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On the Cover...

History of The Graybeards and the story associated with the cover is as follows as I know it—Editor.

I first saw the sketch shown on the cover a few months ago when it was mailed to me by Nick Pappas, President KWVA. It was a black and white sketch with Korean War Veterans and "The Graybeards" printed just above the head of the bearded veteran talking to the young baseball player. Like most of you I always wondered where "The Graybeards" came from. Many of us 13 years ago still had some dark hair and no beards. As I was told and maybe some of you out there have a different sequence of events (please write) our beloved Founder Bill Norris was searching his mind for a name for our newsletter. Our lateness in getting a Korean War Veteran Association started and the fact that many of us by now were in our 50s and 60s must have put the older age spin on a name he was searching for. With pencil in hand Bill started to sketch the thoughts in his mind on paper. The Grays does not sound like a proper name but when you add beards to it you now have age associated to something many of us had in Korea after being in the field for days. Maybe Bill had a friend in mind that had a beard that turned white due to the cold. Whatever the reason Bill coined a name that we all learned to love and the official Certificate of Trademark Registration states the following: Korean War Veterans Graybeards and design of an old soldier in uniform with long gray beard looking down at a young boy in a baseball uniform, who is looking up at him. It further states that the trademark is used in connection with conventions, reunions, association meetings, support groups and social meetings and first used in 1995.

This leads me to place it on the cover for the upcoming reunion. In order to get it in color, we started by scanning the image in the computer and with Paintbrush Software attempting to add color to the scanned sketch. After a few days and many hours the colored printout was good but lacked true colors. I guess today khaki and olive drab are not popular enough for today's computer software. The next thought was to get a pro to design a color sketch with more technical software. In passing my problem on by asking questions I had a pro step forward named Gloria Warfield (a KWVA members wife) that said she would re-sketch the Trademark in color using art-board, brushes and oils.

In a short time Gloria presented the colored sketch to me and shyly asked "is this good enough?" I do not think Picasso could have done better, I was ecstatic. The old veteran and the young boy was the same and the colors were perfect. Our next step was to turn this into a photograph so that our publisher could reproduce it as a front cover for our May-June issue. Gloria asked for nothing and my only way to repay her for her talent and labor is to give her our thanks and let it be known to everyone that our friend and wife of a Korean War Veteran donated this work of art. I would be remiss if did not thank again our Founder Bill Norris for his many years of devotion.

We plan on having copies of this colored sketch suitable for framing with Korean War Veterans "The Graybeards" across the top in gold letters. Also at the bottom will be, Designed by Bill Norris, Founder May 1985. This memorial sketch will honor Bill Norris for his dedication and foresight in keeping the Korean War and its veterans remembered. Cost at reunion will be $3.00. Cost for mailing $4.50. You can order in advance by sending request to the editor (see page 2) and making check payable to KWVA National.

Thank You Gloria Warfield from all Korean War Veterans.
President’s Message

By Nick Pappas, KWVA President

As Bob Hope always ended his shows “Thanks for the Memories,” it is with feelings of fulfillment and sincere gratitude that I send you my “final” message. I am grateful for the strong support that you—the KWVA membership, Executive Council, Chairmen/Staff have so willingly given me throughout my Presidency. I am also deeply moved by your commitment to the KWVA, in partnership with each other and other organizations, to perpetuate the KWVA, the history of the Korean War and helping to improve the lives of Korean Veterans and their families. Let us continue those efforts.

The end of my 4-year tenure as your President, reminds me of a line from a Robert Frost poem, “Ends and beginnings—there are no such things. There are only middles.” I agree with him. Although I am passing the gavel over to my comrade in arms, President Elect Harley Coon, on July 22 at our Reunion, I will remain an “active,” supportive member of the Executive Council and President Coon. I have no intention of following General MacArthur’s quote, “old soldiers never die, they just fade away.” My goal will still be the same, preservation of the KWVA.

Now to items of interest to the membership. The insurance company has approved a portion of our “current” claim; a settlement offer of approximately $132,000 with certain conditions/restrictions concerning the rest of the claim, notwithstanding our future declarations. Their offer is being reviewed by the Judge Advocate, Illinois Legal Advisor and CPA Mydra. Any actions taken will be based upon their recommendations. Concurrently, the F.B.I. is still conducting their investigation. Therefore, no further information will be disseminated at this time, pending completion of the investigation. The foregoing information should dispel the unfounded allegations that have been circulated during the past year.

As of this date, (Jan 1 - May 15, 1998) a total of $78,036 has been contributed by the members to support the Graybeards: Donations $6,717, Sales $647, Drawing $70,672. This shows that the membership had faith in the KWVA leadership during the past financial difficulties. The KWVA is alive and will survive to celebrate the 50th Korean War Anniversaries of the years 2000-2003 in Washington, D.C. and will continue to do so despite the doomsayers.

The Executive Council, at its 98 Mid-Winter Meeting, approved the marketing and issuance of a KWVA credit card by MBNA for use by the members. Credit card applications/information will be mailed to the membership by MBNA shortly. A percentage of the credit card charges will be refunded to the KWVA operating fund.

Also, we now have Charters for the Chapter Auxiliaries. Please send your request to Secretary Jim Martin, including the auxiliary’s title, Presidents’ name, address/phone number so it can be added to the National State/Chapter Roster. There is no better way to recognize their contributions to the betterment of the KWVA.

I know that during the next two years, under the capable leadership of Harley Coon, our Association will achieve new heights of excellence. Harley comes into the office with a wealth of experience that will serve him well in his new role as KWVA President. So as my term ends and Harley’s begins, Janet and I sincerely thank all of you for the memories of the good times shared, friendships formed that will not be forgotten, and your always inspiring examples of comradeship. As we end one presidential era with satisfaction of accomplishment, let us begin another with the anticipation of greater things to come.

See you at the “98” Reunion, the 45th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Show up and let the nation know that we are no longer forgotten and that our MIAs are to be brought home.

Don’t forget to mail your election ballots before July 10, 1998.

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Agenda Subject To Change
Editor’s Pen

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

My devotion and efforts to provide you, the members 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, DC. 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 these projects should be sent to the above address.

Thank You For Your Help.

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The requests for extra Graybeards to support printing of same was such a success we will offer extra copies for every issue on a first-come first-serve basis. For future issues if you wish to make sure your orders are filled I must have advanced payment.

The Graybeards will also be a great tool for the Chapters in New Membership and Tell America Programs.

Your order along with check or money order made out to KWVA National must be sent to the Editor by the first week of the first month of by-monthly issues, i.e. March-April Issue, orders must be in first week of March. We request minimum orders of 5 at $1 donation per copy plus $3 postage. We can send up to 10 copies for $3 postage. For orders above 10 copies additional costs for postage is $3 for each increment of 10.

—Editor

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**Listen Up**

**It’s almost spring. Time for some housekeeping.**

This notice is to help you expedite your requests by letting you know who does what.

**Vincent Krepps:** Vince does The Graybeards. Send anything you want to have published to him. Including your articles with your dues, delays by at least a week his receiving same. This could result in your article missing an issue where it would be timely.

**Jim Martin:** Jim is the assistant treasurer and maintains the chapter listings. If you have a question on chapters or a charter petition, send it to Jim. It will be processed much quicker if you do.

**Ken Cook:** Is the quartermaster and all orders are to be sent directly to Ken.

**Nancy Monson and Lynne Eldridge:** Nancy and Lynne maintain the membership lists and record the receipt of all dues payments. If newsletter delivery problems occur, contact Nancy or Lynne.

Here are a few items with respect to chapter dues payments which will help speed up the process:

- **Be sure to include your Chapter Identification Number (CID#) with your payment. If you don’t know what your CID# is, drop us a note. We’ll let you know right away.**

- **When submitting a new member, be sure to fill in the CID# on the line where it asks for the chapter name. It’s a good idea to put the CID# on all applications you pass out. (Xerox it on the application when you make copies.) Double check the application to see that all information is filled in fully. Often the city is omitted—then we have to find out what city it is. Phone numbers often have no area codes. Many zip codes are missing.**

- **Be sure to provide the full name of the person for whom you are paying dues and the membership number if you have it. We currently have a lot of members who have the same name and this will save time in ensuring that the dues are posted to the right person.**

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(D) = Bar code will extend across entire label if address correct.

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March 1, 1998

**Subject:** Certifying Nominees for the 1998 Election

To: The Membership and Nominees

The Nominating and Elections Committee wish to inform the Membership and Nominees that the following have been certified for the positions available in the 1998 Election.

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**Double check to make sure you are submitting the correct amount and that the check is signed. We often have to return checks because we are unable to make refunds and carrying credits is very cumbersome.**

**It should be noted that members who are more than two months late in submitting dues may be removed promptly from the mailing list. This will result in an interruption of receipt of The Graybeards. So, check your mailing label to make sure your dues are not late. With every issue of The Graybeards you are reminded of your dues date. By using the reminder on your magazine, you save the organization a considerable amount of money in time, postage, printing, etc. So check the date above your last name to see if your dues are due. Many write to ask the amount of life membership. This is printed on the membership application. Incidentally, fill out the membership application and send it along with your life membership check. Be sure you include your birth date.**

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**RECHECK YOUR MARCH/APRIL GRAYBEARDS FOR BALLOT AND VOTE**

May/June, 1998
Veterans Services

By J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner

Smoking

Much confusion exists within this Administration regarding the subject. From various inquiries, newspaper articles, and the congressional record, the VA does not wish to compensate those who suffer from the effects of nicotine. Senate Affairs Committee Chairman Arlen Specter questioned the new Veterans Affairs Secretary regarding efforts to compensate these veterans. West said funds do not exist. Allegedly $17 billion were to be used over a 5 year period. The existence and the need to press for funds by VA is confusing. He advised funds would be available only if there is a separate appropriation. Then there was talk about "unprotected funds" being raised by other agencies, and transfer to DoD. The follow-up question to West, "is the VA attempting to integrate into DoD?" He replied, "...I hope not." Every Agency has their eyes on the $17 billion. VA opposes compensation for smoking related illnesses and would rather use it elsewhere. VA maintains veterans are responsible for the results of smoking even though the military encouraged it. I do not recall any data given the troops stating consequences of smoking during our era. We will watch this carefully. Get that pen out (or whatever) and adamantly advise your senators and congressmen about this issue.

Arlington National Cemetery

Burials

An issue totally unresolved. Tighter restrictions are recommended that primarily effect the veteran, more particularly the reservist. If they die before 60 (when retirement benefits become effective), they cannot be interred in Arlington National Cemetery. The KWVA is on record opposed to the current bill proposed by the House Veterans Affairs Committee. We did this through endorsement of a letter to the Congress and the National Military/Veterans Alliance. We will keep you posted.

Honor Guards at Burials

Limited personnel, and proximity of our buses to National Cemeteries prevents us from providing the service. Veterans Organizations argue a similar point. Few veterans are willing to participate in the grave-site ceremonies. Am going to a VA briefing on this matters while this article is being finalized for The Graybeards. More next time.

VA Medical Center Treatment and Deaths

Criticism continues throughout the country regarding care, treatment, cure, and an inordinate amount of deaths occurring at VA medical centers. Will feature some problems in the next Graybeards.

Successor

We are looking for my successor plus a few other Korean War Vets to handle the areas in D.C. to keep the KWVA informed. The next KWVA president will appoint my successor and others associated with Veterans Services.

Ceremonies at the Korean War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery

Minor items must be completed. Everything will be finalized within the next week. We have an outstanding program for the Mall.

Seating on the Mall

Korean War Veterans Association members who register for the reunion are seated in the center section. Flanking positions are for Members of the 20 nations who joined forces in Korea, for Cabinet officials, DoD officials (secretary’s of military branches, etc.) Veterans Organization representatives, and specially invited guests, The Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Coordinating Committee which produces this event (15 years) regrets we are able to rent only 700 chairs. Less than 600 will be available for those registering at the Re-Union (Sheraton Premiere Hotel). KWVA and one group donated for their attendees. Seating will be enforced by the United States National Capital Park Police. Open seats will be released when the announcer indicates before the 10 o’clock program. After placement of wreaths/floral sprays and playing of Taps, buses and individuals should proceed to Ft. Myers NCO Club parking area. The NCO Club will open at 11:30 for lunch, by special arrangement. No box lunches or drink may be consumed in the NCO club or on Ft. Myers grounds.

Parking

Arranged for those who register at the reunion. Auto parking is along Ohio Drive. Early arrival is recommended. Remember the musical prelude starts at 09:30 hours. The KWVADCC is trying to arrange for a special parking area for cars. Busses must follow the directions given by U. S. National Capitol Park Police and the District of Columbia Police. Only reunion buses will be permitted to Park at Wheaton Plaza in Arlington National Cemetery. All others may park in the NCO parking lot, about a 5 minute walk to the Tombs of the Unknowns. No cars will be permitted into the Cemetery. Vans with equipment for the Honor Guard and Color Guards must address a request to the KWVADCC.

Placement of Flowers at the Memorial Bench

After the formal ceremony proceed to the north side of the amphitheater for a brief prayer at the Memorial bench with Taps followed by placing flowers on the bench. Flowers provided. Contact: KWVADCC: 6610 Greenview Lane, Springfield Va. 22152 or 6632 Kirkley Ave., McLean, Va. 22101-5510.

Reunion

Please see comments elsewhere in The Graybeards. Remember to participate in any event you must register at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel. As of this printing, this edict has not been changed one iota. Plans are about finalized at this time. We are hoping for to complete this data by the end of May. Registrations are good; would like to see a larger turnout than we had in the past. The average hotel room in Washington D.C. is $130 per night, unless you stay in an area where it is unavoidable to be out after rush hour. Rates in Virginia are generally the same. There are a few Motels which average $55 per night at a great distance from everything, some with questionable reputations. In Maryland you’re far from everything and must contend with horrendous traffic problems as you come through D. C. Several major veterans organizations asked us how we got such a good rate for the reunion hotel. We had connections.

Please turn to SERVICES on page 8
Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation

College Education News...

The college education committee has been busy grading applications. In addition to receiving them by U.S. Mail, we have also been using for the first time, applications generated through the Internet. All of the applicants will be notified by postal card of the results of the grading. The finalist will be reported in KWVA’s magazine, The Grayheards and The Chosin Few’s, The News Digest.

The education committee doesn’t know exactly how many grants will be awarded this year. The amounts of each award are not known either, due to the uncertainty of donations. The KWVA has financial problems and so does The Chosin Few. It is only through the generosity of our members and the individual chapters that we can award winning applicants.

The education committee urgently needs your financial support if we are to continue to assist students attending the college of their choice. Time is critical, and money is short. Will you help?

Cmdr. Charles F. Cole, USNR (Ret.) has been appointed as Secretary of the KWVEGC as of the 2nd of April by President, Bill Van Ort. "Pete" Cole takes over the position from Henry V. Clearay, Esq., an attorney from Palm Desert, CA who has resigned for health reasons. He retired as Professor Emeritus at Ohio State University of Natural Resources. He will be in Worthington, Ohio. "Pete" served with the US Navy during the Korean War on a Destroyer, The USS Ochoman (DD-846). He is also a member of the Chosin Few. Henry Clearay will remain as the attorney for the KWVEGC to advise on all legal problems that may arise. We wish Hank the very best.

The KWVEGC is on the Internet. You can access our web site by entering the following address on your personal computer: http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/nattex/KWVEGC.html. You may also click on KWVA or The Chosin Few and reach us.

The KWVEGC is a non-profit organization. We can accept your tax exempt donations, either corporate or individual.

Bill Van Ort

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 ____________________________

Address ____________________________________________ Apt. # ____________

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

Graybeards for Sale

Back issues:
- March - April 1995
- May - June 1995
- Nov. - Dec. 1995
- Jan. - Feb. 1996
- March - April 1996
- March - April 1997
- May - June 1997
- Sept. - Dec. 1998
- Jan. - Feb. 1998
- March - April 1998

These issues are limited so get your order in early. $1 per copy plus $3 postage will get 1 each (11 back issues) on the way to you. Make your check to KWVA National and state in message or note on check “For Back Issues.”
Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

Red Cross Archives Provide Key POW Information

Last week, DPMO researchers traveled to Geneva, Switzerland to assess World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War records stored at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) archives. During this review, researchers conducted an in-depth study of a small portion of Korean War records to help them analyze the value of the ICRC materials. This sampling, mostly from the ICRC, North Korean Red Cross, and the Chinese Red Cross, contained significant information.

DPMO archivists discovered names of four Americans who were listed by the ICRC as prisoners of war (POWs) but who were not captured in U.S. records as POWs. All four were considered as unaccounted-for personnel, but two were listed as Killed in Action, and the other two were listed as Missing in Action. Changes were immediately made to the DPMO consolidated database of Personnel Missing from the Korean War (PMKOR). A full review of the ICRC archives will be initiated to determine if other information pertaining to unaccounted-for Americans is available.

Archival Research Activities Update

In the past two weeks, DPMO researchers reviewed archival holdings at the U.S. Air Force Casualty Office, the Air Intelligence Agency, both in San Antonio, and at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis for information pertaining to Korean War casualties. This review of documents is part of an extensive program to search archival holdings worldwide to gather data to help refine the information contained in the "Persons Missing - Korea," (PMKOR), and Korean War Aircraft Loss databases.

The archivists were able to locate copies of findings of death for Korean War prisoners of war and missing in action, aircraft loss data, selected unit histories, and other casualty details for Air Force, Navy, and Marine aviators. Over 1.5 million documents were reviewed. The information found in these documents allow the analysts to develop a better and more thorough understanding of the circumstances surrounding each loss.

First Operation in North Korea for 1998 Begins

The first joint recovery operation scheduled for 1998 began on April 21 in Kuijiang County, North Korea. An eight-member team from the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, (CILHI), accompanied by a contingent from the Korean People's Army, established a base camp seven miles northwest of Kuijiang from which search and recovery operations will take place. A DPMO military officer and a CILHI communication specialist will remain in Pyongyang to serve as a liaison and logistics team. The excavation area, located approximately 60 miles north of Pyongyang, is the site of a November 25-27, 1950 battle between the Chinese People's Liberation Army and forces from the 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, 8th U.S. Army. Over 50 American servicemen are unaccounted-for as a result of this fighting.

This is the first of five joint recovery operations scheduled for 1998 in North Korea. The second operation will begin on May 26 in the same general area in Kuijiang Province. Between the first and second joint recovery operation, a joint DPMO-CILHI research team will be in Pyongyang conducting archival research at the Military Museum and the People's Grand Study Hall.

One of DPMO's most important archival initiatives is to visit the 12 Presidential Libraries with library holdings and special collections germane to POWs and missing personnel from all of the wars in which the U.S. has been involved.

DPMO archival researchers recently visited the new George Bush Library on the campus of Texas A & M University in College Station, TX. The Bush Library is one of the presidential libraries operated under the aegis of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Given President Bush's service as President, Vice President, Director of Central Intelligence, and Ambassador to both the People's Republic of China and the United Nations, the likelihood of having important archival material and documents relative to the POW/Missing Personnel issue was very high. Researchers reviewed 36 linear feet of file box space, including both classified and unclassified materials. No POW/MIA related information was found on this trip, however, archivists will return to search further records.

American Team to Recover Remains in North Korea

Department of Defense officials have arrived in North Korea to begin the first of five scheduled operations for 1998 to recover the remains of servicemen unaccounted-for from the Korean War. The 10-man team is operating in an area about 60 miles north of the capital of Pyongyang in Kuijiang county. It is the site of a November 1950 battle between the communist Chinese army and the U.S. 8th Army, 25th Infantry Division. This area was the site of fierce combat where approximately 50 U.S. soldiers fell.

Please turn to POW/MIA in page 27

National KWVA Fund Raiser Flower Rose of Sharon

The Rose of Sharon is one of the National KWVA fund raising flowers.

☐ Sample order is 4 dozen @ $10 plus $3.00 S/H.
☐ Minimum order is 20 dozen @ $50 plus $5.00 S/H.

Order from: Earl House 1870 Yakona Rd Baltimore, MD 21234 (Ph 410-661-8950).

Make checks payable to: Maryland Chapter – KWVA.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please type or print legibly)

Name ___________________________ KWVA Member # __________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
Wife/Guest Name: ____________________________________________________
Division ___________________________ Regiment ___________________________
Unit or Company ______________________________________________________
Signature _____________________________________________________________
Hotel where registered ____________________________________________________________________________ Arrival Date ______________

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Mail registration form and check payable to “KWVA” to:

Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 10806
Arlington, VA 22210

Please charge my ☐ VISA or ☐ MASTER CARD
My card # is ____________________________________________________________________________
My expiration date is ______________________________________________________________________
Signature ________________________________________________________________________________

Print carefully and double-check card number. Mail to above address. (Refunds for cancellations, will be honored in whole or in part, depending on availability of funds.)
TENTATIVE PROGRAM

◆ THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1998
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration, Sheraton Premiere Hotel, Tysons Corner, Virginia
The registration desk will be open the majority of the day.
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Welcome Party Snacks (Cash bar)

◆ FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1998
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration, Sheraton Premiere Hotel, Tysons Corner, Virginia
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting
4:30 p.m. bus departure OPTION #1 – Sunset Parade - Marine Barracks - This production will have limited seating.
Tickets issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Includes bus fare and meal at NCO Club, Washington Navy Yard.
5:00 p.m. - Midnight Hospitality Room

◆ SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1998
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration, Sheraton Premiere Hotel Tysons Corner, Virginia
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Executive Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Show #1 – Korean Theater Company
5:00 p.m. - Midnight Hospitality Room

◆ SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1998
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration, Sheraton Premiere Hotel, Tysons Corner, Virginia
9:30 a.m. bus departure OPTION #2 – Trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
10:00 a.m. bus departure OPTION #3 – Trip to Washington National Cathedral
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. General Business Meeting
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Show #2 – USO Troupe
5:00 p.m. - Midnight Hospitality Room

◆ MONDAY, JULY 27, 1998
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration, Sheraton Premiere Hotel, Tysons Corner, Virginia
8:15 a.m. bus departure Departs Headquarters Hotel for Memorial Ceremony on the Mall and then to Arlington Cemetery (Presentation of KWVA Plaque to Trophy Room, Wreath Laying and Memorial Bench Services.)
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. President’s Reception (Cash bar)
6:00 p.m. Annual Banquet

◆ TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1998
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Departure Breakfast

All activity locations will be posted in the lobby.

Important Notice: Tickets will be issued for each function when you register. It is imperative that you present your ticket and have current identification with picture readily available, e.g., drivers license, government ID, etc.
Korean War Veterans Association
14th Annual Reunion

45th Anniversary Korean War Armistice

★ Where: Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner
8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182
(703)448-1234    (800)572-7666

★ Room Rates:
☐ Single: $84.00  ☐ Double: $84.00  ☐ Triple: $94.00  ☐ Four: $94.00
Rates are exclusive of tax which is 6.5% and subject to change.

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

★ Deposits: 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.

★ Relocation Provisions: In the unlikely event that a room is not available for a guest holding a guaranteed room reservation, the hotel will pay for one night’s lodging (room & tax) at an alternative property, plus transportation to and from such property, and one long distance phone call.

★ Release Date: The hotel agrees to hold the block of rooms until 6/24/98. At that time rooms not covered by individual reservations or rooming list will be released for general sale. They will continue to accept reservations from KWVA members after the cut-off date based on rooms available at the confirmed group rate.

★ Check In/Check Out: Check-in time for all groups is 3:00 p.m. Groups may be checked in earlier depending on occupancy levels and availability of “ready room.” In order to streamline the check-in process the hotel would appreciate receiving flight arrival times, if available.

★ Transportation: 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.
# Financial Statement — Korean War Veterans Association

## Income Statement
For the Four Months Ending April 30, 1998

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| COST OF SALES                                 |       |
| Cost Of Income – QM                          | 622.98  |
| Cost Of Income – Coins                       | 0.00    |
| Cost Of Income – Raffle                      | 5,805.89 |
| **TOTAL COST OF SALES**                      | 6,428.87 |

| GROSS PROFIT                                  | 184,465.42 |

| EXPENSES                                      |       |
| Audit Expense (CPA)                           | 24,297.40 |
| Advertising – Web Site Expense                | 139.99   |
| Bank Charge Expense                          | 1,592.75 |
| Credit Card Expense                          | 241.24   |
| Dues – KWVA International                     | 0.00     |
| Executive Council Expense                    | 222.23   |
| Election Expense                             | 0.00     |
| Freight In                                    | 4.75     |
| Insurance Expense                            | 7,894.19 |
| Legal Expense                                | 172.00   |
| Office Supplies Expense                      | 426.70   |
| Postage Expense                              | 1,682.38 |
| Reunion ‘98 Through ‘98 Expense              | 0.00     |
| Secretarial Expense                          | 0.00     |
| Telephone Expense                            | 2,872.20 |
| Graybeards – Ads Comm.                       | 266.50   |
| Graybeards – Editor Expense                   | 1,280.00 |
| Graybeards – Postage Expense                  | 3,789.94 |
| Graybeards – Printing Expense                | 20,160.35 |
| QM Postage Expense                           | 2,290.70 |
| QM Rent Expense                              | 254.00   |
| Membership – Dues Receiving                  | 9,057.03 |
| Membership – Postage Expense                 | 1,265.51 |
| Membership – Supplies Expense                | 345.02   |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES**                            | 77,664.88 |

| NET INCOME                                   | $ 106,620.54 |

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Thanks to the membership, the KWVA is on the road to recovery.

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# Balance Sheet
April 30, 1998

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| TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL                  | $ 249,954.46 |

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Grand Opening

The KWVA Web Page is now open at http://www.KWVA.org

Please visit at your convenience for the latest news and announcements for KWVA members and friends.

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May/June, 1998
Chapter Affairs

Greene County Chapter #125 of Ohio

Mrs Edith M. Cline honored as a Gold Star Mother on her 100th birthday.

On March 13th the Greene County Chapter #125 of the K.W.V.A. Xenia, Ohio honored their Gold Star mother on her 102nd birthday. The Greene County Chapter was formed in February of 1996. The first action taken by the Chapter was to honor Mrs Edith M. Cline as a Gold Star Mother on her 100th birthday. Mrs Cline's son Robert was the second casualty of our county. Sgt. Robert L. Cline, a medic with the 24th division, 29th regiment, was killed on July 27th 1950.

The chapter has honored her each year on her birthday. At this year's celebration she wanted to know if we would be back next year. The chapter President Howard Cump told her if you're here we will be here. (Sent in by V. President Robert D. Anderson. God bless our Gold Star Mothers who gave so much—Ed.)

Kenny Shadrick Chapter of West Virginia

New chapter meeting (L - R) First Row: Sue Cox - Secretary, Sam Birchfield - President, Margaret Bowers - Treasurer. Second Row: Prince Clyburn, Jr. - Director, James Woolwine - Director, Walter Mankins - Chaplain, David Frame - Director, Gratton Underwood - 1st V. P. Back Row: George Widen- sall and Robert Ford - Members

November 1997 marked the organization of the second chapter of the KWVA in West Virginia. The members of the chapter voted to name their chapter "The Kenny Shadrick Chapter" in memory of the first American casualty of the Korean War. Shadrick was from Skin Fork, W.V.A. which is near Beckley.

(We welcome you aboard and thank you for the great deed in naming your chapter after a fallen hero of the Korean War.)

Minnesota Chapter 1

Chapter members (L - R) G. Herron, H. Tiefs, C. Quigley, A. Snow, S. Snow.

Third annual National Valentines VA Hospital visit. We will never forget those veterans less fortunate then us.
(Thank you for the photo and I am sure those vets welcome you.)

Lt. Richard E. Cronan Chapter of Florida

Chapter flies colors at Veterans Park - West Boca, FL...

The Lt. Richard E. Cronan Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association officially dedicated a plaque at the West Boca Veterans Park on Monday February 16 1998 at 10:00 AM. The West Boca Veterans Coalition also participated in honoring those men and women who were in service during "The Forgotten War." The invocation was delivered by Pastor Kim of the Korean Church of Boca Raton. The West Boca Veterans Park is located on the south side of Palmetto Park Road between Lyons Road and SR 441. The public was invited to attend and remember the "Police Action" when on June 25, 1950 communist North Korea invaded South Korea. After three bloody years only an armistice keeps a shaky peace. For further information on membership in the Korean War Veterans Association. Call Mort at 561-998-2451.
(Super Chapter and great plaque)
Greater Danbury Area Chapter of Connecticut

Chapter members pose in front of Korean War memorial. (L-R): Joseph Sawer, Joseph Saleem, Mark Swenson, Dick Gammie, Bernie Rotunda, Ken Post in rear. Dr. John, George Griebel, Virginia Swenson, Wally Domree, Al Dennis in rear and James Stahley on the end. (A great Memorial and a super group of Korean War Veterans—Ed.)

Greater Danbury Area Korean War Memorial

Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter of Illinois


The Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter KWVA had the privilege of hosting Miss Illinois, Ashley Eisenhouser, who visited patients at the Danville VAMC 12 February. The Illinois beauty queen visited the hospital, nursing home, and domiciliary care at the facility. She charmed and entertained patients, staff, and volunteers with her visit. She had her picture taken with patients and affixed her autograph to them. She also sang and told of her efforts in winning the title, Miss Illinois. Nine members of the Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter met the lovely teen at the Ramada Inn and had dinner with her. At that dinner John Golden presented her with a plaque to express our appreciation for her coming to Danville on behalf of veterans. The next day about a dozen Korean War Vets had lunch with her in one of the VAMC dinning rooms. After lunch Ray Nasser presented her with a commemorative Korean War minted coin.

(A special young lady and a great Chapter)

Chorwon Chapter of New Jersey


On September 27, 1997, the Chorwon Chapter of Bergen County New Jersey stood Color Guard for the dedication of the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum at Teterboro Airport, New Jersey.

(Thank you Warren Dartell for the picture of your members and chapter events.)

Hudson County Chapter of New Jersey

Accepting donation. (L-R) Ralph Pasqua – Trustee, Francis X. Lamparelo - President of Beacon Oil and Joe Cassella – President KWVA Hudson County Chapter.

Francis X. Lamparello - President of Beacon Oil makes donation to erect a "Welcoming Entrance Sign" for Korean War Monument located in Dennis Collins Park, NJ.

(Many thanks to all)
Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter of New York

Chapter Pres. Joseph Calabria is pictured with the Korean organizers of “The Staten Island Korean Night Ball” on December 13, 1997.

Five officers and their wives of the Cpl. A.F. Kivlehan Chapter were invited to share in the festivities and awards ceremonies at the annual “The Staten Island Korean Night Ball.” The Ball was established many years ago to help finance and maintain “The Korean School of Staten Island.” The Korean community deemed it necessary, while maintaining their heritage and cultural values, to institute this school to educate their second generation children to these cultural values. They chose a central NYC public school on Staten Island, rented the school from the city for several evening classes per week and provided their own teachers. This KWVA Chapter, from its origin, was always linked with the Korean Community and always supported them and their school. This year as in the past the Chapter presented at this Ball a contribution of $1,000.00 to aid their cause.

(Thanks, J. Conway for photo).

Suncoast Chapter of Florida

POW/MIA Flag Dedication that the Suncoast Chapter Presented to the Bay Pines VAMC. Raising the flag are former POWs. (Left to Right) Bill Allen, Tom Carrick and Bob Biewitt.

(Thanks, J. Conway for photo).

Indiana Chapter 1

Indiana Chapter #1 swears in the new officers for 1998. From right to left they are John Settle—past president swearing in Ski Wislewski—President, Al Clendenen—1st Vice President & Chaplin, Walter Roemke—Second Vice, Marilyn Krueger—Secretary, Dick Norton—Treasurer and Dick Renbarger—Judge Advocate & Trustee.

Raymond G. Davis Chapter

Parade Float on Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA was co-sponsored by Gen. Raymond G. Davis Chapter and the Korean Veterans Assoc. Southern Regional Chapter. (Thanks, J. Conway for photo).

(Thanks, J. Conway for photo).
Seated on left is Dean McClain, President Mahoning Valley Chapter #137. Standing is C.J. "Skip" Rittenhouse - KWVA National Director, Richard Koker - Chapter Secretary, in center presenting KWVA cups to guest speakers, John Pariza the program chairman, US Rep. Phil English (with cup in hand) and PA State Senator Robert D. Robbins eagerly awaiting his cup. English and Robbins are on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

About 75 members and visitors were present as state politicians speak at meeting of Mahoning Valley Chapter #137. After informative lectures by each we had 30 minutes of questions. All was shown on local TV later.

(Thank you Dean for the news, hope to do the rest later.)

Greater Cincinnati Chapter of Ohio

New Officers of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter. From left to right, Bob McGeorge - President, Tony Capozzolo - 2nd Vice Pres, Joe Celenza - Treasurer, Llore Maccaroni 1st - Vice Pres, Pat Dillonaro - Secretary. (Congratulations to all.)

Dutch Nelson Chapter of Colorado

Veterans from the Dutch Nelson Chapter of Colorado were hosted by the 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery on 22 Oct. 97, and invited to see current field artillery weapon systems, their capabilities, use, and techniques. After two days of cold weather, the weather cleared and the day turned out be very warm and pleasant. Perfect for some great men who valiantly served in a hard fought war. The veteran's observed the battalion in the middle of a week-long field training exercise, and fire support certification. The objective of the visit was to demonstrate current weapons and equipment used by today's soldiers, and allow the veterans to compare with the weapons and equipment they used during the Korean War. Also to acknowledge their service during a war mostly overlooked today.

The veterans started the tour with a visit to one of the firing batteries, B Battery. They were met by the Battery Commander and taken to a firing platoon. They were escorted to one of the howitzer sections where they were briefed on the M109A6 (Paladin) 155mm SP Howitzer, the M992 Field Artillery Ammunition Supply Vehicle (FAASV), and types of ammunition used by the howitzer. The veterans were then treated to a live-fire demonstration, and LTC(Ret.) "Dutch" Nelson, an Artilleryman himself, was allowed to pull the lanyard on one of the fire missions. The chapter president, Vernon Bowen, and chapter member Vincent Scalzo saw a close-up view of howitzer crew drill by being inside the howitzer during another fire mission, and Mr. Bowen pulled the lanyard to send pain downrange. The veterans were impressed with the Paladin and it's capabilities. LTC(Ret.) Nelson stated that the area the platoon occupied (3 guns per platoon) "would have been occupied by a battalion" when he served.

The group was then taken to the Platoon Operations Center/Fire Direction Center, the brains of a firing platoon. There, they, were given a brief of the purpose of the POC and FDC, the systems used to accomplish its missions such as voice and digital radio equipment, AFATDS (Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System), LCU (Light Computer Unit), and the M1068 tracked command and control vehicle.

After leaving the firing battery position, the veterans moved to the OP (Observation Post) to view the fire support soldiers, or the eyes of the Field Artillery. The FIST teams were going through certification, and the veterans arrived to view one of the COLT teams call for and adjust a live-fire mission on one of the targets in the impact area. The team used the G/VLLD (Ground/Vehicular
Laser Locator Designator), and each veteran had the opportunity to look through the GMVLLD. They were also briefed on the M981 Fire Support Vehicle, and how fire support is integrated into Infantry and Armor operations planning.

The veterans were now ready for an MRE lunch at the battalion combat trains. They were forewarned to bring their own lunches if they didn’t want to try an MRE. They all chose to brave it and ate MREs. They seemed pleased with the meals provided (thank goodness). While in the combat trains, the veterans were further briefed on support missions, and were given demonstrations on the various support equipment used in those operations. A PLS (Palatized Loading System) truck demonstrated how ammunition resupply is conducted by dropping its flatrack and recovering it. The medics, mechanics, and survey each had the chance to brief their roles in the battalion.

The day ended as the group of Korean War veterans were escorted back to the cantonment area. They left with a better understanding of the capabilities of the Field Artillery and the soldiers serving in the battalion. One of the veterans was overheard saying, “if we had this kind of equipment back then, we wouldn’t have lost as many men.” For days after the veterans visit to the battalion, soldiers talked about how much they enjoyed having the veterans around and showing them the equipment. It truly was a great pleasure to have them join us, and provide a unique kind of inspiration as we trained for war. (Thank you James Meredith. I only wish I could show all photos—Ed.)

Was God There?

“Why did I write this poem now? Well, it goes back a long way. When I was a young Boy Scout at St. Luke’s Parish Troop in Waverly, MA I was called upon to play Taps at more than a few GI funerals—that was in 1942 or early 1943—it can’t quite remember.

Those heart wrenching and tragic images never left—even for a lad of age thirteen. And as one becomes chronologically challenged, one reflects not living in the past, but rather engaged in a personal accounting.

I thought of all my buddies—including my own pilot—lost in “The Forgotten War”—Korea.

I believe it is our responsibility to keep their memories alive—and the memories of those who went before.

And I thought—there certainly are many grieving still for the loss of their loved ones who gave their all for their country.

Maybe—I said to myself—maybe these images would help someone hurdle that grieving that chains one; and also asks the question—Was God There?

Ernest A. Botti, 1st/Lt.-339 Fighter Interceptor Sqdn.

(Thank you Ernest for your thoughts, photos, and poem. We hope to see more as you stated in your letter. As space allows we will print your stories and show the photos. That little boy is still there, for we also see him in the airplane about to do his duty as he promised in his Boy Scout Pledge.)

Was God There?

"The Bombs Bursting In Air - The Rockets Red Glare."

On came the hearse - black as night -
A beacon to follow - Oh! sorrow of fright.
Was God There?
Then a twisted column - winding its way through Dreams left behind - a milling crowd - Trapped at the edge of grief -
Little Boy Blue - a mortar blast in the Ardennes -
No relief.
Was God There?
Omaha Beach at dawn - Anzio - Inchon
Also Saigon.
A fog drenched morning - fighting the Sun’s rays at Wounded Knee - The Blood Runs Red At Bull Run -
The deed is done.
Was God There?
Father came to ask - "Will you trumpet the piece?"
Will you break this power of silence?
Guide our hand through the veil of darkness - Lead our souls beyond the dust of time."
Whence I asked - again - "Is God Here?"
"Yes—my trumpet will cry in this borrowed place."
A wailing echo cast about the nave - ancient spirits Called to witness-
They hurl themselves upon the bier - mother - wife - daughter -sister -
"Where Is God? Is God Here?"
"Yes I will trumpet the piece—as sweet as nature’s Song in remembrance of HIM. But!—Is God Here?"

Ernest A. Botti

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The Graybeards


Looking for old buddies Jack D. Ferguson from Kokomo, IN and Amos E. Davis from Elkins, WVA. Contact: Thamer H. Dodrill, 3320 Central Ave., Ashland, KY 41101, Tel: 606-324-5464, E-mail: thamerd@wwd.net

Joe E. Allen, Ex-POW, E Co., 8th Regt., 1st Cav. Unsan Nov. 2, 50, Camp 5, repatriated Aug. 53, died 2-5-98, family wishes to hear from anyone who knew Joe during this period. Contact: Ernest L. Allen, Email: ernest@allengreencpa.com

10th Inf. Div., 85th Inf., Regt., Co. D, would like to hear from anyone that took basic training with this unit Jan. - April 1949, especially Tom Garrett, Don Knobel, George Nupp and Norman Tangen. Contact: John W. Huff, 30 W 305 Claymore Lane, Naperville, IL 60563, Tel: 630-983-6103

Looking for information on my brother, James J. Trione, US Army, KIA May 1953. Contact: E-Mail: rvmhubs@aol.com

Looking for Raymond "Trigger" Torres, Pueblo Indian from Nevada, and William "Buddy" Hicks, Bull rider from Arcadia, or Okeechobee, Florida. Both served with 502nd HQ, Air Police Sqdn., Seoul, Korea, 1952. Contact Thomas E. Feeney, P.O. Box 925, Spar, Florida 32192-0925. Tel: (352) 732-5232.

Looking for William Odom (Odom) who served with me in C Co., 1st Platoon, 32nd Inf Regt., 7th Div., Contact: Arthur DeMateo, 70 Pollard Ave., Rochester, NY 14612-4818, Tel: 716-865-2292

Would like to hear from any members of the 44th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital that served with me from July 1953 to August 1954. Contact: Jules Kurtz, 16 Cherokee Ave., Rockaway, NY 07866

Looking for 96th Field Artillery Battalion, Korea, 1950-1958, former personnel of the 96th to join our Assn. We have reunions every 2 years. Next reunion in Oct. 1999. Contact Arnold Anderson, HC83 Box 116A, Custer, SD 57730, Tel: 605-673-6313

The members of Shin Yongsan Church in Seoul are looking for former LTC Biggs, or if deceased, a family member, who helped to start this church back in 1953. They believe he was with Transportation Operation command in Seoul supervising security. They want to know either person or family wishes to hear from anyone who knew the person or any contact information. Contact: Joe Hess, PO Box 1049, Tiburon, CA. Toll free-1-888-243-5982 E-mail:hess@bigfoot.com. Your information will be relayed to Chuck Napier, dba Vets.com, our contact in Uijeongbu, Korea

Looking for anyone that served with me in Korea, 1951-52 with 7th Inf., Div., 32nd Regt., 2nd Bn., Contact: Milton Friesenhahn, 3636 S Ranch Dr., Ponca City, OK 74601

Looking for former members of Co. F, 17 Inf., Regt., Korea, April-Nov. 1951, I may have pictures of you or your loved one. Contact: Stanley B. Swinsinski, 1507 Brick Arbor Dr., Katy, TX 77449, Tel: 281-579-6733

The Twenty Fourth Infantry Division Assn. is conducting a nation-wide search for any man who ever served in the Famous 24th Infantry Division and who does not know of the existence of our Association, which we would like to tell them about and of our annual reunions. Contact: Yvonne Mullins, 31150 See View Dr., Rocky Mount, MO 65072-2903

I am interested in any old soldiers from Hvy Mortar Co. 17th Infantry 7th Division who served with me in Korea, or at Camp Schimmelpennig in northern Japan around 1949 to 1951. Contact: Bob Opdyke, 309 Carriage House Ct. New Bern, NC 28562

Looking for former Marine, Chuck Bonnie, Korea 1951-52, Contact: Harold K. Haag, 61347 State Hwy 55 E, Eden Valley, MN 55329

Looking for former Ex-POW Earl D. Harmon or any person that knew Harmon as a POW, Contact Fred Liddell, 13055 Peachvale St., Tigidar, OR 97224-3066

Looking for anyone who knew Odd Knutstad, 36th Combat Eng, 86th Searchlite Co., Korea 1951-52, Contact Odd Knutstad, 131 North Rop Drive, Brick, NJ 08724, Tel: 609-605-0203

Son and family looking for former POWs that knew Maj. Simon J. Stevens, D Bty Commander, 82nd AAA, 2nd I.D. (MIA, POW, BNR) who was taken prisoner on Feb. 11 or 12, 1951 near Changbongni/Hoengsong. It was said he may have been held at Bean Camp. The family has received several letters, none which
tell the possible fate of Maj. Stevens, nor his days as a POW. If you have not written the family please contact: John & Mildred Stevens, 1508 Harmony Grove Ch. Rd. Alburn, GA 30011

Fred A. Duve, Jr., 7th Regiment, 1st Battalion, A Co., and Hq & Hq Co., of the 7th Div., from 9:50 to 8:51, would like to hear from former troop buddies, especially those I served with from the 1st Platoon. Contact: Fred A. Duve, Jr., 916 West Clark St, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069-1705, Tel: 605-624-2134.

Looking for 40th Inf., 578 Engr Bn, Hq Co., “Assault Plt.” Korea, Nov. 52 to Nov. 53 for reunion, also looking for Charles Klinger who I served with at Ft. Dix, NJ in 1954, Contact: John Sampson, 1015 Nantucket Rd., South Venice, FL 34293-5359 Tel: 941-493-8862

Looking for information related to obtaining color photo or shoulder patch (Heraldic Items) of 75th Field Artillery, Korea 1955-56, Contact: Louis J. Crispiano, 1949 74th St., Brooklyn, NY 11204, Tel: 718-236-9476

4.2 - 7th Korea I.S.O., former members and Navy Corpsmen for possible reunion later 1999. Dates and location to be decided later. Contact: Don (Inchon) O'Rourke, 1313 6th St., Harvard, IL 60033-3646, Tel: 815-871-2409, or Mike Flaherty at 209-734-5615

Looking for old Army buddy, Herman Ramson, SUC Company, 14th Infantry Regiment 25th Infantry Division. Contact: Bernard Uleano (DAGO) 505 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666 Tel: 201-692-1141

Dear Editor,

I lost a brother Sgt. Harold F. Adkison, a member of First Airborne Ranger Company, on May 19, 1951 in Korea in a battle the Rangers refer to as the May Massacre. Harold was reported MIA on that Date, 5-19-51.

For 38 years after notification of Harold’s MIA status we knew nothing of any surviving member of First Airborne Ranger Company. In the fall of 1989 at a Ranger Memorial Ceremony at Ft. Benning, GA. I came in possession of an address list of 1st Company Rangers. Of the 99 addresses I have had of First Company, I have received responses from 95 of these Rangers, either by mail, phone call or personal visits. Since then I have put together a 74 page biographical-statistical History of First Airborne Ranger Company as it exist form October 2,1950 through July 26, 1951 when the Company was deactivated.

I was not able to find anything definite about my brother.

Of the 239 men who trained or served with First Airborne Rangers Company during this time October 2, 1950-July 26, 1951, 46 were KIA-DIP or MIA, 75 were WIA. Of the 118 who returned, we have 69 current addresses, 66 have died and 58 lost contact with First Company or were never located for membership purposes after Korea.

I am enclosing a picture of my brother and a list of the 58 men with serial numbers we have lost contact with or never located after Korea.

I hope you will check this list against your membership roll, advise me of any you may have found. Please publish this letter, picture and list. Maybe some of your readers may recognize Harold or know the whereabouts of some of these men.

Space allowing I wish to ask three (3) questions?

1. Do any of you recognize my brother, Sgt. Harold F. Adkison?
2. Do you know any of these men on this list?
3. Do you know if there is an organization for the 38 Infantry Regiment today?

God Bless all of you for serving and for the sacrifices you and your families have paid to keep America Free. All the male members of my family served in the military, 3 in WWI, II in WWII and Harold and myself in the Korean War.

Prayerfully,

Jack Adkison, N.O.K.

P.S. First Airborne Ranger Company was attached to the 38th Infantry Regiment.

Names of Members of First Airborne Ranger Co. who have not been located since the Korean War.

Carlos Aragon  Wm. B. Glasscock
Roland Ballou  Rufus Goodwin
James Bateman  Lenton Hall
Marcus Baxley  Richard Hicks
James Burtan  Morris Jenkins
Earl Cannon  Wm. T. Jones
Henry Carmichael  Billy Kelly
James Carpenter  Charles F. Kinsley
Igmanice Corralis  Marvin Landers
Joseph Cujdik  Douglas J. Laire
James Daley  Arthur Legon
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Howard Dewitt  Bobby Medley
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John Earl  Kenneth Murphy
Walter Eddie  Ralph Nylan
John Foley  Horace Patterson
Charles Foster  Neville Pelligrin
Gerald Foti  Robert J. Pennell

James Pope  George Revoke
George Robert  Henry Robinson
Franklin Robinson  Roberto Romero
Victorano Ruiz  Ralph Sanchez
Gale Simon  Richard Schatzky
Joseph Simmons  George Schroeder
Robert Singleton  Gale Simon
Richard Sokyo  Joseph Simmons
Richard Stevens  Robert Singleton
Chester Tanana  Richard Stevens
Hector Valenzuela  James Wells
Wm. J. Wispert
If you can help Jack Adkison locate any of the men listed you just may give him the answers he and his family have waited many years for. There is no greater reason for this newsletter then to help a family of a lost loved one in our war. As you read the Looking For letters you can also see the needs by the veterans of the Korean War to locate past friends. In this case we have a family member and a Korean War vet needing help.—Ed.

(Dear readers and veterans: Being a Korean War Veteran and a family member who lost a twin brother in Korea, 2nd Inf. Div.

Editor, Vincent Krepps)

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 try to 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 contribution to KWVA, P.O. Box 1062, Locust Grove, VA 22508-9500 marked: Support of Graybeards. Every donation will be recognized in the magazine. Those that do not respond for any reason are still valued members for your dues also contribute to the printing of our newsletter. Names listed came from those wishing to support KWVA by donations for The Graybeards, Searching For, Reunions, and In Memory Of. An early response to 1998 dues also will help your association get through our current problems and also expedite our return to a stronger organization for deserving Korean War Veterans. At the time of publication the following names of donors and “Memorials” have been reported to The Graybeards and are listed as follows:

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Please continue to respond by sending your contribution to KWVA, P.O. Box 1062, Locust Grove, VA 22508-9500 marked: Support of Graybeards.
Dear Mr. Krepps:

The January-February issue of The Graybeards listed the name of Huston D. Snowden in the TAPS section. I assume that this is the man I knew when we both served in the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a citation from the book History (of the) 2nd Infantry Division Korea 1950-51, awarding him the Distinguished Service Cross. Also enclosed is a copy of a portion of a letter which I received from Snowden. The contrast between these two items reflects very well the unassuming manner of the man. It is no wonder that the men of the units to which he was assigned had a high regard for him. Snowden received a field commission later in 1951. After we were both rotated back to the States, we corresponded for a period of time. But after I moved to another state we somehow lost track of each other. Mere mention of his death seems so inadequate.

The thought has come to me that perhaps The Graybeards might publish citations such as the enclosed. The 2nd Division History contains a great number of such citations. Perhaps other unit histories do also. There is probably an adequate source of citations available for this purpose. Despite the fact that the events occurred over forty years ago, this might prove to be an interesting addition to the publication. I offer this as a suggestion for future editions.

With Best Wishes!
Fred C. Stockmeier - LR21721

* Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant Houston D. Snowden, Army Medical Service, a member of Medical Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, for action against the enemy in the vicinity of Chiju-ni on 7 March 1951. On 7 March 1951, Sergeant SNOWDEN, a medical aidman, was attached to a rifle company, which was advancing over mountainous terrain in an attempt to contact the enemy. As the company was making its way over the mountains, an enemy mortar barrage pinned down the leading platoon, inflicting heavy casualties. Without hesitation, Sergeant SNOWDEN made his way through the intense fire to reach his wounded comrades. While administering first aid, he was painfully wounded by mortar fragments but continued to treat the wounded. When the enemy barrage lifted, Sergeant SNOWDEN observed three wounded riflemen whom he had not noticed before and was moving forward to assist them when the concealed enemy opened fire on him with small arms and automatic weapons. Undaunted by the hostile fire, he continued on to the wounded men and was administering aid when the enemy again delivered a barrage of mortar fire on the friendly positions. Shouting a warning to other members of the platoon, Sergeant SNOWDEN flung his body over the man he was bandaging. As he was shielding his wounded comrade an enemy mortar burst nearby and he was wounded for the second time. Although bleeding profusely, he continued to administer to the wounded. When he had ascertained that all of his wounded comrades had been properly cared for and safety evacuated, he proceeded to the aid station where his own wounds were treated. Then, although weakened from loss of blood, Sergeant SNOWDEN returned to the company and continued on the mission. *

( Houston Snowden was also a member of the Maryland Chapter, KWVA. We were proud of his service and membership, he will be missed by all that knew him. Thank you Fred for your letter. Those medics were a brave group.)

Korean War Remembered, Prisoner of War, 1013 Days in Hell, But for the Grace of God... is the story Bailey has told his wife Joy of his experiences during the early years of the Korean War and the 1013 days of hell he lived through as a prisoner of war. Bailey tells of the savage treatment the men received at the hands of their enemies and the bond of love and loyalty that developed among the men who were strong enough to survive, and the sorrow felt for those who were not. Without his strong faith and love for God, Bailey may also have succumbed to the atrocities he was required to suffer.

Along with Bailey's story it is also the story of his family, especially his loyal wife, Joy. It tells the battles they have fought over the last 43 years together and those they are still fighting because of the inhuman treatment that accompanies war. A POW's war doesn't end when the armistice is signed and the soldiers return home. Often it continues for many years; sometimes for the rest of his life.

Bailey is a recipient of the Purple Heart; POW Medal; Good Conduct Medal; Ocpp. Japan National Defense Medal; Korean Service Medal with four Bronze Stars; Combat Medical Badge; and the United National Service Medal.

Bailey & Joy Gillespie
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(UNC REG 551-1)

Visitors to the joint security area are required to read and sign the following:

1. The visit to the Joint Security Area at Panmunjom will entail entry into a hostile area and possibility of injury or death as a direct result of enemy action. The Joint Security Area is a neutral but divided area guarded by United Nations Command military personnel on the one side (South), and Korean People's Army personnel on the other (North). Guests of the United Nations Command are not permitted to cross the Military Demarcation Line into the portion of the Joint Security Area under control of the Korean People's Army. Although incidents are not anticipated, the United Nations Command, the United States of America, and the Republic of Korea cannot guarantee the safety of visitors and may not be held accountable in the event of a hostile enemy act.

2. Visitors must comply with the following instructions:
a. UNC military personnel will wear appropriate military uniform prescribed by their service for off-duty wear. Other visitors will be dressed in appropriate civilian attire so as to maintain the dignity of the United Nations Command.

b. Prior to entering the Joint Security Area, each visitor (including military personnel) will receive a laminated guest badge which identifies him/her as an authorized guest of the United Nations Command. Guest badges must be worn on the upper left side of the outermost garment. Guest badges must be turned in prior to departure from Camp Bonifas.

c. Fraternization, including speaking or any association with personnel from the Korean People's Army/Chinese People's Volunteers (KPA/CPV) side, is strictly prohibited. Personnel from the KPA/CPV side are identified as follows:

1. Military Personnel – Brown or olive drab North Korean uniforms with red arm bands for guards with weapons and yellow arm bands for Military Armistice Commission personnel.


3. Visitors – Green pieces of cloth at upper pocket.

d. Visitors will not point, make gestures, or expressions which could be used by the North Korean side as propaganda material against the United Nations Command.

e. Visitors will remain in a group from the beginning to the end of the tour and will follow all instructions from their tour guide. Any complaints will be registered after returning to Camp Bonifas.

f. Firearms, knives, or weapons of any type will not be taken into the JSA.

g. The area and buildings (tan colored) under the military control of the Communist side will not be entered for any reason. Permission of the tour guide must be obtained prior to entry into UNC buildings (blue colored) in the JSA.

h. At no time will visitors stand in the way of or interfere with military formations. Facilities and equipment inside the conference room will not be handled. Photography is permitted in the JSA but is prohibited enroute between Checkpoint A (the entrance to Camp Bonifas) and Checkpoint B (the entrance to the JSA).

i. If any incidents should occur, remain calm and follow instructions issued by security personnel.

3. Any questions concerning the above information should be brought to the attention of the tour guide.

DECLARATION

I have read, understand, and will comply with these instructions. If I am accompanied by minor dependents, minors for whom I am responsible for the purpose of this tour, my signature constitutes acceptance of the terms of these instructions in their behalf.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Edition of 1 May 85 will be used until exhausted
UNC Form 122K
1 Apr 95

(Thanks to Don Barton for a copy of this form. All re-visit and guests will be signing a similar form.)

Dear KWVA, Graybeards,

I can hardly wait to read the continued story of M.D. Sidney Esensten. You see I am a survivor of that Korean Hospital ordeal. This is one of the three doctors I saw but never got to talk to. I was treated by Dr. Anderson. One of ten who received 2ccs of Penicillin. Only two of us survive today. They thought we died.

Theo Baudoin, Jr.
(Theo, I am sure Dr. Esensten and Dr. Anderson will be happy to know they helped you come home. We all welcome you back and the best of everything. Thanks for the letter.}

Christmas, in Korea
by Donald C. West of Auburn, Chief Master Sergeant U.S.A.F. Retired

Most of us reflect back to Christmases past as the holiday season approaches. My thoughts go back to a special Christmas from long ago, but I remember it as if it were yesterday.

As a young sailor, twenty years old, in December of 1950, I was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Mt. McKinley AGC-7, an amphibious command ship. This was during the Korean War, the so called forgotten war, but for those of us that fought in it, it will never be forgotten.

We were engaged in an amphibious operation against the North Korean forces on the east coast of Korea when our task force received urgent top secret orders. The crew was not informed of where we were going or why until we were 24 hours out of Hung Nam. I can remember the captain coming on the public address system and informing the crew that we were on an urgent mission. We proceeded at flank speed racing around the southern tip of Korea and up the west coast toward North Korea, with temperatures dropping well below zero every night. As we approached enemy waters the captain again came on the public address system and informed us of our mission. Our amphibious task force, with the Mt. McKinley as the command ship, was assigned to evacuate the First Marine Division, Elements of the Army First Cavalry Division, and all other United Nations military forces.

The Chinese had entered the Korean War a few weeks earlier in overwhelming numbers; rumors had it that we were outnumbered 20 to 1. They crossed the Yalu River at the Chosun Reservoir partially surrounding the U.S. First Marine Division as they fought their Way out of the Chosun Reservoir against overwhelming odds and bitter cold. They then proceeded south to Hung Nam.

When we arrived in Hung Nam Harbor on the 19th of December we were at battle stations, prepared for anything. My job during amphibious operations was as coxswain (operator) of an assault landing craft.

On December 20th, we were at full battle alert. That was 24 hours a day, every day, no time off, under maximum effort with no relief for anyone. We all knew that our comrades needed help and we were going to give them our all at whatever the cost. After all, we were in the United States military, connected by a common thread that bound us together. We were the United States fighting men, assigned to do a job 10,000 miles from home in a foreign land that most of us had never heard of until we were suddenly thrust into the Korean War.

As if it was yesterday, I can remember my first trip to the beach on the landing craft to pick up our first load of Marines to take them back...
to the ship. What I saw was the most heart-wrenching scene I have ever seen. I saw young men barely able to stand, with that glazed look of eyes that had seen too much tragedy, their buddies killed, wounded and maimed. With temperatures 20 to 30 below zero, the bitter cold made conditions worse. I saw young men with frostbitten faces and no feelings in either hand. Many were the walking wounded with dirt-caked, ragged and torn uniforms. These were our comrades in arms from all different parts of the United States doing a job in a foreign land to help these people have a better way of life, free of communist rule.

As my crew and I started assisting the Marines, mostly by carrying them into the landing craft, my emotional feelings overwhelmed me. I recognized some of the Marines because we had put them ashore at the amphibious landing at Inchon in September. I can remember my tears turning to ice on my face as I headed my boat back toward the fleet of ships at battle speed so they would at last be safe and could get warm and eat some food. After all, they had been on a forced march for three days under the worst conditions on earth.

The gangway was lowered on the Mt. McKinley for the first load of Marines. But they couldn’t maneuver on their own because they did not have enough strength to walk up the gangway. However, an old time boson ship-rigged a cargo net with a big cargo pallet in the bottom and lowered it down into the boat by hoist. We picked up the Marines as gently as possible and placed them into the cargo net like cord wood, and they were hoisted aboard.

The first thing the medical team aboard ship did was cut off the soldiers’ boots and lower clothing, and give them a drink of brandy. I will never forget the memory of feet and ankles that were blue, black, yellow and greenish with ice crystals under the skin from frostbite.

On December 24, Christmas Eve, 1606 hours, we weighed anchor at Hung Nam, North Korea. After the last load of Marines was safely aboard and our landing crafts were hoisted aboard and secured for sea, our ship then went to General Quarters. I have never been so cold in my entire life; we had been evacuating for 48 hours straight with very little sleep or rest.

I was gun captain on a 5 inch 38 gun mount. All the ships of the entire evacuation fleet had their guns trained on the harbor perimeter and approaching enemy forces. The gun boss gave us permission to fire at will. We fired so many rounds before we got out of the harbor that the paint melted off the gun barrel. As we steamed out of the harbor, we looked back as our special forces blew up the whole dock, so the Chinese would not have any harbor facilities. It was the most spectacular sight I have ever seen - it looked like the whole country blew up. We headed south, steaming all night at flank speed. By daylight we were in South Korean waters and the 7th fleet commander gave our amphibious task force permission to put into a sheltered harbor for Christmas day to rest.

On Christmas day, God bless the cooks, for they had prepared a Christmas dinner that was one of the best meals I have ever eaten, created out of the meager supplies that they had on board. They even made a Christmas tree out of colored paper and wire.

The Chaplain came down and said a prayer that gave thanks for bringing us safely through a terrible ordeal and for helping rescue our fellow men. He said we were one of the chosen few that had been selected to evacuate our American fighting forces from the jaws of death. And then, he talked about the meaning of Christmas and why it is so important to remember that Christ had also suffered.

I sat in the mess hall across the table from my best buddy, Tom Nolan. We both had minor frostbite on both feet. We had operated landing crafts side by side during the entire evacuation. I looked across the table at him and he shook my hand. At that moment I KNEW, I REALLY KNEW, that without a doubt there was a God, a higher power than mortal man, and that He had brought us through a terrible ordeal so that we could return to our families and loved ones.

(As I stated in the past I do not print articles from the papers but this was so meaningful. I am sure this brought back many memories to those in your crew, you and also those you saved in those winter days of 1950. Some time we seem to forget how much our Navy and Air Force did for those of us that came home. From all of us we thank you again for being there always standing tall. Thank you Donald West for your special memories of Korea—Ed.)

The letter Christmas Day memories written by Army Nurse Janice Feagin Britton in the March/April issue of the Graybeards does have a very special meaning to me and will always be a lasting reminder of Christmas Day, 1950 at Pyongyang North Korea. I arrived in Pusan Korea in September, 1950 as a member of the 10th Station Hospital from Madison Army Medical Center, Tacoma Washington. Upon arrival in Korea we became the 8054th MASH.

When the Chinese Army started their drive South the Eighth Army was in retreat, I was part of the 8054th that was selected to travel North to Pyongyang by convoy of the old Army ambulances, to assist in the evacuation of the Medical Unit treating the casualties in an old abandoned North Korean school house. We loaded the patients in our ambulances and transported them to the air craft during the Christmas Eve nite, had our C-Ration Christmas dinner and joined the other Army vehicles headed South and back to our Unit. The 8054th later became the 121st Evac. I am sure that Christmas, 1950 will be remembered by all who were there for a long time to come. William E. Gautreaux

(Thanks William for your sacrifices and all those that were made by our medical personnel. The bravery shown and above the call of duty deeds allowed many to come home.)

Re: James E. Eddy

Enclosed is a notice sent to my brother with reference to submitting his annual dues to your organization. Rather than ignore it, I wanted to take the opportunity to explain why there has been no remittance.

My brother Jim passed away in February last year of a massive heart attack. He had been treated for same at the Butler VA Hospital since his first attack in 1980. My purpose for telling you this is because I did not want you to think he was being negligent relative to maintaining his membership. He took great pride in his country and great pride in having served for it during the Korean Conflict. He even had a Navy Veteran license plate for his truck. I know he also was very supportive of the local KWVA chapter.

A local Veterans volunteer group stood guard in full uniform during his calling hours and provided a military service at the time
of his burial. I am proud to have been given the flag that draped his coffin and I am proud as well to have had him as my brother. He was truly a good man who loved his friends and his country.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. I trust you will mark your records accordingly.

Respectfully, Patricia Eddy - Sister
(We understand your feelings about your brother and I am sure he was very proud of you and we are also.)

Goodbye to “Nonno,” the grandfather of my grandson

“Elmo Cassio, 75, aide to State Senator Marchi, dies.”

That succinct headline appeared in Staten Island newspapers on March 15 the day after Elmo died. That man was my son's father-in-law and he shared grandfatherly duties with me for the past four years.

No one who read his short obituary would ever know the full life of this man. Born in Staten Island, he served with honor in World War II, winning many medals, including the Bronze Star. Upon discharge he became a New York City policeman, but was called back to the military once again when war broke out in Korea. He again responded. He did his duty, serving with distinction under war time conditions.

Elmo came home, married, had one daughter Alicia (who eventually married my son, Jon), and returned to the Police Department. His wife died at an early age and he never remarried. Elmo retired when the time came to live the life of a retired gentleman.

Bored, he became a chauffeur to Staten Island's state senator, John Marchi. For many years, Elmo braved the treacherous winter driving to Albany. He shunned retirement despite his advancing age and continued driving.

On Jan. 7 Elmo, while driving the senator and his wife to Albany during a heavy fog, collided with a panel truck. The car overturned and landed in a ditch. The Senator suffered minimal bodily bruises, but Mrs. Marchi received extensive injuries to her face, and Elmo, in addition to a broken jaw, suffered a major stroke.

He was taken to an Albany hospital and subsequently transferred to a rehab center in New Jersey (near his daughter). His prognosis appeared to be good. He even spoke of returning to his old job, if the senator still wanted him.

However, Elmo was then admitted to St. Vincent's hospital in Staten Island with complications. He was released after one week, and was staying in his daughter’s home in New Jersey, where he died four days later.

His funeral was a memorable one. He was honored by a Korean War veterans organization, the Police Department, many state senators and, of course, his relatives and friends honored him.

They spoke of his honesty, his grit, and, above all, his loyalty. But of all these attributes, the one I considered his strongest characteristic was his role as a grandfather. Don’t ask me, just consult an expert, 4-year-old Justin, who is going to miss his “Nonno” very much. So will I.

(The above story sent to the Graybeards was in the Times/Ledger and written by a family member/Korean War Vet-
eran and columnist in New York City, Alex Berger. A special story about a super grandfather, thanks Alex.)

A few donation notes and letters

In Memory of:
Willard C. Richardson
Franklin, PA
Staff Sgt - 45th Inf. Div.
SFC Squad Leader, 2nd Sqd.
C Co. 35th Regt. 25th Inf. Div.

I’m not sure I have the right person or the right idea—but this is what I had in mind. The person listed above I served with in Korea and kind of lost contact with the past couple of years. I called last Christmas twice and was advised that Willard had passed away on November 13, 1997. I would like to have a life membership for him or any idea for a memorial in his name.

Bill served with the 45th Inf. Div. from March '53 till they rotated Nov.-Dec. 53. I served with C Co. 35th Regt. 25th Div. and Bill came in as Staff Sgt. and left in July 54 as SFC. Whatever you decide is fine with me. Thank you, Thomas J. Schulitz, Great Valley, NY

(What greater honor can one veteran pay another, then remembering? Thomas we are proud to print your letter and accept your donation in memory of your friend Willard C. Richardson. This Graybeards issue is the Memorial Day edition and will be dedicated to Willard’s memory and all the veterans of the Korean War era that are no longer with us.)

Photo File...

“King” Co. 224th Inf. Regt. 40th Inf. Div. 1953

Korea 1953 – Chorwon Valley – Kneeling - Left to Right: Pete Mazarreni, Pittsburgh, PA; Merle Ranesdoll, Patterson, CA; VanSooy; Donald Farles, Loma, CO. Back Row - Left to Right: Syl Gill, South Carolina; Jake Cramer, Fremont, IN; Brock, PA; Eddie Mills, Roxbury, MA; Harold Becque, Altemont, IL. (M.J. Cramer of 55 Ln 301C Barton LK, Fremont, IN 46737-9320 sent in photo. I bet he would like to hear from those named—Ed.)
Korean War Veterans Highways....

Adopted...

Above is a picture showing the new sign just erected on highway 30 west of Fort Wayne. KWVA Indiana Chapter #1 volunteers to clean up a two mile section of the highway four times a year to help in the beautification of the countryside. Florida Chapter 1 also adopted a two mile stretch of highway (above right).

New York Korean Vet's also adopted a highway (no photo). The chapter will maintain road sides along Route 414 in the town of Seneca as part of Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway program. The work will take place from the Waterloo Holiday Inn north on route 414 for 2 miles to the New York State Thruway. Under the Adopt-A-Highway program, began in New York in 1990, volunteer groups and organizations like KWVA commit to beautifying stretches of State highways and keeping them litter free. The Department of Transportation coordinates and assists volunteer groups participating in the program.

Richard Done, President

Dedicated...

Jacqueline Wershing had a plan.....
To: Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders
County Administration Building
Plots Road (Off County Route 519)
Newton, NJ 07860

I would like to explain to you why I believe that dedicating County Route 519 to commemorate the Korean War and to recognize its veterans is so important. The Korean War—"The Forgotten War"—should never be forgotten. One and a half million Americans served in that miserable war. They fought overwhelming numbers of Russian backed and trained North Koreans and Chinese who were ruthless and committed unbelievable atrocities. The invasion of South Korea, after three years of war starting June 25, 1950, ended in an armistice July 27, 1953. South Korea was saved and Communism met its first defeat. It came at a high price for America—54,254 dead, 8,177 missing, 7,140 captured, and 103,284 wounded. On a day by day basis it was over three times bloodier than the Vietnam War. The Korean War veterans, my husband was one of them, came home and there were no accolades or parades—they were ignored and forgotten in the shadow of World War II.

During July 1995 my husband and I attended the Korean War Veterans Memorial dedication in Washington, D.C.—42 years after the signing of the Armistice. It was a moving event. The memorial has a black granite wall with faint images of those who served, a reflection pool with the American Flag flying, and 19 larger than life figures fourteen Army Soldiers, three Marines—one Navy medic—and one Air Force forward observer—they capture the essence of their service in Korea. The figures are of men trudging wearily up a hill as if on patrol. Rifles in hand, they are hunched, tensed for battle. When my husband was lining up with his old outfit, the 2nd Infantry Division, for their parade march down Constitution Avenue, he made a profound statement. He said to me, "My God, look at us, we were young men when we went to war now we're old men but maybe we were not forgotten after all." I think that what he said speaks for itself. Sometime in the future, New Jersey will have a Korean Veterans Memorial. Also, in 1995 a state resolution renamed parts of Interstate 287 as a Korean War Veterans Memorial. Sussex County also has an opportunity to act now in recognizing all Korean War Veterans.

It would only require perhaps as little as four Route 519 roadside signs (e.g. NY and Warren County borders, Branchville and Newton) plus a modest dedication ceremony. July 27, 1997 would be a suggested date for a dedication ceremony (perhaps in the County Park in Newton). It would be on the 44th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice.

I ask you to please approve this overdue endeavor of recognition. You are not being pressured by any group—it will be your own initiative and sense of gratitude to honor those who fought, were wounded, died and still MIA in the “Forgotten War” while showing that Sussex County did not forget them.

Sincerely yours,

Jacqueline M. Wershing
(All Korean War Veterans thank this special lady)

Glenn Wershing (Korean War Veteran and John Risco (Sussex County Road Dept) testing spot on 519 in Green Twp. (Heightsburg) in New Jersey.)
More than 8,100 American servicemen are unaccounted-for from the Korean War. Specialists from the Army's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii will spend about 25 days at the excavation site. These teams include experts in forensic anthropology; mortuary affairs; explosive ordnance disposal; logistics; photography; communications and medical support. Two members of the team remain in Pyongyang to maintain communications linkage between the site and the U.S.

This is the third year DoD teams have conducted joint remains recovery operations in North Korea. In 1996 and 1997 the remains of seven servicemen were recovered. One was identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. During 1997, U.S. military personnel operated for six consecutive months inside North Korea.

These operations are part of agreements negotiated with the North Koreans by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office. They include archival reviews of North Korean military documents. One such review was conducted in the Fatherland Liberation Museum in 1997 in Pyongyang, and another is scheduled for next month. Documents obtained in these archival reviews are analyzed for any information relating to American servicemen, then provided to their family members.

The last of the five operations this year will conclude in October. U.S. personnel will conduct recovery operations in North Korea almost continuously for the next seven months.

**National VA/V.S Representative Report**

**by Norman S. Kantor**  
**National Staff Officer (V.A.V.S.)**  
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Numerous Chapters being active in the VAVS program in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers purchase canteen books which are distributed out to the patients.

Many family members of Veterans may not realize all the benefits they are entitled to under Federal law...

I would like to pass on information on means to broaden distribution to more patients and also decrease chapter spending. Federated Wholesale Inc. located in Atlanta, GA, prepares personal comfort kits in a plastic bag. Kits run from $1.40 up to $2.72, call 1-800-346-0859 for the 4 page price list. After seeing the various kits, I would urge all Chapters to look into this excellent means of showing our fellow hospitalized Veterans that they are not forgotten.

On 24 Feb., I received word that one of our VAVS volunteers had passed away. Life member Robert E. Love of Aurora, IL. Bob Love was very active in the VAVS program up till the time he was admitted into the hospital.

Many family members of Veterans may not realize all the benefits they are entitled to under Federal law, to find out details write to Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., Wash. D.C. 20420, request a copy of the booklet “Free Benefits For Veterans And Dependents”

Communications received from Division Of Veterans Affairs show that 46 Medical Centers do not have K.W.V.A. representation, their findings are as follows:

- Arkansas  
  Fayetteville, Prescott
- California  
  San Francisco, Pan Alto, and Northern California
- Colorado  
  Denver
- Connecticut  
  Newington
- Georgia  
  Atlanta and Augusta
- Illinois  
  Hines, and North Chicago
- Kansas  
  Topeka
- Kentucky  
  Louisville
- Louisiana  
  New Orleans
- Massachusetts  
  Northampton, Boston, and Brockton
- Michigan  
  Iron Mountain
- Minnesota  
  Saint Cloud
- Mississippi  
  Biloxi
- Nebraska  
  Lincoln
- Nevada  
  Las Vegas, and Reno
- New York  
  Albany, Brooklyn, Castle Point, Manhattan, and Syracuse
- North Carolina  
  Asheville
- Ohio  
  Dayton
- Oklahoma  
  Oklahoma City
- Oregon  
  Portland
- South Carolina  
  Charleston and Columbia
- South Dakota  
  Sioux Falls
- Texas  
  Amarillo, Brown, and Waco
- Virginia  
  Salem
- Washington  
  American Lake, and Tomah
- West Virginia  
  Clarksburg
- Wisconsin  
  Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and Madison
- Wyoming  
  Sheridan

Veterans Affairs Handbook 1620.1 Paragraph 6-B states as follows “Organizations will be removed from the V.A.V.S. Committees when none of the Certified Members are in attendance at three (3) consecutive meetings, membership can be renewed with a Letter of Certification to the Facility Director indicating the attendance requirement will be met”.

Chapters are authorized one (1) Representative and three (3) Deputy Representatives at a Veterans Affairs Medical Center, certification expires after two (2) years or being replaced. Representatives that were certified before July 1997 and wish to continue are therefore requested to submit their Name, Address, and Name Of The Veterans Affairs Medical Center. New certification letter will be issued. Make sure to state if request is for Representative or Deputy.

Request for certification of new appointments, are to be signed by an Elected Officer of the Chapter.

Chapters are authorized a Deputy Representative to a Satellite Clinic, certification requirements are equal as for a Medical Center.

The Annual Joint Review Reports for The Korean War Veterans Association Representatives are due in April of each year. Check with the Chief, Voluntary Office in the Medical Center you serve.

Old records must be up-dated, all Chapters are requested to comply as soon as possible.
President Pappas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room B of the Sheraton Premiere Hotel in Tysons Corner, Virginia. Director Coon lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Cook then offered a prayer.

Secretary Jim Martin called the roll.

The following were present:
President Nicholas Pappas
First Vice President Tom Clawson
Second Vice President Edward L. Magill
Treasurer Edward Markat
Secretary James K. Martin
Director P. G. Morga
Director Dorothy Schilling
Director Kenneth B. Cook
Director Harley J. Coon
Director Oreste Tramonte
Director Jack Edwards
Director Bill VanOrt
Director C. J. Rittenhouse

The following officers were excused: Past President Dick Adams; Directors Emmett Benjamin, Richard W. Danielson; Donald Barton, and Ed Grygier.

President Pappas introduced Ed Markat, who will be taking over the duties as treasurer.

Other guests were:
Dean McClain, Mahoning Valley Chapter
Vince Krepps, Editor, Graybeards
Peter Palmer, Sunshine Chapter
Warren Weidhahn, Korea 2000
Sherman Pratt, 1998 Convention Chairman
J. Norbert Reiner
Stan Myrda, CPA
Sue Krepps

The minutes of the November 15-16, 1997 Board Meeting were presented as published in the January-February, 1998, Graybeards.

MOVED by Coon that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as published.
Clawson seconded.

Unanimously approved.

VanOrt asked about MedScript report which had been presented, stating that it had not been in the minutes. He asked if a check had ever been submitted for deposit.

Martin: It will be in the financial report.

Due to prior commitments, Warren Weidhahn asked if he could be on the agenda at this point.

Korea 2000:

Weidhahn: Reported that with respect to observances of the year 2000, the committee had been to Korea during the months of January and February. They had met with General Kim, who is head of the committee in Seoul. There appeared to be both good news and bad news at this point. The good news is that they have elected a president. The bad news is that they can’t get the appointment of the prime minister through house of delegates which will appoint the cabinet. The cabinet will make the decisions on Korea 2000. So we are waiting.

Things are still up in the air at present.

The quotas undoubtedly will be slashed in half due to the state of the economy. The revisit quota money is funds appropriated by the government. In both meetings, however, I was assured as soon as cabinet is appointed they will disseminate information.

In April, I will be going back with General Kicklighter and at that time they will have a pretty good idea of what they will be able to do. All the information we have is tentative at this time. We are trying to coordinate the American plans with theirs to avoid duplication.

At the July reunion here, we hope to have a complete report for the entire membership of both the U.S. and the Korean side of Korea 2000.

Clawson: How have registrations been coming in?

Weidhahn: Good. Files kept in chronological order and will be honored in that way. POWs will be given priority with a window beyond which they cannot bump someone.

Coon: How many are going over in June?

Weidhahn: We anticipate that probably five or ten will go in June. I will keep you all informed.

Pappas: Any more from the army on this?

Weidhahn: It’s Department of Defense. Their hands are tied because they don’t know what is happening in Korea. There is no new news and probably won’t be until after they go over in April.

Pappas: They are preparing a stamp for the 50th anniversary.

Weidhahn: For those who were not here at the November meeting, Congress will appropriate funds to insure recognition of Korea. The different services appoint a task force. They plan some good things for this observance.

Reiner: It has not been fully funded yet. Reiner displayed various materials that have been developed: pin, badge, medallion, etc.

Schilling: Was AMVETS able to order that flag?

Reiner: No. You can’t order the flag.

Weidhahn: They are not available yet. They are all proposed. Congress only appropriated seed money. This fall, they will appropriate funds to make it happen.

Pappas: NBC is making a documentary on Korea.

Weidhahn: We anticipate that we will have good information in July.

Reiner: Our reunion will be the kickoff for the 2000 functions. Don’t build your plans because things have not been finalized. We don’t know what will happen yet.

Weidhahn: If only half of what Korea is planning comes to fruition, it will be really great.

Pappas: Coon has been appointed to represent KWVA at the International Federation of Korean Veterans Association meeting in Manila. There may be more information at that time. Harley is on the agenda to speak about nuclear issues.

1997 Reunion:

Clawson: I would like to preface my report with the statement that we did not go in the red. I am going to hand out a report from Tod Cornell to the Board. I am not adding my report to this because it isn’t finished. As of this date the report has not been audited.

Those who participated in the seminars reported good progress.
We hope that those involved with the reunion this year will look at key things which have been surfaced as problems with past reunions. Like all of us, we have to see that checks and balances are given to the KWVA to verify things.

We must now go back to the 97 reunion treasurer for accountability. I have talked with the treasurer and feel that we will have a full report in the near future. He would like to have the Board approve the report so that we can put this to rest. Cornell will send the necessary documents to us for Myrda to do the compilation.

There are two refunds which have to be made. It is my recommendation that the two refunds be made.

Clawson recommended approval of the report in hand.

MOVED by Edwards that the interim report be accepted as written subject to audit. Coon seconded.

Martin: The $1,000 which was advanced must be returned or accounted for. No audit has been made.

Pappas: The finances of the report should be audited.

Myrda: An audit means something that doesn’t involve what you are looking at. What you want is a schedule of income and expenses. An audit would take about four hours to review this.

Pappas: All of the reunion bills have been paid.

Myrda: It would take about four hours to review this.

Pappas: I would like to see a full report.

Schilling: How can you approve this without taking into consideration the two refunds mentioned?

Martin: Tod would like to have a list of who you received money from and who you paid money to.

Coon: We are not approving the report, we are approving an interim report.

Clawson: We drafted a letter to them.
ACTION ON MOTION: Seven approved. One opposed. Passed.

Financial Report:

Acting Treasurer Martin presented a written financial report. He called attention to the fact that, as of today with a few exceptions, all bills inherited have been paid.

Pappas: As of December 31, 1997, there was $117,446.37 cash, other assets totalling $23,872.15 resulting in total assets of $141,318.52. The liabilities total $255,432.04. Of that amount, $243,466.50 is due the reserve account for life memberships. Martin: One amount that is still outstanding is the amount owed Richard Green. Mr. Myrda has met with Green and we will hear from him later on this.

The second thing to clarify is the obligation to pay to National Scholarship Fund. I’m not sure of the figures although I did receive them. They were the funds from St. Louis, the $1.00 per member. No decision has been made whether there is such a $1.00 obligation for 1997 and 1998. It is for this Council to decide. What is KWVA’s responsibility to the scholarship fund? When this is put in, it will affect our liabilities. Coon: Does $1.00 come out of the life membership fees?

Pappas: Yes. It would come out of the $15.00 transferred from the reserve for each life member.

Pappas reviewed the report and asked for questions.

Van Ort: With respect to the coins: is this an arbitrarily set price?

Pappas: $28.00 is what we paid for them. I know you can get them much cheaper.

Martin reviewed inventory.

Coon: How much is for the education fund?

Pappas: $17,171.48 through December 31, 1996.

Pappas: Reviewed the manner of determining the amount that should be in the reserve accounts for Life members. The average amount paid for a life member is $71.00. We will run out of reserve money by the year 2001. Our bylaws stipulate that $15 will be removed from reserve funds each year for each life member.

Pappas: Further reviewed various other organizations’ membership fee structures.

Edwards: I don’t see any place in the bylaws that states the life members’ dues will be put into the operating funds at the rate of $15.00 per year.

Pappas: It indicates, “A life member is a regular member.” Therefore the $15 is the dues for a regular member.

Discussion: The Medal of Honor members, Gold Star, Prisoner of War, and United Nations persons are considered regular members and it is a life time membership.

Weidhahn: The missing figure is the interest which should be accruing on the life member funds. A member, in good conscience, becomes a life member and assumes that the amount has been managed well and put into an account to accruing enough interest to sustain his membership. Appoint a committee to look into this and report back to the membership with recommendations.

Pappas: The first funds received back from the insurance should be put into the reserve funds.

Morga: We should appoint a committee and report back to this session. The individual chapters should pick up the Gold Star persons. What about the Purple Heart people? Why are we not charging the POW’s? I believe this might have been a mistake. We should consider changing it. Let’s have a proposal on this. We have to forget the scholarship funds until we have the life moneys put back.

Pappas: I’m trying to lay out the facts so that you will realize that we are going to run out of moneys in the life funds.

Reiner: We are not the only ones. Others have gone back to the membership and received the money. What are we going to do about it? Are we going to act on it? The Military Order of the Purple Heart has sold flowers. If everyone goes out and sells the Rose of Sharon’s and gives one share back to the organization, this could bring some money in.

Pappas: We can’t keep asking the members to keep donating to keep the organization running.

Coon: With respect to the POW’s, I have no problem with sending out letters to POW’s and the Gold Star persons asking for a donation of $10 support for the Graybeards.

Pappas: We have raffle in the mail right now which could result in money of $208,000. It’s a gamble. We are taking steps to put money back into the kitty.

Rittenhouse: There should be a sale price on the Graybeard’s. Stop giving the magazine away. Father’s heart has taken it’s toll. There are no Korean veterans under 60.

Martin: The graduated life membership fee is what is breaking the kitty.

Pappas: I would like appoint the following persons to a Dues Structure Committee: Magill, Coon, Weidhahn, Reiner, and Morga. The committee will study the dues structure and make recommendations.

Martin: Liabilities have decreased, theoretically. We have transferred moneys from reserve to operating account.

Coon: Why don’t we pay off the credit card? We would save about $100 interest.

Pappas: The printing of the raffle tickets is $5,700.

Question: Why haven’t we been receiving the bank statements which were requested at the meeting?

Martin: At that meeting, the CPA recommended that bank statements not be mailed to the Board.

Myrda: You are better off with a financial statement rather than a bank statement.

Financial statements show assets and income and expenses. Bank statements you have everyone calling the treasurer asking: What was this check for? Who is this? Any CPA will tell you that this is not a good procedure.

Morga: I want to receive a bank statement.

Myrda: A bank statement provides no information. You get a check number and the amount. You are providing a list of check numbers and amounts.

Morga: A treasurer can put what ever he wants in a financial statement. We have no proof that the contents of a financial statement are true. What is the big deal about a bank statement?

Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of providing bank statements.

Myrda: An audit committee should be appointed to review income and expense.

President Pappas recessed the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

MOTION: Coon moved that the financial report be accepted on an interim basis until a final report is presented and preparation of a report by the Dues Structure Committee which was just appointed. Schilling second. Two abstain (Morga and Rittenhouse). Motion passed.

Ladies Auxiliaries:

Pappas presented a charter for the ladies auxiliaries.

Edwards: This matter has been removed from our bylaws.

Pappas: This is for a part of the chapter, an auxiliary.

Martin: The ladies in Rochester, New York, will pay their dues when they receive the charters.

Coon: A IRS 501c9...an auxiliary has to write their own bylaws.

Edwards: We must be careful that they don’t want equal time at the reunions.

Schilling: The auxiliary ladies submitted bylaws and we turned it down. That was a national thing. This document should be reworded. Give them recognition but they are not recognized in our bylaws. If you have an auxiliary it is included in national organization constitution and bylaws. It is worded incorrectly because we don’t have it in our bylaws.

Pappas: It is an auxiliary of the chapter.

Edwards: Review this very carefully. There will be auxiliary members attending Executive Council meetings.

Pappas: Other organizations do not have this as a problem.

Question: I don’t believe they can use the word “national,” unless it is in our bylaws.

Coon: Auxiliaries must have separate officers and meetings. They are two separate organizations.

Schilling: Have Magill review this and make it correct.

Consensus: Take the word “national” out.
President Pappas recessed the meeting at 11:51 a.m.
The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.
The following new guests were in attendance:
Nicholas V. Tosques, Delaware
Donald Danitine, Delaware
Frank Davdovsksy, Delaware Chapter 1
Charles E. Farrell, Delaware Chapter 1
Peter H. Palmer, Florida
Dean B. McClain, Ohio CID Chapter 37
Gene Rose, Delaware Chapter 2
Dave Hitchencock, Delaware Chapter 2
Carl Weik, Delaware Chapter 2
S. Kenneth Booker, Virginia CID Chapter 100
Ray Donnelly
Jeff Smart, MBNA America

KWWA Action Team:
President Pappas called attention to a letter received which was dated 14 February. He asked if there was anyone present from the Korean War Veterans Action Team. No one responded. President Pappas cited a letter from Richie Alexander. This letter was purported to have been distributed to the various chapters; however, none of the chapters seem to be aware of it. Pappas: There have been a lot of accusations and misinformation floating around. Including the information that there is over $700,000 in missing funds.
Discussion: A great deal of effort was exerted to get Richie Alexander elected. He has only attended one meeting. Consideration should be given to having his membership disbanded.
Reiner: At the dedication of the KWWA memorial service, Alexander caused a problem.
As a result of his actions, the Department of Interior National Public Park Service has advised that in connection with this year's reunion it is going to cost us $600 to have two park policemen in attendance at our ceremonies. That's $600 we don't have. They have slandered me personally and we are looking at filing suit.
Martin: In June of last year, Morga and Gyriger were there. I went to Mr. Alexander after the meeting and I said: I understand you resigned as director of KWWA because things were not legal and you resigned to protect yourself. He said: Yes. Are they still going on?
He said: Yes, they are. I stated: Let me know what they are so I can insulate myself. He responded: If you don't know what they are, I won't tell you. I endorse the recommendation to recall his membership.

Pappas: Did any one on the board get a copy of this letter?
There was no response.

Pappas: We can ignore this or we can take action.
Rittenhouse: I received a similar letter. I think the worse is over and the fever has broken. I think at this point I would say that it is an elite group. I would further say that we characterize all further actions of this sort as "sniping."

MOTION: Coon moved that a gag order be placed on this type of stuff and these types activities should not receive any recognition.
Rittenhouse second.
Tramonte: We have asked for certain details and have failed to receive any acknowledgement. We have to face them down.
VanOurt: Let sleeping dogs lie.
Gyriger: One of the members of our chapter is a part of that group: Bill Hancock, Alexander, Legeman, Jimmy Johns, Herb Bronz, Yaconos, Mike Glazie, Cornell, and a couple of others.
Rittenhouse: Jealously guard the use of our name and logo.

ACTION ON MOTION: One opposed. Carried.

Delaware Department Charter:
Morga: At a meeting in January, Gyriger and I were to meet and solve the bickering in Delaware. I wrote the three presidents and the commanders and asked them to meet.

Chapters 2 and 3 turned down the request. Chapter 1 said okay. We decided to write. The meeting place was unavailable. We were asked by Chapter 1 to try again. I wrote again for all to attend. All three chapters sent representatives. It was decided to have an officers meeting on December 10th. After that about 10 went to lunch. There seemed to be a good feeling. On November 29 Al Lawer announced Chapters 2 and 3 would not attend. Goss advised that their chapter would attend. There are quite a few here today from the Delaware Chapters. Before I give a recommendation maybe we should hear from the Delaware guys.
Rose: All I know is what I was told. I was told we have a problem with Chapter 1.
Morga: When we all went out to lunch. You all agreed to a meeting. What happened to that meeting?
Rose: Chapters 2 and 3 feel that we are satisfied with what they have. If chapter 1 wants to join the Department they are welcome.
Gyriger: I understood that you could not run for office if you weren't part of Chapters 2 or 3.
Rose: If you don't belong to the department you can't vote for a chapter officer in department.
Weik: Why were Morga and Gyriger told to stay out of the area?
Gyriger: Hancock told me to stay out of Delaware.
Rose: You had a section in The Graybeards. There was no mention about the Chapter 2 and 3 being there.
Morga: I tried to be fair. It hurts to find that 179 KWWA men can't get together. I was asked to go and we all went. We didn't blame anybody. It's a whole bunch of old men who can't get together.
Rose: We set up a meeting.
Coon: What is the problem?
Pappas: The three chapters were to get together to see if they could resolve the issues. No state department commander or anything, just the three chapter presidents. I got a notice that they...
would not attend the meeting. Chapters 2 and 3 canceled the meeting on December 10th.

Coon: Why didn’t you want to have a meeting?

Response: It was brought up at the meeting and they decided they didn’t want to meet.

Rose: What is the problem?

Pappas: The problem is that there is one department set up in 1990—KWVA of Delaware, Inc. One chapter started it. We went to Wilmington and set up Chapter 2 and issued a charter. Chapter 2 was also chartered under KWVA of Delaware. Secondly, Hancock was appointed state department president and he was told to take old incorporation paper and change it to read Department of Delaware. KWVA was to pay for it. Then everyone would be under the Department of Delaware. It was not done that way. Mr. Hancock paid $500 to incorporate a whole separate organization called the Department of State. I issued a charter to Chapter #3 because I thought it was going to be that way. Chapters 1 & 2 are chartered separately from 3 which is the Department of Delaware.

Rose: I haven’t the slightest idea. I wasn’t a member then.

Pappas: You could have asked me to explain. Your bylaws state specifically that anyone can vote. Unless you have changed the bylaws.

Rose: They were rewritten last year.

Pappas: I haven’t seen them. Pappas cited a letter from Mackey, stating “We need your financial support. Make check payable to Department of Delaware.”

Rose: The dues come to the department and the department pays national.

Morga: It’s their business how they want to do things. It’s when you are apart doing things that hurts.

Grygier: Who do we recognize as Department of Delaware?

Pappas: Chapter 1 and 2 are incorporated. Chapter 3 is also incorporated.

Morga: You have a meeting in March. Is it possible for all members in Delaware to vote? Can we resolve this problem?

Martin: I understand 1 and 2 are in the KWVA of Delaware. Now they want to start a Department. Nick instructed Hancock to establish a Department of Delaware. In so doing, he established 3. A chapter charter was issued to Chapter 3. Now we are Department of Delaware. You can’t be Department and Chapter 3 at the same time.

Morga: We recommend a new department election—suspend all officers until there is a Department in Delaware.

Morga: All we can do is pull their charter.

Morga: I would like to see them resolve it if they can.

Coon: We have three votes per chapter in Ohio. I would recommend that they could have the same (or five or whatever) and these could vote.

Rose: I will agree to work it out.

Farrell: A long time ago when Nick appointed Hancock to get things started, I was appointed to work with him. I worked with him on bylaws, etc. You couldn’t tell him anything. There are only two ways to do things: his way and the wrong way. I told Nick what was happening. I didn’t want to work with him. I have been to all these meetings. I would be glad to work with everyone. I’ve worked my butt off for the Korean War veterans and I’ll be glad to work with anyone to get the problems resolved.

Rose: I go along with that.

Martin: Regardless of the recommendation, will Mr. Hancock go along with this?

Rose: Bill Hancock resigned his department membership. He is running for commander of Chapter 3. I don’t know. To me Bill Hancock and you guys have set this up and you know the story. I don’t. I would like to see us get together.

Farrell: We were going to do just that. Hancock would not listen. He wanted to set a whole new set of corporation papers. He wouldn’t listen to that.

Pappas: Hancock is a real worker. This sometimes leads him to disaster. I didn’t know what would happen. Lawler canceled the meeting. Lawler should say we would have the meeting and try to work out the problems.

Grygier: Let’s get something settled.

Coon: In KWVA, the purpose is to unite not divide.

MOTION: Moved by Coon that the Departmental Charter for the State of Delaware be rescinded and that the three chapters meet to resolve the issues concerning the state department and report back to the Executive Council at the 1998 reunion with their recommendations. If the report shows resolution, a State Charter will be reissued by National.

Grygier seconded.

Farrell: I want to get everyone together.

Morga: We had agreement we would get everyone together and they didn’t want to be a part of it.

Discussion: There would be one person from each chapter to be a spokesperson.

Rose: What would happen if department were dissolved and each chapter went its own way? If we can’t resolve it, can’t we each go our own way with the three separate chapters?

Coon: You can do it that way.

Pappas: We can pull your charter for a department but we won’t bother your chapter charter.

ACTION ON MOTION:

Roll call vote as follows:

Clawson—Yes
Magill—Yes
Barton—Excused
Benjamin—Excused
Coon—Yes

Danielson—Excused
Edwards—Yes
Grygier—Yes
Morga—Yes
Rittenhouse—Yes
Schilling—Yes
Tramont—Yes
VanOort—Yes

Motion carried.

(11 yes votes and 3 excused.)

Clawson: There are people on Executive Council who will be happy to work with you. Feel free to ask members for help and we will be glad to help you. I know you will have a formidable chapter once you get it worked out.

Rittenhouse: We had some rough times in Ohio, but it can be worked out.

Rose: Even in our chapters we have some slight problems. I don’t see why we can’t get together.

The meeting recessed at 2:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

Dues Structure Committee:

Coon: The newly appointed Dues Structure Committee makes the following recommendations:

Dues:

1. Adjust life membership fees upward the first of November. A proposal will be presented at the July membership meeting. We would propose to sell life memberships at the current rate until November 1st.

2. A letter to POWs, Gold Star persons, and Medal of Honor members, explaining our financial situation and asking for a donation of $10 if they can afford it.

3. Increase the regular membership fee from $15 to $20 annually.

Quartermaster:

Accelerated efforts should be made to sell quartermaster items in Graybeards.

Credit Card:

It was recommended that balance be paid off as quickly as possible.

Money Market:

Records show that there is approximately $60,000 in the checking account. It is recommended that $25,000 or so be transferred to a money market fund. Transferring $50,000 to a money market account would allow solvency with respect to paying checks twice a month.

Reiner: Is bank charging a fee? The money in the money market account could be drawing interest.

VanOort: How do you feel about the POWs paying a donation? No one gets a free ride in other organizations.

Coon: I don’t believe they will have a problem with $10 a year for the magazine.

Grygier: I would recommend efforts be made to enroll sons and daughters as associate members.
MOTION: Schilling moved acceptance of the Dues Structure Committee’s recommendations. Magill seconded.

Coon: You can draw money out of a money market account without penalty. That way, you can transfer the needed funds into the operating account.

Martin: Paying the bills the 10th and 25th will allow it to go out before the end of the month.

Pappas: That will be up to you and Markart.

Rittenhouse: I would like to see the life membership sale period cut back to August 27. After that, the new rates will go into effect.

ACTION ON MOTION.

Carried unanimously.

Pappas: We can put this recommendation in the next Graybeards. Fifty-six pages on the next issue which will cost us about $1,000 extra.

Quartermaster:

Magill: There is the necessity of KWVA removing itself from the Quartermaster business. The amount of inventory on hand is not good. A lot of it is not saleable. At any rate, we have negotiated a contract with Dixon Pool to assume the quartermaster function. He had previously worked here and disagreed with Dick Adams. Adams is on board with this idea. At any rate, the situation would be that he would enter into this and would pay us 20% of the profits. Nick has the contract and you can ask to look at it.

The next problem is the inventory. It has been priced at $77,000. It’s hard to get a true value of this inventory. The accountant says we have to have a number.

Myrda: We determined cost and we backed into a cost percentage. Kenny Cook has been handling this and it has become burdensome.

Discussion: Dixon Pool—send it to him and have a fire sale. There will be a two-page advertisement before hand. We will try to unload as much as possible.

Magill: Our recommendation is to sign the contract and authorize us to get rid of the inventory. What you paid and what you ultimately sell it for are two different things. Desirability is a matter to consider. We have hats. More popular hat sizes were quick. Less popular sizes of hats, coats, etc., are more difficult to sell and become shop worn. Realistically, how much can we get and how fast can we get it. We have to get rid of this and the sooner the better.

Martin: Would this inventory be conveyed to Mr. Pool? Before or after the massive yard sale? Who would be responsible for moving this stuff?

Magill: Pool would be responsible for getting it.

Magill: 20% new items covered by the contract. Getting rid of the old merchandise is priority. The $77,000 is a paper item. If we got half that, we would be doing good.

Martin: Ken, are you satisfied with this?

Cook: To me it is worth at least 40%.

Martin: Do you want to do this?

Cook: I could sell this at the convention. I figured some of the stuff we only would only get 12 or 20 cents on the dollar. I haven’t advertised or anything and I have been selling it. In January I sold $1,500 worth and so on.

Grygier: Do you want to keep it or get rid of it?

Cook: We should stop the 30% discount.

Edwards: Ken, there are a lot of items on inventory. There is a certain percentage of inventory that doesn’t sell. Would you want to send it to Pool?

Cook: We should get $40,000.

Martin: We cleared about $15,000 last year on quartermaster stuff.

Magill: There are two different things: Getting rid of inventory and Pool being named the agent for future things.

Clawson: Has Dixon Pool ever supported our organization by advertising in our Graybeards? I would suggest that all who are interested be given an opportunity to be the agent.

Magill: My understanding was Cook was going to sell it. He’s going to get rid of the inventory and we want somebody else to sell it. Cook, do you want to sell it or do you want somebody else to do it?

Cook: I will sell it.

MOTION: Morga moved that Kenny Cook be kept on as Quartermaster—until he wants to get rid of it. Tramonte seconded.

Coon: Where do we get the funds to replenish the stock?

Morta: He can sell what he has and after that we can make what ever arrangements we want.

MOTION: Rittenhouse moved to table the motion. Died for lack of a second.

General consensus: Why give it to Pool? Pool should have to present a bid on it along with others. That’s the way other organizations do it.

Coon: We have dealt with Pool before. He comes on his own and buys a table. We don’t have to have a contract with anyone.

General consensus: Take bids on it.

Rittenhouse: Can someone develop an invitation to bid?

Martin: Coon’s suggestion to rent space is a good idea. Then we don’t need a contract.

MOTION: Rittenhouse called for the question to cut off debate. Schilling seconded.

Results of a roll call vote:

Magill—No

Martin—Excused

Benjamin—Excused

Cook—Yes

Coon—No

Danielson—Excused

Edwards—Yes

Grygier—Yes

Morga—Yes

Rittenhouse—Yes

Schilling—No

Tramonte—Yes

VanOrt—Yes

Clawson—No

The motion carried.

MOTION: Coon moved to amend the motion to read that “until the end of July 31st reunion”. Schilling seconded.

Carried unanimously.

MOTION: Schilling moved that at the end of July when Cook is finished we put the inventory up for bids. Grygier second. Carried unanimously.

Cook presented items of jewelry that a manufacturer wanted to sell. Cook will advise him that he is welcome to sell the product and keep the money from the sale thereof.

A recess was called at 3:15.

The meeting reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

The following guests were introduced:

Ken Booker, who will be instrumental in Reunion. Ray Donnelly, who will also help with the Reunion.

Credit Card:

Jerry Smart, with Kessler Financial Services (second largest issuer of credit cards) presented a plan for the issuance of a KWVA credit card at no cost and no risk. The company currently works with about 20 military groups.

Smart: The Platinum card has lots of benefits:

1. High credit ceiling and travel insurance.
2. No annual fee.
3. The introductory finance rate of 5% is good enticement to get you to switch. 16.9 credit card product.
4. KWVA will receive $1 for each new card issued, $1 each card renewal, and 25 cents for each transaction.

The program can generate good income for the organization. The company will do the mailing and make the promotion. We will need someone to review the materials which will use the KWVA logo.

Rittenhouse: Can we transfer from one to the other with the new rate?

Smart: It will not give you the new rate. Coon: After July the rate will go up to 16.9%.

Smart: It is an ad campaign by mail—you get a better response.

Morga: Why would I want to do this?

Smart: It gives you detail on your purchases, higher line of credit, and extra insurance.

Reiner: Overseas protection?

Smart: I don’t know the answer to that.

Question: 25 cents per transaction?

Smart: Yes.

Magill: Duties and responsibilities of KWVA.

Smart: Reviewing copy and that sort of thing. I can reduce that to providing us information.
It's general issues.
Smart: You control your list?
Pappas: Yes.
Coon: Preapproved amount on this card?
Smart: Each agent will review individually.
Coon: Any ATM?
Smart: Any ATM.

Donnelly: Is that list confidential?
Smart: Yes. Only to be used in direct relation to the program. Treated with the utmost respect.

MOTION: Morga moved approval of the proposal and signing the contract. Second Grygier.
Carried unanimously.

Note: The contract was signed and a disk containing the names and addresses of KWVA members was given to Smart.

Krepp: Did you say that you would purchase an ad in our magazine?
Smart: We do not pay for ads.
Question: What does MBNA stand for?

Byllaws:
Edwards: Many man hours were spent on this document. Any changes you see are from myself and other directors and persons in the KWVA. I suggest that you read the copy carefully. It takes 45 minutes. Do not attempt to read new draft unless you have a copy of the old bylaws. You need to check it against the old bylaws.
I suggest that we discuss this tomorrow.

Membership:
Magill: Read a report which stated that as of February 14, 1998, there were 14,141 active members on the mailing list, consisting of Life members—4,390; associate/auxiliary—304; non-dues paying members—697 (most are POW status); and members who pay dues yearly—8,750.

Efforts were made this year to reinstate members whose dues had previously expired with good results. The latest mailing to go out (February 1, 1998) reactivated 185 (as of February 24, 1998).

Raffle:
Pappas reviewed the raffle tickets which were mailed recently.
He stated that Jim Martin has a stock for people who want additional copies.
It was anticipated if sales equal 30% we will have a good return. (Total costs for the tickets and mailing equaled about $5,700).
The drawing will be held July 27, 1998. Profits will be used strictly for support of The Graybeards.

Future Reunion Sites:
Cook: Fresno has been advised that there is no one there to set up a reunion and see to the necessary details.

The Radisson Hotel, Cape Island Chapter 1, Centerville, Massachusetts, is suggested as the site for the 1999 reunion.
This appeared to be the only suggestion at this time.
Consensus: Wait until July. Also ask Cape Island Chapters to put together a more complete proposal.

MOTION: Coon moved that the Board go into Executive Session at this time and all will have to leave room unless they are an elected official.
Cook seconded. Unanimously approved.
The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Executive Council Meeting (Continued)
Sunday, March 1, 1998
First Vice President Tom Clawson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
Harley Coon led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ken Cook led the group in prayer.
Jim Martin called the roll with the following results:
Pappas—Present
Clawson—Present
Magill—Present
Markart—Present
Barton—Excused
Benjamin—Excused
Cook—Present
Coon—Present
Danielson—Excused
Edwards—Present
Grygier—Present
Morgan—Present
Rittenhouse—Present
Schilling—Present
Tramonte—Present
VanOrt—Present

“A Korean Twilight” series:
Coon: The author of the “A Korean Twilight” was upset that the final segment of his series has not been printed.

MOTION: Coon moved that the last section of the “Twilight” series not be published.
Edwards second.
Question: Was there a contract?
Answer: No.
Question: Has Vince heard anything further?
Answer: Yes.
VanOrt: Does he have a contract with Amos?
Pappas: If we edit it, can we sanitize it.

Tramonte: I received many letters from members that they did not want it printed.

ACTION ON MOTION: Called for the motion in favor of not publishing the final segment.
Roll call vote as follows:
Clawson—Yes
Magill—Yes
Cook—Yes
Coon—Yes
Edwards—Yes
Grygier—Yes
Morga—Yes
Rittenhouse—Yes
Schilling—Yes

Tramonte—Yes
VanOrt—Yes

Motion passed. (10 Yes and 4 excused)
Magill returned to the meeting.

Byllaws:
Edwards presented suggested revisions to the Bylaws and began reviewing the revisions:
Page 1, Charter - little changes in wording and no major changes. Queried the Board - No changes on page 1.
Page 2, Article II - Office and Article II - Membership. Gold Star was changed to Gold Star “Person.”
Coon: “No person shall be excluded...” should be deleted.
Edwards: This might go at the end of paragraph 6.
Rittenhouse: We have a gold star sibling who has been very instrumental in our chapter.
Coon: I suggest that the word be “honorary” instead of free.
Rittenhouse: I want it specified thoroughly.
Coon: From a financial standpoint how is it going to affect us?
Rittenhouse: We want it.

MOTION: Coon moved to table Gold Star Person matter until it is considered further.
No further action on motion.

Merchant marines are qualified for membership in our organization. They do not have DD214s, they have a Separation Paper.
Coon: I see no objection to that. That takes us down to Section 2 Due. Let’s wait to see what works out with the Due Structure Committee.
Edwards: Transfer of membership shall not apply to transferring to another person. (#11)
Edwards: We are up to page 4. The dues on hold. We are to Election of Officers on page 4. It was split to help clarify it.
Coon: I question the appointed officers.
Edwards: They were moved because they were appointed.

Rittenhouse: It should be spelled out that a vacancy appointee should serve the full term of the person who was elected and who they replaced.

Schilling: There were inconsistencies in old bylaws on the number of officers.
Peter Palmer: Anything on hold now until next meeting will not be ready for presentation at the next Membership Meeting.
Edwards: If we delay we will not be able to put it in the newsletter for consideration of the membership before the meeting.
Clawson: Anyone with changes can be faxed to me.
Coon: We must have a dues change if we are going to survive.
Edwards: Peter brought up a good point. There would be life membership but no published schedule.

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Coon: It could be as printed in the most recent newsletter.

Palmer: Dues and life dues will be set by recommendation of the Executive Council for consideration of the membership.

Pappas: Our bylaws also serve as a manual of operation.

Coon: I would like to see a senior director and that would be the Immediate Past President who would also have a vote.

Consensus: Tie breaker should be the president only and the Immediate Past President should have a vote.

Edwards: We will change it to reflect that the Immediate Past President will have a vote. That would be 16 instead of 15. Page 10 - figures will all have to be changed.

Martin: We never clarified what we would do about the dues structure.

Pappas: When the membership votes on the change then you change the bylaws.

Rittenhouse: We want to get rid of the numbers.

Martin: There is no purpose for the hold.

Rittenhouse: Schedule will be as printed in the most recent copy of The Graybeards.

Coon: Dues will be set by Executive Council and approved by the Membership.

Edwards: It will be published that way in The Graybeards.

Schilling: They will not vote for any change resulting in an increase in the dues.

Edwards: Dues will be set by the Executive Council. This is the way it will be published.

Edwards: Requirements for elected officer: must submit letter, must have been member for one year and must have attended at least one general membership meeting at a reunion.

Rittenhouse: This causes an undue burden on Washington and Oregon. I would like to see it changed to must have been a chapter officer.

Morga: Person must have been a member for two years.

Consensus: One year.

Edwards: Page 5, Section 4, Paragraph 5: Take out reference to gold star person.

Grygier: Proxy voting. We had trouble with proxies. Under New York State law you cannot knock out proxies.

Pappas: There will only be one ballot and that will be in the March-April issue.

Palmer: Photocopying will be a problem. You can’t change that aspect.

Pappas: I don’t believe you should change the elected procedures as they are now. There should be no problem with mailing the ballots in bulk. You must use the label affixed to the newsletter.

Coon: Leave the proxy in and add only ballots printed in The Graybeards will be counted.

Schilling: Can I go back to paragraph B before this. Section 4, B, last of paragraph. We are not complying with this. If we are not going to abide by this, we should take it out. We could make it a current member. Three regular members.

Palmer: We would need to make changes to accommodate this in a lot of places.

Clawson: We can still have someone from the Executive Council oversee the committee.

Coon: Because of the rescheduling of these suggested revisions, there is a lot of discussion. It is not imperative that the bylaws be changed this year. I recommend that we put in the changes along the side. That would satisfy a lot of our questions. It would shorten the procedure by doing this.

Palmer: We looked at many ways of putting the old into the new using same numbering system. It can’t be done. You can’t dictate about appointed officers where it is discussing elected officers.

Rittenhouse: You are familiar with these bylaws and they are strange to us. Please bear with us if we are being deliberate about this.

Edwards: Shall we continue or get a new version out with emphasis on the changes so that they would be readily understandable.

Clawson: We really appreciate the time you have spent on this — it is very complex. It is very important that we have these in correct order.

Coon: I suggest that a description of duties be included.

Clawson: We could have a five page bylaws. The operations procedures and duties could be separate.

Palmer: If you read bylaws all the way through they are not standard operating procedure. SOP should be an adjunct to the bylaws.

Martin: Would you entertain a break?

The meeting recessed at 9:32 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

Edwards: We will republish and submit to Executive Council before the July meeting.

Rittenhouse: Page 11, #8 Confidentiality, please explain.

Edwards: Closed sessions which have recently been held shall be held in confidence until the Executive Council determines it shall be made public.

Rittenhouse: The key word is “any.”

Coon: You could add that the President can call Executive Session within 24 hours.

Pappas: Roberts’ Rules specify that you don’t have to do that.

Edwards: Do we want to change that? Roberts’ Rules allow for this.

Consensus: Strike the whole paragraph.

Morga: Article VII, Committees, 1 Standing Committees. This can be thrown out. President appoints the Board approves.

Edwards: All are welcome to write with your suggestions. This will be on the Executive Council agenda at the July meeting.

Pappas: Thanked Jack Edwards for a job well done.

Budget/Finance:

Clawson: We are coming out of a trying time.

He presented Jim Martin and Ken Cook each with a plaque for their outstanding efforts.

Martin: With all due respect, what has been done could not have been done without the dedication and efforts of Nick Pappas. He has worked hard.

Rittenhouse: Let me read a letter I wrote. This organization is lucky to be alive. Yes, luck and the stewardship of some people who have steered us to the point where we will survive.

Martin: Passed out and reviewed the proposed 1998 budget.

Coon suggested dropping quartermaster income to $30,000.

Cook said about $20,000 would be more realistic. The stock is dwindling.

MOTION: Grygier moved that $20,000 be used as the income figure for quartermaster income in the 1998 budget. Edwards seconded.

Motion approved.

Markart suggested that members sell the inventory items at the chapter meetings.

Clawson: With respect to the granite plaques, KWVA owns every piece. A $875 check was presented for sale through December 31 for granite pieces. We’re looking at a possible $1,000 for January-March, 1998. We have approximately 250 of the granite pieces left. Some chapters are ordering in quantity for gifts at membership meetings for past presidents, outstanding service, etc. Every piece we have is profit for the KWVA.

Martin: When Mosaic was treasurer he was always changing the budget. This budget is a guideline.

Martin: The poppies are a dead issue. As for Graybeards income, we can’t determine the number of donations we will receive. Donations already are about $3,000 but it would be impossible to guess.

Martin: Are there any other suggestions?

Martin discussion on other items:

When the moneys begin to come in for the charge cards we will list it as a new line item.

Commissions: These are guestimates and we do not know what amounts will be received.

Donations: These too are guestimates. The chapters seem to be doing the Tell America project and there appears to be no national activity on this.

Korean Veterans Association gave us $500 and I put this in donations.

The $30,000 for rifle chances are as good as I could come up with.

Consensus: The $30,000 is okay.

Cost of The Graybeards has decreased. The Editor agreed to accept a lesser fee. These figures are based on six issues per year.
Quartermaster: These are figures projected to take into consideration what is anticipated as expense in operating the quartermaster.

MOTION: Coon moved that the proposed 1998 budget be approved. Clawson seconded.

Unanimously approved.

Graybeards:

Krepps covered the following items with respect to Graybeards and the Internet.

Ads: 20% of Graybeards can be for advertising. We are reducing the cost of advertising.
Do I have a free hand on accepting advertising or do you wish to put some restrictions on this? Paid ads should come first. I expect to have about $4,000 in paid ads by the next issue.

Internet: Korean War page can be reached at: www/ohio-state.edu/nates/KWVEGC.html. The Chosin Few can be reached at: home.hawaii.rr.com/chosin. Another is: garden.metroclubs.com/users/KWVA.

I would like to see our association on line with kwva.org. I suggest that we register that address for two years. The fee is less than $150.

MOTION: Clawson moved acceptance of the proposal to establish a KWVA web page after checking with Wainwright. Magill seconded. Two opposed. Motion approved.

The up-coming issue of the newsletter will be 56 pages.

Clawson expressed commendations to the editor.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 Noon.

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Nominations:

Pappas reported the following nominations for election by the membership at the July, 1998, meeting:

Harley Coon, President
Ed Magill, 1st Vice President
Ken Cook, 2nd Vice President

Directors:

Tom Clawson
Richard W. Danielson
Dean B. McLean
P. G. Morga
Dorothy Schilling
Ted Toussdale
John Settles

Pappas pointed out the change in the ballot which will be in postcard form. The mailing label used to mail the newsletter will be used to identify the voter and whether or not he is eligible to vote.

MOTION: Coon moved to recommend that the top four vote recipients will fill the vacancies for a three-year term and last two will fill any vacant seats which may occur.

Grygier seconded.

Results of roll call vote:
Cook—No
Coon—Yes
Edwards—Absent
Grygier—Yes

Morga—Abstain
Rittenhouse—Absent
Schilling—Abstain
Tramonte—Yes
Vanort—Yes
Clawson—Abstain
Magill—Yes

Motion carried. (5 yes, 1 no, 3 abstain, 2 absent)

ROK Medal:
Pappas read letter dated February 27th from John Kenny, indicating that this matter is now up to the Secretariat level and within 30 to 60 days there should be an action. There are other ways that this may be accomplished if it has not been resolved within the designated time.

Resolutions:

Rittenhouse reviewed a resolution that concerns the adoption of an "official uniform."

Cook: It was voted on by membership that the official uniform would be a navy blue cap with light blue jacket, navy blue pants, etc. The general membership voted on this.

Donnelly: When we moved the monument down for placement, we encountered different things in different areas. It would be helpful if they had been relatively the same.

Grygier: We have a dress code for parade.

Clawson: We have only one official thing that relates to the uniform of the day. Logo patch, KWVA, white trim on navy blue. Knox hat are the only official piece of attire.

Pappas: This is not mandatory dress. It is only suggested.

MOTION: Rittenhouse moved that no action be taken with respect to adopting an official uniform. Morga seconded. Passed unanimously.

Rittenhouse recommended that future Executive Council/Directors meetings be held in locations where there is no KWVA chapter. The resultant publicity could be instrumental in promoting membership.

Coon: I agree that people will see what we are doing, but I believe we should pick out sites where we have a chapter.

Schilling: Doesn’t it normally follow that where we are having our reunion that would be where we would have our meeting?

Pappas: It is a good thing to check the sites and be of assistance to the chapters.

Clawson: Have we had a letter from the Dallas area?

Edwards: We have had no problems generating chapters in Florida. You need only find out where veterans are and where they would like to meet.

Cook: The mid-winter meetings were supposed to be in the south.

Pappas: It was also to give some of the chapters an opportunity to meet the national officers.

Coon: A chapter should be set up before the Council comes for a meeting.

Rittenhouse: The introduction of new people would be before or after the Council meets.

Rittenhouse: Project needs enthusiasm and, there being none, suggested that we move on.

Chapters:

Martin: I have been doing chapter lists. The Empire chapter returned their charter to me in February or March this last year. The secretary of the Department of New York tells me they are reorganizing. Do they have to reapply?

Answer: Yes.

Martin: The Capitol City Chapter wants to become a Virginia chapter and do not wish to be recognized as a DC/Virginia chapter.

Pappas: Issue a new charter with whatever title they want.

New Business:

Pappas: Is there any new business?

Markart: During the reunion a donation of $50 will buy a table to sell items from Friday until Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday would be 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will give exposure to products for 4 days. There will be free tables for sale of quartermaster items and for Vince sale of The Graybeards. If you know of anyone who wants to sell flags or any kind of service to the organization, let them know that these tables are available.

Krepps: Turner has already contacted me. I do not want to go back to him and tell him that he has to pay a fee when he is going to give us a percentage of the sales.

Cook inquired about the ad for Monumental Productions. Are the people who are running this ad going to come through with the tapes that were paid for?

Krepps: The people at Monumental Productions have said this has been one of the most difficult projects they have ever been exposed to. Only positive thing I can say is that the tape has 12 volumes and you will receive it. The delay has occurred because of the desire to get a good product.

Vanort: The Gaylord statues will not be reproduced. They went out of business.

Rittenhouse: I’m not talking about the gold membership card, but the regular membership card. It is a well meant and a poorly conceived idea. The regular membership card should show that you are a paid member each year.

Coon offered to be of assistance to anyone who wanted help in establishing a chapter. He also asked for volunteer names to be submitted to him to serve on committees. He also stated that a Chapter Set Up Committee sounds like a good idea.

Clawson: How many of you have been involved in starting a chapter?

A show of hands reflected approximately eight had.

Schilling: Wanted to know if AMVETS had received the membership list they had requested.
Pappas: It was approved in November and we have not been asked to provide it yet. He can have it when he wants it.

Schilling: We have two chapters in Wisconsin. Now that our memorial is complete we are going to divide the list to get more chapters in Wisconsin so that we can have a department.

Rittenhouse: Formation of department is a very, very difficult thing to do. Chapters preceding department formation are difficult to work with. The new ones have no problem.

Question: Are we going to continue to giving out the white card which is good for an indefinite period of time?

Executive Office:

Reiner: After the formation of a department in Virginia we will be granted two rooms for an executive office.

Reiner: Testifying on Capitol Hill gets an organization a great deal of recognition. The accreditation is being held up because of financial statements. Every other question I can answer but the financial statement does not look good.

Pappas: We can give them a Form 990. This will show that we are on sound financial footing. John Kenny has the paper work to walk the Congressional Charter through. John hasn’t been able to get this done.

Donnelly: If John is too busy I will be happy to try to follow through with this.

Reiner: The portfolio will identify what your positions are. These people are willing to take over these positions. They are willing to do this.

Pappas: Clear this with Harley.

1998 Reunion:

Reiner showed a hat which would be part of the registration package.

Question: The Korean Government is going to give these to us free, huh?

Answer: We’re working on this.

Reiner commented further on meeting arrangements:

There will be a VA clinic in the hotel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. You can get your blood tested, blood pressure, etc. Also have cotton carry-alls and identification badges which go around your neck. Any items left over will be offered for sale.

There will be a headquarters room, quartermaster room, and several small meeting rooms.

A bigger room than this will be used for the Directors meeting room. The meeting on Sunday afternoon will be in the main room.

Speakers: from the Department of Defense. The Korean Embassy will make presentations at the membership meeting.

Dr. Kaiser will speak on frost bite, geriatrics, cold injuries, etc.

On the mall, we will have ladies dressed in Korean costumes.

Parking is a big problem on the mall. Bringing military vehicles in is no problem.

We will solicit funds from the chapters. $50 will buy them a streamer on the wreath, $75 will give you something else. We will also be selling the Rose of Sharon.

Question: Have you made up a schedule of all this yet?

Answer: Yes.

Rittenhouse: What about the possibility of getting the Surgeon General to speak? Should I proceed with this?

Answer: Yes.

Martin: How are you handling the people from out of town wanting a place to park?

Answer: Park police will handle this.

Edwards: We went down to the mall today. It is a catastrophe down there as far as traffic and parking is concerned.

Donnelly: I lost track of the painting.

Response: Amos has it along with about a dozen flags, wreaths, etc.

Reiner: One word caution. There is the KWVA and we agreed that we would put this thing on the mall. Then we had year 2000 Committee and General Kicklighter’s group. I can work with him very easily. This year 2000 Committee is a commercial endeavor—that’s Hansen and Weidhahn. I don’t know their total agenda.

Pappas: Ray Davis is working with General Kicklighter.

Comment: Weidhahn is not with World Travel any more.

Reiner: They are going to be selling things.

Clawson: I’m on the committee and we’ll start doing some digging.

Donnelly: Committee 2000’s commission is to advise Korean veterans on what is going to happen in 2000-2003. Norb may have a point. There could be some profit. But this is going to be a public relations success.

Reiner: Unity means a lot. In the past there has been a lot of confusion. We got many calls.

The Koreans went to a very select group. We need some cohesion. Let’s form one front.

Schilling: Did you get the form from the group in Chicago?

Reiner: No.

VA Treatment:

There is one budget meeting I attended recently. Write to your congressman because we are getting screwed. If you are a smoker they don’t want to give you treatment. They will send you to a smoke enders program. They are trying to back out of this treatment.

Reiner presented a claim which was many pages long and called attention to the amount of time it takes to review these matters.

MOTION: Clawson moved adjournment of the meeting. Magill seconded. Carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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...scout dogs of the 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon saved the lives of untold numbers of Infantry men on the 1,538 combat patrols pulled by the 26th Inf. Scout Dog Platoon between June 1951 to July 27, 1953.

by Robert E. Fickbohm

The 26th Inf. Scout Dog Platoon was de-activated after World War II and then was activated again for the Korean Campaign. In 1951, it was reported that 7 handlers and 6 dogs, went to Korea as an experiment or an advance group, with others to follow, there's not much information on these men as yet. Then a group of men at Ft. Riley, were put into training dogs and themselves prior to going to Korea. They left for Korea in February of 1952. During the entire campaign, the 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon was the only scout dog unit in Korea. After the truce was signed other units were trained and were arriving in Korea.

25th Div. War Dogs, Handlers Get Medals

Three soldiers were decorated yesterday by the graveside of a fallen comrade on a cold, windswept plain in Korea. The first soldier had been on 148 combat patrols, the second one 132 and the third had 108 patrols.

They received a simple scroll of stiff, unimpressive white paper. There were no medals pinned on these combat veterans because you can't pin a medal on a dog. The simple ceremony marked the first time in more than two and a half years of war in Korea that these war dogs had been so honored. Their names, as were written on the official Army commendations, were York, Gray, and Flash.

The awards were signed by Maj. Gen. Sam T. Williams, commander of the 25th Infantry Division.


Beyond the call of the General's words lay one of these German shepherds. His name was Champ, and he had been buried there recently with official recognition by the Army. Champ was killed in action leading a patrol into enemy lines.

In this same ceremony soldier scout dog handlers, 1st. Lt. James Kunberger, M/Sgt. James Johnston, Pvt. James Partain, and Pvt. David Hull were presented Bronze Stars for Meritorious Service, Pfc. Jack Wheeler was presented the Bronze Star for Valor. The Silver Star for Gallantry was presented to Sgt. Sidney Nason and Cpl. Robert D. Goodwin.

Also later in the day the 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon received the Meritorious Unit Citation by Eighth Army Commanding General, James Van Fleet.

Champ

Champ was a war dog and as much of a soldier as any man in the 25th Infantry Division. Until one dark night with the temperature dipping to near zero, he and his handler, James A. Klenz, led a patrol into enemy held territory. They had gone only a short distance when the ground erupted beneath them. In an army hospital, Pfc. James A. Klenz thinks about the past and the terrible mine explosion and the sudden pain. And that his dog, Champ, had been hit and was lying there bleeding to death. He remembered asking some one to put his dog out of his misery. It was their 39th patrol and the war ended for Champ and his soldier master.

The ravages of time will probably remove all the evidence of the unsung heroes grave. But in the memory of an Army veteran, with a disability discharge and a pronounced limp, noticeable to only those who knew him, a certain German Shepherd will never be forgotten. Both have given the full measure expected of good soldiers. Pfc. James A. Klenz went home with a Purple Heart. Champ was one of the dogs that was trained and went to Korea from Ft. Riley, with his handler and trainer, Ronald A. McKeown.

Charlie

A three year old, German Shepherd, war dog named Charlie is buried in one of the many knolls of Korea. Because he died, 23 men lived.

Charlie did not die alone. The fighting men on that patrol spurred on, bitter, heartbroken at seeing the combat veteran fall, accounted for 38 dead Chinese soldiers when the battle ended.

We would have walked into sure ambush, if Charlie hadn't alerted when he did, said Sfc. Sidney Nason, 26th Inf. Scout Dog Platoon, who walked shotgun for Sgt. Larry Piatt, who was Charlie's handler.

More then 75 enemy soldiers opened fire on the reconnaissance patrol, 30 seconds after Charlie alerted. And as they smacked the earth, groups of 5 or 6 enemy charged in maniacal fury. However they were whipped back every time, sustaining heavy losses.

Charlie was hit in the chest by automatic weapon fire and also by grenade fragments. He died there in No Man's Land, continued Sgt. Nason. The firefight lasted 45 minutes.

Please turn to SCOUT DOG on page 41
Football in the Pusan Perimeter

by Eugene Mercier

What does getting a long forgotten medal and thoughts of a beat up football have in common? Nothing, unless they happen to you, and that more than forty-five years ago. Eugene Mercier writes from Nashua, N.H. I received a small package from the Army recently, and was surprised to find a Korean Service Medal, one I should have gotten when I was discharged in June, 1953. The separation officer said I'd get it in a couple of months. He was right, but he didn't say which year.

As I looked at the blue and white ribbon I thought of how much I appreciated it after all that time, and the flood of memories that it brought back. Probably the most vivid ones have to do with the Korean people themselves, the several field hospitals that I saw, the guys who were with me, and the dozen or so I knew who didn't get back. These were really sad and depressing memories, but I did have one or two pleasant ones, particularly the football game we played within the sounds of the nearby front lines...But let me go back a little...

Actually, I shouldn't have been in Korea at all, as, at that time, (the first week of September, 1950-the height of the Pusan Perimeter fighting) I was assigned to a safe, Japan-side personnel office at the Camp Drake Replacement Center, outside of Tokyo. It was at that time, too, that there were serious supply problems in Korea; S-1 dumps were getting office supplies, shoe polish, razor blades, and other unessentials, instead of ammunition, C-rations, boots and medicine. So GHQ decided to form groups of Quartermaster Survey Teams-"QUESTS" to go to Pusan, and other places to try and alleviate the situation. As if we could.

So they gathered about fifty dozen of us whose records showed that we'd gone through the QM School back in the States and flew us over to an airbase outside of Pusan. It was a real fast move for me. I was notified in the middle of the morning and was on a C-47 with some of the others before nighttime. I remember my reaction when the Personnel Lieutenant told me of my hurry up assignment, "Korea? I promised my folks that I wouldn't go anywhere near that place."

He looked at me strangely, "Yes, well...You'll have to leave right now. I just got off the phone, you have to be in Yokohama by 1300 where you'll find out more about what you're supposed to do. It's only a short TDY deal so you won't need to take too much with you. And don't look so worried, you'll probably be stuck in some warehouse counting boots and blankets, and never get anywhere near the front. Besides, you'll get a tax exemption for being there." "Yes, Sir...That'll really be great." A few minutes later I was in the barracks, putting my fatigues and boots and a few other things in my tote bag, then I saw my football. I had gotten it some months earlier in my pre-"Police Action" assignment, and I thought for a second. I didn't want to leave it behind on the chance that it might be missing when I returned, so I slipped it in with the other stuff.

At the Yokohama QM Depot they had separated us into three groups, which was further divided into three and four man teams, with a scattering of officers and NCO's here and there. We were listed as the third group, and were a little surprised to find that the other two groups had already been flown to Korea. It took the officer in charge, a young looking Major, about ten minutes to outline our duties. It was simple; we had only to look into the supply situation in the various units, take note of what was on hand, and compile lists of what was really needed. We were told that it would be an easy job, and that we'd probably be back in Japan in a week or ten days. So we swallowed two stories; it certainly wasn't easy, and we were to be in Korea for almost a month.

After the briefing, and lunch in the mess hall, (I remember it was meat loaf, with mashed potatoes and gravy, and soft rolls. I remember it, because it was the last real food we were to have in over a week.) We were put on busses and taken to Tachikawa AB, about twenty miles away, where they squeezed us into two or three C-47's, and we were off to Korea. What a deal this was, I thought; at 0930 I was at my desk in the Camp Drake Personnel Office, with creased trousers and shiny brass and shoes, and now, at 1530, I was in fatigues and boots, on my way to God knew what.

We landed at night at what I judged to be a medium sized, and brilliantly lit airbase outside of Pusan, and then had to wait until our Lieutenant Primer could scrounge up a couple of trucks to take us into the city. He finally got them and we were then driven through endless, crowded streets for what seemed like hours, until we finally came to a long, two story concrete building that had been converted into a warehouse, but madhouse would have been a better word.

We were put to work early the next morning at a pace that would never let up for the next five days. I won't dwell much on the time we spent in Pusan, but a couple of items might be of interest to the reader. One had to do with coal, of all things, and why we had to bring tons of it in from Japan. We puzzled over that until it was explained that the Korean railroad system needed these imports very badly. That was because before June 25 there might have been four or five daily runs out of Pusan, but now an engine with a dozen or more freight cars would enter or leave the busy little station about every half hour. This resulted in the Korean coal reserves being...
used up in a matter of weeks, so the Army had to put a hurry up call to Japan for large shipments, a situation that lasted for many months.

Another item had to do with medals. A funny thing about them; I never thought I'd get any, ever. In basic training and elsewhere I'd seen officers and NCO's walking around with two or three rows of ribbons on their chests, and never gave them much thought. These men had been veterans a few years earlier, and I felt that they deserved every inch of "fruit salad" they displayed. As for me, since there wasn't going to be another war, I'd never get to wear any. I had nothing against medals; I just thought that they belonged to men who had earned them, with front line time, and I never pictured myself in that spot-never.

So it was of some interest to me, then, while walking around this big warehouse one afternoon I happened to look into a small, 6' x 8' room in a far corner. There were four or five rows of narrow shelves on both sides of this room, upon which were many small, multi-colored boxes that resembled watch cases. A young Pfc., about my age, was busily putting more of these boxes on the remaining shelves. He smiled and greeted me, and then went on with his task as I took a closer look. They were medals, dozens of them, neatly stacked in even rows, and I looked at them in amazement.

Impulsively I took one of the dark blue boxes and opened it, to see a Distinguished Service Cross. I stared in awe at the bronze cross and winged eagle for a few seconds, and thought that this was the closest I'd ever get to this one. The young soldier continued with his job, not saying a word to me as I looked at the others, which were, in turn, a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart. What a place, I thought. And then I thought, too. What was to stop anyone from taking a few of these and making himself an instant hero? Just slip them into a pocket and walk away, then hide them until you got home, to be a big deal to his family and friends. I have to admit I thought about it for a few seconds, but then common sense took over; they weren't mine, I didn't earn them, and hoped that I'd never have to. I took another look at the rows of boxes, said good-bye to the Pfc., and went back to my job. I thought about that room from time to time through the passing years, and how easy it would have been and who would have known? (The fact was, the only medal I wanted, really, about that time was the SAJ-Safe In Japan-Medal, with the PX and Service Club stars.)

Monday, 11 September - 0330. We thought it would be another routine day in Pusan but we received a nasty surprise when our Lieutenant called the team together and said, casually, "Today we're going up near the front to check out some of the supporting units behind the 25th Division..." We looked at each other, unbelieving, as he continued, "We'll be leaving by truck in about ten minutes, so get your gear, pick up a helmet, and be ready to move out. Since the area commander up there doesn't want anyone wearing brass or stripes, we'll have to get them off before we leave. Let's go..." (I remembered that the 25th Division was in the Osaka area in happier times and I was to see the names of many familiar outfits in the days to come.)

He walked away from us, and we stood there, hesitating, for several more seconds as the words sank in. Then Simonelli brought us out of our trance, "Let's play this smart; put our field jackets in our grab bags and hook one from the racks. That way we won't have to do any cutting. And we'll grab a few other things, too. We don't know what the hell we're getting into..."

Rugged Dominic Simonelli was the real leader in our group. Several years older than me, he was the only bright star in the dark days ahead. His common sense and witticisms were to hold us together on many occasions.) With that we went inside and gathered up four or five pieces of clothing and a helmet from the shelves. No one stopped us as we stuffed out suitcases and went outside. At that time our Lieutenant was there with another officer and they directed us to a fully loaded three-quarter ton truck. Before squeezing on we were each handed a .45 pistol and an ammunition belt. It gave me a funny feeling to strap it on now, in earnest, and I was certainly glad that I'd learned how to use it in my one week's infantry training back in May.

We drove out of Pusan in a long, slow supply convoy, through the many streets again, and we were eventually out into the countryside. At least I thought we were, but with all of the traffic going in three or four different directions, it was difficult to tell where the city limits ended. After what seemed like an eternity we finally arrived at our destination near Miryang. This little place was about twenty-five or thirty miles from Pusan, but with all the delays what would easily have been a half hour trip turned into a series of stops and go movements. Of course, we weren't in any real hurry to get there, anyway, but still it was a relief to get off of that truck. It was here that we saw the incredible masses of Korean refugees, who, in their rush to get away from the North Koreans, crowded into the Perimeter by the thousands, carrying bundles on their backs and heads, or with one hand, the other holding on to small children. They were jammed into all of the little villages, on both sides of every road, on the hillside, everywhere. Everyone trying to find safety.

Mixed in with them, too, was a steady stream of GI's moving towards the front, laden with packs, rifles at the ready or slung on their shoulders. The noise, the smells, the feeling of utter confusion and chaos hung over the whole atmosphere like a nightmare; it was simply unbelievable. Once on the ground the Lieutenant took us over to a nearby MP post where we had coffee and donuts, and then we went to work right off. We walked to a nearby motor pool where numerous trucks and other vehicles of all kinds were being repaired. It was here that we heard distant sounds of steady popping and thudding, and someone asked if we were near a rifle range. "Yes, we are," a quiet voice replied, "that's the Naktong River range, with real live targets. Who shoot back..." Later, several of us were surveying a nearby Field Hospital, and I took a walk through some of the wards, which certainly weren't like the later MASH TV program. Here I was sadly surprised to find, among the wounded, a man named Bob Hein, from Pennsylvania, who'd been in basic training with me two years earlier.

After a quiet greeting he told me what had happened. In his own words, "I stepped into a mortar a couple of days before..." Both his left arm and left leg were heavily bandaged, and he was in some pain, so we weren't able to talk much. Since we were both Catholics I thought it would help if we said a few prayers. So we began quietly, but not as much as we'd thought because some of the others joined in, and one or two guys farther away thought that the Chaplain was there, and began to call out for him. Apparently this wasn't part of the routine, as presently the Chief Nurse appeared and abruptly told me to cut my visit short, say-
ing, “..You’re getting these men all upset.” So after saying goodbye to Heini, I went back to my work.

Early one afternoon of this first week we had finished our task at a supply dump and were waiting for a truck to take us to another one some distance away. Our vehicle was nowhere to be seen, probably because of the heavy traffic, which streamed by endlessly on both directions. While we were waiting I suddenly thought of the football, thinking that by tossing it around we could take our minds off of our situation, if only for a little while.

Next to us was a fairly large open field, which looked like it had been recently cleared of a group of burnt out houses, probably to be used as another supply dump. I took out the football and asked a couple of guys if they’d like to play a little catch, which they did, and we stepped out onto the field. We began by throwing it back and forth a few times, and then someone took a center position and began to flip the ball back to us in turn. Two or three more men joined us, and in a few minutes we had a rough backfield formation, with two or three of us running for passes. In no time at all we were like a bunch of kids, hollering and laughing.

A day or so later, in a little village between Miryang and the front, we were sitting with a bunch of men in a reserve unit, talking and eating C-rations. I remember I had a can of mouth watering meatballs and spaghetti-prepared in 1943. Suddenly twenty or more little Korean children came out of nowhere to join us, and some of the men began to share their food with them. This went on for a few minutes when a jeep with two officers drove up and stopped. One of them asked what we were doing, “We’re feeding these kids, Sir,” a voice answered. The officers glared at us, “Never mind these kids..You men don’t know when you’re going to eat again, so keep it to yourselves.” So everyone stopped feeding the little ones, and the officers stayed for another minute or so and then moved on. We waited until they were out of sight and then went back to what we’d been doing. We really couldn’t do anything else.

We were playing like this for some minutes when a fairly big GI, a stranger, came along and asked if he could take over center. Someone asked if he’d ever done that before, “..I was a starter for two years on my high school team in Illinois.” “..Go ahead, pal.. It’s all yours..” The big boy hunched down and began to expertly flip the ball back to the passers. We went on for a few more minutes when our Lieutenant walked up and asked, with a little smile, if he could get into the action, “..I did a little of this in college.” “..Were you in the back-field or the line, Lieutenant?..” “..I was a backup quarterback, so I can throw the ball some.” “..Okay, you’re up.”

After a while more and more guys joined us, some to watch and others to take turns in running and catching. It was as if we were all from the same stateside school, and had known each other for years. My turn finally came to try my luck, which deserted me as I dropped the ball. I picked it up and was about to throw it back when I found myself looking into the grinning face of another rugged Lieutenant, “..Where’d y’all get that football?..” I told him, and then he asked, “Boys, gettin’ up a game, or what?..” “No, Sir, we’re just tossing it around”, I said, returning the ball. He looked longingly at the several dozen men in our group, “Y’all got enough for a team. I got a bunch of boys who could tramp all over y’all.” I thought for a second, “It’s okay with me. You can ask our Lieutenant.” "Ah’ll do that." And so it was. The officers, both grinning broadly, met and talked for a minute or so.

Lieutenant “Y’all” then walked a little ways away, to return presently with fifteen or twenty rugged looking men. We set up sidelines and an end zone of sorts, and then the two groups separated to choose players, who then trotted out on the field to take up positions (I wasn’t chosen as a starter..Even though it was my football..) After a brief discussion of the informal rules (Since there were no referees, everyone would play a clean game, and observe the sidelines and the line of scrimmage..Score after four downs or lose the ball-first team to score three touchdowns wins.) And the game started, the shirts versus the T-shirts.

We were working at another place a few days later. When we saw a chilling sight. Mixed in with the refugees were dozens of NK infiltrators, who would slip through the lines to raise all kinds of ruckus; set fires, blow up railroad tracks, ammunition dumps, and so forth. To stop them the ROK troops had set up roadblocks all around the Perimeter, with varying results. This day they caught one of the unfortunate NK’s, and were bringing him up the nearby road. He was tightly bound, barefoot and shir- less, and his face and chest were covered with bloody bruises. His three or four screaming captors were taking turns cuffing and jabbing him with their rifles.

They stopped at a spot near us where several ROK officers were standing and presented their “catch” to them. After a short conversation one of the officers began to yell loudly at the unfortunate captive, who stood with bowed head, for perhaps a minute. He then motioned to the three men, who then dragged their staggering prisoner up the road, to disappear into a little clearing of woods about a hundred yards away. Our Sergeant walked over to the Lieutenant and asked what would happen to the prisoner. “We will deal with him,” came the replay, in perfect English.

The Sergeant continued to speak to the officers for a few minutes, until the soldiers suddenly came back down the road, alone. The Sergeant, puzzled, then asked, “What happened? I didn’t hear any shots.” “We do not shoot murderers..We have other ways.” “Like What?” “He was killed with a rifle blow, from his head to his feet. It was a death he deserved..” We all looked at one another uneasily. Then a voice said, "Well, no stockade for that guy. I'm sure he'd have gone gladly.." Being on the small side I didn’t get into the game right away, which didn’t bother me, as they were playing hard tackle, without padding or helmets, and it
was really rough in the line. Despite that, there were no apparent injuries that I knew of. As the game went on more and more guys stopped to watch us, to clap hands, to shout and laugh, as did the men on the field. The crowd even included several higher officers, and why they didn’t stop the game, I’ll never know. If some NK long range artillerymen had been on the ball they could have put a half a dozen or so rounds onto the field and gotten a whole bunch of us...I guess everyone was wrapped up in the game. I finally got in – for maybe a half dozen plays – when we were behind by two touchdowns, and Lieutenant “Ya’lls” team was on the way to the winning score.

The third touchdown was never made, as our truck finally showed up, and we had to stop the game, with us the losers. With handshakes and loud laughter all around, we parted to go our ways...Strangers, mostly, but for half an afternoon we were all together, playing a game, taking part in a ritual that was familiar to all of us. A few minutes later, with the football back in my bag, we rode off in the truck. I took a last look at the now deserted field and wondered...Did it all happen? Did we really go through those few magic hours, forgetting if we could where we were, and where we were going, subduing all thoughts of fear and uncertainty? Whatever each of us felt during this time, we were now jolted back to reality.

We went back to Japan a few weeks later, tired and hungry—for real food, and very grateful. Our job was done, and after a few days recuperation, we went back to our duties. (Observation—Going to Japan from Korea was the equivalent, then, of going to the U.S. from Japan...) The football, now scuffed and battered, went back in my wall locker. I took it out a few times afterward that fall to play a game or two, and again a year later, when it finally gave out.

A final note: An item in the Stars & Stripes some days after our return: “...The Department of the Army announced today that Lieutenant John Trent, captain of the undefeated 1949 Army team, was listed as killed in action in Korea...” Though he wasn’t one of the officers in our game, I couldn’t help but think of him...and the guys on our “teams” back at Miryang...Ave atque vale... (Great story Eugene—Ed.)

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Their supply of grenades and weapons ammunition exhausted, the Chinese fled from the battlefield.

The moon which had lighted the rough, barren ground during the conflict disappeared behind clouds as the reconnaissance patrol moved back and the earth shook with thunder and rain soaked the battlefield.

Charlie was carried back to the nearest outpost and the back to grave registration. His body was buried in one of the knolls of Korea. He was definitely a hero to the 23 men he saved that night. Charlie’s handler, Sgt. Larry Plott, has a Purple Heart, A Bronze Star for Valor, and a foncé memory of a great dog.

Rex, The Scout Dog

Rex was a very beautiful dog, a true German Shepherd in type, color and manner. I really have a better story on Carl Claus, the trainer and handler of Rex, he came from a small town in Iowa and was well educated, well liked, it was said of him that he read his Bible every day and when the going got tough, he always seemed to know the right answer. Rex never had another handler as most of our dogs had more than one handler.

So they trained together, worked together, died together and were apparently very efficient. The story has it that Rex had alerted and Carl had advised the patrol leader of the position of the enemy. But the patrol proceeded with possibly the wrong decision, and both Carl and Rex were killed. Carl had trained his own dog for more than a year and had acquired a lot of experience in a short time, maybe he should have been the patrol leader, rather than an advisor. Never the less a great dog and a great man.

Carl J. Claus was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry and the Purple Heart, posthumously.

Happy, The Scout Dog

Happy was another dog that did his job well. I have recently talked to all 3 of his handlers. It seems Happy started as a sentry dog, but didn’t prove out well for that, maybe his disposition was too gentle. But as a Scout dog, he was like a duck to water. He was trained by Ronald D. McKeown and then his next handler was Donald Stahl.

It is estimated that he pulled 87 combat patrols; and he brought them all back.

It is said by Alvin Steeneck, his last handler, that he saved a light patrol from ambush one night by alerting, and they pulled back as it was a very small patrol. And later that night very many enemy were sighted in that area.

And his last patrol was a simple ambush patrol that they were returning from, when Happy suddenly froze on the spot. Alvin advised the patrol leader to back up and reroute. The patrol leader did not heed the warning and proceeded. Only three steps and he triggered a booby-trapped land mine. Happy’s last alert was not by scent or hearing, but by that very valuable sixth sense that a dog has, that can’t be explained. But a number of our dog handlers can verify that this is true. Unfortunately, Happy was killed, Alvin and the patrol leader were quite badly wounded. So Alvin has only a Bronze Star for Valor and a Purple Heart along with the fond memory of a great scout dog.

There are many more incidents where the scout dogs of the 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon saved the lives of untold numbers of Infantry men on the 1,538 combat patrols pulled by the 26th Inf. Scout Dog Platoon between June 1951 to July 27, 1953.

An Infantry General told one of our dog handlers, Kenneth Strawder from Wallace, NE, that after the scout dogs came to Korea, the casualties on night reconnaissance patrols were reduced by 60 to 65 percent. This figure was later verified by a history report in 1957 of the 26th Inf. Scout Dog Platoon at Ft. Benning, GA.

There were many more great dogs in the 26th that brought back their handlers and Infantry soldiers from those 1,538 combat patrols. They were not written up or documented, but all of the dog handlers can state they served their country faithfully.

One of the dog handlers,

Robert Fickbohm
26th Inf. Scout Dog Plt.
Coordinator

(Thank you Robert for a great story about man’s best friend even during war. I would hope others out there would send in similar stories. The dogs must be remembered also and you did a great job doing that.)
They called it just a
"Police Action"

Traumatic personal decisions led to inauspicious first day in the war zone

Taegu, Korea, July, 1950

"What," we have to ask, "prompts a guy to disregard the age-old military advice to never volunteer for anything, or to stick his neck out to ask for combat duty ...to leave a relatively secure assignment, with his wife and family nearby, and to fly off to some dusty, dirty, almost unknown little oriental country to kill ...or perhaps to be killed?"

For me, twenty-six year old, 1st. Lt. Duane E. "Bud" Biteman, it was a quick decision...not necessarily an easy one.

In those few minutes of the meeting on the evening of July 3rd, 1950, I was torn between my love and loyalty for Helen and Carol, who were with me there at Clark Field, getting ready to return to the United States after two long years in the Philippines, our worrying families back in the States...and the very strong obligation I felt to support what our country was doing to carry out a promise to protect a weaker nation. I had the required professional qualifications: I was an experienced fighter pilot...experience gathered over the years at the taxpayer's expense, so that I might someday repay them by fighting on their behalf. On the other hand, could I live with myself, with my conscience, and the shame if I said "no" to their request for help?

On balance, Helen, Carol and the families on one side, the duty obligations on the other. I honestly believed that both causes could be served by sending my "gals" back to the safety of the United States, while I went north to Korea for a few months. In all likelihood, with the situation that existed at the time, I would probably get back to the U.S. sooner from Korea than I would from remaining as "home guard" at Clark Field.

I put my name on the list of volunteers, hoping that Helen would understand. We didn't have a chance to discuss it at the time, but I was sure that she approved...with considerable apprehension and reluctance.

We were both very sorrowful at the prospect of yet another lengthy separation...the third in our young five years of marriage; but we had known what we were letting ourselves in for when I had come back on active Air Force duty in 1948. And I knew that, at the time, we just happened to be in the "wrong place at the right time"!

Those of the Dallas Provisional Squadron whose families were at Clark Field were offered the option of having them return to the States immediately, or to remain in their present quarters on Clark Air Force Base. Several of the officers elected to have their families stay, but under the circumstances, with our baggage all packed, and some of it already on it's way, we decided that it would be best if Helen and Carol went on ahead, and waited for me in the safety of Los Angeles with her parents.

We were still uncertain how widespread the Korean thing would develop and, since I would be a couple of thousand miles north, I would feel a lot more comfortable if I knew they were safe at home.

So, on July 7th, 1950, while the men of the 24th Infantry Division were being airlifted from Japan to Suwon and Kimpo airfields in South Korea, I was standing forlornly on the dock of the bay...Manila Bay, looking through misty eyes at an equally-forlorn pair standing at the rail on the deck of the naval transport USS Gaffey. Two years previous, less just a few days, our roles had been reversed; in July, 1948, I had left Helen standing on the dock at San Francisco...the while band played the same identical heart-tugging song: "Now Is The Hour." It was a song I'd not soon forget, and to this day I get a lump in my throat and a faraway look in my eyes whenever I hear it played. To me it will always be a song of sadness, gathering up visions of a little girl, not yet quite three, holding onto her mother's skirt and wondering why her Daddy couldn't go along with her on the boat.

Finally, as the ship pulled away from the dock, the band played "California Here I Come,"...the tune that had become our private theme song over the past several months, as we had happily anticipated our going-home journey...together back to the United States.

It was a very, very sad Lieutenant Biteman who made the long drive from Manila back to the empty quarters on Clark Field. I couldn't help but wonder how long it would be before we could be together again: three months, six months, or never?

The best cure for a lonely heart is intense activity, and I did my best to do just that during my few remaining days on Clark Field.

My assignment to Korea was to be in the dual capacity of Squadron Intelligence Officer and Assistant Flight Commander...a very unusual combination of duties, that perhaps typified the screwy, topsy-turvy nature of our new little war. Historically, Intelligence Officers were never allowed to go on combat missions because of the possibility that their knowledge of classified plans and codes could be "extracted" by their captors in the event they were shot down. Not so, in Korea. Qualified F-51 fighter pilots were in such short supply that they couldn't afford the luxury of having one around who couldn't fly combat missions.
Between collecting as many maps, charts and supplies as I could lay my hands on, and clearing our quarters at Clark, the next few days and nights went by in a hurry. Up-to-date air navigation charts of the Korean peninsula were scarce at Clark ... we really hadn't previously had much use for them, ... but I managed to find ten complete sets, which I guarded like valuable securities. Plexiglas sheets, map boards, grease pencils, paper clips, staplers, typewriters, lead pencils, pads and erasers ... all of the basic tools of the Intelligence Officer's trade, plus a small, two-inch glass ball ... my "Crystal Ball" ... went into my stock of supplies.

On the night of July 9th, fifteen F-51 pilots ... without a home, and without airplanes, went looking for a war.

We boarded a C-54 transport for the all-night flight to Johnson Field, Japan, the nostalgic site of my first assignment to Japan in 1948.

While Captain Moreland went on to Tokyo to arrange our airlift to Ashiya, on the southern island of Kyushu, and to collect instructions and orders from FEAF Headquarters, the rest of us ranged across Johnson Field to beg, borrow or steal the supplies and equipment we would need in Korea. Lieutenant Chuck Hauver, our "chief thief" Supply Officer somehow managed a whole plane load of tents and a complete Field Kitchen; a notable accomplishment, inasmuch as the units at Johnson were reluctant to give up their equipment ... they didn't know how soon they would need it themselves.

The best I could do was gather a couple of portable field tables, a packet of maps ... a bright young, able-bodied, red-headed Intelligence Clerk ... Sergeant Dan Thornton who had worked for me at Clark, and had recently been transferred to Johnson; I convinced him to join us, telling him we would arrange for his formal, written orders later. He probably never knew it, but he was subsequently declared AWOL (Absent Without Leave), and it took me weeks to get his records cleared, and convince the headquarters that he was, in fact, with us in Korea and doing one fine job.

That evening, July 10th, we had three C-54 loads of equipment on their way to Ashiya. We rode "shotgun" to make sure no other Korea-bound outfit came along and hijacked the hard-won gear which we had so recently stolen.

As Mustangs, they were derelicts. All had been stripped of instruments; they were dirty and they were "tired", but they were the only '51s in the Far East available for immediate use.

And, by that same day, the North Koreans had advanced rapidly southward in a three-pronged attack into the west, central and eastern parts of South Korea. While we were moving our gear from Johnson to Ashiya, B-29s from Okinawa had bombed the rail and highway bridges at Pyongyang, trying to slow the Reds western thrust. As the North Korean traffic piled up at the resulting roadblock, they were sighted by a lone F-51 pilot of the 35th Group, returning from an afternoon reconnaissance mission, who called for help.

During the rest of the day, until it was too dark to see anything but the blazing wrecks, all available F-51s, F-80s, F-82s, plus the B-26 and B-29 bombers had a real "turkey shoot." When it was over, the Reds had lost 38 Russian-made tanks, 117 trucks and hundreds of troops. It was the first major air strike, and it slowed their advance toward Taegon enough for General Dean to pull some of his 24th Infantry troops together for a further delaying action.

We sent our Dallas Sqn. Advance Party, Captains Moreland, Jerry Mau, and Lieutenants Frank Buzze and Chuck Hauver over to scout the airfield situation at Taegon on July 12th, while the rest of us spent a couple of days at Ashiya, collecting more equipment and arranging for sea shipment across to Pusan. From there it would have to go by truck and rail to Taegon. Again, each load had to have one of our pilots go along to ride shotgun, to make sure it didn't go astray.

Fortunately, my Intelligence gear was light enough to go by air, so on July 14th, when I finally received my bundle of black and white, photo-copied Korean air navigation charts ... the only charts available in the area, which I'd had printed on a "Priority Rush Job" by the Ashiya photo lab, I climbed aboard a heavily-loaded C-47 for the flight to our new home-away-from-home at Taegon, Korea.

While at Ashiya, I'd had a chance to talk to pilots of the 35th Fighter Group, who were already flying F-51 missions against the Reds. Things did not sound good; the Reds had crossed the Han River at Seoul... our base at Kimpo had been captured, and they were approaching our airstrip at Suwon, which was 30 miles south of Seoul. Red air attacks had caught several of our C-54 and C-47 transports on the ground at Suwon, severely damaging them; the crews had then become foot soldiers and had joined the walking retreat toward Taegon, with the North Koreans hard on their heels.

On my last evening at Ashiya, as I'd just finished my "last dinner on a tablecloth" at the Officer's Club, I had a chance meeting with four great stars ... resting heavily on the shoulders of Air Force Chief of Staff, General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, who had just arrived at Ashiya for a personal look at the war situation. We did a little "Alphonse & Gacon" dance routine, as each tried to step aside for the other to pass, then he smiled at me, and he, the General, stepped aside to let me, the Lieutenant, pass.

I was amazed at how tired he looked, not realizing that he was already ill with the cancer which would soon take his life. At that moment I was glad to be a lowly Lieutenant, with but one life to be concerned about, instead of a four-star General with a goodly portion of the weight of the world pressing on his shoulders. Many years later, I had occasion to recall our little "dance step", when I was present at the great missile base in California as it was dedicated "Vandenberg Air Force Base" in honor of the General I had "danced" with at the Ashiya Officer's Club.

At the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, South Korea's President Syngman Rhee had begged our President Truman for a fleet of F-51 Mustangs, because he was convinced that a timely show of airpower by the South Koreans would discourage the North Korean troops. In response, on July 1st, 1950, President Truman authorized the transfer of just ten airplanes. However, since all of the Fighter units in the Far East had already converted to F-80 jets many months before, the only F-51s which were not mothballed and in storage, were a decrepit few which were being used to tow targets for aerial gunnery practice.

As Mustangs, they were derelicts. All had been stripped of instruments; they were dirty and they were "tired", but they were
the only ‘51s in the Far East available for immediate use.

Ten pilots of the 35th Fighter Group ferried those ten “Bout One” Mustangs to Taegu and, it’s significant to note, they were called upon ...on their way over, to fly top cover for General MacArthur’s C-54 “Bataan”, en route to Suwon, where he was to confer with General Dean and look over the battle situation. The choice of his escort was notable in that they chose the old derelict F-51s over the newer, faster F-80 jets because the old Mustangs had enough fuel to stay over the field all the time MacArthur was on the ground, then had enough fuel reserve to escort him all the way back to Pusan, and still return for their original intended landing at Taegu!

Upon arriving at Taegu, the “Bout One” commander, Major Dean Hess, and his crew, set about trying to teach the inexperienced South Korean pilots how to fly the hot, frisky Mustangs from the rough, “cow pasture” runway at Taegu. It was a hopeless task; trying to upgrade from a 650 hp T-6 trainer to a tricky 1350 hp fighter while flying combat missions against the enemy ...an impossible situation.

Understandably, the Koreans were reluctant to take the strange airplanes low enough to make an effective attack, and one was badly damaged by gunfire in just the first couple of days. The “Bout One” pilots couldn’t bear to see the air capability wasted, while they were so badly needed in the fighting, so they just left the Korean pilots on the ground at Taegu to refuel and re-arm the airplanes, and they started flying the combat missions themselves.

By the time our “Dallas bunch” started arriving a day or so later, with no airplanes of our own, Headquarters FEAF had decided to give us the nine remaining flyable ‘51s which had earlier been given to the South Koreans... complete with South Korean insignia painted on the wings and fuselage. Dean Hess and several of his “Bout One” pilots stayed on for less than a week, while our troops straggled in aboard our supplies from Japan, then, when we had enough pilots on board, most went back to their units in Japan. Eventually, when more F-51s became available, Dean Hess’s people moved to Masan, on the southern coast, to start a pilot training school for the South Korean pilots. Dean Hess later wrote a book of his Korean experiences, which was made into the very popular and profitable movie “Battle Hymn”, starring Rock Hudson.

Captain Jerry Mau, old friend and Flight Commander, was standing outside our C-47s door when I arrived at Taegu on July 14th, and, with a wide sweep of his arms, smilingly said: “Welcome to Taegu, Queen City and Honey Bucket capital of the Orient.” One whiff of the pungent air and I immediately knew the brand of fertilizer the Koreans preferred for their rice paddies. My eyes followed the sweep of his arm across the barren pasture ...all I could see were six widely dispersed F-51s with South Korean insignia markings, the one adobe building, and an awning-like affair over a low stack of packing boxes (which housed our “maintenance hangar”) ...that was it! All of it! Off in the distance to the north, atop a steep hill, I could see a few one-man tents ... “Pup tents.”

While the C-47 was being unloaded, Jerry showed me the nerve center of our squadron: the Operations Office ...one small room of the adobe hut, with a local area chart thumb-tacked to one wall, two or three wooden ammo boxes and a hand-crank field telephone. He told me that Moreland and Hauver were off on a combat mission with two of “our” nine Mustangs ... someplace near Suwon, wherever our front lines happened to be at the moment. The only other room of the adobe shack was occupied by a detachment of half-dozen “Mosquito” pilots: spotters who flew the three assigned T-6 trainers, with South Korean observers in the rear seats, to help locate targets, and try to tell us which troops were friend and which were foe.

Taegu airfield, in mid-July, 1950, was an “airfield” in name only, and in the loosest possible definition of the word. It was simply an open patch of pastureland approximately 4500 feet in length, located four miles north of Taegu City. One small adobe-type building sat alongside the rice paddies on the north side, just below a steep 100 foot hill. The “runway” ran east and west, and was little more than a dusty road with numerous chuckholes and many soft, sandy spots.

For some reason, I’d always had the impression that air war would somehow be more “organized” than the unpredictable battles of the mud-slogging Infantry; that an airfield required a certain amount of preparation before it could be made operational and, right along with the effort to prepare the runways, and the “work” areas, there was always someone there in the background arranging for a reasonably comfortable place for the aircrews to sleep and to eat. After all, I had thought, if the pilots were to be in condition for the rigors of aerial combat, there would have to be facilities provided for them to get some rest between flights, some nourishing, if not necessarily “tasty” food, and maybe even an occasional cool brew.

Even in China, in World War II, during our hop-scotching from one new fighter strip to the next, they always had us coming into bases with minimal niceties like a Mess tent, and eight-man sleeping tents with wood-plank floors.

But then, as I thought about it, I realized that I’d never had the opportunity to get into a combat area right at the start of a brand-new war. And, as I looked around at the bleak, non-existent facilities at Taegu, I wondered if, just maybe I hadn’t arrived in Korea too soon; maybe I could go out and come in again after they had things arranged more in the fashion that I had been led to expect!

Jerry showed the way as I balanced myself against the weight of my canvas B-4 bag. At the moment it contained all of my meager personal possessions ...a couple of summer flying coveralls, two sets of starched khaki uniforms, a lightweight
flight jacket, a half-dozen sets of underwear, a couple of towels and washcloths, shaving kit and toilet articles, a writing kit and pictures of Helen and Carol. With my .45 cal. automatic pistol, holster, extra clips of ammunition, a first-aid kit and a canteen on the web belt around my waist, and a Leica camera slung over my shoulder, I was carrying everything I owned, or would need in the line of personal supplies.

We first went to a jumbled mound of olive-colored equipment, where I pulled out a pair of shelter halves, a couple of short rods for tent poles and, as I started to walk away, Jerry suggested that I pick up one of the steel helmets from the pile...not so much for protection from gunfire, he said, but I'd need one for a wash basin and a bathtub. Mau carried part of my gear as we picked our way carefully across two or three rice paddies dikes to the foot of the hill which they'd nicknamed "Honey Bucket Heights," where the steep, eroded and dusty path led to the top and "officer's country." There was a rutted road around the back of the hill, which would take us to the same place at the top, but it was a good half-mile further around, and we soon got used to the short-cut across the narrow rice paddies dikes. Scattered at the top was a random array of pup tents, straw mats, carbines and steel helmets...looking for all the world like a combination beach party and "exploded" view of a Boy Scout camp area.

"Pick a spot," he said, "the rent is cheap, we have a nice panoramic view of the valley...and we're away from the strip, in case someone decides to strafe the runway." There was only one sign of "organized" civilization, a 12 foot by 20 foot tent: the "officer's club and Mess tent." As I expected, when I pulled aside the flap to peek in, it was just a big, empty tent with a dirt floor and a few B-4 bags strewn down one side. There was no "Club", and there was no "Mess Hall;" it was just a place to get in out of the sun to sit on the ground and open a can of Army C rations.

It took me just a few minutes to find a reasonably flat spot and set up my pup-tent; I pushed my bag inside and we headed back down the trail toward the flight-line. I was anxious to locate my Intelligence gear and find a corner where I could set up my chart rack and start collecting pilot reports; to see if I could plot a "Bomb Line" from the reports of returning pilots. I moved my plexiglas-covered chart rack into the Operations Office and replaced the dirty, marked-up paper map that was tacked to the wall. I asked a couple of the "Mosquito" pilots in the next room if they could tell me where the front lines were. They just laughed, and ran their finger in a broad, sweeping arc across the entire middle of South Korea: "someplace between Suwon and Taejon on the west, between Hamhung and Wonsan on the east coast, and it's anybody's guess where it is between the two." The "front," if it could be called that, was moving south so fast that it was impossible to identify any specific area as being in friendly or enemy hands.

Harry Moreland and Chuck Hauver returned from their combat mission and were a little more help...they'd been working over the roads leading into Taejon from the north, and that city had not yet fallen...not quite yet.

While I busied myself setting up my shop, and locating my equipment from among the pile off-loaded from the C-47, a crew was busy setting up a field kitchen in a couple of tents under a few scrubby trees a hundred yards from our Operations shack, and a water trailer was brought in from Taeug. Civilization was coming, bit by tedious bit.

It was well after dark that night before I managed a dry sandwich from the field kitchen, and trudged up the dark trail to Honey Bucket Heights, and my little tent on the hard ground. Mine was an eerie feeling: laying on the ground, under the stars on that warm July night. I was dead-tired, but unable to sleep, wondering what the next few days, weeks, or even months...would hold for us.

Weariness finally overcame my rambling thoughts and I dropped off to sleep...only to be shocked awake by the ear-splitting chatter of automatic carbine fire nearby. Seconds later, another burst was heard from another nearby hill, then another from a third hill in the distance. I could see the flashes from the muzzle of the last burst, then silence, as the darkness once again closed around us. At the first chatter of gunfire I was wide awake and out of the tent, with my cocked .45 automatic in my hand, ready to do battle.

"What a helluva way to start an air war," I thought, ".a fire fight against a bunch of trigger-happy guerillas."

I could see nothing but our other pilots, all armed and ready to shoot at anything suspected of being an enemy. Slowly and carefully we crept toward the spot at the far side of the hill where we'd last seen a South Korean Army rifleman. When near enough to see his silhouette, standing relaxed near the top of the knob, we recouped enough nerve to stand upright and walk over to find out what was going on. By sign language and pidgin Japanese, we found that there had been no enemy attack, the bursts of gunfire were just the guards' way of signaling each other that everything was OK!

There was little sleep for the pilots the rest of that night; just a lot of nervous jokes about how we joined the Air Force to stay away from just that sort of life.

Bill Slater, Chappie James and Spud Taylor came over from Japan the following day, bringing another load of ammunition, supplies and some much-needed pilot's flying gear.

D.E. "Bud" Biteman, Lt Col, USAF, Re "...one of those old, bold fighter pilots"


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.
TAPS

All of us in the Korean War Veterans Association extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of the those listed below. May they rest in peace.

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They Made A Difference

When we think of our friends and comrades who served with us up and down Korean hillsides, or through Viet jungles, or across most of Europe and the Pacific; whose staining blood added sanctity to the cause for which they fought so valiantly, and who gave their full measure of devotion; then we know who they were who made a difference.

Joining them are those who also fought bravely and successfully, but were fortunate in being able to return to their homes and families. They too shall be remembered among that select group.

Reverence for past accomplishments reminds us to also be concerned about the future. How can we today be of that number who make a positive difference in the affairs of state, of education, of community, of righteous causes, the tedious tasks of simply doing for others? All of these fulfill the ancient law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." These too, and may it include all of us, are members of that honored group of those who make a difference.

Frank R. Griepp,
National Chaplain KWVA

12 Part Tapes

The tapes are being delivered and the comments from the veterans are very good. Those of you that have not purchased or have received refunds, we ask you to order your tapes using the order form that was in September-December issue.

The KWVA can receive the following donations if you order before December 1998:

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Director Coon Visits Philippines

The 11th conference of the Federation of Korean War Veterans took place on April 21-26, 1998 and President Elect Harley Coon represented the United States. There were 8 countries represented. The delegates were as follows:

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While there, Harley and Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Philippines (Korean War Veteran), discussed the Korean War POW/MIA issue. A resolution was made by this council demanding full accounting of all UN POWs and the return of same. Also that Amnesty International investigate the status of POWs in North Korea and institute necessary actions.

The six day activities list was loaded with full days of events including viewing the Fort Santiago Shrine, meeting Mayor Binay of Makati City at City Hall, visiting Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City, meeting Honorable Fortunate U. Abat - Secretary of National Defense and General Clemente P. Mariano - Chief of Staff - Armed Forces of the Philippines, visit Fort Andres Bonifacio, Makati City, meeting President Ramos, laying wreath at Korean War Memorial Pylon, Commemorative program of the 47th Anniversary of the Battle of Yultong, North Korea (22-23 April 1951), tour Malacanang Palace, visit Subic Bay, visit San Fernando Pampanga and tour Philippines Christmas Village. Needless to say many banquets/lunches/dinners were associated with each location sponsored by those named.

(Thank you Harley for the information and photo.)

School honors Korean Vets

One evening I received a telephone call from Patrick Abbott. He asked me if he could interview me. My thought was a local news reporter. I said yes, where and what time do you want to meet. To my amazement he replied, “I am 14 years old and I want to interview you on your part in the Korean War.” We had a nice conversation on the Korean War. He said this was a school project that their class was having and thought this would be a great project. To help Patrick with his project I sent 50 of the memorial packs to him at no cost. It was about a month later that I received this picture and letter from Patrick thanking me for everything.

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School project.
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Continuing the list from the March/April 1998 issue of the “Graybeards,” we are very happy to report the continued tremendous support of the membership and friends of this publication. Over 4,500 of you have returned your raffle tickets to date, and we continue the publication of the names below. This month’s list contains over 3,300 names, and space limitations may prevent the publishing of all of them in this issue. Keep watching as all names will eventually be published. If you have not returned your tickets, please put them in the mail as soon as possible. Remember, tickets and money received after 15 July, 1998 will be returned to the sender without participating in the drawing. Through 30 April, 1998, Gross Receipts were $62,212.14. Expenses to date were $5,805.89. Adjusted gross was $56,906.57. For additional information, tickets, etc., call “Jim” Martin at 410-282-8498.
Treasurer Merle Sims of Decatur, IL reports that as of May 18, there were 345 members. Checks for new members from all over the United States arrive on a daily basis. Marketing efforts got a big boost in April, when the City of Tuscola donated $10,000 to the Korean War Museum to help with initial marketing efforts. The funds are being used to print brochures and Case for Supports, as well as to pay for postage to distribute these documents around the nation. The Case for Support is a spiral bound 27-page document that provides in depth information about the proposed museum and library. It includes an overview of the project, as well as the institutional concept with regards to purpose, mission, objectives, audience considerations, gallery descriptions and main features of the museum and its 1,000 visitor-capacity convention center, size (161,650+ sq. ft.), staff projections and cost estimates. Copies are available through Lynnita Sommer.

District representatives are actively involved in promoting the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library. Guided by national marketing director, Clyde Fruth of Freeport, Illinois, the district reps contact local news media, Legion and VFW posts, civic organizations, and community leaders. They distribute membership application forms and seek support of the museum project in other ways. District representatives are as of May 18: Sal Amati, Chicago, IL; Walter Ballard, Semmes, AL; Jerry Bey, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Peter Brown, Traverse City, MI; Regnard Burgess Jr., Joyce, LA; Joe Calabria, Staten Island, NY; Jim Clark, Chicago, IL; Joe Costain, Clarion, OH; Don Crawford, Macomb, IL; Raymond Davis, Stockbridge, GA; Joel Davis, Luckey, OH; J.R. Duran, Trinidad, CO; Doug Fargo, Charles Town, WV; Bob Fleig, Tallahassee, FL; Lyle Gibbs, Caledonia, MI; Donald Goerlich, Quincy, IL; David Grimes, Tupelo, MS; Alan Harkrader, Peoria, IL; Kitty Hite, Mt. Pulaski, IL; Bob Hudder, Moutain Home, AR; Neil Hurley, Hollister, MO; John Jackson, Houston, TX; Ernest Kenter, Marysville, CA; Vincent Krepps, Towson, MD; Hershall Lee, Danville, IL; Andrew Lynch, Bensalem, PA; Kyle McGraw, Charleston, WV; Glenn McFarland, Arnold, MO; Fred Metier, Venice, FL; Ed Monarski, Syracuse, NY; Bob Morga, Bayport, NY; Frank Nicolazzo, Rochester, NY; Hal O’Connell, Braintree, MA; Clifford and Betty Prest, Marissa, IL; Harry Reime, Belleville, IL; Paul Rodriguez, Powell, WY; John Settle, Ft. Wayne, IN; Jerome Shaver, Collegeville, PA; Edward Stevens, Carnegie, PA; Richard Teike, Mt. Pulaski, IL; Edw. Trelax, Oklahoma City, OK; Henry Waldeck, West Bend, WI; James Windham, Harvest, AL. To become a district rep., contact Clyde Fruth, 3060 W. Prairie Road, Freeport, IL 61032 (ph. 815-233-0242).

A memorial wall will be featured in the Convention Center section of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library. The wall will feature lines of text submitted by persons who sponsor a section of the wall in increments of $300, $500, or $1,000. Size is commensurate with the donation amount. Individuals, reunion groups, associations, and corporations are encouraged to participate in this major fund-raising effort. Pool your resources with a friend if the prices are too high for your personal budget. Committee chairman Doug Fargo is seeking photographs and information about similar memorial walls in other museums and commercial facilities, and will work closely with the architect for the national museum to make sure the wall blends in well with the aesthetics of the museum’s convention center. For more information about the Memorial Wall, or to send suggestions and/or photographs of a memorial wall you know about, write Fargo at 157 Tuscanwilla Hills, 106 Hickory Ct., Charleston, WV 25414-9777; or call work number (304-451-9501) or home (888-261-6565-PIN#7916).

Engineering battalions laid the groundwork in Korea. They now decided to be among the first on the scene to help establish the Korean War Museum. The 84th and 62nd Engineer Construction Battalions paid for an airline flight to bring Lynnita Sommer to their reunion banquet in Kissimmee, Florida on May 16th. After her speech, they donated $1,000 to the Memorial Wall of the museum, and one veteran announced he would match that same amount in stocks. Meanwhile, the 44th Engineer (Broken Heart) Battalion plans to hold a reunion in Tuscola on September 16-19. They have arranged a community white elephant auction to raise funds for the museum. Auction items are now being accepted. For information, contact Bernie Resnick, 7 Arrowhead Road, Derry, New Hampshire 03038. The auction will be followed by a dinner cosponsored by the Korean War Museum and the Douglas County Museum. Entertainment at the dinner program will be the entire chorus (30-40 men) of the Illini Statesmen Barbershop Singers. Come to Tuscola on September 19 to be a part of the fun and fund-raising.

Tee shirts and caps with the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library logo are available in four colors for $12 (tees) and $8 (caps) by writing Morey Zimmer, 303 9th Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566-1109 (ph. 608-325-6226). Quantities of museum brochures are free through Lynnita Sommer’s office in Tuscola. They were designed by Korean War veteran Al Harkrader of Peoria, IL.

More information about the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library is available by contacting Bob Kenney, board president, at 2930 W. Hickory Point Road, Decatur, IL 62526 or Lynnita Sommer, board secretary, at Korean War Museum, c/o Douglas County Museum, 700 South Main, Tuscola, IL 61953. Ph. 217-253-2535. Email <dcsmuseum@net66.com>.

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Korean War Ex-POW Assn., August 2-8, at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, Oregon near Portland. Contact: Dan Barton, 8316 N. Lombard St., #449, Portland, Oregon 97203, Tel: 503-289-7360.

Tiger Survivors, August 2-8, at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, Oregon near Portland. Contact: Wilbert R. (Shorty) Estabrook, 2257-A, Via Puerta, Laguna Hills, CA 92653, Tel: 714-583-1841.

USS ALGOL (AKA-54), Aug. 12-15, in Hudson, WI. Contact: Tony Soria, 2045 Avalon Dr. Mercer, CA 95430.

USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CV/CVA 31) Ships Company and Air Groups along with USS BON HOMME RICHARD (LHD-6) personnel, August 14-16, 1998 held in Pensacola, Florida. Contact: Richard Pond, P.O. Box 1531, 410 Clark St. Tupelo, MS 38802; Tel: 601-842-0272 (W) or 601-842-8247 (H)


USS WALDRON DD699, Aug. 27-30, 1998, at Sheraton Tara Hotel in Brainerd, MN. Contact: Ernest P. Cleary, 1804 Hwy. 36, Brainerd, MN 56401; Tel: 218-829-3854.

Nevada Korean War Veterans, August 28-30 at Grand Island, NE. Contact: Ken Brandt, 1003 N Hamilton, Grand Island, NE 68803.


USS EARLE B HALL (APD-107) Aug 1998 (tent) Milwaukee, WI, Contact: Robert Grimm 4740 West Grange, Greenfield WI 53220-5039 Tel: 414-421-8436

September 1998

92nd Armored Field Artillery Bn. (Red Devils), Sept. 3-5 at Georgetown University Center, Washington, D.C. Contact: Guy McMenemy, 12027 Westover Dr., Cypress, TX 77429 Tel: 281-469-2819.

2nd Cnd. Mortar Bn., Sept. 9-12, 1998 at Gettysburg, PA. Contact: Herbert L. Gilbert, 3700 51st Street N. St. Petersburg, FL 33710 Tel: 813-527-2931.

Graves Registration/Mortuary Affairs, Sept. 10-12, in Davenport, Iowa Contact: Lynn Lahn, 7476 Sesta Ct. , Whitehall, MI 49461; Tel: 616-894-6183 or Roy Roggenkam, N 4942 Van Twerp Trail, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085, Tel: 414-467-6703.

24th Inf. Div. 266th AAA (AW) SP Battery, Japan-Korea, Sept. 10-13, 1998 in San Antonio, TX. Contact: Bill Earley, 25 Kelly Road, Hamden, CT 06518, Tel: 203-248-6834.

75th Air Depot Wing, 25th Annual Reunion, Korea, Japan, Europe, Sept. 10-13, 1998 in Denver Colorado, Contact: Walter Walko, 25736 E. jamison Cir. S. Aurora, CO 80016, Tel: 303-690-7399 or E-mail warterwalko@juno.com.


USS IRWIN (DD794), Sept. 10-13 at Grovesnor Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL. Contact: Bob West, 797 W. Sunset Strip DR., Beverly Hills, CA 90467, Tel: 312-527-2835.

151st Combat Engineer Bn., Korea, 1951-52, Sept. 10-13 at Shoney’s Inn, Lebanon, TN. Contact: Jack Cottman II, 216 S. Maple St. Lebanon, TN 37087, Tel: 615-444-9273 (Days) 615-444-5225 (Nights) Fax: 615-444-9281, E-mail: rmcott@concentric.net.

15th Radio Sq., Mobile (R.M.S.) 1950-1954 VSAFESS, Sept. 10-13 at Cocoa Beach, FL, Hooday Inn, Ocean Front, 1300 N. Atlantic Blvd., Contact: James Bramwell, 108 President Ave. Rutledge, PA 19070, Tel: 610-544-5143, E-mail: jbs74866@erols.com

Korean Veterans Assn. of Canada, Sept. 11-13 at International Inn, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Contact: Norm Van Tulss, 283 Aldine St., Winnipeg, MB Canada R3J 3A9, Tel: 204-832-1255, Fax: 204-889-7139.


USS WISCONSIN BB-64, Sept. 11-14 in Marriott Hotel, Falls Church, VA Contact: USS Wisconsin Assn. P.O. Box BB64, Rudolph, WI 54473, Tel: 440-322-8296.

USS HORNET CLUB, Sept. 16-19, 1998, in Washington, DC. Contact: John Catterall, 109 3rd Street, Newport, RI 02840, Tel: 491-423-1075.


New York Chapters guests of South Korean government

Korean President Kim Young-sam stands with members of the Cpl. A.F. Kivlehan Chapter and Central Long Island Chapter of the KWVA.

Members of the Cpl. A.F. Kivlehan Chapter and Central Long Island Chapter of the KWVA were guests of the South Korean government and invited to a ceremony in which they were presented with a Presidential Certificate and the President tied a commemorative banner to the top of each chapter flag. In presenting these awards he personally thanked each one individually for their valor and commitment during the Korean War. Members were driven by limousine to a luncheon at Manhattan’s Waldorf Astoria and then to a hotel suite for a personal appearance with the President for this ceremony. In his speech he acknowledged that South Korea owed the Korean War Veterans more than they could ever repay and invited us all to return to South Korea for a revisit. Members invited him to come to visit the Korean War Memorial on Staten Island. After a friendly reception with other dignitaries members were driven back home. (*What an honor for these Chapters and Members—Ed*)

INVITATION TO BID

The KWVA is soliciting bids from contractors who desire to assume the official quartermaster function for the organization. Each contractor submitting a bid must include the following information:

a. A toll free telephone number;

b. An explanation of its ability to promptly process orders;

c. An inventory of the military related items that it has readily available, including price for sale to KWVA members;

d. A list of the veterans organizations which it is presently servicing;

e. Proof of financial responsibility; and

f. The terms of the financial arrangement it proposes to make with the KWVA in consideration of becoming its official quartermaster.

Bids must be submitted no later than July 17, 1998 to:

President Nicholas J. Pappas
209 Country Club Drive
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
Tel: 302-227-1309
Fax: 302-227-3749

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

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

B. Regular Members.

1. Service in United States Armed Forces. Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, said service being within 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.

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Korean War Veterans Certificate

The beautiful, full color 11" x 17" certificate pictured on the right is now available. It is produced on parchment-like stock.

A special certificate is available to family members of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Korean War or who died of wounds received. The individual request should have the date of death and place and be certified by the requester.

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Korea
We didn’t do much talking
We didn’t raise a fuss
But Korea really happened
So please – remember us
We all just did our duty
But we didn’t win or lose
A victory was denied us
But we never got to choose
We all roasted in the summer
In the winter, damn near froze
Walking back from near the Yalu
With our blackened, frozen toes
Like the surf the Chinks kept coming
With their bugles in the night
And we fired into their masses
Praying for the morning light
All of us just had to be there
And so many of us died
But now we’re all but half forgotten
No one remembers how we tried
We grow fewer with the years now
And we still don’t raise a fuss
But Korea really happened
So please – remember us.

LCDR  (Poem submitted by Francis M. Macy)