contact him at 7 Washington Ave., Hicksville, NY 11801; Finally, Gene Mooney, 585 E. Blvd., Watertown, N.Y. 13601 would very much like to have a copy. Gene was in L Co 32nd Regt.

Sorry we ran out of space. Thanks to all our readers for their response. *Editor.*

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KWVA ORGANIZES DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA ASSISTS IN THE OCTOBER REUNION; CELEBRATES KOREAN VETERANS DAY

ROK & U.S. VETS WORK TOGETHER

The fine gentlemen (by their own admission) in the photos on this page pose as they begin the formation of Chapters and a KWVA's Department of Virginia. As this is going to press, five or six chapters are anticipated. In addition, we are looking to build a chapter in the Valley of Virginia, near Roanoke.

The same fine gentlemen also are working hard on the First Annual Korean War Veterans Reunion at Virginia Beach. President of the Reunion, Dick Gallmeyer, is trying to find his closest Korean War buddies in the 58th FA. He located a few, and is looking for the rest.



Bottom row, L to R: Dal Bin Chung, Kwi Tae Kim, Lloyd Davis, Blaine Friedlander, Dick Gallmeyer, Hi Soun Byun, Dong Mwan Yi; Top row: Hyon Tok Shin, Richard Koiner, Col Hee Yong Lee, Earl Dantzler, Jack Conyer, Jim Adkins, Gen Chang Bok Lee, Bob Swank, Amos Camp and Dr. Samuel K. Moak.



Bottom Row, L to R: Mr. Chung, Blaine Friedlander, Amos Camp, Pres. Byun Hi Soun, Pak In Wha, Kim Yoon Keak, Shin Hyon. Top Row: Kim Kap Nyun, Lee Chic Kuk, Yeo Chong Yov, Lee Tea Ha, Kim Chang Su, Kim Sang Kun, Moon Sang Chul, Kim Kwitae, Lee Hee Yong and Kim Young Ki.

He also is looking to have several thousand Korean War Veterans to become his closest friends...and new members of KWVA. Spread the word!

New members of KWVA were signed up at the organizational meeting held at the Richmond Korean Presbyterian Church. The church's clergy and lay leaders were also found to be Korean War Veterans. Plans were approved for the Church to honor Korean War Veterans at a salute to Korean War Veterans, dinner and service on June 17, 1995. The response from KWVA will be given by Nick Pappas, KWVA President; Earl Dantzler, Sr., President of the Korean Ex-POWs; and Col. Hee-Yong Lee (Ret), Northern Virginia Chapter, KWVA.

Dick Gallmeyer is recovering from major surgery, but is acting as the Secretary of the Department of Virginia. For more information contact him at the addresses shown on the Reunion Application shown below.

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Soldier of Misfortune

For Me, GI Meant General Ineptitude, but I Won a Medal for Trying

By Robert H. Williams

WHEN THE Korean War ground to a standstill at Panmunjom in 1953, I was just getting started in my career in the United States Army. I had sort of wanted to be in that war—not enough to enlist at 17 or 18, but enough, shortly before I turned 20, to ask the draft board to move my name forward.

I was sure we were running out of wars for me to fight and I would not be among those proudly honored on future Veterans Days.

So when the armistice began I found myself standing tall in the rock-filled street of hutments belonging to Battery A, 12th Training Battalion of the Antiaircraft Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Bliss, Tex., then a pearl in the crown of the 4th Army. My test scores had showed that I was qualified for the infantry, the military police and, down the road, officer candidate school. I had chosen the infantry, and was immediately dispatched to the antiaircraft artillery, the kind of military logic you come to expect and even cherish.

So I would not earn the Combat Infantryman's Badge. I would not be a Navy officer, having given up more than three years in the U.S. Naval Reserve for this (I had joined at 16, before Korea). Perhaps I would become an Army officer, although it was growing clearer that if getting a commission required serving any more time than the two years I'd promised President Eisenhower, we had a problem.

For eight weeks I participated in basic training, learning how to wash pots and pans and clean a grease trap, how to strip and fire the M1 rifle, the .30-caliber light machine gun and the rocket launcher, and how to throw a hand grenade. I learned how to run wearing a steel helmet and keep it from bouncing loose from my chin-strapped helmet liner (all infantry monuments ought to depict a soldier charging with one hand gripping a rifle and the other holding on to his helmet).

After basic training most of the

200 of us stayed at Fort Bliss as members of Battery D of the 4th Battalion of the AAARTC, which meant we would spend part of the next eight weeks learning how to violate the Geneva Conventions by shooting foot soldiers with half-track-mounted .50 caliber machine guns, mounted four to the turret, and 40mm automatic twin-mounted cannons, though mostly we learned how to use them and 90mm guns to shoot at proper targets, i.e., airplanes.

During that eight weeks I was the guidon, which means that when the battery marched in formation I led it, as the man in the first rank and the first row. Had we a battery flag, I would have borne it. Deep down I knew that my basic qualifications were a perfect 30-inch stride and a cadence developed during years of marching as a sousaphonist in the first rank of the East St. Louis Senior High School band.

At the end of this second eight-week period I again scored on tests, and while nearly everybody else in my battery was sent on to Germany, or over to the rocks of Korea to clean up expended brass cartridges from the battlegrounds, I spent a week or so awaiting orders and ducking KP by carrying a clipboard wherever I went, as if on some official mission. That still works.

I had some apprehension about what my new posting might be, never having a clear idea of what to expect from life, then or now. But one day there it was: Leaders Course. The eight-week prep school for OCS.

We'd seen them, the la-dee-da wonders with every hair in place, the starched, tailored khakis and the zippered boots and the lacquered-and-waxed cherry helmet liners with the polished brass rivets. They were proficiency devildogs who spent their first five weeks in intensive training and classrooms and their next three weeks, most of them, out in the training batteries ordering push-ups, taking names and kicking asses, demonstrating superiority in every endeavor. I went into this with the same numbness with which I faced all new situations.

Just over a week later, my red helmet liner cocked wearily yet jauntily on my well-groomed head, I was catching some Z's in a telephone booth while on guard duty along the perimeter of Battery D of the Sixth Training Battalion, aka Leaders Course Class Number 145. I was vaguely aware of Pvt. Slovik's fate for this sort of dereliction of duty during World War II, but I had no idea of how I would survive without a nap. Each day we were up at 5, ran a mile and a half before breakfast, stood inspection after breakfast and were either teaching or being taught on into the night.

After five weeks of this, plus any number of infantry exercises in the mountains north of Fort Bliss most of the 49 soldiers in my class graduated to the training batteries, but three or four of us were held at the school to refine our teaching skills, it was said.

One night, again on guard duty but awake and on my feet, I spotted a lone figure in the darkness ahead, well after midnight.

"Halt! Who is there?" I challenged.

"Relax," came the voice back. He identified himself as a Captain, gave his name, approached me and reached for my carbine, which I relinquished to him.

"Your ass is buttermilk," he hissed. I stood at attention while he ripped me apart for not knowing how to be a soldier, for handing over my weapon, for not making him show an ID card at midnight, for putting my battery in danger, though he found nothing wrong with my shave or haircut or polished boots.

The Captain chewed up the one side of me and down the other for five minutes, and then tossed my weapon back to me and said that he was not placing me on report, that he was not part of the leadership school but was just passing by. He said a lot of things to me about character and manhood, and about war and what it is like to be in one. We walked my post together for about half an hour. He asked me what barracks I was in. He nodded and said that was his barracks too.

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DON'T KEEP KWVA A SECRET . . .

By David P. De Pew

KWVA National Publicity Chairman

How often have you mentioned KWVA to another Korean War veteran who had never heard of it? It's almost universal: KWVA is one of the great closely-held secrets of the War.

And that's a major problem KWVA faces. Because it makes recruiting tremendously difficult and slows the growth of our chapters. To gain new members, you have to seek out other Korean veterans, when they should be seeking out KWVA and your chapter, informed, interested and ready to join.

But, at the same time, that very lack of knowledge is an opportunity – an opportunity to gain some valuable editorial exposure – publicity, if you will. But, as eligible veterans read and hear of KWVA and your chapter, they will begin to seek you out.

Editor wants to hear from you

Because KWVA is **not** on the lips of every veteran, editors of your local media – radio, TV, and especially newspapers – find it newsworthy. In fact, they actually want information about your chapter's activities.

Virtually every newspaper in America – whether it be a daily, weekly or monthly – is constantly seeking news to fill its columns. Plus, almost everyone of them has a "calendar of events" that lists activities its readers might find interesting and valuable. And, especially in the smaller cities and towns, radio and TV stations provide the same sort of coverage of local events.

That means your chapter's meetings and special activities can gain the wider public exposure that will draw more attendance. And all you have to do is tell the media what's happening.

It works when you try it

How well does it work? One chapter in Missouri initiated contact with a local "talk radio" host. With obvious pride and confidence, they explained KWVA, its aims and goals at the meeting. The host was so interested he invited them to participate in a broadcast in which they talked with "phone-ins", telling them about KWVA and about the meetings. The result was several new members at following meetings.

Virtually every newspaper in America – whether it be a daily, weekly or monthly – is constantly seeking news to fill its columns.

An Illinois group, wanting to establish a new KWVA chapter placed some low-cost announcements on a local "community" cable channel. That gained them mention by the announcers. At the first organizational meeting, 12 curious veterans showed up, and joined up. The chapter is now up and running, gaining new members regularly.

Every Korean War Veterans Association chapter has interesting and newsworthy events taking place at one time or another throughout the year.

One of the most important is the annual June 25 ceremonies. For its June 25 ceremony in 1991, the St. Louis chapter prepared and mailed descriptive news announcements to 25 area newspapers, 15 radio and five TV stations. Prior to June 25, several radio stations and area newspapers carried announcements. On the day of the event 150 people arrived to see the activities. Plus, three of the TV stations sent camera crews, and the main city daily newspaper sent a reporter who interviewed members of the chapter and took photos. Result: exposure on the evening TV news, and a long story in the daily newspaper.

But, the big question that hinders most chapters from publicizing its activities is how to go about it.

How to go about it

Getting editorial mention is not difficult, provided what you are publicizing is interesting. And provided you present the information in a format the media wants.

News editors are very busy people, laboring (sometimes frantically) to prepare a complete product by a very specific deadline. The easier you make it for them, the more they will appreciate it, and the better chance your information will be "picked up".

Learn the "Five W's and an H"

No matter what the medium, news professionals follow the famous "Five W's and an H" format. That is Who, What, When, Why, Where – and How. And, an effective news

release begins with the most important information in the first paragraph, adding details in subsequent paragraphs. That way, the editor can edit the story to include whatever details he has room for.

If your information fits that style, you're miles ahead when the item reaches the editor's desk.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3

First step is prepare a current list of those media to which you want to send information. For this, the telephone book is a handy resource of firm names and addresses. You don't have to know the specific editor's name (in fact, there are probably "editors" for each function within the organization). Rather, address your mail to News Editor, or Events Editor, depending on what information you are sending. With that approach, you can be certain the proper person will receive it.

How important is your news?

When you're preparing a news release on an event, the first thing to consider is how important the event is to others. Is it your chapter's regular meeting? Or is it an important annual ceremony? Each takes a different approach.

For regular chapter meetings, a simple announcement of What, Who, When will suffice, i.e., "Korean War Veterans Association Chapter __ will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 15, at VFW Post # __, beginning at 7:00 p.m." Follow that with anything unusual, such as a speaker. "John Doe, local area Veterans Administration Director, will speak on current Congressional activity in veterans affairs." Be sure to include the Where – the address where the meeting will be held. "VFW Post __ is located at __." And add a telephone number interested parties can call to get more information.

Big events need detail

For something special, you must include details of what will be happening. That way the editor can gauge the importance of the event. A simple announcement will gain

Appoint a Public Information Officer.

The PIO will become the eyes, ears and voice of the chapter.

little attention. Again, using the "Five Ws and H" format, succinctly explain what will be happening. If there will be separate paragraph.

For example, if your chapter will be holding special June 25 ceremonies, after you've told the "what", "where", and "when", be sure to explain the significance of the date: "June 25, 1995, a national holiday in the Republic of Korea, marks the 45th anniversary of the beginning of the three-year Korean War." That's the "why". Who will participate? "In addition to KWVA members, officials of the local Korean community will participate, including [Korean Society president]" (and, be sure to prominently mention local governmental officials, like the mayor). "Color guards from 11 area American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and AMVETS posts will participate."

And, don't get carried away with rhetoric or adjectives. Like Sgt. Friday used to say in "Dragnet", "Just the facts, ma'am." If the editor wants adjectives, let him add them.

An important footnote

We have found it very valuable to end new releases with an explanation of KWVA. After all, many who read the article (and the editors, too) do not recognize KWVA. "Korean War Veterans Association is a national, Washington-based veterans group dedicated to commemorating those who served in 'America's Forgotten War', the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1953."

Type it neatly

Handwriting is hard to read. The idea is to make your communicate quick and easy to read. Every news release or letter from your chapter must be typed neatly. To allow the editor room to make any changes he feels necessary, double-space the lines. And be certain to include the phone number of a spokesman the editor can call for more details. At

the beginning of the page, type in "For additional information, call (Name), (Number)", filling in your spokesman.

Timing is everything

Understand that news media work with deadlines. That means they must know what will be included well in advance of that deadline. Although radio, TV and many newspapers publish every day, they need information well in advance to give them time to weigh its value to their readers. In fact, many "calendars of events" editors require input at least 30 days before the event is to occur. However, more than 30 days is usually too early. So plan accordingly — get it there with plenty of time.

Keep it regular and professional

That leads us to a very important activity on the local chapter commanders part. Appoint a Public Information Officer. The PIO will become the eyes, ears and voice of the chapter. The job requires someone articulate, with strong communications skills; someone knowledgeable about chapter activities. This should be a Board of Directors position, so the PIO can be alert to news opportunities.

Meet the press

Once the PIO has been appointed, he or she should contact the most important local media and introduce himself or herself, offering to supply information editors might need. Although a personal meeting is the most valuable method of introduction, especially in smaller communities, a letter of introduction will suffice. You'll find the editor will keep the name on file, and you might expect a call for comments in the future.

Be thankful for small favors

A word of caution: don't expect the editors to use every word of what you sent them. Or even every news release. They may have room, or some major news event may push your stuff aside. But, persevere, keep sending information. Some of it will hit.

And, it doesn't hurt to send a brief note of thanks to the editor when your material is picked up.

Many chapters are already realizing the positive effects of a good strong publicity program. They are the dynamic, growing chapters.

Your chapter can be one, too, with a little planning.

There are many other activities

that can, with a little planning, generate much-needed recognition for your chapter, and KWVA nationally. We'll discuss them in future articles.

David P. De Pew Public Relations Officer

David De Pew, Public Relations Officer of the KWVA, has 36 years of award-winning achievement in public relations, advertising, marketing and consultation with some of America's leading business firms such as Welsh Foods, Toastmaster, Caterpillar, Clark Equipment, Gardner-Denver, J&L Steel, Citco Chemicals and IBM.

He is the author of communications and marketing articles; a regular marketing column, *St. Louis Communicator*; lecturer at several colleges; and served as a consultant to advertising agencies and businesses.

He has held memberships in the Business/Professional Advertisers Assn., Association of Industrial Advertisers, Chicago Advertising Club, Sales Promotion Executive Assn., American Marketing Assn., Louisville Advertising Assn., St. Louis Advertising Club, and American Advertising Federation.

In addition to KWVA, he holds memberships in The American Legion, VFW, Missouri Historical Society, Missouri Botanical Gardens and St. Louis Skeet & Trap Club.

David, retired from active business, is far from inactive. As a Director of Missouri Chapter, 1, he helped plan and implement several programs which expanded KWVA in Missouri, including the establishment of a State department.

During his career he received many awards for creativity and planning from Freedom's Foundation, American Business Press, Association of Industrial Advertisers, American Business/Professional Advertising Association, American Advertising Association, American Marketing Association, Chicago and St. Louis Advertising Clubs.

Korean War Memorial Berrien County, Michigan



Photo furnished courtesy of Tom Chilcott

The beautiful Korean War Memorial dedicated to the men and women of Berrien County, Michigan who served during the war. Berrien County is located in S.W. Michigan on the shores of Lake Michigan — seen in the background of the above photo.

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when it was part of OCS a few years ago. He'd stashed a fifth of Johnny Walker Red in the overhead crawl space while he was there and told me where to look for it.

"Good luck," he said, stepping back.

We exchanged salutes, and then he was gone. I have never forgotten some of the things he told me, although I cannot remember exactly what they were.

The last days of the eight weeks were devoted to final exams, topped off by me grand patrol, the one where each of the 49 of us, over a couple of days, was to lead an infantry patrol through a prescribed

course on the side of the mountain. On my final exam patrol I stumbled and lurched and fell a couple of times getting started, and the three soldiers I was leading were often out in front of me. Then we came to a scene where a fake enemy soldier lay seriously "wounded." In the classroom, I had learned that I should bandage him and have him taken back to the command post for interrogation. But it would have taken two of my three men to get him back alive. I thought of some of the things Capt. Midnight had told me about the reality of war that night on guard duty, and one of them was that sometimes the Chinese would booby-trap a fallen comrade.

"Shoot him," I ordered. I had no career to ruin, anyway. We continued the patrol, and I once again lagged behind. Left hand holding down my bouncing helmet, I hurried to catch up, hit a trip wire and touched off a tear gas canister that sprayed only the corner of one eye before I cleared the area; in real combat it would have been a mine or a grenade and I would have been dead. I finally found my men and led them back to the side of the mountain, where further chagrin awaited. One of my earlier tests had been to site our command tent. It turned out I had selected the one spot where it could be demolished by low-flying MiGs.

I spent the next day wandering around, wondering where I would be sent now. I worked out with a timing bag in the antiquated gym and strolled over to the headquarters building where a handful of my fellow students had gathered. What was up, they said, was that the commandant, a lieutenant colonel named Sam Durschnitt, whom I loved and from whom I learned that a gentleman never ever puts a new coat of wax on a pair of boots without saddle-soaping, was about to post the standings of the class. One of us would be the honor student, the one who would stand with the officers and cadre in the reviewing enclosure for our graduation parade.

Despite everything, it was me. It wasn't the Combat Infantryman's Badge, but it was the American Spirit Honor Medal, provided by the El Paso Citizens Committee of the Army, Navy and the Air Force for displaying the "American Spirit, Honor, Initiative, Loyalty and High Example to Comrades in Arms."

Our graduation ceremony was held on the morning of Friday, Nov. 6, 1953. Shortly before it began, as I watched my battery line up to march without me, a lieutenant strode by behind me and barked, "Get your hands out of your pockets!" I forget the music the band played. It was all over by noon.

Later, as I packed to move anywhere but OCS, I found that the fifth of Johnny Walker Red was right where Capt. Midnight had said he left it. And it has occurred to me during the years since that perhaps abiding in the presence of imperfection is truly the American Spirit. ■

Robert H. Williams is a Washington Post editor. This article was printed in *The Washington Post*, Sunday, November 13, 1994 and is reprinted with permission.

Most Korean veterans have had difficulty in finding where their units were located during the Korean War. Recently, there has been a revival of interest by veterans to find out where they were in Korea.

The difficulty arose because little attention was paid to Korea during the Korean War. During combat, most GI's were too tired to care and Korean name places often sounded the same. To make things more confusing, after the war the South Korean government changed the names of most of the towns/cities to reflect the Korean language. Previous to this, names were often a mixture of Korean and Japanese. To further complicate the matter, towns/cities near the demilitarized zone were often physically relocated or disappeared. Adding to the confusion, because of tension with North Korea, the South Koreans did not release many good maps as they did not want the North Koreans to use them. Also, because of tension, the allies of South Korea did not make any maps available to the public. The only modern maps readily available to the world community were 1:1,000,000 Operational Navigation Planning Charts (ONC) and Tactical Pilot Charts (TPC) at 1:500,000. These maps can be bought from U.S. Government agencies.

The best maps for finding the location of your unit reside in the U.S. archives. They are the old Army Map Service Series (AMS). These 1950 vintage maps can be obtained in various scales. They have the 1:1,000,000 World Aeronautical Charts. Just a few of these charts covered the whole area of Korea and beyond. They just have general detail and were chiefly used by the Air Force.

The next group of charts was at 1:250,000 scale. This was the AMS L551 series. They were used for general Army operations and showed much more detail. It took approximately 40 of these charts to cover all of Korea. *NOTE: Most of the Korean War history books usually use these maps to show the positions of the major army units (i.e., Divisions).*

The largest scale charts were the 1:50,000 AMS Series L751. These charts were the most detailed and accurate. They were used by the Infantry and the Artillery, etc. The elevations on these charts were in meters and the Army usually named the hill(s) by their elevation in meters. These charts are somewhat similar to the older version of our domestic U.S.G.S. quad sheets. It would take perhaps 1000 of these maps to cover the area of Korea.

• **To order 1950 vintage Korean maps:** Write to: Cartographic and Architectural Branch (NNSC); National Archives and Record Administration; 8601 Adelphi Rd., College Park, MD 20740-6001. In your request ask for map indices (free) of AMS maps of the Korean War era. They should send you the map indices and order forms.

Another problem is that even if you have all the AMS maps, you still need to know where the military unit(s) would be located on these maps. There are several ways to do this:

1) One of the ways is to use the operational maps (1:250,000) found in the "West Point Atlas of American Wars 1900-1953". This atlas can be obtained from most central libraries. It contains about 14 Korean War maps

(originally based on Army Map Service 1:250,000 scale). It shows the positions of all major units (Corp or Division level) at various time periods of the Korean War.

Using the operational map, find your main unit symbol and note the nearest city, town, river, etc. on this map. Now using a Korean War map index, locate the same city, town, river, etc. on the index. In other words, you are now transposing your position from the operational map to the map index. Using the map index, jot down the name of the map sheet and series that covers the location of the city, town, river, etc. nearest your main unit. By using the order blank, you can now order the appropriate map that covers the area your unit occupied.

2) Another method is much more accurate and does not require use of the operational chart. The U.S. Army had generated monthly Command Reports down to the Battalion/Company level. Part of the report lists the location of each unit along with its map coordinate (these are Military Grid coordinates so remember to read right and up). Using an AMS 1:50,000 scale map you can locate positions accurately within 100 meters.

• **To order monthly command reports:** Write to: Military Field Branch, Military Archives Division; National Archives and Records Administration; Washington, D.C. 20409. Tell them the name of your unit, Korean War and dates that you are interested in. They will send you forms. *NOTE: Xerox copies usually cost about \$.30 a copy so perhaps you may want to limit your request dates.*

Using an AMS map (1:50,000) and the given coordinates from your unit command report, you can locate your unit accurately. **Example:** Chorwon/Kumhwa area; map series L751, Sheet 66281, Kumhwa. The bottom map border information will indicate the letters "CT" to designate the 100,000 meter square identification. If you want more precise accuracy, look at the rest of the coordinates (i.e., coordinates CT 481 356 (actual coordinates of C Btry, 92nd A.F.A. Red Devils on 12 July 1953). The "481" portion of the coordinates is obtained by reading right on the Military Grids (grid on North/South border of map). Of the "481", the "48" will get you to the nearest 1,000 meter grid and the "1" will further refine your position as a fraction of the grid. The last numbers of the coordinates are "356", which are read from bottom to top (grid markings on East/West border of map). Of the "356", the "35" will get you to the nearest 1,000 meter grid and the "6" will further refine your position as tenths of the distance between the "35" and the "36". *NOTE: the 2nd, 3rd, and 25th Infantry Divisions were in the general area of the cited example during the latter part of the Korean War.*

Additional map sources:

• U.S. Army in the Korean War. Volume I. (Subtitled: South To the Naktong, North To The Yalu (June - Nov 1950), written by Roy E. Appleman and published in 1961. The two volume history of the Korean War published by the U.S. Army includes map appendices.

• U.S. Army in the Korean War. Volume II. (Subtitled: Truce Tent and Fighting Front), written by Walter G. Hermes and published in 1966 by the Office of the Chief of Military History, Dept of the Army.

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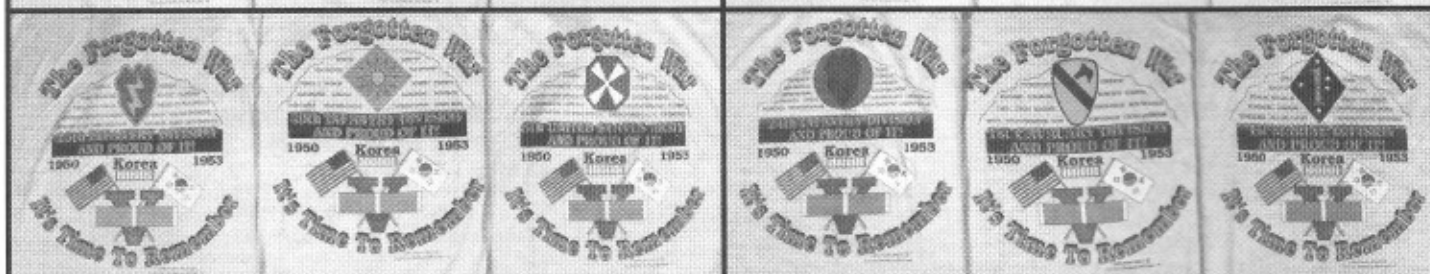
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Interrelated Short Stories of the Korean War

by M.E. Cohane

Preface

The events herein reflect upon the everyday lives of American troops in Korea during four years of undeclared war. In conjunction with its foreign policy, it is the armed strength of a nation that dictates history. Not dead soldiers. A soldier simply dies alone at a place very far from home, and is of no value to the military historian.

To maintain a reasonable perspective during the waning days of the war, the reader is asked to recall the little things; the little things which speak of Lister bags suspended from trees and filled with cool morning water. Surely, there are those who will remember the sound of mess kits scoured with sand, and the acrid smell of scorched brass and burned gunpowder. Peering up through the drifting summer winds, you may still see airbursts puffing lazily in the sky, and perhaps hear the ominous rattle of incoming mortar fire.

Shortly before the cessation of hostilities was signed at Panmunjom, a bipartisan congressional committee toured the 278th General Army Hospital, in Osaka, Japan. It was an election year in the states, and the heavily publicized visit was fraught with political overtones. A senior congressman accompanied the doctors throughout the wards which were specifically designated for enlisted personnel. This portly, beaming lawmaker suddenly paused at the bedside of a young trooper.

"Son, you may not agree with me," the congressman said carefully, studying the young man's face.

"But the time will eventually come when a grateful nation will applaud your valor and sacrifice. In a few short weeks, the shooting war will officially be over. You'll soon be going home, soldier. And upon your arrival back in the states, you will have learned that we have at last identified the three, primary reasons leading to every war.

"Three reasons, son," echoed the congressman as he held up three reasons to show him.

"Three reasons—hunger, disease—and man's inhumanity to his fellow man. Son, it's as simple as that—" The congressman smiled at the trooper and hurried off to catch up with the departing physicians.

Peering after the lawmaker, the soldier with one leg thought briefly about what he had been told. After mulling it over for a few moments, he slowly shook his head, not quite prepared to acknowledge the wisdom of Congress. It seemed pointless to identify three reasons when one would serve admirably. In a nutshell, the way he saw it, the problem was man.

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Requiem for Sunday Dinner

The midsummer rains showed no signs of easing. The liquid windswept sheets fell from an angry sky to further torment the exhausted troops. These soldiers of the line were mainly under twenty years of age. But they were oddly quiet and they did not walk like young men; for their heads were bowed, they were plagued by crabs and barber's itch—with many suffering the additional grief of the loathsome scaves. Big men and little men sweated mightily under the filthy ponchos as they continued their weary push through an incredible sea of mud.

Canteens and bayonets clanged hollowly against empty cartridge belts as the men moved slowly away from the battle and the memories. Scarcely two hours earlier they had been relieved from their positions and ordered to withdraw to the distant rear reserve area known as tent city.

The regiment had suffered enormous casualties. And now, in the cool of after dark, the command posts phones sounded endlessly with reports of the missing, the dead, and the staggering total of those wounded in action.

The survivors of the enemy's direct assault on the mountain were now assigned to the temporary status of rear reserve. Even as the troops continued to stream down the mountain side, the new regimental orders continued to be cut and posted outside the

See Requiem page 55

Editor's Note: M. E. Cohane of Phoenix, Arizona has written a series of short stories about the everyday lives of American troops in Korea during the war. He has graciously permitted his work to be published in "Graybeards" in serial form beginning with this issue. Permission was granted to publish with the following two stipulations: 1. the serialization is to follow the same numerical sequence as the manuscript; 2. the manuscript must be published in its entirety, irrespective of any perceived sensitivity. Acceptance of these conditions is acknowledged with the preface and first story beginning above. The Editor hopes the readers will approve of presenting Mr. Cohane's story in serial form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRESS EXTENDS VFW ELIGIBILITY



WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 14, 1995 - For the first time since 1936, Congress has amended the congressional charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW).

The amendment establishes VFW eligibility for more than 1.8 million veterans who have served in Korea since the end of that war. Those veterans who have served in South Korea for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days since June 30, 1949 can now apply for VFW membership.

By extending eligibility to this group, the VFW ends a protracted effort to recognize those veterans who have served on the Korean peninsula and in surrounding waters. Almost since a cease fire ended the Korean War, the VFW has urged the Department of Defense (DoD) to recognize those veterans with an appropriate medal. Despite lobbying by the VFW, DoD has steadfastly refused to recognize the arduous nature of these veterans service or the potential for harm under which they serve.

Although most Americans are unaware, military personnel serving in and around Korea have served under wartime conditions since the cease fire. Enduring occasional sniper fire and frequent attempts by North Korean troops to infiltrate south of the 38th Parallel, American troops have seen their comrades in arms die and be wounded on many occasions. From 1966 through 1969 a total of 89 hostile deaths and 131 wounded were confirmed.

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and how you stood the test
that freedom lies not in the grave
but where the soul shall rest.

How many tears can freedom give,
or prayers that you may know
That you have died that we may live
in a land that we love so—

If only words could reach thine ears
and tell of all you've done
Each humble cross a stepping stone
to peace that you have won.

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hastily erected squad tents. After the initial feeding, after the hot showers and fresh change of clothing, the men were to regroup to await fresh replacements from the rear depots.

The First Battalion's Baker Company led the charge to the chow line. Weary riflemen, with weapons dutifully slung down against the driving rain, awaited their first hot meal in nine days. The dinner menu had been scrawled on a blackboard just outside the mess tent. Roast beef, soup, apple pie and coffee, the sign told the weary assemblage. And there would be coffee—not packet borne—but brewed fresh in gleaming urns, with sweet canned milk and sugar at the ready.

At the very tail end of the line, the hapless troopers could, by squinting extra hard, actually see the huge mess tent looming through the approaching darkness. But nothing took forever, they knew, and soon they too would at last enter the tent to feed under its protective warmth.

The tent flaps finally opened. A ruddy corporal, assigned to take head count for the meal, peered ruefully down the long line.

"Move it!" the corporal shouted through the gloom. "And don't nobody hang around for seconds! There won't be enough to go around!"

The soldiers of the 60th Infantry Regimental Combat Team responded to this latest information by jabbing at the air with the universal sign of contempt. But the long line was moving at last, and upon entering the tent they were as young men again, hooting and laughing as they shuffled past the serving stations. They proffered their stained and battered mess tins and jeered at the meager portions dehydrated mashed potatoes and a short ladle of powdered noodle soup. For dessert and drink, each man received a two-by-three inch wedge of apple pie and a half canteen cup of coffee. Throughout the huge tent, the heady smells of meat and spices was maddening to the senses.

An obese mess sergeant personally supervised the doling of the pie as he jokingly explained that they had not expected quite so many for

dinner. Due to an error in the drawing of rations, he told the troopers, all portions would be strictly limited with no exceptions.

The men filed past the coffee station, looking for places to sit. But there were no benches, no tables, and the huge squad tent was filling rapidly with drenched, pungent bodies.

"Everybody get the hell outside!" bawled the mess sergeant at the top of his lungs.

"We need room to operate in here! If those who still intend to eat inside, don't cooperate, the rest of you won't get fed! Everybody get the hell outside or I'll stop the feeding right now! A little goddamned rain won't hurt you none!"

The young troopers took their rations and exited through the rear tent flaps. Once outside, they simply hunched their backs up tight against the rain and wind as they wolfed everything down in shivering silence. But under the relentless downpour the food soon lost its identity in a sticky cereal-like morass. The coffee cooled quickly.

They stood in small groups with weapons again slung down as they turned continuously to avoid the cruel, shifting winds. The rain plinked dull and hollow on the steel helmets, while the men turned to stare at the officers mess shed which had been erected at the top of the rise; a site prudently selected to allow for proper drainage. The shed was a compact, solidly constructed affair made with pre-fitted sheets of galvanized iron. The diesel fuel which was pumped in from either end, assured the dining officers of ample heat from potbellied stoves glowing like cherries.

After soaping off and rinsing his mess gear, a young trooper climbed the slippery slope. Raising up high on his toes, he peered through the shed's lone window. In the center of the room, a Special Services musician played on a piano provided expressly for the diners.

Staring dumbly at real chinaware gracing the tables with geometric precision, the young trooper slowly shook his head. Agonizing over the blistering waves of heat rising above the stoves, he turned and

carefully picked his way down the slope to where the first formation was being held. Ideologies and tales always accompany the closing-out of any war. But the stories herein are true; with the actual events taking place during the last year of an undeclared war. These are not the stories of **Baldy**, or **Whitehorse**, or **Porkchop**—but simply the stories of young men who came from America to join the far east command known as **FECOM**.

FECOM is the code word for orders cut as **DESTINATION EVIL**.

For a little while you are invited to spend some time with the riflemen. At the end of your visit it is hoped that you will understand the luxuries of running water, of private toilet and of human dignity denied. You will simply meet some young soldiers who crossed a great sea to die for a people alien to them in essence and in spirit. But they came not only to fight, but to establish a hitherto unknown phenomena as capitalism; with such new materialistic wealth bringing a double-edged sword to those who deemed it infinitely more agreeable to allow others to fight for their freedom and for their land. Indeed, it was the Americans who bore the main brunt of combat; the same Americans who ever march willingly to fight the wars of liberation on soil other than their own.

He carries a rifle and comes and comes mainly from rural, agrarian economies. Unlike his more enlightened peers from the great cities, he continues to believe in such abstracts as honor, duty and country. Contemptuously regarded as a farmer, and, more often than not, as a fool—to this day he remains as the true bulwark of his nation's first line of defense.

The souls of thousands of those young farmers continue their eternal rest in the valley of Chorwon. Other farmers will come and go in wars yet to come. As it was with those who went before them, they too will die empty and so terribly alone.

More than forty years has passed them by—where they lie—and it is still a Korean twilight.

Veterans Services

by J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner



closest to us.

Are you concerned about your spouse? He/she may be entitled to a benefit upon your demise. Income is the determining factor. If you have provided for your spouse, he/she may not be entitled to a pension. Limits are established by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

What about that disability? Have you had a review of your claim lately? Is the percentage of disability correct. Has your injury caused other effects which further disable you?

Can you choose to use a VA hospital even though you have your own hospitalization? Yes you can. The Department of Veterans Affairs will bill your insurance carrier and generally at a lower rate than the private hospitals. You do have a right to choose from whom you

receive medical care. If your medical care is related to your injury or disability claim, then we must determine the relationship between service and non-service connected.

Some states have veteran benefits similar to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Have you checked if you may have an entitlement thereto? How many of you have "GI" insurance. Those who were called back from WWII are most likely to carry it. When was the last time you had a review.

Do you require special living facilities because of a handicap condition. There are several programs available to you.

Nursing home care is available to you if you received treatment in a VA medical center and other specified facilities.

Above are only a few topics which may interest you. Let us know which items you wish us to discuss. Yes! Appeals and the process is very important. That will be one of our presentations in the future.

Give us your ideas and tell us what interests you the most. In the meantime, have a fantastic time at the dedication of our Memorial. Don't miss it. I believe it is the best Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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*Won't heat up a bunker,
Need a furnace there.
Water's frozen solid,
So's my bloody car!*

*Frost on all the canvas,
Bundled up real warm.
Don't touch any metal,
With an ungloved palm!*

*Mud becomes as cement,
Footprints hard as rocks.
Sleep in makeshift bedding,
With your pair of socks.*

*Winter in a bunker,
As cold inside as out.
Watching quilted farmers
Running all about.*

W.J. Walsh
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October 1951 near Kumsong, Korea



Elvin Merk joined Battery "C", 11th F.A. Bn, 24th Division as a Cannoneer. By February 1952 the 24th Division was moved to Japan, replaced by the 40th Division. The unit was then stationed at Camp Younghans.

In the above photo kneeling L to R: Homan, Perran, Argento, O'Rourke. Back row: Sgt. Coker, Chief of Section, Moore, Goff, Gunner, Merk, Huberty, Duran, Downing, Poston, and Lewis.

I would be interested in hearing from anyone who served with me in Korean and Japan.

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NEW FLORIDA MEMORIAL

KWVA Director Launches drive for a Korean War State Memorial . . .

Florida newspapers, to include the *Havana Herald* on March 9, announced the beginning of a new drive to

raise money to design, build and erect a Florida State Memorial dedicated to Floridians who served in the Korean War.

The stories indicated that the effort is being led by Emmett Benjamin of Havana who is a Director in the national Korean War Veterans Association that has been instrumental in erecting a national monument on the Mall in Washington; As KWVA members well know, that monument is now nearing completion and will be dedicated on July 27th by the Presidents of Korea and the United States.

Except for a couple of small local memorials in Florida, the State has neglected the memory of those who served in "The Forgotten War", Benjamin said. He stressed that Florida has the second largest veteran population in the U.S. and that the State is a magnet for the country's veterans perhaps because of the lure of warm sunshine and the many military installations that are available to military retirees.

Benjamin served in Korea in 1952-3 as an Intelligence Officer in the 773rd AAA Gun Battalion, and in the Army Air Corps in World War II. He also pointed out that, unlike Florida, many States already have Memorials to the Korean Veterans with especially impressive ones in Arizona, Maryland, Massachusetts Tennessee and New York, and perhaps elsewhere.

Benjamin intends to concentrate his efforts, at least initially, at the State Capital with the main purpose of dedicating the memorial to the 555 Floridians who were killed in the War and to the uncounted others who were wounded or missing in action. He expects there will later be an additional drive to raise funds and donations for the project.

KWVA members, or others, who are interested in obtaining additional information should contact Director Benjamin at KWVA of Florida, Inc., 106 N.E. St., Havana FL 32333, Tel (904) 539-9053, FAX (904) 539-7667, or 1-800-23 KOREA.

—Sherm Pratt

The Telltale Signs of Senility in Men 60 Years and Above

* Your wife wants to have sex and you complain of a headache.

* Your idea of an exciting night out is to sit in your backyard and solve the Sunday Times crossword puzzle.

* You hear strange, creaking sounds when you wake up which you thought was your bed... it was actually your back.

* You wink at young girls and they suggest you ought to see an eye doctor.

* You show up at your 40th high school reunion and everyone marvels at seeing you, adding "We didn't think you were still around!"

* Your buddies NOW refer to you as a real nice and irregular guy.

* Your neighbor asks you to show him your new Porsche and you take him to the front of the house, sit him on a rocking chair, offer him a glass, of lemonade and you say: "Isn't this a lovely place?"

* Your partially deaf golf partner asks you about hearing aids and you say it's not contagious but he should wear a condom anyway.

* Your wife reminds you not to leave home without it and you immediately check if you have your bifocals.

* On a business trip you drop your wife a postcard and absentmindedly write "Having a wonderful time... wish you were her."

—Bonificio Calayag
Long Island, NY

A Modern Parable

A story is told of a medieval monk who went to his abbot to confess that he had spread lies about another person. "How can I atone? How can I remove those lies?" he asked.

The abbot handed him a pillow. "Cut it open," he said, "and place one feather on every doorstep in town."

Later the monk returned. "Absolve me, Father; for I have completed my penance," he said.

"No, one thing more must be done," replied the abbot. "Go back through the village and gather each feather and put it back in the pillow."

The monk let out a scream. "The winds have blown them far and wide. I can never gather them up."


"Neither can you remove your lies from everyone who heard them," said the abbot.

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Something to Think About on Memorial Day


"I'm Still the Same Old Flag!"





Hello! Remember me? Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Stars and Stripes; I have been referred to as the Star Spangled Banner. But, whatever they call me, I am your Flag, or, as I proudly state... the Flag of the United States of America




There is something that has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you... because it's about you and me. I remember some time ago, I think it was Memorial Day, people were lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade. The town's high school band was behind me, and naturally, I was leading the parade. When your Daddy saw me coming along, waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his right hand was directly over his heart. Remember? And you. Yes, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the correct salute. They taught you in school to place your right hand over your heart.




Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you. Oh, I was very proud as I came down your street.




There were some soldiers home on leave and they were standing at attention giving their military salute. Also, some V.F.W. veterans with their caps at jaunty angles were saluting smartly. Ladies as well as the men, paid me the reverence I deserve. Now, I may sound a little conceited. Well, I am. I have a right to be, because I represent the finest country in the world... the United States of America. More than one aggressive nation has tried to haul me down, but they all felt the fury of this freedom loving country.




Remember... many of you had to go overseas to defend me.




What has happened? I'm still the same old Flag. Oh, I've had a couple more stars added since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since that Memorial Day parade long ago. Dad is gone now. The home town has a new look.




The last time I came down your street, I saw that some of the old landmarks were gone, but in their place, shining majestically in the sun,





were a number of new buildings and homes. Yes sir, the old home town has changed.






But now.. I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and give me a small glance, then look or turn away.




When I think of all the places I've been... Anzio, Guadalcanal, Battle of the Bulge, Korea, and Vietnam; I wonder what's happened? I'm the same old Flag.




But now I see children running around and shouting as I pass by. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw an old man take his hat off, and then look around. He didn't see anybody else with theirs off, so he quickly put his back on. Is it a sin to be an American patriot anymore?



Have you forgotten what I stand for? Have you forgotten all the battlefields where men fought and died to keep this nation, your nation, free? When you salute me, you are actually saluting them. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime. Look at the names of those who never came back, and are resting 'neath white crosses on a far away shore. Some of them were friends or relatives of yours... maybe even went to school with you. That's who you're saluting... when you revere me.

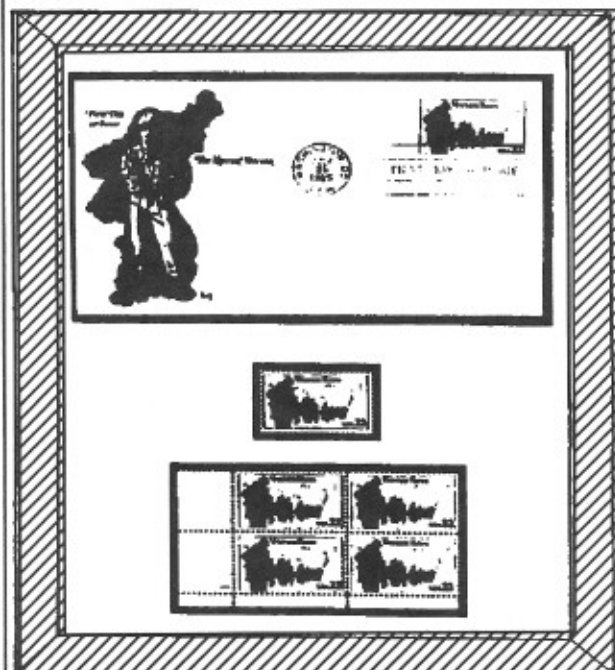


Well, it won't be long until I come down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart, and you'll see me waving back. My salute to you, I'll show you that I too, remember!



—Author Unknown
Submitted by Donald L. Gordon
Corning, CA

First Day Issue Stamp Offer



Now you can get the special first day issue of Korean War Special Stamp! The Korean War Veterans are pleased to announce the following unique and collectible offering to its members.

On August 26, 1985, the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp in honor and memory of all those who served their country during the Korean War. Each framed set contains an authentic First Day Cover indicating the date and place of issuance of the stamp and bears an artistically crafted design called a Cachet. Also included therein is a serial number block of four stamps along with a mint singleton to complete the collection.

All materials are handsomely mounted on acid-free matting material and professional framed in a poplar, cherry finish frame.

Each framed set (pictured here) measures 9-1/2" x 11-3/4". Quantities are limited and the design of the Cachet may vary, depending upon availability.

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We have left before our time,
But do not weep for us.
Remember us with thoughts and Prayers,
Give comfort to one another.

Hold hands and touch our spirits,
As you walk along the path,
Trace our faces, carved in stone,
Stand tall, beside our courage.

Walk to the Wall of Honor,
Where the winds of war are still,
Trace our images etched forever in time;
Among the Hills of Korea.

Pause, by the clear, cool water,
To reflect on memories past,
Sing songs, and tell our stories,
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1995

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1995 Korean War Veterans Association

11TH ANNUAL REUNION AND NATIONAL MEMORIAL DEDICATION

July 23-30 1995, Washington, D.C.

Member Name: First _____ Last _____ KWVA No. _____

Hotel Selection

1st Choice
Hotel Code2nd Choice
Hotel Code3rd Choice
Hotel Code

(1)

1st Choice
Hotel CodeSingle/Double
OccupancyNumber
of RoomsNumber of
NightsSub-Total
Room x NightsRoom Rate
with TaxTotal Hotel
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Complete 3 to 10 if you do not require hotel rooms.

Number of
PeopleCost per
Person★Total
Charge

(3)

KWVA Banquet - July 26, 1995

X

\$

40

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(4)

KWVA Group Breakfast - July 28, 1995

X

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20

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(5)

KWVA Charter Bus in D.C. to Major Events

X

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(6)

KWVA Reunion Registration Fee for KWVA Member

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PACKAGE PLAN TOTAL

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☐ Check if Deposit made already. (8)

LESS: \$100 DEPOSIT PER ROOM

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(9)

PACKAGE PLAN BALANCE

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INSTRUCTIONS

(1)
Enter Letter Codes from
Hotel Choices below.(2)
Enter 1st Hotel Choice.
Indicate Single or Double
room.
Enter Occupancy Rate
with tax.
Multiply across.(3), (4), (5), (6)
Enter number of people.
Multiply across on each
line.

★Costs are Estimates

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Total the right column.(8)
Pay \$100 Deposit per Room
Now.(9)
Indicate method of payment:
☐ Full Payment Now.
☐ by Check
☐ by Credit Card
☐ Deferred Payment Plan.
☐ by Check
☐ by Credit Card
1/3 Due Dec. 15, 1994
1/3 Due Feb. 15, 1995
1/3 Due April 15, 1995(10)
Fill out Method of Payment
Below.

IMPORTANT

Registration and Package
Plan forms are due with
\$100 per room Deposit
Immediately to guarantee
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MAIL TO:

Harry Wallace - KWVA
-Reunion Chairman
Dan Smith - KWVA
-Special Events Coordinator
c/o: RGA
7315 Wisconsin Ave.
Suite 400 East
Bethesda, MD 20814

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Enter at (1) & (2) above

Room Rates Per Night

Single

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Features (See Key)

A Omni Shoreham	DC	\$92	\$104	\$112	\$126	1,2,3,4,5
B Grand Hyatt	DC	*139	156	*139	156	1,2,3,4,5,6
C Hyatt Capital Hill	DC	*129	145	*129	145	1,2,3,4,5
D Hyatt Crystal City	VA	*115	127	*115	127	1,2,3,4,5
E Hyatt Arlington	VA	*105	115	*105	115	1,2,3,4
F Mayflower	DC	125	139	125	139	1,2,3,4,5,6
G Vista	DC	99	112	99	112	1,2,3,4,5
H Dupont Plaza	DC	99	112	119	134	1,2,3,4
I Marriott-Metro Center	DC	109	123	138	155	1,2,3,4,5
J Westpark	VA	75	83	75	83	1,2,3,4,5
K Geo. Wash. U. Res. Hall	DC	\$55		\$35/		

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Army ☐

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Expiration Date _____ VISA ☐
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Harry Wallace, Membership Chairman (Phone 410-327-4854) (Baltimore, MD)

Your Signature _____

Name of Chapter (if applicable) _____

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

Section 1. Qualification of Members. Membership in this association shall consist of honorary members, regular members, and associate members.

A. Honorary Members. Any person of good character may be elected as an honorary member by the vote of the Executive Council.

B. Regular Members.

1. Service in United States Armed Forces. Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, said service being within or without Korea, but during the Korean war era (September 3, 1945 - January 31, 1955), or who, as a member of the armed forces of the United States as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955, shall be eligible for membership. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, so long as the individual meets the service requirements.

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THE KOREAN WAR

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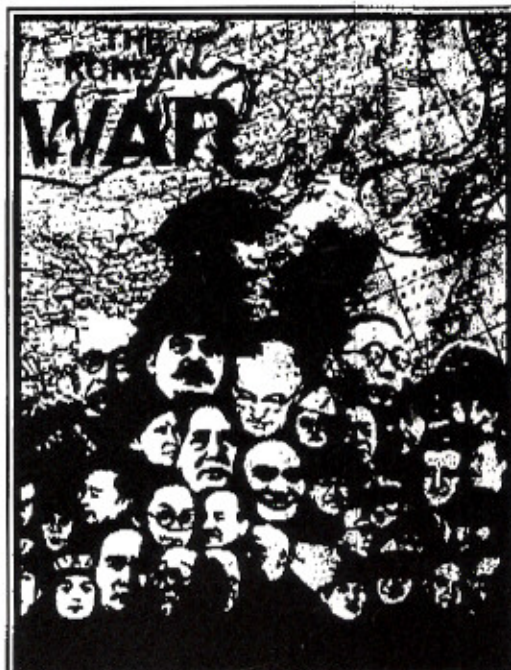
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