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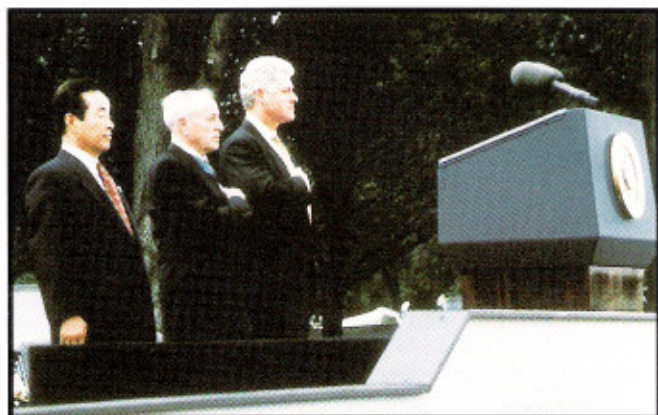
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President's Message

This edition of *The Graybeards* is dedicated to the approximately 8,100 Korean War MIAs. It includes the 900 living American POWs who were supposedly left behind after the Korean War Armistice (Eisenhower Library Archives). I am not going to delve into the reasons for this shocking decision by our government, if it is true, because it would only be speculation at this point in history. Leave it to Congress and the historians to investigate the facts/reasons and determine whether this action was truth or fiction.

The aforementioned documents, coupled with the recent flurry of "alive MIA sightings" reports, deepens the mystery of Korean veterans still missing in action. However, the publicity generated by such reports, keeps Americans aware of those "issues" and reinforces our quest for all MIAs to be returned, whether dead or alive. On pages 12 and 13 is a KWVA letter to the White House and their response, affirming support of efforts by the government to meet with North Korea to resolve MIA issues. Participation with other veteran organizations resulted in an agreement, allowing U.S. personnel limited entrance to North Korea to search for American remains. At least this is a step in the right direction.

The KWVA will continue actions seeking a more rapid return of all MIAs, but members must recognize we are between a rock and a hard place. After the 900 POW report, I received many phone calls from members asking what is the KWVA doing about the MIAs? Many of the phone calls were angry and hard-nose rhetorical comments to take action, which I silently concur with. But the Pentagon agreement has opened the door to North Korea, so let's not slam it shut with public bellicose threats. This will only "harden" the North Korean attitudes/positions, making it more difficult for the government to resolve the MIA issues. Jumping to conclusions at every MIA report we read or hear about without having all the facts detracts from our mission. We must keep a continuing pressure on Congress and the President to ensure all MIAs come home, but in a "diplomatic" manner. After all, we are the Quiet Warriors of the Forgotten War.

National can not do this alone. The aforementioned pressure must be applied at the grassroots level to be successful. National will declare March 1997 as Korean War POW/MIA Remembrance Month. On page 22 is a Petition designed for that purpose. Publicize them in your local newspapers, TV, radio stations, etc. Xerox the Petition and personally take it to all of your local veteran/civic organizations, local shopping malls, etc., to get signatures. Send/carry them to your Senator's and Congressman's "local office", not Washington, around April 1. There is strength in concentrated numbers received and the local staffers will know that its direct mail from home. Follow up on the staff to ensure that Congress received the signed petitions.

Also on page 23 you will find a POW/MIA remembrance armband concerning the 900 POW's, originated by member Don Swanson. It was worn by Gulf Coast Chapter members at the POW/MIA Day Ceremony in Alabama. The armband aroused many questions by attendees at the Ceremony, thus raising an awareness of the Korean War POWs/MIAs issues. Pictures depicting the Ceremony are on page 23. I recommend all members/Chapters to produce similar armbands and wear

them at all functions they attend. We could draw national attention by this action. Questions raises awareness. The success of this mission is solely dependent upon participation of the membership. The choice is yours. I will be wearing the pictured armband at the President's White House Veterans Day Breakfast and associated ceremonies.

Another item of interest, beginning in 1997, all State Departments requesting State Rebate Funds will be authorized to use one (\$1.00) dollar of the two (\$2.00) dollars rebate funds for Departmental operations. The KWVA State Department Rebate Program Procedures published in the November/December '95 *Graybeards* for recruiting purposes, will also be effected for operational costs. Letters will be sent to all State Departments by January 15, 1997 for receipt of Rebate Funds.

Also, accolades to Dave Depew for the fine job he did on the Tell America kit, which all chapters have received. I urge all members to use it.

If there are any questions concerning the actions presented in this message, please feel free to call me. Your questions will provide us guidance that can be shared with all concerned.

It is that time again, nominations for four (4) Directorships for the period 1997-2000. I would like to see more members run for those open seats to ensure continuity of the KWVA as a viable veterans organization. Maybe more candidates will stimulate more members to vote.

In closing, my wife and I extend to all members and their loved ones, Season Greetings and a Happy Blessed New Year.

1997 NATIONAL REUNION

The busy bees of Albuquerque Chapter One are planning an exciting, action packed reunion for 1997! There will be a number of seminars and six planned area tours. The tour prices will be manageable and come with all the trimmings. If you want to explore Albuquerque on your own ... we will be able to make suggestions.

The highest quality seminars will include parliamentary procedures and a complete one on the VA System. Others being planned will be announced as they come on line.

The hospitality room holds 180 people. Like St. Louis, we will have local entertainment. The hospitality room will be open extended hours. The banquet will be tightly paced. We are planning on a major keynote speaker with dancing to follow NLT 10:30 p.m.

We need to know well in advance of any special needs. Albuquerque is almost one mile above sea level and the weather will be warm and humidity low. We need to know about wheelchair needs and respiratory concerns. We will have local medical support as needed.

Send questions or specific requests to Albuquerque Chapter One, KWVA, Post Office Box 80123, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198-0123.

Come on ah my house in 1997 ... we make -you WELCOME!!!

Tod D. Cornell, Chairman 1997 National Reunion

When American soldiers fighting communist forces in Korea asked the reasons for the conflict, a famed American general took time to explain . . .

The Reason Why

Story by Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway

The following statement recorded in Korea by Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, then commanding general of Eighth U.S. Army, was broadcast on the Department of Defense radio program "Time for Defense." It was published in the May 1951 issue of Army Information Digest.

In my brief period of command duty here I have heard from several sources, chiefly from the members of combat units, the questions, "Why are we here? What are we fighting for?" What follows represents my answers to those questions:

The answer to the first question, "Why are we here?" is simple and conclusive. We are here because of the decisions of the properly constituted authorities of our respective governments. As the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur said publicly: "This command intends to maintain a military position in Korea just as long as the statesmen of the United Nations decide we should do so." The answer is simple because further comment is unnecessary. It is conclusive because the loyalty we give, and expect, precludes any slightest questioning of those orders.

The second question is of much greater significance, and every member of this command is entitled to a full and reasoned answer. Mine follows:

To me the issues are clear. It is not a question of this or that Korean

town or village. Real estate is, here, incidental. It is not restricted to the issue of freedom for our South Korean allies, whose fidelity and valor under the severest stresses of battle we recognize, though that freedom is a symbol of the wider issues, and included among them.

The real issues are whether or not the power of western civilizations, as God has permitted it to flower in our own beloved lands, shall defy and defeat Communism; whether the rule of men who shoot their prisoners, enslave their citizens, and deride the dignity of man shall displace the rule of those to whom the individual and his individual rights are sacred; whether we are to survive with God's hand to guide and lead us, or to perish in the dead existence of a Godless world.

If these be true, and to me they are beyond any challenge, then this has ceased to be a fight for freedom for our Korean allies and for their national survival. It has become, and it continues to be, a fight for our own freedom, for our own survival, in an honorable, independent national existence.

The sacrifices we have made and those we shall yet support are not offered vicariously for others, but in our own direct defense wherein certain principles mean more than life.

In the final analysis, the issue now joined right here in Korea is whether Communism or individual freedom shall prevail and whether the flight of fear-driven people such as we have just witnessed across the Han River, and continue to witness in other areas, shall be checked and

defeated overseas or permitted, step by step, to close in on our own homelands and at some future time, however distant, to engulf our own loved ones in all its misery and despair.

These are the things for which we fight. Never have members of any military command had a greater challenge, or a finer opportunity to show ourselves and our people at their best and thus be an honor to the profession of arms and a credit to those who bred us.

Reprinted from *Soldier*, February 1996, the official U.S. Army magazine.

Special Thanks and Acknowledgement to Robert L. Maxwell, Sr.

The July-August-September issue of *The Graybeards* inadvertently omitted acknowledgement of the creator of the photograph used on the front cover. He is Robert L. Maxwell, Sr. of 6527 Greenway Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19142. His artistic talent produced a dramatic cover portraying our National Memorial Patrol marching towards their objective over a background map of Korea. Many thanks to Bob.

Editor

About The Cover

Pictured is a current view of "The Bridge of No Return" where prisoners of war were exchanged following the Armistice in Korea on July 27, 1953. Featured in this issue of *The Graybeards* are stories and testimony about the POW/MIA issue. We wish to thank Charles W. Newcomb of Miami, FL for the picture, taken on a recent revisit trip to Korea in connection with presenting a memorial at the Korea Military Academy in memory of the 41 members of the West Point Class of 1950 lost during the Korean War.

Campfire



AMOS T. CAMP, EDITOR

A matter of Honor

The most distinguished and respected award given to any member of the armed forces is the Medal of Honor. Our esteem, admiration and recognition go out to any individual who served with such extraordinary distinction on the field of battle. No other honor is so prestigious. It embodies every attribute we admire in others who serve their country in time of war. Simply mentioning "Medal of Honor" with the name of an individual recipient explains better than any other words how strongly we feel about such an award.

Honoring or connecting the word honor upon an individual suggests a desire to confer great respect, dignity, distinction, prestige and approval on such a person. Therefore, we honor certain government officials by connecting the word honorable as part of their titles. Examples of this are Members of Congress, Senators, judges and cabinet officers. The motto of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point — "Duty, Honor, Country," is impressive in its simplicity and a powerful statement about one who serves their country. You need not be an Army type to see how these three inspiring words symbolize the spirit of America.

When North Korea attacked South Korea on June 25, 1950, those sons and daughters called to serve did so willingly and without complaint. Yes, duty, honor, country motivated those who served during the Korean War. Now, in one of our nation's most prestigious newspapers, *The New York Times* in its International edition of Tuesday, September 17, 1996, headlined, "U.S. Knew in 1953 North Korea Held American P.O.W.'s." Reading that headline was like a slap in the face. How could P.O.W.'s be left behind without the authorities giving some reasonable explanation? If the authorities were unwilling to give an explanation, why the silence over the last 43 years?

It looks to me like our leaders dishonored our POWs by failing to be forthcoming with this information. In any event, the treachery of the North Koreans should have been exposed. Failure to return every POW violated the Armistice Agreement. A good question is, whether publishing such information at the time could have aroused in the public mind a spirit of righteous indignation? It may be our leaders felt freedom for these 900 troops was a small price to pay for the fighting. It may be in their thinking, sacrificing these relatively few men, preferable to renewing the war and risking additional casualties. Like it or not, they made a decision to look the other way and we have no other recourse but to live with it. The fact remains, whatever reasoning they used dishonors our country and those who fought her wars. It is inexcusable to let this matter continue festering after so many years. Families whose husbands, wives, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters remain unaccounted for, deserve to know the fate of their loved ones. It is the only honorable thing to do.

How can we expect men and women to do their duty

for America and then see our government fail to honor them and their families' sacrifice following the war? The answer must be an unequivocal no! Our obligation remains — honor those who served, including accounting for every POW/MIA no matter how long it takes. As long as the issue of POW/MIAs remains, Duty, Honor, Country must be our call to arms. To do less is to say, this country no longer respects the sanctity of the individual. We must reject this notion as not the American way. We must honor those who are unaccounted for no matter their fate and extend comfort and closure to the families.

We have a duty as members of the KWVA to do our part in getting this issue resolved. Vince Krepps of the Maryland Chapter is our Association POW/MIA representative. He has been attending meetings here in Washington, DC about these issues. (See his article on page 14). Only with public awareness and demand for action can these efforts prove successful.

Our first duty, therefore, will be to insist our government act now to unravel this travesty of dishonor. We are talking about our elected President, Representatives and Senators. They may try to "cop out." Do not let them. They have the power to demand and have information, presently in the possession of government Departments and Agencies about POW/MIAs, promptly released. If records require declassification, they must act to do it. We will also expect them to take the initiative in seeking cooperation of every foreign government having anything to do with the war and enlist their help in resolving this matter. Let the chips fall where they may. This is not to be a witch hunt or an attempt to assign blame to anyone. We simply have a duty to account for these fellow countrymen because it is the honorable thing to do. It is also right and just.

Second, we must hold our "honorable" government officials accountable to see this matter investigated and resolved without delay. If there are still POW/MIAs alive, we have no time to lose.

Third, we must not wait to let friends and neighbors do this job. Individual responsibility now comes into play. To me, this is why "Duty, Honor, Country" is so important. Let us resolve to do our duty, and honor all those who served and continue to serve this country. Such devotion to duty, honor, country is the best guarantee the United States of America remains the greatest country on earth.

Yes, it would seem honor, like duty and country is another casualty of the Korean War. Failure to work diligently toward accounting for all POW/MIAs dishonors our country, the armed forces and every family who saw their sons and daughters go off to war. Until our government turns the corner and begins telling the truth and nothing but the truth, every American is dishonored. Remember, we are the government! If we do not put this matter to rest, our own inaction makes us just as responsible as some official who fails to act. We must have closure or face dishonor.

The Korean War may be the "forgotten war," but it does not mean it was unimportant. Yet, the most important issue of all may be how we complete the unfinished business of honoring those who fought and those who remain unaccounted for.

Amos T. Camp, Editor

*Holiday Greetings and Peace to
Every Member and Their Families!*

Official Announcements

THINK ABOUT THAT FEELING JUST BEFORE APRIL 15TH...

...that's kinda' the feeling beginning to creep on us at this time.

So many of you complied in getting your dues on the new calendar year schedule, we are now hopeful that you will not all wait until January 1 to pay your dues. This will cause a tremendous backlog in the offices. So, if it's possible, please submit your dues as quickly as possible.

You can determine when your dues are due by looking at the date directly above your last name on the mailing label used to mail this newsletter.

If you are not on the new calendar year dues schedule, the following information will help you to determine the amount you should submit.

Dues were due in July, 1996: \$7.50 + 15.00 = \$22.50
Dues were due in August, 1996: \$6.25 + 15.00 = \$21.25
Dues were due in September, 1996: \$5.00 + 15.00 = \$20.00
Dues were due in October, 1996: \$3.75 + 15.00 = \$18.75
Dues are due in November, 1996: \$2.50 + 15.00 = \$17.50
Dues are due in December, 1996: \$1.25 + 15.00 = 16.25

Complying with this schedule will pay you to January 1, 1998.

When renewing your membership, many write to inquire regarding a new membership card. Please be advised that membership cards are not issued each time you renew your membership. A durable, white plastic membership card is issued when you join. If you should decide to become a life member, a gold plastic membership card is issued to replace the regular membership card.

So, please don't wait until the last minute to submit your dues.

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of your change
of address.

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Attn: Membership Secretary

Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

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For the year ending December 31, 1995

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Reunion Revenues	Amount	Percent
Revenue * 95 Reunion	\$404,215	98.0
Interest Income * 95 Reunion	8,085	2.0
Total Reunion Revenues	\$412,300	100.0
Reunion Expenditures	Amount	Percent
Finance Cost * 95 Reunion	5,436	1.3
Facility Cost 95 Reunion	323,328	78.4
Gen Adm & 95 Reunion	16,411	4.0
Transportation 95 Reunion	53,116	12.9
Other Exp 95 Reunion	1,847	.4
Agency fee & R. Greene Assoc.	40,421	9.8
Reimb. * G. Washington Hotel	(5,054)	(1.2)
Reimb. D. Gunn/Outside Services	(5,510)	(1.3)
Total Reunion Expenditures	\$429,995	104.3
Other Reunion Expenditures	Amount	Percent
Reunion * Transportation	733	.2
Reunion * Travel	11	.0
Reunion * Labor	80	.0
Board Expense	12,247	3.0
Copy services	576	.1
Refunds	1,628	.4
Dignitaries * Meals	7,956	1.9
Promotions	504	.1
Miscellaneous	356	.1
Total Other Reunion Expenditures	\$ 24,091	5.8
Cost in excess of Revenue-'95 Reunion	\$(41,786)	(10.1)

NOTE: Facsimile of Contract with RGA is found on page 10.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE - 1996 REUNION INCOME/EXPENSES

REUNION REVENUES	Amount	Percent
HOTELS	\$80,716	60.96
HOTEL REBATES	4423	3.34
BANQUET	10,200	7.70
BREAKFAST	3,215	2.43
REGISTRATIONS	9,515	7.19
TOURS	6,853	5.18
CAR RAFFLE	17,342	13.10
CONVENTION SHIRTS	2,988	2.26
REUNION ADVANCE	4,000	3.02
INTEREST	547	0.41
LESS REFUNDS	-7,382	-5.57
TOTALS	\$132,417	100
REUNION EXPENSES	Amount	Percent
HOTEL ROOMS	\$ 80,716	60.96
BANQUET	12,965	9.79
BREAKFAST	2,878	2.17
STAFF ROOMS	1,164	0.88
BROCHURES	1,556	1.18
TRANSPORTATION	200	0.15
COPY SERVICES	255	0.19
CONVENTION SHIRTS	1,364	1.03
ENTERTAINMENT	875	0.66
PROMOTIONS	2,430	1.84
CREDIT CARD EXPENSE	1,560	1.18
DIGNITARY EXPENSE	1,157	0.87
AWARDS	68	0.05
POSTAGE/TELE/FAX	423	0.32
HOSPITALITY ROOM	356	0.27
CAR EXPENSE	12,876	9.72
REUNION REIMBURSEMENT	4,000	3.02
TOURS	6573	4.96
LADIES ACTIVITIES	694	0.52
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$132,110	99.77
PROFIT/LOSS	\$ 307	0.23

Final adjustments will be reflected in the completed CPA Audit

Advertising Contract Agreement

This will authorize you to publish my/our Ad for _____ issues of the *The Graybeards* magazine beginning Month _____ Year _____. It is my understanding that the cost of the Ad will be according to the prepaid rates published below based on the size of the Ad and the number of insertions. The publishing schedule of *The Graybeards* is currently, five issues per year January/February; March/April; May/June; July/August/September; and October/November/December. **All Ads must be paid in advance** of publication.

All information to be contained in the Ad will be as described on the worksheet found on the reverse side of this contract agreement or comparable sheet and is to be attached to this contract. Copy must be camera-ready and meet the quality standards as determined by the editor of *The Graybeards* on behalf of the Korean War Veterans Association. Should alterations or additional work be necessary to produce an Ad acceptable for publication, such charges will be quoted to the Advertiser before any work is done.

The size of the Ad must conform to the nominal sizes as shown on the rate sheet below. Any changes or modification to the size or wording of the original Ad will be done at an additional cost agreed upon by the advertiser and *The Graybeards* Editor.

I understand that *The Graybeards* Editor retains the right to cancel this agreement if deemed necessary. The balance of charges will be returned at the time of cancellation.

Business/Organization/Company: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signed: _____ Contact Person: _____ Date: _____

Make checks a able to: KWVA

Send with your remittance to: Amos T. Camp, Editor, 7828 Rebel Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

Advertising Rates

Black & White	1 issue	2 issues	4 issues
Full page	\$600	\$570	\$540
2/3 page	450	425	400
1/2 page	325	300	275
1/3 page	225	210	195
1/4 page	175	160	145
1/6 page	125	120	115

Color

Black and second color	earned rate plus \$650
Black and one match color	earned rate plus \$850
Four-color process	earned rate plus \$1,200

Other charges

Inside front cover, back cover and inside back cover will be quoted upon request.

Mechanical Requirements

Ad Dimensions	Width	Depth
Full page	6-13/16"	9.50"
2/3 page (horz)	6-13/16"	6.25"
1/2 page (horz)	6-13/16"	4-13/16"
1/3 page (horz)	6-13/16"	3.25"
1/4 page (horz)	4-3/8"	3-3/8"
1/6 page (horz)	4-13/16"	2.25"
2/3 page (vert)	4.50"	9.50"
1/2 page (vert)	3-5/16"	9.50"
1/3 page (vert)	2.25"	9.50"
1/4 page (vert)	3-3/8"	4-3/8"
1/6 page (vert)	2.25"	4-13/16"

Sizes shown are nominal

Agency Commission

Fifteen percent to authorized agencies on space, position and color. Terms for payment are net with order; net 10 days with prior approval.

The information and proof copy on reverse side or attached have been checked and are approved for printing.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Solicitor: _____ Date: _____

Send all copy for printing together with this contract to: Amos T. Camp, Editor, 7828 Rebel Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

Thank You For Your Patronage

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

1997 Election of Officers and Directors

The By-Laws of our organization state that a call for nominees for election at the annual reunion be stated in the "Graybeards" each year. The undersigned has been appointed Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and presents this call for any qualified member who seeks one of the positions available in the 1997 elections.

There are **FOUR** positions for **DIRECTOR** open for this election. They are for the 1997-2000 three year term. Those desiring to apply will be required to meet the following requirements as stated in our By-Laws.

(Reference Paragraph C, Section 3, Article III of the ByLaws amended July 27, 1994.)

"C. No later than February 15 of each year where offices are to be filled, any person who is a member in good standing of The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. of New York, seeking to run for President, First vice President, Second Vice President, or Director shall make his or her intentions known to the chair of the Nominating Committee in writing using the following format:

1. Requirements:

- a. Must present proof of service by submitting a copy of a DD-214 or other document notarized as a true copy showing eligible service and a statement releasing your document for verification by the Nominating Committee.
- b. Must present a current photograph suitable for publication in the association newsletter.
- c. Must submit a letter with the following:
 - (1) Your intent to run for an office and the office sought.
 - (2) A resume of your qualifications for this office stating your experience that will be of benefit to the association.
 - (3) Your current mailing address, home phone number and KWVA membership number.
 - (4) This letter will be limited to approximately one typed page.
- d. A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and that you understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office.
- e. **YOUR DUES MUST BE CURRENT THROUGH THE TERM OF THE OFFICE YOU ARE SEEKING.** You will sign a statement to this effect. Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the association. (NOTE: If dues are not paid in accordance to this paragraph, candidates will be automatically disqualified with no recourse to run for an office.)
- f. Send the above items by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to the Nominating Committee Chairperson to arrive not later than February 15 of the current year."

Applications will be addressed to:

Nominating Committee Chairman
Maurice R "Dick" Wainwright
9001 E Rosewood St
Tucson, AZ 85710-2659

It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to receive, review and certify the nominees. The approved certified declarations will be forwarded to the Editor of "Graybeards" for publication in the June issue or an earlier issue if submitted in time.

The Official Ballot will be in the June issue of the "Graybeards". Each member in "Good Standing", those whose dues are paid by June 30, 1997, are eligible to cast their vote by mail. The instructions to cast your vote will be listed on your ballot. It is imperative that you follow the instructions, complete your ballot and mail the ballot so it will arrive by July 10, 1997.

The Nomination Committee is requesting assistance in contacting members that would make excellent members of the Executive Council. If any member will recommend such a person, the committee will attempt to secure an application from them.

Respectfully Submitted,


M. R. "Dick" Wainwright
Nomination Committee Chairman

Issue Of Financial Shortfall Addressed

Based upon the Financial Statement on page 44, coupled with 1997 projected revenues, the KWVA may be in a fiscal bind for the coming year. This can be attributed to the rising costs for the publication of the *Graybeards* and the "increased" services provide to the membership during the past several years. During the same period, there have been other major expenditures that depleted assets; i.e. the 1994 transfer of \$97,000 from the KWVA Memorial Account to the Memorial Advisory Board, a loss of \$41,786 (not final) for the '95 Reunion and the extra *Graybeards* sent to Chapters, which equated to around \$20,000 per annum, now cancelled. In addition, approximately 700 life-members (POWs, Gold Star, etc. are receiving *Graybeards* at an annual cost of about \$7,000 paid for by the KWVA. Therefore, as President, it is my responsibility to propose actions to alleviate possible shortfalls; hence this notice.

As a side note, the aforementioned statement does not incorporate the 95/96 Reunions. They are separate reports, so members can differentiate between operational and Reunion costs. Also published is a copy of the KWVA contract with RGA pertaining to the '95 Reunion, to enable the members to better understand the "issues about non-resolution" of the costs of the '95 Reunion as determine by our CPA's Audit — issues which are not settled as of this date. The 1996 Reunion expense statement is a "preliminary" report currently being audited by our CPA. Final report will be published when the audit is completed.

The current six (6) issues of *Graybeards* (64 pages) costs about ten dollars (\$10.00) per member, the Scholarship Fund one dollar (\$1.00) per member and the State Department Rebate Program two dollars (\$2.00) per state member of the "annual" dues. This leaves approximately two dollars (\$2.00) of the annual dues (\$15.00/\$12.00) plus whatever the Quartermaster profits are to pay for the KWVA administrative operations. Examples are: telephones, postage, contractual maintenance of the membership database associated services, Tell America Program, National recruiting brochures, Quartermaster/office supplies, *Graybeards* subsidies etc.

Because the *Graybeards* is not now on a "self-supporting" basis, will submit for FY '97 the following "temporary" cost-cutting measures to the Executive Council at the '97 Mid-Winter Meeting for their action/decision:

- Eliminate all 800 numbers, except the Quartermaster. (Saves \$10,000).
- Reduce the *Graybeards* from six (6) to four (4) issues with 64 pages each. (Costs \$96,000, saves \$48,000).
- Retain *Graybeards* at six (6) issues but reduce pages to "48" per issue. (Costs \$115,000, saves \$29,000).
- *Graybeards* be published in black and white except for the Cover and paid color advertisements. (Paid ads for 1996 was \$12,000, free KWVA ads cost \$15,000).

- Utilize the Postal Service nine (9) digit zip/bar code. (Saves \$3,000 for six (6) issues).
- National Officers/Directors pay for their room-at all Council meetings, not the KWVA. (Saves \$14,000).
- Reduce the State Department Rebate Program to one dollar (\$1.00) per state member with funds to be used for Departmental operations "only." Current procedures will be modified to reflect those changes. (Saves \$4,500).
- Profits from the '96 Reunion Car Raffle "offset" any losses incurred by the Reunion. (Saves \$4,500).
- Operating costs for the Scholarship Program be funded by the KWV Educational Grant Corporation instead of the KWVA. (Saves \$1,000).
- Scholarship Program funding by KWVA be "capped" at \$6,000. (Saves \$6,000).
- A National Raffle, using one (1) Korean War Commemorative M-1 Rifle and one (1) M1911A1 45 Pistol be implemented to support the "*Graybeards*." Ten percent (10%) of the donations going to "participating" chapters.

Furthermore, if the above actions do not "reduce" costs and there is no increase in paid advertising or income to make the *Graybeards* "more" self-sustaining. I am also proposing the following actions to the Executive Council to be effective "January 1, 1998," subject to a mid-year fiscal review at the '97 Reunion:

- Regular membership annual dues be increased to \$25.00.
- Associate membership annual dues be increased to \$22.00.
- Life membership up to age 60 - \$150.00; after age 60 - \$100.00.

Any increased dues "proposals" passed by the Council, requires "amending" the Bylaws, thus subject to "membership" approval or changes thereto at the '97 Reunion.

If any member has contacts with, knowledge of, or is a representative of an advertising/marketing firm that can get national/international advertising or donations to maintain the *Graybeards* as the finest veterans magazine in the country, please contact Editor Camp or myself. The key questions is, does the membership want the *Graybeards* published in the same format as in 1988-1993? As past Editor Hadden said, "the *Graybeards* is the glue that holds the KWVA together."

Editor Camp has recommended that the January/February 1997 *Graybeards* be published with 48 pages, to which I have agreed. This will provide the Executive Council with a realistic cost projection to decide between four (4) and six (6) issues as proposed.

The Council needs your help and advice on these issues to best represent you. If the members have constructive comments or recommendations concerning the contents of this Notice, please forward them to me in writing to provide guidance to the Council at the February 15-16, 1997 Mid-Winter Meeting.

Nick Pappas, President

Facsimile of Contract with Richard Greene Assoc. (RGA) for 1995 Reunion

MR. HARRY WALLACE, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, AND
MR. RICHARD ADAMS, PRESIDENT, KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
P.O. BOX 12205, BALTIMORE, MD 21291
FEBRUARY 20TH, 1994

DEAR MR. WALLACE AND MR. ADAMS,

THIS LETTER AGREEMENT WILL SERVE AS A CONTRACTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION (KWVA) AND RICHARD J. GREENE & ASSOCIATE CHARTERED (RGA). RGA WILL SERVE AS KWVA'S AGENT AND CPA/KWVA'S REUNION/CONVENTION AND ITS AFFILIATION WITH THE DEDICATION OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL, TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 1995.]

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN ORDER TO KEEP COSTS UNDER CONTROL AND TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS TO KWVA, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT KWVA PROVIDE ITS TIMELY AND FULL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO THE TASKS TO BE PERFORMED.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FOLLOWING TASKS AND SERVICES WILL BE PERFORMED UNDER THE DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE OF KWV'S VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP AND REUNION CHAIRMAN, MR. HARRY WALLACE, AND THE COORDINATOR FOR THE 1995 REUNION, MR. DAN SMITH:

TASKS AND SERVICES:

- (1) DEVELOPING FOR KWVA'S APPROVAL, WRITTEN PROCEDURE FOR RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS, WITH APPROPRIATE CHECKS AND BALANCES AS WELL AS PERIODIC REPORTING OF ACTIVITIES.
- (2) ASSISTING WITH DESIGN OF POLICIES REGARDING PAYMENTS BY CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS.
- (3) ASSISTING WITH THE PREPARATION OF CONVENTION BUDGET.
- (4) ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE APPROPRIATE ESCROW ACCOUNTS FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.
- (5) RECEIVING, DEPOSITING, REPORTING, ETC., OF PAYMENTS FROM CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS AND OTHERS.
- (6) PAYING OF APPROVED INVOICES.
- (7) ASSISTING WITH THE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OF SUCH OTHER CONVENTION RELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AS EXHIBITS, VENDORS SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, TRANSPORTATION, ETC.

(8) ASSISTING WITH VARIOUS ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOTELS AND OTHER FACILITIES.

(9) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT KWVA WILL NOT INCUR ANY COST FOR RENTAL OF EXHIBIT SPACE UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED.

PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES:

(1) RGA WILL RECEIVE AN ADVANCE RETAINER OF \$10,000.00 FOR ITS SERVICES UPON SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT.

(2) RGA WILL RECEIVE A FEE OF 10% OF ALL REVENUE RECEIVED FROM THE ABOVE STATED TASKS AND SERVICES.

(3) RGA WILL REPAY \$10,000.00 ADVANCE RETAINER TO KWVA FROM ITS 10% FEES.

(4) RGA WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR ANY PREAPPROVED KWVA NECESSARY EXPENSES.

WE ARE PLEASE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING WITH KWVA.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

/S/ RICHARD J. GREENE PRES.
RICHARD J. GREENE, CPA/BUSINESS ADVISOR,
RICHARD J. GREENE • ASSOCIATES
CHTD.

WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN. WE HEREBY ACCEPTS THE ABOVE STATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND FURTHER WARRANT WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION (KWVA).

/S/ RICHARD ADAMS
NAME: MR. RICHARD ADAMS
TITLE: PRESIDENT OF KWVA
2-20-94

NEGOTIATED AND WITNESSED BY:

/S/ HARRY WALLACE
MR. HARRY WALLACE
2ND VICE PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP/REUNION CHAIRMAN OF KWVA
2-20-94

/S/ DANIEL R. SMITH
DANIEL R. SMITH, 1995 REUNION
COORDINATOR, KWVA
2/20/94

**1996 ANNUAL REUNION
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC.
ADAMS MARK HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MO.**

July 24, 1996 - Meeting in session at 9:00 a.m. Ken Cook gives Benediction & Pledge of Allegiance. Nick Pappas does roll call and introduces guests.

Financial & Audit

Maison - "There are some exceptions to the Audit. I notified Mr. Merner to the fact Mr. Green did not hand out the refunds and charge backs. In essence, the net received is on page 2 of \$444,692.33. On the audit he has less refund, less rebate, reimbursements & charge backs. The net is a total of \$404,000. According to the contract with Mr. Green, has received 10 percent off the top. There's no exemption regarding the charge backs, refunds. In essence, we paid 12 percent instead of 10 percent as per contract. According to the contract, it says unless refunds charged extra. So, according to the audit, there is a balance of funds in the Union National Bank of Maryland of \$12,163.07. It's dormant. If you want me to, I'll read the whole report or you can read it yourself." Burke - "What's the bottom line?" Maison - "According to the audit we still owe Mr. Green \$4,857." Adams - "Who signed all these checks?" Maison - "I called the bank. Signatures at the bank are Richard Green & Daniel Smith. I said to the bank, well, what about Harry Wallace? Wallace had no signatory powers. There is a question Mr. Myrda and I have, what's going to happen to the \$12,000. Legally that money should have been given back to us in February. It was not. On the advice of legal council, I have written another resolution. I'll read it to you."

"First, the Union National Bank of Maryland. Be it here resolved that the Executive Board of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. wishes to change the authorized signatures on account numbers such and such for Richard J. Green and Dan R. Smith to John P. Maison, Treasurer of the Korean War Association, effective this date."

Maison - "I can pass these around for your approval. Signature lines approved by the council. I will fax it to them and send a certified letter to the bank as scheduled. I will be happy to get that money out of that bank and transferred to our office." Burke - "Now in the meantime, back at the ranch, when are you going to pay Mr. Green the \$4,000?" Maison - "It will be \$12,000, not \$4,000." Burke - "How's Green coming out on this? Has he seen this?" Maison - "Yes, and he's not satisfied with it." Maison - there's a schedule on the last page of the Financial Report. "As you can see there are deposits, revenues, etc. Mr. Green did several things in error. For example, he hired an outside party. A young lady named Felicia. He gave her \$5,000 of the Reunion Money. Accordingly, there's nothing in the contract that says we are to pay any outside labor, so we deducted that from Mr. Greens total and he says we owe him \$12,000. So, I think it's \$5,500 in the savings. The Accountant deducted that from the amount Green says we owe. Also, he contracted with G.W. University without any authority. President Pappas told him we were not going to pay for it. It was not a refundable deposit. Therefore, Mr. Green took the loss. He in turn charged us \$4,000 - \$5,000. However, the account disallows this and this is on page 3. On the top of page 3, you'll see the note that he sent regarding RGA memo dated September 10 in regards to the Greens calculations. Strangely, rebates, returns and charge backs are not deductible. Accordingly, the contractor gave us 10 percent off the top, which is standard. That's the refunds. So, if we pay him this \$4,000 we'd be paying him 11.08% instead of 10%, but we have some alternatives. 1. He will not get his money until we get ours. 2. He will not accept the money. 3. We can engage in a mediator, sit down with Mr. Green. 4. We can sue him."

Benjamin - "I have been told by a couple legal friends of mine that the check endorsement on the back like that has no validity in court." Burke - "Who has the authority, and who set up the account? Because, whoever set it up has control over it." Maison - "Richard Green not Harry Wallace." Burke - "What if Green says we're not going to close that account? First of all, how was that account set up?" Maison - "RGA Associates. It's their account." Pappas reads - "This letter agreement will stand as a contractual agreement to the Korean War Veterans Association. RGA will serve as K.W.V.A.'s agent and C.P.A.'s representative. They will be responsible for establishing and maintaining the appropriate Escrow accounts for receipts and reimbursement of funds." Benjamin - "What was the initial amount of the deposit?" Pappas - "\$10,000." Maison - "We've given them \$35,000. According to the audit we owe him \$4,000. According to Green we owe him \$12,000. I am absolutely amazed. I was there when we authorized the initial \$10,000 to Green & Associates in which he promised that we would get our \$10,000 back plus a tremendous amount of interest. Now, we're finding out that we owe & owe. Benjamin - "This is ridiculous." Maison - "This is not net income. It's net banking." Adams - "When I signed the contract, I did it by the authority of the board." Pappas - "RGA will receive a fee of 10 percent of all revenue received." Bey wants to know what the check will be after deductions. Maison - \$4,700. Bey suggests to write a letter to the bank. Maison - "The bank will not give me any information."

Magill - "The point of the matter is, if that account was set up, then the K.W.V.A. can cancel the agency and ask the bank to change the signatories, but you really have to know that information was given at the time the account was set up." Burke - "When was the last time you talked to Mr. Green?" Maison - "Last Thursday. \$1,628 that I paid in checks for." Morga - proposes get rid of this, it takes up too much time. Maison - the problem is this, number one, he doesn't get any money until we settle the \$12,000.00 in the bank." Burke - "Would it be proper for Ed to propose a letter, with your signature, outlining these options?" "Who would you send those letters to? We say that we owe him \$4,700, and he says we owe him \$12,000. We say that there is \$12,000 in the bank." Bey - "Where is the bank?" Maison - "The Bank is in Maryland."

Concerning Operating Costs

Maison - "For the publication alone, the budget was \$104,165, and it's \$1,200 per layout, \$6,000 for five issues. We originally had a budget of \$20,000. \$16,500 is the revised budget. We've spent \$8,329 so far. No typesetting. Nancy makes up the labels, takes them over to Amos, Amos takes them over to the mailer." Burke - "John, see if I'm right, we pay Amos so much a page. How much a page?" Maison - "There's roughly 60 pages. He's paid \$20 a page." Pappas - "He sent out 12,182 in June, the last issue." Burke - "We're looking at \$217,500. I don't see how we can afford that. I think we're going to Hell in a hand-basket. That's the reason I moved to move it to 4 issues, but I got over-ruled." Maison - "Paper, postage, shipping, phone, supplies out of Administrative and into the Quartermaster, and there is a Quartermaster expense. The bottom line is on paper is the balanced budget."

(Talking about *Graybeard* ads). Maison doesn't see why we can't get decent advertising of the *Graybeard* ads & increase our income to \$15-20,000 a year. Martin wants to know how much a full page ad would cost for those issues? Benjamin thinks they need a Advertising Agency to do this.

Concerning Nancy Munson's operating costs: Schilling - "I know that it took quite awhile for Nancy to set up the membership files, but should this not be a lesser bill each month?" Maison also thinks that the membership files ought to be pretty well set-up right now. More discussions concerning membership operations costs. Pappas - "One thing we have to take into consideration is that we've picked up 55 new chapters and over 3000 members since Nancy came on board. Services have increased because of those chapters. We're providing more timely services to our members. Her expense is mainly phone calls from members (wanting State Dept. Chapter List, etc.)." Coon - "We start a new Chapter, we may pick up 10-20 new members. We send it to Nancy so we can get the new membership in there and then my understanding is that Nancy then sends the charter into Rusty for final approval. I think people are using different procedures, and some of them are sending them to Rusty and some to Nancy. I give mine to Nancy so she can get the membership and then give the money to John." Schilling - "I can't understand why Nancy needs 80 hours a month. I mean I have 1,200 members in just my chapter and it takes me 2-3 hours a month to put in the people who just came in, the people that died, the people that transferred. I can't see where she's putting in that many hours a month. I'm sorry. I would need more clarification from Nancy of what she does with her hours. We're paying her \$18 an hour and this is one of our biggest budget items." Pappas - "That's cheap." Martin - "I'm in almost weekly contact with Nancy. She bills us for the time she's on the phone with us or anybody else. So then I cut it back. If Nick calls her or you call her or anybody else calls her and talk for 10 minutes, then that's 10 minutes that's billed to K.W.V.A. at \$18 an hour. This is in addition to whatever times it takes to enter your dues this year or for the whole 12,000 members. If she spends time involved doing anything whatsoever for K.W.V.A. that requires her time, she then bills her time. This includes talking on the telephone, sitting at the computer and sending out dues notices." Pappas - "Just like a lawyer charges by the hour, that's how it is. She's not doing it for free. It takes her time to service our members. Since I hear no more comments concerning Nancy's costs, I consider the issue closed. Maison - "The point is we have to increase revenue from some source. We have 2 options. Quartermaster is doing well, and I expect to make another \$25,000 this year. That's all profit. That will help. But I think we need to think about advertising ... Going out and selling good, decent advertising at 15 percent commission can increase the revenue for *Graybeards*. It can be done."

Pappas - "One thing you've got to understand is that ads are based on distribution. Our distribution is 12,000 members. If you don't have a distribution then you don't get the ads. We don't have a distribution like the American Legion. The more distribution we have, the better the chance we get for ads, right Andy (Lynch)?"

Benjamin - "Well, that's true Nick, but what about the readership."

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Letter to White House

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Nicholas J. Pappas
209 Country Club Drive
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Telephone 1/800-888-0819
November 16, 1995

Hon. Anthony Lake
National Security Council
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Lake,

It has been over three months since representatives of The Chosin Few, VFW, American Legion, KWVA, Amvets, DAV and Korea Cold War Family Assn. of the Missing were given the opportunity to meet with you at the White House. The purpose of that meeting was to discuss Government policy on how to approach North Korea regarding the return of remains and to obtain the fullest possible accounting of our missing from the Korean War.

You stated that the Government wanted to use the exchange of liaisons, provided for in the "Nuclear Accord", as the venue to resolve this issue. To date, we have not exchanged liaisons and we do not see it happening in the immediate future. Therefore we are requesting that the Government adopt the position taken by the veterans group in attendance at the July 26th meeting.

We requested that the President organize an inter-agency working group lead by Tom Hubbard, Asst. Deputy Secretary of State, General Jim Wold, Asst. Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the necessary support personnel from CILHI to meet directly with representatives of North Korea. This bilateral working group should have the funding and authority to resolve all questions relating to POW/MIA issues only (joint operations, etc.). These bilateral talks should once and for all find out if North Korea wants to resolve these issues.

There are approximately 2,000 documented grave sites in North Korea plus remains at former POW camp sites. The revised MIA figure now stands at approximately 8,700 (new study by DOD). The time has come to directly engage the North Koreans in a significant way. We owe this to the men who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country and still lie in the cold and desolate ground of North Korea.

As President Clinton said on July 27 at the Dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial, "Thousands of Americans who were lost in Korea to this day have never been accounted for...We have not forgotten our debt to them or to their families and we will never stop working for the day when they can be brought home."

It has long been the U.S. Government policy to get back remains from foreign wars along with the fullest possible accounting of MIAs. We feel it is time our government did the same for the POW/MIAs from the Korean War. We urge you to move on this issue as quickly as possible. We are like the "dinosaurs", slowly becoming "extinct". The KWVA wants to be sure that everything can be done for the return of those POW/MIAs before the "Ice Age" catches up to us too. After the Korean War Veterans are gone, who will carry that "torch"? Will they be "forgotten" again? Only action on this and similar requests will remedy that.

Mr. Harley Coon, KWVA POW/MIA Chairman, will represent the KWVA. All information concerning POW/MIA affairs should be coordinated through him. His address is 2439 Lantz Rd., Beavercreek, Ohio, 25434; phone is 513-426-5105; fax is 513-426-8415.

Very Respectfully,

Nick Pappas
Nicholas J. Pappas
President, KWVA

Copy to: Executive Council
Graybeards Editor

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 23, 1995

Response from
Anthony Lake

Dear Mr. Pappas:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning an issue of high priority to the Clinton Administration and me personally: achieving the fullest possible accounting for our missing-in-action in Korea.

As you indicated in your letter, when I met earlier this year with representatives from a number of different veterans and family groups, I stated that the Administration would use the soon to be opened liaison office in Pyongyang as a new channel in which to discuss POW-MIA issues with North Korea.

Unfortunately, unanticipated delays by North Korea have prevented the opening of this liaison office. In view of the current uncertainty surrounding the opening of this office, I agree with your basic point that a different mechanism should be established to seek progress on this issue.

The Department of Defense has been authorized to invite a North Korean delegation to the CILHI laboratory in Hawaii in order to improve North Korean knowledge about various technical aspects involved in the recovery of remains. While this visit has been envisioned for some time, the scope of the proposed mission will be broadened to include policy issues. Specifically, the letter of invitation to the North Koreans will advise them that Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Jim Wold will be their host in Honolulu and will be prepared to discuss both issues and all policy matters relating to the MIA issue.

If the North Koreans accept the invitation, Mr. Wold will seek to impress upon them the humanitarian nature of this issue and emphasize our desire to achieve progress quickly.

Given the North's previous history of delay on this issue, it is difficult to assess whether this new initiative will bear fruit. But as someone who strongly supports President Clinton's goal of achieving the fullest possible accounting, I believe that the United States has everything to gain, and nothing to lose, by making this new offer.

I will, of course, keep you informed about the North Korean response.

Sincerely,



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POW/MIA Issue . . .

The Issue That Won't Go Away

KOREAN WAR POW/MIA UPDATE

As POW/MIA Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some recent reports and news articles concerning the issue of 900 sick and wounded POW's being left behind in Korea.

Reports and articles stated that the North Korean's did not repatriate these 900 sick and wounded POW's, as previously reported by LTC. (Ret) Corso. His testimony was in reference to "Operation Little Switch" (which occurred between April 20 and May 1st, 1953). This was designed as a sign of good faith between the UN Forces and the Communists. It was supposed to be the return of severely wounded POW's, but the Communists returned only a few sick and wounded POW's and the rest that were repatriated during this operation were fairly healthy. This was a propaganda move on the part of the Communist Forces. I would like to question LTC. (Ret.) Corso as to how he arrived at these figures especially since he was not present in the POW Camps. Bottom line is, how were these figures obtained? If there are figures then there must be some names that go with these figures.

According to the Department of Defense, POW/MIA Office, LTC. (Ret) Corso was not present during "Operation Big Switch," that occurred between August 1st and September 6th of 1953.

I, having been repatriated on August 31st of 1953, in "Operation Big Switch," did personally observe several sick and wounded being repatriated at the same time.

As a matter of fact several of the sick and wounded were sent to hospitals in Japan for treatment. The repatriated POW's, such as myself that were believed to be in good shape, were put on ships to return home. We were debriefed daily by searching through thousand of names to find out if we knew them in the camps; if they died, how did we know; did we help bury; where and when. I would say that our government made a great effort to find out what happened to the ones on the list (turned over by the communist forces in October, 1951), that did not return. I just recently returned from a reunion of Camp #2 Officers in Atlanta Georgia. I questioned several Officers during my stay and none had any knowledge of any sick and wounded from their Camp that were not repatriated during this time period. It is my opinion that the sick and wounded repatriation was completed in its entirety during "Operation Big Switch."

In November of 1952 the Communist Forces put on a big propaganda show which they called "The Inner Camp Olympics." They brought in Prisoners from every Camp in North Korea, including the South Koreans, the British, the Americans and the South Africans and the Turkish. The Camps were allowed to intermingle during this time period at which time we were able to converse with others guys to find out what had happened to some of our buddies and fellow veterans. We were able to exchange information as to who had died and when and where they were buried. In my opinion it would not be a very wise tactic on the part of the Communist Forces to allow the POW's to get together if indeed they were trying to continue to hide some Prisoners of War.

I think one of the biggest problems we have are these reports being released without a complete investigation being conducted. As the POW/MIA chairman it really bothers me that some family may get false hopes that their Father, brother or some other relative is still being held POW only to find out later that the information is inaccurate. These families have suffered enough.

I hope that if there are any live POW's anywhere that they would be returned home soon.

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ACTION ON KOREAN WAR POW/MIA ISSUE PROMISED

Congressman Robert Dornan (R-CA), whose House National Security Subcommittee on Military Personnel, has been holding hearings on the Korean War POWs left in North Korea at the conclusion of the war, promised early this month to go to North Korea later this year to try to convince Pyongyang to free about fifteen POWs he believes are being detained by the Communists. Further, if this fails, he will advocate a Naval Blockade of North Korea to isolate them.

Did North Korea withhold hundreds of American POWs from repatriation when the war ended in 1953, did the U.S. Government know this in December 1953? If so, what did our Government do to get these prisoners released? These questions should be answered soon by Congressman Dornan's Subcommittee.

Is there a group of American POWs from the Korean War living now in the North Korean Capital City of Pyongyang?

Despite denials in early September by Defense Secretary William Perry and Alan Liotta, deputy director of the Defense Department Office responsible for prisoners of war, representative Dornan and In Sung Lee, a senior Defense Department Research analyst, think so.

Too often, reports of live sightings of Korean War POWs seen in North Korea, China and the former Soviet Union, are labeled as ridiculous and dismissed without investigation by Government officials and the Pentagon.

In recent months the accumulation of information from declassified government documents, from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas and elsewhere, and from Defense Department POW/MIA Office reports, and from the testimony of President Eisenhower's former Military Aide, Colonel Philip Corso, is providing evidence hard to refute that Korean War prisoners of war, are alive in North Korea.

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Families Suffer the Most

I am faxing you a submission for the issue of *The Graybeards* devoted to the topic of POW sightings in North Korea. Don Barton, a member of the Oregon Trail Chapter of KWVA, and a KWVA Board member, contacted me about submitting something for this issue.

I am the Secretary of the Korean/Cold War Family Association of the Missing. If appropriate, would you please run the following text in *The Graybeards* at the end of my submission?

The Korean/Cold War Family Association of the Missing advocates for the rights of all POWs and MIAs from the Korean and Cold Wars. Over 8,000 missing service personnel from these wars are as yet unaccounted for. Our Government must make the resolution of the fates of these people a national priority. In addition, family members of the missing deserve to be kept informed as to the status of the cases of their loved ones.

We are a volunteer organization of people that are searching for answers about loved ones who are MIAs or POWs from the Korean and Cold Wars. Many of us share the experience of having to work at odds with our Government to obtain information about missing family members. For more information about the Association, or for information on obtaining a missing loved ones casualty file, contact Ann Bakkensen, 1141 SW Mitchell Lane, Portland, OR 97201-2822. 503-246-2509 FAX 503-452-9251 E-mail at XPSW32A@prodigy.com

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your magazine.

A Daughter's Story

By Ann Bakkensen
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My father, 1st Lt. Robert F Niemann, was an F-86 pilot during the Korean War. His plane was shot down over North Korea in April, 1953. Nothing was known of his incident except that he disappeared into a cloud bank with a MiG chasing him. He was lost when I was a baby, and I grew up thinking that he had died when his plane was lost.

Four years ago, in 1992, a story on the front page of the *Oregonian* caught my eye. The story listed American airmen whom Russia claimed were captured during the Korean War and sent through an interrogation point. My father's name was on that list. My family did not realize that my father's case was being actively investigated by the Government. We certainly had no idea that he had been captured alive and interrogated. And we had no information as to what had happened to him after his reported interrogation.

Ever since that time I have been trying to unravel the mystery of my father's fate. I have come to know and appreciate my father more than I ever did before meeting other family members of Korean POW/MIAs. And I have come to some conclusions about our Government's Korean War POW/MIA policies. It has been a great disappointment to me to realize the low priority that has been assigned to the resolution of these cases.

The American Government is insensitive to the needs of POW/MIA families.

Reading about my father in the morning paper was an inappropriate way to be updated about his case. The news itself was shocking, not to mention the stress of unsolicited calls from reporters who quickly tracked down my 88-year-old grandmother. And yet, when I asked the Defense Department's POW/MIA office why my family had not been notified, the staffer claimed that the address for my father's next-of-kin had been lost. I replied that if locating us were a high enough priority, an address could have been found. Don't tell me the Government can't find an address. It took the press less than one day to find my grandmother!

Let's take another example. DPMO is the acronym for the Defense Department POW/MIA Office. Currently DPMO does not have a com-

plete data base for the next-of-kin for all POWs and MIAs from the Korean War. In other words, if information about a missing service person from the Korean War is discovered, our Government might not be able to inform the person's family because of lack of current address.

That's what happened to my family. (You can bet they know who I am now, though!) Our families deserve to be identified and informed.

Our Government is currently involved in the US/Russian Joint Commission, in which representatives from the two countries meet to resolve POW/MIA issues. Recently the Joint Commission compiled an interim report, including summaries of individual cases. My father's case was included in the interim report, which was to be released in September. This report was to be given to the Russian Government, and the text was to be released publicly on Internet for the whole world to see. And yet, our Government did not inform me or any other family members whose missing loved ones were being profiled in the interim report. We had no idea that the case summaries were being prepared. And we had no way to express concerns regarding the information which was to appear in the interim report.

So what, you might ask. I would be very upset if some reporter scanning Internet read about my father's case and called me to ask about information that I did not even know about. The Government needs to let the families know what is going on!

Full Accounting Is not a National Priority.

Competing national interests push the resolution of Korean War POW/MIA cases to a low priority. As mentioned previously, our Government is involved in the US/Russian Joint Commission. It is of political benefit for Clinton and Yeltsin to boast about the wonderful cooperation between our two countries in addressing

POW/MIA matters. But in reality, the Joint Commission has lasted longer than the entire Korean War, and has resolved only 3 or 4 cases. And yet, in the Russian military archives are documents which could answer many questions for those of us with missing loved ones.

Why won't our Government get tough with Russia? Why won't President Clinton make this a matter of national priority? I have heard many excuses: It would be embarrassing for Russian officers if it is known that they were respon-

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Letter to a missing brother . . .

Dear Richard and all Korean War POW's and MIA's:

It has been over a year since I last wrote an open letter to you. I have been asked by many to put into words my feelings on the latest news concerning our POW's and MIA's. I decided to put my feelings in another open letter today because this is a special day. On this day, September, 20th, families and veterans attended the annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at the Pentagon and my mind is full of memories, sadness and a new emotion of shame. The Pentagon is just across the Potomac River from Washington D.C. where the Korean War Memorial is located to honor the veterans of that war. The past several years has been like a roller coaster of emotions. We have had many highs such as our national memorial being dedicated, over 200 remains of our Korean War dead sent home in the 1990's with some being identified, the first talks with the North Koreans on many subjects, the agreement of future joint recoveries from battle fields and POW camps, and a House of Representatives Hearing on POW/MIA issues, a first since 1954 and at last a joint recovery of one Korean War battle death in July.

The loss of you and others will forever bring sadness, especially in the quiet hours of thought and remembering. What I am about to say has been coming to families' attention over many years, in many different forms. In most cases those that are in positions of high

government and trusted by most Americans, especially those in the military have been able to give us believable answers that many of us were able to live with. The lows are the ones that have been in the media over the past few months and are starting to generate shame. At first the reports of possible POWs left behind in Russia from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. Next we began to see reports from former military men of our past enemies and civilians of those countries relating their experiences with American POWs being held captive in other countries. Lately some officials in office now and in the past are beginning to hint that there is some truth to statements that were once called factless. Today's headlines now say "U.S. suspected North Korea failed to return all POWs." and "U.S. knew North Korea held Americans after end of the war, documents show." Is the truth now coming out about Korea and the Cold War? One former high ranking official made a statement about Vietnam that made the veterans and family members of that war shudder. Gulf War headlines now say "3,000 troops may have been gassed in Gulf War." This came after years of denial and that will certainly tear at the hearts of many of our younger Americans, especially those that are suffering.

Richard, mom and dad had documents from the Department of the Army showing statements from former POW's that said you died in August or September 1951

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MIA INFORMATION REQUESTED BY GOVERNMENT

Joint operations are being conducted in North Korea to recover and repatriate the remains of Americans who died during the Korean War. The Government has requested that any person with information as to grave sites or crash sites in North Korea forward it to one of the agencies listed below.

The Government also requests that the primary next of kin or relative of an unaccounted-for service member contact one of these agencies in order that it may update its records. The Government is also asking for relatives of MIAs to come forward to establish a DNA base to assist in identifying any remains returned.

Finally, the Government has requested that this notice be passed on by our members to other military and veterans' groups.

The KWVA, through its POW/MIA Committee, is continuing to work toward ensuring the fullest possible accounting of all POW/MIAs.

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at camp #5 from mental illness after being taken to a hospital, another had you dying in March 1951, and one had you dying from dysentery, pneumonia or starvation at Puyk-tong or Death Valley during 1950 and 1951. I know you are or will be an angel in heaven, but to die in 1950 and 1951 is a Christ-like event. The general conclusion in the 1954 document said you died from Pella-gra and the latest you could have lived was 30 September 1951. Through my research in 1993, the latest date of death is now June 21, 1951. I have those documents in my possession so I can prove the above is factual. I do not know if these are typos, a poor attempt to write off another MIA, but in my mind it is a very sad attempt to determine the fate of a lost son. None of the POW's quoted saw you die, they were only passing on what they heard. Mom and dad went to their graves believing none of the above. Sadly I must admit that it took me until 1989 to get involved, for I like others accepted the opinion of those whom I thought had the answers even though in my heart I never had the feeling that you had died, especially under the circumstances listed above. I will continue to search for the facts about your fate.

I wonder how mom, dad and the other families that did not see the headlines of today would have responded if these stories came out 43 years ago. I think I know and it would not have been pretty. If we thought the Viemam protesters were bad in the 60's, I think our families and all veterans would have made their protest look like a picnic in the park. All the assumptions listed above related to your fate leaves me with only a small stretch of my imagination that you could have been one of those 900 POW's left behind in 1953. Many things were in your favor for survival like, you were only 19 years old, just came out of a hospital in Japan with a clean bill of health and you were seen standing erect in a lineup with other POW's and showing no obvious injuries. If other families received similar documents about their lost loved ones, then they also must be concerned about the recent statements and how it affects the fate of their loved ones. Yes, dear brother if there is any truth to the recent disclosures then I am ashamed that our leaders chose to write our POW's off for any reason in 1953 after losing 34,246 lives during that war.

Now comes the tough part - what do we do about it now? We can not blame those in government and the military for the fate of our POW's and MIA's if they were not born at that time, nor can we blame them if they were old enough but did not have the authority to make a policy decision. In North Korea today we are attempting to bring home those that did die on the battlefield and in the POW camps. Do we start the "mother of all protests" and hurt the chances of thousands of others being returned home? Oh! how I wish we had a Wayne Johnson in all the POW camps that took notes on the people that died. What a difference that would have made today, but I am not being fair to those that were POW's for I was not in their shoes, so this thought is not proper. Would keeping the Missing Service Personnel Act unamended by Senator John McCain help if there is another war? I doubt it if our leaders chose to hide their actions. Richard, if I only knew that you and others were still alive and our actions would not cause more harm then maybe it would be easier to suggest what actions by our country is necessary to expedite the bringing of all of you home safely. I can not waffle any longer for I was asked to express my thoughts, so here goes.

After 46 years we still do not have a solution to the Korean War. If we get tough with North Korea or China will Russia help North Korea again? Will China want another war with United States? I say no to both questions for both countries suffered too much in 1950 to 1953 and what did they gain? Only a starving hermit country called North Korea that Russia and China have trouble in collecting the debts owed them for 46 years. On the other hand we gained a free democratic country in South Korea that has steadily over the years become a positive asset to the welfare of the world and have also sent aid to North Korea. There is no threat after 46 years and no thought of invading those

countries by the United States. In fact Russia and China are looking toward United States for aid. By getting tough will we be sacrificing the return of our war dead from 1950 to 1953? It has taken 46 years to return about 200 American remains from that war. Who will be left to claim the other seven or eight thousand at this pace. Are we sacrificing live POW's? That I can not answer, but if there are, what kind of life would they have left after living in that hellhole for 46 years. We will always welcome them back, but I wonder what they will think after learning that their country's leaders abandoned them and they must suspect that by now. It is time we got tough with North Korea and China and ask tough direct questions instead of pouring more millions into that area so they can gain the strength to attack South Korea again. Lets build up South Korea's military might, maybe even give them equal nuclear capability to North Korea. We have tried everything else for too long and we are still being threatened by North Korea. We must take a stand of strength or can we only beat Iraq and I am not sure we did that, since they do not think we did considering their recent actions.

What a sad set of events we created in Vietnam. We did not let our military win that war and we ruined a whole generation of young men and their families. It is too late to help the POW's of WWII and maybe even Korea if we continue our passive actions. We need to keep working on Vietnam and also demand our government apologize to the families and our POW's and MIAs of WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. Even if some of the stories may not be factual, there is enough proof that an answer to recent reports is necessary along with an apology of why it took over 40 years to pressure North Korea and China on the POW/MIA issue. That alone will take the luster from those we put trust in so many years ago. They sacrificed a few to save many according to them, well it is time for those in office today to sacrifice them, to keep the honor intact that America owes its defenders of freedom. Those that gave their all will always love this country and Americans will always step forward to keep Honor, Duty and Country alive and well.

Well dear brother, I guess some of those that read my open letter to you and all POW's and MIA's will not agree with my feelings and that is a right that we still have in this country. I think that you and your POW buddies will say "AMEN" to my words. All of you have paved a golden path to Heaven, I am not so sure about the rest of us for we still carry this burden of shame and I am not sure it will ever go away no matter what actions are taken.

We will never forget you and those left behind,

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sible for the deaths of American prisoners, or, We can't challenge Yeltsin now, with the election coming up, or, the Russians are not being very open about letting us into their archives. We give Russia plenty of economic aid and political support. We are not unreasonable in expecting some answers.

Let's look at North Korea. Here's a country that could provide lots of answers. But because of the political climate, we are tiptoeing around trying to keep that Government happy, while pouring in "humanitarian" aid. Our families deserve some humanitarian aid in return.

With all this in mind, let's consider the recent reports that North Korea is still holding POWs from the Korean War. I have attended several DPMO sponsored family meetings and briefings where this topic has come up. In each case, the question was brought up by a family member who was seeking more information. In each case, the DPMO answer suggested that DPMO was not telling all it knew, and that aggressive pursuit of the North Korean POW question was not a top priority. For example, in May, 1996 DPMO officials were asked about a CNN broadcast, "The Unknown Hero." This report highlighted a North Korean film in which Caucasians were being used to teach English in North Korea. DPMO replied that they were looking into this report, and they had not yet been able to obtain all segments of the film. I bet if Elvis Presley were reported to be in that film, every network in the country would have a copy of the full program! It's just a matter of prorate.

This is just one example of our Government's lack of follow-up on the reports of American POWs in North Korea. We family members want these reports verified; what if my father is one of the men reported to have been in North Korea? I want to think the Government is devoting full resources to these reports. But it's not. I have seen evidence of this often enough to believe that what I claim is true.

When I started investigating my father's case four years ago, I was not suspicious of our Government. If anything, I felt that the people serving our country were there to protect the interests of each of us. Furthermore, I noticed that other family members were continually grumbling about DPMO. But now I am a grumbler too. I see how easily the rights of our servicemen are forgotten when competing with matters of "National Importance." But what can be more important than taking care of those who have given their lives for our country? These people must not be forgotten.

All of us with ties to the Korean War must let our opinions be known. Only with public pressure will anything change. Our Senators, Representatives, and the President must be told that we want answers about live sighting reports of Americans in North Korea.

Only when our elected officials know that this is a priority, will DPMO policies reflect any changes. Let your voices be heard!

The people who served during the Korean War were willing to set aside personal lives and support a higher ideal. Their duty, honor, and courage have made the United States the best country in the world. I hope Americans never forget the importance of service for the higher good. Bravery, responsibility, and service will never go out of style. Let's not forget the responsibility we have toward those who have served our country. We owe them a full accounting. As long as there are questions left unanswered, I will never give up on those who have sacrificed for me. ■

'Classic Dilemma' or

Special to The Graybeards.

By Richard Coate

Though I am among those Korean war veterans have long suspected a cover-up on the part of the government on the matter of the unaccounted for P.O.W's, the full impact of the revelations did not really sink in until I read the details – first in September 17, 1996 *NY Times* article *U. S. Knew in 1953 North Korea Held American P.O.W's*, then the September 30th edition of *Time Magazine*, *Lost Prisoners of War: "Sold Down The River?"*, the Jim Adams article in the September 23-29th edition of *The Stars And Stripes*, *Some 900 POWs May Have Been Left Behind In North Korea, Hill Panel Told*, the Arthur Spiegleman article [Reuter] *Ghosts of Korean War Haunt America* in the October 6th edition of *Stars and Stripes* and finally the Douglass Stanglin and Peter Cary article in the Sept. 23rd edition of *U.S. News and World Report*, *Korea: An old war's dark new secrets, Fresh evidence of American POWs in Korea*.

In the five short years following World War II and the outbreak of the Korean War the Soviet Block established what Winston Churchill labeled as The Iron Curtain. However, in those early days of The Cold War, despite the Soviet threat to world peace, our government permitted our military forces to slip into slothfulness, ill-equipped to fight. Given that the Korean peninsula was written off as vital to the perimeter of defense in The Far East Command, the North Koreans crossed the 38th parallel in the belief they could seize control of the entire peninsula with little resistance. Only then did the Truman Administration realize the strategic value of the peninsula to not only The Far East Command but its importance to the free world at large. Separated from Japan by the narrow Sea Of Japan, having a common border with both China and Russia his decision to defend South Korea against the Communist North was not without a tragic consequence.

Truman's commitment of forces to the Korean peninsula after they had been withdrawn little over a year before, demonstrated America's lack of preparedness to meet such a crisis. Congressional cutbacks in the military budget placed thousands of young Americans in harm's way, sacrificial to political equivocation. Like lambs to a slaughter under-trained young men, with obsolescent weapons, were sent to take a stand against an overwhelming enemy force fighting in inhospitable terrain and inclement weather. Given that the "Police Action" was fought by the few against overwhelming odds for the Greater Good, it was all the more disheartening to realize that the American people, barring those with loved ones immediately involved, manifested apathy and indifference to the plight of the men and women who had responded to the call to arms.

It is all the more galling to realize at this late date that some of these same young soldiers, having spent three years as prisoners of war under torturous conditions at the mercy of barbarians, may have been among those who were abandoned by our government to the enemy at the time of the truce signing. One wonders what went through the minds of the sick and wounded prisoners when they finally realized there was no reason to hope, that their own government had forsaken them.

The *NY Times* article began: "Washington, Sept. 16. – New declassified documents show that the United States knew immediately after the Korean War that North Korea had failed to turn over hundreds of American prisoners known to be alive at the end of the war, adding to growing speculation that American prisoners might still be alive and in custody there. The documents, obtained from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and other Government Depositories by a Congressional committee, show that the Pentagon knew in December of 1953 that more than 900 American troops were alive at the end of the war but were never released by the North Koreans." *Time Magazine* reveals that Col. Philip Corso, former intelligence officer for the truce team at Panmunjom, was informed "by returning Americans that 500 sick and wounded U. S. prisoners within 10 miles of Panmunjom never reached the truce village for exchange." His attempt

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in 1992 to address the matter to Congress and the American people got no where. Given that the North Koreans were at that time using no less than nuclear blackmail in their attempt to have their way with the Clinton Administration, it strikes me that Corso's revelations should have forced Congress and the American public to address the issue once and for all.

But, the *Time Magazine* article continues, "Pentagon officials have insisted for years that there was no firm proof Americans had been secretly held by the Soviets and their allies." Though I do not know the identity of the woman who held up the front page of a 1953 edition of a newspaper for a TV camera, the forty-three year old article stated that hundreds of Americans were still held by the North Koreans at the time of the Truce signing. Apparently the Pentagon, Congress and the American people elected to ignore the eye-witness accounts of the repatriated American prisoners in 1953 and Corso's account in 1992.

Philip Shenon, in his *NY Times* article states, "Historians of the Korean War have suggested that the Eisenhower Administration chose not to make public much of its intelligence on the issue of missing Americans for fear of whipping up a war hysteria among Americans who would have demanded that the prisoners be returned home."

The last paragraph of the *Time Magazine* article covering the revelations reads: "The officials now say they are avidly reviewing 900 classified documents from the Korean War era that they have tracked down in the Eisenhower Library archives after giving up on the maze of Pentagon records. A question they will have to face with particular urgency is whether any of the Americans who did not return from North Korea or the Soviet Union might still be alive." The article concludes with the ominous statement: "But in light of the criminal uses the Soviets allegedly had for those lost Americans, it is unlikely."

However, Jim Adams [Reuter] in the Sept. 29th *Stars And Stripes* article asserts that "Al Santoli, a congressional aide who helped gather documents for the hearing, said one purpose was to show that the large numbers of prisoners left behind add credence to reports that North Korea still holds American prisoners."

"In discussions with North Korea, that should be a top priority," Santoli said. He said there had been several reports, one by a defector from the North Korean secret police, that Americans had been seen not in North Korean prisons but in guarded villages and encampments."

The article continues, "The subcommittee released a Defense Department memorandum saying then - Army Secretary Robert Stevens told President Eisenhower months after the Korean War Armistice of 27 July 1953, that more than 910 American prisoners might have been left behind. 'Stevens said that a couple of weeks before Big Switch [an exchange of prisoners] we had the names of 610 Army people that have just disappeared from the camps. The Air Force has over 300,' it said."

"Corso also said he confirmed later that two trains and possibly three, each carrying 450 American prisoners, were sent to the Soviet Union. 'Therefore, the final figure was 'confirmed 900, and 1,200 possibly,' he testified. 'These POWs were to be exploited for intelligence purposes and subsequently eliminated.'"

"A Czech defector, Jan Sejna, testified that about 100 Americans prisoners were shipped from North Korea through Czechoslovakia to the Soviet Union after the Korean War for medical experiments. He said Soviet doctors used American POWs during the Korean and Vietnam Wars to test chemical and biological war agents and the effects of atomic radiation."

"He said the Americans were also used to test physiological and psychological endurance and various mind control drugs. Moscow ordered Czechoslovakia to build a hospital in North Korea for the experiments there," Sejna said.

"Czechoslovakia also built a crematorium in North Korea to dispose of the bodies and parts after the experiments were concluded," he said.

Douglas Stanglin and Peter Cary, in their *US News & World Report* Sept. 23rd article, *Korea: An old war's dark new secrets, Fresh evidence of American POWs in Korea*, supports Santoli's claim. "General Sejna's tale, though startling, is credible, says Joe Douglass, a Soviet weapons expert who has worked as a consultant for U.S. intelligence agencies and who has debriefed Sojna numerous times over the last 18 years. While both the CIA and the Pentagon have tried to discredit Sojna's reports on POW, which have circulated privately in intelligence circles, an internal DIA memo, dated April 27, 1992, and signed by the then DIA director, Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper Jr., appears to vouch for Sojna's credibility." The article concludes, "Clapper noted that Sejna, after testifying about the fate of POWs, submitted to a polygraph examination 'during which no deception was indicated.'"

Subcommittee chairman, Rep. Robert Dornan concurs. His assertion, as it was reported in the Sept. 29th *Stars & Stripes* article reads: "The subcommittee's chairman, Rep. Robert Dornan, a California Republican, accused the U. S. government of 'writing off captured American fighting men after no-win stalemate wars,' throughout the Cold War period."

Arthur Spiegelman, in his Oct. 6th *Stars And Stripes* article, *Ghosts of Korean War Haunt America* also poses the ominous question: "And are there still American POWs alive in the sealed-off Stalinist state that today mixes hostility toward South Korea with overtures to the west for trade and aid?"

These are questions the Pentagon, Congress and families of 8,000 men listed as missing in the Korean conflict are asking," he continues, "and the answers are getting widely disparate."

"To Republican Congressman Robert Dornan whose House military personnel subcommittee has been holding hearings on the issue, the answers to all the questions are a simple and stark 'Yes.'"

"The conservative congressman told Reuters last week that he planned to fly to North Korea later this year to try to convince Pyongyang to free the remaining Americans he believes are there - a number he estimates at about 15."

Two paragraphs later in the same article, Spiegelman asserts, "Investigators say they have traced two Romanians whose bus got lost in North Korea in 1979 and turned up at a collective farm at which several American 'farmers' were seen."

"The Romanians were told the men were captured in the war. Recently a North Korean defector claimed in a newspaper interview to have seen elderly white and black men in a secret prison camp and to have been told the same thing."

"But defense Secretary William Perry says there is no evidence that North Korea is still holding American prisoners."

The subcommittee chairman's observations in the Sept. 29th *Stars & Stripes* article get to the crux of the issue. "Dornan said Presidents Eisenhower and John Kennedy faced a 'classic dilemma' of risking a new war if they had issued an ultimatum to North Korea to return the prisoners but he said there was no excuse for not demanding more recently that the missing Americans be accounted for."

One of the basic tenants of our "open society" is the public's right to know. To purposely withhold such informa-

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'Classic Dilemma' or Betrayal of Trust?

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tion is not only counter to the democratic principles of a free society, it is a betrayal of a most sacred trust to the young men who were abandoned for politically expediency. One can only hold in contempt those who instigated this cover-up. A capitulation to the barbarians who used captive American military personnel as guinea pigs for medical and "brain washing" experimentation is despicable. To cover it up under "classified information" only compounds the horror.

The Korean war was fought against the backdrop of McCarthyism back home. Given the climate of the times, we were not encouraged to speak out; we slipped into a decades-long silence. With the passage of time the 'Police Action' became labeled 'The Forgotten War.' History had almost passed us by, closing forever the door to those years which were, for many of us, defining ones. It took the diligence of a few to arouse the rest of us from that silence, assert our identities before it was too late.

The Graybeards was borne of this desperate need to break the oppressive silence. During these past few years we have made fantastic strides in telling America why we fought and what we accomplished. We, as members of the KWVA must continue this crusade.

After forty-three years the Pentagon and the CIA owe the families of those who were deemed expendable by their own government full disclosure of what it knew, how much it knew and when it was made known to them and most importantly, why they elected to ignore it.

The first paragraph of an insert in the Spiegelman article [DAV Demands Full Probe] reads: "The Disabled Americans Veterans (DAV) 20 Sept. demanded a full investigation into whether the U.S. government deliberately left hundreds of American prisoners in enemy hands at the end of the Korean War." If such a report is not forthcoming in the foreseeable future it would behoove the Korean War Veterans Association Board of Directors to organize, in full support of the DAV, a series of concurrent membership demonstrations to draw media attention. Such a massive and well-coordinated nationwide, Chapter-by-Chapter demonstration, with news releases emanating from a KWVA HQ is not only timely but an imperative.

Perhaps the main one could be held at the site of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in our nation's capital. Not only could we give vent to pent-up moral outrage, dramatizing the urgency and need for full disclosure, but drive the point home to the American public that such betrayal on the part of the federal government should not be tolerated. Not only would it be a manifestation of solidarity, it would let the public know that the so-called "silent generation" of Korean war veterans have a collective voice which cannot be ignored.

Lest these latest revelations [dark chapters in not only the context of the war and its aftermath, but the history of The Cold War] be reduced to obscure and insignificant footnotes, Korean war veterans must be diligent in their efforts to prevent this most heinous form of depravity from happening again, either on the part of the barbarians who commit the atrocities, or a federal government which betrayed those who served and fought in the name of democracy. To use playwright, Arthur Miller's immortal words: "ATTENTION MUST BE PAID!"

Korean War P.O.W.s Now Eligible For The Purple Heart Medal

Former servicemen who became prisoners of war and were injured or wounded while being captured or while in captivity are now eligible to receive the Purple Heart Medal. Legislation passed by the 104th Congress said all P.O.W.s before April, 1962, which covers Korea and WWII are now eligible. The Military Order of the Purple Heart invites all former P.O.W.s before 1962 that now qualify to join an organization of those that paid a heavy price for membership by giving their blood for their country.

For further information on membership, please contact William A. Harper, 9308 Navajo Pl., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. 1-607-895-0676. Thank you

RESEARCHERS

There are many persons doing all kinds of research on the Korean War. A lot of it is duplicate work.

I would like to hear from everyone who is doing research on some aspect of the Korean War. Please give me the following information:

- What are you researching?
- How much do you have completed?
- Have you published any of your work?
- Are you working with someone on the project?
- Would you like to work with a fellow researcher?
- Your full name, address, zip code and your phone number. If you have a fax that number also.

Send the above information to Charles E. Casey 8106 S. 49th Ave., Omaha, NE. 68157-2915. Please don't call as I am a bad note taker.

The information will be printed in the *Graybeards* as soon as we are able to put it in some accepted form.

DEATH NOTICE OF A MEMBER OF KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _____

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Department/Chapter _____

Home of record _____

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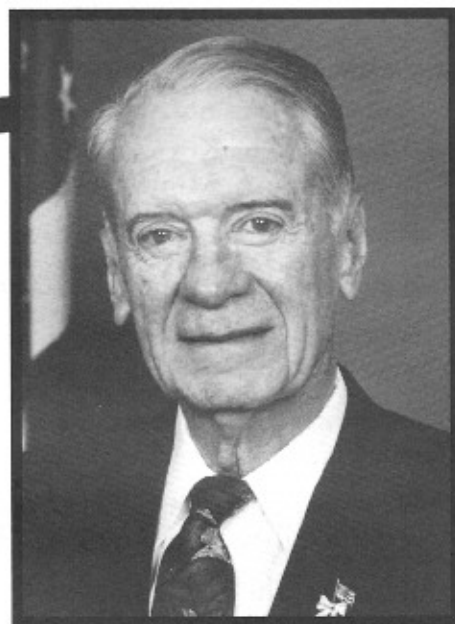
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A letter from G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery



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G.V. "SONNY" MONTGOMERY
30 DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2403

October 24, 1996

Amos T. Camp
Korean War Veterans Association
THE GREYBEARDS
7828 Rebel Drive
Annandale, Virginia 22003

Dear Amos:

I have been contacted by Norbert Reiner of your organization to provide some comments as to my efforts in getting a fuller accounting of the Korean POWs and MIAs. There is no question about it, that the one place where the United States has not received a good accounting of the servicemen and women listed as prisoners of war or missing in action is the Korean War. The government needs to spend more time and effort working with the government of North Korea in getting a fuller accounting of our POWs and MIAs. This has finally worked in Viet Nam and now it is time to remember the ones from the "Forgotten War".

In 1990, I led the House delegation that successfully negotiated with the North Korean government to bring home the first sets of remains of U.S. servicemen killed during the Korean War. Unfortunately, due to the comingling of many sets of remains by the North Koreans, they still have not been identified by the Identification Lab in Honolulu, Hawaii.

You asked me to comment on the recent allegations of soldiers who have been sighted in China, Russia, and North Korea. I am just not familiar with these reports of POW sightings of American servicemen in countries that fought against the United States in the Korean War.

I am willing to help out in any way I can to get a better accounting of our missing servicemen in Korea. I fully understand the frustration and desire for the families of our POWs and MIAs to get all the information that is possible and finally put an end to the Korean War.

Sincerely,

Sonny Montgomery
GILLESPIE V. MONTGOMERY
Member of Congress

G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery will retire at the end of the 104th Congress. His long and distinguished career benefited generations of members of the Armed Forces and our veterans.

It is tragic to think our nation must lose such leaders as Congressman Montgomery. His powerful voice made possible many of the laws now safeguarding the interests of veterans. Few members remain in the Congress with

the vision and courage he possessed. Hopefully, others will pick up the torch and continue this never ending battle for doing what is right.

We wish to salute Congressman Montgomery for his many years of service to our nation, confident his voice will continue to be heard on behalf of veterans and their families.

Amos T. Camp, Editor

A Petition

Whereas, The Korean War Veterans Association declares March 1997 as POW/MIA Remembrance Month; and

Whereas, the Korean War Armistice was signed 43 years ago July 27, 1953; and

Whereas, there are over 8100 Americans still listed as Missing in Action; and

Whereas, historically the position of the United States government has been that there were no surviving Prisoners of War in North Korea; and

Whereas, these Americans are still unaccounted for and some have been reported as still being Prisoners of War; and

Whereas, the unresolved issues of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action is a responsibility of the United States government; and

Whereas, the United States and North Korea have agreed to terms of returning the remains of MIA's; and

Whereas, it is the duty of our government to have a complete accounting of our Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action wherever they are; and

Therefore, we, the undersigned, respectfully petition the Congress and the President of the United States to take immediate action to have all American remains returned and the status of any Prisoners of War and Missing in Action believed to be alive, resolved.

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Chapter Affairs



Neil Livingston, Gulf Coast Chapter shown wearing a black armband with the number 900 followed by a question mark. It stands for the 900 men left behind during the exchange of POWs as referred to in recent information contained in Eisenhower Library archives. The Petition on page 22 is to secure Congressional support for requiring our government, once and for all, get to the bottom of the POW/MIA issue. It is highly recommended Departments, Chapters, and individuals secure signatures to the petition on and furnish copies to the offices of local Congressmen and Senators demanding action.

900 Armband Worn in POW/MIA Ceremonies



Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery

September 21 saw a joint WWII, Korea, Vietnam lowering of the colors at POW/MIA ceremony participated in by the Mobile, Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter. Thanks to Harold "Don" Swanson for sending pictures to *The Graybeards*. The 900 armbands were created by Mrs. Sterne pictured below. She lost her husband, MSG Lewis Johnson, Hq 7th Inf Div, in a N. Korean POW camp.

NATIONAL KWVA

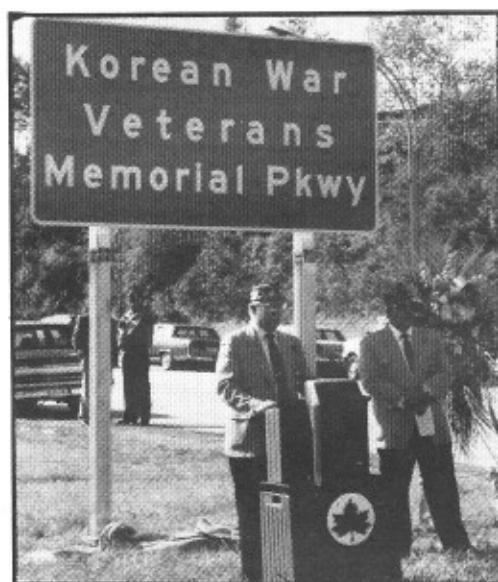
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5. PLEASE BE ADVISED, THE FLOWERS MAY BE USED AT ANYTIME YOUR GROUP DESIRES. A SUGGESTED PERIOD IS TO START AT THE END OF JUNE AND CONTINUE TO THE END OF JULY. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WE WILL NOT BE CREATING ANY PROBLEMS WITH OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS WITH SIMILAR PROGRAMS. AT THAT TIME, IT ALSO HAS A DEFINITE SIGNIFICANCE WITH THE DATES.



Pictured from right to left: A. Hasper WWII Vet, Mrs. B. Sterne Gold Star Widow Korean War POW husband died in POW camp, Glen Frazier WWII Bataan Death March POW in Japan, Buddy Lamey 2nd Inf Div Korea received his purple heart 30 years late, Miss Debbie A. Hard working supporter of Gulf Coast Chapter, Neil Livingston present President of Gulf Coast Chapter 187 Regt. Combat Team. Both he and his brother were wounded in Korea.



Jerry Lake, Pres. of the Dept. of New York, KWVA with Joe Calabria, Pres. of Kivlehan Chapter, addresses the gathering at the ceremony.

Staten Island Renames Pkwy

Richmond Pkwy Is Finally Renamed

By BERNIE HOGANSON

The Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter of the KWVA on October 26 conducted a ceremony that renamed the existing *Richmond Parkway* to the **Korean War Veterans Memorial Pkwy**. This chapter worked for approximately two years gathering signatures from our neighbors supporting this endeavor and take extra gratification and pride with this monumental accomplishment.

After gathering these signatures the Borough President, Guy Molinari was approached for his input. Being a member and a Korean War Veteran he advised us of the procedures and informed us that the task ahead was enormous and painstaking, being that this was a state highway and state approval was necessary.

State Senator John Marchi and Assemblyman Robert Stranieri were then contacted and they individually volunteered to spearhead our proposal and to pass on our request as soon as possible through the State Legislature. This was accomplished in June and was finally signed into law by Governor George Pataki.

Our President Joseph Calabria conducted the ceremony and stated "This sign says more than anything written in books, it will give lasting memory to all, for the veterans who fought in this 'Forgotten War' which eventually caused the fall of Communism." . . . "It will be a lasting remembrance."

Speaker after speaker repeated the same sentiments — Sen. Marchi — Korean veterans "paved the way for the destruction of the 'Evil Empire' the world can breathe a little easier as a result of your efforts." Assemblyman Stranieri — "Freedom would not be denied because Korean War veterans stood their ground in battles."

The Kivlehan chapter, KWVA, along with the Korean-American Association of Staten Island and New York Korean Evangelical Church sponsored a bi-cultural luncheon reception afterward on their premises which was enjoyed by all who attended.

This parkway, although only 5 miles long now, will eventually traverse the whole island giving us recognition for those who made the supreme sacrifice and all those who served during this time in history.



2nd VP Jordan Czerniawski starts the dedication.

Photos by Marge Malone

Veterans Day Observance in New York City

On this the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour a ceremony was conducted in New York City at the Soldiers Monument in Madison Square Park in Midtown Manhattan. The Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter represented all Korean War Veterans with their presence. The chapter rented a bus which took them to Fifth Avenue and Forty-First Street, the starting point of the parade.

We then marched downtown on Fifth Avenue to the Soldiers Monument on 23rd St. The temperature at this hour brought back memories because it had a wind chill factor of 22 degrees, but the brave endured. The mayor of New York, Rudolph Giuliani spoke eloquently with praise for veterans and stated "Today all New Yorkers and all Americans salute our veterans . . . When our nation has needed heroes our

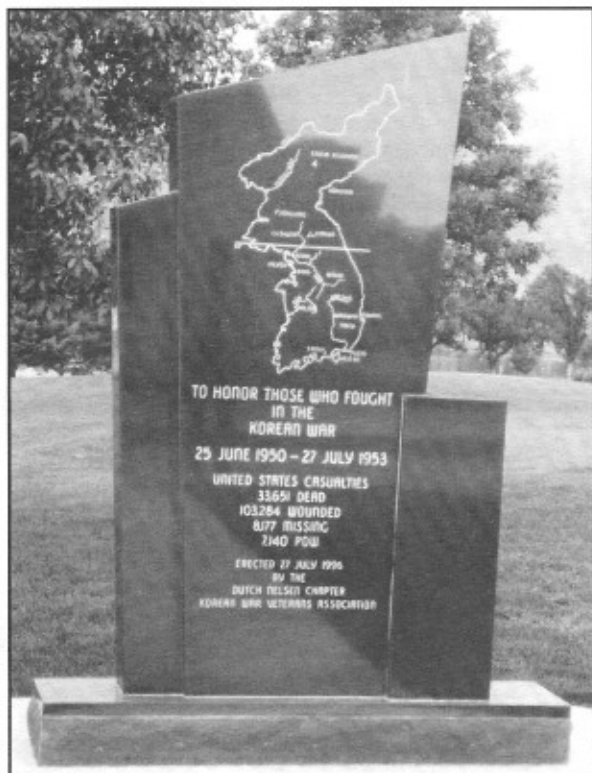
veterans are the ones who have answered the call." He was followed by numerous dignitaries extolling the sacrifices of so many veterans and the shortcomings that they are facing today. The ceremony concluded with the raising of a 30' by 50' flag, the playing of taps and the laying of many wreaths. Our chapter President, Joseph Calabria was on the dais and was one of the many veteran and political dignitaries.

A ceremony was also held at our own memorial on Staten Island. This was conducted by our Second Vice President Jordan Czerniawski and a group of our members. A third simultaneous ceremony was also attended by our chapter at Ocean View Cemetery which was conducted by the Richmond County VFW. At the conclusion of these ceremonies, we reunited at our Post meeting hall.

Dutch Nelsen Chapter

In 1989, a reunion of Korean War veterans was held in Colorado Springs, the first such reunion of Korean veterans in the state. As a result of this reunion, the Colorado Chapter, Korean War Veterans Association was born.

In 1992, the chapter was renamed the "Dutch Nelsen" Chapter in honor of our founder and first president, Ellsworth "Dutch" Nelsen, a veteran of the first six campaigns of the Korean War.



After extensive planning, the Chapter recently erected a Korean War Memorial to those who served in the war. The memorial, 8 1/2 feet tall and carved from black granite, was dedicated July 27, 1996, the first national Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, as designated by Public Law 104-19.

As part of the memorial ceremonies, the Dutch Nelsen Chapter buried a time capsule with memorabilia from chapter members, a brief biography of each member, and a list of memorial contributors. At the July 27th ceremonies, the 43rd anniversary of the Korean War armistice, 400 veterans, legislators, government officials, and family members from throughout the state attended to say "thank you" to those who served.

The Master of Ceremonies for the impressive dedication program was Chapter President WO Vern Bowen, USMC (Ret). C. Wade Smith, Chapter Chaplain gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sergeant-At-Arms Fred Schroeder. Major Ed Ziegler, Past President, gave the history of the Chapter to the large audience in attendance followed by the Dedication led by Chapter Founder and first President, LTC "Dutch" Nelsen.

Department of Illinois

The Department of Illinois reports the following officers for 1996-1997:

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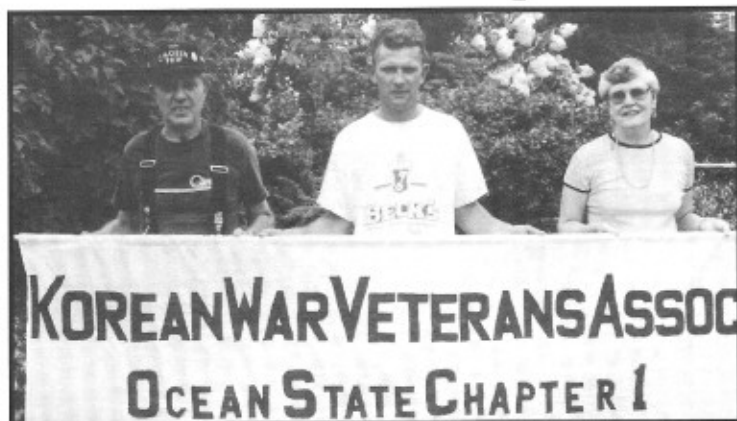
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OUR DEPARTMENT AND MEMBERS THANK YOU
ALL FOR ANY AND ALL ORDERS.

Ocean State Chapter



The family team of Thomas Dailey, wife Eleanore and son Kevin put their talents together and produced this beautiful banner pictured above for parades and other functions. Mrs. Dailey did all the sewing and Kevin, who does upholstery on boats made the carrying case. A real super job by all. The banner was donated to the Chapter at the meeting of August 7. Thomas was a member of the 24th Division and a member of Chosin few.

Maurice Trottier of the Pawtucket, RI Ocean State Chapter believes the KWVA has been so busy trying to make the membership grow that we have neglected our public relations to our own members failing to give them the recognition they deserve.

Ocean County New Jersey



On Thursday April 4, 1996 The Ocean County, N.J. Chapter "K.W.V.A." sponsored a bus trip for members, wives, families and friends to our National Monument in Washington, D.C. After a tour of the Pentagon and dinner at the Officers club in Fort Myers, Virginia the members gathered for a wreath placing ceremony at the Korean War Monument. Shown are the members and friends ready to proceed with the hand-sewn wreath designed by one of the members wives. A final tour of the Vietnam Wall, the Lincoln monument and the Cherry Blossom Trees at the Basin was made before returning home.

Other Chapter News

On Friday May 3, 1996 4 Officers of The Ocean County Chapter K.W.V.A. met with High School students (male & female) at a Social Studies Class in Monsignor Donovan High School in Toms River, N.J.

A presentation on "Korea the forgotten war" by the 4 Veterans was well received by the students and their teacher. The students left written questions at the end of

the session that will be answered by the Veterans to help them with their assignment on the history of the Korean War.

Two students will also further interview two of the Veterans to help them with their knowledge of the Korean War.

The "Tell America" campaign is now in progress in the schools in Ocean County, N.J. reports Chapter President Henry Danilowski.

Missouri Chapter #1

New officers elected for the 1996-97 year are as follows: Commander, Johnnie B. Walls; 1st Vice Commander, Don Gutmann; 2nd Vice Commander, Dwight Hender-son; Treasurer, David Hahn; and Adjutant, Bob Meeker.

The Chapters major thrust is the "Tell America" program started last year. This year it will be a greatly expanded with more of the Chapter personnel going out to the High Schools. This year we have a committee chairman to direct the program and plan to use about 10 or 12 of the Chapter personnel to work in the classrooms.

Mr. Walls, the new Commander is retired from the Army and in his career has spent about 7 years in Korea. He spent one year in 1945-46 on occupation duty in Korea. He spent another year from July 1950 to 1951 as a tank platoon leader in Korea and spent 5 years along with his family in Korea from 1970 to 1975 as a civilian with the Department of the Army.

Capitol Chapter



Capitol Chapter members manned the KWVA table at the Armed Forces Retirement Day events at Fort Myer, VA on Sept. 20.

L. to R. Ira Jett, Pres. Jack Murray, Sherm Pratt, former Sabre pilot Walt Dorner and Glenn Coryell.

CHAPTER AFFAIRS

Frozen Chosin



The site of the beautiful memorial pictured above is in the center of Mankato, Minnesota next to the library. It is made of Minnesota limestone. Mark Honetschlager, the first and only Historian of the Frozen Chosin Chapter chartered December 12, 1989, reports this to be the first memorial in Minnesota with the names of all Minnesotans who lost their life in Korea. The names are on listed on three bronze plaques on the side of the memorial.



Marion Ohio Chapter

Pictured on the left kneeling left to right - (One member unlisted) Fred Miller, Jim Hoffman, Jim Miller, Bob Kerr and Don Distel.

Standing - Martin Lewis, Vernon Sizemore, Doug Farley and Beldin Corbin.

Central Long Island Chapter



A Memorial Dedication of a commemorative stone bearing the seal of the KWVA took place at Calverton National Cemetery on September 8, 1996.

Hon. Michael P. Forbes
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 5, 1996

A Tribute to the Korean War Veterans Association of Long Island

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Korean War Veterans Association of Long Island, an organization dedicated to honoring the dedicated courage and selfless sacrifices of America's war veterans during the Korean Conflict.

History has sometimes chosen to shine a less prominent light on the Korean War, but the sacrifices and heroic efforts of its veterans were just as important as those made in America's other conflicts. Because of the Korean War Veterans Association (K.W.V.A.), their sacrifices are recognized and honored more than ever before. Korean War Veterans stand tall among all veterans, proud of all they've done to keep Democracy strong.

This Sunday, September 8, 1996, the Central Long Island Chapter will honor those who lost their lives during the Korean Conflict when it dedicates a commemorative stone bearing the K.W.V.A.'s logo during a ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery. Thousands of veterans and their families will be on hand to support the Central Long Island Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association.

The Central Long Island Chapter of the K.W.V.A. was founded in 1989 by Bob Morga, to raise funds for a National Monument in Washington, D.C., which was dedicated on July 27, 1995. Central Long Island Chapter members also worked to build a war memorial on Long Island, which was dedicated in June of 1992 at the Armed Forces Plaza in Hauppauge. Among those who helped

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KWVA Executive Council Mid-Winter Meeting

February 15-16, 1997

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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2500 Carlisle Blvd. NE

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Reservations 1-800-545-8400

Hotel has shuttle service from Airport

All members welcome to attend meeting



Calverton National Cemetery
L. to R. Bill Mack Chairman, Bill Beatty M.C. and Bob Morga Chapter President and National Director

make the Long Island Memorial a reality was the late Suffolk County Legislator Rose Caracappa, whose tireless efforts inspired the Korean War Veterans Association to make her an honorary member.

While their focus was on creating these monuments, Long Island's Korean War Veterans have discovered a purpose of equal importance. They have created a place for Korean War vets to build a fellowship among themselves and their families. Along with marching in veterans' parades and attending memorial ceremonies, the K.W.V.A. is actively involved in assisting disabled and needy veterans, including those at the Veterans Hospital in Northport. Each Christmas chapter members visit the Long Island Veterans Nursing Home in Stony Brook to deliver holiday gifts and good cheer.

We enjoy the plentiful fruits of Democracy and should always remember that our freedom was paid for with their blood. The Korean War Veterans Association says it best in their September newsletter: "A free America is the most precious gift we can bestow upon our children. Freedom is not free." I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting the Korean War Veterans Association and all of its members, for all they do for our veterans and for all they've done for America.

The Hermit Kingdom: Poems of the Korean War

This recently published book is the first solely dedicated to poetry about the Korean War. Written by those affected by the war, and stretching over the forty-five year history of this still unresolved conflict, this book will touch your heart and soul. The nearly fifty poets - including David Biespiel, William Conelly, Lynn Harper, Max Money, Pat O'Connor, Elspeth Ritchie, Constance Utley, and Keith Wilson - represent a wide response from those intimately involved in the Korean War.

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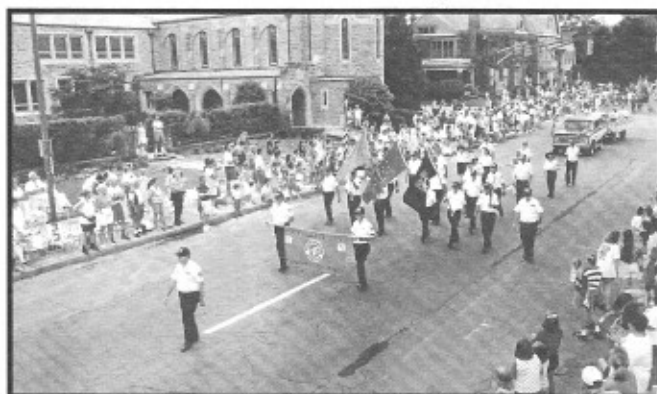
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KWVA Hawaii Chapter #1 members pose with Hawaii's Governor Benjamin Cayetano as he presents to President Louis Baldovi a proclamation recognizing July 27, 1996, as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

Indiana Chapter #1



Three Rivers Parade 13 July 1996, Ft. Wayne, IN. Chief Lindsey, calling cadence, heard a remark, "Those old men can still march, and they are all in step." A rousing hand was given the Chapter all through the parade. Northeast Indiana is starting to realize there was a Korean War.

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Special from 1st Vice President Tom Clawson

While attending the International Federation of Korean War Veterans Association (IFKWVA) meeting held in Seoul, Korea, October 21-25, 1996, on behalf of Nick Pappas, 2nd VP IFKWVA, four substantial resolutions and agenda issues occurred.

First, Sir William Keys, President (IFKWVA) Australia, in his report to the 10 Executive Council delegates, paid special recognition to the KWVA and President Nick Pappas for hosting the delegates from the 21 countries that participated in the Korean War, to the dedication of the U.S. Korean War Veterans Memorial and Reunion. He stated, "Congratulations to the KWVA-U.S.A. for the great reunion associated with an historic event. The memorial will ensure that the 'Forgotten War' is never forgotten." Note: Sir William Keys was the keynote speaker at the Reunion Banquet, July 26, 1995 held at Omni-Shoreham Hotel, Washington D.C. and his remarks were well received. Key issues and resolutions adopted which are also publicized for distribution to North Korea, China, United Nations and countries of the IFKWVA are as follows:

A. The KWVA membership is to be notified that the delegates of the 10th Executive Council meeting went on record to: "Be it resolved that congratulations be extended to Amos Camp, the editor of *"The Graybeards"* the USA-journal for an excellent publication." This is the highest compliment from the IFKWVA. Kudos for Editor Camp and good job, Amos!

B. Since continued Acts of Military Provocation, such as the North Korean submarine infiltration, September 20, 1996, this direct blatant continuation of the North Korea campaign of aggression against South Korea should not be tolerated. The IFKWVA supports South Korea's Ministry of National Defense to take necessary steps of this highly tense security situation, to maintain peace on the peninsula.

C. Also the Executive Council strongly supported the proposal for four party talks involving South and North Korea, the United States and China. So far North Korea has rejected this proposal. Support documents were conveyed to the government of the Republic of Korea.

D. A through discussion regarding the plan for the Federation to take part in the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War was placed on record. Proposals and resolutions for planning were discussed, such as what type of events to be held, time and place. Indications from the KVA and National Government points to June 25, 2000 in Seoul, Korea. An enormous gathering of veterans from the 22 countries is to be expected. The Korean Veterans Association has initiated plans for this event and will be in contact with the KWVA regarding preliminary plans when formulated early in 1997.

This commemoration event was expressed with enthusiasm by your 1st Vice President to President Kim, Young-Sam. Republic of Korea at an official reception in the Blue House (Chang Wa Doe) on Thursday, October 25th. It was conveyed to President Kim that an early outline of arrangements, schedules and tentative events would be appreciated, for distribution to the IFKWVA as many of their countries are in a planning stage for the 50th anniversary.

Yes, this meeting, a tea party and reception was the highlight of my visit to Korea. Almost one hour of discussions, question and answer period, was a key to the Federations objectives. President Kim, is a sharp, soft-spoken and an emotional speaker. His love and support for all Korean War Veterans was conveyed to the group and we acknowledge his sincerity. The Korean War Veteran is not forgotten in Korea. I'll keep the membership posted on these matters as they become available.

E. A major resolution, which was adopted regarding the POW/MIA issue was presented by your 1st vice president. The resolution states, "that continued discussion and efforts with North Korea for the recovery and return of those United Nation servicemen missing from the Korean War."

In view of the recent public disclosures of American/United Nations servicemen P.O.W.'s being held in North Korea, the Federation urges North Korea to continue the joint New York agreement between the U.S.A. and DPRK

"Remains Talk," May 9, 1996. The very real possibility that United Nation servicemen are being held against their will in North Korea must be investigated in the very near future. Also a further resolution submitted by Sweden continues by "urges that all the POW and civilians who have been captured during the Korean War should be given the freedom to return to the part of Korea they wish, without any hindrance from any government. That POW's and civilians should have the freedom to return to a third country or their country of origin." The Federation urges the International Red Cross League to study if such actions are necessary and possibly to provide the person concerned with the necessary assistance.

Future 1st VP Updates - Articles will appear regularly in the *"Graybeards"* as KWVA members deserve current information. It was a privilege and honor to represent KWVA at this 10th Executive Council meeting of the IFKWVA.



10th Executive Council Meeting International Federation Korean War Veterans Association, Oct. 21-25, 1996 in Seoul Korea. Sir William Keys (Australia), President IFKWVA is shown with Tom Clawson (USA) delegate serving as 2nd VP Representative of the Council.

The 546th Engineer Firefighting Company

It's tour in Korea, 1950-1954

In the summer of 1950 one of the truly unique Army units sent to Korea following the Communist North Koreans invasion of So. Korea, was the 546th Engineer Firefighting Company, then stationed in Kobe Japan.

On the 15th of August, 1950, the 546th began its Korean tour within a few short weeks after the outbreak of hostilities. The Company took over the greater part of the Pusan Fire Departments main fire headquarters building on the MSR in downtown Pusan. Sub-stations were opened at the 55th QM-JCE Warehouse area, 21st Evac. Hospital, the 22 Evac. Hosp. later to become 30th AAA Compound, The Hialeah Compound, OBD #I, and UNCAK Compound.

The mission and responsibility of the 546th was to protect the huge storage of materials and personnel being assembled in the greater Pusan command area.

The 546th not only provided fire protection for the thousands upon thousands of UN Military personnel and their compounds, but also responded to and took control of all fires in the greater Pusan area in co-operation with the Pusan Fire Dept. that operated under the command of the Korean National Police.

Although poorly equipped and trained in modern fire suppression techniques, the civilian personnel, both attached to the 546th and the City Fire Dept. as well, were a tremendous asset to the control and extinguishment of on an average 14 fire responses a day, many of which were of a multiple alarm nature.

Some of the most notable fires that occurred during the tour were the Haeunde Ammunition Fire, 16 June 1952, the Fire in the "Little Chicago" area of Pusan which took the lives of some 30-40 Korean Civilians, The Great Pusan Fire of Nov. 1953 that destroyed some 70 million dollars worth of the downtown City of Pusan and took almost a week to completely extinguish.

Prior to the Christmas season of 1953, letters were sent to major Fire Departments throughout the U.S. requesting used clothing be gathered and sent to the 546th to cloth as many Korean orphans as possible at Christmas.

Many tons of clothing arrived by ship, and were taken to the Hq. of the 546th sorted, and on Christmas Day, Korean orphans were collected by the personnel of the 546th, brought to the Hq. and fed a Christmas Dinner, shown a movie, given candy and selected clothing for themselves. A great day was had by all.

The 546th was equipped with Army 2 1/2 ton CCKW types

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of trucks, built as Fire Trucks. Equipped with front mount 500 GPM Pumps, and carrying 500 gal. water on board, and a normal compliment of 2 1/2 Inch and 1 1/2 inch hose, ladders, forcible entry tools etc.

In addition to the sub-station locations mentioned above additional stations were operated in the Engineer Depot and the Port area. All equipment was dispatched from the Hq. Station with an alarm crew second to none in handling emergency situations.

Many Citations and Decorations were awarded personnel of the 546th including, The Legion of Merit, Soldiers Medal, and Army Commendation medals, for heroic and often life threatening actions in carrying out the mission of the Company.

In 1954 the 546th was assigned responsibility of assisting the organization and training of the 3001st ROK Fire Fighting Platoon. The 546th being the only Firefighting Company in the U.S. Army, so was the 3001st the only Firefighting Platoon in the ROK Army.

A Korean Army Lt and a number of enlisted men were equipped with a modified 1- 1/2 ton Army truck, trained by the 546th at their training area north of Pusan, and included in the response of equipment to fire alarms.

On the 10th of April, 1954, the 546th Engineer Firefighting Company was Deactivated and re-designated the 8075th. Army Unit FF, still under command of the 44th Engineer Gp. Pusan Military Post with 107 officers and enlisted personnel, and about 300 civilian firefighters plus the Korean City Department.

The 546th Engineer Firefighting Company and the 8075th AU FF, have been credited with saving

many lives, both UN military and Korean civilians, and millions of dollars worth of military supplies stored in the Greater Pusan area for use in the war against the Communists.

One U.S. Army enlisted firefighter lost his life in the line of duty.

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CORPSMAN UP!

U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsmen With The Marines

Of all the Navy units that served in the Korean War, Hospital Corpsmen are probably the least heralded. Wearing the uniform of the Marine Corps, they talked like Marines, acted like Marines, and were in almost every way members of the Corps, except that their rating badges identified them as Navy Hospital Corpsmen; and more important as NON-COMBATANTS.

This elite group was highly trained and highly motivated. Their unique duties granted them the unusual opportunity to save lives when all around them just the opposite was taking place. I cannot imagine a worse situation than being constantly shot at without being able to return that fire or even defend oneself. And yet this is what these corpsmen did, day after day, night after night, from the very first Marine actions in 1950, right until the repatriation of prisoners at Panmunjom.

After attending the Navy's technical service school, they underwent more intensive study at the Fleet Marine Force field establishment before being sent to a ground unit. In Korea they were assigned to a platoon. Here they ate, slept, and lived with their men — and did everything in fact but fight with them. Their job you see, was to handle the broken bodies and spirits that resulted from that brutal combat. Their expertise was such that it's estimated that each corpsman probably saved ten marines during the Korean War!

While obviously not as skilled as doctors, their efforts were perhaps even more critical to the wounded infantryman, since it's those first few minutes after being hit that can spell all the difference between life and death. Shock and loss of blood take a heavy toll on the battlefield.

The rapid speed of timely care has cut the death toll from that category, "died from wounds,"

They were the indispensable men in every ship and every platoon. We remember them with pride and gratitude.

by a remarkable extent. Having that man with the knowledge and the medical supplies right up there with you made all the difference. In Korea, a corpsman accompanied nearly every patrol. Since most patrols were made at night, nearly all aid had to be administered by feel; to show a light would be fatal. Searching for wounds un-

der blood soaked shirts and packs, making that instant diagnosis, applying the life-saving tourniquet, and all the while offering comfort and encouragement to the stricken comrade; were all considered "standard procedure," even though they were often administered under heavy enemy fire.

These men weren't called, "Doc" by their comrades for nothing.

Under this kind of stress, most of us can't imagine performing this duty for anything but the shortest period of time, but early in the Korean War, right up until the spring of 1952, most hospital corpsmen stayed on the line for seven or eight months without a break. Their rotation home was equally slow, and many of the HCs spent 18 months to two years in Korea before being sent back to the states.

The five Medals of Honor awarded to Navy Hospital Corpsmen (out of a total of seven given to sailors during the Korean War) only scratch the surface of their incredible heroism. We all know that for every act of courage that's reported, probably just as many are unsung. Only those grunts who served in the mud and cold and stink of Korea can render these men their proper due.

But these citations are worth mentioning if only because these corpsmen gave their lives and performed acts of valor not to kill the enemy, but to save their fellow man. The five awards listed alphabetically are as follows:

Edward Benford, HC 3rd Class, US Navy.

On 5 September 1952, when his company came under heavy attack by an enemy battalion force, Benford moved from position to position in the face of intense fire, treating the wounded and offering encouragement. While treating two marines in a crater, an enemy soldier threw two grenades into their midst while another charged the position. Bedford picked up the two grenades and hurled himself against the onrushing troops, pushing the grenades against their chests and killing both attackers. Mortally wounded, he was directly responsible for saving his two comrades.

William Charette, HC 3rd Class US Navy.

On 27 March 1953, while his unit was far in advance of the main line of resistance, Charette moved repeatedly and unhesitating through a barrage of small arms and motor fire to render aid to his wounded comrades. When an enemy grenade landed within a few feet of the wounded man he was treating, he hurled himself upon the stricken marine and absorbed the full impact of the deadly missile. Although sustaining painful facial wounds and shock, he continued to administer aid to his men and those of an adjacent platoon. Seeing a seriously injured man whose armored vest had been blown off, he selflessly removed his own battle vest and placed it upon the fallen man. While treating another marine with an excruciating leg wound, he stood upright and exposed himself to deadly enemy fire to render more effective aid.

Richard D. Dewert, HC US Navy

On 5 April 1951, when the point platoon of his company was pinned down by a deadly barrage of automatic weapons fire and suffered many casualties, Dewert rushed to the assistance of the downed men. On his first effort he suffered a painful leg wound while dragging his casualty to safety. Refusing aid, he immediately dashed out to carry a second wounded man back out of the line of fire. Undaunted by the increasing hail of enemy bullets, he bravely moved forward a third time and received a serious shoulder wound. Still persistent in his refusal to submit to first aid, he answered the call of a fourth marine and, while rendering assistance, was mortally wounded by enemy fire.

Their expertise was such that it's estimated that each corpsman probably saved ten marines during the Korean War!

Francis C. Hammond, HC US Navy

During the night of 26-27 March 1953, during a counter attack against a superior force, Hammond's platoon was subjected to a murderous barrage of mortar and artillery fire. Advancing through a veritable curtain of fire to aid his fallen comrades, Hammond moved among the trapped garrison of marines and, although critically wounded himself, valiantly continued to administer aid throughout an exhausting four hour period. When his unit was ordered to withdraw, he remained under fire and directed the evacuation of the wounded until he was struck by a mortar round and killed. His efforts saved many of the wounded who would have been lost otherwise.

John E. Kilmer HC US Navy

On 13 August 1952, while his company was engaged in defending a vitally important hill position well forward of the main line of resistance during an assault by a large enemy force, Kilmer repeatedly moved from position to position to aid the wounded and help in their evacuation. Painfully wounded himself when struck by mortar fragments, he persisted in his efforts to crawl to the side of a casualty. While rendering first aid, the enemy unleashed a mounting barrage that shattered the area. Kilmer shielded the wounded man with his body and in doing so was mortally wounded. In a final act of self sacrifice he saved the life of a comrade.

These valiant men were following a long and brave tradition that goes back nearly 100 years. In World War II 1,724 Hospital Corpsmen gave their lives and seven were awarded their nation's highest honor. This is an honor roll of particular distinction since none of these men bore arms.

As a footnote to the above, it was one of these Medal of Honor recipients, William Charette, who was chosen to select the Unknown Soldier of World War II, on 26 May 1958, onboard the USS CANBERRA CAG-2 off the Virginia Capes.

Other corpsmen of note include John Bradley who was among the five men who raised the flag on Mount Suribachi at Iwo Jima. Perhaps less known was Doctor Tom Dooley. Serving as a Hospital Corpsman from 1944 to 1946, he left the service to study medicine under the GI Bill. He later became beloved throughout the world through his unstinting efforts in French Indo-China and Laos, administering to the needs of tens of thousand refugees of that long war.

Most of us who were in the Navy remember corpsmen primarily as those sailors we encountered on sick call dispensing aspirin and other medications. Less happy memories include getting all those shots, some of which seemed worse than the disease we were trying to avoid! I spent four months in St. Alban's Naval Hospital in New York recovering from a bad attack of mononucleosis, and all the corpsmen who tendered to my miseries were first class. They were the butt of a lot of jokes, but they were always there when you needed them.

Onboard my carrier, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN CVA-39, off Korea, corpsmen were always right in the path of danger. Whether it was a potentially destructive flight deck fire or tending a hapless plane captain whose

leg was shattered by a run-away rocket skidding down the flight deck, they were ever ready in their white shirts and red crosses. I recall a terrible incident when a plane handler walked into a prop on an aircraft just behind mine during a launch, and the corpsmen carried his mangled body past us. They were literally drenched in his blood but never faltered.

On smaller ships; destroyers, minesweepers, submarines; these men were often the only doctor, performing life-saving procedures they never would have imagined in school. They were the indispensable men in every ship and every platoon. We remember them with pride and gratitude.

In the preparation of this article, I'm deeply indebted to the following former hospital corpsmen for their generous input both on the phone and in print: Dick Schambach HM3, USN FMF 1950-1954, who aside from being a past National Membership Chairman of the Fleet Marine Force Grunt Corpsmen Association, is also a fine poet. Dick sent me a number of the association magazines which were invaluable as background material.

Jerry Snyder, HC 2nd Class USN/FMF, 1st Marine Division, sent me a fine story about what it felt like to lie in a frozen rice paddy under enemy fire all night. He described in detail the incredible esprit de corps that existed in the small units he served in. His marines felt he was part of them and he felt likewise. It was a bond that exists to this day.

John Rowan HC USN/FMF 1st Marine Division, related his experiences in the closing days of the war when both sides threw everything they had at each other. The casualties were horrendous and he was called upon again and again to minister to the badly wounded. Exhausted one night, after bringing down a batch of casualties to the battalion aid station, the Medical Officer asked him to return to the front once again due to the heavy fighting. He was happy to be alive when the war ended. But among his bad memories was picking away at the dried blood on his wrist watch several days after the truce was signed.

Once again I thank all these men for their invaluable help in saluting one of the most heroic band of sailors in the war.

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Editor's Note. This is the sixth article in a continuing series about the US Navy's contribution to the winning of the Korean War. The author welcomes contributions from members and will try to give every ship and unit its rightful due. The next article will be about naval aviation, particularly enlisted aircrewmen who served in aircraft carriers and patrol planes. Mr. Sauter's book, *SAILORS IN THE SKY*, was reviewed in the January/February issue and is available directly from the author for \$25.00.

"What Is Our Nation's Responsibility To Our Veterans"

By RENEE SITNIK

Who are veterans? What have they done? The answers to these questions provide the answer to the nation's responsibility.

Veterans are role models. They possess the qualities that everyone looks up to. They are courageous people who have the heart and soul to protect our America. They had the bravery to face others in battle while others declined to volunteer to defend America. They engaged in arduous physical training in order to endure the horrendous demands of war. The country must remember each and every veteran and follow their lead. Veterans are strong-willed, brave, and heroic people who hold the pride and dedication for this country in their hearts as should every American.

Veterans have given America many great gifts. They have provided this nation with bold victories in war. These are amazing accomplishments that will never be forgotten, but what is sometimes forgotten is that they have given even more. They gave themselves to this country. They employed their minds and bodies solely for the purpose to bring this nation to the top. Some never made it back from war sacrificing their lives for us. Others suffered painful injuries that caused them to

lose an arm, a leg, or the ability to speak see or hear. Still others experienced traumatic events that still affect them today. They will never forget the pain and the experiences that they boldly faced. It's hard to believe that anyone in this nation could forget these remarkable sacrifices. That is why the veterans should and will not be forgotten by us — the nation.

Veterans are our responsibility. They accepted the responsibility of protecting our nation, and we need to return that gracious favor. We need to take care of our heroic defenders by providing them with benefits such as the Syracuse VA. It's our turn to be there for them and demonstrate the admiration and appreciation that they wholeheartedly deserve. For all that they have given us, they need to be commended. This is to include their hearts, their minds, their dedication, the hardships that they withstood, and the physical and mental injuries that they suffered as a result. For those who gave their lives, may they rest in peace. Everything that they did was for their family, their friends, the people of this nation, and the future. They loved the country, and now we need to love them.

The essay above was written by Renee Sitnik. Renee is a senior at Cicero-North Syracuse High School and a student in a Health Exploration Program at the Syracuse VA Medical Center. Today's youth have only known volunteer armed services and life in a peaceful world. As they work with the veterans that are employed at the Syracuse VA and those who are patients they have heard the stories of men and women going to war when they were not much older than these students today.

In appreciation of Veterans Day the class wrote essays describing what we owe veterans. Renee was asked to read her essay at the Syracuse VA Veterans' Day ceremony. After her presentation a veteran requested that it be published in *The Graybeards*.

Barbara Lenta, Learning Coordinator, VA Medical Center, Syracuse, NY 13210

Air Force/Navy Veteran Authors Book

"JASIU" a book written by John F. Nowak told here in his own words and style. He writes of his active duty with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, his active duty with the U.S. Navy during the Persian Gulf War and his reserve time with the U.S. Navy Reserves. Nowak retired from the U.S. Navy Reserves December 1994.

With tongue in cheek he highlights his early years, school years and later years.

"JASIU" is written in a bold, humorous style, Nowak says you will enjoy this book.

On May 15, 1996 Congressman Martin Meehan, 5th District, Massachusetts introduced "JASIU" on the floor of the House of Representatives. His remarks were entered into the Congressional Record of May 15, 1996.

For \$9.00 Nowak will autograph and send a book to those interested.

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West Point Class of 1950 Revisits Korea



Charles Newcomb and wife with two cadets Park and Seun of the Korea Military Academy.

In early October, 143 retired officers, wives and children of the West Point Class of 1950 returned to Korea to dedicate a memorial to forty one of their classmates who died during the war.

Officially invited and escorted by the Korean Veterans Association under their "Re-Visit" program, they traveled to Korea via Korean Air Lines and enjoyed four days of guided tours to memorable places in and near Seoul.

The first day took them to the Peace Center of Panmunjon, where they were briefed and guided by US soldiers of the United Nations Command Security Battalion who are in charge of that portion of the DMZ near the center. It was a fascinating tour for all, seeing the inside of the room where the cease-fire agreement was signed, and having North Korean soldiers watching their every move through the windows. They saw the Bridge of No Return where our POWs returned to allied control in 1953. They saw the in the distance the North Korean Peace Village with large concrete buildings and city structures - all empty! They also saw the South Korean Peace village, a thriving town with major agricultural activities. Both facilities are located within the DMZ with the South Korean village guarded 24-hours each day by American and Korean soldiers. The day ended with a parade in their honor at the UN Command headquarters in Seoul.



Class singing "The Corp" following the dedication of the Memorial to 41 classmates lost during the Korean War.

The second day sent groups to several historical locations including Inchon and Taejon. Veterans of the 24th Infantry Division placed a wreath at the memorial to General Dean in Taejon and had lunch with the mayor of that thriving and growing metropolis. It was heart-warming to be received with such obvious appreciation by the people there - particularly the children.

The third day, the high point of the visit, took them to the Korea Military Academy, where they were received with obvious esteem by the officers and cadets of that institution. The group initially visited the academy's magnificent historical museum and then were honored at a cadet parade. This was followed by tours of the dormitories and lunch in the mess hall under the personal guidance of a cadet for each visitor. It is incidentally very pleasing to know that every cadet graduates with a fluency in English.

After lunch, everyone retired to the site of the memorial to their classmates. Comments were made by the class leaders and by the Superintendent of the academy and flowers and wreaths were placed on and around the beautiful bronze and stone memorial.

On both the second and third evenings, the visitors were honored by dinners - the first hosted by the Korean Veterans Association and the second hosted by the United Nations Commanding General.

The fourth day consisted of tourist tours of the city allowing the visitors to wind down in preparation for the departure the next day.

The veterans will long remember the heart-warming reception they received from everyone they met in this thriving, modern country. They were astounded by the tremendous progress that has occurred in the last forty plus years.

Charles W. Newcomb
LTC USA (Ret)

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"In memory of the members of the Class of 1950 of the United States Military Academy who gave their lives in defense of freedom during the Korean War."



College Education News

by Bill Van Ort



The KOREAN WAR VETERANS EDUCATIONAL GRANT CORPORATION (KWVEGC) is proud to announce its Grant program for 1997-1998. Eligibility for these College Grants awards must be consistent with our Bylaws as follows:

"Served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America during the period from September 3, 1945 through January 31, 1955, or who served in Korea from February 1, 1955 to the present day, and have a current membership in the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (A New York Corporation), their spouses and their direct or adopted lineal descendants."

Applications will be mailed out after December 1st, 1996 for the 1997-1998 College/School Term. To request an application send a letter or postal card to:

Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation
% 8968 Thomas Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125-7602

All completed applications must be returned by April 1st, 1997 to be considered for a grant.

The KWVEGC replaces the College Educational Committee of the KWVA. No change in operations are contemplated, except for the following action of the Board of Directors in St. Louis. "if an applicant has won or received a grant from the KWVA in 1995 or 1996, he or she will not be eligible for another Grant." The reason is that more students may be helped by this change. (This rule may be deleted, depending on future funding of the Corporation, and students who were previously awarded Grants, may then re-apply).

RETRACTION:

The Graybeards, page 38, Par. 1 of the July-August-September issue, should read as follows: "Each recipient will receive \$2,000 for tuition to the College or School of their choice". We apologize for the typo by the printer, placing a figure 1 instead of a \$ (dollar sign). BVO

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

Gathering of Warriors

I recently had the honor of attending the 7th annual Old Soldiers Reunion in Monterey, California. The Old Soldiers Reunion was founded in May 1990 when retired Command Sergeant Major Peter Cabral invited five other distinguished Hawaiian warriors to lunch. Peter had tired of attending funerals of deceased Hawaiian warriors. Peter thought there should be an annual gathering of living Hawaiian warriors in joyous remembrance of past experiences and to honor fallen comrades. Thus was born the Old Soldiers Reunion. A Hawaiian Koa wood plaque was created with metal name plates listing the names of members of the old Soldiers Reunion who had passed away. Peter was not in attendance at the 7th annual reunion. Peter's name has joined those others on the plaque.

Among the Hawaiian warriors who gathered to share experiences and honor Peter was one of the founders of the Old Soldiers Reunion, Retired Brigadier General Irwin Cockett the current president of the Old Soldiers Reunion. General Cockett's military career is one of a true Hawaiian warrior, Combat infantryman with the 5th RCT in Korea 1950, Special Forces, OCS, Helicopter School, Helicopter gunship pilot in Vietnam, Hawaii National Guard Commanding General. There are a great number of combat experiences concerning General Cockett. However, getting these guys to tell you about their heroic deeds is difficult. They prefer to tell you who fell into a Korean "night soil hole" and who got shot in the back end.

I hope I will be invited to attend their 8th reunion which will be held in Hawaii September 1997.

Dick Adams, Box 334, Caruthers, CA 93609-0334

Northwest Ohio Chapter

A new Chapter has been formed in Northwest Ohio in the Toledo area. Ronald J. Hunter, President reports the chapter is devoted to educating and preserving the history of the Korean War and travel the area to give talks and attend special events.

In late August the membership was 42 and still growing. The state officers pictured below were attending a swearing in ceremony and awards presentation meeting.



Front row, L. to R. – Roy Barnes, Judge Advocate; Tom Lang, Treasurer; Ronald J. Hunter, Chapter President; Earl Hufford, Secretary; Back row L. to R. – Carl Theil, Sgt.-at-arms; Lou Streb, Historian; Richard Shepard, 1st V.P.; Harley Coon, Ohio State Department President; and "Skip" Rittenhouse, Ohio State Department Exec. V.P.

The 1st Cavalry Division and their 8th Engineers in Korea

America's Silent Generation at War 1997.

\$24.95 ppd.

(Special prices available for 1st Cav. Veterans with small pensions).

ISBN 0-9652448-2-5. Shrink wrapped, embossed hard cover, expressive dust jacket, costly Matte paper, 65 pertinent photos, 6 maps, 137 first-person action-packed accounts, abbreviated official war diaries, and indexes concisely printed on 320 pages. Regimental combat team actions. The one book that refutes, in well-documented fashion, what the Revisionists have written about our War. From any bookstore or direct from Bull Run of Vermont, 7 Deborah Dr., S. Burlington, VT 05403-7816. Tel/FAX (802) 658 2042.

Edited and written by a WWII combat veteran who was there with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea the first year. Professor F. H. Armstrong, with ten combat campaigns to his credit, is recognized in "Who's Who in the World" and ten other Who's Who directories.

Your great granddaughter will want this book!

R.O.K. Chapter



Ret. S. Korean Lt. Col. Myong Chol Lee, President of R.O.K. Chapter of Willingboro, N.J., pictured with Gov. Christine Whitman of New Jersey when she signed a bill approving the building of a Korean War Memorial in the state of New Jersey.

Hudson County New Jersey

Hudson County Chapter was founded by Deacon Dave Cata in 1994. Currently they have 84 members and their President is Joseph Cassella. In September this active Chapter went on a bus trip to the National Memorial in Washington, DC. They sponsored a scholarship competition for all Hudson County High School students and awarded six \$500 scholarships at an appropriate ceremony in Bayonne.

They held a super affair for 25 disabled veterans at Mackenzie Post in May for veterans from the East Orange, N.J. Veterans Hospital. They dined, entertained and gave each veteran a piece of luggage filled with an assortment of gifts.

Korean War Monument in Bayonne



Part of Color Guard. Back L. to R – Pat Murphy, Commander, Hank McCall, Steve Miglione, Paul Griffin, Graz Caiola and Lou Giavanni. Father Joseph Lupo (Chaplain who served in Korea) with Steve Gregg (Medal of Honor WW2 and Bayonne born & bred).

LETTERS

First Amendment and Freedom

I'm not one to usually write letters to the editor, but I felt I had to reply to Richard Ostler's letter in the July/August "My Turn—Members Soundoff."

Mr. Ostler got my attention when he called your editor a "socialist." I don't think that any intelligent discourse is furthered by name calling. I hope my remarks will help to spread a little understanding about the issue at stake here; namely the First Amendment and the Arizona Museum exhibition.

I've lived more than six decades in this wonderful country and I feel truly blessed. Aside from the fact that I enlisted in July 1950 and served in Korea for eight months in the closing days of the war, my main occupation has been a teacher of history and government for the last forty years. So I hope I can offer a little insight into the controversy.

Basically I think we need to establish some ground rules before we go hurling names and charges at each other. We have to define certain principles and agree on them. If we don't, then we end up arguing about "apples and oranges."

The United States of America is a country founded on law. And the law of the land is based on the U.S. Constitution: nothing more, nothing less. Everything we believe in is spelled out within the Preamble, the Articles, and the Amendments of this miraculous document. I urge you to read and study it. I guarantee it will be a revelation. The fact that we have only seen fit to amend this instrument a few times in our 220 year history, should tell us that quick change is not in its history.

Other than the 18th amendment, which was passed during a war (and came back to haunt us), we've done pretty well with this deed to our way of life. That last mentioned amendment was repealed a little over a decade later to the satisfaction of nearly everyone.

In writing the constitution, our founding fathers provided for three branches of government: hence the well known "checks and balances." The final arbiter of what the constitution means is in the hands of one of those branches: the Supreme Court. In a very real sense, the U.S. Constitution is, on any given day, what those nine men and women say it is. Each Justice is appointed by the President, and approved by the Senate. They ruled that a law banning flag burning was unconstitutional. The opinion wasn't even close. We may not agree with it, but if we say we're for constitutional government, we have to learn to live with it.

Often, what the court says is extremely unpopular, but nevertheless, it's the law of the land. And this is what we swore to uphold when we entered the military. What it boils down to is this: you may hate a law, but as an American citizen you have to obey it. We not only have the absolute right to move peacefully to change it if that is our wish, we also know that that right is exercised regularly at the ballot box.

Mr. Ostler refers to this court as a bunch of "socialist supreme court appointees catering to the media manipulators." Since the bulk of the court was appointed by Ronald Reagan and George Bush, I think they'd be surprised to find themselves listed under this label. And I wonder who these "media manipulators" are? Are they the likes of Rush Limbaugh and the 90% conservative

talk show hosts who crowd the radio networks? Where I live there are 40 channels; some of which include Catholic programming, the 700 Club, Messers. Falwell and Robertson, the Capitol Gang, and of course Mr. Limbaugh again on the tube. I can't recall ever seeing or hearing a left-leaning program, no less an avowed Marxist or a Socialist.

Ostler also asks why this "manipulative media" didn't come to the defense of Army Specialist New for refusing to wear the UN colors on his uniform. I don't know what army Mr. Ostler was in, but in my era we learned to OBEY orders not debate them. If you didn't obey your superiors, regardless of your personal feelings, you were in deep trouble. Every Korean veteran fought under the UN flag during our war, and I don't recall hearing any complaints. I was proud to be part of a collective security force that was repelling naked aggression, and I was glad to have someone else sharing the burden. Americans have served under foreign commands in many wars and vice versa. It's a rather common thing in multinational forces, and it occurred regularly in World Wars I and II.

But the real problem as I see it is we're making a mountain out of a molehill. In my three quarters of a century I've seen all kinds of nuts and people with weird ideas in this country. I've found the best thing to do with them is to ignore them. They thrive on controversy. How many people do you think would have visited that museum in Phoenix if the American Legion didn't make a fuss? A few hundred perhaps, and then the exhibit would have been consigned to the dustbin of history, where in the opinion of most of us it belongs.

We don't want to throw out the baby with the bath water. The First Amendment is far too critical to our unique democracy to dilute it because of a few art freaks. Along with our right to vent our spleen in these letters, or on any street corner in America, this amendment also protects the likes of the KKK and the Neo-Nazis to parade and publish their bilge. Let's remember that these people may have the right to their opinions, whether they be artistic or otherwise, but that doesn't mean we have to view their works, watch their parade, or read their scurrilous material. That's OUR right. The same thing applies to TV. I don't think we need any special chip or government board to tell us what we can view. We already possess the best device known to man. It's called the on/off button and far too few of us use it.

The First Amendment is the cornerstone of the Bill of Rights. It was written and ratified by such "socialists" as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Adams and others, who put their lives and sacred honor on the line so that we could enjoy the freedom we have today. We should defend it, not defile it.

It's time we all got our priorities straight, and that applies to all the people who get worked up over these "hot button" issues like flag burning, school prayer, and making English the national language. These are very emotional ideas, but in spite of all the hot air rendered and the oceans of print they produce, in the final analysis what do they really accomplish in solving the serious problems facing our nation?

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Right now, as I write these words, thirty million children in this country live below the poverty line. When I go into the city to shop, or see a show, I spend half the time stepping over homeless people, one third of whom are VETERANS. Our hospital emergency rooms are being overwhelmed by hundreds of thousands of sick people who get no preventative medical care, and millions who have no insurance. Thirty per cent of adult Americans are functionally illiterate: they can't read a job application or fill out an accident report. And this is happening in the wealthiest country on the face of the earth!

We desperately need campaign finance reform or representative democracy as we know it will soon cease to exist. It will be a government of the wealthy, by the wealthy, and for the wealthy. Do you think the fat cats gave nearly a BILLION dollars to finance the 1996 presidential and congressional campaigns out of the goodness of their hearts? Guess again.

These are the issues we should be spending our time and energy on. They're complicated, and they're often messy and unemotional, but that doesn't mean they're not critically important to our way of life. If we solve the big problems, the little ones usually take care of themselves.

Yes, I fought for the flag: not as a piece of cloth, but rather as a symbol of what makes us different. Those thirteen stripes in 1776 represented thirteen colonies that were as different as any group we've ever seen. Some of them had some real off-the-wall beliefs that got them kicked out of Europe. That diversity is the real essence of what it means to be American. E pluribus unum.

So let's stop the name calling and get on with the nation's business. We can't pass a constitutional amendment every time the court renders an unpopular decision. If we pass one to protect the flag, what about the next time someone defiles the Virgin or a Menorah in a painting or a sculpture? Where do we stop? There were many who thought the musical *HAIR* should have been banned, along with a lot of shows and books. But censorship is a slippery slope, as anyone who lived in Hitler's Germany or Soviet Russia will tell you.

None of us have to wrap ourselves in the American flag to prove our patriotism. We all established our credentials when we fought for our country forty odd years ago. Some of us have proven it with our blood.

The Korean War veterans, along with the American Legion and the VFW can be a mighty constructive force in this country in matters that really mean something. I think as a group we can be far better than we've been. We've given much to America, but we mustn't forget that she's given much to us in return. Our struggle to keep America the greatest country in the world and the best example for others, didn't end the day we took our uniform off. It's a continuing struggle that's still being played out, and we should be a part in it.

In defending our great constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic, we should remember the immortal words of the great man who said, "I may heartily disagree with what you're saying, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." That sentiment is as relevant today as it was a few hundred years ago, and it sums up this whole issue in one sentence.

John Mulligan
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Hemorrhagic Fever — Hantaan River

Enjoyed the July-August -September 1996 issue, especially the cover, which is outstanding. The letter from Henry "Hank" Augustine on hemorrhagic fever was particularly interesting.

The information from the U. of Rhode Island researchers is not entirely correct, however. The Hantaan virus is actually named after the Hantaan river, not the Han. The Hantaan river flows generally south from Pyongyang (not Pyongyang) through the Iron Triangle near Chorwan, enters the Imjin and eventually reaches the Han in the Han estuary northwest of Seoul.

I spent the winter of '53-'54 on A-12 airstrip just south east of Chorwan, on the banks of the Hantaan river. We med-evac-ed a number of hemorrhagic fever cases to Seoul. We engaged in the efforts to eradicate rats and mice from the area, especially our own tents.

Thanks to Henry Augustine for his information.

Norman R. Zehr, US Army aviator
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K.W.V.A. in the 21st Century?

As we approach the next century many questions as to the future of the organization has to be addressed.

The association was formed eleven years ago with the major objective to have a monument in the nation's capital. Despite many obstacles this was accomplished due to the perseverance and dedication of many individuals.

Where do we go from here? Many of us will be approaching 70 at the turn of the century. What progress can we institute that will preserve our legacy? How can we attract younger vets who served below the DMZ? How can we reach out to our most valuable resource — our children to perpetuate what should be an integral part of American History — The Korean War? A productive "Tell America" program can be a step in the right direction.

Over 1,000,000 men and women served in the armed forces during the Korean War. With a national membership of approximately 12,000 members we must recruit many of the surviving million, in addition to those that were on active duty on the peninsula after July 27, 1953.

Many of us belong to other veterans organizations: American Legion, V.F.W., Marine Corps League, P.O.W. etc. Can we not adopt some of their successful programs, such as: Vets Helping Vets, Sponsoring little Leagues, Toys for Tots etc.? Ladies Auxiliaries have proved quite successful and compliment many of the aforementioned organizations.

To preserve and maintain our organization should be our foremost priority. We can beat the grim reaper if we focus on the future so that the forgotten war will not be the unknown war.

Bill Rose
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One Vet Wants Action On POW Issue

After reading in the newspaper a few days ago about 900 American POWs they know about are still in North Korea, I believe the KWVA should come out with an article in the next edition encouraging the membership to write letters to President Clinton and their representatives to try and get them back through diplomatic channels. I have already written letters to them.

Thomas P. Dowd — 618 So. 9th St. #9, Minneapolis, MN 55404

WOMEN'S TRIBUTE TO HER KOREAN VET

Dear Korean Vet,

You are receiving a lot of recognition this year with the dedication of the Korean War Memorial that took place in Washington, D.C. in July, 1995, but as your spouses, we are the chosen few who know you better than anyone else.

Many of us wrote letters to you while you were away. We waited and prayed for your safe return. Many others met you after the war was over, but if it were not for you, we would not be here today. We are here because you have invited us.

We feel we are a privileged group of women – for when the day comes and you are no longer in our lives, we will not be here either. We shall, however, never forget today and others like it.

At the age we are and the number of years we have been married, we tend to take love and each day we have together for granted. This is not right. Women, tell that special Korean Veteran today you love him and thank him for his part, wherever he may have been, land, sea, air, at home or abroad. Thank him for helping to make this world a better place for all of us to live in. Then, give him a big hug and a kiss from the heart.

We owe it to them.

Dorie Schrad

Nebraska Korean Veteran's Reunion

Columbus, NE Aug. 8-27, 1995

Declassified Action Reports Available

8th Army 1951
865th AW BN (SP)

I was with the 865th for the year 1951. All records of operations and actions for the 865th were declassified 9/96. I have over 3,000 pages. It being the full year of 1951. Anyone that was with the 865th in the year 1951 and would like information on any operation or action in that time period, I would be happy to send it to them. I am also interested in hearing from anyone that was with me on AAAIS operations or OR OP# 4. I know you are out there. Please Respond.

Charles R. Bell

KWVA # RO14617

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Raymond NH 03077

Keep Those Graybeards Coming

I hate to keep calling etc. about my *Graybeards*. I am writing this time.

If you remember this spring I talked to you about not receiving issues and you sent them out. Then I missed again so I called and talked to Nancy and hopefully got address, etc. ironed out. Again, am missing an issue. The last one I have is May-June '96 – so I'm asking you to see what is wrong about the matter. Hope it's easy to fix up as I miss my *Graybeards* – especially this time as I want to know about the Reunion. Lest We Forget our Fallen/missing buddies.

Dale Riggs, Charter Life Member 0009

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A GREAT GIFT IDEA

Dear KWVA Members and Families,

The KWVA Executive Council is pleased to announce the special 20% discount program for purchase of the historic Korean War Veterans Memorial Granite Mural Wall Mementos.

This 20% discount is available for you during the holiday season. You can order direct from REBCO INC., St. Paul, MN. (See full page ad inside back cover of this issue of *The Graybeards*).

Some of the uses of this wonderful piece of history are:

- Excellent holiday gift.
- Sell at this discount price as a fundraising activity. (Raffle Item)
- Awards to recognize your outstanding members.
- As a personal memento for your family and literally take home a piece of the historic Dedication Day which many of us enjoyed as observers.
- Gifts to outside sponsors and supporters of your chapter or state department.
- A memento that can be passed to heirs and others for their remembrance as to the "Why of the Korean War" and our contributions to world peace.
- To help tell and educate "anyone" who sees these mementos about the "Forgotten War" and the KWVA, A "Tell America" wish.

Supplies are limited and this offer will last as long as REBCO, INC. has remaining pieces of The Mural Wall. Net proceeds to fund KWVA projects and programs. This added revenue will further the KWVA future.

For additional information, call Tom Clawson, KWVA First Vice President, at 1-800-669-1297; or John Maison, Treasurer at 1-800-503-6555 or supplier REBCO INC., 1-800-732-2611. Thank you.

Tom Clawson, 1st VP

Project Coordinator



Let's see now . . . finished school in '51 . . . spent four months in Texas . . . two weeks in Seattle . . . a week in Japan . . . 14 months in Korea . . . Can't seem to settle down, can you?"

STATEMENT FROM A GREAT COMMANDER INSPIRES TROOPS

I was a member of the 65th Infantry who left Hungnam on the afternoon of 24 December 1950. Having been chased out of North Korea I learned first hand how it felt to be in a military outfit that had been beaten; morale was low and there was an uneasiness in the regiment that made me wonder if we could perform effectively. Upon arriving in South Korea our morale wasn't helped any when they issued us maps extending south all the way to Pusan, which brings me to the reason why I am writing.

Shortly thereafter General Ridgway published a document which answered two questions: "Why are we here?" and "What are we doing here?" (or words to that effect). The effect of that document was to change the attitude of all of us, pulling us out of our funk, and focusing us on the job at hand. This was the most important command pronouncement of the entire war, and probably the most important command pronouncement of any of our 20th century wars.

Being unable to locate this memorandum, ask if you know where I can find a copy. Also, I believe this is historically important enough to be the subject of a feature article in *Graybeards*.

Wells B. Lange

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The statement of General Ridgway is published on page 4 of this issue of The Graybeards.

What is happening in the Tell America Program?

With the year 2000 just around the corner, we had better wake up. What are you, the member and a Korean War Veteran doing in your town to help promote the Korean War history to your towns people? If you are just sitting there in your rocking chair waiting for the *Tell America Program* to do the whole job for you, think again. We are all in this boat together, brother.

What can you do you ask? Get involved. If you belong to a local Chapter, get your chapter together. Start bingo like the VFW posts. Have car washes, or your spouse cake bake sale. All together get involved with your nearby elementary schools. Organize a Writing Program in schools first through fifth or six grades.

The schools will go for it. In fact they will go all out to help you. But let's say start your program in January 1997. Tell the students to study and collect all they can about the Korean War (you can help them by giving them literature) and tell them that the best top 4 or 5 essays that they write in each class will go to the May school Pizza Party you are holding. Program ends May 1 and have your pizza party around May 20. It will take about 30 large pizzas and 30 3 liter pop, to do the job.

If you give the kids that long to study, they will get their parents involved. Have the 1st thru 3rd graders write 50 word and 4th 5th and 6th graders 75 word essays. Volunteering at school will help your health, it sure did mine. I have been doing this at my nearby elementary school for the last few years. Poster boards with Korean War Pictures on them sure help out too.

Like I said the year 2000 is coming fast and we don't want a "Forgotten War" 50th anniversary in 2000. So what can we do? Get off our duffs and get busy.

A KOREAN WAR BUDDY,

Richard H. Stinson

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Flag Desecration Amendment Defended

I was surprised and deeply saddened to see your reprint of a cartoon which mocks veterans' support for the American flag and a *Graybeards* editorial, which, of all things, was supportive of the Phoenix art museum exhibit featuring an American flag made of human flesh and hair, a flag in a toilet and a flag in a walkway with an invitation to step on it.

I was at the exhibit and the protest against the exhibit. We were not, as the cartoon stated, men "in silly hats," with "small-minded" ways. We were over 2,000 outraged Americans brought together by a common cause — the protection of the vault for the values of America — our flag.

The greatest tragedy I saw in Phoenix was the looks on the faces of the children there and the disrespect flag desecration engendered in them. Disrespect is the genesis of hate.

That the author of the *Graybeards* editorial could say this exhibit "honors the American tradition," is beyond belief. The crude acts of defiling the flag that were featured in Phoenix do not deserve the protection of the First Amendment, anymore than threatening the President of the United States is protected free speech.

The flag is the symbol of our soul, our honor, our dignity and our unity. It is the glue that holds us together against all the forces that seek to tear us apart. It embodies our pursuit of freedom in the past and our pledge to freedom in the future.

Every time we allow the flag to be dishonored we allow our values to erode and take another dangerous step toward becoming a society in which "anything goes," as long, as it can be defended as some sort of individual liberty.

It is ironic, but not surprising that the same veterans who so strongly support flag protection have done the most to protect our first amendment rights on the fields of battle. Those of us who've faced death for the freedom of all Americans have a special depth of feeling for the flag.

But support for flag protection isn't limited to veterans, as your editorial suggests. In fact, 78 percent of Americans surveyed support a constitutional amendment to protect the flag. To suggest flag protection proponents are "small-minded" is not only an insult to them, but to every veteran who was impugned by the cartoon.

Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady (USA Ret.), Chairman

Citizens Flag Alliance Board of Directors

P.O. Box 7197, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7197

Free Book of Interest to Korean Veterans Available

There is a very interesting book available any Korean vet can send for. It is called "Scenes from an Unfinished War: Low-Intensity Conflict in Korea 1966-1969" and it is free. Send your request for the book to:

Combat Studies Institute

U.S. Army Command and General Staff College
Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027-6900.

Also there is an article from Aug. 1996 V.F.W. Magazine entitled, "DMZ Dead Memorialized."

John A. Rdesinski

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CASH & CHECKING.....	10609
CDs & MM ACCTS.....	45331
FIXED ASSETS.....	5312
OTHER ASSETS.....	34698
INVENTORY.....	24970
TOTAL ASSETS	120920

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTSPAYABLE	34833
STATE REBATE	9866
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	44699

FUND BALANCE..... 92,891

CURRENT PERIOD PROFIT/LOSS -16670

TOTAL EQUITY 76221

TOTAL EQUITY/LIABILITIES 120920

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

PERIOD ENDING 10/31/96

REVENUES

YEAR TO DATE

DUES	150964
OTHER INCOME	18212
REVENUE	169176

QUARTERMASTER SALES

MERCHANDISE SALES.....	81651
COST OF SALES	58835
PLUS INVENTORY	24970
NET QM SALES	47786
NET REVENUES	191992

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION	70789
TELL AMERICA	8428
REUNION	4291
QUARTERMASTER.....	5998
GREYBEARD	80561
REBATE PROGRAM	3946
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	20647
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS	14002
TOTAL EXPENSES	208662
NET PROFIT/LOSS	-16670

Concerning the ongoing controversy about medals and badges, with all due respect to my buddies in the artillery, engineers, transportation, ordnance, signal corps, armored, Marine, and other units that were fight up there in the fighting with the infantry, I can't understand why they would want a combat infantryman badge instead of their own distinctive combat badge. The Marines already have many distinctive badges and medals, particularly those beautiful marksmanship badges that are the envy of, many an army man or woman.

The advertisement on page 52 of the May-June *Graybeards* shows caps made up for combat engineers and field artillery based on the CIB. To the best of my knowledge, no official badges of this type have ever been authorized or issued, but they should be, as should all the other branches mentioned above. Besides the infantry, only the medics have been recognized by having a combat medic badge, and God knows they deserve it. I owe my life to those medics as do thousands of other wounded in battle.

Ai for the Bronze Star issue for

those who received the CIB, I have no bone to pick, since I already have both. However, again, how about those other combat men who were not in the infantry? I think they deserve just as much consideration for the Bronze Star if they were in combat. This should not be that hard to prove that they were there. When I wrote to the Department of the Army, Adjutant General's Office concerning a question about combat pay, they were able to tell me to the day, the dates I was in a "combat zone" for entitlement. This was many years ago and it might not be so easy now, but is certainly worth a try.

In summary, as a former combat infantryman, I strongly support any effort to get proper recognition for all those who served in combat, regardless of the type of unit they were in. It makes my blood boil when I read how those bureaucrats in Washington, both military and civilian, are stonewalling this issue and hiding behind "regulations". Keep up the good fight, Blaine Friedlander. We are with you.

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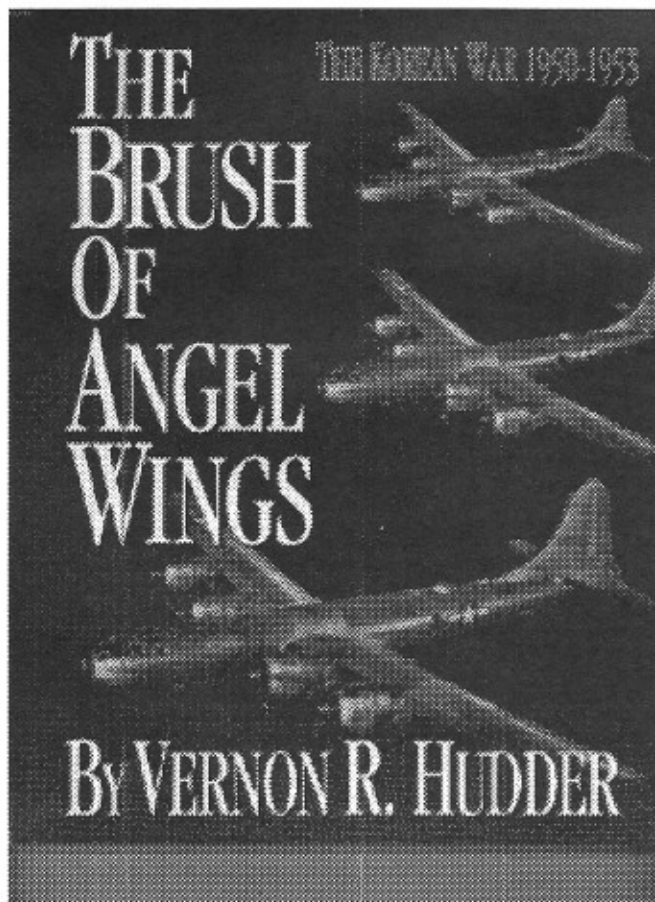
Wants Constructive Agenda

I read *Graybeards* thoroughly and I am getting fed up with the infighting and controversy between past and present officers and others concerning asinine subjects that should never see print. It seems certain members hope to use this organization for personal gain and recognition and will kick a dead mule to death for that attention.

I would suggest a more constructive agenda including support of such programs as the American Legion's ongoing efforts to have a constitutional Amendment adopted outlawing, in effect, desecration of our national flag. The resolution passed the House very strongly this past winter, but was defeated in the Senate by 3 votes included in the nay votes was my Senator John Glenn. A hero with feet of clay in my opinion. Senator Hatch has promised to bring the resolution up again. Perhaps the KWVA could lend their support to this and other pertinent veterans affairs instead of complaining about the Memorial.

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Book Review

A number of books on the Korean War are beginning to come on the market in large numbers. It is about time. One of them is Vernon Hudder's new beautifully bound paperback telling of the role of the B-29 operations during the Korean War 1950-1953. It is a very different read than most books. I found his style of presentation extremely effective. The reader almost feels like one of the crew due to his way of describing each mission and target. In addition, the role of strategic bombing is little noted in other books about the war.

Hudder is able to almost place you on board a B-29 flying over North Korea. He accomplishes this by using both a documented and personal view of the war.

Hudder skillfully uses Biblical quotes interspersed in the narrative giving power to his motivations and actions while under the stress of flying these dangerous missions. Flak was their main concern and he vividly describes the "fireworks display" from the bursts lighting up the sky around the aircraft.

The printing of flight plans and maps of the target area were most interesting to me, a non-flyer. Newspaper clippings and other supporting materials included in this unusual book make it an informative and valuable addition to every veteran's library.

"The Brush of Angel Wings" is available for \$12.95 + 3.00 S/H. Send order to Vernon R. Hudder, 517 Quachita Ave., Mountain Home, AR 72653.

1996 REUNION MINUTES FROM PAGE 11

You have a multiplier factor of 33 in there for readership." Pappas - "Readership doesn't pay for ads." Maison - "There are things you are going to have to look at. You're going to have increased costs. Insurance will go up. Paper work will go up. The phone should maintain itself. The big cost is the *Graybeards* & for those two issues to come out to a balanced budget." Tramonte - "I just want to mention something. I don't know if you knew it or not, but I didn't know it until I got a slew of letters from Belgium and England and France and every place else that *Graybeards* are going to Europe also." Pappas - "We also have at least 300 copies that are sent out to our members at no cost, i.e. POWs, CMOH recipients, honorary, etc., which equates to \$3,000 annually." Grygier - "I would like to get this *Graybeard* thing settled and get a motion on the floor." Pappas - "Well, what are we going to settle?" Grygier - "I would like to make a motion that John look into this advertising agency about the 15 percent that they charge and let's get this thing working here." Clawson - "We're talking increased revenue." Grygier - "Let's get this done. I want to put a motion on the floor that we let John look into this advertising agency." Morga seconds. Benjamin - "Is a motion necessary to have our treasurer investigate an agency? I really don't think. No. All we do is direct him to do this. So, let's direct him to do this."

Pappas - "By the time he gets additional revenue it will not solve the problem of the budget for this year." Benjamin - "But, it will help in the future." Pappas - "In the future, yes, but I'm talking about now. The point is, do we want to go to 5 magazines this year, and take a chance? We've got two recommendations for action. We're keeping Nancy. The *Graybeards*, we can cut back to 5, I don't think anybody will holler." Burke - "Well, now wait a minute. I'm going to make a motion on *Graybeards*." Schilling - "If I remember right, his motion was for the Quartermaster to look into the 15 percent for the Advertising Agency (referring to Ed Grygier). That's the motion. It doesn't include anything else about the copies. Nothing else." Pappas asks for those who are in favor of Ed Grygier motion. Grygier now withdraws his previous motion. Burke - "I move that we cut the *Graybeards* from 6 to 4." Bey seconds the motion. Danielson - "I assume the cut from 6 to 4 was from lack of revenue." Burke - "Correct."

Martin says, "Mr. President, this panel, to the best of my recollection, discussed the item of reducing the number copies the *Graybeards* to 6 to 4 in Houston and it was defeated."

Coon - "I think you'll find that a lot of these other Veteran organizations are cutting their additions, too. That Purple Heart one is every 3 months instead of one every 2 months. I think that the association cuts them at least for a year and sees how it goes and if it gets the revenue back up. We can always bring it back up to 1 year with 4 issues just to see how it goes revenue-wise. Then if you want to go back to 6 or 5, we can do that." Benjamin - "Communication is the name of the game. You have to communicate with all of the members or you're putting the organization on a thin line. It's hanging on by a thread right now. You talk to members around the country, as I do, and they all applauded the quality of the magazine." Burke - "May I rebut that?" Van Ort - "I love Scooter dearly, and I voted against reducing from 6 to 4 last time and I will do it again the same way. Because, the comments I've gotten on our publication, and these are people who are the VFW, the American Legion, Canadian and everything else, accept that we have the most superior publication in the United States. I think we should explore additional revenues,

like perhaps raising the dues to \$15 to \$20. Our dues structure has been the same for years. Five dollars more a member x ten thousand is \$15,000 more a year. This automatically, I think, obviates the fact that we should cut it down to 4." Bey - "This is the reason we have to reduce it. We will be out of business if we don't." Pappas - "I have a stack of mail here. Members complaining about *Graybeards* being delayed one month. I said in the May-June *Graybeards* that there would be no issue until after the reunion. My memo to Amos delaying the *Graybeards*, plus Friedlander's memo across the country, started my phone ringing. I told the members if they had read my column, they would have seen the July/August issue would not be published until after the Reunion. The phone was still ringing." Bey - "Okay, but did you say why?" Pappas - "The point is, when members hear we cut to 4, they will raise hell. I think we should cut just this year to 5 issues. The budget is based on 5 issues right now. You'll have a July, August, and September issue and a October, November, and December issue. Then in February, we can look at it and say, Hey, we don't have funds coming in; so, we should go to 4 this year in 1997." Bey - "You're suggesting leave it at 5 and then see how it goes." Schilling - "To an increase in revenue?" Pappas - "That's right. That's the way I look at it." Martin - "Mr. President, with respect to Mr. Van Ort and to Mr. Burke and to the others members of the board. Every time 1, as a past chapter President and as a member of this organization, talked to the people to try to get them involved in new chapters and in K.W.V.A., the first question I was asked is, What will K.W.V.A. do for me? And if they are already in, What do I get for my \$15 a year? I get the *Graybeard*. Now if we cut the *Graybeard*, they're going to say, Well, I'm getting that much less for my \$15. If we increase dues to \$20, What am I getting for my \$20? Let's face facts Ladies and Gentlemen, the majority of these guys are very, very conscious of where their money goes. I agree we need to increase the revenue. Whether it's \$5 a year more, it doesn't make a bit of difference to me. But as far as our grass-roots membership is concerned, I can guarantee you folks, we're going to hear from them and we're going to hear from them big time, if we go and increase dues and we reduce the number of issues. But, I do suggest that if we do reduce the number of issues, Mr. President, that you put in a thick and detailed explanation of why you reduced the number of issues and increased dues." Coon - "Scooter, would you be willing to reduce it to 5 issues." Burke - "No, ladies and gentlemen, here's what we've got. If anybody can tell me through last year, even when we raised it from 4 to 6 ... if anybody can tell me, how much, if any, did those two extra copies increase our membership? I would grant you that it didn't increase it a bit. I think that was the purpose to increase membership. Four issues a year will tell these guys - we don't have that much going on in this outfit. I hate to be negative. But, I'm telling you, 4 issues will do the same thing as 6 does. Now, these phone calls and letters of complaint to our Presidents, and I would ask each one of them, -What have they done for the K.W.V.A.? - Have you ever served in any capacity? - Have you attended a reunion? - It's the same group around this table and around the country that do all the darn work. It's the other few that do the most complaining. So, what I'm saying is, I'm so sincere about this. Look guys, \$15 a year ... \$10 goes to the *Graybeard*, \$2 goes to the Scholarship, and that's \$12. \$1 goes to rebate cost, and that's \$13. You've got \$2 left to run this outfit. Guys, I'm telling you, you're going broke."

Maison - "I'd like this to go on record, as

your treasurer. We have a critical cash flow problem right now. I do not know where we get the money to pay the bills. I'd like to make a recommendation that we let the membership vote on 4 issues to 6 issues, and my explanation would be this: The cost goes up. (Explaining further) Magazines will cost more. You want 6 issues and you're going to have to pay for them. It will increase the dues. I'd like to see 12 issues a year, one every month, but we just can't afford it. The membership should have a right to vote on the issue of how many *Graybeards*. They should have the knowledge that the cost goes up. As your treasurer, we can't afford it. We have cash flow problems. We don't have the money, and I do not see how we're going to pay for 2 more issues this year."

Pappas - "You left one thing out, John. The last issue will not be paid until 1997." Burke - "Where's it coming from ... next years' money?" Pappas - "Our dues start coming in in January, most of them. Scooter, when you say the magazine didn't help, I know the magazine helped increase the organization from 9,000 to over 12,000 memberships." Burke - "It wasn't the magazine." Pappas - "I talked to these members here, in the field, who passed the magazines out. People read them and they sign up." Bey - "Yes, but when you show the magazine, whether it comes out 4 or 6 times, it's the same magazine. You're saying the magazine helps. Well sure it helps. But whether it helps 4 or 6 isn't going to make any difference, really." Pappas - "Four versus six will make a difference, believe me. Five is a compromise."

Maison - "I'm sorry. Figures don't lie. The way the financial situation is right now, we have \$600 that we made in 6 months of 1996. Six hundred lousy dollars. If we should have an unexpected expense, we're going to be out of business ... speaking from a budgetary standpoint." Benjamin - "I voted against that in February at the Mid-Winter Meeting. In view of what our treasurer said. I just realized how critical this was, John and I will support this motion." Burke - "May I be recognized? I move to vote." Pappas calls for roll call. Maison - "Before we vote, I have to agree with our President. We've got 5 months left this year. Can we raise \$30,000 somewhere? Because that's the only way you're going to be able to put out an additional issue. I don't see how we're going to afford it. We have to have an additional \$30,000 in revenue for the fifth issue." Pappas asks Maison - "Is there money to pay for it?" Maison - "No. I would have to cash in C.D.'s in order to pay for them." Pappas - "As I said before. The bill for the fifth issue will not come until January 1997. Since we are on a January-December dues paying schedule, the majority of annual dues would be paid in December '96 - February '97. This will cover the cost of that issue. Concurrently Amos can send out a January-March issue. Between the costs of the two *Graybeards* published plus the Annual dues collected/projected will help formulate the 1997 budget to be presented to the Council at the Mid-Winter Meeting. The Council can then make a decision on how many *Graybeards* can be published in 1997." Morga - "Why can't you cut out the fifth issue?"

Pappas - "The nomination letter for elections goes into the last *Graybeards* of the year. It hits the street, and the Nominations must be received by the Nominations Chairman by February the 15th - as accorded by the Bylaws. By our action, we are cutting our timeframe short. It could jeopardize the 1997 elections." Roll Call: Benjamin YES; Schilling YES; Wainwright NO; Danielson YES; Clawson NO; Van Ort NO; Lynch NO; Adams YES; Burke YES; Cook YES; Bey YES; Morga YES; Grieger YES. Pappas wants to go on record as "NO"

Coon originally passed/abstained. Later changed his mind and voted "YES". 10 YES - 4 NO.

Pappas - "It's cut to 4 issues, this will be the last issue for the year." Benjamin - "I suggest you write a one full page article as to why this is necessary." Pappas - "I will not write that article. I am vehemently against it. I will let somebody else ... like the Secretary." Bey - "I think the treasurer, (Maison) should write the article." Pappas - "It's my responsibility to carry out the Council's decision. I'll write the article explaining it. We've got to bring it up on the floor and explain it thoroughly to the membership." Adams - "If you're broke you can't pay for such a thing." Pappas - "I didn't say we were broke. I don't think we explored every option. We didn't hear Amos Camp. If he comes tomorrow he might come up with a way. We could reduce pages, printing costs, quality of paper, color, etc. Nobody brought that up." Maison - "There's a statute in the Bylaws that any decision by the Council can be over-ruled by the membership. Is that correct?" Everybody agrees that it is.

Pappas - Article IV Sections 5 & 6 of our Bylaws - "The majority of those attending and voting shall determine all issues. Where all members are given notice of the meeting, 100 members in attendance shall constitute a quorum. Now, that's a conflict there. We have not the time to give the membership notice. So, majority rules. Applause takes place." Coon - "I have some concerns as far as the election is concerned. What would be wrong with sending out a nomination newsletter? That would only cost \$4,000 or \$5,000. That way the nominees could get their resumes back to the nomination committee in time." Pappas - "We did that for the 95 elections."

1996 Reunion

Chairman Paul Phillips - "We've got 436 people that are coming to the banquet on Saturday, we've got about 200 people at the 'Farewell Breakfast' and our car raffle. Anheuser Busch donated 140 cases of beer. We all need to thank them."

Quartermaster Report

Maison - "The Quartermasters are doing very good, about 300% over 1994 sales. A look at 1995 ... an increase of about 180%. I expect to go over 200% for fiscal year 1996. Cost of sale is 28% and I hope to be making some money. That money goes to help to raise the cost of some operating expenses. I have a lot of repeat business."

Burke - "Mr. President, I'd like to go on record to the Board, I suggest we commend John Maison for the work he's done in the Quartermaster area and, of course, as treasurer. You have a budget balance of \$597 in red. What does that mean?" (Maison corrects him by saying it was black.) Maison - "That's because of the adversity in the budget. The budget bill is '0' balance. The \$597 is reversed. \$600 in the clear." Burke - "I'm confused, but not on that \$597. You said that you made \$30-40,000 to the board. But this tells me you made me \$597." Everybody agrees, "That's the bottom line." Maison - "You take the Quartermaster sales verses the cost of sales. That money has been allocated to pay expenses, not profit. Overall, that's profit from Quartermaster sales only. Otherwise, we'd have a deficit. If you take \$30,000 out of there, you'd show a \$30,000 deficit. Instead of a \$600 in black, you'd show a \$30,000 deficit of revenue. Take \$30,000 in revenue, what are you going to have? You're going to have a deficit." Burke - "So, what you're telling me is this revenue for the Quartermaster is really a ghost?" Maison - "No, it's a reality. If we had \$18,000 profit with the Quartermaster, we'd be \$30,000 in the hole." Burke - "Where does it show \$30,000 profit?" Maison - "You take the expenses ... take the beginning balance of inventory, plus sales, plus

cost of sales. That's 28%, \$28,000. It says here \$47,000 in revenue from the Quartermaster. It shows \$33,000 in purchases. That leaves \$14,000 plus \$19,000 in inventory."

State Rebate Program

Clawson - "We have 8 State Dept.'s in the K.W.V.A. Missouri and the state of New York certified for the rebate. One other state, Delaware, came in. We have some problems with that situation. There's a letter in there to the Department Head. In Delaware, the Dept. Head has met with his board and they may or may not respond back to the letter. But other than that ... as you can see ... this is dated July 15, the total amount is outlined in the budget just this year. The only other state that may be on hold is Delaware. That would be only a couple hundred dollars that they're eligible for. I don't see it this year ... maybe next year. So, actually, the rebate is \$2.00 per capita of eligible members. Eligible members, being life members, and regular members. We went through the rosters and determined with the state who the eligible members are. Now basically, there are ex P.O.W.'s, your Medal of Honor recipients, your Gold Star Mothers, your associate members are not eligible for the rebate. So, there's a lot of states out there that may want to have some help. There are some that may not. It takes 2 chapters to form a State Dept. All of our membership and recruitment this money goes to. So, that is for Chapters to help the Departments and for what we talked about ... getting out there and having the information in the *Graybeards*. There's a complete report on this. For the state of Ohio, if you want a rebate, you ask Ohio for the money." Danielson - "Is there a clearer outline of what you have to do to qualify for that?" Clawson - "Yes, there is, it's in the November-December '95 *Graybeards*. Lynch - "If I started a department in Pennsylvania, what kind of help could I get?" Clawson - "First, I would have to get the letter from you first. I could make the application forms and help you from there." Pappas - "There's no seed money for the state department operations. I would like to take a \$1 out of that \$2 and give it to the state department for operating costs. Clawson makes decision tomorrow."

Camp talks about issues with *Graybeards*.

"If we make an agreement with this group publishing the next 3 issues of *Graybeards*, he will go to his (Hartke Group) friends in industry, and he will get advertising for the *Graybeards* ... and we're talking about \$25,000 to 60,000 worth. This will be done in conjunction with an effort to raise our membership from where we are now to 100,000. The negatives are that they would like to see a serious attempt on our part to go through with this. They would recommend separating *Graybeards* ... put it on a business basis, so it not only pays for itself, but also be a profit center for the K.W.V.A. If we put sufficient funds to publish 3 issues of *Graybeards*, they would secure advertising to cover that amount of money in a 6 month period and return \$60,000. Second, we will gain funds by the benefit of the advertising and the money coming from having 88,000 new members. I'll put this in writing so you can read it tomorrow. But, I wanted to advance it tonight, so, you can talk amongst yourselves as to whether or not you want to get involved with something like this. I've also prepared a resolution, which is to get the show on the road ... to negotiate a contract. The reason they are willing to do this is because, most people in politics know how to raise money. The main reason people like the magazine so much is because of the people who are organizing it and writing it. Amos estimates 15,000 international publications. He also adds that they're not all living. "The problem with us is we're small. We've got about 12,000 members. Advertisers are not

interested in an organization our size. Also, we're not able to offer a lot of benefits to members like other organizations."

Women's Auxiliary

Virginia Eller, Lillian Ranken, Lois Zaiger, Delores Henderson, Ruby Rice, Loretta Rath, Molly Ballou in attendance. Bob Morga - (Reading) "I formally request that National Organization of the Korean War Veterans Association recognize a National Auxiliary. I believe this is necessary to give us strength. There is strength in numbers. A National Auxiliary will encourage more family involvement. Please note that I have not asked for Ladies Auxiliary. There were Women Veterans in this war. I believe this Auxiliary should be open to all relatives of all who lost War Veterans. Our uniforms should resemble the men's outfit. Our bylaws should be similar to the K.W.V.A. bylaws. I would like to see relatives of the deceased Korean War Veterans included in this organization. They, of course, must prove eligibility. Auxiliary is a group of interested people who openly support and assist and help the Parent Group. We have the numbers that give exposure and we are noticed. We must support our K.W.V.A. members and this is the best way I know. We want to be a credit to them. Bob Morga has my permission to give my name, address and phone number to anyone who wants to contact me. If approved by National, it will have a lot of work to do and it will have to be done by phone, letter or fax. By next years convention, we can be a strong, unified group with a big help from the K.W.V.A." Morga - "I have all the laws here, 501C3 and 501C19. These little laws are known these change. One part of the law says, 'All of its members. These are members of the parent organization. Now, you have to be a wife of a Korean War Veteran to belong, or a spouse. But, if the member of the organization passes on, then that doesn't make the husband or wife eligible anymore ... according to the law. Another law is that if you are in our organization, you will not, according to the law, be an associate member, but, 90 percent of the organization has to be a veteran him/herself. Now, the veteran passes on. It seems more likely, though, according to statistics, that the me die first. Then the veteran passes on, and most of them are women or more than 10 percent can't be in the Veterans organization with the tax exempt status. The law says all of its members either are members of the parent organization, spouses of a member or of the parent organization. So, if your husband isn't in the parent organization anymore, you're not a member."

Pappas - "I'm not sure that you ladies understand. Under the Veterans Association, like we are, there are 501C19, which is a tax group. Ninety percent of that organization has to be veterans. If you've got 100 members in your organization, 90 of them have to be veterans. The other 10 are associate members within that chapter. If you exceed that and bring in 15 more women, then you have 25, and you still have the 90 men ... then you're in trouble. Now, I'm not sure that's what you gals want. Now, if you don't belong to National and you don't belong to your Chapter, then you won't be paying associate dues, right. Do you want to be associate members? I know you are now, but, now if you go into an auxiliary, you will not be associate members. You will be your own corporation. You would have to set up a 501 C3 and you'd be a member of that organization. You want official recognition from National ... that's what you're asking." Benjamin - "I think what we're forgetting here is the fact that all of the national organizations ... your auxiliaries ... are operating under a National Charter. The K.W.V.A. is not operating under a National Charter. We are not a nationally chartered organization."

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My Turn — Members Soundoff

Past Graybeards Reviewed

Regarding Jan.-Feb. 96 issue, page 26, 1995 Veterans Day Parade in NYC. This was a great parade if viewed from the reviewing stand area and further north. I marched with the Legion off of W. 46th St. on to 5th Ave. (Our KWVA were near E. 45th St. and 5th Ave). We were advised to muster at 10 a.m. which we did. However we had to wait 4 hours to step off, 2 of the 4 hours were in the rain. Days later when I contacted the Parade Committee they said all went well. Actually what happened was a 2 hour convoy of privately owned military vehicles were allowed to get in front of us 1,000 vets. We were wet, tired, thirsty, hungry and looking for a John before we stepped off. Fortunately the march was only 45 minutes long.

March-April 1996, page 48, "Names on the wall." Right on Orville Dean. Think about it we paid persons to work for us and they place their 8 names on our memorial, one could cry at the hosing we got.

May-June 1996, page 9, one of our national Directors believes we had 54,000 KIA's plus 8,000 MIAs. When in fact we had 36,913 dead including our MIAs. The correct figures have been published many times in the *Graybeards*. We do not know all the names of the 36,913, we are short 2,452 as reported by O'Brien on page 41. For a cost of \$340, our KWVA should go for it so the various war memorials around the nation may have all the names. The Vietnam Vets have their names in Washington, DC and on 2 trailers that ride the nation's roads. Our KWVA should put out one trailer with all the names to tour the nation. Our honored dead should come first. How much money did we spend on them? And on other projects

May-June page 42. Our KWVA New York State Dept. Commander buys this? ... the reason the NYS Vietnam War Memorial has the names of their honored dead and our KW Memorial does not, is the Korean War Memorial was designed to have no names. And why was it designed this way? Because if there would be names they would be the names of the 1.5 million who served in Korea during the war. Being this an impossible task it was decided to have NO NAMES. This is insane, again the Vietnam vets good leadership, Korean Vets bad leadership.

May-June page 55 KVV Armistice Day celebration we may have to pay for extra police if our attendance exceeds 1,000 veteran. If this is correct what did the million man march pay for extra police?

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Members Offended By Story

I don't often write letters to the editor, but this time I feel compelled to do so.

We here in the Tri-County Chapter #2 in Alabama are offended and ashamed of the four pages you devoted to a "Korean Twilight" in the *Graybeards*. A dirty, smelly Sgt. hitches a ride to Seoul, gulps beer, eats five hamburgers and sleeps with a fourteen year old girl. Is that the way we are to "Tell America About Our War?"

By God, this was not the war I knew, nor any of our 68 members located here in Alabama knew. I would be ashamed, and you as Editor should also, to place a copy of this *Graybeard* in your local library. Let's leave the trash to *Playboy & Hustler*. Lets only include articles that Honor all those who Fought and Died in our War!!

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Wants Article On Missouri

I was on the USS Missouri BB63 for 5 years starting from Nov. 1947 to 1953. During that time we were in the Korean War.

The question I am asking, I never see a word about the Missouri BB63 in The *Graybeards*. Do you think you could put a article in the *Graybeards*?

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Any member of USS Missouri crew write - editor will publish.

Readers are welcome to submit letters, poems, articles and stories to "The *Graybeards*" for publication. The editor publishes on the basis of suitability, length and timeliness. Opinions and comments published are the sole responsibility of the author. All official positions of the Korean War Veterans Association are located under Official Announcements.

KOREA VETS BEWARE

The "Revisit Korea" program sponsored by the Korean Veterans Association in Seoul is becoming very popular with Korean War Veterans after a slow start in 1975. So popular in fact that it is not possible to accept all the Veterans wanting to go back to see those old battle grounds. And that's where the problem begins.

It has always been offered as a "you pay airfare only" for the six day tour in and around Seoul. There are no qualms with the land portion of this tour. Once you arrive in Korea you receive V.I.P. treatment until you depart.

The real problem is with the airfare. With only three or four travel agent designated by the K.V.A., in Seoul to handle this tour it's a perfect opportunity for a travel agent to make a big profit. During the 1996 revisits Veterans were paying more for airfare on those round trips to Seoul than other passengers. Out of the midwest Vets paid \$1090 for their tickets to Seoul, while other passengers on the same plane paid only \$850 for the April 1996 departure.

An inflated ticket price may seem like a good deal when you're receiving free hotel, meals and tours from the Korean Veterans Organization in Seoul but why should you have to pay more for airfare? It only means more profit for the travel agent who is willing to accept less from other passengers.

Check with Korean owned travel agents in Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles for current rates. They offer a special bulk rate that is considerably less than regular airfare. Then call the travel agent handling the "Revisit Korea" tours and let them know that you are aware of the special bulk rate airfares and ask why they aren't offering it to you.

Complaints should be sent to M/G Tae-Wan Chang, Korean Veterans Assn: Kangdong P.O. Box 189, Seoul 134-600, Korea. Postage is sixty-four cents.

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A Little Child Shall Lead Them

*We are in combat training,
our clothes are soaked with rain,
Our feet are aching and weary,
our souls are filled with pain.*

*We follow our bull-necked leader,
through the grass and soaking weeds,
Our brave and hearty leader,
who cares not for our needs.*

*So we follow this bull-necked leader,
with spirits dejected and flat.
Their is one ray of brightness,
I'll get the bastard in combat.*

*The troops are sagging and choking,
on this terrible mess hall swill.
Doyle's poor rump is showing,
through the seat of his herring bone twill.*

*Since old Bull Neck has taken over,
we are in a sad state of mind.
But do not despair brave comrades,
a solution we may find.*

*Some advice is in the good book,
on what a leader should be.
It tells, "A little child shall lead them,"
one slightly older than three.*

*So we'll draft a bounding infant,
of maybe nine or ten.
We'll pin gold bars on his shoulder,
and call him a leader of men.*

A letter from Jacques K. Doyle tells about the above poem.

I am attaching a copy of Don Ellis's Poem written while we were training in Hokkaido, Japan.

Don mentioned three of his comrades in his poem "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," Rodney Srb, Raymond Donovan, and Jacques Doyle. Srb and Ellis were both killed in combat in Korea, Doyle was wounded and Donovan received the Silver Star.

The poem was written the summer of 1951. The Division went to Korea, December '51. Don was killed during the summer of 1952.

To the best of my knowledge Ray received his Silver Star on the same day that Don was killed. Our company was attacking a small Chinese Hill, 191 I believe, when our Headquarters Unit was ambushed. A small group of Chinese had let the attacking platoons pass them and then opened fire on our officers and communications, including the artillery F.O. They killed and wounded several men. Donovan was pinned down but managed to crawl forward and lob in a couple of grenades killing all the Chinese. This action caused the forward platoons to lose all contact with our artillery and other units. Don Ellis volunteered to go back and try and get a radio. He was killed while trying to run down the hill and find some communications.

Don was a very popular soldier. He was a great leader with a exceptional sense of humor. He was also

*Under our infant leader we'll run no
problems in this soaking grass.
He'll smile at the raging colonel,
"sorry sir, my men are all on pass."*

*We'll do right by this new lieutenant,
give him ping pong games in his tent,
In return, he'll issue whiskey rations,
when his men are weary and spent.*

*No longer will Srb and Donovan pull K.P.
Sad and drear.
From now on Able Company lives on ice cream,
chicken and beer.*

*There will be no more "Statement of Charges."
Those nightmares white and grim.
We'll go to our juvenile leader
and draw our equipment from him.*

*Every Thursday we'll have pay call,
with plenty of overtime pay.
I'll send home one million dollars,
and fly home discharge day.*

*So rally my down trodden comrades,
usurp this bull-neck rule.
We'll follow our nine year old
Champion not "The Drunkards Tool."*

—Donald Ellis, Co A, 179 Regt., 45th Inf Div.



Don Ellis - Idaho

our Division heavy weight boxing champion. His Poem was written more in humor than in any attempt to criticize our officers.

Don's action in volunteering to go back down a hill through artillery and mortar fire was certainly above and beyond the call of duty.

Jacques K. Doyle

128 Hancock Road, Port Crane, NY 13833

Searching For

The Fort Sam Houston Museum is interested in contacting soldiers who were inducted, trained or stationed at Fort Sam Houston during the Korean War. Please write to: Curator, Fort Sam Houston Museum, 1207 Stanley Road, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234-5002, call 210/221-1886 or FAX to 210/221-1311.

The 6147th Tactical Control Group (6148th, 6149th and 6150th Squadrons) is searching for former Army members who were assigned as "Observers" from Aug. 1950 - 1955 and stationed at Taegu, Pyongtek, Pyongyang, and Chunchon. The Mosquito Association has a roster with over 2,000 names and with many Army Observers, BUT we are always searching for our comrades in arms who flew the Forward Air Controller (FAC) missions, or were assigned as ground FAC's with the Air Force. Please contact: Mr Tom Crawford, 5129 W Maplewood Ave, Littleton, Co 80123, Tel: 303-795-2818.

Sgt. Jack A. Jolliff (USA) Company D, 2nd Eng. Combat BN, 2nd Inf Div. missing in action 1 December 1950 in vicinity of Sonchu, N. Korea. Family searching for any information. Letters received show show areas where Sgt. Jolliff served: Changyong 24 Sep '50, 26 miles north of Changyong on the Nakton 27 Sep, Changju on 3 Oct., Seoul on 16 Oct., Adka near Sairwon on 29 Oct., Sunchan on 4 Nov., Anjir on 17 Nov., Kunuri 22 Nov. Any information send to Jerry Jolliff, brother, 1232 Deemont Ave. SW, Massillon OH 44647. Tel: 330-832-8063.

2nd to None Platoon, 30th Eng. (Base) Survey Company, 29th Engineer (Base) Topographic Battalion (Philippines-Okinawa 1952-1954). Trying to locate 1st Lt. Mason D. Wade, Jr. 01119523, Cmd. 2nd Plt., 30th Engr Co. 1952; Capt. James W. Maberry 01113330, Cmd. 30th Engr. Co. 1952,53,54. The above were in the Philippines Bn Hq at Cavite, P.I. Capt. Charles p. Stone, last known address PA. In the lat 70's he was researching info for a book on the Chosin Reservoir Campaign (1950). He was in Viet Nam and spent time in the Res. forces. Col (Ret) Waldon C. Winston, X Corps, Korea 1950-51, CO 52nd Transportation Bn. Last known address in Portland, OR. Son is/ was an air force officer. Contact Michael C.J. Kaminski, 2912 S. 10th Ave., Broadview, IL 60153. Tel: 708-345-8244, Fax 708-345-8263.

Veterans who served from 1950-1952 in Guam, Japan, Korea and Koje-do with Hdq. 60th General Depot or successor unit Hdq MP Group 8137th AU and in particular Harry Moore and Thomas Milner. Contact John W. Huff, 30 W 305 Claymore Lane, Naperville, IL 60563. Tel: 630-983-6103

Capt. Warner Herman Harms, USA missing in action-presumed dead November 26, 1950. He was a member of Hq. Co., 1st Bn, 9th Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf Div. Missing in action while fighting the enemy in the vicinity of Kunuri, North Korea on Nov. 26, 1950. Anyone with information contact Edward Fitzsimmons collect 1-516-585-4986.

1997 REVISIT TRIPS KOREA

Currently, as of October 19th, ALL of the trips are sold out! However, recently there have been a number of cancellations, therefore the established "Wait-Lists" have become shorter. Travel Agent, Tom Jin and I are in the process of doing a more accurate "nose-count."

Also, I have been informed by the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) Seoul, who sponsors the original, official Revisit Program that my KWVA allotments will NOT be increased for 1997 due to a decrease in the ROK Government's budget for the Revisit Trips.

At present there are spaces available for the 1998 trips. Should you wish to apply for one of trips April, June, and September. Or, we can place you on one of the 1999 "Wait-Lists" as we expect to receive more cancellations prior to the departure dates of the 1997 Trips.

In early January, 1997 KVA/Seoul will be faxing me the number of quotas, and the specific dates of the 1997 Trips, which I will be publishing in *Graybeards*.

It is my understanding that the 1997 Airfares may be slightly increased. Tom Jin had a contract

with Korean Airlines for the Airfares to remain the same price for the past five years. Again, I will be publishing this info in *Graybeards* ASAP.

KVA/Seoul is planning a special Revisit Trip in the year 2000 to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the June 25th Invasion. "Rumor" has it that KWVA will be granted an allotment of 500 spaces!! K-Vets who have been on previous KVA Revisit Trips will be eligible to return to Korea for this trip, and I am taking "reservations." I do not have any of the details now, but will submit them to *Graybeards* as soon as I receive them from KVA/Seoul... which will inform me of the exact number of quotas in January, 1999. This Trip will be a "biggie" with all manner of military ceremonies, etc. All the U.N. countries who had Military Personnel serving in Korea during the period of the War will be invited to participate.

Please contact me for further info/applications on any of the Revisit Trips. (I would appreciate if you would include your phone number!)

Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick
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Reunions

APRIL 1997

6147th Tactical Control Group, "Mosquitos" (Korea), April 21-27, 1997, Tropicana Hotel, 3801 Las Vegas Blvd., S. Las Vegas, NV 89109. Contact Commander James F. Kellyt, 3378 Seneca Drive Las Vegas, NV 89109. Tel: 702-796-5554.

2nd Bombardment Assn (2nd Bomb Group and 2nd Bomb Wing), Las Vegas, NV, April 22-26, 1997. Open to all present and past members. Contact: Kemp F. Martin, 806 Oak Valley Dr., Houston, TX 77024. PH: 713-464-0401.

728th MP BN, April 25-27 1997, McDonough, GA. All members invited. Contact Aubrey E. Smith P.O. Box 691, Locust Grove, GA 30248. Tel 770-957-1023. FAX 770-957-8425.

61st FA Bn, April 25-27, 1997, Lafayette, Louisiana. Contact Frank L. Mowery, 2051 S. Poplar St., Casper, WY 82601. Phone 307-235-8679.

MAY 1997

USS St. Louis CL-49 Assoc., May 21-24, 1997, Red Lion Hotel, Portland, OR. Contact R. Sumner Blossom, 4404 N.E. 29th Ave., Portland, OR 97211-7124. Tel: 503-281-4431.

MAY 1997 Continued

USN Cruiser Sailors Assoc., May 28-31, 1997, Holiday Inn, Randolph, MA. Contact William E. Polcsa, U.S.S. Columbus CA-74, 15 Winona Way, North Weymouth, MA 02191-1042. Tel: 617-337-3762.

SEPTEMBER 1997

511th AC&W Group Reunion Association including the 613th, 847th and 848th AC&W Squadrons, Sept. 4-8, 1997 at Colorado Springs, CO. Contact Don Simmons, 704 S. Grove Rd., Richardson, TX 75081-5116, Tel. 972-231-6518, Internet: dona7112@iadfw.net.

14th Inf. Regt, 25th Div. (1951-1953, Korea) Sept. 5-8, 1997, Escanaba, MI. Contact Roman Gill, 1713-8th Ave., S., Escanaba, MI 49829. Tel. 906-786-5710.

OCTOBER 1997

I Corps Artillery Reunion Alliance, Korea 1950-54, includes all AA, Field, Mortar & Rocket. Units attached to Corps, October 5-10, 1997, Colorado Springs, CO. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950, 201-538-7189.

To All Who Made The Supreme Sacrifice During The Korean War

Who Am I

*I came into this world unknown.
To live a life with all of you.
Dreams have come and gone in my mind,
Like all the flowers left behind.*

*I went to church to know a God.
Who made this creature man.
I worked and prayed and fought the wars,
In search of Peace for all the lands.*

*I saw the oceans, mountains, forest
and the lakes,
Made by God, who never ask and never takes.
Only man himself, abuses, kills and hates,
The very things, that he creates.*

*I've prayed and wept for mans mind
and soul.
Now it's time for me to go.
I fought the fight up to the end,
Hoping for hope, that I might win.*

*The sun is not so bright on high,
Its warmth is dwindling in the sky.
I pray, oh how I pray, that when we're
done and everything is nigh,
We can Thank our God, for all this world
and not ask, "Who Am I"?
"I am a child of GOD, — Thank — God.*

By Ernest A. Maynard
Veteran of WWII and the Korean War
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Pappas requests the Judge Advocate to check if National can legally issue chapter charters to the auxiliaries and still keep the status quo. "This would give them official recognition. This is the least we can do for the great job they are doing. If legal, I will direct the National Secretary to develop a charter and issue them."

James Martin speaks about the Poppy Program "Rose of Sharon"

Fifteen percent of the funds go to the college education fund. With \$2.50 you get a dozen of these roses. I want to thank you for authorizing our flower. It helps to raise money for the education fund. I've got a little bit of a negotiating problem. We copyrighted it. Nobody else can go out there and call that thing the Rose of Sharon. But, again I think at \$2.50 a dozen, which covers our cost, our shipping and handling. We're making money off of it. This flower has a definite significance. The blue and white of the petals are the color of the United Nations. The ten stamens of the dangles signifies the ten campaigns of the Korean War. You'll notice that the back side of the little flag attached is blank. We intentionally left it blank ... so that individual chapters can put the name of their chapter on." Burke - Motion to accept both of them. Coon seconds, Pappas says, "All in favor?" Everybody says yes. Pappas - "This includes a contract."

Activities - 1997 Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Todd Cornell - "So, what we are looking at is a good possibility that our next convention site will be at Botanical Four Seasons Hotel in Albuquerque New Mexico. This will be our Convention Site Headquarters, and we will have a good variety of programming put together for your entertainment and also for your knowledge. We are going to extend an invitation to the current Chief of Staff of the Air Force to be our speaker next year and have him talk about your military of 1950 and today. I also have some contacts working to pull some people out of the Harvey War College. Also, I'm going to be putting together our military in the year 20-25 and beyond. I'm also, working on my very latest outfit for P.O.W. and M.I.A. questions who were in Korea. Then we have a full range of social activities from the ladies planned. Also will have a good variety of day activities. I have in the Albuquerque market 65,000 members of which 5,000 were Korean War veterans."

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution by Lone Star Chapter that only National Members can hold office in a chapter, approved at the '95 Reunion be rescinded. Council approved rescission at '96 Mid-Winter Meeting.

Next Resolution editorial controls. I was asked to write the guide lines. This is about all the letters of complaint. Pappas - letter from the State Department of Florida read, "it is our feeling that the magazine no longer reflects the concerns and values of our organization. We object to the amount of space being devoted to the Bronze Star issue, a secondary matter which obviously does not have the backing or interest of the membership. We propose that the Association take a stand on this medal." Pappas - "Pages 1 through 3. July, August 1995, was 4 1/2 columns of blarney." Everybody discussed the complaints about profanity in the magazine. Pappas - "Don't get me wrong. I still think we've got the best magazine. I want our editor Amos Camp to stay on, but somewhere, it's a communication issue for members out there. I backed our editor, Amos, on the issue of profanity in the magazine, because of 'Freedom of the Press.' Benjamin - 'I think a lot of this is well taken. I called Amos on the contents, because, this is obviously what we're all talking about ... that Amos has given an inordinate amount of space to Mr. Friedlander concerning the Bronze Star issue and anything else Friedlander wishes to discuss. I've called Amos on 3 different occasions and the first thing I've done is to compliment him on having the finest veterans magazine in the entire United States. But, you are giving, entirely too much space to Mr. Friedlander ... whether you give him 3 pages or 2 1/2 pages constantly. I said Amos, is he (referring to Friedlander) a friend of yours? He said yes. I've known him 35 years. I said, don't you think that reflects in the magazine?" Everybody agrees they should continue talking on this issue, when Amos gets back later today. Burke moves to suspend this, until Camp is present. Seconded Cook. Passes.

Lynch continues. "Life membership for association members." Discussion. Pappas - Resolution affects the Bylaws. I recommend we establish a committee to review the issue and make its recommendation to the Council. Magill will chair the Committee."

Adams makes motion to have all auxiliary members remain as associates until the committee reports. Grygier seconds. Nobody opposes. It all passes.

Next resolution. "A commitment for the Wall of Honor that could be made for those who are Missing in Action, (MIA), Killed in Action, (KIA), Prisoner of War, (POW). Should we make the Wall of Honor a top priority to the KWVA this year? Going back over their minutes that were certified on the Executive Capital Meeting February 11-12, 1995, there was a motion by Adams the treasurer be established for the purpose of doing the Wall of Honor... Seconded Lynch... unanimously approved. Nothing has been done. Maison - "We set up an account for the Wall of Honor, and any money designated will go in there." Pappas - "Next resolution. And, this has already been done." Lynch - "The resolution says to make this a top priority." Pappas - "I've got this statute here to make the Wall of Honor go through the Federal Government. It takes

money and it takes time. Every step of this is complicated. It's a brand new memorial. The legislative committee is working on it, but as far as priority is concerned, I can't make it the number one priority. Let's call a vote." Pappas - motion on the resolution ... whether or not to make the Wall of Honor a top priority. Vote was 10 no, 3 yes, 2 abstain.

Next resolution. A response to a challenge by General Ray Davis. (Reading) "Be it resolved that the K.W.V.A. supports the primary consideration of the national leadership and is committed to the principal of preparedness before committing future veterans to combat, the defense of freedom and justice." Committee recommends pass. Everybody is in favor. Yes's have it.

Next resolution. Reading letter from Korean War veteran in Indiana. "Whereas the KWVA Department in Indiana, hereby, declare that all present and future chapters in the state of Indiana and in other states in the United States of America and its territory shall become members of the department of a particular state or territory." Committee recommends disapproval. Pappas calls for vote. All in favor of disapproval of that motion, say yes. The yes's have it.

"Resolution K.W.V.A. adopt the Gold Star membership to include Gold Star fathers, brothers, sisters, and children. With the adoption this resolution Gold Star brothers and sisters will be eligible for memberships of annual dues of \$12.00. Children's membership will be honorary as well as the fathers. Committee recommends a pass." Van Ort motions to table. Danielson seconds. Everybody's in favor. It's unanimous vote.

Next resolution. "Kivlehan Chapter 66. Members of this chapter believe that there's a need to establish our own identity and to further endorse the K.W.V.A. Be it resolved that the K.W.V.A. immediately design and manufacture an official Lapel Pin to be distributed to all members of good standing and be it further resolved that this design be modified and manufactured, similar to the one they use now by the American Legion and other veteran organizations. The recommendation of the committee was to recommend rejection. Vote was unanimous.

Danielson's resolution. About expanding the K.W.V.A. "As a new board member, I believe a resolution should be considered for the annual meetings procedures. An annual report should be issued to all members who attend the annual meeting and should include our mission statement, our current membership, our chapters, our total income and expenses for the year and prior year. Prior year's budget, current years budget, next years proposed budget, types of audit report on the finances and prior years, activities and accomplishments since the last annual meeting and plans for the future. This is to let people know what's going on. The second thing is the new board of director procedures ... these are for awareness. An organization guideline reference should be provided to all officers, directors, and committee veterans upon their election or appointment. Pappas - asked if Director Danielson would undertake the task. Danielson said he would consider it.

Public Relations Report

De Pew - A chapter newsletter competition. We annually award it but perhaps it could be awarded at the annual reunion. The idea of the whole thing is to pick the best newsletter each year. The whole criteria is to get the best newsletter. There are several criteria that we're going to have to use and this one is continuity. Have to be regularly issued ... not once a year just so you can be in a contest. It has to be a regular newsletter and have at least 3 successful copies sent in to the competition. Content is the second most important consideration. Should be judged on how well the newsletter covers chapter events and activities, members and their families, national events and activities having a bearing on the chapter itself and it's members, such as legislative material that come out of here. It should be based on how well it covers veteran's affairs on the national logo, State K.W.V.A. department meetings, any regional information and hopefully, there will be some opinions in there. The award for the chapter is to receive a \$200 award for it's excellence plus a write up and photographs in future issues of the *Graybeards*. In addition, the winner would get the use of one page of the *Graybeards* in any way they wish. An alternative to cash and prize at the option of the judge could be printing the chapter for a whole year. There are a series of rules. So, if this is the pleasure of the board, we will announce this at the business meeting. The national business meeting will be taking place tomorrow." Benjamin moves support Mr. Dave De Pew's recommendations for a prize to be given for the best newsletter for the purpose of a prize of \$200 and entire program run for one year only and also a plaque be given. Morga seconded. Everybody favors. It passes.

De Pew continuing, public relations, any kind of publicity on chapter levels is very important. It's important that each chapter do something in the public market place to talk about their activities. I put two articles in the *Graybeards* last year. One was on how to increase newspaper coverage of your chapters' events and the second one was how to get T.V. time. What I've done is condensed into a booklet. I'm just asking you to look at it right now. The importance of this booklet is to appoint a public information officer in your chapter and make him responsible as the contact person who's going to tell people what's going to happen. If we don't get out and tell people about our war, we're not going to be around that much longer."

De Pew talks about selling the movie for \$10 to the chapters.

Pappas - somebody make motion to approve the program. De Pew - "If you approve it, this will go to the chapters by Labor Day. Wainwright - motion to approve program. Seconded Grygier. Approved.

VAVS Report

Pappas - VAVS newsletter passed around the room. It's a report from Bill Carr. Pappas reads from "Annual Report from the National Service Record." "Eighteen states which represented VAVS rep. There is only 29 hospitals on cover at this point and time. We've picked up some V.A. hospitals but we haven't done them all. This is just the report from the past year. All of the hospitals, from what I gather have the American Legion and V. F. W., they've got plaques. We don't and I've asked some of the representatives to call me if we could have one John had gotten one and this is a plaque. So, I present this Plaque to the V.A. hospitals to hang up there with the other organizations to show them that we're there. They run about \$10 or \$12. Pappas shows plaque. I don't think we should sell it. I think we should make a donation at the hospital where our people are that are working so hard, so that they have something to take recognition for." Schilling - motion that at our hospitals that have a Korean veteran VAVS persons buy this at cost for the hospital. Second Lynch. Pappas - motion for the men at the V.A. facility. Schilling - accepts that. Lynch - "I accept that second." Pappas - "All in favor, say yes." Everybody okay's it. It passes.

Report on Memorial Mementoes

Clawson - We'll break even with the July sales. Everything from here on out can be used for the recommendations put in the letter, in the packet and we'll be giving them out, from now until eternity for part of the awards or benefit people. So, that's the report.

Annual report from the National V.A. Service Director

"KWVA is now the official member of the Veterans National Day Committee. K.W.V.A. logo will appear on all future Veterans' Day parade and correspondence. I announced the other night that we are going to be accredited. I haven't seen the letter yet, but we are an accredited V.A. service organization as veterans. They've been averaging 25-35 claims per year. Now to Annual report and ceremonies and

dedications. National alliance and military veterans associations. K.W.V.A. was invited to join and are now a member. Now the reunion in Washington D.C. The guys are looking at hotels for the '98' reunion in Crystal City. There are 5 hotels in the compound. There's a subway station right there and we can go across for the 1998 45th anniversary. The Washington chapter is going to be running it. The issue of lighting was brought up and people are taking stuff there and leaving it. They're trashing it, the park service, with the stuff that they leave. You know people are leaving a wreath there or flowers or medals there, and they're scrapping it now. They want to know if we want to collect it and put it into a museum if we get it." Schilling - "if a D.A.V. service officer is handling your claim, you do have to give your 'Power of Attorney' to the D.A.V. That's the only way you can get your files, your records, everything that happened to you by signing a Power of Attorney. That Power of Attorney is just for your medical and administrative records. It has nothing to do with your personal Power of Attorney or anything like that."

Pappas - Maines asked us to back the American Legion, G.I. Bill of Health. G.I. Bill of Health represents an effort by the American Legion to strengthen and preserve the V.A. health care system. The proposal will allow veterans who because of eligibility reasons are unable to accept V.A. healthcare to utilize those services for the cost sharing basis. Additionally, the proposal will permit mandatory care veterans greater access to V.A. services, for both the V.A. and the private sectors. He's asked me to write a letter to the legion that we would back this." Adams - Calls a vote for motion. Grygier seconds. Pappas asks everybody if they're in favor. Everybody approves it.

Continuation of Graybeards Report

Camp continues talking about "Graybeard report and Hartke Proposal. Discussion follows but mostly about Graybeards contents. Coon - "One complaint about the Graybeard I've gotten was about the foul language." Harley thinks they should tone down the foul language some an that it would be in the best interest of the subscribers to do so. Burke -

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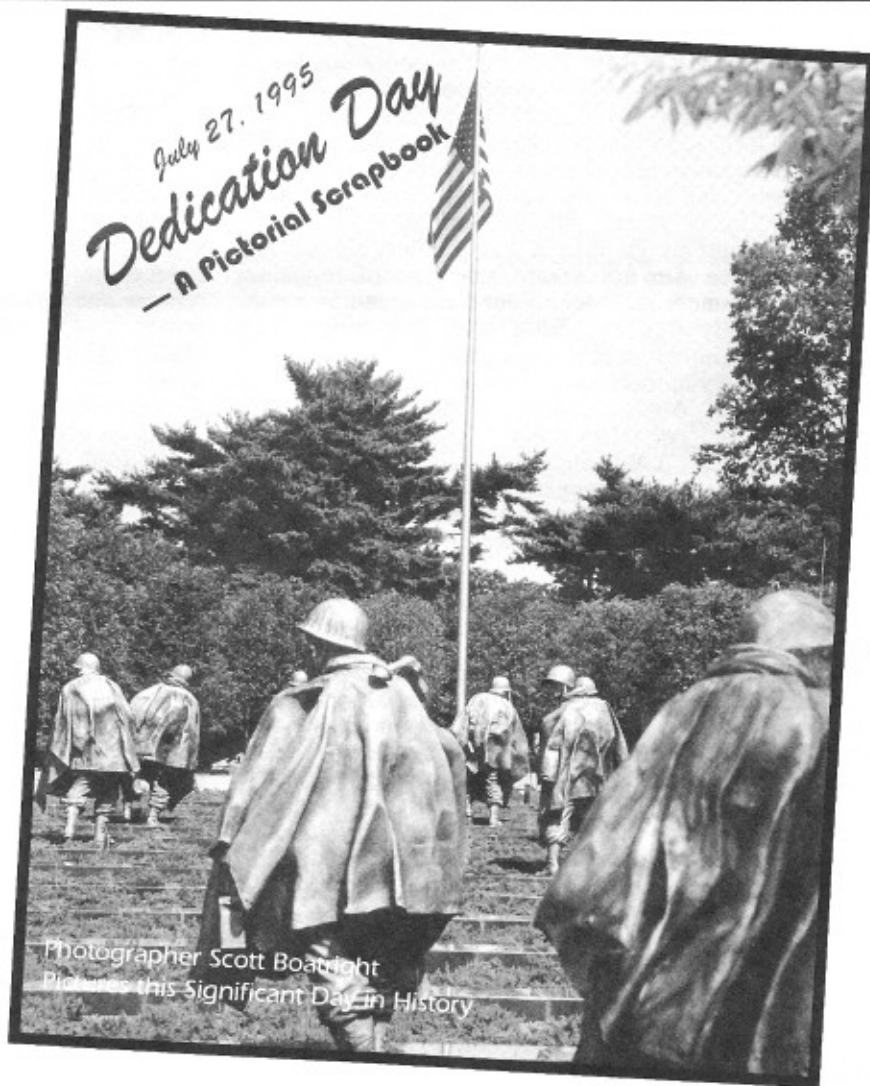
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Veterans Services



By J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner

RESEARCH. Many request assistance in their efforts to locate persons with whom they served or data about a buddy either KIA or MIA. Ira Jett, Vice President of Chapter 100 in Washington, D.C., an avid researcher, assists me on many occasions. It requires much

time to visit the various record depositories in the D.C. area. However, our success rate depends on where the primary data is located. If I must address correspondence to a records center the response time can extend to one year.

Also, if I exceed more than two inquiries in any request a fee is applied, e.g. 5 items cost \$60. Therefore, I must prepare my inquiries accordingly. If you have made an inquiry through the KWVA, please understand. The policy I follow is to have the data sent directly to those of you who request it rather than have it sent to me. I do thank Ira Jett for his assistance, neither of us receive reimbursement. Please understand why a response to your inquiry is delayed. On occasion I am lucky and locate the data requested with a minimal of effort.

PTSD SYMPTOMS. Research is being conducted by the VA in Arizona with a small group of Korean War Veterans regarding this matter. Remember, if we suffered any mental problems it was called "shell shock." It is now being realized some of our buddies have been silently suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorders for many, many years. Should you have any of the primary symptoms go visit a VA Medical Center and seek assistance. Do not accept any type of rejection; insist on treatment and care. Four most common symptoms are: easily triggered startle reflex, irritability, sleep disturbances, intrusive memories plus other stresses. Of course these symptoms and others must persistently be reexperienced. Also, it appears as you advance in age and begin to have leisure time i.e. retirement, these symptoms occur. Your subconscious has time and space to manifest the past. However, most of you have ignored them, put them aside in the hustle and bustle of caring for your family, and never allowed them to overwhelm you. That is, until NOW.

VETERANS HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY REFORM ACT (H. R. 3118). This was passed by the republican dominated House of Representatives on 30 July. The Senate is preparing similar legislation. This is one of the first positive critical bills in the last 30 years to actively reform the VA health care. What are some of its advantages? It will expand veterans' access to medical care (a boon to those with service incurred disabilities). Rep. Bob Stump (R-Arizona) [Chairman House Veterans Affairs Committee] states "it will shift from extensive inpatient care to a more cost effective primary and out patient care." "Current requirements mandate expensive and often unnecessary inpatient care to eligible veterans. This important bill is a positive step on the path to comprehensive reform." This bill will eliminate statutory rules which currently prohibit the VA from giving a vast amount of veterans routine outpatient treatment and preventive care. It will ease

the hindering regulations which prevent the VA from contracting out for NEEDED medical services. Also, will protect the VA's spinal cord injuries program [NSD comment - One of the best in the U.S.A. if not the best.], and other specialized programs. We should address correspondence to our Congressmen and Senators urging them to pass this bill.

Rep. Tim Hutchinson (R-Arkansas), chairman of the subcommittee on hospital and health care said, "it is a major milestone in a rational transformation for the 21st century." My personal experience with the VA has been very disappointing at times regarding how the veteran was treated and looked upon, this includes the many years as an employee of the VA. Many have paid a huge price to preserve our republic and its democratic principals. Remember the promises given to us upon entering, being discharged, and retiring from military service, i.e. the open door to medical care regardless. This bill reinstitutes this promise. Thanks to Representative Bob Stump (Republican-Arizona) for his effort with his committee for drafting such promising legislation for the veteran.

900 U.S. KOREAN WAR SERVICEMEN TAKEN INTO SLAVERY IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. Please see commentary by members of congress and senate in this issue or the following.

PROSTRATE DRUGS NOT VERY EFFECTIVE: According to VA researchers some popular drugs used to treat enlarged prostrate glands haven't dramatically cured the patient but did cause some reduction to the size of the gland. The drugs are PROSCAR and HYTRIN. Proscar had little therapeutic effect, it is designed to reduce the prostrate to allow flow of urine. Hytrin relaxes and smooths the muscles of the bladder. The prostrate is a walnut shaped gland at the base of the bladder which encircles the urethra, the tube that carries urine from the bladder. At about the age of 45, the prostrate begins to enlarge and in many instances restricts the flow of urine. Fifty percent of those over 50 suffer from enlargement of the gland, and those over 80 range in the eighty-percent category.

PROSTRATE CANCER. This has surpassed lung cancer as the # 1 killer of males between the ages of 50-70. Doctors recommend a prostrate exam because in its early stages there may be no symptoms. The American Foundation for Urologic Diseases highly recommends the prostrate test and also a PSA. Are you between the ages of 50-70? I'll bet my booties most of you are! Then get yourself to a doctor, the test is simple. The PSA requires some blood be drawn. You can get additional information from the American Foundation for Urologic Disease at 800-822-5277. Call your local VA medical center, and ask for the Urologic Division for advice regarding free screening if you experience any difficulties with urination. This includes frequent urination, difficulty urinating, irritation in the location of the gland (external or internal), blood in the urine, and any discomfort whatsoever.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN THE NEXT ISSUE. Please look for my article in the next issue. It will have a very important announcement.

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Canadian KVA National Convention Successful

Your Treasurer, along with 1st Vice President Tom Clawson and Past Director Dick Wainwright had the honor of attending the KVA National Convention held in Calgary, Alberta Canada this past August 22-26, 1996. Along with 55 to 60 other Americans, about 40 British Korean Veterans plus even 1 man from the French Foreign Legion were in attendance.

There were several activities planned for those in attendance as well as many places to see on one's own.

On Saturday evening, August 25 there was a grand banquet held which had an attendance of over 900 men and women. The meal was great and the entertainment much more. Also in attendance was the Korean Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Kee Bok Shin, who made a short but very interesting speech and thanked all for their efforts and sacrifices made for South Korea. It was a very emotional evening and all stayed until very late.

The National Canadian KVA Convention is scheduled for 1998 and will be in Winnipeg, Canada. The President of the KVA Association has invited all Americans to attend and I highly recommend you do so.

Hats off to the KVA of Canada for a splendid job.

John P. Maison, National Treasurer

Uniform

There lies a fallen soldier, no
There lies my son.

There lies a fallen sailor, no
There lies my husband.

There lies a fallen marine, no
There lies my father.

There lies a fallen aviator, no
There lies my brother.

There lies a fallen seabee, no
There lies my fiancé.

There lies a fallen peacekeeper, no
There lies my mother.

There lies someone's loved one,
And not just a uniform.

Wilmon Brady
Korean Vet, 1st Ranger Airborne Co.

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offers a solution. Instead of writing it out letter for letter, how about just writing the first letter with blanks. Pappas - the Editor can not edit copyright material without the permission of the author." Burke suggests Camp tell Friedlander what you're going to do. You're the Editor, put your foot down. Coon - "Well, if he doesn't go along with it, don't print his article. It's that simple." Grygier - thinks that the letters of praise they get should be printed, too. Benjamin - "I'm kind of upset by the number of columns and even to the point of pages you are giving Friedlander. This is a major concern." Camp - "Last Sunday in the Washington Post, commentary section, I don't know how much information you have but when it comes to medals it is a big issue. Friedlander happens to have done the research that has caused our organization to get an awful lot of credit for being on the forefront of this issue. Whether you like Blaine or not shouldn't be an issue at all. If there is anything he has written that is not accurate or is inflammatory as far as the article is concerned ... that's one thing. But, as a member of this organization he has a legitimate reason and the subject matter requires a certain amount of space. Basically, if it's in the interest of the readers, then I don't see where there's a problem."

Pappas - "Amos, you are missing the point. The Executive Council sets the priorities on what issues the KWVA will take action on, not Friedlander. Don't you think approximately 28 columns and 15 pages in 6 issues, is too much space for one member, who is not a KWVA Official. The *Graybeards* is not a mouth piece for one member, but for all members to have their say. Even I, as President, don't get that much space, except for official actions." Tramonte - "I received a letter from the Department of the Navy in regard to the Bronze Star. I asked what it was to reinstate the Bronze Star medal. This award was created during World War II, and it is still in effect, but, I believe you were referring to the Blanket Award of the Bronze Star medal which has occurred on 3 occasions in the past. The army has requested proof blanket awards for the Bronze Star medal in 1947 for personnel who have received the combat infantry badge or combat medical badge during World War II and in 1983, for the army defenders of the Philippines. In February of 1992, the Secretary of the Navy approved the Bronze Star medal for the navy and the marine corp personnel who helped defend the Philippines from 7/17/41 to 6 May 42. No Bronze Star Blanket Award." Morga - "Friedlander has caused nothing but discontent." Cook - voiced some of the complaints he has received. Coon - suggested just giving Friedlander one column and that's it. Pappas - "Back in February, the board's been on record ... I've been on record. I tell you now and I told you then that there's too much space taken for Mr. Friedlander. People seem to think that he's the spokesman for the KWVA. He is not the spokesman." Pappas references from past *Graybeard* issues concerning complaints.

Pappas discusses the "National Rifle Raffle"

Pappas - "Tom Maines sent me a letter giving us information on how to set off a National Raffle on the weapons that we had. Weapons were purchased with the idea of continuing fund-raising and the program proved possible. Three raffles provided funds to the excess of \$200,000, no labor cost. Maines wants to have a raffle. Maybe one "M-1" and one "45" for the National Raffle. Send out to the chapters 30 they can sell. Let the chapters have 10% of the profit. We've got a "45 pistol" and a "D-Day pistol" and a "K.W.V.A. pistol" and a "U.S.M.C. pistol" and a "U.S.A. 45 pistol", we've a "M-1 rifle" and "Thompson Sub-Machine-Gun" and a "Korean War M-1 rifle." These are all commemorative weapons." Coon makes motion that we have a national raffle with one M1 and one pistol to be conducted by Tom Maines if he's willing to. Danielson - second. Nick Pappas asks if there's any questions. Everyone approves.

"ROK Service Medal"

Pappas - "It is now in the hands of the Korean government. I called over to the embassy to talk to the person over there who handled it and sent the paper. They have heard nothing yet from Korea. Now, on the medals that we sold - we purchased 400 of them, and we sold 318 medals out of 400. Profit was \$10 per medal. So, we had a \$3,100 profit. We did pretty well."

K.W.V.A. Hearing Panel

Danielson - "I was appointed by President Pappas to conduct a hearing panel concerning a members suspension in accordance with Article II, Section 1B-9 of the Bylaws. The reasons presented was to furnish documentation to verify his receipt of a Purple Heart. In his medical/military service records, it said, there is no evidence that he received this award. James Snyder was asked to come to this meeting and said he couldn't make it. No reason was given. Discussion of expulsion of James Snyder for wearing the Purple Heart without earning it continued. Burke - (CMOH recipient) makes motion to Expel James Snyder from the K.W.V.A. National for wearing the Purple Heart and not earning it. Seconded Adams. Roll Call Vote. Burke YES; Van Ort YES; Adams YES; Benjamin YES; Cook YES; Morga YES; Wainwright YES; Bey YES; Grieger YES; Clauson YES; Coon passes and then later changes vote to YES; Lynch NO has a problem with it; Danielson ABSTAINS. All total - I abstained, 1 no, 11 yes, 2 absent. Pappas - "I will send him a letter about the Council's actions."

CONCERNING THE KVA REVISIT PROGRAM

Adams - "Kathleen Wyosnick's Revisit Report was forwarded to all of you for review. Are there any comments?" None were voiced. The KVA told me they were going to double our quota for the year 2000, the 50th Anniversary of the Korean invasion." Pappas calls for Mr. Vern Wriedt, who was scheduled to appear before the Executive Council to voice his complaints about the Revisit Program, but did not appear. Coon - asks if motion would be in order. Pappas - "Yes". Coon makes motion to give Kathleen our support to coordinate the activities for the KWVA re-visit programs. Cook seconds. Everybody okay's it. Passes.

Continuation of The Graybeard's Report

Camp continuing about Senator Hartke's proposal. Executive Council unsure about Hartke Proposal/Contract. Discussions follow. Pappas - recommends that a KWVA Committee and Senator Hartke sit down and have a discussion and make a decision on it and come back and tell us what they think. Committee will be Bey, Maines, Maison, Coon, Camp and Magill.

Museum Wall of Honor

Pappas - "Tom Maines suggested we get some land from the University of Missouri. Build a museum there, for research, and also have their names there in that building. Another suggestion was to put an L.S.T. in the Navy yard in Washington. Another location would be Fort McNair. (Everybody discusses it). No action taken at this time.

MedScript Program

Pappas - "We just got a check for \$18.40, and 38-40 members have applied. I say we cancel the darn thing." (Some people disagreeing) "No, don't cancel it. They said they would pay for the ad in the *Graybeards*. Burke - So, let's bill them." Maison - "Send me the figures for the ad and I will bill."

Change of Reunion Dates

Pappas - "Beginning the year 1999, we should have the reunion in September or October. It will help increase membership. Discussion follows. Changes must be made to the Bylaws and be approved by the membership at the 1997 Reunion. Benjamin - motion to change reunion date. Burke seconds. Everybody approves. Adjourned at - 4:15 p.m.

General Business Meeting - over 100 people - July 26, 1996.

Pledge of Allegiance and prayer remembering Korea.

Request by Chaplain Greipp

"Many of you know that 5 years ago I had presented the book I had written on the "Circuit Combat Chaplain". I'm going to give those to you on a condition ... that you take as many as you wish and give them to your local library.

Tramonte calls roll call of Executive Council. Two excused.

Wainwright reads election results. The total vote received was 1,454... 1,403 votes are valid. The people elected for Director: Ken Cook, Don Barton, Rusty Tramonte and Harley Coon. No contestants for the 2nd vice president, therefore Ed Magill elected. For Tom Clawson, no contest, therefore he was elected 1st vice president. For president, Sam Hadden got 512, and Nick Pappas 808 votes. Therefore, Nick Pappas remains the president."

Resolutions were read and approved by the membership as recommended by the Executive Council.

Florida State President Jack Edwards appointed Committee Chairman to develop a Regional Directorate Plan to be presented to members at 1997 Reunion.

Pappas asks the Council if they have comments. Scooter Burke encourages everybody to vote. Ken Cook disappointed in the number of votes in the 96 elections. Harley Coon encourages everybody to help all the vets who are really hurt from the war.

John Maison, "I have some news for you. The '95 reunion report was delayed for many reasons. The net figure, we lost \$17,471 results of the income and expenses paid to Green & Associates. There will be some adjustments. However, I don't think it's going to affect the bottom line too much. On the '96, from January 1st till June 30th we have a net of \$509. Any profit is a profit. This is a non-profit organization. Unfortunately, everything has gone up ... books, paper, you name it. That's not too bad for the first 6 months of the year. I also think we have some deficits to think about for the next 6 months. One of them being the *Graybeard* magazine. One of the considerations was to cut the magazine down. But, from a financial standpoint, we have to do one of two things. If we want that magazine, we have to have additional funding. Where it's coming from, I don't know. One of the suggestions would be we raise the dues. Another suggestion would be to reduce the issues." Pappas - Ten dollars of your \$15 a year goes into the *Graybeards*. \$1 of your dues goes to the scholarship program and roughly \$2 of the membership dues go to the state departments. The rest of the money goes into administrative. The board has decided to cut the *Graybeards* back from 6 to 4 until we get ourselves squared away. There are some things going on. We are thinking about a national raffle of the rifle like we did several years ago. Another consideration is to sell the magazine over the counter." These issues will be discussed at the '97 Executive Council Midwinter Meeting.

Pappas calls for an organizational meeting of the new Executive Council to be held at 2:00 p.m. today. Meeting was to meet new Directors and National Officers, appointment of Jim Martin as National Secretary and review *Graybeards* comments recommendations raised on the floor by the general membership. Meeting adjourned.

A Korean Twilight

Interrelated Short Stories of the Korean War

by M.E. Cohane

THE SANDWICH

Master Sergeant Oscar Miller clamped his lips over the neck of the bottle and swigged deeply. Nothing ever really changed in this man's army, thought Miller, a smile of remembrance tugging at his lips. Eleven years earlier, during the Second World War, he had pushed through this very barrack door, to be greeted by the same neatly stenciled sign.

ALCOHOL IN A GOVERNMENT BARRACK IS A COURTS-MARTIAL OFFENSE

And now, that very same sign, yellowed from the years and ingrained with dust, remained fastened to the wall with a single tack. The outside of the windows were frosted from the night cold as the continuing snow fall buried Camp Kilmer under a swirling body of white. Aside from the howling winds, the sounds of the night were strangely muted, and all evening activity had ground to a halt.

The time was 1800 hours, and it was Sunday, the cruelest time of all for the intransigent soldier. It was an empty, lonely time, and inside the Casual Reassignment Barrack, the very air rose cold and vaporous over the huge squadroom.

A lone fifth of rye whiskey had brought its own brand of warmth to the five soldiers huddling over the unmade bunk. If the rest of the barrack was deserted, it was this bunk—with its mattress neatly rolled—that bespoke the transient emptiness of the military life.

Miller kept passing the bottle, while the men, taking short, measured pulls, ritually wiped its neck with their sleeves.

Casey, a thickly-set mess sergeant, recently detached from the 60th Infantry Regimental Combat Team, wiped his mouth with the back of his hand and glanced slyly at the master sergeant.

"Hey, Miller, you old fart!" cried Casey.

"That's my name, cookie," Miller replied, nonplussed.

"Since we'll all freeze to death before morning comes, how about trying to pick up some passes for us?"

Miller shook his head.

An earlier misunderstanding between the editorial staff and the author no longer exists. We now understand that *A KOREAN TWILIGHT* has been proffered to *The Graybeards* as nonfiction; and other than the names being changed, and an occasional literary license, the author stipulates that each story is true.

Ninth of a series

"I already tried earlier, but it was no dice," he told Casey, "Besides, even if you had a pass, where could you go on a night like this?"

"You got to be kidding!" smirked Casey, wetting his lips. "Listen, I know this dame who lives just outside the post. Hey, once she hears that old Casey is back in town—"

Miller viewing the level of alcohol in the bottle, suddenly snatched it from Casey's grasp.

"You probably screw the way you cook," he told Casey. "No imagination in either—"

The men huddling over the bunk grinned listlessly at the by-play as they tried to ignore the increasing cold. The old fireroom furnace had been inoperable for years. Inside the squadroom, the thermometer showed forty-two degrees as the mercury continued to fall rapidly. In an effort to make the whiskey last as long as possible, the intervals between passing the bottle grew longer; with the men taking to pacing up and down the squadroom in an effort to increase body circulation. The outside cold was one thing, and the men, all veterans of brutal Korean winters were well used to it. But on this blustery night in January, the cold was on the inside—a true cold—bringing a raw dampness which cut through the marrow of their bones.

The bottle was at last empty. The men had no more lies to tell about stories told a thousand times before; these five regular army soldiers who were simply awaiting reassignment at a transient replacement depot in New Jersey.

The men were staring blankly at the stark walls, each caught up with quiet, personal thoughts as they grouped about that unmade cot which symbolized Sunday barracks everywhere. Some of the men had blankets wrapped about their heads and shoulders, and the collective breath of all

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was clearly visible in the frosted air. They stared at the swirling flakes through unwashed windows, the muting effect of the snow effectively sealing them off from the outside world. And it was indeed a separate world outside these gates; it was a civilian world now fast asleep, with men and women in common bed, and they were light years away from this post in which men had returned from destination evil.

The post exchange and its snack bars had closed hours ago. And with the mercury continuing to plummet, the men grew hungry as only a soldier can grow hungry — on a Sunday evening in the middle of winter. Master Sergeant Oscar Miller peered through the frosted panes and slowly shook his head at the awesome snow fall. Turning to the others, he saw what was in their faces and he smiled with earlier remembrance.

Kneeling by the duffel bag at his feet, Miller slowly opened it with stiff, unresponsive fingers. The duffel bag was jam-packed, but he was at last successful as he managed to remove a soiled, tightly wrapped shoe box. With the men watching curiously, he clumsily untied the strings and removed the cover from the box.

Miller passed the sandwiches around the bunk, avoiding the surprised looks on the faces of those trying to express their gratitude.

With icy fingers lovingly curled about homemade bread baked that very morning, the men tore into the filling of white meat turkey; and how very good it was, tangy, lathered with mustard and edged with lettuce leaves long wilted.

Turning back to the forbidding winter world outside, Miller slowly ran his hand through closely cropped irongray hair. "I age so much faster now," he thought moodily.

"But that's the way it is. With the life cycle passing by ever so quick now, the blood starts to thin out like water. Jesus, the cold never used to bother me this way —" He shook his head, thinking of his wife as chewed on a final crust of bread.

"See what she went and did for you?" he thought. "Not only did she bake the bread herself, but she went out in bitter cold weather just to get turkey for you. Hey, talk about making a life together. Mary still loves you, she still sleeps warm and close and I'll ask the question again. What the hell more can any man possibly want?"

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I've played a lot of roles in life,
I've met a lot of men.
I've done some things I'd like to think
I wouldn't do again.
And though I'm young, I'm old enough
To know some day I'll die,
And think about what lies beyond,
beside whom I would lie.

Perhaps it doesn't matter much,
Still, if I had my choice,
I'd want a grave amongst soldiers when
At last death quells my voice.
I'm sick of the hypocrisy,
Of lectures by the wise,
I'll take the man, with all his flaws,
Who goes, though scared, and dies.

The troops I know are commonplace,
They didn't want the war;
They fought because their fathers and
Their fathers had before.
They cursed and killed and wept—
God knows,
They're easy to deride—
But bury me with men like these,
They faced the guns and died.

It's funny, when you think of it,
The way we got along.
We'd come from different worlds,
To live in one no one belongs.
I didn't even like them all,
I'm sure they'd all agree.
Yet I would give my life for them,
I hope some did for me.

So bury me with soldiers, please,
Though much maligned they be.
Yes, bury me with soldiers, for
I miss their company.
We'll not soon see their like again,
We've had our fill of war.
But bury me with men like them,
Till someone else does more.

—Rev. Charles Fink

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THE KOREAN WAR HONOR ROLL

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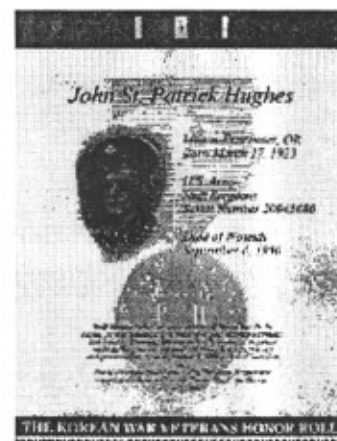
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Heroes go nameless at Korean War memorial

By JACK CARTY
For the Courier-Post

Where are the Names . . . ?

... CPL Russell D. Ashenfelter USA, PFC William Aspell USA, PFC William Charles Barr USMC, HM3 Edward Clyde Benfold USN, PFC Hughes Bennett USA, PFC James Braddock USA, CPL Harry K. Briggs USA . . .

Walking up the path, abreast of "The Patrol" – spread out on a slight incline approaching the American flag at the threshold of the Pool of Remembrance – the mind begins to drift back 44 to 45 years. Then, the images etched into the granite wall catch the eye and emotion really begins to take over.

Experiencing the Korean Veterans War Memorial in Washington, D.C., for the first time triggered profound memories. It was extremely impressive, but something was missing.

Where are the Names . . . ?

SFC Nelson V. Brittin USA, CPL Michael Broaderick USA, PFC John F. Bruno USA, CPL Orlando Calabrese USA, CPL Francis J. Callahan USA . . .

The faces scribed into that 164-foot-long wall were so familiar – yet totally unknown. They could be any of the 1.5 million Americans who have the right to wear the war's striking blue and white combat ribbon. The wall truly is a composite of what it took to stand up and beat back Communist aggression for the first time.

Looking down the incline at "The Patrol" – 19 seven-foot lifelike replicas of soldiers, Marines, a Navy medic and an Air Force ground observer – it's impossible for the mind not to flip to an era when patriotism still was a profound force among us. How many "grunts" pulled how many patrols like that? And, how many like them, didn't come back?

But where are the Names . . . ?

... PFC Thomas Carter USA, PFC William L. Clifton USA, PVT Charles H. Collins USA, PVT Robert H. Cope USA, PFC George L.C. Cranauer USMC, PVT Leo N. Decicco USA, CPL George A. Deacon USA . . .

It was almost half a century ago when the United States got itself sucked into a war as the principal participant under the flag of the United Nations. It was a conflict that would remain "hot" more than three years.

Officially, it was the Korean War. Because it was tucked between the "Big One" – World War II, that was to end all of them, and didn't – and the very unpopular, politically nasty Vietnam War, it eventually became the "Forgotten War."

It exploded June 25, 1950, and almost became the first U.S. foreign combat disaster in history. The North Korean Peoples Army (NKPA) overran overmatched Republic of Korea troops and complements of U.S. Army units, hurriedly rounded up from relaxed peacetime garrison duty in Japan and hastily thrust into something they were ill-prepared to handle.

Even before we heard that much about the NKPA, 38th Parallel, Seoul, Pyongyang and Pusan Perimeter, President Truman was being prodded to let the Communists have the entire peninsula. But the feisty Truman cussed off such advice, took the rap for calling it a "Police Action" and decided we needed to finally face up to communism – hot and cold.

Over the next three years headlines told us about the Inchon Landing, Recapture of Seoul, Han River, Wonson, Taegu, Yalu River, Chinese Communist Forces, Chosin Reservoir, Hamhung, Hungnam, Hagaru Ri, Punchbowl, Iron Triangle, Yongdong Po, Hwachon Reservoir, Imjim River, Porkchop Hill, Panmunjom. They were places where Americans lost their lives.

So, where are the Names . . . ?

... PFC Kenneth Ormand Evans USMC, PFC John B. Evering USA, CPL Thomas D. Ferguson USA, CPL Jay W. Frisbey USA, 1LT Samuel Goudelock USA, PFC Richard B. Green USA . . .

Before it was over, more than 1 million American troops experienced some part of the conflict. If nothing else, the Korean War settled down, with an armistice on July 27, 1953 about where it began – just above

the 38th Parallel with U.N. troops looking from bunkers and trenches on the north sides of mountains at North Koreans on the south sides of other mountains. It was an "Uncertain Victory" as author Don Knox and his co-writer John Coppel proclaimed in *The Korean War, an Oral History*.

When the truce was reached in the summer of 1953, 54,246 Americans were known dead (and more would follow); 8,177 were missing in action; and 103,284 were wounded. Within those numbers are 178 guys – 55 alone (mentioned here) from Camden County – who never came back to South Jersey.

Where are the Names . . . ?

... PVT Adrian A. Hackney USA, CPL Edward Hamilton USA, PVT Raymond W. Hamilton USA, PFC Howard R. Harbridge USMC, PFC Raymond F. Hudson USA, CPL Calvin Kitzmiller USA . . .

Korean veterans, following the example of their predecessors in World War II, by and large, came home with little or no fanfare. They went about the business of re-establishing their lives. That was the way it was. They had done their duty. Patriotism wasn't just a word. It was something we learned well during World War II, and still believed in.

The Korean War did not breed the disruptive inner conflict and seething bad taste of the Vietnam War. Unlike those coming out of 'Nam, the '50s guys didn't carry a complex of unacceptability, which produced all kinds of pent up feelings in the '60s and '70s, some of which are festering today.

As Korean vets grew older and their numbers began thinning, we may have looked with a touch of envy at the magnificent and emotionally overwhelming Vietnam Memorial and wondered – what about our fallen buddies?

Where are the Names . . . ?

... PFC Jay Mann USMC, SFC Howard K. Matlack USA, PVT Joseph McCullough USA, HN Gerald Edward Montgomery USN, SGT James P. Morgan USA, Capt. Edward Warren O'Brien USAF . . .

Memorial/Without names, tribute seems incomplete

Finally, through the unyielding, but often conflicting, efforts of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), which somehow outlasted the usual bureaucracy of Washington, our memorial became a reality on July 27, 1995.

It is not majestic. It shouldn't be. Troops in Korea were anything but majestic – just guys who were asked to do another dirty job, and felt it was their duty to do it. Adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial at the west end of the Mall across the Reflecting Pool from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial has its place. Like the men and women it represents, it does its job and we are proud of that.

But, maybe, this memorial should tell more of a story. Should there be a roll call of all who did not return – like the one that makes the Vietnam Memorial so overpowering?

Does it need the Names . . . ?

. . . PFC Harold B. Payne, SGT Francis M. Romano USA, 1LT Edward Schmitt USA, SFC Ralph H. Schooley USA, HM3 George Gene Shecklen USN, MSGT James F. Snodgrass USA . . .

Korean veterans raised much of the \$18 million it took to put our memorial in place. Now, some of us think it is incomplete and the KWVA is trying to get "A Wall Of Honor," with the names of those killed in action and missing in action, added to the memorial. But most of us will be long gone – if and when it ever happens.

The glitch? It was only after the plans for the memorial as it stands today – approved, incidentally, by the KWVA – were finalized, that the organization decided it wanted to include "The Names." That's according to KWVA president Nicholas J. Pappas.

It was too late. Now, in order to add that "Wall of Honor," Pappas said, "we'd have to go through all the same stuff again (planning, architect's drawings, fundraising, the Washington bureaucracy)."

In a statement in *Graybeards*, the official publication of the KWVA, Pappas said: "... The processing time for a (new) wall will take about 5 to 7 years. There are too many reviews, etc." He did point out that the kiosk, in the original plans approved in 1986 and which will contain a computer that produces a photo and short biography of the KIAs and MIAs, will be installed at the memorial.

One of the hangups to including the names of KIAs and MIAs, according to Pappas, is verifying all KIAs and MIAs because records of the Korean casualties are incomplete.

"Not so much Marine Corps and Navy, but Army records," he said. He alluded to a 1952 fire in the Army Personnel Center in St. Louis that destroyed many files from early phases of the Korean War. That's probably what prompted Robert Stanton, field director of the National Park Service, to note in a letter to the KWVA early this year: "... The decision not to list the names was based on the fact that no record exists of those who lost their lives during the war . . ."

"No record?"

Stanton's statement seems somewhat

ludicrous in light of the 54,246 KIAs and 8,177 MIAs from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953. Those are confirmed. More than 62,000 known KIAs and MIAs would seem adequate to start the "Wall of Honor."

But time is running out on us, and the price tag of millions of dollars is prohibitive.

Still, some ask about the Names . . .

PFC Ramond S. Starnes USA, PVT Thaddeus F. Stevens USA, AIC Frank James Stevenson USAF, SGT Frank E. Sullivan USA, PFC John R. Sweeney USA, PFC Richard Tartar USA . . .

With the help of Tom Daley and James R. (Sonny) Hamilton of the South Jersey Chapter of the KWVA, it was possible to compile a list of our guys who did not return from Korea to New Jersey's seven southern counties. This was made available from the Korean Conflict Casualty File, 1950-1957, Records Office of the Secretary of Defense, National Archives Building.

The Korean Veterans War Memorial evokes unquestionable pride and deep emotions for those who experienced that conflict so long ago. Yet, for many, there still persists the nagging question:

Where are the Names . . . ?

. . . PFC Joseph F. Toner USA, PFC Glenwood F. Watson Jr. USMC, 1LT Warren Webster III USA, PVT Richard D. Williams USA, PVT George F. Ziesch USA, PFC Warren Arnold Zinn USMC . . .

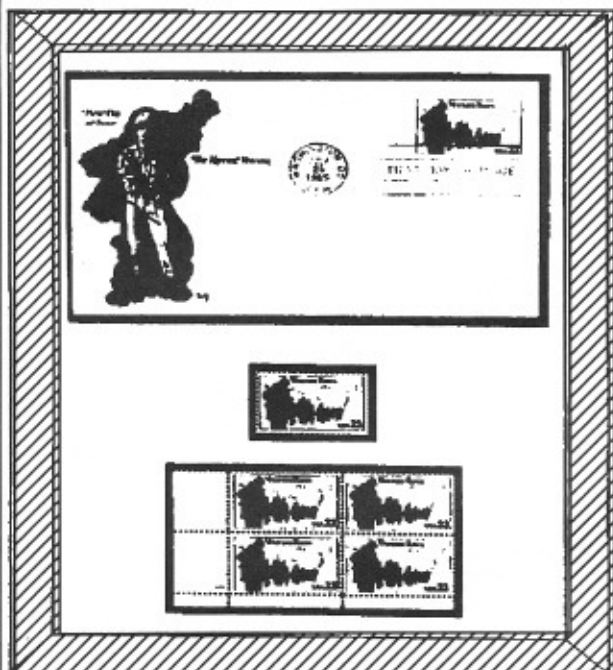
Jack Carty served in Korea with the First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in 1951-52.

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Nothing so sweet had ever come my way.
"Sugar," he called me, this little one,
It sounded sweeter because it came from my son.
"Treetop" was the lullaby he loved best,
I'd sing it to him when I tucked him to rest.
As the days rolled on and he became a man
He was the grandest one in all the land.
Considerate, thoughtful and extremely kind,
Was this darling, precious Bill of Mine.
Then he finally decided to go away,
And join the fight for a peaceful day.
I was so proud of my brave son, Bill,
In his Marine uniform he gave me such a thrill.
They gave him orders to go fight the Reds,
Those cruel people who care not for our Tims and Teds.

He fought a brave fight I know very well,
And held his head high until the moment he fell.
Now across the ocean on that bloody hill
Lies the remains of my precious Bill.
May God have mercy on this free land
And guide and protect with his tender hand.
May we have peace forever more,
And love abide from shore to shore.
And may we see the day our prayer He fulfills
So that all Mothers may keep their precious Bills.

(In memory of Billie Love: Written by his aunt, Mary B. Isbell for his Mother, Mrs. Onealus Love.

When my sister died, I found this poem I sent to her from Mason, Korea, where we were regrouping after the Chosin Campaign in December, 1950. The poem proved to be quite a tear-jerker when it was read to us on Christmas Eve (1950) at a "happy hour." Bill Love was in our company, he was killed on Ammo Hill 20 September 1950. Rubin L. Moreno (USMC D/2/1), 2751 W. Anklam Road #E, Tucson, Arizona, 85745.

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