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Harrison James Wright is six years old. He came to Washington, D.C. for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial with me, his Grandpop. Harrison wanted to know all about the Memorial, and why it was so important to his Grandpop. I told him. Then, standing before the Wall, he said in his small voice, "God Bless the boys who died." He turned and said, "I can see myself in that wall. I hope no one starts another war." With that, this independent, thoughtful and self-assured little boy grabbed my hand very tightly.

Harrison is the son of Harriet and James Wright, and has a brother, Joseph Hems Wright, who is three. He is a first grade student in Mrs. Moon’s class at Parsons School, North Brunswick, NJ.

(As Printed in 1996 Purple Heart)

About 1 1/2 years ago I saw this picture and it reminded me of a similar picture associated with the Vietnam War Memorial. When going through my Korean War mementos I saw the picture again. It was on an issue of The Purple Heart magazine. I thought what a great picture for The Graybeards. Many of you have a Purple Heart, many of you belong to that association and saw the picture but many Korean War veterans were lucky enough to escape being wounded. I think this picture has so much meaning that I contacted the Purple Heart Editor and the Hems family to get permission to show it to all Korean War Veterans. Below is a letter I received from the Hems.—Ed.

October 25, 1997
Dear Vincent Krepps;

We were very surprised and happy to hear from you regarding our grandson’ picture. We would be very pleased if you would use his picture on your magazine cover. The following is an expanded version of the text which was minimized in the Purple Heart magazine.

The desk of Joseph Hems “Grandpop”;

I often go to Washington, D.C. for business with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. On these occasions my wife and I take the grandsons “each in turn” to visit historical places.

Children are very aware of the meaning of memorials and our Harrison asks all the questions you can imagine. At the Korean War Memorial he asked; How old were you? What did you do there? Did you kill anyone? Did any of your friends get hurt/killed? Why did the war start?

As we talked, he became very quiet and thoughtful. The reality of Grandpop being in a real shooting war where death was ever present seemed to lay very heavy on his mind. The little boy, who at first only wanted to run around and just look at the structures, suddenly became part of the scene.

War, Patriotism, Americanism, the price of Freedom for Americans and for others in the whole world was an overwhelming consideration for a small boy.

When this picture was taken Harrison James Wright was six years old. He came to Washington, D.C. for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial with me, his Grandpop. Harrison wanted to know all about the Memorial, and why it was so important to his Grandpop. We talked for a few minutes. Then, standing before the Wall, he said in a small voice, “God Bless the boys who died.”

He turned to me and said, “I can see myself in that wall. I hope no one starts another war.” Our daughter Christine Diem took his picture.

With that, this independent, thoughtful and self-assured little boy grabbed my hand very tightly.

Harrison, now eight, is the son of Harriet and James Wright, and has a brother Joseph Hems Wright who is five. Harrison is now a third grade student in Mrs. Pakulis’ class at Parsons School, North Brunswick, New Jersey.

Harrison and Joseph are the future. Our grandchildren need to know our past in order to better understand their present. Love them, hug them, teach them or at least try to make them aware that they can make a difference.

Joseph R. Hems
Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Commander 1991-1992
KWVA #575

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Cover Photo:
The Military Order of the Purple Heart, 5413-B Backlick Rd., Springfield, VA 22151-3960, graciously provided the photograph used on the cover of this issue of The Graybeards.
As we move into the new year, I have some good news for the membership. CPA Stan Myrda has filed a partial claim with the insurance company. Due to the conditions and availability of records, some areas have not been reconciled as of this date. Thus we reserved the right to amend those claims as subsequent reconciliations are completed. The FBI has taken possession of the records they deem necessary for conducting their investigation and will continue to meet with Myrda as required. Again I must reiterate that the contents/findings in the claim reports are confidential and will not be released to the membership, unless approved by the FBI investigators and insurance company. For the same reasons expressed in the letter below. Another issue raised by several "covert" members is that I "arbitrarily" amended the 97 Bylaws published herein: (1) Amendment to membership clause (Article II, Section 181) deleting "without Korea 1945-1950" is a correction that was not approved at the 92 Reunion; (2) Amendments to (Article III, Sections 3D and 3E), approved at the 97 Reunion, were implemented because it could raise possible questions/conflicts as to the legality of the 98 Elections; (3) Amendment (Article III, Section 4B) is the result of a membership approved change to the 99 Reunion dates (Article IV, Sections 1-3) at the 97 Reunion.

The Reunion date change also affects the 99 Elections (Article III and associated sections) as published therein; (4) Article III, Sections 7A and 7D) are procedural amendments approved by the Executive Council at the 97 Mid-Winter Meeting to strengthen KWVA financial controls "now", not next year; (5) Article VI was inadvertently omitted in the 1994 Bylaws revision delineated in the 92 Bylaws.

The aforementioned Bylaw amendments/modifications do not substantially affect current KWVA operations. They are long-term factors/implications (1999 and thereafter) that will have to be considered/incorporated in the proposed 98 Bylaws to be submitted by Bylaws Chairman Jack Edwards for approval at the 98 Reunion as directed by the general membership at the 97 Reunion. (Mr. Cornell was re-moved as By-Laws Chairman by the following Executive Council motions at their November 15-16, 1997 meeting:

**Motion:** Edwards moved the appointment of Peter Palmer as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. Seconded Gryger. **Edwards and Gryger withdrew the motion.**

**Motion:** Cook moved that Tod Cornell be removed as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. Barton seconded. Roll call vote: Yes 5, No 3, abstentions 3, **Carried.**

**Motion:** Barton moved that Jack Edwards be appointed as Bylaws Chairman. Cook seconded. **Carried unanimously.**

Council Minutes will be published in next issue.

Those members who do not agree that the 97 Bylaws were approved in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 can present their case at the 98 Reunion.

The bottom line is that the membership has a positive attitude that the KWVA is moving in the right direction despite our fiscal difficulties. This is shown by their support of donations, an increase in chapters/state departments and a membership growth to over 13,500 as of October 31, 1997. We have a loyal membership, who are proud of what the KWVA stands for. They do not appreciate that a few individuals are trying to destroy it with misinformation.

We have signed a contract with the Sheraton Premier in Tysons Corner, Virginia, for the 1998 Reunion as noted on Page 19. This issue also contains the Nomination Announcement for the 1998 elections. In closing, Janet and I wish all a happy and prosperous holiday season.
Editor's Pen

By Vincent A. Krepps
(Korea, 2nd I.D., 82nd AAA AW (SP), D Battery 1950-1951)

My devotion and efforts to provide you, the membership and readers a magazine that remembers the Korean War, those that fought in that war, including those that still defend the freedoms enjoyed today in Korea and most of all to those that paid the supreme sacrifice. My twin brother Richard who died as a POW June 21, 1951 BNR, will be my inspiration to remember Honor, Duty, Country and You.

Rules to follow:

We will only print signed letters. Folded newspaper articles with pictures can only be used to abstract information about an event. Original pictures are required if you want to see your event pictorially shown. No articles or pictures will be returned, except in special cases. I will avoid letters that are negative toward our association, board, members, and the veterans that fought in the Korean War. If your story or photos do not appear in a current issue, then we will attempt to show it in the next issue. We must start on the next issue as soon as we finish the current issue. This requires us to use what we have and also using early mailings. The other rule we use is that there are several sections, we try to give each one ample pages in each issue and once we reach that goal the leftovers are held again for the next issue. Another problem is that some events may become very old and must be omitted from any issue. Minutes, by-laws, and other important announcements also dictate how much space we have for stories, chapter events and the mixed assortment that is mailed to me. I will always do my best to print your requests. Donations from members for The Graybeards printing and mailing costs is still needed. Remember our problems are minor and will be fixed. Just ask those that never returned.

Thanks for caring.

Vince Krepps

A call for help...

Search for Library Material

Several years ago I began collecting information for a Korean War Library. Several items have already been received from our members. I have acknowledged these items with a receipt. The gift register with a list of the items donated and the items will be given to the Library when it is built and ready to receive them. Please help complete as near as possible the following collections:

◆ A collection of "Graybeards." If you have copies you will donate or have copied, send a letter listing the issues. I do not have a list of all the issue dates and I need this information to complete the collection.

◆ A collection of the minutes of the Executive Council meetings will also be a priority project.

◆ We have our memorial in Washington, D.C. A collection of pictures and information about other memorials will provide a guide to those who travel and want to visit such locations.

◆ Many of you had buddies who have become well known. These veterans should be identified. If you know of such a veteran, write a short letter telling who they were, what unit they were in, when and where they served.

You should note that all items submitted and acknowledged become the property of the Library. Items that cannot be used will be returned. I have the equipment to copy or scan most items and will copy and return those items that you request returned. All correspondence and donations for the these projects should be sent to the above address.

Thank You For Your Help,

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Souvenir Graybeards

The July-August issue was over-printed. This issue was a special Memorial to our Founder Bill Norris. We know Bill would have been very pleased with this issue showing our Memorial in Washington, D.C. which he had a major part in the conception and erection. We also know he would be pleased using the extra copies as a fund raiser for KWVA.

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Memories of life as a POW 35 years later

By Sidney Esensten

Continued from July/August, 1997 Greysbeards.

Sidney Esensten, M.D., is a family practice physician who was Chief of Staff at Fairview Hospital, MN in 1977 and 1978. The following is a written adaptation of a talk about his experiences as a Korean War POW that he gave at Fairview Riverside Hospital on November 21, 1985.

In order avoid a 24 hour delay, we began to pad our list with extra names in order to have a supply of medication available to carry with us and immediately institute treatment to our patients. We felt this was psychologically important in the treatment of the patient. Everyone knew that medicine was scarce, so by giving medication immediately we relieved a lot of these men’s apprehension that there might not be enough medication for them. The few times we had sulfadiazine, one of the first sulfas, we padded our list to obtain more than the six grams which were allowed for every case of pneumonia. The usual dosage of sulfa, for those of you who aren’t old enough to have used this medication, was four grams stat and two grams q6h for seven to ten days. We were only allowed six grams total. Occasionally we would get some sulfapenam tablets to help people with diarrhea. In January, 1951, all of the POWs from five camps were moved to Pyoktong, which became our main camp.

Dr. Anderson and I were allowed to set up another hospital. Eventually all the POWs in North Korea came into this area. By March, 1951, we had a total of about 3,500 men. We took care of them in the two “hospitals,” which were Korean houses such as we had in the valley. Neither hospital was heated. We used one of the buildings for surgical conditions and one for medical cases. Most of the medical cases were related to dysentery and pneumonia. To give you some idea of where we were, Minneapolis is at the 45th parallel, which goes through Vladivostok, a Russian base in Siberia. We were approximately at the 42nd or 43rd parallel, so our temperatures were about the same as in Minneapolis. And, we lived in the mountains, which made it even a bit colder. It was often between 20 and 30 degrees below zero in our unheated buildings. In February, the pneumonia cases kept getting worse. By March, 1951, we began to see avitaminosis and many other problems. Our death rate didn’t change, because we didn’t have any medicine, food, heat or shelter to offer these people. We did simple procedures such as amputating soldiers’ frostbitten and gangrenous toes and fingers, without any anesthesia. Most of the men who were captured were not equipped to live in the winter. Most of them were captured wearing fatigues and maybe a sweater. Within four months their socks were worn out, their boots began to wear out, we had no blankets, and our food was terrible. We did surgical procedures with knives we made out of our combat boots. The arch support of a combat boot was made of metal. We would open our combat boots, take the metal out and hone it sharp on a stone.

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The rice made good glue, good enough to keep the paper on the door, and, thus, keep the wind out. Sometimes we got millet, which is what bird seed is made of. Until March 1951, we had no utensils to eat with. We didn’t have any dishes or spoons. Many of the men would tear tiles off the roofs and use these as plates; many used the inside of their hat as their plate; many just dug in with their hands and ate. Just like a baby bringing food to their mouths with their hands. But in March 1951, they gave us a tiny bowl about the size of a cereal bowl, and one little Korean spoon. I still have mine. We lived in this kind of environment until July of 1951.

What kind of medical diseases did we see? All of us had lice and scabies. Most of us had round worm, which is about three inches long and probably about the width of a fountain pen. We’d pass these worms, which wasn’t so bad. The problem is that one of the cycles of the Ascaris is that it also gets into the bloodstream and would come through the lungs. We’d cough them up, then had to pull them out of our mouths. We also had tapeworms. Between the lice and the Scabies, we all scratched and ended up with impetigo. This was not the simple impetigo you see in some youngsters, these were very large ulcerated lesions. They wouldn’t heal because of the avitaminosis. If they did heal, we got great scarring and
abnormal discoloration. We had three kinds of dysentery. One was infectious, which I am sure was E. coli, salmonella and shigella, characterized by severe diarrhea, severe cramps, watery bloody stools, and high fever. We also had irritative dysentery, which came from the uncooked corn as well as the uncooked soybeans, which they gave us occasionally. Soybean has a lot of protein in it, but it must be cooked completely to be of any value. If you don’t cook it well enough, then you get an irritated diarrhea. We also had psychogenic diarrhea. We didn’t have diarrhea in the daytime, but the minute the sun set over the mountains, we immediately began to see this dysentery because the fear of night was tremendous. As most of the men would die during the night, everyone went to sleep wondering if they were going to get up in the morning. This dysentery would occur eight to 15 times a night.

Surprisingly, none of us think about simple things like toilet paper. They never provided us with toilet paper. So many of us used a lot of script. When you go into combat they take American dollars away from you and they give you paper script in exchange. So, many of us used the script and lost lots of dollars into the latrines in North Korea. When we ran out of script, we didn’t know what else to do, so we would use dried field corn. After they took the corn off it would leave a dry husk, and this is what we used as toilet paper. It would be frozen, because of the weather, and very jagged. If you eat a piece of sweet corn you notice, after you take the corn out, there are holes with ridges around the edge. Anyway, they got to be pretty sharp, and you’d tear up your rectum using one of these dried husks, until we learned what we called the Korean twist. When we learned the Korean twist then we could use the corn without tearing up our rectum. But it was an art to learning the Korean twist. And then we had psychogenic urinary disease, the same sort of thing as psychogenic diarrhea. Their fear of the night had men going eight to ten times a night. These men had to run out of their rooms without sufficient warm clothing in the 30 degree below zero temperatures, run to our latrines which we set away from where we lived, about 50 yards, and move their bowels and urinate, and then they’d turn around and run back. They were constantly in and out all night long. This contributed to our pneumonia. It also made our frostbite and gangrenous toes and fingers much worse. By March of 1951, we began to see avitaminosis effects, because corn, kolang, rice, and millet don’t contain very many vitamins.

The first one we used to see was cheliosis of the mouth, where the corners of the mouth would crack and bleed. Then we saw beefy red tongues which is due to vitamin B deficiency. We had bleeding from the gums and urinary tract from vitamin C deficiency, and I’m sure that some of the young men had scurvy due to lack of vitamin C. We had night blindness due to vitamin A deficiency. This really gave us trouble because if you had night blindness and you had to run out to the latrine, you had to ask a friend who didn’t have night blindness to lead you. You went out with one hand on his shoulder till you got to the latrine. We’d see people four and five deep, because when the word went out that someone was going who could see, everybody would follow along because that was the only way they could get there. They couldn’t go by themselves. If they tried they’d fall into the latrine because it was just an open pit with two little boards on it. You squatted on the board and that was it. We did have some people fall into the latrine and they came out pretty messy. With these latrines we did contribute to the economy of North Korea because the North Koreans would come and empty the latrines and would use the material for fertilization of their rice and corn fields. We also saw people who were developing permanent blindness due to retrobulbar neuritis due to a Vitamin B deficiency. These people are still blind.

There are two kinds of beriberi. One is called wet and one is called dry. Dry beriberi is characterized by joint pains, bone pains, and some peripheral neuropathy and mild edema. Wet beriberi is characterized by huge amounts of edema. Sometimes a boy’s legs would be huge (three or four times the normal size), their scrotums would be full of fluid and would hang down to their knees, and their abdomens would fill up with fluid. With the ascites their abdomens were bigger than women carrying quadruplets. They would also develop pleural effusions and couldn’t breathe. And, then, we had beriberi heart. Beriberi heart occurs because the fluid interposes between the muscle fibers of the heart, weakening it and spreading the mitral and aortic valve. Men would develop murmurs and some would die from heart failure.

Then we had pellagra in which we got blisters all over our body. Pellagra has a triad that’s characterized by dermatitis, dysentery, and dementia. Some people became markedly demented. This is also from vitamin B deficiency. Our fracture treatment early in our captivity was nil. We could do nothing but try to push any fractures back in place by feel, without any such thing as X-rays. All we could do is take some rags and try to wrap them up and hold them in place as best we could. After July of 1951, we’d get food in wooden boxes. We would use these boxes to enclose fractures. Some of our men were excellent carpenters and they used to whittle these boxes down into shapes we wanted. So we put the arm or leg in the box and wrapped it up, and they walked around in a box. If they had a fractured leg, we had like a long leg cast. The leg would fit into it, and it had a part on the bottom that they walked on. That was our fracture treatment. Then we had a problem due to a Chinese torture which produced nerve injuries — we would see wrist drops. One of the favorite Chinese treatments was instead of tying your hands behind your back at the wrist, they would tie them way up high on the humerus. They would tie them as tight as they could; of course, that would obstruct the blood vessels and the nerve. If that wasn’t bad enough, then they would take a rope and tie it to the rope on your arms, throw it over a rafter, wrap it around your testicles and then yank you up off the ground. That was every time they were mad at you, or any time they wanted to get something out of you. Of course, this produced a tremendous number of wrist injuries with a wrist drop. All we could do was find some wire, mold the wire so we could cock these kids’ wrists
up in extension. They stayed that way for months, and most of them fortunately returned just by that simple procedure. The other times when they would produce wrist drop is when the Chinese would get mad at you. They would tie you around a tree with your arms behind you. That also would produce wrist injuries. But they usually would do this in the cold weather. Most of the time we didn’t have to worry about wrist injury because you usually died in two to three days standing out in the cold that way. The first man who died that way was an Army major. The only crime he committed was when they started to talk to us about indoctrination. He said, simply, about their indoctrination, that “this isn’t worth the paper it is written on,” which is a very common phrase in America.

The Chinese took it as a personal affront against Chinese paper. They tied him to the tree and he died. Many had bone aches which are terrible shin splints. There was no explanation for this. No matter what we tried, we couldn’t help them. The only thing that would help was if occasionally we would get a little aspirin. But aspirin was worth more than gold. We very rarely got any, so most of the men just had to live with their shin splints and stay awake and ache and be painful all day and night. We began to see an increased number of pneumonia’s.

By February 1951 we were beginning to see 28 to 35 kids dying of pneumonia every day.

The average ages of POWs was 19 to 20. We had seventeen, eighteen and nine-teen-year old kids with us. When the boys died we tried to keep records of them by their name, rank and serial number. The Chinese destroyed these records because we would put down the word starvation or malnutrition or pneumonia. The Chinese wouldn’t accept this as the cause of death. They destroyed the records because the records would imply that they weren’t taking care of our people. In their minds, they were giving us food and medicine and shelter. Every morning I had to get up and do what I called Ghoul parade. You’ve all heard of the Ghoul robbers, who would go rob graves for doctors back in the sixteenth and seventeenth century to practice on cadavers. So I did what’s called Ghoul parade. Every day I would go around through the entire camp to get the names of the people who had died, and try to keep the lists. At that time I had to do this alone because Dr. Anderson had developed a severe dysentery, pneumonia, and encephalitis. So I sat up all night long and took care of him because he was too weak to even go to the latrine. I had to pick him up and carry him. We never had less than 350 cases of pneumonia a day in the camp.

As things got worse we began to see hysteria, all kinds of hysteria, from visual, telescopic vision to inability to move hands and arms, to complete paralysis from the neck down to complete coma. Some men were actually paralyzed except that they could move their eyes and they could talk.

About this time the Chinese began their indoctrination program to convert people to Communism. But the young men were resisting their indoctrination because they told the Chinese interpreter, “You really don’t want us to stay alive. Look how many men are dying.” One day a Chinese general called Dr. Anderson and me in and said, “We demand that the death rate be stopped immediately. We will provide you with all the necessary material plus better food, and we demand that within two weeks there be no deaths.” For this tremendous help, to stop the death rate, we got 1,000 tablets of sulfadiazine, 1,000 tablets of sulfaguanidine and two million units of penicillin. We didn’t get the food he promised, the blankets, the heat or anything. Because they were afraid that their indoctrination program was falling apart, when this medicine did come in, and I’m sure it had been in camp several days, they wanted to prove to the men that they were really interested in them. Therefore, at midnight, in a raging snowstorm, they woke me up and said that the penicillin was here. Whooppee!! I looked at the two million units of penicillin. The Chinese doctors wanted to treat 30 men with that two million units, but I was not to treat the men who were the sickest in the hospital. I was to take the penicillin and go out into the five different areas where the enlisted men lived. Therefore, the people in the compounds would know that the penicillin had arrived. We also got some sugar water. He wanted to treat 30 men with the penicillin and the rest with sugar water. After a long harangue in which I used words that got me into trouble later with the Chinese commander, we compromised that I could treat 10 men, instead of the three that I really wanted to treat. I had three moderately sick patients, and I thought if I treated them they might stay alive. Then I had to treat 40 men with sugar water.

To increase the height of the tremendous propaganda boost, we went out in the middle of a raging storm with a little carbide light. (Carbide is a stone that if you add water to it, it will give off a gas that you can light.) It throws a little light about one inch high. There we were walking around in this raging snowstorm with this little light, going around to the five areas where the prisoners lived. They sent an interpreter along with me who could speak excellent English, in order to make sure, and they made sure that they warned me, that if I said anything about who got the penicillin and who got the sugar water, they would shoot me the next day. They wanted the people to think it was all penicillin. The worst part about all this is that all 10 men that got penicillin died, as well as the 40 men who got the sugar water. I had to play God that night and try and decide to whom I would give whatever little medication I had. I didn’t like that, and it’s one of my common nightmares.

As things got worse we began to see hysteria, all kinds of hysteria, from visual, telescopic vision to inability to move hands and arms, to complete paralysis from the neck down to complete coma. Some men were actually paralyzed except that they could move their eyes and they could talk. They would not respond to usual pain stimulus. There wasn’t much we could do for them, unless we could catch them early in their paralysis or before coma and get some buddies to get them out and walk them day and night and feed them until they began to eat. But, we didn’t do well with that kind of severe hysteria until, suddenly, one day I got called to see a young second lieutenant who had just been brought into our camp. I walked into the room and saw a familiar face. This young man was on the troop train with me going
Then we began to see a loss of conversational ability and memory from avitaminosis. Nobody could talk beyond one or two syllable words no matter how hard they tried.

To remember one of my sister-in-law’s names. She was married to my wife’s brother for 15 years. It took me two weeks before I could remember her name. But the interesting part about it is that we, the few doctors, had recall. If we saw something in a patient, we had recall of diseases, but we couldn’t sit down and actually try to think of diseases or anything that we wanted to talk about. Then, we had the most interesting thing of all, called “give-up-itis” or in psychiatric parlance, “face-the-wall-syndrome.” This is a fascinating disease because the morale of the men was such that whether you were sick or not you felt that you were never going to go home. The morale began to drop tremendously. In order to give the men a boost we tried to blame everything on their lack of motivation. But, it’s hard to motivate a 17-, or 18-, or 19-year-old boy because their fathers and mothers are not enough motivation to go home. We did better with the older men who had wives and children at home. They survived much better than the younger ones. All of these kids had been sick with pneumonia, dysentery, hunger or avitaminosis and when their depression set in we had to come up with a name for it and “give-up-itis” they would understand. The first sign of “give-up-itis” was that they would not eat their corn or whatever we got without drinking ice cold water from the stream or well. Then they wouldn’t talk to anybody, then finally they would lie down and cover their head with whatever they had and turn their head to the wall. They wouldn’t eat at all, they would only drink cold water. From the minute that they drank cold water with the corn or rice or koliang, you could accurately predict that in three weeks to the day they would die. It turned out to be true every time. We tried many approaches to this problem: sympathetic, mean, but nothing touched them. The only thing that would help these people was two things. First, if they had some very close buddies who noticed this desire to drink water and would be willing to walk them day and night and force feed them we could save them. Second, and the best way, was to get them mad at the doctor. If they got mad enough at us for calling them all sorts of names and telling them what inadequate protoplasm they were, they would want to get up and eat in order to be able to get enough strength to beat up on the doctor. Now this came pretty close to home.

I’ll tell you a story about a paratroop captain who lived in the same house with me. He began to go into this depression, so I sat down with him and I had a little father and son talk with him. I called him all sorts of bad names. This man was a huge man. In spite of the fact that most of us starved, he still was much bigger than I was. But after that father and son talk, the next morning he asked to lead calisthenics. In the officer group, where I finally was ensconced, I made everybody do calisthenics. So every morning we would get up and do a few little swing of the arms, and a few deep knee bends and so forth, whatever we could manage. The next morning he asked if he could lead calisthenics, and he insisted that we do push ups. Most of us could barely do two, and the day before he couldn’t have done any but this morning he was so mad he did 20 push ups and he lived. After we came back to San Francisco he was still with me. He told Dr. Anderson one night after he had too many drinks at the top of the Mark Hopkins, that I was the only person in the world that had ever seen him weak and he was out to kill me. Now that wasn’t so bad but the interesting part is that his wife lived here in Minneapolis because her folks lived here. When the first POW list came out she and my wife got together and became fast friends. When we got home, we had to go out to dinner together. Of course, he asked for a drink or two, and I made sure I stayed on the other side of the table from him. I made sure he didn’t have too many more drinks because he really intended to kill me as I was the only person who had seen him weak. But, I didn’t care because he was alive. Another phenomenon was premonition of death. People who were relatively well would tell the men in their rooms, “Don’t bother to wake me in the morning, because you will not be able to get me up.” One hundred percent of the time they were right.

...to be continued in the next issue of The Graybeards
Veterans Services

by J. Norbert “Skip” Reiner

Smoke ‘em if you got ‘em!

Remember that utterance when we were given a chance to rest or whatever. Who could forget the magnificent ‘K’ and ‘C’ rations which contained cigarettes, even into the Vietnam campaign. Recall the red bulls eye and green background on those Lucky Strikes. It seemed everyone who smoked would trade, barter, steal, commit mayhem for those. You could use them to purchase anything you wished on the “market”. In 1993 the VA’s General Counsel issued Precedent Opinion 2-93 stating direct service-connection may be granted for tobacco use if “evidence establishes ......(usage)...in line of duty.” The VA estimates it will have over one half million claims, with a cost of $23.8 billion in compensation.

We have a fight on our hands. The VA is making every effort to curtail such claims. We must demand and support the 1993 General Counsel opinion which stipulates the same standard on direct service-connection in relation to smoking not unlike other disability that might have resulted because of military service. I have a large collection of data which should be used by any Veterans Service Officer to present his case on behalf of a veteran.

MIA Search in North Korea

Food is the bargaining point for the search and recovery of our buddies remains, not yet returned after 44 1/2 years. Perhaps many of you know where to look for remains if we were allowed to visit the big battle zones. N. Korea is stubborn. However, private charities as CARE, Catholic Charities Relief Service, World Vision and others are distributing food in North Korea. A peace has yet to be negotiated and a treaty signed. The politicians in North Korea are not underfed, their subjects are. Perhaps we can eventually win the battle and the war as many North Koreans are beginning to question why the “Americans and South Koreans” have so much food and we are lacking? Food is the barring agent for locating remains of our buddies. Food provided from private sources are beginning to open the door to Western influences. The more we use food as an agent, the wider the door will open.

And, perhaps the current regime will be replaced with a more logical group who wish their people fed. We should then be able to recover remains of those who fell over 44 1/2 years ago.

Remains Returned

Just after our last issue four sets of remains were handed over to the U.S. in Panmunjom. It is believed they are remains of soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry who were killed in October 1950. The tally sheets show we had 8,177 MIA’s (if that is accurate). 209 have been returned to the United States. Only seven have been identified. The remains are examined and tested at the forensic laboratory in Hawaii. DNA samples from families of those who lost sons, fathers, brothers could assist the laboratory technicians. Is anyone aware that such an effort is initiated. Seems like a good subject for a follow-up.

National Cemetery Number 115

I remember when I was instrumental in developing the first new National Cemetery. This occurred after the Department of Defense transferred its cemeteries to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The National Cemetery System was formed. Calverton Long Island was the first we constructed and its first director was the current Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery. I was Director of Operations. I believe that gave the National Cemetery System 101 cemeteries in 1979. Many state grant cemeteries have been opened starting in 1984.

Number 115 is the first in Washington state. It will be called the “Tahoma National Cemetery”. There are about 400,000 veterans located in the Puget Sound area with about 200,000 more residing in the state of Washington. The cemetery director is Sandra Noquex, Tahoma National Cemetery, Tahoma, Washington. Information regarding the National Cemeteries is available on the National Cemetery System’s home page, on VA’s Internet home page at: http://www.va.gov/cemetery/index.html.

50th Anniversary Flag

Three members of the Korean War Veterans Association, Larry Brown, Skip Reiner and Gene Fulmer had the privilege of unveiling the “first copy” of the flag to be used in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. This occurred in August at the AMVETS convention in Orlando, Florida. General Kicklighter gave the flag to AMVETS because it was the only veterans organization which had established a committee to conduct and initiate events for the commemoration of the Korean War.

Where are the photos of you and your buddies, or action pictures, copies of items, photographs of your state memorial, etc. Only a few of you have responded. They are needed for a brochure, a book to be published for the 50th anniversary commemoration, and media releases. I am sure you care. Remember these will be part of history and will be given to libraries, schools, and universities. I just attended a major meeting headed by General Kicklighter, and he emphasized the best information comes from the people who were there. Please send it to me.

Thank You, Skip

50th anniversary flag unveiled. (l-r) Larry Brown, Skip Reiner Co-Chairman of the AMVETS Committee, and Gene Fulmer. All now serve on the AMVETS 50th Anniversary Committee for the commemoration of the Korean War.
Call for Nominees for Election

Korean War Veterans Assn., Inc
Subject: 1998 Election of Officers and Directors

Dear Members:

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 1998 elections.

The positions open for this election are President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President for the 1998-2000 two year term. Four Directors positions are open for the 1998-2001 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, 1997.)

"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 three 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, 1998."

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.

The March-April issue of the “Graybeards” will list each certified nominee and the Official Ballot. Each member in “Good Standing,” those whose dues are current when the “Graybeards” is mailed, 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 to the CPA by July 10, 1998.

Nominees will use this check list to complete their application:

a. Have enclosed proof of service as required by paragraph C1a.

b. Have enclosed a photograph as required by paragraph C1b.

c. Have enclosed a letter meeting the four qualifications as required by paragraph C1c.

d. Have enclosed a statement as required by paragraph C1d.

e. Have enclosed a statement as required by paragraph C1e.

f. Have mailed their application as required by paragraph C1f.

Is your membership current?

Check Your Mailing Label!! Please read this carefully!! Take a look at the mailing label which is affixed to this magazine to determine when your dues will be due. The numbers on the line directly above your name and following your membership number (see sample on page 5) reflect the date on which your dues are payable. (If there are letters in this space — no dues are due.) If you have submitted your dues recently, please disregard this notice. If you feel our records are in error, please advise us. A copy of your canceled check, along with your explanatory note, will be most helpful. If you belong to a chapter and have paid your dues to them, please check to see if they have mailed it to national. Regular dues are $15.00 per year. (Associate members’ (those who do not meet regular membership criteria) dues are $12.00.) As dues are due on a calendar year basis, you can calculate your dues to conform to this schedule by submitting $1.25 per month (or any portion thereof). For example, if you are a regular member and your dues were due “08/09/97,” that would be $1.25 x 5 ($7.25) plus $15.00 for the calendar year 1998. This would mean that you should submit a check for $22.25 to pay your dues to January 1, 1999. Associate member dues are $12.00 per year and can be calculated at $1.00 per month (or portion thereof). If the Member Number above your first name includes an “A,” you are an associate member. Otherwise, you are not. By complying with this reminder, you will save us the expense of a dues reminder and it will be very much appreciated. Make your check payable to: KWVA. Mail to: KWVA, PO Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210.
Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation

College Education News

Appointment announced.

Col. Robert A. Henderson, USMC (Ret), Secretary to the Board and Director of The Chosin Few, representing the Midwest Region, has been appointed by William Van Ort, President of the Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation (KWVEGC) as a Director.

Col. Henderson is well qualified for this appointment. He completed his Bachelor’s Degree in 1947 at the University of California, Berkeley, and his Masters Degree in 1950. He was a teacher in Stockton, CA upon his release from active duty. He was awarded the Doctor of Education degree in Special Education from the University of Illinois in 1957. He is currently retired as a Professor Emeritus from the University of Illinois.

Winners announced for 1997-1998 college grant award.

Five (5) winners were selected on the 16th of July by the Board of Directors at their Annual Meeting. They are listed in order of selection:

Ms. Jaydee Shoemaker of Ft. Lewis, Washington. Chemistry is her chosen field. Jaydee is attending Reed College in Portland, OR as a freshman.

Ms. Amy Nelson of Homestead, Montana. Amy is attending William Woods University in Fulton, MO as a freshman. She has a double major of Veterinary Medicine and Equestrian Studies.

Ms. Sarah West of Kansas City, KS. Sarah chose the University of Kansas at Lawrence, KS for Pre-med as a freshman.

Ms Cheryl Kleisley-Best of Phoenix, Arizona is continuing her education as a Sophomore in Nursing at the Scottsdale Community College at Scottsdale, AZ.

Ms Julie Terwelp of Quincy, Illinois. Julie began her junior year at Truman State University, in Kirksville, MO continuing her studies of Communication Disorders.


The Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation is proud to announce that applications for college grants are available beginning 1 December 1997 for the 1998-1999 school term. Eligibility for these grants must be consistent with our Bylaws.

Applicants or sponsors must send in a request for the application to:

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

Please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope ($ .32 for each application, $ .55 for 2 applications in one envelope), and the application will be returned by U.S. mail. Completed applications returned after 1 May 1998 will not be considered.

Your support is needed now.

If you have not yet sent your donation to help support the college fund for 1997, you may still claim credit on your 1997 taxes if your donation reaches us by 31 December 1997. For those who have donated for 1997 and wish to donate for 1998, please indicate on your check or money order, the year you request credit for. We are happy to receive your donation any time.

Students of Korean War Veterans deserve an equal chance to attend college too!

That is why I will gladly pitch in to help give them an opportunity to receive a college education.

Enclosed, please find my tax-deductible donation for:

☐ $25  ☐ $50  ☐ $100  ☐ $500  ☐ $1000  ☐ other______________

Name _____________________________ KWVA# or SSN# _____________________________

Grade/Branch of Service _____________________________ Apt. # __________

Address _____________________________ City __________ State __________ Zip __________

Clip and return this form with your check payable to:

Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation
Lt. Col. Hansel Hall, USAF (Ret.) Treasurer & CFO
P.O. Box 14648, University Station
Minneapolis, MN 55414

National VA/VS Representative Report

By Norman S. Kantor
(See Staff Officers, page 2)

VA/VS Assignments and Reports

All Department and Chapter Commanders are reminded that their VA/VS reports from May to October are now due. Reports run from May to October and from November to April. Reports are to show:

1. Volunteers (total)
2. Hours donated (total)
3. Mileage
4. Cash donations
5. Refreshment costs.
6. Clothing donations (values)
7. Misc. donations (values)
   - example: TVS, VCRs, books, radios, etc. List item and value.

Submit reports to Norman Kantor,
National VA/VS Representative, 138 Locust Ave, New Rochelle,
N.Y. 10805-3510.

The July-August issue of “The Graybeards,” pages 35 and 36, show 51 various assignments. K.W.V.A. members can perform at VA facilities.

Send your name, address, along with name of VA facility you request assignment to. Make sure to include complete address of the facility.

Call for Papers

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.
11th Engineer Combat Battalion Association presents plaque to Engineer Museum.


The 11th Engineer Combat Battalion Association presented a Plaque to the Engineer Museum at Fort Leonard Wood, MO this past 5th of September. The Plaque was given by the veterans of the Korean War for all soldiers of the 11th Engineers, past, present and future.

Officiating at the ceremony was Brigadier General Edwin Arnold, Deputy Commander and Assistant Commandant of the Engineer School.

The presentation of the Plaque was held during their annual reunion, held this year in Branson, MO.

Elected officers of the association are:
- President, William H. Van Ort;
- 1st Vice President, Edward C. Robillard;
- 2nd Vice President, Charles L. Scott, Jr.;
- Treasurer, Ernest J. Reeves;
- Secretary, Fred O. Boelsche and
- Advisor, Col. Carl Baswell, USA (Ret).

Allan Eubank was appointed Chaplain.

(We thank Bill Van Ort for the photo’s and letter. We also remember the brave deeds of our Engineers in Korea)

New Board: Front row left to right: Charles Scott, 2nd Vice President; Bill Van Ort, President; Edward Robillard, 1st Vice President. Back row left to right: Ernest Reeves, Treasurer; Col. Carl Baswell, Advisor; Fred Boelsche, Secretary.
Chapter Affairs

Ocean State Chapter #1 of Rhode Island honors veterans on Memorial Day

KWVA National Director is Guest speaker at Ocean State Chapter #1 wreath laying ceremony on Memorial Day. On right is past Commander Kenan, on left is present Commander Maurice Trottier. (Thanks Rusty and Ocean State Chapter, this is what the KWVA is all about. —Ed.)

Indiana Chapter 1 dedicates highway


September 17, 1997 at the Korean War Veterans Memorial located at the Veterans National Memorial Shrine, Fort Wayne, Indiana. A crowd of about 1200 people attended the dedication of Interstate I-69 (from Indianapolis north to the Michigan border, 157 miles) as the Korean Veterans Memorial Highway. This had been a long time coming but once it got started it moved pretty fast. "Mr. Wooo" Bob Sievers, a long time radio announcer in Fort Wayne was the Master of Ceremonies and he asked Capt. Arnold of the United States Marine Corps Reserve Center to "post the colors" and the ceremony began.

The Wayne High School band played the national anthem, and chaplain, the Rev. S. T. Williams, Jr. of the United States Navy Reserve gave the invocation. After the invocation, the Air Force National Guard did a fly-over with 4 F-16s. Mayor Fred Isch (a Korean War Veteran) of Decatur, Indiana gave the veterans speech and saluted the Korean War Veterans of Indiana Chapter # 1 for a job well done. Representative Jim Buck of the Indiana House of Representatives had introduced the bill to the floor of the house and Senator Tom Wyss moved it through the Senate. Senator Wyss, Representative Buck, Mayor Isch and Commissioner Curt Wiley of the Indiana Motor Transportation unveiled the sign to the applause of the crowd. A tribute had been paid to the 54,246 that had died in the Korean war and also for the ones that were able to come home.

(Much thanks to John M. Settle, past president KWVA Indiana Chapter # 1 for sending in the photo and letter. —Ed.)

Louisiana Chapter at Korean War Memorial

Louisiana Chapter, KWVA Memorial Committee. (from left) Clyde Li-vaudais, Harold Schwab, Louis Huhner, George Huhner, Bob Hatfield - Chairman of Committee, Milroy Beydler, Joe Lichtenstein and Lamar Hooks.

Memorial has 588 Louisiana KIA's from the Korean War. Memorial is located in Metairie, Louisiana (a suburb of New Orleans). The memorial was paid for by the chapter with a big donation made by Parish (County) of Jefferson for landscaping a location called "Veterans Memorial Square."

(Thanks Bob for letter and pictures. Another good example of what KWVA is and must continue to be. —Ed.)

Indiana Chapter 2 holds service

Indiana Chapter 2, KWVA held a Memorial Service on July 28, 1997 to commemorate the signing of the Armistice ending the fighting of the Korean War.

Members of chapter are (front row from left): Fred Priest, William Taber, Edward Cavanaugh and Marilyn Wagner. (back row from left): Loran McMaster, John Rutledge, Donald E. Easterly, Sr., Franklin Littleton and Betty Baker.

(Thank you John for the picture and the letter. More loyal members that will keep the KWVA alive and well. —Ed.)
Central Massachusetts Chapter Heritage Award presented to Vazquez

Peter Vazquez (right) AFJROTC, receives the KWVA Central Massachusetts Chapter annual Heritage Award from Chapter member George Montville.

Following presentation of the Heritage award, Peter's comments were "I really appreciate all the great Americans who gave their lives to give me freedom. The Korean War Veterans Heritage Award is the most important award I have ever received, and I have won many in the Jr. ROTC Program." This is the 3rd Jr. ROTC program held by this chapter. Photograph and letter sent in by Robert D. Rutter.
(Thanks to all for your great program. The statement made by Peter I am sure made it all worth while. What a super young American. —Ed.)

Department of Indiana

Shown in the picture is Franklin Littleton (on the right), President of the Department of Indiana, presenting John M. Rutledge (on the left), President of Indiana Chapter 2, Korean War Veterans Association with a medallion in recognition of service during the Korean War era.

The medallions were presented by the Sammy L. Davis CMH Chapter 295 of the Vietnam veterans of America and presented at a dinner meeting held at American Legion Post 11, Lafayette, Indiana, April 11, 1997. The membership of Indiana Chapter 2 would like to extend our thanks to Chapter 295, Vietnam Veterans of American and American Legion Post 11. KWVA Veterans are respected in all states.

Florida Suncoast Chapter

On Sept. 19, 1997, POW/MIA Recognition Day, two of our ex-POW's of the Korean War remember their fellow POW's at the POW/MIA Monument at Bay Pines National Cemetery in Bay Pines, FL. At left, Bob Blevitt and Tom Carrick, Pres. Suncoast Chapter. Tom was a POW for 33 months and Bob spent 27 months as a POW. Veterans & families thank you both for remembering those that did and did not come home. Welcome home men.
(Thank you Cindy for the letter. —Ed.)

Nashville Chapter of Tennessee

Chapter exhibit showing Korean War memorabilia of books, uniforms, KIA names on memorial and handouts at State Fair. Also shown in photo is Jack Walker, chapter member talking to next of kin of former member. This chapter also has a Tell America program, VAVS program, School programs and attend parades.
(Pictures and letter sent in by a proud KWVA member Clayton Payne also Sr. Vice President of Nashville Chapter. They plan to do more and look forward to many more programs. —Ed.)

License plate of KWVA member, Max R. Reynolds.
Wisconsin veterans attend memorial dedication

Pictured above are 187 RCT and Korean War vets that participated in the Lake Pacawa ceremonies. John Judy (with flag), Dennis "Mutt" Merriman, Ralph Masters (hidden behind Merriman) Gordon Boardman, Walter Finney, Jr (the African-American), and behind Finney, James S. Schmitz. The two men following with flags are not identified.

The first significant Wisconsin memorial honoring veterans of the Korean War was dedicated on July 27, 1997, marking the 44th anniversary of the signing of the cease fire agreement at Panmunjom in 1953. The memorial, located at Worzella Pines Park on an island in Lake Pacawa in the village of Plover, consists of five life-size soldier statues in a large horsehoe-type wall. (Memorial shown July-August 97 Graybeards, pg. 23)

KWVA MEMBER Richard Chilton, who served with the 187th Airborne RCT in Korea, and with the 82nd and 11th AB Divisions at other times, was on hand for the ceremonies and was thanked by Governor Tommy Thompson for his war service. Chilton explained that farmers in the area donated land for the memorial that is located on US highway 51 also known in the area as the Korean War Veterans Highway.

Central New York Chapter goes to Canada

Korean veterans receive tributes in local ceremony; Parades in Carleton Place, Almonte.

By Theresa Fritz Assistant editor

Hundreds of Korean veterans gathered at ceremonies in Carleton Place and Almonte Saturday to remember fallen comrades and a war which has often been lost history.

Often referred to as "The Forgotten War", the Korean War saw some 27,000 Canadian troops overseas between 1950-53. Locally, a total of 52 people from Carleton Place, Almonte and surrounding townships saw action in that war. This number is quite staggering when one considers the population of this area at the time was around 5,500.

The words ‘Korea 1950-1953’ and ‘Peacekeeping’ have been inscribed on the Cenotaphs in both Almonte and Carleton Place. Parades were held in both communities as veterans and other participants marched to the Cenotaphs for the dedication ceremonies. In Carleton Place, a scroll was unveiled at the Cenotaph listing the names of all Carleton Place Korean veterans who served in the war.

Politicians from all levels of government as well as a representative of the Korean government took part in the ceremonies. Also participating was the Comrie Pipe Band, the Carleton Place and District Community Band, the 42nd Pipes and Drums from Perth, the 78th Fraser Highlanders and the Almonte Legion Pipe Band, Militia and Cadet Corps also took part as well as Korean veterans from across Canada and a large contingent from the central New York State Korean War Veterans Chapter.

For parade marshal Lawrence Edmonds, an Almonte veteran, the day was an overwhelming success. "It was the biggest parade since V.E. Day," he said Monday, commenting on the large participation in the event. He extended his thanks to the people of Almonte and Carleton Place for their support as well as the local media for assisting in publicizing the important events. "I'm happy. Everything seems to be just great. I'm so overjoyed with the guys (veterans)."

Carleton Place veteran Bill Bigars, who served with the Ordinance Corps in Korea in 1953, echoed Edmonds sentiments about the entire day. "I thought it was very successful. I was shocked by the number of people who turned out," he said. As for recognition by government officials for contributions made in the war, Bigars, like most veterans, said it's long overdue. "I think it's marvelous (wording on Cenotaph). It took a long time but we finally got it (recognition)."

Robert Shetler and Reg Cooper from Central New York were shown in a newspaper clipping as attending this ceremony. The following was stated below the picture:

Robert Shetler and Reg Cooper from Central New York remembered their fallen comrades during Saturday's ceremonies honoring the Korean War veterans. Cooper served in the 40th Fighter Squadron of the 35th Fighter Group in the Air Force. Shetler was one of the 'Chosin Few' who fought in Chosin Reservoir when the Chinese Army overran North Korea. Shetler served with the 10th Corps First Marine Division.

(Thanks to Reginald Cooper for the story. —Ed.)

Col. Alice Gritsavage Chapter of Florida

From left: Monique Gleason – KWVA Auxiliary President, Emmett Benjamin – National KWVA Director, Charles Carafano – Chapter President and Tony Perez – Chapter Treasurer. Charlie Carafano, presents Emmett Benjamin with a check for transmittal to Florida Veterans Korean War Memorial.

(More good deeds by KWVA members. —Ed.)

The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm.
Nassau Chapter 1 member honored posthumously

"Each year we honor a select group of special individuals who have dedicated their lives to assisting veterans and their families," said Supervisor Peterson. "It is a privilege to honor these outstanding people."

Honored posthumously was Sidney Heyman. Mr. Peterson had the distinct honor of presenting Mr. Heyman with the Town of Hempstead Veterans Medal at the veteran’s Wantagh home, this past May 21, a few days prior to his passing. Debby Heyman, wearing her husband’s town medal, was escorted onto the stage by Korean War Veterans Association Nassau Chapter 1 New York President John Leignadier. Mrs. Heyman was presented with a memorial plaque in Mr. Heyman’s honor by Supervisor Peterson.

Fred Locanto of Westchester County, NY Chapter #91 proudly displays his NY license plate.

Licence plate of Wilmer H. Long, Jr., from KWVA Chapter 1 of Delaware.

"Compassion is the knowledge that there can never really be any piece and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you."

---Buechner
Korean War Veterans of Wisconsin Chapter


Erwin Fahrnow sent in the above photo and reminded me that in the last issue the Wisconsin Korean War Memorial shown had five bronze statues. Sorry Erwin, after looking at a computer screen for many hours these old eyes see many things differently. Erwin also went on to give a little more information about Wisconsin and its connection to the Korean War. 1) 132,000 served in Korea not 801 as per the last issue. 2) 801 were killed in action, 3) 4,286 wounded - sick or injured in action. 4) 111 POW's - 54 died in POW camps, 5) 84 still missing in action. (The Veterans of Wisconsin must be proud of this Memorial and those who served during the Korean War. Thank you Erwin for the photo and the letter. The above statistics is etched in the base of the Memorial. —Ed.)

WISCONSIN KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

Looks like 6 to me, but all is not Bronze, one is Golden (or at least worth his weight in Gold according to those that served with him in Korea and Desert Storm. Yes! Desert Storm, those Korean vets are tough especially the 187th Airborne. Richard Chilton went through jump school with 11th Airborne Div. Served in Korea with combat engineers attached to 40th Inf. Div. Served with 302nd Special Forces in Reserves. Went through jump school in Taiwan, earned wings. Joined Israel Army in Desert Storm in 1991, earned jump wings again and on his 60th birthday in Russia earned wings again. (Looking at Richard above, I'd say he is tougher than those Bronze statues. Thanks for the picture buddy and you can be on my side any day. —Ed.)

Montana’s Korean War Memorial dedicated

KWVA Life Member and Memorial Committee Member Dennis Tate (at podium) speaks at the dedication of Montana's Korean War Memorial located at Rose Memorial Park, Missoula, MT on June 14, 1997. Memorial shown in July-August 1997 Graybeards.

KWVA national officer meets with Indiana Chapter 1

(Below) Bernard "Ski" Wisniewski, President; Norb Reiner, KWVA Staff Officer; and Allen Ciendenen, Chaplain meet at NCO Club for lunch.

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Members are to make reservations directly with the hotel on an individual basis, identifying themselves with the KWVA. Please use the phone numbers above.

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The hotel requires a “one night” deposit by the cut-off date (6/24/98) to hold all reservations. Personal check, money order or any valid credit cards are acceptable. Deposit will be fully refundable upon cancellation “48 hours” prior to arrival.

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The hotel provides a complimentary shuttle to and from Dulles and Washington National airports. The schedule is on a frequent basis on a pre-set schedule determined by the hotel. In addition the hotel provides a complimentary shuttle to Dunn Loring Metro Station and Tysons Corner mall. The hotel also provides complimentary parking for both cars and buses.

The list of KWVA events and functions (as well as associated transportation) will be published in the next Graybeards. The earlier you get your reservations in, the more assured you are of obtaining a room.
Pfc. Kenneth E. Martin, 2nd I. D. – MIA then reported KIA, Feb. 14, 1951, Unit: Co L, 9th Inf. Regt. 2nd Inf. Div. Friend and highschool classmate Marvin Morris is helping Kenneth’s mother to learn more about the events that took place at that time that led to his death. Anyone that can help please contact: Marvin Morris, 7029 Deerfield Road, Memphis, TN 38135-3024, Tel: 901-385-8071

Members of the 24th AAA Gun Battalion, 8th Army, Contact Robert Gore, 1209 Ramble Creek Drive Pflugerville, TX 78660-2156, Tel: 512-990-0670

Members of the 8th Army Hq K Co MZ Post Office APO 234, 1950-1952, Contact Joung Yup Yoe, 10221 Antietam Ave., Fairfax, VA 22030, Tel: 703-691-1392

Members of Recon Team of Wolf Co. F., 38th Inf. Regt. 2nd I.D. who served with my brother SFC. Charles Giannetto, KIA May 19, 1951, Contact Victor Giannetto, 123 Indiana Avenue, Mishawaka, IN 46544, Tel: 219-259-1830

Charles Hartwig of New York, Service Navy or Coast Guard, enlisted 1951-1952, Contact school friend Corrine Gellespie Dibble, 39 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14564

Members of the 98th FABN, 40th I.D., CA National Guard, Korea, Contact Alden R. “Bob” Strole, 318 Harte Ave., Ventura, CA 93003, Tel: 805-642-1356, E-Mail astro65626@aol.com

1st Marine Div. 1st Regt. 2nd Bn. Co. E. contact Charles N. Garabedian, 4905 E. Turner Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727-2337, Tel: 209-255-2577

3rd Div. 58th FA Bn., Hq & Hq Battery, Korea 53-54, Looking for; Bob Porter (IL), Eddie Dowell (MI), Dalk Kauffman (MN), Lawrence R. Burita (IL), Emmett Reidle (MO), John Adams (GA), John E. McCarty (IN), Tom Gabonay (PA) and all personnel who served in our unit. Contact: James K. Derkacy 6912 W. 113th Street, Worth, IL 60482, Tel: 708-448-7223

722nd MP Bn., Contact: Joel C. Davis (Hqcs Co), P.O. Box 342 Luckey Ohio 43443-0342, Tel: 419-833-1613

7th Inf. Div. Hq. and Hq Co., 2nd Bn., 31st Inf. Regt. need information on (missing 12-12-1950, assumed dead 12-31-1953) relative, Cpl Raymond Romano, unit and unit actions on or about these dates, contact Frank V. Romano, 401 E. Fornance Street, Norristown, PA 19401-3509

Looking for information on brother, John Harrison Adams, John served in the U.S. Army from 1950 or 1951 to the time we were notified that he had been killed in the line of duty in Korea in March of 1952. In June of 1952 they sent a casket home with a man who strongly encouraged my mother not to have the casket opened. We followed his advice, and the casket was buried here in Spokane, WA at Riverside Cemetery. The family has never felt that he was actually in the casket. We received two different stories about how his death occurred, one from his commanding officer, the other from the chaplain. We have been searching on our own for about five years, with no results. On August 27, 1997, Veteran’s Affairs, in Olympia, WA, phoned us stating they could find no record of my brother dying in Korea, or in the military at all, and that he may be alive somewhere. We would appreciate any help that you can give us. If you have any information contact: Joyce M. Wenzel, 223 W 3rd Apt #1, Deer Park, WA 9006, Tel: 509-276-1260

2nd Engr. Combat Bn., 2nd Inf. Div. – Seeking former members of the battalion to join our newly formed 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion Association. Contact: Larry Streeby, 20870 NW Chiloquin Court, Portland, Oregon 97229-2704. Tel or FAX: 503-645-3933 for information. E-Mail: EngrBn2@aol.com

Son looking for any information on father, Cpl. Jack C. Zuver, Co. K, 35th Inf. Regt. 25th Inf. Div., who became MIA 11-28-50 at Parwon Myon, North Korea, Cpl. Zuver was last seen when treated for a chest wound and left behind on the battlefield. Contact John R. Laver, 5277 Maple Lane, Cuba, NY 14727, Tel: 716-968-2434

AAAOCs Detachment Ft. Bliss, TX 1952 Class 2 Graduates, Contact Ron Freedman 941 Juno Drive Punta Gorda, FL 33950, Tel: 941-575-4317, Fax: 941-575-1604. Class 4 Graduates, Contact Cliff Johns, Parkridge Ct., Witchita KS 67204, Tel/Fax: 941-575-1604.


430th Engineer Battalion, Company B. Would like to hear from former servicemen who served with the 430th from December 1950 to October 1951 in Korea. Contact: Harry (Jack) Lynch, Jr., 90 Lynne St., Lehigh Acres, FL 33972. Tel: 941-369-7047.


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An Outsider's Observations

The November Board Meeting

by Sherrn Pratt

On November 15-16 the KWVA Executive Board met at the Sheraton Premier Hotel in Tynson Corners Virginia about ten miles outside the National Capitol. A detailed summary of the minutes of the meeting will likely be published elsewhere in this issue of the Greybeards, or perhaps the following issue. I attended the meeting as an uninvited and perhaps a bit nosy, spector. I confess to a degree of curiosity about how the affairs of the Association are now being conducted, particularly in view of recent quite unsettling developments concerning the depletion of funds by fraud, mismanagement, or otherwise.

I am pleased to report that I came away with some quite positive and encouraging feelings. It is no secret that many members, including myself, have been more than a little concerned and worried about the Association and its future. A fair question has been to what extent has our predicament been caused by an inept leadership. Or, to put it another way, if not by them, then by whom?

Some members have asked if the Association were on the verge of bankruptcy or extinction, and if an effort should be made to force out and change the present leadership. Others have asked whether the association should be placed into receivership.

When asked for my views, I have contended that none of these courses of action, even if needed, were very reasonable or achievable. I have pointed out the absence of any provisions in our Constitution or By-Laws for deposing officials by other than the democratic process of elections. To try to force the leadership out, or to have a receiver appointed, would involve litigation that could be very costly, time consuming, counter productive and well beyond the financial means of the association now with only a few dollars in the bank.

Any petition for receivership would probably have to be initiated in the State of incorporation (New York) where prompt adjudication would be highly unlikely with their crowded dockets. I have also pointed out that terms of office for some leaders and any need to force them from office will be rendered moot. Further, in the upcoming elections next year, KWVA members who may be disenfranchised with present leadership will then have an opportunity to vote for replacements as they desire - at least for the top positions and for some board members.

Any such actions may now also be clearly premature. I came away from the Board meeting with much reassurance that if there was or is a need for any such drastic action, it may be steadily diminishing. I felt the board meeting was conducted in a serious and business like manner with a minimum of rancor or contention. There was widespread and intense participation by all board members. Skip Ritenhouse (Ohio) and Jack Edwards (FL) were especially outspoken but no board member, however, was conspicuous by his silence. President Pappas, competently chaired the group with dignity. He raised his voice in irritation or resentment only once. This stemmed from some critical comments concerning 1998 reunion plans. A couple of members were not pleased with the location of the reunion in the Sheraton Premier so far from the Memorial on the Mall, and with the room rates they considered too costly. There was some heated discussion on that matter. Pappas defended the reunion plans as the best obtainable after some hard bargaining and he related that he had enlisted the aid of KWVA member Warren Wiedahn, who is in the travel business and very familiar with accommodations available in the Washington area. No doubt the President will have more to say on this in his forthcoming Greybeards Message.

The board members appeared to be well aware of the Association's problems and earnestly determined to closely monitor expenditures and find a solution out of the financial difficulties. As might be expected, the most controversial and frustrating matter centered on what could be done to preserve and marshal the societies assets, or otherwise place the Association again on a viable economic basis. The meager assets include perhaps something over $50,000 of quartermaster inventories now being handled by Director Ken Cook who had assumed the duties of quartermaster. The members congratulated Ken on the extraordinary time and effort devoted to locate, collect, store and inventory the QM items at considerable personal inconvenience and expense.

In other business, the board considered a possible candidate for the office of treasurer and heard from Vince Krepps, the Greybeards editor. Acting treasurer Jim Martin reported the bank balance of $31,887 with current debts of $21,868, which, of course leave only a fraction of what will be needed for the next issue of the Greybeards. Martin expressed optimism, however, that the usual flux of dues around the year end should be sufficient to defray the costs of the Greybeards if other expenses were closely watched. It was also noted that most of the life memberships funds, and the educational funds, had appallingly disappeared from special accounts and there was uncertainty as to what could be done, if anything, to replace the funds. The Board also considered several other routine matters.

Without doubt, the most informative and exciting, and even captivating highlights of the meeting, were reports from Army Colonel Kevin Hanretta, and KWVA member Warren Wiedahn. Hanretta explained the "Korea 2000-2003" project now vigorously underway in the Department of Defense to generate national wide actions at every veteran and governmental level to observe the 50th anniversaries of the beginning and ending (1950-53) of the Korean War. The effort will be implemented by a committee of nationally known figures co-chaired by retired Generals Raymond Davis, MOH, and William Westmoreland.

Col Wiedahn reported on his just completed trip to North Korea as part of a small team headed by General Davis. He described in graphic and articulate detail many of the pathetic conditions in orphanages, the widespread starvation, of cities, and some limited other facilities that were allowed to see on their brief visit. He said the team was constantly escorted and watched, but also treated with considerable politeness and even, at times, cordiality. Wiedahn expressed hope that the visit may expedite negotiations aimed at the location and return of MIAs or others. The exciting reports of these two expressive and well informed individuals alone made the meeting one that I would not have wanted to miss. I suggested that they should be invited to the annual meeting so that the general membership could have the unique experience of hearing them, and I was informed that such an appearance had already been arranged. Members attending the 1998 reunion can look forward to a most memorable and fascinating experience of hearing these presentations.

I would strongly urge KWVA members who may be discouraged and disappointed with recent developments and loss of monies in the Association to hang in for now and be patient and tolerant for a bit longer. I may be a bit naive, but I am favorably impressed with the sincerity and what seems to be the present good intentions of the leadership, no matter what the past errors. I'm not sure any others could do better. They show many indications that they are determined to energetically do their best to sail us around the reeves and get us safely through and out of these perilous waters. We're tough cookies. We've been through hell and back in becoming Korean War Vets. With that record surely we can face up to this challenge as a piece of cake. WE CAN PREVAIL!!! It was announced at the meeting that our membership now stands at an all time high of 13,500. It is said that the darkest hours are just before the dawn. I think our team captain and his staff need all the help and support we can give them and I for one do not intend to throw any unnecessary brickbats, hand grenades, or darts their way. I hope others will join me in that attitude. Let's see what the new year and elections bring.
Korean War Veterans National Museum

For Immediate Release: August 29, 1997

Tuscola, Illinois has been chosen as the site of a new national museum. The decision was announced at the large annual meeting of the National Korean War Veterans Association in Albuquerque, New Mexico on July 25th following a meeting of the Executive Council of the KWVA. A majority of the Council voted to endorse the concept of a national Korean War museum and library in Tuscola. Fund-raising efforts are now underway, and a search committee is studying various site possibilities in Tuscola. Tuscola is located in East Central Illinois at the intersection of I-57 and U.S. Route 36. The proposal suggested Tuscola as the site of the national museum because of its central location in the United States, as well as because of its proximity to main traffic arteries, tourist attractions, recent economic developments, and educational resources. The concept, purpose and mission, facility features and floor plan, ways and means, and audience/resource considerations for the museum were outlined in a proposal submitted in January 1997 by the Douglas County Museum, Tuscola. Lynnita Sommer, the museum’s administrator, wrote the proposal, and Kenneth Cook of Danville, Illinois, a national director of the Korean War Veterans Association, brought the proposal before the national board for its consideration in February. He was assisted by Dick Wainwright of Tucson, Arizona.

An organizational meeting of the new association was held at the Amishland Country Buffet in Atwood on Monday, August 25 at 1:30 p.m. A total of 26 Korean War veterans, spouses, and guests from three states met to elect officers and initiate the legal documents for the national museum. Doug Fargo of Charles Town, West Virginia (7th Division, 32nd Infantry Regiment, Love Company) and Joe Matthews of Mattoon (2nd Division, 38th Infantry Regiment, Company A, 1st Battalion) donated the state incorporation fee, and Kenneth Cook of Danville (195th Ordnance Depot Company) donated the county filing fee.

Fund-raising efforts are now underway to raise the money needed for the four-gallery museum. The total square footage for the building alone is approximately 133,080 square feet. An estimated one million dollars will be needed to construct and furnish the facility. Projected opening date for the national museum is June 25, 2000, which is the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.

Elected as organizational officers of the new Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library were: Robert Kenney of Decatur, chairman; Kenneth Cook of Danville, vice chairman; Merle Sims of Decatur, treasurer; Lynnita Sommer of Tuscola, secretary; and Howard Foley of Freeport, sergeant-at-arms. Elected directors were Bill O’Brien of Hometown, Clyde Fruth of Freeport, Richard Teike of Mt. Pulaski, Billy Gray of Okawville, and Walter Abe of Springfield. The purpose of the new Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library is to preserve a record of the participation of the United States in the Korean War, to educate and disseminate information to the general public about the Korean War era and the country of South Korea, and to promote good relations and friendship among Korean War veterans, the citizens of other United Nations allies who participated in the Korean War, and the people of South Korea. The national museum and library will collect, research, care for and interpret Korean War information and artifacts for Korean War veterans, their descendants, and the general public.

The national museum and library will collect, research, care for and interpret Korean War information and artifacts for Korean War veterans, their descendants, and the general public.Subjects featured in its four galleries will include Korea 1950-53; a Gold Star gallery dedicated to the memory of American servicemen and women who were killed or declared missing in action in the Korean War, Korea Today; and a temporary exhibit gallery. The first gallery will focus on the war itself. Visitors will learn who participated in it, the various battle campaigns, the conditions that existed on both the front line and in the rear, why the United States was involved, etc. The gallery will feature uniforms, weapons, photographs, and much more. The Gold Star gallery will serve as a memorial to the 55,000 American men and women who died during the Korean War. It will feature photographs and memorabilia about those dead heroes. The names of the deceased veterans, as well as those of each veteran still missing in action, will also be featured in the Gold Star gallery. In the national museum, America’s Korean War-dead will be portrayed as much more than mere statistics, and the gallery will serve to remind the world that a large number of our veterans are still listed as missing in action and unaccounted for this half century later.

The purpose of the Korea Today gallery is to show the American veterans and general public that the lost lives of our country’s deceased and missing veterans, as well as the hardships that all Korean War veterans endured in order that Korea be freed from communism, were not suffered in vain. This gallery will be of great psychological importance to Korean War veterans. Korea is now a thriving, prosperous, highly-industrialized nation, but the vast majority of veterans will never revisit Korea to see and appreciate the positive changes that have taken place there in the decades following the signing of the truce. America’s Korean War veterans need to know that their sacrifices in Korea made a difference. The final gallery will provide space for temporary, changing exhibits. Special theme exhibits will be created for six to twelve month duration. Other features of the new museum include administrative offices, storage and preservation areas, a “Discover Korea” room for children, museum store, and a conference/convention area. One of the key aspects of the national museum will be a research library which will hold full length, taped interviews with Korean War participants, an extensive photographic collection, and numerous documents and books related to the subject of the war.

The Korean War, popularly referred to by the veterans who participated in it as, "The Forgotten War," claimed the lives of 54,246 United States servicemen and women. In addition, 103,284 Americans were wounded, and 8,177 were declared missing in
action. The communist enemy took 7,140 prisoners of war, and only 4,418 returned because 51% died in prison camps. There are 389 Americans still missing in action and unaccounted for, and thousands of Americans continue to suffer physical and psychological problems as a result of their stint in Korea. All total, 1,500,000 Americans served in Korea during the war. Although an armistice was reached in 1953, no peace agreement was ever signed. Americans are still serving in Korea nearly a half century later.

Membership dues in the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library are now being accepted. Annual dues structure is:

- Individual Korean War veteran or spouse $25
- Korean War veteran family membership $30
- General public (individual) $35
- General public (family) $40
- Corporate or Civic $50
- Sponsor $100
- Life Member (one person only - one time only donation which entitles donor to lifetime membership benefits) $1,000
- Patron (one person only - one time only donation which entitles donor to lifetime membership benefits) $5,000
- Founder (one person only - one time only donation which entitles donor to lifetime membership benefits) $10,000

Dues are renewable each year during the month the member joined. A portion of all dues will be placed in the museum's Endowment Fund to perpetuate the preservation and educational activities of the museum. The remainder of the dues fees will be used for administrative costs and newsletter expenses. Dues entitle members to issues of a quarterly newsletter which will provide updates about progress on, contributions to, and activities of the national museum and library, as well as free admission to the museum when it opens.

Checks should be made payable to:
Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library
c/o Treasurer, Merle Sims
2441 Longwood Drive
Decatur, IL 62526

Contributions to the museum (other than dues) should be earmarked for:
The Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library
Tuscola Community Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 252
Tuscola, IL 61953

All contributions through the Tuscola Foundation are tax deductible.

For more information call or write:
The Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library
Robert Kenney, Board chairman
R.R. 1,
Decatur, IL 62526 Tel: 217-877-7091
or
Lynnita Sommer, Secretary
111 E. Houghton Tuscola, IL 61953
Tel: 217-253-2535 or 217-253-4620

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Korea War. Roy Gremillion was his squad Sgt., and told me that Durrell was killed on the reverse slope of the MLR by a mortar or artillery round that landed at his feet. He died on the way to the Aid Station. Sandbag Castle was located between the Punchbowl and Heartbreak Ridge. Looking at the topo map I received in the “Galahad Newsletter,” August 97, Sandbag Castle was due west of Hill 931. Sandbag Castle MLR was only 25 yards apart from the CPA, NKPA. On 3 Nov. 52 these men were also KIA in Charlie Company, PVT. George R. Chesney, PVT. Rolando Rodriguez, PVT. Charlie L. Griffith, plus my cousin Durrell. Heartbreak Ridge was made up of 3 major hill masses, Hill 894-931-851. Sandbag Castle was out front of Horseshoe, No-man's Finger in Satae-ri Valley. I would like the name and addresses of all the places I can write for info on my cousin. I want to find everything from the day he was drafted into the Army. This will be placed next to his picture at the Catholic Church where his picture is hanging in Bearcreek, WI, where he was born and raised and went to school. Contact: Kieth W. Dallmann, 68 Elmore Street, Hol-lyoke, MA 01040, Tel: 413-532-8613.

(Any member of the 40th I. D. that can add to the above please contact K. W. Dallmann at address above or editor, The Graybeards, see page 2 for address. Kieth stated very well what he needed and I will also contact him with information I have that may help. Just another address or name could be important to any of our looking for requests. It only takes a few minutes to help someone that has spent up to 47 years looking for a closure. Thank you.— Editor)

**36 C E 86th Search Lite Co.**, I would like to hear from my former buddies who served with this outfit “up on the line,” September 1951 to June 1952 with our Battle Illumination Outfit. Contact: Odd Knutstad, 438 Comly Ave., West Collingswood, NJ 08107 Tel: 609-605-0203. (Records destroyed or lost, wishes to get medals and buried in a Military Cemetery.)

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**Death Notice of a Member of KWVA**

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _______________________________
Date of death _______________________________
Department/Chapter __________________________
Home of record _______________________________
[ ] Army [ ] Navy [ ] Marine Corps [ ] Air Force [ ] Coast Guard

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Primary Unit of service during Korean War

Submitted by _________________________________

Relationship to deceased _______________________

Send to: Editor, The Graybeards, P.O. Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210

Note: TAPS notices will be published in the January-February and the July-August issues of Graybeards each year.
I can still remember the sunny day the overloaded C-47 dropped me, others and supplies off at a dusty steel matted landing strip near Pusan. All we controlled in Korea at the time was a 35 mile radius from Pusan to our battle lines. It was late July or early August of 1950.

As we waited for transportation to our various units under a canvas tarp flapping in a brisk breeze I heard the sound of an airplane engine that would soon become very familiar to me. A P-51 Mustang fighter plane swooped over the strip, did a rapid wing over and skillfully dipped down on the runway right in front of me. The lone fighter taxied over to an ancient Korean gas truck and a American weapons carrier truck.

Without getting out, the pilot slid back his canopy exposing his WWII style head cover, goggles, and even a brightly colored silk scarf around his neck. I almost expected to see Errol Flynn, the movie star. He stretched out his body, raising both arms high above his head. In short order, a South Korea serviceman handed him a soft drink and sandwich while others partially filled up his wings tanks, loaded up machine gun belts, fitted up two 500 pound bombs, and filled hard point rocket tubes with H.V.A.R. rockets.

His mechanic got up on this wing to check on what the pilot needed, wiped the front wind screen and then hopped off to check the entire plane for flack damage. He found seven holes and pointed them out to the pilot who was still in the cockpit. I heard later that he was attacking T-34 tanks near the Nakton River.

After what seemed like only twenty minutes, the blocks pulled away, the mechanic gave one more check for fuel leaks and then signaled the pilot to start up his Merlin engine. In less than one minute the mechanic gave a high thumbs up and the pilot taxied to the end of the strip to take off on another sortie.

I did not see another prop or jet plane on the field. The C-47 that flew me in was rapidly loaded with wounded soldiers and was on its way to Japan in less than thirty minutes. During the next hour as I sat nervously waiting for my ride I watched this one fighter plane repeat this scene at least two more times. I was told later that what I saw was the last fighter to operate off that strip in Korea. Most of the bombing missions were coming from Ashia in Japan.

Finally, a jeep arrived to pick me up and took me to my assigned unit, the 605 TAC Squadron of the 502nd Group, USAF. It was located on top of a hill overlooking Pusan Harbor. It turned out it also had the most scenic view of the harbor from a four seat outhouse - Korean style. I spent the remainder of my 18 month tour with this radar outfit. My primary job was to lay out and maintain horizontal plotting beards - WWII style in U.T.M. grid (not vertical plexiglass).

In a rare humorous moment during the time the Chinese were pushing us back to Seoul in late 1950, the officer in charge instructed me to place an oval “no bombing” marking on the plotting table. It was north of Pyongyang, way behind our retreating forces. The continuous colored lines I placed across Korea denoted areas to bomb at will, the inside area that required specific strikes, and the southern boundary of no strikes at all. I asked him why the special marking. He said “Those damned Turks refused to retreat earlier and now they are fighting their way south while surrounded, and I don’t want our planes to bomb them.”

I realize I was more fortunate than most of the “dog faces” that had to face the enemy at the M.L.R. - although I got shot at twice when on retreating convoy duty and was knocked over in a communications van during a typhoon in Pusan - I didn’t suffer like my Marine high school buddy in the “Frozen Chosen” or had to sit in a wet or freezing foxhole getting shot at. However, I felt good when I drove past destroyed enemy supply trucks, burned out T-34-85 tanks, blown up ammunition box cars and scorched enemy bunkers that our napalm fried.

As a final note, I especially went to thank all those guys who fought at the Nakton River just north of Pusan during our “Pusan Perimeter” battle. At our radar base in Pusan by the bay, I could see late one evening the whole distant sky lighting up from a pitched battle. Our radio had some North Korean bitch screaming “All you Yankee, imperialistic running dogs will be butchered or driven into the sea tonight.” At that moment I wished we hadn’t disarmed so much after WWII and had thousands of ground attack planes (that could distinguish the enemy from you) to help you guys out.

(All veterans of the Korean War and especially those on the ground thank our USAF for giving most of us another day, another week, another month and even years to be with our families. Without you and our Navy many more of us would have met our maker many years ago.)
Remains Recovered in North Korea

Remains believed to be those of an American soldier who died during the Korean War have been recovered in Unsan County, North Korea. The remains were excavated during the 20-day field operation by a joint U.S.-North Korean team in the northwestern part of North Korea, about 50 miles southwest of the Yalu River. The team from the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI) and DoD’s POW/Missing Personnel Office had been excavating in an area where several hundred Americans are known to have been lost in fierce combat between U.S. and Chinese forces. The team also located some personal military equipment and ammunition buried with the remains.

The remains are scheduled to be returned to American control in a repatriation ceremony tomorrow in the demilitarized zone at Panmunjom. They will be taken to the CILHI where forensic processes will seek to establish the identification of the American.

This is the third time U.S. specialists have entered North Korea for joint recovery operations. In July 1996, a similar joint team located the remains of an American soldier, also in Unsan County. These remains were subsequently identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. This July, a joint recovery team found the remains of four Americans. They are currently undergoing forensic analysis at CILHI.

In an agreement signed by the U.S. and North Korea in June, both sides agreed that one more joint recovery operation will be conducted in October. North Korea also permitted a U.S. archival team to review American-related records in Pyongyang's military museum, August 2-9. Documents and photos of other items found during that search are now being analyzed at the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office in Washington. Results of those analyses will first be provided to family members of Korean War MIAs.

Third Joint Recovery Operation in North Korea to Begin

The third U.S.-North Korea joint recovery operation of 1997 will commence on October 4 and last approximately 20 days. This joint operation follows the successful completion of the two operations in which the remains of five possible Americans were excavated. The area to be investigated is where the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd battalions of the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division engaged Chinese forces in battle in October 1950.

(Via the U.S. Army

November 19, 1997

Plans Underway for Future North Korean Operations

In anticipation of future meetings with the North Koreans to discuss an operations schedule for 1998, U.S. officials met last week in Hawaii to formulate a plan which would include joint recovery operations, archival research, and possibly a technical exchange of forensic experts.

On November 13, the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii (CILHI) hosted an after-action review of joint accounting efforts recently concluded in North Korea. Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW Missing Personnel Affairs J. Alan Liotta chaired the meeting. Representatives from DPMO, United Nations Command, Pacific Command, and Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center participated.

During the next round of talks the U.S. side will focus on the three principal areas of concern to our accounting efforts: archival access, remains recovery and contacting the four known American defectors from the 1960s-80s, which is vitally important to fully investigating reports alleging American POWs are or were held back in North Korea after the Korean Conflict.
Letters

After Thoughts of the 1997 National Reunion

When this is published, all retail bills and obvious refunds, such as the Santa Fe tour, have been mailed. I have gone through the individual accounts and all "located" refunds have been made. To help close things up for my final report, I would appreciate a reminder, as soon as possible, from anyone that still feels they are due an adjustment. The reunion was not as well attended as I had wished. Never-the-less, the folks that did attend indicated that they enjoyed an outstanding reunion.

The folks that stayed home missed two of the finest tours offered in The Land of Enchantment. On Friday, 25 July we had the most comprehensive briefing I have ever heard on North Korea. The number two man at Kirtland Air Force Base gave us an overview of our military in the year 2000 and beyond. A history professor at the University of New Mexico did a outstanding impression of President Harry S. Truman. A big bus load visited the Isleta Indian Casino to try their luck. The memorial service on Sunday was at the new veterans memorial park. The staff at the Radisson turned out a top flight banquet meal.

The banquet also had a number of "door prizes." The entire batch was donated by fellow KWVA member Jim Hoffsis, owner of The Treasure House at 2012 Plaza N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87104. To the people that won items and feel like saying "thank you" ... you now have the address. We may not do reunions as a profession, but to my staff of busy bees ... you all are professionals in my book ... thanks a million.

The last issue of Graybeards had a good recap of the business sessions. Compared to 1996, we asked a lot more hard ball questions. I even asked to be appointed Chairman of the National By-law Review and Rewrite Committee. One of these days I'll learn.

In general, the folks that stayed home missed out. To the folks that came to La Casa Cornell ... you really know how to make a host happy !!!

Thanks to all.

Tod D. Cornell, Chairman
1997 National Reunion

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Facility:

The Marine House is a three bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, kitchen/dining room, living room that sleeps 5.

Employees:

No paid employees. All contributions are used only for the operating expenses.

Guest Fees:

There is no cost or fee charged to the guest staying at the Marine House although donations are welcome.

Guest Services Provided:

Bed & Lodgings – Transportation when necessary – All local telephone calls – Towels & Linens along with cleaning supplies – Guest responsible for food and personal incidentals

KWVA member Frank Bisogno opened this home for families of hospitalized veterans that have no funds for hotels and motels that wish to be near a loved one during a time of need.

Retired Army Nurse Corps Association
P.O. Box 39238, Sierra Station
San Antonio, Texas 78215-1235

August 1997

The Army Nurse Corps Commemorative Stamp Committee has embarked on an effort to convince the US Postmaster to issue a stamp to honor the one hundredth (100th) anniversary of our Corps, however, this is not a mission that the committee can complete on its own. It requires the support of the active and reserve components, retired army nurses, veterans, friends and nursing colleagues. Since our anniversary falls within the period designated as the "Turn of the Century," we are competing with many other organizations and individuals who are requesting stamps to recognize their own specific agenda.

Army nurses have never shirked a challenge, no matter what was asked. I am asking that you write to the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee, U.S. Postal Service, Stamp Development, 475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 74E, Washington, DC 20260-2437. Please personalize your letter based on your experience to make it more meaningful.

I would also ask that you enlist your local veterans organizations, friends, and nursing colleagues in this effort. More letters that are received by the U.S. Postal Service, the better our chances are of success in getting the stamp approved. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.

Sincerely,

Beverly Greenlee-Davis
Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired
President, RANCA

(TS letter was written to the President of KWVA. Mr. Pappas replied by writing a letter to the USPS. A letter from the USPS was received thanking the KWVA for the interest in their stamp program with no mention of the request for a commemorative stamp for the Army Nurse Corps. What is needed is more letters from all veterans requesting a stamp to honor our nurses.

The address to send your letters to is in the letter above. Please write, our nurses were there for us, now they need our help.)
May 19, 1997
Mrs. Mary Hogan
#11 Forge Road North
Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Lt. Mary Hogan,

Memorial Day is another milestone for millions of Americans who served in the Armed Forces and to the many who died for the ideals of freedom. Also many American family members supported their heroes.

It is indeed a time to remember and to recognize several veterans from your community who served during the Korean War, June 1950 through July 1953.

It is only fitting that you, as an Air Force flight nurse who contributed many acts of healing to wounded Korean War Veterans, be so honored. The Korean War Vet understands your role but many could not personally thank those who helped.

On behalf of Nick Pappas, President of the National Korean War Veterans Association we extend our sincerest thank you to Lt Mary Hogan for her deeds of mercy to those Korean War Veterans who were flown from the front lines to M.A.S.H. units for emergency treatment.

You will not be forgotten and it is with heartfelt pride that you will represent the “Forgotten Warrior” of the Korean War as a Grand Marshall for the 1997 Memorial Day parade.

Sincerely,

Tom Clawson
1st Vice President KWVA

U.S. Army Military History Institute
Korean War Veteran’s Survey Project

The U.S. Army Military History Institute (USAMHI) is conducting a major survey project to acquire source material on the Korean War. We invite all veterans of that war to join in our effort.

The MHI collects, preserves, and provides to researchers and scholars source materials on American military history. As the Army’s official central repository for historical source material, the Institute strives to perpetuate the history and traditions of the Army, its role in the development of the United States, and the records of the men and women involved in its development. Located at historic Carlisle Barracks, PA, the Institute will celebrate its 29th Anniversary in July, 1996.

The MHI holds more than nine million items relating to military history: over 280,000 books; 10,000 bound periodicals; 1,000,000 photographs; 6,600,000 manuscripts (diaries, memoirs, letters and other papers); 239,000 military publications; and over one million classified military documents. No other agency has such an extensive collection of materials relating exclusively to the role of the military in the development of the United States, making the USAMHI the finest military research library in the United States and one of the best in the world.

One of our efforts currently underway is the Korean War Survey. This is an effort to collect primary source material from veterans and their families for the sake of preserving it for history. One of the Cornerstones of this effort is the Korean War Survey Questionnaire. We hope to further strengthen our holdings on that war; therefore, we are asking veterans to record their recollections—an important source of information for historians and researchers who will use our source 50 or even 100 years from now. We urge you to take the time to complete a questionnaire.

This survey is similar to our previous surveys on the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II, which were tremendously successful. With the help of you and your fellow veterans, I feel confident that this current survey will take its place as one of the nation’s finest source of primary research material on the Korean War.

In addition to battle accounts, the survey is designed to elicit first-hand responses to a wide range of subject areas. The veteran is encouraged to provide his or her own thoughts and reflections on many different aspects of military service such as personal background, training experiences in various fields—logistics, transportation, medical, etc.—combat actions, occupation duty, demobilization, and postwar experiences. Future researchers will want to know about all aspects of the experiences of men and women during the war. Veterans are also encouraged to modify the survey to meet their specific experiences. Although the survey focuses toward the Army ground forces, questionnaires are also being completed by Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guards veterans. All veterans are welcome to participate.

In addition to the vast experiences revealed in the questionnaires, many veterans are donating personal items related to their service experiences. Our motto has become: “From your attic to the Army’s attic.” Your donated items will be preserved, given the proper care, and shared with future generations of researchers and scholars—and you will be preserving your own, as well as the nation’s history.

As a Korean War veteran, your donation is helping us to preserve the history of that war—a history which you helped write. The type of material the Institute seeks includes: diaries, memoirs, letters, V-Mail, unit histories, books, films, photographs, insignia/unit patches, illustrations, camp/unit newspapers, audiotapes, correspondence and official reports. Although the Institute does

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not collect uniforms, flags, weapons, equipment, munitions, or plaques, we would be happy to assist you in donating your three-dimensional artifacts to the Army Museum System, which is managed by the U.S. Army Center of Military History, Washington, D.C.

All veterans who return their questionnaire or make a donation to the MHI receive an acknowledgement for helping preserve the heritage of our military. Donations are established in the veteran’s name and military unit in an electronic database to facilitate management of the information and donation. All questionnaire and donated items are processed, inventoried, cataloged, cross-referenced, and stored in a temperature and humidity-controlled environment. At the Institute your personal papers and other items will have a permanent home and will stand as a record of your service—an honored part of our nation military heritage.

The MHI has an invaluable source of information which includes the personal papers of hundreds of prominent generals and thousands of junior officers and enlisted men and women whose services contributed to American military history from the colonial period to the present. The public is always welcome at the Institute. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays.

To obtain a Korean War Survey questionnaire or further information, please write to the U.S. Army Military History Institute
ATTN: Angela S. Lehr, Coordinator, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5008 or call (717-245-3225).

Korea 2000

50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee
1707 Duke Street, Suite 300 ◆ Alexandria, VA 22314 USA
703/739-8900 ◆ Fax 703/684-0193 ◆ E-mail: mht@sierramm.com

50th Anniversary Korean War Veteran Commemoration Activities – 11/10/97

General Ray Davis had a long briefing with LtGeneral “Mick” Kicklighter, USA (Ret) on 18 September. It’s quite obvious that the DOD planning group is making significant progress towards the 50th Anniversaries of the Korean War. Less clear is just exactly what the ROK Government in Seoul is planning. This is understandable, however, since their elections will be held in December. We anticipate significant movement once the new president is elected and respective cabinet members are appointed. KVA (Seoul) has preliminary plans ready for briefing and decisions.

After visiting with General Kicklighter, General Davis made a courtesy call on the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Cohen, who pledged his continued support to all Korean War Veterans.

For planning purposes, General Davis has proposed the following calendar to General Kicklighter & KVA (Seoul).

Between now and next June, the DOD and the KOREA 2000 Committee will continue their exchange of information. (A staff visit to Korea in March or April, 1998 may be necessary.) In June, there will be a visit to Seoul during their annual June 25th celebration. This will be followed by a large “USA kickoff” reunion in July in Washington to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the armistice signing July 27, 1953.

All Korean War Veterans will be invited, to include the heads of the International Federation of Korean War Veteran Associations. (This will coincide with the US Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) Annual Reunion July 23-28, 1998, in Washington, D.C).

All associations having Korean War Veteran members will be invited to participate in a public relations announcement of the USA plans for commemorating the Korean War 50th Anniver-
saries in the year 2000 thru 2003. The Republic of Korea will be invited to present their plans as well.

More members have been added to the US KOREA 2000 Committee. We are attempting to maintain a blend of Korean War Veterans, from all branches of the service, plus other distinguished and respected individuals who have shown great interest in US veterans interest over many years. (A few more will be added)

Please be reminded that the primary purpose of this committee is to ensure that all Korean War Veterans, (and their families) receive the same recognition that their World War II brothers and sisters received during the 50th Anniversary of their service from 1941-1945. Those who answered our country’s call from 1950 to 1953, feel that they have earned this recognition by blood, sweat & tears. To do less, would be to dishonor those who made the supreme sacrifice. Freedom is not free and Korean War Veterans paid a very high price to stop the spread of communism during this time period. A vibrant, free, democratic South Korea is a living testimony to this noble effort.

As a matter of related interest, General Davis and Colonel Wiedhahn just returned from Pyongyang and Hamhung, North Korea. (They were the first known Korean War Veterans to visit that far north.) They were very fortunate to be invited by Congressman Tony Hall (D-Ohio) to accompany his small “CODEL” to examine the various UN World Food Program efforts to “feed the children” This got them right into the chambers of the DPRK decision makers and they took our request to return to the North Korea battlefields right to the Foreign Ministry. They were assured by Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kim Gye Gwan, that veterans could start returning to the “Chosin (Chunjin) Reservoir” next year (1998).

KOREA 2000 Committee
LtGen Kicklighter
KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL GRANITE WALL MEMENTO

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Effective: 001, July 27, 1992
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ARTICLE I
CHARTER

First: The name or title by which this society shall be known shall be: KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION.

Second: The term for which it is organized shall be perpetual. Third: Its particular business and objects shall be:

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

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

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

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

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

6. To establish and maintain a national headquarters.

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

Fourth: The number of trustees, directors, or managers for the first year of its existence shall be nine (9).

ARTICLE I-A
OFFICE

The principal office of the corporation shall be located in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. All communications shall be directed to the office. The corporation may be such other offices, either within or without the State of New York, as the Executive Council may determine.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Qualification of Members.

Membership in this association shall consist of honorary members, regular members, and associate members.

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

B. Regular Members.

1. Service in United States Armed Forces. Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, said service being within Korea (September 3, 1945-June 25, 1950) within and without Korea (June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955), or who as a member of the armed forces of the United States as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955, shall be eligible for membership.

No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, so long as the individual meets the service requirements.

2. Congressional Medal of Honor. Any Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, so honored for service in Korea during the Korean War era shall be eligible for life membership.

3. Prisoner of War. Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward shall be eligible for life membership.

4. United Nations Command and Korean Army. Any person who served honorably in the armed forces of the United Nations command or in the Republic of Korea armed forces during the Korean War era and thereafter shall be eligible for membership. 90% of members must be United States Veterans, 10% can be others.

5. Gold Star Mothers. Any woman whose son was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War shall be eligible for life membership.

6. Gold Star Wives. Any woman whose husband was killed in action or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War shall be eligible for life membership.

7. Application. Any person qualified for membership as set forth above may present a written application to any member in good standing on a form prepared and approved by the Executive Council. The application shall be an agreement that said applicant will agree and abide by and conform to the Charter, By-laws, and regular procedures of the Korean War Veterans Association. The application, when accompanied with the dues as set forth below, may be accepted by any chapter, department or national office.

8. Voting Rights. Each regular member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

9. Termination of Membership. The Executive Council, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Council, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing, and by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted hearing. The Executive Council may, without a hearing, but upon notice to the member, suspend or terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership for non-payment of dues as set forth hereinafter. No Chapter or Department may take any action against a member, but may petition the Executive Council for such action provided, however, that any such petition shall show that service of said petition upon the member complained about was given on or before the filing of the petition with the Secretary of the Association.

10. Resignation. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but said resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges heretofore accrued and unpaid.

11. Reinstatement. Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Executive Council, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
members of the Council, may vote to reinstate such former member to membership on such terms as the Council may deem fit and proper.

12. Transfer of Membership. Membership in this Association shall not be transfered or assigned.

C. Associate Members. Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for regular membership and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the Charter and By-laws shall be eligible for associate membership in the association.

D. Ineligible. Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Armed Forces of any member of the United Nations command or the Army of the Republic of Korea under conditions other than honorable and who did not serve honorably, shall be ineligible for membership in this association.

Section 2. Dues

A. Amount of Dues. Payment of dues is a condition of initial or continuing membership. Dues shall be $15.00 per year for regular members. Honorary members, Medal of Honor Members, POW members, Gold Star mothers, and Gold Star wives may pay dues but are not required to do so. Associate members shall pay $12.00 per year.

B. Life Membership Dues. Life membership dues to be paid by the following schedule:

up to age 60 $150.00
61-65 $100.00
66-70 $75.00
Over age 70 $50.00

C. Payment of Dues. Payment of national dues shall be paid at the National Office. All dues shall be due and payable on a calendar basis. For January 1-December 31 of each year. Dues are to be paid on January 1. Life dues are to be paid in no more than six (6) consecutive quarters. All dues collected by a chapter shall be paid to national headquarters within twenty-one (21) calendar days of such collection.

ARTICLE III
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. Members eligible to vote shall elect a National President, National First Vice President, and National Second Vice President prior to the annual meeting to be held every year, and the term shall be for two years in accordance with the procedure set forth hereinafter. The National President elected at said meeting shall appoint a National Secretary and a National Treasurer during the annual meeting, which offices may be held by one person. Other officials shall also be appointed to wit: a Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian, MIA-POW Chair, Public Relations Chair, assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, as well as other officials as needed. Only the Secretary and the Treasurer positions may be held by one person.

Section 2. Executive Council. The national corporation shall have an Executive Council consisting of eighteen (18) members; five officers, (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President), along with twelve Directors, each director shall be elected for a three year term, and four of whom shall be elected annually by the members eligible to vote prior to the Annual Meeting.

A. Voting. All binding votes of the Executive Council shall be by a majority of members in attendance voting. Appointed officials of the Executive Council shall not carry a board vote.

B. Quorum. (9) members of the Executive Council shall make a quorum. If there is not a quorum, the meeting shall be continued until a quorum is present.

C. Open Meeting. Any member of the corporation may attend the meeting of the Executive Council. If there is a need, and an attendee is so invited, such member may address the Council. Only members of the Executive Council may vote.

D. Special Meetings. The President or nine (9) members of the Executive Council, upon written two-week notice giving the time, place and agenda of the meeting, may call a Council meeting.

E. Business Without a Meeting. Any member of the Executive Council may conduct business without a meeting if there is a conference telephone call, or each member is contacted and acquiesces, which is then followed by a written resolution signed by each. Any such action must be ratified at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Section 3. National Elections. The election of the National President and two National Vice Presidents, as well as four Directors of the Executive Council, shall be conducted as follows:

A. Each regular member shall have a vote for all national officers. Each member shall cast only his or her vote. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

B. The National Secretary shall issue a call for an election which shall be published in the Graybeards in the first issue following January 1 of each election year. The call for election shall state the offices and that any qualified member may announce for said office. The call shall state the Nominating Committee Chair’s name and address; the address for collecting the submitted declarations of candidacy; all deadlines for declaring and for voting; and the procedures to be followed in filing for office. The notice shall be on the front page of the Graybeards. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three people including one member of the Executive Council who shall serve as chair.

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.

(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 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.

f. Send the above items by certified mail. Return receipt requested to the Nominating Committee chairperson to arrive not later than February 15th of the current year.

D. The Nominating Committee Chair shall then certify that the candidates are qualified to stand for office. Their declarations in full shall be then sent by the Nominating Committee Chair to the Editor of Graybeards for publication in the following March/April issue of Graybeards. Those declarations may also be published in earlier issues of Graybeards should they have been submitted in a timely fashion providing the above requirements are met.

E. The Editor of Graybeards, working with proper officials shall prepare and publish a ballot for printing which shall appear in only the March/April issue of Graybeards. No other ballots will be honored or accepted.

F. The member shall cast his or her ballot by marking thereon his or her choices and returning the official ballot by July 10 to the specified address where a Certified Public Accountant shall count the ballots and render a report at the appropriate time and place at the annual meeting each year.

Section 4 Term of Office

A. Elected and appointed national officers shall have a term of office of two years and shall take office on the 27th day of July each second year and shall relinquish said office on the 26th day of July of the election year. Directors shall be elected for a three year term. There is a two term consecutive limit on terms one may serve in any individual office.

B. Said above Article III (Sections 3 and 4) be modified to reflect approved amendments to Article IV (Sections 1-3), enacted herein to effect the 1999 elections and thereafter as accorssed by Article VII, Section 2.

Section 5 Removal

A. Any officer of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. may be expelled for cause by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee after charges are preferred under oath in writing and a hearing held after due notice before the Executive Council.

B. Any officer not in attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings without just cause shall be deemed to have resigned said office.

Section 6 Vacancies. Any vacancy in any office for any reason whatsoever may be filled by the Executive Council until the next election for the unexpired term of office.

Section 7. Powers and Duties. The officers shall have powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Executive Council. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this Association.

The duties of the elected and appointed shall be as follows (the use of the masculine gender in the following paragraphs should be taken to mean either masculine or feminine gender):

A. President. The President shall perform the functions conferred upon him by these By-laws and shall generally be responsible for the execution of the policies and programs decided upon by the Executive Council. He may appoint standing committees and ad hoc committees composed of members at large to assist him in the execution of his duties. He shall have the power to call meetings of members of the Association at the Korean War Veterans Reunions and shall preside at such meetings, and he may call for meetings of the Executive Council over which he presides. He shall recommend to the Executive Council any action he considers necessary and proper for the welfare of the Association. All documents which shall be legally binding on the Association shall be signed by the President, except in the case of disbursements by check or draft from the funds under the Association account of the Association, or to an account managed by it; such checks or drafts will be signed and endorsed in accordance with Section 7D.

B. Vice President. The Two Vice Presidents shall assist the President in the performance of his duties. The First Vice President has seniority, and in the absence of the President shall serve as, and have the powers of, the President. In the absence of both the President and the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall be responsible for the membership of the Association. The Second Vice President shall be honorary chairman for the Association reunions held during his term of office.

C. Secretary. The shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Council. He is responsible for the management of the day-to-day business of the Association, and shall perform all administrative duties required of him by the president. He shall be responsible for recording the minutes of meetings of the Association and shall keep records of the Association. He shall maintain communications with the Membership and Reunion Committees, offering assistance as required to publicize their actions to include assisting in development of charter groups and in making arrangements for reunions. Thirty days prior to each reunion he shall submit to each officer and member of the Executive Council an agenda for the Association business meeting and an agenda for the Council meeting. He or his assistant shall be editor of the Association bulletin and from material provided by the members and other official and unofficial sources, shall maintain quarterly communications with all members on matters of general interest, with specific attention to Korean War Veterans activities and chapter news. In the performance of his duties, he may hire clerical or other assistance for the proper and expeditious conduct of the Association affairs, as authorized by the Executive Council.

D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Council. He shall be responsible for collecting dues and other monies in behalf of the Association and for making timely and proper disbursements from the funds in his charge. He shall main-
tain custodianship of certain funds and shall prepare financial statements for publication at Korean War Veterans reunions and in the Graybeards. At the direction of the Executive Council, he shall be bonded. Three persons shall be authorized to sign for expenditures of funds of the Association. Each disbursement must have the signatures of two of the three authorized persons to be valid.

E. Chaplain. The Chaplain shall conduct the annual Memorial Service to honor the members of the Korean War Veterans Association who were killed in action, or died of wounds as a result of hostile actions and to memorialize Association members who are deceased. He shall work closely with the Reunion Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer and perform such other functions as requested by the President.

F. Historian. The Historian shall prepare an annual history of the Association and be responsible for obtaining news releases and other material pertinent to the maintenance of a Korean War Veterans Association Historical Record. He shall perform other duties as requested by the President.

G. Judge Advocate. The Judge Advocate will be the legal advisor to the national officers and Executive Council.

H. All appointed positions, (i.e. Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate, etc.) will be published in the Standard Procedures Manual.

I. Executive Council. The National Executive Council shall consist of eighteen (18) members. Five officers, President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President and twelve Directors. The President of the Association shall be Chair. The Council shall formulate policies and supervise the execution thereof. It shall have a least one stated meeting during the Annual Reunion preceding the Association Business Meeting. It shall meet at other times as required and called by the President, and may vote by mail upon call by the President. It shall establish rules for itself and its internal committees and is responsible for orderly and timely actions between its regular meetings. The Executive Council may make rules as to the manner of notifying its members of business meetings and as to dispensing with such notices in the case of Council members who are not within the convenient traveling distance of the place of the meeting. No person shall receive any salary for services as a member of the Executive Council or the services as President or Vice President. The Executive Council may, from time to time, establish fees for services of Secretary or Treasurer. The Executive Council shall have the control and management of the affairs, property and funds of the Association and shall decide the policies of the Association. The term of office of members of the Executive Council shall be concurrent with their term in the office which qualified them for membership on the Council.

J. Committees. There shall be two types of committees, to wit: (1) Standing Committees, and (2) Special Committees. Standing Committees (1) shall include the following: Budget, Finance, Membership, Memorial Scholarship Awards, Nominations, Resolution, Reunion Site, “Tell America” Committee and Election Committee. The membership thereof shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Council for the term of one year, and subject to yearly reconfirmation from the membership at large, except that the Chairman of each standing committee shall be chosen from the current membership of the Executive Council. Having thus been chosen, he or she will continue to serve for the full term regardless of their status as a Council member.

The Special Committees (2) shall be appointed by the President as needed, and shall serve at his pleasure, such committees include, but are not limited to: Publicity, Reunion operations-current year, and Reunion operations-future years.

The duties and responsibilities of each committee are defined in the charge issued to that committee. A list of committees and a candidate acceptance form shall be published in the Standard Procedures Manual.

Section 8. Indemnification. Revision of insurance coverage for each officer and other members of the Executive Council.

Each officer, elected or appointed, and each member of the Executive Council of the Association now or hereafter serving as such, shall be indemnified by the Association against any and all claims and liabilities to which he or she has or shall become subject by reason of serving or having served as such person for all legal expenses reasonably incurred by him or her connc-
calling for the meeting, which shall also
state the time and place of the meeting.

Section 8. The host unit shall be responsi-
bility for the Association Reunions.

ARTICLE V
DEPARTMENTS AND CHAPTERS

1. Departments

Section 1. Location. Each United State
(50), United States Territory (American Sa-
mon, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto
Rico, and Virgin Islands), as well as a De-
partment(s) for the nations of the United
Nations Command and Korea, shall be des-
ignated as a Department upon the estab-
ishment of two or more certified chapters
within said department.

Section 2. Incorporation. Upon the
certification of two or more chapters within
a department, an organizational meeting
shall be called, adopt by-laws not inconsis-
tent with these by-laws and make applica-
tion to the appropriate authority for a
certificate of incorporation for a corpo-
tion known as Department of

Korean War Veterans
Association and to prepare for a Depart-
ment convention and election during the
month of June next occurring.

Section 3. Officers. Each Department
of the Korean War Veterans Association
shall elect Department President, Vice
President, Secretary, and Treasurer during
the annual meeting for said Department to
be held prior to the end of the month of June
each year. The results of said election shall
be transmitted forthwith to the National
Secretary. The President shall appoint all
other officers and committees as needed.
No person may hold two elected depart-
ment offices, except for Secretary and
Treasurer, which offices may be held by
one person.

Section 4. Department Council. The
Department corporation shall have a De-
partment Council consisting of the elected
officers, the appointed officers and each
Chapter President or a member selected by
the Chapter President.

Section 5. Time of Elections. The elec-
tions of department officers shall take place
at the annual meeting of the said Depart-
ment of the Korean War Veterans Associ-
ation prior to the end of the month of June at
a time and place agreeable to the several
chapters and upon a minimum of sixty days
written notice of said meeting, unless
waived in writing by each chapter.

Section 6. Term of Office. All elected
department officers shall have a term of
office of one year and each shall take office
on the day of election.

Section 7. Vacancies. A vacancy in any
elected office for any reason whatsoever
may be filled by the department members
at the next department meeting.

Section 8. Powers and Duties. The se-
veral department officers shall have such
powers and shall perform such duties as
day to time to be specified in resolu-
tions or other directives of the Executive
Council. In the absence of such specifica-
tion, each officer shall have the powers
and authority and shall perform and discharge
the duties of the officers of the same title
serving in nonprofit corporations having the
same or similar purposes and objectives
as this Association.

2. Chapters

Section 1. A Chapter shall consist of
twelve (12) or more members in good
standing, but may grow to any size therea-
fter.

Section 2. Incorporation. Upon certifi-
cation to the National Secretary or his des-
ignee that twelve (12) or more members
in good standing or proposed qualified mem-
bers, the proposed members shall be certi-
fied members in good standing. The
proposed membership for the chapter shall
hold an organizational meeting which shall
be called to adopt by-laws not inconsistent
with these by-laws and make application to
the appropriate authority for the certificate
of incorporation for a corporation to act as
a subsidiary of the Korean War Veterans
Association and to prepare for an organiza-
tional meeting preparatory to the annual
meeting on or before the June next occur-
rning.

Section 3. Formation. Chapters with
twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) founding
members would be granted a loan of
$50.00; with twenty-five (25) more found-
ing members the chapter would be granted
a loan of $100.00. All loans to be repaid
within one year.

Section 4. Officers. Each chapter of the
Korean War Veterans shall elect a Chapter
President, Vice President, Secretary and
Treasurer during the annual meeting to be
held prior to the end of the month of June
each year. The results of said election shall
be transmitted forthwith to the National
Secretary. All other officers shall be ap-
pointed, as needed. No person may hold
two elective offices except for Secretary
and Treasurer, which offices may be held
by one person.

Section 5. Term of Office. All elected
chapter officers shall have a term of office
of one year and each shall take office on
the day of election.

Section 6. Vacancies. Any vacancy in
any elected office for any reason whatso-
ever may be filled by the chapter members
at the next chapter meeting.

Section 7. Power and Duties. The se-
veral chapter officers shall have such powers
and shall perform such duties as may from
time to time be specified in resolutions or
other directives of the Executive Council.
In the absence of such specification, each
officer shall have the powers and authority
and shall perform and discharge the duties
of the officer of the same title serving in
nonprofit corporations having the same or
similar purposes and objectives as this As-
sociation.

Section 8. Dissolution. Chapters may
be dissolved in accordance with the laws of
the United States and the state of incorp-
oration. All property of the said chapter will
be disbursed in accordance with the United
States Internal Revenue Code and the laws
of the state of incorporation.

ARTICLE VI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings shall be conducted under
the provisions of these By-laws and the
(Most current edition.)

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS AND RESOLU-
TIONS

Section 1. Any proposed amendment to
the Charter may be submitted by any regu-
lar member of this Association. The pro-
posed amendment shall be read at the next
Annual Meeting by the secretary at which
time it will lay on the table, be available for
the consideration of the members and pub-
lished in the newsletter, and voted upon at
the following Annual Meeting. Adoption
of all such amendments must be approved
by two-thirds of members present and vot-
ing.
Section 2. By-laws may be amended by a majority of the Executive Council and ratified by the members at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Resolutions may be proposed to the Resolutions Committee no later than thirty days prior to the Mid-Winter and Annual Meetings of the Executive Council. The Resolutions committee must present all resolutions in whatever order it desires and may comment favorable or unfavorably upon each. Rather than read the entire resolution, the Resolutions Committee may submit the gist of the proposal to the body. The majority of the members voting shall constitute approval and a directive for subsequent action upon the resolution.

Note: Amendments to Bylaws are italicized.

I, Nicholas J. Pappas, President of the Korean War Veterans Association, a not-for-profit New York corporation, hereby certify:

The foregoing amendments to the By-laws, comprising 13 pages are true and correct copy of the By-laws of the Korean War Veterans Association, as amended or otherwise altered to date. The By-laws in effect at present are the same as those amended or otherwise altered today by Executive Council of Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. as of, with the agreement of the members at their annual business meeting and effective July 27, 1997.

Nicholas J. Pappas, President
State of Delaware
County of Sussex

Nicholas J. Pappas, President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. And known to me, affirms that the above By-laws were adopted unanimously by the General Membership in solemn session on the 28th day of July 1997, in Albuquerque, NM, pursuant to a motion duly made and seconded.

Notary Public
My commission expires:
JUANITA J. MORCH
Notary Public, Delaware
Commission Expires 10/17/2000

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Korean War Veterans Association

Financial Status
(as of 30 November, 1997)

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**Total**                         | **$188,663.00**  |

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**Bank Balance**                  | **$30,067.00**   |

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**Total**                         | **$179,397.00**  |

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| Payments (KWVA Credit Card)        |                  |
|                                    | $(6,028.00)       |

**Accounts Outstanding**          | **$14,773.00**    |

**Net Cash on Hand**              | **$15,294.00**    |

*Does not include KWVA State/Scholarship Program, 95 Reunion/Life Membership reserve liabilities or this issue of Graybeards (#5 for 1997).

Note: The above figures are un-audited ledgers and are subject to correction pending same.
Robert Wurtsbaugh
Chapter of Illinois
proudly present their
State Korean War
Memorial

Dear Editor:
The month of June brought both sadness and happiness.
Our Gold Star Mother Hazel Wurtsbaugh Dalby, Mother of Robert E. Wurtsbaugh, our Chapter name passed this life.
The dedication of the Illinois Korean War Memorial in our State Capital of Springfield.
The pre-dedication was at the Veterans of Foreign War Post 755 with dinner, speeches and music for listening or dancing.
The dedication itself on Sunday, June 16, 1996 accumulated the 6 years effort of a committee, mostly Veterans and a real gal, we named Friday (Karen). Most of the credit can go to Carl Greenwood, a retired career Marine® of Korea and President of the Illinois Korean War Memorial Association, who leadership and personal dedication to this effort spurred all of us on. A crowd of several thousand attended along with several prominent dignitaries on hand.

The names of 1741 Illinoisans who gave their all and famous sayings are listed around its base.

The Memorial is made up of bronze and granite with 4 figurines of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. The names of 1741 Illinoisans who gave their all and famous sayings are listed around its base. At dusk taps are played and chimes ring out every hour. Bricks line the walk from various donors and granite slabs give credit to all those concerned. The Memorial is located in the same cemetery as President Abraham Lincoln in Springfield Illinois.

A Beautiful tribute to the men and women of Illinois.

"The Korean War Being Remembered"
*(of the Korean War)*

Hershall E. Lee LRO 1540

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My Brave Young Men

I took a walk through the park of my old home town
Giving little notice to anything that was around
Just this day, I don’t know why
I looked at the cannon and stone war plaque when passing by
Counting the names upon the plaque
Written there were names upon names of young men who never came back
A certain guilty feeling came over me
I didn’t know why, but I was soon to see
Off in the distance I thought I heard soldiers marching to cadence and time
I blinked my eyes, shook my head, looked at the plaque, here’s what it said
Take a good look at my brave young men as they go marching by
I want you to hear all their widows and mothers cry
Touch each salty lonely tear
Feel each heartache that will never disappear
Look into the hurting eyes of every wife, mother and dad
Tenderly hold in your arms each fatherless child war has left so sad
Your prejudice heart will find no name inscribed here separated by color, creed or race
Only those of Americans who fought and died together to keep freedom in place
Oh my friend, never forget as you walk by
The sacrifice of my brave young men who had to die
Let it be known, ever so plain,
That my brave young men did not die in vain
America will always be the home of the brave
America will always be the land of the free
Because of the life of each young man
Whose name is cut in stone and written in blood upon me
God Bless America and My Brave Young Men

Glenn Genseal
Looking back, Korea was among the most exciting years of my life. Nothing in civilian life comes close to the thrill and terror of combat and the realization that you can be a true leader of men in situations that can lead to life or death.

My story of military service during the Korean war.

On June 25, 1950, my bride and I were returning from our two-week honeymoon when we heard on the radio of the invasion of South Korea by the military forces of North Korea and that American troops were engaged in the conflict. I made the facetious observation that if this is a real war I would be in it within three months. Marie laughed it off as she knew that I had served for over three years in World War II and participated in the Normandy invasion. What we both did not realize is that as an inactive reserve infantry officer I was to be among the first one hundred officers recalled to active duty in the New York-New Jersey area. By early September I reported on a Sunday afternoon to Fort Dix, New Jersey. By that Friday, ninety-five of us had direct orders by air to Korea. Within a month, one of the officers who had worked with Marie at American Agricultural Chemical Company was killed in action, survived by a wife and two children.

In my case, I had just completed my first year at the law school of St. Johns University and upon reporting to Fort Dix I was assigned to the 60th Infantry Regiment of the 9th Division as a Troop Training Officer and as Regimental Assistant Trial Judge Advocate. My limited knowledge of the law had saved my tail for the moment. I had the good fortune to take a training company from induction through their twelve weeks of basic training and thereby reacquainted myself with the fundamentals of infantry tactics. Each week was a new challenge as I was lecturing for about twenty hours on topics I hadn’t thought about for five years. This schedule combined with other duties left little time for the trip from Trenton to Jersey City to visit my wife and family. Marie made several trips to Fort Dix and stayed at the Officers Club until that edifice burnt to the ground in December 1950. Thereafter our only accommodation on the post was a converted barracks.

In January 1951, I received orders to attend a six-week refresher course at Fort Benning, Georgia, the infantry school. Marie took leave from her job and joined me in Columbus, Georgia. We were able to rent a room in the home of a widow of an army officer and that gracious lady included us in her social life so that we had an enjoyable stay in Georgia. Upon completion of the program, I received orders to Korea by way of Fort Lewis, Seattle, Washington. The flight from Newark to Seattle was uneventful except for one stewardess who made twenty dates for the next night with twenty different infantry officers on their way to Korea. She was lucky if even one showed up.

Upon reporting at Fort Lewis most of us were given orders to fly to Japan for assignment. Again I lucked out and made my way to Yokohama on a U.S. troop transport. My observation was that for the most part, Korea was fought by men who had served in World War II and by draftees. When the war started in June 1950 the first American troops to see combat were units stationed in Japan on occupation duty. Also the integration of the armed forces was in its earliest stages and non-integration was the rule rather than the exception.

When I reported to the 19th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division, I was assigned as a Rifle Platoon Leader for F Company, 2nd Battalion. I joined the company as we were driving north towards the 38th parallel, the pre-war dividing line between north and south. Our immediate enemy was a North Korean Division and Chinese troops who had entered the war in December 1950 when United Nation Forces approached the Yalu River. China’s entry into the war turned victory into a retreat that sent the United Nations troops back to the Pusan perimeter. We were on our way up the peninsula again. My war was to be an infantry and artillery war as armor did not play a significant role in our battles. Thank God we had air superiority except for Bed Check Charlie. We fought our battles on the tops of mountains and it was exceedingly physical. My waistline went from 34 inches to 28 inches and my weight from 180 pounds to less than 150. In the ten months I served in Korea, I spent nine of them on the line. I progressed from a Rifle Platoon Leader to the Weapons Platoon to Company Commander to Acting S-2 and Assistant S-3.

During my Korean tour on two occasions I was able to meet with my youngest brother, Tom. Tom was a draftee with the 32nd Regiment of the 7th Division. He eventually became a platoon sergeant and was seriously wounded in late 1951. After recuperating at the Swedish hospital he was assigned to KMAG to train a ROK Division. Tom was awarded a citation by President Syngman Rhee at a Divisional parade in his honor for his efforts in preparing the ROK Division for combat. At this time my parents had their three sons on active duty, two in Korea and my brother Jim in the Air Force.

When I joined F Company Capt. Al Sutton was Company Commander. Al had brought the company through the winter of 50/51 including the drive to the Yalu and the retreat to Pusan. The current drive was his second time up the peninsula. I took over the 2nd Platoon from Sgt. Carl Rittstall who was leaving the company to be recommissioned as a 1st lieutenant. He returned to the company and commanded another platoon. Other company officers were Lt. Holly Rynewitz, Jack Blaney, Lynn Hagman and our forward observer was Lt. Butler.

In one of our early operations, I had the misfortune to lead my platoon into a cut between two hills. The cut had been pre-registered by enemy artillery and the first round landed behind me and killed my 16 year old messenger and wounded my radio operator. I pulled the platoon back and found another way to our objective. I had as many close calls from mortar and arti-
lery fire as I did from direct fire weapons such as machine guns and rifles.

On another occasion, because of officer casualties and absences due to rest and recreation leaves, I was the only officer with the company which occupied a ridge line 2000 yards in front of the main line of resistance as a combat outpost. From here we patrolled every day with a sergeant as leader and Lt. Butler as artillery observer. One day Lt. Butler called on the radio to report that he was under sniper fire and could not complete his fire mission. As the Battalion Commander was standing next to me I could not call off the mission so I told Butler to change his position and complete placing artillery fire on the enemy bunkers. Needless to say Butler was livid when he returned and requested a transfer out. He was reassigned to spotter duty in the cub plane and unfortunately was seriously wounded soon after. At this same location, I had a young officer report to me for duty. I assigned him to a rifle platoon and within 30 minutes of reporting he was on his way back to a hospital as the result of a self-inflicted wound in his arm which happened when he withdrew a personal weapon from a shoulder holster. This was a no-no and we never did see him again.

When Al Sutton left on rotation, Fred Walters who was a 1st Lt. in another company was given command of the company. Fred had been a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne in World War II and received a field commission. After the war, he had been a driver for Briggs Cunningham who developed and raced Indy 500 racing cars. I presume Fred rejoined the Army after Korea started. Since I had made the Normandy invasion as a combat engineer attached to the 82nd, we had a mutuality of interests and got along very well. About this time (the summer of 51) Bob Pierpont of CBS who had done a “Hear It Now” program for Edward R. Murrow with F Company, arrived at our reserve position to film some footage to be shown on Mr. Murrow’s new program “See It Now.” We went all out to make the film as authentic as possible without exposing the middle aged camera man and lighting man to any danger. I owe these gentlemen a thank you as they did contact my wife on their return to New York.

When the first episode of “See It Now” aired, all my family and friends were glued to their television sets to catch a fleeting glimpse of me as an actor. Since we had created our own dialogue, it was truly an acting achievement. The final minute of the program was a plea by Mr. Murrow for blood donors as Fred Walters had been seriously wounded during the October drive of 2nd Corp to achieve the 38th parallel at Kumsong.

When Fred was wounded, I took command of the company and fought it for the next two months. Our Battalion Commander who was a West Point Lt. Col. rotated out after the October drive. He exercised what was described to me as a presidential privilege to designate me as Company Commander despite the fact that several officers outranked me by date of rank. I can only surmise that he had been satisfied with my command abilities during the October battles. During one engagement I was awarded a Silver Star for leading an attack to save a platoon that was under severe enemy pressure. In that same battle, I nearly lost my life as a sniper had identified me as the Company Commander and put two rounds next to my head. He did kill a soldier who crossed in front of me in this action.

Earlier I mentioned that the integration of the Army was under way during the Korean war. The 24th Regiment of the 25th Division had been an all black unit. In October 1951, the regiment was deactivated and its soldiers were reassigned to other combat units. As the only northern Company Commander in the battalion, all of the 24th troops received by 2nd Battalion were assigned to F Company. I found these men to be excellent soldiers and they added to the combat effectiveness of F Company.

In December 1951, I joined battalion staff as Acting S-2 and Assistant S-3.

In my view, I added some common sense to staff activates as our S-3 was inexperienced in combat matters and had a tendency to call down final protective fire when all that was going on was very limited enemy activity. He was soon replaced by a more experienced major and my duties and responsibilities were considerably reduced.

From this position I rotated back to the States in January 1952. This ended my military career. Reverting to civilian life I reentered law school and my career with the Chase National Bank and my role as husband and later father of four.

Looking back, Korea was among the most exciting years of my life. Nothing in civilian life comes close to the thrill and horror of combat and the realization that you can be a true leader of men in situations that can lead to life or death. I believe in the motto of the infantry school, “Follow Me.” (Thank you Jack for a super story about your Unit, your Brother, You and the Heroes that you served with in Korea. We all have much to remember and recalling your service in Korea is what our Association through The Graybeards needs to do. —Ed.)

A Message For The Holidays

Happy Hanukka and a Merry Christmas to Korean War Veterans and their families!

This year Christmas coincides with the Jewish holiday of Hanukka, which commemorates the Cleansing and Rededication of the Temple in 164 BC. Hanukka begins on the 25th of the Jewish month Kislev, which roughly aligns with the month of December.

This holiday season the first night of Hanukka falls on December 23, and continues for seven more days. It is celebrated by candle-lighting, gift-giving, feasting, and children’s games. How like Christmas!

Hence this year both Gentile and Jew can celebrate with joy either the birth of Christ, or the restoration of pure worship in the Temple. Is there not a spiritual kinship in the candle-lighting in both holidays, symbolizing the Hanukka light and Jesus as the Light of the world?

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Attention KWVA Members


Reprinted on coated paper including the dramatic picture of the Statues with the Lincoln Memorial shown in the background.

The Association is making these souvenir copies available to help support printing of The Graybeards.

Order as many as you wish—Chapter or individual orders. Perfect for recruiting new members and/or as a keepsake for friends and relatives. Valued at $2 each.

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Korea Revisit Trips

I am very honored to be following in the footsteps of Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick as the association’s Korea Revisit Coordinator. Since 1990, Kathleen has toiled lovingly in the vineyard, coaxing, cajoling, administrating, talking on the phone, writing letters and serving our proud association with distinction and dedication.

As she prepared to retire from her volunteer position, Kathleen looked to the future and established a superior transition plan to ensure that all U.S. Korean War Veterans (who are members of KWVA) are afforded the opportunity to “Revisit Korea.” Her plan is to continue to directly administrator and manage the 1998 program. The 1999, and very large 2000 through 2003 programs, will become my responsibility. I will be assisted in this effort by Mr. George Malone. Either George or I can answer your questions and put you on the future “Revisit” space lists. (Note: Please put your request in writing so that the information may be recorded by date of receipt).

I’m a Korean War Veteran (Pusan, Inchon, Seoul, and the Chosin Reservoir -1950) as well as a life member of the KWVA. I’m also very familiar with the KVA/Seoul Revisit Program having been to Korea numerous times. George Malone has also been to Korea several times.

In the future, all inquiries for the ‘98 Program should continue to be directed to Kathleen. For the years 1999, 2000 and beyond, inquiries should be directed to:

Korean War Veteran
Association Revisit Program
c/o Warren Wiedhahn
PO Box 1179
Alexandria, VA 22313-1179
Phone: 703-739-8900 Fax: 703-684-0193
E-mail: mht@sierramm.com

Quartermaster

Good News! The KWVA Quartermaster is up and running on an interim basis as the search for a permanent QM continues. National Director Ken Cook and his fellow Chapter members have labored long and hard sorting and segregating the inventory and are ready to ship your requirements.

Overseas hats in most sizes are now available, and we expect to have a good quantity of the 2-inch patches by the time this edition is received.

Ken’s name, address, and phone number is on the inside (page 2) of the front cover.
Thanks for Supporting The Graybeards

Many members have responded to the suggestion to temporarily help underwrite the cost of publication of The Graybeards by making voluntary contributions. This issue is still being printed considering cost restraints and due to change of printer and mailer we have been able to continue to reduce the cost per issue and also upgrade your newsletter. Your heartening response has made this step possible. Hopefully we will be able to restore our newsletter to a higher quality with other desired changes in subsequent issues.

Members please continue to respond by sending your contributions to KWVA, P.O. Box 35406, Baltimore, MD 21222, marked: Support of The Graybeards. Every donation will be recognized in the magazine. Those who do not respond for any reason are still valued members for your dues also contribute to the printing of our newsletter. An early response to 1998 dues will also help your association get through our current problems and to expedite our return to a stronger organization for deserving Korean War Veterans.

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You can help!

We’re building a Korean War Veterans Nat’l Museum & Library

The board of trustees of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library invites you to join with us in a monumental effort to establish a national museum for Korean War veterans in Tuscola, Illinois. Located at the intersection of I-57 and Rt. 36 in Central Illinois, Tuscola is a tourist area because of recreational resources, a new shopping mall, and its nearness to a large Amish community. Its geographical location is central to the United States. There are four interstates nearby.

Our goal is to open the doors of your museum by June 25, 2000.

Our new historic preservation agency is fund-raising to establish a 133,080 square foot, four to six gallery museum building to preserve and exhibit Korean War artifacts. The museum will have a research library, administrative areas, and a convention center which will seat 1,000. (Reunion groups will be welcome!) Our goal is to open the doors of your museum by June 25, 2000.

To obtain more information about membership and the national museum project, call or write Bob Kenney, 2920 W. Hickory Point Rd., Decatur, IL 62526 (217-877-7091) or Lynnta Sonner, c/o Douglas County Museum, 700 S. Main Street, Tuscola, IL 61953 (217-253-2535 or 253-4620).

The Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library is a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Illinois. It is funded by persons concerned that the Korean War is a forgotten war, and by persons determined to make every effort to keep the memory of the Korean War alive for future generations. We want our forgotten heroes to be remembered! This grassroots effort has been formally sanctioned by the KWVA. We invite your questions.
Dear Veterans of Korean War, Family and Friends,

General Ray Davis, former Commandant of the Marines, a Lt. Colonel in Korea, recently summarized the characteristics of veterans:

... gallantry in combat... compassion for victims of war...
support of families and communities at home...
constant patriotism and loyalty.

Over two years ago, Monumental Productions began production of a documentary series on the Korean War, to be based on the experiences, and photographs, film and memorabilia of the veterans themselves. Since that time we have been flooded with materials, suggestions, leads, contacts, stories, pictures, films and recordings relating to veteran’s experiences in Korea. General Davis’ comments have certainly been borne out for us by the Korean Veterans. Over and over everyone at Monumental has been struck by the grit, courage, sacrifice, hardship, brotherhood, determination and ingenuity exhibited during the Korean War, and the generosity, encouragement and cooperation given to us in this project. Now, KOREA: REMEMBERING A FORGOTTEN WAR, a documentary film in 12 parts, as seen and told by those who were there, is completed. Monumental is proud to have been a medium for the voices of the Korean War veterans. It is truly a remarkable story.

Much of the assistance and encouragement Monumental received in support of our effort came through newsletters and magazines such as the GRAYBEARDS. We now hear that the GRAYBEARDS magazine is threatened, and the KWVA faces some serious viability problems. Monumental wishes to support and assist your organization, both because of your encouragement to our project, and because it is clear that the KWVA was started to meet a need and clearly responded to that need among those who fought in Korea. Monumental Productions has therefore agreed to make a donation to the National KWVA general treasury, from the proceeds of sales of our film documentary through KWVA membership and GRAYBEARDS. Monumental will make the contribution outlined below from the proceeds of the sales price of the Korean documentary series sold through the KWVA/Graybeards from December 1, 1997 to December 1998.

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What this means is that a sale of 650 series, for example, will result in a donation in excess of $10,000 to the KWVA. Thus in purchasing a documentary, not only will you be receiving a special veteran’s commemorative numbered edition of the film and a cherished family memorial, but you will be helping your organization. Over the course of the next year, Monumental hopes to work with KWVA to establish a program for the donation and distribution of our film documentary series in libraries, schools, veteran’s hospitals and other locations where the Korean War experience can be made known to a larger general public.

Since its founding by Bill Norris and his friends, the KWVA has been a driving force in creating the National and many State Memorials to the Korean War Veterans. Please accept the support of all of us at Monumental Productions in keeping your organization going and your voice heard.

With gratitude for your assistance in our project and best wishes to your organization,
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May 1998
USS Willard Keith (DD-775) Years 1950 and after Mid May 1998 Charleston, SC. Contact: Charles Knockrecker, Jr., 129 Bradbury Rd., Brookhaven, PA 19015. Tel: 610-872-1755.

June 1998
Korean War Marines 1950-1955 Overseas or Stateside and their spouse, all Units including FMP Corpman, Doctors, Chaplains, June 4-7, 1998 Location: Convention Center, Sioux City, Iowa. Contact: Glen Callaghan 112 N. 8th Street, Mapleton, IA 51034. Tel: 712-882-1824.
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USS President Monroe (AP104), June 4-7, Virginia Beach, VA. Contact: Raymond J. Marek, 2330 Cemetery Rd., West, Texas 76061. Tel: 254-826-3622.
The USS Davison, DDM618/M38, in service 1942 to 1949, will hold her annual reunion June 10-13, 1998 at the Charleston Hilton in North Charleston, South Carolina. Contact: Roy Devel, 313 Mt. Allen Dr., Mechanicsville, PA 19055. Tel: 717-766-8739.
Engineer Aviation Units, SCARWAF, Special Army with Air Force personnel, especially from Korea, June 24-27, 1998. Springfield MO. Contact: Jim McCoy, 4216 85th St., Des Moines, IA 50322-2814. Tel: 515-276-5345.
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USS Charles R Ware (DD-865) October 1998 Wilmington, NC. Contact: Michael Gaeta, 151 Edgemont Terrace, Sanford, NC 27330. Tel: 919-499-6706.

In reading other magazines I see that they charge for reunion notices. The above reunions listed come from many sources. I hesitate to ask a member or a supporting organization of KWVA National to pay for reunion notices. Since we are in need of support at this time, I think it is appropriate to ask you to send a minimum donation of $1.00 for each reunion notice. Again, this request is not mandatory. —Editor)
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