The Tae Gukki is posted in Northeastern Ohio during the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Western Reserve National Cemetery.

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The site was chosen in 1992, beating out four potential locations from Lake County to Massillon. Ohio's other national burial ground, in Dayton, is expected to be at capacity soon.

"We knew back in the 1980s that this area deserved a national cemetery, but knowing that and having it happen are different things," said Roger Rapp, acting director of the National Cemetery System.

The cemetery, scheduled to open late next year, does not have an official name, but Rapp said: "It seems to me that Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery would be very suitable."

Rapp and others gave much of the credit for the cemetery's location to Rep. Sherrod Brown, a Lorain Democrat.

"This is a special day for all of us who have worked hard on this project," said Brown. "We're here today because so much of us has a dream of creating a final resting place for our comrades. This cemetery will become sacred ground for veterans and their families and will forever be a monument to those who served."

Akron Democratic Rep. Tom Sawyer added: "It is my hope that we will look on this new cemetery not as a burial ground for past generations or old ideals but as a living memorial for each succeeding generation to remember."

The cemetery will provide sites for up to 125,000 graves for veterans and their families from Northeast Ohio.

Bob Yuhas, the keynote speaker and a twice-wounded veteran of World War II, said all veterans owed McCourt and others who campaigned for the cemetery a debt "we can never repay." And, he added: "They represent the slogan of this cemetery: 'All gave some. Some gave all.'"

Yuhas, 73, of Parma, said he returned to Europe in 1985 and visited U.S. cemeteries, including the burial ground in France of 9,500 Americans near Omaha Beach in Normandy. "It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press," he told the crowd. "It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, whose coffin is draped by the flag."

Many thanks to Skip Rittenhouse, President Dept. of Ohio KWVA for the front cover photo and story. We also thank The Plain Dealer, Ohio's Largest Newspaper, for permission to print photo and story. Many thanks also to those shown in photo—Ed.

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President’s Message

My wife (Sylvia) and I were invited to attend the Department of Missouri State Reunion. We had a great time, Paul Phillips and crew did a wonderful job. Having Francis Turley (Past President Gold Star Mothers of America) really added to the reunion. There were in excess of 200 KWVA Members and Auxiliary in attendance. Lynnia Sommer gave a very enlightening talk on the Korean War Museum located in Tuscola, IL. Sylvia and I are looking forward to next years reunion. There will be a “Korean War Memorial Highway” in MO. An 18 inch by 24 inch sign will be erected on Route 21 where it will cross the 38 Parallel in Washington County in the community of Old Mines, MO.

By the time you receive this “Graybeards” a lot will have happened. The Country will have honored all veterans on November 11th, especially those heroes that made the supreme sacrifice. The freedom we enjoy today was bought with human life and we must never forget. Each Veterans’ organization will be represented. The younger generation must always be reminded why we have our freedoms today.

We will have completed a Fall board meeting on November 13, 14, 15, 1998.

The meeting was held at the Comfort Inn North, 539 Absecon Blvd., Absecon, N. J.

I have received a couple of letters concerning the new dues structure. One letter requested that I rescind the dues increase. The membership set the dues at the general membership meeting. We as a board were elected to carry out the wishes of the membership. We do not have the authority to over rule the membership.

There are a lot of events coming up that may be of interest. On April 9th there will be a Prisoner of War (all wars) ceremony in Hawaii which includes a visit to the Arizona Memorial, The Punch Bowl National Cemetery, a visit to CILHI Laboratories where the DNA testing is conducted. This laboratory is where there have been several remains identified from Korea and Vietnam. The National Cemetery at the Punch Bowl is where there are over 900 grave markers inscribed “Soldier Unknown Korea.” There will be more information in the next issue of “The Graybeards.”

The British KWA will be having an international reunion in London, England from July 17 to 24, 1999. See sign up sheet in “The Graybeards.”

“The Gathering” of Korean War Veterans will be having the ceremonies at the Korean War Memorial on July 27th. I hope we can unite a great many Korean War Veterans to attend this function. This is our Memorial and we must continue to honor the 54,000 killed in Korea and the POW/MIA’s. There will be more information in the coming “Graybeards.”

The next event will be the Korean War Veterans Association annual convention. The convention will be held in Mobile, AL., starting on Sept. 11, 1999. The membership picked this date so that we would not conflict with other functions around July 27th.

November 27th was Thanksgiving and I hope everyone took out a few moments to remember our fellow military personnel, those that are now serving and those that made the supreme sacrifice.

Remember December 7, 1941 the day our freedoms were really put to the test. Our great nation rose to the occasion, with the help of our allies and defeated a powerful axis. Less than 5 years after the end of W.W.II we were called once again. This time to stop the spread of communism, which we did, only to be forgotten. The Korean War Veteran can hold their head high because we did our job.

Winter time is here and it always reminds me of the first Christmas that I spent as a Prisoner of War in Korea. The bitter cold, the lack of food, no Winter clothing, no heat or lights, the only thing we had was faith in the Lord that he would see us home safely. I truly hope that no American service person ever has to spend one minute as a Prisoner of War.

My wife Sylvia and I would like to wish each and everyone a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

A New Year resolution “I promise to bring in a new Korean War Era Veteran into the KWVA.”

My Christmas gift to the KWVA is a $100.00 donation to the “Graybeards” and a $100.00 donation to the scholarship fund.

Till next time I remain
Harley, President KWVA

Korean War Veterans Association Rules for meetings.

A. All remarks shall be confined to issues, remarks about another members motives, conduct, or character shall forfeit the speaker or members right to the floor.

B. At no time will a member interrupt a member who is speaking.

C. There will be no dialogue when a motion is on the floor, only discussion on the motion.

D. All motions shall be read aloud by the chairman or secretary before the final vote is taken. All motions shall stand as read unless corrections are made at time of reading.

E. There will be a 3 minute time limit for discussion, a member may speak only twice, unless granted additional time from 51% of other board members. No member may speak a second time if a member who has not spoken on the subject wishes to be heard.

F. Members shall be recognized by the chairman before beginning to speak or make a motion or amend a motion.

G. The chairman may call voting by a show of hands, or voice vote yeas or nays, a secret ballot may be called at the request of at least 5 board members.

H. The chairman may recognize members of the gallery only after the members of the board have completed their debate on the pending question.

I. These rules may be amended, suspended, or rescinded by a vote of two-thirds of board members present. (Roll call vote)

My Telephone and fax Numbers are: Phone (937) 426-5105 Day and (937) 427-9445 between 8:00 pm and 11:30 pm. Fax (937) 427 9853 and (937) 426 8415.

I have received several calls and the answering machine did not record the full number.

Harley
Editor's Pen

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

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

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... meaning that your KWVA dues are probably due.

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If it says anything else, just wait until you receive a notice. We are attempting to get all members on a calendar year basis with their dues payment and we will notify you of the proper amount to pay you to the first of the year 2000.

Send your dues payment to: KWVA, PO Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210.

Incidentally, if you move (or just head South for the winter) always notify us of your address change. It cost us approximately $200 recently for notifications that members had moved and no forward address was provided. We were notified that the member was “AWAY” to the tune of 50 cents each. So let us know.

To expedite your mail...

☐ Vincent Krepps gets everything regarding The Graybeards.
☐ Nancy Monson and Lynne Eldridge get everything regarding dues.
☐ Ed Markart gets all chapter materials.
☐ Dan Nicholas gets other financial matters.
☐ Ken Cook gets all quartermaster requests.
All addresses are on the inside cover of this magazine.

Notice To Chapters: Please include your chapter ID number on all applications and be sure to use the new membership application with the new dues amounts. Be sure all information is filled out on a new member application—zip code, area code, unit of service, etc.
Our National Memorial in D. C. Will Be Repaired

From the office of Senator Paul Sarbanes

For Immediate Release
August 3, 1998

Senate Adopts Sarbanes Measure To Fix Korean War Veterans Memorial

Senator Paul S. Sarbanes announced that the Senate recently unanimously supported his proposal to provide $2 million for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete essential repairs to the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Mall in Washington, DC. The amendment was adopted as part of the Department of Defense Appropriations bill for FY99, which passed the Senate by a vote of 97-2.

"When this memorial was dedicated in 1995, It was intended to be a lasting and fitting tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of our troops who fought in the ‘Forgotten War’,” said Sarbanes. "Unfortunately, just three years after its dedication, the monument is not lasting and is no longer fitting."

The Korean War Memorial is the newest war monument in Washington, DC. It was authorized in 1986, construction began in 1992 and it was dedicated on July 27, 1995. The Memorial is located south of the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial on the Mall, and to the east of the Lincoln Memorial. The monument contains a triangular "field of service," with 19 stainless steel, larger than life statues depicting a squad of soldiers on patrol. A curb of granite north of the statues lists the 22 countries of the United Nations that sent troops in defense of South Korea. To the south of the patrol stands a wall of black granite, with engraved images of more than 2,400 unnamed service men and women detailing the countless ways in which Americans answered the call to service. Adjacent to the wall is a fountain which is supposed to be encircled by a Memorial Grove of Linden trees, creating a peaceful setting for quiet reflection and remembrance.

However, the Memorial has not functioned as it was originally conceived and designed and has instead been plagued by a series of problems in its maintenance. The grove of 40 linden trees have all died and been removed from the ground, leaving forty gaping holes. The pipes feeding the "pool of remembrance's" return system have cracked and the pool has been cordoned off to visitors. The monument lighting system has been deemed inadequate and has caused safety problems for those visiting the site at night. As a result, most of the 1.3 million who have come to visit the monument each year must now cope with construction gates or areas which have been cordoned off instead of experiencing the full effect of the Memorial.

"With the 50th anniversary of the Korean War conflict fast approaching in the year 2000, we must ensure that these repairs are made as soon as possible. This additional funding would ensure that we have a fitting, proper, and lasting tribute to those who served in Korea and that we will never forget those who served in the ‘Forgotten War’,” Sarbanes concluded.

Congressional Record dated Thursday, July 30, 1998

Senate Section

Text of Amendment Offered by SARBANES (D-MD) to S. 2132

AMENDMENT NO. 3431 (Purpose: To provide additional funding for repair of the Korean War Veterans Memorial) [CR page S-9379, 22 lines]
Attributed to SARBANES (D-MD)

AMENDMENT NO. 3431
(Purpose: To provide additional funding for repair of the Korean War Veterans Memorial)

On page 99, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:
SEC. 8 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL.
Section 3 of Public Law 99-572 (40 U.S.C. 1003 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:
(c) Additional Funding.
"(1) In general.—In addition to amounts made available under subsections (a) and (b), the Secretary of the Army may expend, from any funds available to the Secretary on the date of enactment of this paragraph, $2,000,000 for repair of the memorial.

"(2) Disposition of funds received from claims.—Any funds received by the Secretary of the Army as a result of any claim against a contractor in connection with construction of the memorial shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury."

Measure Debated by SARBANES (D-MD) —S. 2132

Defense Appropriations Act, 1999 [CR page S-9379, 63 lines]
Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, the amendment I am offering would fix and restore one of our most important monuments, the Korean War Veterans Memorial. It authorizes the Secretary of the Army to provide, within existing funds, up to $2 million to complete essential repairs to the Memorial. Joining me as a cosponsor of this amendment is my distinguished colleague from Colorado—a Korean War veteran himself—Senator Campbell.

The Korean War Memorial is the newest war monument in Washington, DC. It was authorized in 1986 by Public Law 99-752 which established a Presidential Advisory Board to raise funds and oversee the design of the project, and charged the American Battle Monuments Commission with the management of this project. The authorization provided $1 million in federal funds for the design and initial construction of the memorial and Korean War Veterans' organizations and the Advisory Board raised over $13 million in private donations to complete the facility. Construction on the memorial began in 1992 and it was dedicated on July 27, 1995.

For those who haven’t visited, the Memorial is located south of the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial on the Mall, to the east of the Lincoln Memorial. Designed by world class Cooper Lecky Architects, the monument contains a triangular "field of service," with 19 stainless steel, larger than life statues depicting a squad of soldiers on patrol. A curb of granite north of the statues lists the 22 countries of the United Nations that sent troops in defense of South Korea. To the south of the patrol stands a wall of black granite, with engraved images of more than 2,400 unnamed service men and women detailing the countless ways in which Americans answered the call to service. Adjacent to the wall is a fountain which is supposed to be encircled by a Memorial Grove of Linden trees, creating a peaceful setting for quiet reflection. When this memorial was originally created, it was intended to be a lasting and
fitting tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of our troops who fought in the “Forgotten War.” Unfortunately, just three years after its dedication, the monument is not lasting and is no longer fitting.

The Memorial has not functioned as it was originally conceived and designed and has instead been plagued by a series of problems in its construction. The grove of 40 linden trees have all died and been removed from the ground, leaving forty gaping holes. The pipes feeding the Pool of Remembrance’s return system have cracked and the pool has been cordoned off. The monument’s lighting system has been deemed inadequate and has caused safety problems for those who wish to visit the site at night. As a result, most of the 1.3 million who visit the monument each year—many of whom are veterans—must cope with construction gates or areas which have been cordoned off instead of experiencing the full effect of the Memorial.

Let me read a quote from the Washington Post—from a Korean War Veteran, John LeGault who visited the site—that I think captures the frustration associated with not having a fitting and complete tribute for the Korean War. He says, “Who cares?” “That was the forgotten war and this is the forgotten memorial.” Mr. President, we ought not to be sunshine patriots when it comes to making decisions which affect our veterans. Too often, we are very high on the contributions that our military makes in times of crisis, but when a crisis fades from the scene, we seem to forget about this sacrifice. Our veterans deserve better.

To resolve these problems and restore this monument to something that our Korean War Veterans can be proud of, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducted an extensive study of the site in an effort to identify, comprehensively, what corrective actions would be required. The Corps has determined that an additional $2 million would be required to complete the restoration of the grove work and replace the statuaries. My amendment would provide the authority for the funds to make these repairs swiftly and once and for all.

With the 50th anniversary of the Korean War conflict fast approaching, we must ensure that these repairs are made as soon as possible. This additional funding would ensure that we have a fitting, proper, and lasting tribute to those who served in Korea and that we will never forget those who served in the “Forgotten War.” I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment.

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PROJECT FACT SHEET
July 21, 1998
Korean War Veterans Memorial
Washington, DC

Background – The Memorial was authorized by Public Law 99-572 on 28 Oct 86. A Presidential Advisory Board was established to raise funds and oversee the design of the project. The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) was responsible for the management of the project. The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with ABMC to provide assistance with the project on 24 Dec 88. Design work started on 3 Mar 90, with concept approval on 28 May 92 (including review by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), and the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA)). Construction was complete in Jul 95, with a Presidential Dedication on 27 Jul 95. A kiosk, providing shelter for National Park Service (NPS) personnel and a computer system with data accessible to the public, was completed on 29 Jan 97.

Since the completion of the Memorial several modifications have been required to correct design deficiencies, construction oversights and incorporate improvements at the request of the NPS. This work was initiated following the death of the 40 Linden trees in the Memorial grove around the reflecting pool. Since then revisions to walkways, lighting, and the pool operation have been incorporated.

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Status: Reconstruction of the Memorial Grove is currently underway. Industry recommendations for repair of pool piping have proven unsuccessful and replacement is now recommended. The walkway around the pool and its’ foundation has also incurred damage. Due to the walkway’s prominent location on the Memorial and its’ proximity to the pool piping, replacement is also recommended. A new weather tight lighting system has been developed which can be used in the statuary where the existing system has been deteriorating due to environmental conditions. Additional funding up to $2.0M is required for completion of the grove work, and replacement of the statuary lighting.

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Veterans Services

by J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner
National Service Director.

Smoking

The battle continues within the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding acceptance of responsibility to treat veterans who suffer the serious devastating effects of a career of smoking. Many of you rendered comments about cigarettes being a feature item in all rations. Yes! as was brought to my attention, the Red Cross and USO distributed cigarettes to all GI’s. Those in hospitals were given extra rations. Some refrained from adopting the nasty habit. However, we were guilty none-the-less when we used them for taxi cabs, traded for trinkets, Japanese binoculars and cameras, and whatever. A "tobacco settlement" is under-way with many states at the time of this writing; how the VA will react. I just reviewed an article which states “How the Pentagon helped WWII soldiers get hooked on tobacco.” They did it to us also. Limited space to comment at this time.

Omnibus Veterans’ Bill (H. R. 4110)

Passed by the Senate and signed by the president on 11 November ‘98. The bill contains a variety of provisions affecting benefits, services, and disservice’s for veterans. Please note the following summaries. Areas which no longer affect the Korean War Veterans are eliminated.

Title III. Compensation, Pension and Insurance.

Increase special pensions of MEDAL OF HONOR awardees for all services from $400 to $600 per month.

Provide a swifter payment of death benefits to terminally ill persons under the servicemen’s/women’s Group Life Insurance policies.

Congress will receive a report and assessment of the effectiveness and adequacy of the insurance and benefits programs for survivors of veterans with service connected disabilities, from the VA.

VA will issue dividends to holders of WWII era National Service Life Insurance series “H” policies, and issue dividends under all other NSLI policies.

Title IV Memorial Affairs.

VA will provide memorial markers for certain members of the armed forces and spouses whose remains are unavailable for internment. (We take exception to providing memorial markers for spouses who chose to have their remains cremated and scattered.)

Extend eligibility for burial in National Cemeteries and funeral benefits to merchant marines who served from August 16, 1945 to December 31, 1946. (Another exceptions; these individual received large salaries and high insurance benefits for the risk they agreed to undertake; much more than provided to any GI.)

In order to keep it on an even organization status the National Cemetery System will be re-designated the National Cemetery Administration. (Of course, this is raising the status of the political appointee to undersecretary.)

VA will pay up to 100% of the cost of ceremonies developed under the State Grants Program. (This means fewer National Cemeteries. In conjunction with this effort states require you to be resident in order to be interred in a states grant cemetery. Think about it. Sorry we did not catch this earlier.)

Title V Court of Veterans Appeals.

The threshold for parking facilities project as a major medical center expense increases from $3 million to $4 million. Parking fees are prohibited at Spark M. Matsunaga VAMC and RO in Hawaii. By September 15, 1999 the VA is to submit a report to Congress on its authority to charge parking fees at VAMCs. This will include various aspect on how to charge parking fees for employees and, other recommendations regarding fees for employees. (If you volunteer at a VAMC, visit a veteran, are an employee you will be paying a parking fee. Why? Get your congressmen on this one. The next charge may be for the treatment you received in a field station for wounds. There are too many congressmen/women, political employees, government personnel who have no regard for veterans and never participated in rendering service to this nation.)

[I will include other items in the next issue (under this title) as they are of interest but less critical.]

Title VII Health Professionals Education Assistance

The Scholarship Program and Education Debt Reduction Program are designed to aid, financially, those who are health professionals for the VA. We will discuss more next time.

Title IX Miscellaneous Medical Care and Medical Administration Provisions.

Veterans will be given priority medical treatment for cancer of the neck or head if they document nasopharyngeal radiation treatment in service. Treatment will also be rendered to aviators in service before the end of the Korean War (the bill refers to it as “conflict.” [We know better!] or underwent active duty sub training prior to 1 January 1965.)

Extend the treatment for sexual trauma through 31 December 2001.

Special disability programs must be thoroughly screened by the Veterans Health Administration to develop standards and other resource management to maintain these programs.

Authorizes VA to use pension funds of vets above the $90 monthly limit for those receiving nursing care for operating expenses for a VAMC. (Vets must pay for the injuries, medical problems, etc. because they defended this nation while illegal and other immigrants receive FREE medical care, pensions and the like. The treating facility is disallowed by law to notify the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the illegals. Ouch!) A study of nurses pay by locality throughout the U.S. will occur between February 1999 -2000 with result being submitted to congress.

Please read the information under legislative matters.

Further data regarding the Omnibus Bill will be continued in the next issue if it is pertinent to us. Time to digest all aspect is limited by The Graybeards deadline.

Several nations have submitted data regarding chemical effect on their veterans who served in Korea. Have any of you been diagnosed with liver, nerve, pancreatic, prostate problems, or other problems that your physician considers unusual relative to your families medical history? Did any
of you or your off-spring have any birth defect problems? Need to know this.

Hemorrhagic Fever

Some interest is occurring in the VA. Do any of you suffer from questionable liver problems. If you did imbibe heavily and have liver cancer ask your doctor to determine if you also are suffering from effects of the fever. We need to know.

Read "the Graybeards" thoroughly: Requests appear under the MIA column regarding DNA samples. Also, we were asked for input regarding the placement to remains at the plaza of the Tomb of the Unknowns for the Viet Nam era. Where are they. Please read the Legislative Matters column.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner
Executive Director for Legislative Matters.

In addition to the many bills proposed on Capitol Hill regarding Veterans issues we have chosen the subsequent which should be of great interest to Korean "War" Veterans. National President, Harley J. Coon spent six days in Washington, D.C. during his travel to the Winter Meeting in Atlantic City and experienced a first hand education of what occurs inside the Beltway regarding veterans matters.

Repair of the Monument

The pool has been a problem. It will now be "fully" repaired. Senator Sarbanes (MD) aided by Senator Strom Thurmond (SC) added an amendment to a passable bill stating the Department of the Army should provide funds for the repair. It was an unfunded bill. Department of the Army, over the week-end of November 7-8, 1998 did find the funds. Presentation was made on 10 November at the Memorial with approximately 150 Korean War Veterans and representatives from Capitol Hill and Department of the Army present. Approximately 50-50 tourist witnessed the event.

The weather was inclement and some of those called failed to show up. The Maryland KWVA had a very large representation. (During construction, I was involved taking VIPs. Reps from other nations, many groups of visiting Korean War veterans, and the media, plus others to the site. Never did I realize pileings were not being placed under the pool. Now we know why it was sliding around. That area was a bog before it was filled.) National President, Harley J. Coon was called upon to speak, although very surprised he did an excellent job.

Burial with Honors

National President, Harley J. Coon came into the Washington area to represent the KWVA on 11 November 1998 at Arlington National Cemetery. His timing was excellent. After the Fall Meeting in Atlantic City he returned to Washington, D.C to attend the conference on Burial Honors for Veterans. With a minimal briefing, he made an admirable presentation, and was one of the few of all the national commanders of veterans organizations who offered positive comments and suggestions. It was a pleasure to sit behind him and whisper guidance in his ear. Details are not final, but please advise how many color guard units can be made available for burial details. If you wish to purchase rifles please give me a call. A report is due congress by the first of March. You will be advised of the final product and recommendations.

Airmen's and Soldiers Home

A formal presentation was made by the staff at the National Soldiers and Airmen's Home [NASH] with the firm who will be assisting in developing the 49 acres to support the NSAH. The Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. is objecting to development and has the rights to purchase the land according to a bill passed by congress and enacted by the White House. More details later. Financial disaster is the main problem of the NSAH. A more detailed report will be given later. We ask each of you to address a letter to your senators and congressmen demanding support for the continuation of the NSAH, and not allow the 49 acres to be sold. Do it now—urgent!

There are many issues which affect the veteran/retiree/families of same which will be presented to the 106th Congress. I believe all of the Korean War Veterans were re-elected. We will be using them to gain our Congressional Charter. During the past year two charters were issued, one for the Fleet Reserve and the other for the G. I. Forum. We will need your assistance to direct correspondence to your congressmen and senators once the action is initiated. You Must Make Your Voice Heard.

Postal Stamp

Believe it or not one of the outstanding and memorial events that occurred during the '50's was the Korean War. A special stamp will be issued as part of a plate of many stamps. We will inform you, if possible, when the first day of issue will occur. Representatives of the KWVA will be invited to the First Day of Issue ceremony.

Traveling Exhibit

We have reviewed the panels for the 50th Anniversary Traveling Exhibit prepared by the Department of Defense. As soon as they are finalized we will request copies and advise you how they can be obtained. There will be a cost.
Korean War Ex-POW Update

The Reunion in Portland is now history. I understand everyone who went had a great time. Don Barton and his Committee did an outstanding job.

The 1999 reunion will be held in Macon, GA. The following is tentative and final plans will be published when known. The inclusive dates are Sunday 25 July thru 1 August. You can come any time you want to. There will be a lot of us there on Sunday and if you want to hang around and see more of the area, the hotel will extend the special rate for a few more days. We are trying to keep it simple and our tours are arranged so that you will not be exposed to the Georgia heat for extended periods of time. All the buses are air-conditioned and are equipped with restrooms. We have an extra large hospitality room so we can keep the non-smokers away from the smokers and not be in danger. That way the smokers will be able to have their drinks and smoke at the same time. The non-smokers are welcome to sit with the smokers but we ask the smokers not to invade the non-smoking area with your smoke.

Tours

We are going to offer the following tours if we can get enough people who are interested in them.

We have been asked by a lot of people for a tour of Fort Benning. Lloyd "Buz" Coldwell has "volunteered" for coordinator. This will have to be an all day junket due to the distance, about 100 miles but it will be worth it. Buzz tells me it will consist of an airborne display, maybe a drop, weapons display, heavy and light, dine with the troops, a tour of the Infantry Museum, a tour of the field of honor, and if you would like to leave a token flower or some other memento you can, and a tour of the troop area on Sand Hill. I am sure most of you who have been stationed at Benning as I was, can surely remember the agony of crawling up that last half mile after a long road march. This tour will be on Thursday the 29th of July and will cost $22.00 per person to include the dine with the troops meal.

Another tour will be the Warner Robbins AFB and Air Museum. A lot of you took this tour the last time you were in Macon but many new planes have been brought in and there are a lot more exhibits there now. This tour will also include lunch. The cost of this tour will be $15.00 per person. This tour will be on Friday, 30 July.

We will have a tour to the Mall so our ladies can do some shopping Saturday afternoon on the 31 July. The Macon Mall is the largest closed-in mall in the state of Georgia. This trip will cost $8.00 per person and lunch will be on your own.

We will have an Historical Macon tour with a guide to explain all the sights of Macon. This tour will cost $10.00 per person. We are going to try and schedule buses twice a day for four hours each. By maintaining small groups you will be able to take your time and see all there is to see. We will need to have at least 40 people per bus. Tours will start on Wed. 28 July, one in the AM and one in the PM. Two on Thursday, two on Friday and one on Sat. PM. You will be back in time to get ready for the banquet and have your picture taken for the reunion book. For the Tiger Survivors, if you choose the Friday PM tour you will be back in time for the Chop-Chop. This tour will cost $15.00 per person. If we need two buses for a particular time and date, we can get it, as long as we have at least 40 people per bus.

Banquet

Banquet seating will start on Thursday at 1 PM. We will work it as we did before in Macon. If a group wants to sit together, one person pick up all meal tickets, present them to the person taking care of the seating and pick out the table you want. Your table number will be written on the back of the meal tickets and the number in your party will be written into the seating chart. At this time we are planning 8 to the table.

Hotels

We have three hotels we will be using. The primary hotel is the Holiday Inn Macon Conference Center. We have over 200 rooms that are available. There are 18 handicap rooms at this hotel. The room rates are $64.00 plus 12% room tax. The phone number is 912-474-2610. This hotel will fill up fast so I suggest you get your reservations in as fast as you can. Be sure to tell them you are with the Korean War Ex-POWs. There are a few RV parking spaces at this hotel with electrical hookups. No water and no refuse dump. The city made them disconnect them several years ago. In the event you do not make it in time for the main hotel, our first backup is the Hampton Inn. It is across a small access street and about a two minute walk from the main hotel. No traffic to worry about. The room rates here are the same as the Holiday Inn. They will have a continental breakfast. Their phone number is 912-471-0660. If you call the Holiday Inn and there are no rooms available, they will make your reservations for you. We have over 100 rooms available in this hotel. If both of these are full you will be put in the Holiday Express which is about a mile from the Host Hotel. Their rates are $60.00 per night plus 12% room tax. The host hotel is working up a buffet breakfast for us for about $3.65 all you can eat and a nice buffet lunch. We have not worked out the price on that but it will be reasonable. The evening meal will be on your own.

(We will try to report on our Ex-POWs in every issue, Editor)
One Came Home
By Vince Krepps

I wish to print this story in order to introduce you to my best friend. Also the reason I devote many hours printing your stories with a mixture of the personal emotions from myself and families who spend a lifetime remembering the loss of a loved one.

This is our story as told to a local newspaper reporter over several sessions, then printed in his newspaper. It took 48 years to get enough strength to recall the saddest days of my life and also to get someone to listen. I have edited parts of the printed story due to space. This story tells in detail only the time we shared together. Our 6 months in Korea was interrupted by time spent in the hospital and the Chinese. Everything in between and after became only a blur and had no meaning.

The story begins

"My nerves aren’t good," he says softly, and you notice the coffee cup shakes as he raises it to his lips. "I haven’t been since the war. Thinking about it now..." His voice trails off. For a moment, silence fills the room. Then he goes back to telling his story, the story of the war hero and his twin brother, who went off to war, too, and never came home.

Vince Krepps fought in Korea in 1950 and won the Silver Star for "gallantry in action," which is what they call it when a 19-year-old kid half-mad with fear, his unit on the verge of being wiped-out, races through withering North Korean fire to

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![Image of baby twins](image_url)

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Monuments and Memories

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**Missouri Remembers**

POW/MIA Table - Department of Missouri '98 reunion. State Commander Paul S. Phillips

October 12, 1998 a good time was had by all! The 163 registered guests were treated to a host of qualified, experienced speakers, including our own National President, Harley Coon. Among the other speakers/guests were Mrs. Frances Turley, former National President of the Gold Star Mothers; National Second Vice President, Ken Cook; the Reverend Paul Ambro; MO. Veterans Commissioner Ex-Director Robert Buckner and Director Ron Taylor; Joel Pottinger of the Lake Ozark Activities gave an overview of activities in the area. Lynitta Sommers from the Korean War Veterans Museum spoke as well and the goal is to have the initial dedication on the 50th anniversary of the war in June 2000. A delicious buffet lunch followed after which Reverend Paul Ambro gave a moving speech which held the attention of all. The ending came with a closing prayer by Reverend Embryo. October 13, 1998 Guests included Sgt. Major John Murphy of Ft. Leonard Wood and James Brocksmith of Modat who displayed the signs to be placed on Highway 21, rededicating the highway as “Veterans Memorial Highway” and “Korean War Memorial Highway”. President Coon spoke of the KWVA activities and of his experiences as a POW. The various chapter Commanders gave their reports followed by the women’s auxiliary reports and introductions of those people from out state Missouri who attended. Then the various chapters “Tell America” chairmen were introduced and gave their reports. I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this reunion such a success. The reunion committee; Holiday Inn Lake Ozark; the speakers; and everyone who pitched in where and when help was needed. (Thank you Paul Philips for the photo and story. Thank you also for remembering our POWs and MIAs.)

For those who do not see the material they submitted for publication — please be patient.

**Maine Remembers**

Maine Korean War Memorial

In the September-October issue, the Maine Korean War Memorial is not the one depicted on Page 17. That must be the Clair Goodblood memorial in Burnham. I’ve enclosed a picture of the Maine Korean War Memorial hoping that you might use it.

The Buiton-Goode-Sargent Chapter was responsible for the construction of the Maine Korean War Memorial and we appreciate all the assistance that former member Marty O'Brien gave us. However, B-G-S was organized, chartered, and incorporated April 24, 1992, not in 1993. I should also like to mention that even though Marty omitted mention of Army Sergeant George D. Libby of Cumberland, as a recipient of the Medal of Honor, we intend to keep his name on the memorial. George was the first to receive the Medal of Honor in Korea. Although Cpl. David B. Champagne was born in Maine, DOD did not recognize him as a Maine native. His family had moved to Rhode Island. But since his mother moved back to Maine, the statement added his name to the Medal of Honor listings, but deleted George Libby.

We are also attempting to add the names of seven or eight more Maine men who have been re-classified as casualties of the war. Wounded and hospitalized in Japan, these men later died from hepatitis. Apparently, DOD forgot that these men wouldn’t have been there in the first place except for one thing - their wounds, sustained in hostile action.

Hopefully our group will add David Champagne’s name to our memorial when we engrave the other seven or eight. Instead of four Medal of Honor recipients, Maine will be justifiably proud to know it has five - Cpl. David B. Champagne, Sgt. George D. Libby, Maj. Charles Loring Jr., and Cpl. Clair Goodblood. Col. Lewis Millett currently resides in California.

Sincerely, Ken Buckley - President, B-G-S. Chapter

Named in memory of George Burton POW, Alan Goode, MIA both presumed dead And, Harry Sargent, KIA on Porkchop Hill. (Thank you Ken for the Photo and update. I know Marty did not intend to misrepresent the Memorial I depicted. It may have been my mistake for not being knowledgeable about other States’ Memorials. Whatever the case, we are proud of Maine, its Memorials and the veterans.)
**Illinois Remembers**

Korean War Veterans Memorial in Springfield, IL.

On June 14, 1998, the Korean Veterans’ Memorial of Illinois was re-dedicated in Springfield, Illinois. The main speakers were Carl Greenwood, Chairman of the Illinois K.W.V Memorial and Korean Council General from Chicago, Beyon Ghong Kiu.

The re-dedication ceremony was followed by a chicken dinner at the Camp Lincoln Illinois National Guard Armory. The food was provided by Council General Kiu and the Sangamon County Chapter, K.W.V.A.

The Greater Chicago Chapter members attending were Sal Amati, Bill Sternberg, Jae Won Lee, Paul Guerrero, and Yang Song, President of the Midwest Chapter, R.O.K. Veterans.

Respectfully,
Bill O'Brien Secretary
Greater Chicago Chapter K.W.V.A.
(Thank you Bill and Illinois for the Memorial in remembering our war, veterans and those that did not come home.)

**New Jersey Remembers**


(Thanks to Larry Barulli for photo. Thank you New Jersey.)

**Louisiana Remembers**

Korean War Memorial at City Hall in Monroe, LA.


(Thank you Bob for photo and story. Louisiana must be proud of your families service and its Memorial.)

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Texas Remembers

A beautiful plaque was presented by chapter member, Carlos Ballard to Fred Raber, brother of Rudolph Raber.

Ballard and Bolton grew up with Raber. The Remembrance plaque was a large 2’ x 3’ piece of polished wood with a brass eagle at the top with an honor roll document of Raber from Washington, D.C. Memorial. Donald Feisie’s poem, “I Am The American Flag” along with comments from Raber classmates and Posthumous Member of KWVA Gulf Coast Chapter of AL. Rudolph Raber was with the 1st Cav. Div., 8th Regt and so was Joe Bolton, with the 5th Regt. Bolton was seriously wounded on Sept. 10, 1950, about two miles from Raber. Fred Raber, brother of Rudolph Raber was with the Marine Raiders in the Pacific during WWII. Ballard, a former Marine served in Korea.

The Raber plaque will be in the Raber family church for two weeks and then will be placed in the City Hall of Summerdale, AL.

(Thank you Carlos for photo and story, very moving.)

New York Remembers


Monday, July 27, 1998 at 12 Noon a Korean War Armistice Ceremony was held at VFW Post 8113, West Seneca, N.Y. Chairman was Robert Lee (Korean Veteran) and Jr. Vice Comdr. of Post 8113 under whose guidance the program was formulated.

Distinguished Honored Guests
- Korean Consul Due-Han Foundation
- Maj. Dachan Jung Korean Air Force
- Gen. D. Tauriello US Army
- Gen. Wm. Rapp USAF (Ret.)
- Gen Jos. Penksul Chaplain USAF
- Lt. Col. R. Waring USAF (Ret.)
- Hon. Jack Quinn Congressman
- Hon. Wm. Stachowski N.Y. Senator
- Many Erie County and West Seneca officials.

Active Duty Color Guards: Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. 35 Veteran Color Guards from Western New York and two from Canada.

Included was a fly-over by a Cobra Helicopter.

Over 500 people witnessed the ceremony and treated to refreshments at the close.

Rod Wilkins
Newsletter Editor

(Thank you Robert T. Lee for sending in the photo and story. It is our honor to show this event and we are proud of all our New York veterans.)

Ohio Remembers

Korean Combat Soldier’s letter home is inscribed on the Memorial and reads as follows;

Hi Everybody,

I’m a company runner now, a good job because it’s a lot safer. I wish you all wouldn’t worry so much about me. Sometimes we’re just on the move and they cannot mail our letters.
Memories of USS Foss (DE59)

By Kimber L. White

Bob Johnson and I ordered from GSA, microfilm containing the rosters from the Foss from 1943-1953. While reviewing this microfilm, as the names flashed across the screen, I noted an entry dated December 1, 1950 marked, “Rec for TAD from ComFltAct, Chinnampo, Korea,” and later an entry dated December 5, 1950, “Em-barked Foss for Transportation,” listed the following persons:

- Vivian R. Cisneros, Jr. (SA)
- John Hopey (MML2)
- Eugene A. Lamb (BMG1)
- George V. Larson (END1)
- William A. McDonald (SA)
- Donald E. Huffman (CHBOSN)
- Garland Locks (BM1)
- Theodore C. Allen (QMQ2)
- John A. MacLellan (LCDR)
- James S. Lampe (LTJG)
- Donald E. Huffman (CHBOSN)
- Hong Won Pyo (LTJG ROK)

Boy, did this list of people bring back some memories if I may, I will share this experience with you.

In 1950, the Foss was on station at Chinnampo, Korea, furnishing electricity to that port, which was a supply center for the advancing United Nations forces. Word was received that the Chinese army had crossed the Yalu River in great strength and that many of the American and ROK units were in full retreat. (It was at this time that the first Marine Division was surrounded in the Chosin Reservoir area.)

About this time, a bedraggled and ex-hausted group of officers and men from the Navy arrived at the Foss by land. This group under the command of John A. "Busted Butt" MacLellan (LCDR), had just returned from the front where they were serving as an intelligence team reporting directly to Commander-in-Chief Naval Forces Far East stationed in Tokyo. The Foss, being the largest and perhaps the only naval unit located that far north, served as a communication link between this group and ComNav Far East in Tokyo.

In this group was a young Lieutenant (jg) named James S. Lampe. He was a handsome youngster with blond hair and blue eyes. Lt. Lampe spoke Korean fluently having learned the language after many years in Korea, while his parents served as missionaries.

I guess at times of high drama, such as the San Francisco earthquake, the Chicago fire, immense tragedy of the time burns itself into one’s memory. I can remember vividly the last night we were in the river outside of Chinnampo—a scene of horror and dispair from Dante’s inferno.

A few days before December 5 or 6, apparently the Koreans had been told that the United States would remove as many civilians as possible from the Chinnampo area. On this particular evening, there were literally thousands upon thousands of men, women and children down on the beaches hoping and praying that they would be evacuated by landing craft. We had woefully few landing craft in the area and my recollection is that 6-8 went to the beach, opened up their front gates and took as many people as possible. At that time every conceivable boat, raft or anything that would float was being pressed into service by the people hoping to evacuate the area and to avoid the destruction that awaited them from the advancing Communists.

On this particular evening, 5 destroyers that had been operating off the coast were ordered into Chinnampo, and I can only recall the name of one, that being the H.M.S. Athabaskan, a Canadian destroyer, and I believe 3 American destroyers. These 5 ships took position off of the city of Chinnampo and fired their 5 inch guns point blank in an effort to destroy radio installations and supplies that were still stacked on the docks.

Men, women and children were attempting to sail south to Inchon in every type of floating device available. As the Foss left the area and passed in close proximity to these vessels, the men, women and children screamed at us. At some point in the evening I had reason to pass through the ward-room and noticed Lt. Lampe with his head buried in his hands crying like a baby.

While the tragedy of the situation was apparent to all of us, I don’t believe anyone was affected as keenly as was Lt. Lampe who lived with these people and had come to love and admire these gentle people who were now being persecuted so outrageously. I don’t believe there were many men on the Foss that evening who doubted the necessity of keeping a strong Army and Navy so that this scene would never be repeated in the United States.

I do not recall whether we debarked this intelligence team in Inchon or Pusan, but it certainly was an experience to have met them in Korea under the circumstances.

Cmdr. MacLellan was a very colorful person, with a full beard. He told us that it was only a few months ago that he was practicing law in Chicago and was called back for this mission. I wonder if that is alive today?
Chapter Affairs

Ocean State Chapter #1 in Rhode Island and Central Mass. Chapter


Greater Cincinnati Chapter of Ohio

Cincinnati Chapter Vets resting after 4th of July Parade. From left to right; Al Rost, Joe Celentza, Jean McGrath, Bob Witherby, Bob McGeorge, and Norb Guthier. (Thank you Bob McGeorge for the photo of your sharp Color Guard. I think Jean is saying “Bring on the next parade, I’m ready.” Can’t print what the guys are saying.)

Texas Lone Star Chapter

New Officers
- President: Z.E. Stone
- 1st Vice President: Stephen J. Montello
- 2nd Vice President: Howard H. Nathan
- Secretary: Frank Grochoske
- Treasurer: Donald E. Napp

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Stone (Stoney)

Southeastern Indiana Chapter 4

Southeastern Indiana Chapter awards student scholarships; Three $500 awards were made to 1998 graduates of the Southeastern Indiana Career Center. (l to r) Chapter member Glen Clark; recipients John Moore and Danielle Day, and Chapter member Luther Rice. Third recipient, Melissa Stephens not pictured. (Thank you Luther for the photo showing a special event being done by a great chapter.)

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway Chapter of Pennsylvania

Carrying the Australian Flag is Royal Australian Regiment Veteran (3rd Battalion) Eddie Wright, who holds the American Purple Heart Medal as well as the Australian MIB (2nd highest award). KWVA members, in white shirts, are: left to right - Jack Bence, Ed LaQuay (with our National Color) and Don McIlrath.

The Pittsburgh based General Matthew B. Ridgway Chapter of KWVA hosted fourteen (14) Australian Korean War Veterans from New South Wales, Australia during the Memorial Day parade through Pittsburgh’s Bloomfield and Lawrenceville sections on May 25, 1998. A reciprocal visit to Australia is planned by the Pittsburgh Korean War Vets for the year 2000 — to march in Australia’s Anzac Day Parade and in the 3rd Battalion’s Battle of Kapyong Parade. (A great day in Pennsylvania with special veterans. Thank you Bert Cerminara for the photo and story.)
Members at newly erected plaques for the Korean War section - Ocala - Marion County Veterans Memorial Park.
(Thanks for the photo Dick Merrill and a big thanks to the Counties for remembering our veterans of the Korean War)

Mahoning Valley #137 Chapter of Ohio

Chapter members (l to r) Dean McClain - President, Joann Onstott, Rocky Anobile, Richard Schuly, Don Brown, and Will Fowler. Chapter tent at Cornfield Fair. Joann Onstott, Associate Member is the wife of Robert Onstott, deceased 5 years ago this Christmas.
(Thank you Joann for photo and story and most of all for keeping one of our Korean War heroes work on-going in remembering our veterans and our war. Robert and all of us are proud and honored to have you as one of us.)

Central Massachusetts Chapter

From left to right, Central Massachusetts Chapter Commander Allan Earley, George Montville, Ron Johnson, Ken Swift and George Shepard at Central Massachusetts Chapter’s annual dinner on April 18.
(Thanks for the photo Bob, now bring on the food. The men look hungry.)

Chorwon Chapter of New Jersey

Chorwon Chapter, KWVA of N.J. is building the only Mobile Army Surgical Hospital Museum in the U.S. The Bergen County Sheriff Jay Alpert recently donated a 2 1/2 ton Army truck for the authentic equipment which will be part of the museum scheduled to open in May, 1999. Left to right are Dick Bozzone, Commander, Sheriff Jay Alpert, John Ippolito, of N.J. Aviation Hall of Fame where museum will be built. Also John Valerio, Vice Cmd., Don Kuehn, Co-Chairman of project and Deputy Sheriffs Frank Benedetto. In truck is Dep. Sheriff Jack Quigley.
(Thanks for the photo and story Dick. When the museum is built please send another photo and story. All veterans will want to visit it when in New Jersey)

Gen. Raymond G. Davis Chapter of Georgia

Old Soldiers Day Parade (1998) Alpharetta (Atlanta) Georgia Saturday 1 August. The parade is held every year on the first Saturday in August. It began after the Civil War, was discontinued about nineteen hundred and begun again after the First World War and been held ever since. The float represents the Korean War Veterans Association, General Raymond G. Davis Chapter. As you can tell in the photograph, a number of Koreans in the Atlanta area joined in the parade.
(Thank you James Conway, Chapter President for photo and story. A great parade, float and most of all the great veterans of the Korean War and the Korean Community.)
The Fairmont Chapter of West Virginia

Third Chapter of KWVA Formed in Fairmont, W. Va. During the month of February this year the third chapter of Korean War Veterans Assoc. was formed in Fairmont. The Officers pictured are (l to r) Jim Floyd - Treasurer, Fred King - Secretary, Loron Jackson - President, J. R. Potts - 1st Vice Pres. Standing: Jack Tampin, State President.

(Thank you Jack for the photo and your efforts in forming new chapters. I am sure your W. VA vets finally found someone they had something in common with and also someone that will listen. Another great Chapter)

Yong Dung Po Chapter 114 of Pennsylvania


(Thank you Jerome Shapiro for the great photo of a great group taken by a great photographer.)

West River Chapter 160 of South Dakota

The photo above was taken at the Shrine of Democracy, Mount Rushmore National Memorial (background), in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. The occasion in the memorial’s amphitheater was the Ex-POW/MIA observance, appropriately held each year at Mount Rushmore.

Seven chapter members, from left: Gordon Hanson (chapter president); John Siers; Jon Sharps; Marvin Jones (chaplain); Dwanye Overholt; William Herrera; and Clifford McAleese.

The chapter is less than a year old, and a $1,000 anonymous donation helped greatly in getting us started. We have held several fund-raisers. Other projects are either just getting started or are in the offering such as having a highway named for the KWVA and creating a Korean War Memorial.

We’re an active outfit, and someday we want to host the annual KWVA convention in Rapid City.

(You are off to a great start Gordon and I hope to use the other photos. We are proud to have another great chapter on our rolls.)

Eagle Chapter of New York

On October 17, 1998, there was a fun filled and memorable bus trip, organized by John Downey, going to Washington D.C. from Rockland County, N.Y. It started with a coffee truck waiting at the bus 6:30 in the morning. Everyone was raring to go, and off we went. We arrived in D.C. at lunchtime and stopped at the “Old Post Office” to eat. We were all anxious to go to the Korean War Memorial and when the bus pulled up to it, you just got chills looking at each of the men that made up the patrol. There were 19 statues in a rice paddy, some interacting with one another. Along side of the statues, there was a mirrored wall, with faces of men and women in all the services, sand blasted into it. The mirrored wall reflected the 19 statues of the men, which equals 38 which is the parallel line that divides the North and South. A wreath had been brought along, so that we could have a little tribute. John Moloney’s son brought his bagpipes. We made a procession and marched up, all of us feeling very emotional. With breaks in their voices both John Downey & John Murphy made very emotional speeches. With tears in his eyes, Sam Osborne laid the wreath and in the background, the beautiful touching sounds of the bagpipes. Not only our crowd, but all the visitors that were there, didn’t have a dry eye. This was absolutely the most memorable part of the trip.

(Thank you Rocky Marcarelli for photo and touching story.)
NENY CHAPTER PRESIDENTS (left to right) Thomas Flavin, Raymond Buccci, Gus DeMars, Joseph Rinn, Paul Cloutier, Robert McCormack, James Busher, Thomas Sharpe, William Bradley, and John Edwards (Donald Kruse, missing from picture).

We're still #1

The North East New York Chapter of the KWVA recently celebrated its 10th anniversary as the 1st Chapter in the National KWVA by honoring its Chapter Presidents.

Among the Presidents of the NENY Chapter are: 7 recipients of the Purple Heart, 1 National Commander of Ex-Prisoners of War, 2 Department of New York KWVA State Presidents, 1 National Commander of the MOPH, 2 New York State Commanders of the MOPH, 2 Ex-Prisoners of War, 1 member of the Chosin Few.

The Chapter is also proud to count among its members: N.Y. State Senator, N.Y. State Assemblyman, Marine Lieutenant General (Ret), Former National Director of the KWVA, Former National Membership Chairman of the KWVA, and a deceased Federal Judge.

The Chapter was instrumental in the creation of two memorials: the New York State Memorial, Albany, N.Y. and the Rensselear County Memorial in Troy, N.Y. We are also very active in veteran and civic affairs and participate in parades and other ceremonies in the Capital District area. If you would like more information on the North East Chapter of the KWVA call Paul Cloutier 518-235-5480.

(This was not a paid advertisement, but after reading all of the above, they sure have a reason to be proud and they are #1. Of course we all feel that way about our own Chapters and Departments and combined we are the number one Korean War Veterans Association in the United States.)

Santa Clara County Chapter of California

As a result of the recent elections the new officers and board members of our chapter are as pictured bottom from left: Frank Geraci - Vice-President, Lou Horyza - President. Top row from left Buzz Dilling - Membership, Mike Glazzy - Treasurer, Lee Dauster - Acting Secretary, Joe Velasquez - Quartermaster. Not present for pictures were, George Nits and Walter Schrank.

(Thank you Lou for the photo. We congratulate your new officers and wish the best year ever for the chapter and members.)

Northwest Michigan Chapter

On October 3rd, Northwest Michigan Chapter KWVA held their fall dinner meeting at the Leland Sands Casino, enjoyed by over 40 members and guests among whom was Chuck Batherson (and Mrs.), President of Dale H. Williams Chapter, Lake City, Michigan.
(Thank you Bob Leden for the photo. A good way to have a membership meeting.)

KWVA Members

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November/December, 1998
James P. Dickle, Sr. Chapter of Western Maryland

Stain glass window donated by chapter installed in the chapel of the Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery East of Cumberland.

James P. Dickle, Sr.
James E. Ellsworth, President

Our unit has members from four states and also from D.C. We are now in our 5th year. Past President Tom Stimmel did much ground work and served three terms. We have tried to make the KWVA name known in the Cumberland Tri-State area. Our unit has: 1. Donated a stain glass window. It is installed in the chapel of the Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery East of Cumberland. 2. Our unit namesake James P. Dickle, Sr. served as a Grand Marshal for the 1997 Cumberland Dapper Dan Memorial Day Parade, our unit also had a float in the parade. 3. Repainted and donated wall flags to the Mt. Savage VFW meeting room where our meetings are held. 4. Chartered buses, many members and wives attended the dedications of the KWV Memorial in D.C. 5. Three members are active in the combined veterans Honor guard. Our flag was in attendance of over 150 burials. 6. Held two MIA/POW services on Sept. 20th Recognition Day of MIA/POW at the Mt. Savage and Cumberland, Md. VFWs. 7. Will be part of the dedication services of the new Deer Park, MD. KWV Monument. 8. Attend all area veteran services we can and place ads in the local newspapers for veterans events. From the start, 13 members, we now total over 50 and growing.

(A great Chapter. KWVA and Maryland are proud of you.)

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Jack Marr
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Korean War Veterans Association
Actual Expenditures VS. Budget Comparison
31 October, 1998

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Keep The Faith

By Dudley Gould

"We never gave up, we prayed daily for Johnny's safety," said his adoptive father Lloyd King of Orlando, Florida, who was a traveling evangelist and chaplain of the Florida Peace Officers Association, and knew well how to do that.

Johnny, John Guarado, when Mr. King spotted him on a bench outside the USO, was invited home for dinner and soon became a fixture around the King house at 1414 South Osceola Street. One Sunday he 'came forward' to be a Baptist which made the childless Kings proud and happy.

A few years later, re-enlisting in the Infantry, Johnny wrote for permission to list the Kings as his next-of-kin. His own father and mother, Mexican Indians, died when he was very young and he had been raised by older brothers and a sister.

Could he use their name also, he asked. "We were honored," Mrs King said. "It was a great pride to have such a upright young soldier, a Christian gentleman, bearing our name. His letters from Hawaii made us even more proud; how he assisted the Army chaplain and found time to help out any Christian activity at hand."

When the Communists attacked South Korea Johnny wrote that someone had to stop them and his outfit was headed that way. He was glad. "If they aren't stopped in Korea, they'll keep coming and it would be more then soldiers that would be hurt."

Early in 1951 a Russian 120 mortar blew him into the air. Johnny remembered saying, "God, save me!" When he regained consciousness some of his captors wanted to kill him because he failed to respond to their commands. He couldn't raise his arms; shrapnel had entered his back and was lying in his stomach. The bitter cold froze his wounds; otherwise, he was told later, he would have bled to death.

One Chinese soldier, who learned a little English in a missionary school, protected him and for nine months in the prison camp a small clique of new friends carried him on their backs. He wrote home many times in the two years he was there, using the return address:

POW Camp 3, Company 6
Democratic Peoples of Korea
C/o Chinese Peoples
Committee World Peace
Peking, China

And never received a reply.

There was no 'brainwashing' as far as he was concerned. There were plenty of "corny" propaganda lectures twice a week during which the United States was made out a bogyman. It was supposed to be such a bad place to live, especially for minority people like him and the Communist life was ideal. The instructors paid him lots of attention and wanted to know why, after all the prejudice he faced, he still wanted to return—

They tried that stuff on me and my buddies but it didn't get anywhere on us. None of us was dumb enough to fall for that old crap.

In fact, it was a big joke among them that the most dedicated young Communist, who spoke good English and harangued them a lot, confused them once that he was saving his meager army pay to buy a bicycle when he got back to China.

Marine Corporal Theodore Juern of Des Plaines, Illinois, told reporters at Pamunjom:

Two buddies helped most to keep me on the beam. I was the youngest in the camp and I guess I needed help the most. One was a lanky Mexican-American guy from Orlando named John King. He started church services after a lot of arguing with the Chinks and a lot of us joined in and found inspiration. King would read the Bible, the only one in camp, an old water-soaked Army-issue New Testament, and talk about faith and how important it was and we'd all sing and recite a verse or two after him and kneel and pray.

Before he left for overseas only Corporal King's sister and brothers and the two Kings knew he even existed. Then, returning, a crippled war hero, he was fought over by two American cities. Said the "San Antonio Light" newspaper in a front-page story headlined, our Johnny returns—

Although his next of kin is listed as an aunt, Mrs Louise King, Orlando, Florida, King has a background that identifies him as a San Antonian.

Wherever or whichever, little matter to Johnny, a man of faith.

(Dudley informed me he is writing a book and expects it to be published soon. I have many other stories from Dudley as other Veteran Associations do. I hope to print some from time to time. Included with one story was a very generous donation to the Graybeards. Thank you Dudley for the stories and we will look forward to reading your book.)

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I have contacted 910 Marines and Corpsmen from July 50 to July 53. Served in Item Co 3rd Bn 7th Marines 1st Marine Div., Dec. 1950 at Hagaru-Ri till Sept. 1951. Would like to contact all the rest of Marines that might still be alive for reunion in the year 2000 in San Diego, CA. Contact: Richard A. Suarez 3252 16th St., San Francisco, CA., 94103-3533, Tel: 415-861-1300 E-MAIL: rasi372@aol.com

My dad is Earl Elvis Shelton who served in the Korean War 1952-1953. He was in the 40th division, 223rd infantry. He saw active combat. My dad is now deceased and I am looking for anyone who might have known him and served with him during this time. I have many pictures that I could share and am trying to locate anyone who could help me in locating someone in his division who might remember him. He was in HQ & HQ headquarters. I would love to talk to anyone who might remember him. If you know him I would appreciate it if you would e-mail me at mtnest@prodigy.net. Thank you very much. Julie Hartman

Kenneth L. Best served and was wounded at the age of about 15 or 16 in the war. He is my father and I want to find out more information. My father died September 15, 1998. If anyone has info on him please contact me. I was taken from my father at the age of six or there about. I finally got to see my father at the age of 41 and he is now dead. My son is now serving in Korea for the U.S. Army. I would like for him to know how great his grandfather was even tho he never got to even meet him. The stories go that the whole platoon was killed but my father. He was found face down in the snow paralyzed. He received the purple heart and several other medals but they were lost over the years. I would like to be able to recover his service record and find out exactly what he did and all that went with it. Thank you. Susan Imes Contact: vkrepps@erols.com

Looking for Joseph Forto, United: 8th United States Army 196th Battalion, He was originally from Rhode Island. Contact: Jenny Hawran, 167 East View Drive, Windsor, CT 06095-1829 Tel: 860-683-2022 or E-mail Singary@aol.com

I am looking for contact with anyone who might have known my foster brother, Bob (Robert L.) Knapp. He served with the 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cav. Div. and was reported KIA on 2/12/51 in the database, although the telegram my family received indicated that he died of wounds on 2/18/51. He was 19 years old and came from a small farm in Millington (Meyersville) New Jersey. I am also seeking information on him because the township I grew up in has a Korean War monument to which they are willing to add his name if I can obtain more information about him. (e.g. proof that he enlisted from our township, listed my father as next of kin, and gave our address as his home address.) This has been difficult although I have his serial number RA123488438. I was only 5 years old when he left and I am the last living member of my family. We lived on a fairly isolated farm so there is no one else to vouch for him. I would be extremely grateful for contact with anyone who might have served with him and has any memo-

ries of him. Helaine Golann, 221 Islington Rd. Millington, NJ. 02466-1022, E-mail HScGol@aol.com

Interested in contacting ENGR OCS alumni Ft. Belvoir, VA 1952-54. Contact: E. T. Mealing, 729 Summit North Drive, NE Atlanta, GA 30324-3144. Tel: 404-231-3402. E-mail tmealing@eni.net

Looking for anyone stationed at 8167th Army Hospital, 50-51-1952. Contact: Byron Fraser, 9731 State Rd. Y. Dittmer, MO, 63023. E-Mail bwfraser1@juno.com or Tel: 314-274-5684.

Looking for anyone who might have known my only brother Cpl. Louis R. Wilson, RA38984938, Hq. Co, 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt. The Wolfhounds, 25th Inf. Div. Killed in Korea -Sept. 26, 1950 at Ch'angdok, Korea, so we were told by Col. J. H. Michaelis, the Regt. Commander at that time. He had served about two years in occupation duty in Japan, prior to being sent to Korea. Would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have known him anywhere at anytime. Contact: Edwin R. Wilson, 5671 Old Marksville Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, Tel. 318-443-5022 I'm planning to go to the 27th Regt. Reunion in El Paso, Texas November 6-10, 1998.

I am a great niece of John D. Slanovich. I am a freshman at the University of Northern Colorado and I was assigned to write a family history paper on an important event. I chose to write about my great uncle John and the Korean War. I need John's rank that he achieved, his position and the dates that he served in Korea. If you able to help me in any way, please contact me. Thank you. Kristin Kucharsky, Harrison #328, Greeley, CO. 806316-949 Tel: 970-351-4387

I would like to contact any Air Policeman who served at K-2 (Taegu Air Base, South Korea) from July 1950 to November 1951. Contact: James S. (Jim) Allen, 109 Market Street, Water Valley, MS 38965-2124. Email: ll@watervalley.net. Telephone: 601-473-1717

I am trying to locate Cpl John Vasques US12324305, Home Patterson, NJ with 73rd Heavy Tank Battalion, HQ & HQ Company, Recon Plt In Korea July 50 thru July 51. Also anyone who was in the 73rd Tank Bn from 1950 thru 1953. Contact: Miles Paige, E-mail mwpaugh@hereintown.net

Anyone who was stationed with her uncle Kenneth (Bobby) Drew, he was with the 7th Inf Div., 31st Inf Regt., Co. I & F who
was declared MIA on Dec 3, 1950 at the Chosin Reservoir. Contact: Sharon Nickerson, 1 Bell St., N, Brookfield, MA 01535-1503.

I was in Korea in 1948-49 with the 48th and 96th Military Government units at Chonju. If I could hear from some of the members of those units we could have a reunion. I was drafted again in July, 1952 and served until July 1954. Contact: Allan H. Brasseall, 2575 Country Highway 68, Brilliant, AL 35548

I think a Torii Gate is inscribed on the face of the Korean Service Medal. I am looking for information on the gate and have tried the library and the Internet with limited success. Is the gate called a Torii? Where can I find information on it? Contact: Robert F. Osterlund, 820 Clarmont St. NW, Salem, Oregon 97304

Looking for Arthur Rattigan bottom left in picture below, Frank McCabe back left, Rubbinachi right front, and Anthony Russo who is not shown but took the picture in May 1953 outside the 45th Inf. Div. school of standards, near a Korean village. I am the one standing in the picture behind my friends. Arthur was eventually assigned to Company C, 279th Inf, Regt. I was assigned to Company B, 279th Inf, Regt. I don’t know what units Frank and Rubbi were sent to but Anthony Russo went to the 179th Inf, Regt. and was awarded the Bronze star while manning a 75 recoilless weapon so I heard months later. These guys all took basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey before shipping overseas, and lived in the New England area. If any one recognizes themselves or knows them have them contactNeil Quilligan 10401 Mulligan Ct., Tampa, FL 33647, Tel:813-973-3036

Contact: Stan Jones, 25 Huckins Neck, Centerville, Ma., 02632 orsjones@ma.ultranet.com with any information.

Looking for 50th AAA AW Bn (SP) Unit that was a participant in 10 battle campaigns. Among them, The Inchon Invasion and the campaign of the Chosun Reservoir-Hamhung, Hungnam Evacuation. Former member of this Battalion are asked to contact: Bob Matis, 2251 Terrace View Spring Hill, Florida, 34606 or E-Mail bobmatis@fiber-net.com Next reunion will be at Ft. Bliss, TX where the units inception was in 1949. We will be celebrating the 50th year of the 50th AAA’s inception. Sept. 1999.

I am in search of a one George Werth. 64 years of age and/or anyone who served from February 54 to December 1955; Eighth Army attached to KMAE: AGL OPERATORS who served just South of Inje Pass and next to the Troadadour Village and right on the 38th parallel and in the vicinity of Chun-Chon, S. Korea. Our deuce and a half was right on the river and we lived in a 16 man tent and our house boy was “Sam” Would like to hear from the boys because one of you S.O.Bs owe me a buck on a long over due bet. Contact: John H. “Nick” Ford, 90 Jasper St. E Apt 12, Largo, FL 33770-1449

My father-in-law has been diagnosed with cancer for the second time in his life. He is concerned that he is running out of time. He claims he was over-looked for an accommodation during the Korean War. He is looking for a Captain Guarino who he served under in 25th Inf. Division, 14th Inf. Reg., I Company during the war to help him verify his claim. We don’t know his first name. Is there anyway we can locate him? Contact me at e-mail rwr@webscrapbook.com

As a veteran of the Korean War, I wonder if you could locate my first blood cousin whose name is below. While on my second tour of duty in the far east, I was at that time posted at Kure, Japan when my CO informed me that I was wanted on the phone. To my surprise it was my first blood cousin Ray Devillier. He told me that he had returned from Korea and was now posted at Kobe, Japan for the remainder of his tour. I told Ray that in a week or so I was leaving Kure for Kobe as the new Postal Liaison officer at the US Army R&R center at the Shinko Bldg. in Kobe. We did meet after not seeing each other since 1945 when I visited him and my aunt in Detroit. I was then in the Cdn Army. The last time I saw him was again in Detroit in 1964 prior to my transfer to Paris France at NATO HQ. It would appreciated if you could locate Ray for me so that we again could establish a link between us. Contact me at my e-mail address eddyfoubert@webtv.net

I have just become aware of your magazine, “The Graybeards,” dedicated to the veterans of the Korean Conflict (sic). I quietly applaud the efforts of you and your staff to remember those of the “forgotten war.” My father, Kay Dee Daniels, was a Boiler Tender 3rd Class aboard the USS Sicily (CVE-118) and home to the infamous US Marines “Black Sheep” squadron during the war. Since I was a youngster growing up here in Michigan, by way of his enjoyment of building model aircraft of the W.W.II and Korean eras, my mother and I had heard his numerous tales about the Sicily and his shipmates. Many were humorous, many were sobering.
Unfortunately, we hear them no more as he passed away in July of 1995. Sad to say, I wasn’t aware of your publication at the time to subscribe before his death, or to notify you of same. He had a fond melancholy about his service and quietly wondered about some of his shipmates well-being over the years. To your, or your membership’s knowledge, was there ever a story submitted or a reunion posted for the long since decommissioned Sicily? If so, in which issue(s) would those be found? As his only child and son, his memory holds close to me. Any information you might have would be deeply appreciated. Contact me at my e-mail address RMDAN@aol.com

Recently, our Dad, Donald Wayne Stone passed away. He was 65 years of age. He served in the Korean War, as a U.S. Marine. He served as an Flame Throw Operator, and also in Transportation. I am 41 years old, and our Dad would never talk about the War. Now, we want to know about how to find his platoon and other info on him, we have all of his numbers, time served, and the areas that he fought in, in Korea. Please let us know, how we can learn about a man, that would not let us know of his past. Our Dad, was a greatly respected man. Greatly respected by family and friends. He passed away proudly, as a proud man. But, he took his Marine Corp life with him. Thank You Very Much. I am a proud son, that lived in a war also, but my war was here, living with my Dad, and his life. The Wars never end, they always come home. I have any information you would like to share please contact, Donald Stone, Tel: 1-888-904-4498, E-mail FREE_AT_HOME@prodigy.net

I am looking for my uncle. His name was Cpl. Kenneth E. Ford. He was in the 32nd Inf. Regt. 7th Inf. Div. He was from Iowa. Any information on him would be deeply appreciated. Contact: Lee Stevens, 269 Barnett Blvd., Madisonville, KY 42431, Tel: 502-825-9674, E-maillee258@kihn.net

I am looking for members of the 526th. Engineers, 14th. E.C.B. under 1st Corp., who served in Korea from September of 1950 to March of 1952. Please contact: Lloyd L. Severson, 11625 Hazelgreen Rd., N.E. Silverton, Oregon 97381-9610 Tel: 503-873-5127

6147th Tac Con Gp, Korea, 1950-56 personnel of and all supporting units: 6132 TC Det “A”, 6164TCS, 6150TCS (TACP), 6147TCS, 6148ABUnit, 6148 & 6149TCS, 6147ABS, 6147M&S, 6147MED Sq., 942nd FACS and US Army and UN Forces personnel who flew as observers in T6 aircraft. Contact Dick Souza, 79 Bradstreet Ave., Lowell, MA. 01851 Tel (978) 453 3887. Next reunion will be in Shreveport, LA., Sept 7 to 12 of 1999.

I am trying to find out the whereabouts of a 2nd Lt. Ed Callihan. His last known address was in a small town called “Lone Pine, Texas” Ed said the way to find it is to look for a wide spot in the road between Muleshoe and Herford, Texas. It’s in the panhandle section of that Nation State, home of “The Yellow Rose of Texas”. Ed was/is(?) one hell of a guy. Please find out about him! He and I trained at Ft. Hood after completing O.C.S. at Ft. Stil before shipping out to Korea early June 1953 on a General X ship. The last time I saw him we were in Japan about to take the train to Sasabo to register and pick up our carbines before taking a ship to Inchon. Both of us were trained as forward observers. It’s possible his first name was/is John. Contact: Samuel H. Cantwell, 101 Wildwood Bay Drive, Mahtomedi., MN 55115


Did you know or see this Service Man? 1st Lt. Gabriel Anselmo Company “E” 24th Inf. Regt., 25th Div. Reported Killed In Action August 19, 1950 at Mt. Mazan. If you know of him or was with him at the time of death please contact me his sister. Would like to have some information to what happened to him. Contact: Gloria Newville, 16255 SE Clare Court, Milwaukie, OR 97267, Tel: 503 654-6234

Looking for Mess Sgt. McClusky, last seen in Korea (wounded) in May 1951. 2nd Div., 23rd Inf. Regt., F Company. His buddy Helt has always wondered what happened to him. Any information would be appreciated. Contact: Claud R. Helt, 17900 S. 4220 Rd., Claremore, OK 74017-2799

Would like to make contact with former members of Co. C, 2nd Eng. Combat Bn., 2nd Inf. Div., in November 1950 who might have known Cpl. Luca (Lew) Lamurno. Reported MIA, then KIA, BNR. Action took place around Kujang/Kanu-ri area on the Chongchon River in North Korea. Contact: Don King, 2755 Sunrise St., Yorktown Hgts., NY 10598.

(Don, I just returned from that area in late Oct., more in later issues—Editor.)

The above photo was taken in Chorwon Valley. Standing left to right is: unknown, Pfc. J.P. Gobbins, Pfc. Farmer, Pfc. Sheets. Kneeling, left to right is: Pfc. Bill Boyd, Cpl. Medicine. We were in H Co., 2nd Bn., 224 Inf. Regt., 40th Inf. Div. I would like to hear from all of them. Contact: Richard Sheets, 11067 Dexter Road, Coulterville, CA 95311-9504, Tel: 209-878-3042.
We cherish your response and usually just a few words can lead to another missing link and believe me your letters give some closure to those still waiting for answers. As you can see the majority of letters are coming from our Internet Web Page or my E-mail address. Typed letters help me to get the newsletter out quickly and also helps to avoid errors. Please attempt to type your letters, if not take the time to print or write clearly. Those that have no availability to Internet, please contact me and I will relay your information forward. Thank you. Editor)

The rifleman fights without promise of either reward or relief. Behind every river there’s another hill – behind that hill, another river. After weeks or months in the line. Only a wound can offer him the safe confort of shelter and a bed.

Those who are left to fight fight on, evading death but knowing that with each day of evasion they have exhausted one more chance for survival.

Sooner or later unless victory comes, this chase must end on a litter or in the grave.

General Omar N. Bradley

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 heartfelt 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 Editor KWVA, or Treasurer KWVA (See page 2 for addresses) 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, Looking For, Reunions, and In Memory Of. An early response to 1999 dues will also help your Association. 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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- Wyosnick, K. (in memory of Catherine Cook)
- King, Don (in memory of Lew Lamurno)
Enclosed are a couple of pictures taken in Korea in 1952 that may interest some of the troops that were there. One of them, I'm trying to find out if anyone knows its location, and the other one a couple of names.

Over-looking the valley was taken from the MLR looking towards their lines. Note the bombed out train, trails, river and houses on the far side. This was in the Iron Triangle area or Chorwan and Kumhwa Valley areas. Perhaps someone might know the location for which I would be grateful.

8th Army Headquarters (Seoul University) Seoul, Korea. This was taken when Eisenhower was president-elect and went to Korea to survey everything.

I do not know all of the “Brass,” in the photo above but will state what I know. From left to right:

Gen. Van Fleet 8th Army Commander 4 stars
Gen. Omar Bradley Joint Chief of Stuff 5 stars
General ? Either Corp or Division Com. 3 stars ?
Former Gen. “Ike” Supreme Com. Europe 5 stars
General Mark Clark Far East Command 4 stars
General Almond ? Corp Commander (1 or 10 Corp) 3 stars ?
( ????? ) Don’t know -Must be Brass ?

“How many stars do you see?”

Best regards,

Richard Fastenau KWVA,
Syracuse, N Y
Formerly w/ 223 Inf. Reg. 40 th Div.

Mr. Ed Stevens (r.) and Mr. Larry Donovan (l.) gave a presentation about their Korean War experiences.

Korean War speakers catch interest of students.

On Thursday, April 16 some of the students at CV had the opportunity to spend 40 minutes with Mr. Ed Stevens and Mr. Larry Donovan. One might ask, what’s so special about these two people? The answer to this question is found in the pages of history. Both men are veterans of the Korean War, and Mr. Donovan was a prisoner of war. They both shared their experiences with some of the students here.

The men came dressed in Korean War attire, catching the students’ attention immediately. Artifacts from the war were also brought in for display. One item in particular, brought in by Mr. Donovan, was a bowl. He explained that the bowl was the one in which he ate out of while he was a prisoner of war. Students listened attentively as the men talked of their war experiences. The two men also donated books, maps, and videos to the school.

After talking to students it has been determined that the presentation was interesting and enjoyable. People may often find history dull and boring. This is because most of it is read from the pages of books. However, if a person looks into the eyes of someone who was part of history it changes the perspective. People tell stories far better because they are authentic.

Sam Maddox, a junior, commented that he enjoyed the presentation because it was real. He also felt sympathy for the men when they talked about how they were separated from their families for so long. Other students had similar comments.

The presentation, however, is not new to Chartiers Valley. It is actually the second time that the men came to CV. The school has also decided to make Mr. Stevens and Mr. Donovan a permanent part of the American Cultures curriculum. They will be here next year and probably the following year.

Incorporating presentations such as this one into school curriculum makes learning interesting and enjoyable. Most students learned more from this assembly than from their books. In the future there won’t be people around to tell their story first-hand, so it is important for today’s students to understand history as something that really happened.
I wonder where he is now

I was Lt. T. O. Perry, Fwd. Obs. with Co. E, 14th Regt., in Iron Triangle. My unit was Battery B, 69th FA Bn. The photo shown was taken early morning on OPLR in 1951. The situation was the enemy came in through our outpost to surrender. I was eating breakfast with my C.O. and a call came of a surrender. I grabbed my camera and caught the event.

I went on a Korea re-visit program about four years ago and found our old battery position in the Iron Triangle area. Walter Walton of Kansas City, also in the 69th was with me.

Best regards, T.O. Perry

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My return visit and a lesson learned

Charlie & Donna Williams recently visited Seoul, Korea. It was a revisit for the Korean War Veterans. There were 90 veterans and wives from the states who went on the trip. Williams applied for the revisit to Korea. It took about a year to get the notification that Williams would be accepted.

One of the highlights of the trip was going to Panmunjom where Mr. & Mrs. Williams went through the building where the peace talks were held. There was a line going down the middle of the table, which divided North and South Korea. The delegation walked on the north side of table so they could say they were in North Korea. The North Koreans guarded the 38th Parallel with watchful eyes. Before we could go on the tour we had to go through a briefing given by the U.S. Intelligence Service. We were told no pictures could be taken and we should not make any gestures that the North Koreans could use for propaganda. A U.S. service man took us to the hill where we could look down at no mans land. We could see the 600 lb. North Korean flag flying in Propaganda Village. There was also propaganda music being played through extensive loud speakers. This is played 6 to 12 hours daily. As we were leaving the 38th Parallel we could see bunkers and land mines along the road. The bunkers were quite different from 48 years go.

Another highlight of the trip was the banquet held on Tuesday evening. Each Korean War Veteran received a citation of peace and Freedom Medal.

Williams states that the South Koreans are very industrious, clean, proud and hard working people. One thing Williams noticed was how the Koreans are teaching their children about the history of the Korean War. There were a lot of children on tours through the war memorials. We also noticed as we were riding through Seoul on our bus with the banner of Korean War Veterans a lot of people waved, saluted and smiled.

Our tour guide, May Lee, also told us how the Korean people adore their children. Maybe we as Americans should take some lessons from other cultures. May Lee told us so many interesting things about the Korean culture.

It was a very interesting trip, thanks to the Korean Government and the Korean War Veterans Association.

Charles Williams

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Veterans Remembered

"Korean War Veterans Urge Wyoming Seminary Students to Remember"

KINGSTON – Although it began and ended nearly 30 years before they were born, the Korean War has taken on new meaning for 20 Wyoming Seminary students.

Four veterans of the Korean War met with members of a history class on "The Cold War" on April 6 at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston. Each man spoke in turn providing historical information and sharing personal stories.

"We got a good perspective on the war, seeing it through their eyes," explained 18-year-old senior Dan Gershey of Clarks Summit. "It really hit me when they pointed out that they were drafted at my age."

Bob Alper of Luzerne, Vice-Commander of the Korean War Veterans' Association of Wyoming Valley, brought a display of Korean War memorabilia and handed out American flags to each student. Alper was accompanied by three other members: Post-Commander Joe Sincavage of Swoyersville, Quartermaster Bob Stochla of Exeter, and State Representative Stanley Jarolin of Nanticoke. Although each man had his own story to tell, all four reminded the Wyoming Seminary students that this war was fought so that future generations wouldn't have to.
“We call it ‘The Forgotten War,’” said Alper. “It started soon after World War II, and Americans were tired of being at war. Many of the Korean War vets felt that they came home and got very little recognition.”

To gain the recognition denied them so many years ago, the local Korean War veterans organized in 1987. The 190-member association raised funds to erect a Korean War Memorial, which was dedicated at the Luzerne County Courthouse in 1992. Alper’s presentation to the Wyoming Seminary students included a video of the unveiling and dedication. Reminiscent of the Viet Nam Memorial in Washington, D.C., this shrine lists the names of 139 Wyoming Valley residents who died in the Korean War.

“I left the class with a strong feeling of patriotism,” said Gershey. “The video showed all kinds of people at the dedication — young and old — who knew those men did serving our Country.”

(Along with the above letter, Robert Alper sent me several pages of documents on memorial salutes, veterans’ pictures, letters he had printed in local newspapers and last but not least a Salute to Korean War Veterans all from the 109th Field Artillery, a National Guard unit that was en-route from Wilkes-Barre to a training Camp prior to being shipped to Korea. The train wreck happened in Ohio in September 1950. All but one of the 33 dead were from PA. One was from NY. Another 1 known servicemen from Luzerne County, PA were also remembered on Memorial Day who died during the Korean War. All above are included in the 54,246 that died during the Korean War. Pennsylvania and all veterans mourn your losses. Thank you Robert Alper for your letter and documents. From time to time I will try to print some of the documents in future issues. Editor)

Lt. “Honey” Kathleen Wyosnick wants you to know

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(LT. “Honey” is under the weather. See page 2 for address, Send cards. I hope to have more in the Jan-Feb issue. Editor)

Marine Corps Military Funeral Support Policy

Recently, the Commandant of the Marine Corps reiterated the Marine Corps policy on military funeral support in ALMAR 003/97 as follows:

1. The Marine Corps is committed to paying final tribute to a Marine’s service to our country by providing military funeral support upon the request of the next of kin. Rendering honors is our final salute to a fellow Marine and a time to comfort families in memory of their loved one’s proud service to our country and the corps.

We perform thousands of ceremonies annually, but few are more important then rendering honors at a funeral for a fellow Marine. It is the most poignant and meaningful opportunity for us to demonstrate our wholehearted and enduring commitment to one of our own. When we fail to do so, it diminishes the value of our fallen comrade’s service. This is unacceptable. While I realize that we may not be able to grant every request for assistance, I expect nothing short of 100% effort to do so.

2. This ALMAR amends the provisions of the Marine Corps Casualty Procedures Manual as it pertains to providing funeral support for active duty, reserve, retired of former Marines upon the request of the next of kin.

We will provide military honors and such other support as necessary for any Marine whose last services was honorable. If you need assistance making arrangement or coordinating support, call the Headquarters Casualty Section at 703-696-1177. After working hours, contact the Marine Corps Command Center at 703-695-7366 and the Casualty Duty Officer will assist you.

3. The families of these Marines are our families. We share with them in their sense of loss. We will share, as well, in honoring their and our ... fallen Marine. It is our duty and we would have it no other way...

General C. C. Krulak

(Sent in by Fred L. Shear)
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Richard Krepps (nicknamed Dicky) was not as lucky, if that’s the right word. He went off to fight in Korea, too, in the hellish opening months of the war, but was soon declared missing in action. The last time his family saw him, he was staring mournfully from a blurry newspaper photograph of a group of American POWs being held in a North Korean prison camp, somewhere near the Yalu River.

But when the war ended, Dickie Krepps never came back to the families little white bungalow in Essex, Maryland.

The Chinese communists, allies of the North Koreans, would say he died in a prison camp near the Manchurian border in 1951.

But no proof was ever produced. Dickie’s body never came home. No clothing, no personal effects, were delivered to his family. No other American POWs could positively remember seeing Dickie in the bleak, stinking camps along the Yalu or in death marches.

Just what happened to Dickie Krepps is a mystery that has consumed his brother since the horrible news of his disappearance a long, long time ago. Forty-Eight years later, Vince Krepps is still looking for answers.

Still haunted by missing twin

Give it a rest, Vince, is what some might say. Let it go! But how do you let something like that go? How do you forget a horrible little war in which 33,629 Americans were killed and 103,284 were wounded, a war America was sick of within months, a war the politicians didn’t even have the guts to actually call a war?

And how do you forget that last photo of Dickie, shivering in captivity in front of a shack on a frozen hillside 10,000 miles from home, staring at the camera with those sad, sad eyes?

For Vince Krepps, now 67, retired after 40 years in drafting and engineering, there were nightmares for years, after the war: vivid scenes of bodies being blown apart, grinning enemy soldiers screaming and beating tin cans as they came at you in wave after human wave, terrified GIs getting half their necks shot away and screaming for their mothers. Eventually, the nightmares went away. But the trembling, and that fluttering in his gut whenever the war was brought up or whenever Dickie’s face squeezed into his thoughts -that never went away. “I still don’t have closure,” Vince Krepps says of his need to know for sure what happened to his brother. “My brain tells me one thing, my heart tells me another. My brain logically tells me there’s no way he could have survived this long. But then I think…” Once again his voice trails off. Vince Krepps takes another sip of the coffee that Susan, his wife of 38 years, has placed in front of him. Vincent Krepps was older when Dickie Krepps by two minutes. Vince was the leader; Dickie the follower.

The boys and their three sisters grew up in Lynnwood, Pa., a hardscrabble town of 2,000 in the western part of the state. In 1949, the only work available in Lynnwood was in the steel mills or the coal mines. In the mills, you could lose your fingers; in the mines, you could lose your lungs. So after high school, Vincent, Dickie and three childhood friends joined the Army.

After basic training, they were assigned to Fort Lewis, Wash., with the 2nd Infantry Division, 82nd AAA battalion, which provided anti-aircraft and artillery support. Pvt. Dickie Krepps was made a cannonner; Pvt. Vince Krepps, a tank driver in the same battery, the other three were assigned to other batteries.

In June 1950, communist North Korean troops poured over the 38th Parallel into the Republic of Korea. Two months later, the Krepps brothers landed in Pusan with the 2nd Division.

The heat in the Korean peninsula was searing, insects the size of a man’s knuckles swarmed everywhere. The Army’s 24th and 25th Division had suffered staggering losses in the first months of the war.

Still morale was high among the newly arriving American troops. Just 5 years after World War II, it was inconceivable that the mighty United States and its United Nations allies would need long to whip a few hundred thousand communist gangsters into line.

As they said good-bye to each other and headed north to the fighting with their respective squads Dickie drove an M-16 half-track now - it was the last time the Krepps brothers would feel truly optimistic about anything in this strange new land.

Will Rogers once said: “You can’t say civilization isn’t advancing, in every war, they kill you in a new way.”

But the essential nature of heroism in wartime never changes. More often than not, war heroes are ordinary men caught up in desperate circumstances, their actions dominated by a single, wild, primitive instinct: How do I get out of this rat hole alive?

Thirteen days after arriving in Korea, Vince Krepps’ squad was deployed along the Naktong River, guarding against a North Korean offensive. Around midnight, the sky suddenly exploded into a terrifying jumble of light and sound. It was an enemy artillery barrage. For the next 40 minutes, Krepps and the crew members in his M19 tank fired back wildly at any flash of light they saw in the black darkness across the Naktong.

It was Krepps’ first taste of combat, a chaotic night firefight that spooked the green American troops. “Oh, yeah, we were all pretty scared,” he recalls. “Your nerves really work on you. I thought I was hit a couple times.”

Soon, Krepps’ squad was ordered to cease fire and pull back. What followed was a long, panic-stricken retreat in total darkness, drawing heavy North Korean shelling and small-arms fire the whole way.

To be continued in next issue with: Our first experience of war and the horror.
The following is a summary of the minutes taken at the General Membership meeting of the Korean War Veterans Association held on Sunday, July 26, 1998 at the Annual Reunion at the Sheraton Premier Hotel, Tyson's Corner, Virginia.

Call To Order
President Nick Pappas called the meeting to order at 1315 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

Secretary Jim Martin called the roll of officers of which 4 members were excused.

President Pappas reported that there were 115 members present to conduct the business of the organization.

Election of 1998-1999 Officers
Mr. Wainwright reported that the CPA’s account showed a total of 2,123 valid ballots received for the election of officers for 1998-1999 with the following results:

For President — Harley Coon, 1,982
For Vice President — Edward Magill, 1,949
For 2nd Vice President — Kenneth Cook, 1,942
For Directors: Thomas Clawson, 1,431
Richard Danielson, 1,237
Dot Shilling, 1,138
John Settle, 1,167
Bob Morga, 1,041
Ted Trousdale, 938
Dean McClain, 842

President Pappas asked the newly elected officers to stand and be recognized. He further stated that it had been a pleasure to be on the Board, that the KWWA Treasury was in good shape and that the support of “The Graybeards” by theraffle had helped with the increase in the coffers.

President-elect Harley Coon stated that he would have more to say at the Monday night banquet. However, although there has been some nationalism in the past 3-4 years he would like the members to forget the mistakes of the past and concentrate on the future. He wished to recognize and honor General Davis, MOH recipient who was present.

He asked if there were any in the audience who were MOH recipients, Gold Star Mothers or POWs. He thanked the two POWs who came.

President Pappas asked the members if they liked the new ballot system inserted in “The Graybeards.” Yes, was indicated by applause.

Korea 2000 and Other Events
Mr. Warren Wiedhahn reported on the Korea 2000 plans which will begin on Sunday, May 30, 1999. General Kicklighter is serving as head of the Korean Commemorations Committee. The focus will be in the Capital with the President, Congress and a wreath laying. May 29, 2000 there will be a concert and other activities are planned.

President Pappas introduced Peter Poole and Frank Fallow from the United Kingdom who announced the arrangements for an International Reunion in London, England, from 18-23, July, 1999. They showed a brochure listing the events to be held and the daily itinerary. They also presented a slide presentation on the attractions in England.

(*Secretary’s Note: Further details are on pp. 42/43 in the Sept-Oct. “Graybeards.”)

Mr. Wiedhahn further reported that documentation was received from Korean President Kim Chung and a Presidential commission will report to him. General Davis and his committee will visit Korea in September, 1998 to make sure everything is in order. The Big event will be on June 15, 2000 and the last event to be held in the U.S. on November 11, 2003.

Korean War Museum
President Pappas introduced Bill Smith of the Korean War Museum which is planned to be constructed in Tuscola, IL. President Pappas said that this was a separate entity and not part of the KWWA. All communications should be sent directly to the museum.

Mr. Smith said that they were in the fundraising stage by sending out literature. Members were requested not to send articles for the museum at this time. The purpose of the museum is to gather artifacts and historic documentation and to document the experience of the Korean War for future generations. He introduced Lynne Sommer, a Trustee, who further elaborated for the need of museum and invited everyone to visit their exhibit display in the hotel.

Membership
President Pappas report that there were 147 chapters and 11 State Departments.

(*Secretary’s Note: At Nov. 16, 1998 there are 157 chapters and 12 State Depts.)

Revision to By-laws
Mr. Jack Edwards, Chairman of the By-laws Committee spoke on the revisions to the current By-laws and stated he requested input from the membership in “The Graybeards”. A dues section was eliminated in respect to the various costs for membership and attempted to make them understandable as possible. He requested for consideration and membership approval.

A motion was made by General Davis for a vote of confidence and the acceptance of the Executive Council approved By-Laws as written and presented this day to the general membership. Further, that the By-Laws be published with the highlighted changes to be approved by the general membership at its annual meeting in 1999. The motion being seconded, it was by roll call vote: to approve the motion stated above with 108 in favor and one against.

Change in Dues Structure
President Pappas reported that the Executive Council recommended to raise the national dues as follows:

(1) The charge for life time membership be raised to $150 if approved at this time and that life time membership be discontinued on January 1, 1999.

(2) Annual regular dues be raised to $20 a year.

(3) That all POW members pay $6.00 a year for a subscription to “The Graybeards.”

President Pappas then made a slide presentation showing the reasons why the increases were necessary in order to cover future needs of the organization in order to be solvent in the years beyond 2000.

On motion made by Wiedhahn, seconded by McClain it was unanimously voted that the dues for life membership be raised to $150 commencing January 1, 1999, with a grandfather clause honoring all existing life memberships. Further, that this information be printed in “The Graybeards.”

Further discussion ensued because President Pappas was in disagreement with this action since he had gone through the figures for the last two years. President Pappas then left the meeting room commenting he would resign as president at this time.

Mr. Wiedhahn made a motion which was seconded, that President-elect Harley Coon finish the meeting. It was approved unanimously.

Mr. Murray made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shearer, with seven opposed, it was voted that the regular membership annual fee be increased from $15 to $20, and that pow’s remain as regular honorary members but pay an annual subscription fee of $6.00 for “The Graybeards.”

After brief discussion, Mr. Murray wished to amend his motion to include an increase in the Associate annual dues by $5.00. Although it was seconded by Mr. Shearer, the motion failed to pass.

Ladies Auxiliaries
Mr. Jim Martin said that the establishment of Ladies Auxiliaries are the discretion of the individual chapters. There were currently 3 chartered Ladies Auxiliaries.

(*Secretary’s Note: There are now 5 chartered Ladies Auxiliaries.)

President-Elect Coon issued a challenge for each member to bring in two new members in their chapter. He requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. McClain and passed unanimously.
My Memories and 43 Year Search for Cpl. Mitchel Red Cloud

By Kenneth L. Bradshaw, Jr.

Place: Korea - July 1950 to Feb. 1951

Korea, Known as “The Land of The Morning Calm” was anything but calm during the last half of 1950. The summers were hot and stifling; monsoon clouds filled the skies in the fall, and the winters were bitter cold. In the wee hours of the morning, one could hear the sounds of ducks quacking, roosters crowing, whistles and bugles blowing the sounds of war.

They rattled our nerves, but never broke our spirit. The fighting itself was very difficult to endure. C-ration, was basic staple food and an occasional hat full of rice filled our hunger.

My name is Kenneth L. Bradshaw, Jr., originally from Taunton, Mass., and presently living in Inverness, FL. I was with Cpl. Mitchel Red Cloud, the day he was killed in action in Korea. It was a morning he’ll never remember... and one I’ll never forget.

I first met the Chief in early August of 1950 at the Pusan Perimeter. He and I became immediate friends along with other soldiers named Moore and Black. We were always together... and soon became known as... The Wild Bunch. We were inseparable and became a team.

On the evening of November 4th, 1950, it was cold and quiet. Trip flares had been set out and our positions manned. Midnight came without incident, but shortly before daybreak a loud cry was sounded by The Chief. “Here they come,” and with that alarm all hell broke loose.

It seemed that the fighting lasted forever. tracer bullets by the thousands flew overhead. Grenades and mortar rounds came in heavy... Chinese soldiers by the hundreds attacked. Hundreds died that day... a few survived somehow. I was one of the few that survived.

We were eventually overcome and driven from our position. as we regrouped, some two hours later (what was left of us) I realized, that I was the only one left of the Wild Bunch. The Chief, Moore and Black had been killed... and I was alone... again.

If it were not for the alarm sounded by Mitchel Red Cloud, I would not be here today. This man, “The Chief” was a warrior... and I owe him my life.

In February of 1951, I was wounded and sent back to the States for medical attention. My search for the Chief’s family began. Watching television in my hospital room, I witnessed the presentation of the Congressional Medal of Honor to mother Nellie Red Cloud by General of the Army, Omar Bradley. I silently said to myself... that I must somehow find his family. They had to know the true story of what happened that fateful day of November 5, 1950.

Over the years, I have traveled the country, always looking for the Red Cloud family... but never able to locate them. Fate seemed to indicate that my search would never end... but by 1987 I was able to determine that he was from Wisconsin, originally I thought Oklahoma.

In early 1992, my daughter Linda, a former member of the United States Army was sent to Korea. She arrived at We-Jon Bu... only to find that a camp was named “Camp Red Cloud.” The big break came in February of 1993, when the 24th Division Booklet “Taro Leaf” arrived in the mail. There it was... a full story and a picture of the Red Cloud family... but most importantly... an address to write to.

Four weeks later, I received a package from Merlin Red Cloud with all the information about his brother and family. Most important at the time was a telephone number. I called and spoke with Merlin Red Cloud and asked when I could visit and when is the right time? “Memorial Day” he responded, and I responded with a resounding “Yes, I’ll be there.” It was the most patriotic and inspiring weekend I ever spent.

My visit here also bestowed upon me the honor of raising the “Mitchel Red Cloud Flag.” In addition I received a photo of the Chief when he was a young lad of 11 or 12. I sent the photo to my daughter in Korea. She in turn had the Post Commander enlarge the photo which was used at the dedication of the new “Red Cloud Lodge.” The dedication was conducted by Post Commander Lt. Col. Bob Meyers and Sgt. Linda Bradshaw. (my daughter.)

It took 43 years to find the Red Cloud Family, but I can say, “I never gave up.”

My heart is also filled with sadness that I didn’t find them sooner and have the chance to meet his mother, Nellie Red Cloud who passed away at the age of 96 in January of 1993. I wanted to convey to her my feelings and thoughts about her son... and my heart felt thanks. She raised a truly heroic family.

And here I stand before you again... at the request of Merlin Red Cloud...(my adopted brother)... to speak and witness this event for Korean War Veterans from the great State of Wisconsin. I am deeply honored.

In closing, to all you Korean War Veterans... they call it “The Forgotten War,” but dad burn it... I can’t forget it and never will.

To Mitchel Red Cloud and to his entire family... I love you all.

Thank you and God bless all of you and I will also remember and love Moore and Black.

Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased __________________________

Date of death __________________________

Department/Chapter __________________________

Home of record __________________________

□ Army □ Navy □ Marine Corps □ Air Force □ Coast Guard

□ Other __________________________

Primary Unit of service during Korean War

Submitted by __________________________

Relationship to deceased __________________________

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

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National VA/VAS Representative Report

By Norman S. Kantor

As a K.W.V.A. member are you aware of the V.A.V.S. program? do you know if your Chapter is active in the Veterans Affair Voluntary Service? To enter into this program a Chapter must submit the following information, Name of recommended Representative, address, city or town, zip code, and phone number, three (3) Deputy Representatives are authorized, equal information is required, enclose the business card available from the Chief Of Voluntary Services at the Medical Center wishing to serve at.

Dept. Of Veterans Affairs will hold the 1999 National Advisory committee meeting which K.W.V.A. is a member, this will be held in Richmond, VA. on May 5 to the 9th. K.W.V.A. now has over 45 certified Representatives throughout the Medical Centers not counting the Deputy's assigned in satellite clinics or V.A. run homes.

Technology allows more and more conditions that once required hospitalization to now be treated on an outpatient basis, Since Jan. 98 over 100 outpatient clinics have been opened bringing the total to over 725 Clinics.

The Dept of Veterans Affairs, Volunteer Services, Washington, D.C. has authorized the K.W.V.A. V.A.V.S. National Representative to appoint eight (8) National Deputy Representatives, so far three (3) members have been certified, we need more members, A warm welcome as well as my thanks reach out to Thomas Carrick, Michael Mahoney and William Webster. States throughout the Country were placed into Regions, each National Deputy Representative has received listings of Chapters and V.A. Medical Centers located in his assigned region, five (5) regions at this time need a Deputy Representative, can “YOU” spare a couple of hours?

Too many Chapters are not participating at their local V.A. Medical's Centers, a few hours a day, week, or even a month would be of great help. Starting in the next issue I plan to mention What Chapters and their certified Reps and Volunteers are performing, Chapter Presidents should submit to me info as to what they are accomplishing at the Medical facility's for the Veterans.

Volunteer Assignments at VA Facilities

NOTE: This listing is a sampling of VAVS volunteer assignments.

Continued from September-October issue.

- 32. Palliative Care/Hospice - A very demanding volunteer assignment but very rewarding. Entails being a caring presence for family and patient during final weeks of life, being on call to go to the patient and family at home or in the hospital, comforting the newly bereaved, working very closely with the staff hospice care teams.

- 33. Patient Representative - Works with patient advocacy staff to solve patient/family member problems arising from misunderstanding or error at the medical facility.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please add my name to your membership roll:

Name: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________

Enclosed is $__________ for the circled membership category:

☐ Individual veteran or spouse - $25
☐ General public (family) - $40
☐ Veteran family membership - $30
☐ Corporate or Civic - $50
☐ General public (individual) - $35
☐ Sponsor - $100
☐ Life member (one person only) - $1,000*
☐ Patron (one person only) - $5,000* ☐ Founder (one person only) - $10,000*

*This membership is paid one time only. All other memberships are renewable one year from the date of application.

If applying member is a veteran (regardless of time period), please indicate years of service, division or unit, and other information you wish to have on file in the Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library:

Mail dues to: Merle Sims, 2441 Longwood Drive, Decatur, IL 62526.

- 34. Patient Education - Assists staff in interpreting treatment, procedures, medication schedule, diet and nutrition, exercise, etc.
- 35. Personnel - Principally clerical assistance in the Human Resources management service.
- 36. Pharmacy - Labeling prepackaging staff the dispensing window, deliveries to wards, stocking shelves, keeping the, hospital formulary, filing prescriptions forms.
- 37. Prosthetics - Assistance in designing and construction of prostheses, clerical and delivery assistance, including setup of hospital equipment in veterans' homes, as assisting in repairs.
- 38. Psychology/Psychiatry - Counseling and socialization groups, job counseling/placement, companionship therapy, participation in psychodrama sessions, assistance with bio feedback, psychological tests, etc.
- 39. Pulmonary - Escort patients to inhalation therapy, assist in setting up equipment, reception and clerical activities, bedside Occupational Therapy, etc.
- 40. Radiology - Activities similar to those of Nuclear Medicine.
- 41. Recreation - A variety of supervised individual and group activities in hospital auditoriums, gymnasiums, golf courses, bowling alleys, grounds and wards. Includes sports, dances, entertainment, picnics, birthday celebrations, bingo parties, distribution of hobby kits and games, off station trips, "Bedside Network" programs on in-house radio stations, travel logs, etc.
- 42. Renal Dialysis - Designed to assist patients and families of patients undergoing renal (kidney) dialysis. Volunteers do bedside visitation, share reading material, work with staff on programs designed to inform the family about problems of dialysis patients.
- 43. Research - Involves various research techniques, use of computers in research etc. Assignments usually given to college students volunteering to gain experience in medical research.
- 44. Rehabilitation Medicine - Includes Occupational Therapy where volunteers assist patients in crafts; Manual Arts Therapy, where volunteers teach and help with wood and metal work; Physical Therapy and Corrective Therapy, where assistance is given with exercise activities, whirlpool, swimming etc.; Educational Therapy, in which patients are prepared for high school equivalency tests; Remotivation Therapy, in which long-institutionalized patients are restored to alertness and involvement in daily living activities.
War hero's long wait ends
Veteran gets medal he earned in 1950

Phil "Doc" Yolinsky, 71, a veteran Navy corpsman from Hollywood, won a Silver Star after his service in the Korean War. The deed took a matter of minutes under fire in 1950, but getting recognition took 47 years.

In November, he finally was awarded the star after members of his old unit persuaded the Navy to waive the three-year statute of limitations on such awards and convinced Congress to approve the honor the military's second highest award.

And he finally feels satisfied at getting the medal. But some bitterness remains. "They sent it to me in the mail," Yolinsky says. "I didn't even get to meet the President." But he shrugs off the slight as he recalls his days in Korea and the horror of losing so many friends.

Attached to the 1st Marine division, he became accustomed to dodging bullets and mortar shells while looking for wounded men. It was his job. Once a whole platoon of young men died in a single day, and Yolinsky cried because there was nothing he could do to save them. The grief made him question his own ability to survive.

"I wondered if I would ever be home to see my brothers again," he says. After that, the tears stopped and he relied on humor and comfort to save men he referred to as his little "chicks," he says. It was on Hill 1240 in North Korea that Yolinsky kept his composure and disobeyed a direct order in a heated moment and earned the Silver Star. Yolinsky won one of two Purple Hearts soon after for his valor on the hill that chilly day on February 27, 1951.

Yolinsky, then 23 and a rail-thin 125 pounds, was preparing to carry Marine Sgt. Bill Timbrook off Hill 1240. Their 2nd Platoon had been surrounded by Chinese troops beneath the hill, and Timbrook was hit by shrapnel from a mortar shell. His body was full of metal and the top of his head was gone, Yolinsky says.

As he was leaving, a lieutenant who had taken over command of the platoon, aimed a handgun at Yolinsky and ordered him to stay on the hill and tend to other wounded. Yolinsky remembers the exchange of words overlooking the frozen Chosin Reservoir in North Korea as if it were yesterday.

He said, "If you try to get off this hill, I'll blow your brains out," Yolinsky says. "I said, 'Go ahead and shoot me.' I told the lieutenant if I can get him off this hill, I can save him."

Yolinsky, himself wounded, got Timbrook to a helicopter without being shot, returned up the hill to tend the rest of his unit and helped to direct fire away from the battered Marines.

The lieutenant recommended Yolinsky for the Silver Star even though he had disobeyed orders. But the lieutenant was killed a few weeks later and the paperwork was never finished.

Timbrook was saved, but has been in and out of hospitals ever since leaving Korea. Yolinsky said. Saving him is a moral dilemma Yolinsky grapples with daily. "I think I should have let him go," he says.

"He's had a miserable life. I did what I had to, but sometimes I don't think I did him justice."

Shortly after receiving the medal, Yolinsky asked Timbrook if he did the right thing by saving him. Timbrook says yes. He dismisses his close friend's guilt and is grateful for the second chance he was given. He went home to La Plata, Md. after Korea, married and had a family.

"Phil's my best buddy," Timbrook, 66, says, in a phone call from the veteran's hospital in Virginia. "Phil did the right thing, he did everything. He's a wonderful man. I look at my wife Cleo and my daughter. If it hadn't been for Phil, I'd be dead."

Phil Yolinsky, wearing the Navy corpsman jacket that still fits him 47 years later, displays silver star he pinned next to old picture of himself.
Korean War Veterans Museum and Library — Progress Report

UPDATE - November 14, 1998
Tuscola, Illinois

So much excitement!! The trustees of the museum exercised the option on the first 11-acre tract of land on October 30. The land will be transferred over to the Korean War Museum on January 1, 1999.

Fund-raising will continue for the second 11-acre option, to be exercised by January 1, 2000. A highly-visible sign indicating that the land is the future site of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library will be posted immediately after the land transfer.

The convention center tile campaign is going well. Sangamon Chapter of the KWVA has stepped forward with its second $1,000 contribution to the building fund. Other organizations and businesses which qualify for a $300, $500, or $1,000 tile are: Aileen Andrew Corporation ($10,000); 84th & 62nd Construction Engineer Battalions; Seeley B. Parish American Legion 457, Phelps, NY; 44th Engineer (Broken Heart) Combat Battalion Association ($2,938); VFW Post 3601 Paris, IL; Stephenson County DAV Chapter 85, Freeport, IL; 11th Airborne Division Association; 8221st Army Unit Association; Caterpillar Retirees Club, Decatur, IL; Italian-American Vets Vittorio Post 13; Indiana Chapter 1 KWVA, Ft. Wayne, IN; Atwood Lions Club, Atwood, IL. Individual donors to date qualifying for tile are Kitty Hite, Mt. Pulaski, IL; Bartley Greenwood, Pensacola, FL ($4,000); Gene C. Jordan, Orangeville, IL; Joe A. Matthews, Mattoon, IL; Mel Baity, Skokie, IL; Pat Basile, Roselle, IL; and Sally J. Wynn, Danville, IL (three tiles in honor of her three brothers, Jack Llewellyn, H. E. Kranock and Harley Wynn). Robert Bentley of Canandaigua, NY purchased a $1000 tile for himself, as well as a $1000 tile in memory of a treasured friend, Henry Cardoza. Henry rescued Robert from certain death during the war. Frank Knapczyk of Downers Grove, IL purchased a $1,000 tile in memory of his friend, John (Jack) Shire, who was killed in action in Korea. Other convention center tile donors are paying for their tile a little at a time in smaller payments (any size amounts) which are cumulative for the price of the tile. Have you ordered your tile yet? The order form is shown on another page in this issue of the Graybeards.

As mentioned in the last issue of the Graybeards, five of our board members went to Korea at the invitation of the Korean Veterans Association. The business trip enabled Jae Won Lee, Yang Ho Song, Bob Kenney, Clyde Fruth, and Lynnita Sommer to meet with retired and active Korean military officers and discuss the national museum project. The Korean Marine Corps Association decided to endorse the museum project and encourage its membership to get behind the project 100%. The Koreans who provided us with such wonderful hospitality in Korea are already planning a trip to the States in 1999 to see the land site and determine how they can help move the project along. We owe a very special thanks to YangHo Song, President of the Midwest Chapter of the KVA, and Jae Won Lee of Chicago for serving as our interpreters and guides in Korea.

The 44th Engineer (Broken Heart) Combat Battalion Association held its 1998 reunion in Tuscola in September. What a great time everyone had during the two dinner programs, parade, and White Elephant Auction. The group raised about $2,700 for the museum's building campaign fund. Because the 44th was the first veterans group to hold its reunion in Tuscola (as a show of support for the museum), the streets of the city were decorated with American flags and "Welcome 44th" signs everywhere. Veterans, scouts, a band, rifle twirlers, color guards, and individuals and groups walked and rode in the parade. It was wonderful! Members of the 44th said it was the best reunion they ever had, and they plan to come back to Tuscola again when the museum opens for business. We are truly appreciative of the 44th for stepping forward as strong supporters of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library.

The museum's first full-time employee arrived in Tuscola from the state of Kansas on November 9. Tricia North, a 25-year old Master's degree graduate from Emporia, Kansas was hired to help Lynnita Sommer run the general operations of the museum. She is assisting with fund-raising efforts, while at the same time talking with Korean War veterans in full-length taped interviews. The interviews will be added to the 140 interviews already conducted by Lynnita for the Douglas County Museum in Tuscola. Both sets of interviews will form the basis for the exhibit themes in the national museum.

In other news: A Korean Support Group for the national museum has now formed in Chicago, Illinois, lead by Korean baby boomer, Hannah Mitter (ph. 630-690-7217). Mr. Joon Dokko is Vice President of the Support Group, and Miran Lee is the Chongmu. The group has scheduled three events to raise funds for the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library, including a National Korean/American fund-raising weekend for April 16, 17, and 18, 1999 in Chicago. The three-day event will begin on April 16 with a bowling tournament. On Saturday, a dinner party will be held at 7 p.m. ($30.00 per person) in the World Buffet, 8526 Golf Road (Golf Mill Plaza), Niles, IL. The next morning, American veterans are invited to attend area Korean churches. For more information, call Mrs. Mitter.

The Department of Missouri, KWVA voted to officially endorse the museum during a business session at the 1998 Missouri Korean War Veterans Rendezvous at Lake Ozark. The museum trustees established an Admissions Policy to comply with the standards of the museum profession. Upcoming board meetings: December 5 and January 2 (weather permitting) in the Douglas County Museum, 700 S. Main, Tuscola, IL. Membership as of November 13 - 603 charter members. More sign up daily. For a brochure and project synopsis, as well as caps, tee shirts, and bumper stickers, call Lynnita or Tricia at 217-253-2535. Charter members are making this national museum happen. Won't you join us?

Have you joined yet? If you haven't, you are missing out on a chance to become a charter member of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library and help see this project to fruition. Members receive quarterly issues of a newsletter which keeps them abreast of the museum's progress. See dues and donation application in this issue of The Graybeards.
Support Your Korean War Veterans Museum and Library In Tuscola, IL

The museum and library is being built in honor of all Korean war veterans and especially for the veterans that were killed and the ones that are still missing. It is located in the central part of the United States so that no one will have to travel clear across the States to visit it.

It is being built with funds that are donated by veterans, veterans organizations, businesses and corporations and is not being funded by the government. This museum is something that is necessary to let people know about the Korean war and the people that fought in the war and the good that came out of that war. Most of our school children do not know anything about the Korean war. Some history books only have a small paragraph about the war. This is not much considering that 54,246 Americans were killed during the war, 101,000+ Americans wounded, and 8,000+ that are still missing.

We must educate the youth and let it be known to the rest of the country about the Korean war, if not, they will be missing a very important part of history. The museum and library is something that can be visited to learn about the Korean war.

John M. Settle
Korean War Veterans Memorial Library/Museum Liaison
The Poets Place....

**Taps**

There will be a great encampment
In the land of clouds today.
A mingling and a merging
Of our boys who've gone away.
Though on earth they are disbanding,
They are very close and near,
For these brave and honored heroes
Show no sorrow, shed no tear.
They have lived a life of glory,
History pins their medals high,
Listen to the thunder rolling
They are marching in the sky!

Arva Nottingham Chappius
(Sent in by Richard Koker)

**UNSAN NORTH KOREA 1950**

On a cold and damp November night
The Chinese struck with all their might
Bullets to the left bullets to the right
There was nothing to do, but to stay and fight

Wave after wave the Chinese came
With bugles and whistles and calling us names
Up in the hills the 8th Cav held their ground
While down in the perimeter, fell round after round

The wounded was mounting, and the dead lay all around
Into the next day, and no escape was found,
All day and into the night,
At a village call Unsan, was this there last fight?

With ammo and food almost gone
A decision was made that would change our lives
To cross the river and hope for the best
For to stay where we were, we would all be laid to rest

With one battle gone, our greatest was yet to come
Across the river and up into the hills
We made our escape or so we thought
For it wasn't very long and most of us were caught

In one split second your whole life would change
For no more are you a free man
I am now a prisoner in a foreign land
And little did I know what was yet to come

Poked with a rifle and told not to rest
We were marched to a field and put to the test
All lined up over an open ditch
I prayed to God, don't let it end like this

The march to the North was about to start
Those that survived had a very strong heart
And those that did not were lost in the dark
Some with sickness but many were shot

Crowded like cattle in small mud huts
To rest in the day, and march all night
To keep up with the column was the next test
For to fall out by the road side was certain death

In the camps on the Yalu
Many thousands were laid to rest
For the ones that survived the next few years
The memory of my buddies would always bring tears

Then one day our prayers came true
Loaded on box cars we headed South
When we crossed the line, we knew we had won
No longer prisoners of war in a foreign land
But free Americans once again

Thomas V Francione, 99th FA Bn, FO. 1st Cav Div.
Captured Nov. 5, 1950
(Sent in by Thomas Francione. Welcome home Thomas)

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**To those that died in their early years in war**

In consulting Bartlett's I came across this:

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning.
We will remember them.

(Sent in by Skip Rittenhouse)

**It Has Always Been the Soldier**

It is the Soldier, not the President who gives us democracy,
It is the Soldier not the Congress who takes care of us;
It is the Soldier, not the Reporter who has given us
Freedom of Press;
It is the Soldier, not the Poet who has given us
Freedom of Speech;
It is the Soldier, not the campus Organizer who has given us
Freedom to demonstrate;
It is the Soldier, who salutes the flag; who serves
beneath the flag' and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
that allows the protester to burn the flag.

Author unknown
(Sent in by Ervin F. Hyman)

At the time of this printing I have over 25 more poems sent in by members and friends. I intend on printing them all. Some are hand written which will take some time putting into type. I am trying to print the oldest postmark first of those that are typed. The non-typed ones will be intermixed in order to not delay this and other issues. Please try to type all poems and articles if you can.— Editor
Times Staffer Follows 801st Medical Air Evac Nurse Through Course of Day’s Work

COMBAT CARGO, (Japan), April 17, — The huge four engine transport of Far East-Air Forces 315th Air Division surged up and down in the rough sky high over the snow capped mountains of Korea. Its powerful engine roared loudly as the driving rain beat steadily against the sturdy fuselage.

Inside, a flight nurse struggled along the tiers of litters bearing 36 battle wounded being air evacuated from a forward airstrip to a rear area hospital.

The flight nurse, 1stLt. Janice Feagin of Bay Minette, Ala., glanced at her watch anxiously. Ten minutes and the aircraft would land. Ambulances would be waiting. They always were just as everything was always ready.

**Every Trip**

She had made the trip many times, just as other nurses of the 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron had done. It was a daily occurrence, yet never routine or boresome. Every trip was different. Each flight as important as the other.

The crew chief peeked through the door leading from the flight deck. Lt. Feagin knew what he was going to say—that they were five minutes out. She remembered other times when crew chiefs had said the same thing. Patients stirred restlessly on their litters. She passed from the one to the other and with a reassuring smile tucked blanket edges under bodies to protect each individual against the biting winds as they were taken from the aircraft. Extra clothing was placed on top of the litters. These little things were fundamental, but so many other things she did during flights were not.

**Wounded**

She remembered Sinanju in late November. Chinese hordes had rammed into our battle lines and flanked UN troops on the western front. Thousands of battle casualties were brought to the dirt covered airstrip from frontlines.

Air evacuation was stepped up. FEAF’s Combat Cargo diverted all transport aircraft to the frozen area to move the wounded to rear hospitals. Flight nurses and medical technicians flew mission after mission. Here they learned quickly that a flight nurse’s duty reaches far beyond that of rendering medical aid.

No English

One flight carried troops of four different nations. None could speak English, but all had to treated. Each one needed or wanted something. Nurses learned to understand their wants by motion and signs. Picture magazines were handed out. They were favorites of those who couldn’t read and speak English. The men smiled their thanks.

Then at Yonpo and Hagaru-ri, where Marines and Infantrymen, blood caked and frostbitten, were evacuated by hundreds. Some needed medical aid, while others required only sympathetic understanding. Each was as important as the other.

**Foot Ball**

Lt. Feagin recalled one burly marine in particular, who had just been evacuated from the Chosin Reservoir area to Yonpo airfield. When asked if he wanted anything, he replied with a question himself: “Who won the Southern California-Notre Dame football game?” She didn’t know but she found out for him.

At Pyongyang, when UN prisoners were released by the Chinese, conditions were again different. While in flight aboard a Combat Cargo transport, one former prisoner, with tear-filled eyes, said: “I don’t want anything except to just sit and look at you. You are the most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen. I never dreamed I’d ever see another American Girl.”

**Medicine**

Others wanted to know how the war was going, or where their outfit was and how it was doing. How long would it be before they could go home? These question were vitally important. The answers were medicine. Medicine for men’s souls. Medicines for men’s minds.

Lt. Feagin snapped back to the present as the plane slowed its powerful engines to approach the runway. She closed her aid kit and took the manifest to check each patient as he was taken from the plane.

Five minutes later the aircraft was empty and all of the wounded on their way to nearby hospital.

**Proud**

Another mission was complete for a flight nurse. Lt. Feagin was proud, just as every other nurse of the 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron was proud when a mission was complete. Not proud of their so called name, “Angels of Mercy,” but proud of their duty. Proud to be part of a mission which in one hour could bring front line war wounded to rear area hospitals since the Korean campaign began, during which time aircraft of the Far East Air Forces 315th Air Division have air-lifted more than 100,000 battle and weather casualties from front lines to rear area hospitals in Korea and Japan.

As the huge transport lifted its nose into the air again, Lt. Feagin eased down onto one of the now empty litters and relaxed. One hour of rest, then another mission. Boresome? No, this next mission would be different. It would be as important as the last one.

(Reprinted from the “Airlift Times,” April 22, 1951. Sent in by Lillian M. Keil, R.N. Capt. USAF AFMC (R) KWVA C000400. Captain Keil wonders why other Flight Nurses haven’t come forward with memberships and articles. I wish I had the answer for that one and this includes all veterans of the Korean War.)

November/December, 1998
Seoul's
Han River Bridge

Busting Bridges, Jinxing, and Yo-Yo Defensive Tactics

South Korea, July, 1950

The average experience level of our 12th Squadron pilots, with a median age of 27, and 600 flying hours, paid dividends during those first couple of weeks of the Korean war and, even though we lost a couple of airplanes, we didn't lose any pilots until the 25th of July.

On that day, Billie Crabtree, a sharp young 2nd Lieutenant was our first casualty. He was working over a railroad on the west coast near Kwangju, trying to slip-bomb a locomotive in a tunnel. He apparently started his pull-out a fraction of a second too late for the heavy load he was carrying, for he mushed into the top of the hill at the same time that his bombs went off inside the tunnel. He wrapped his Mustang into a great ball of fire. Two days later the North Koreans had the tunnel open and usable again.

The aircraft carrier USS Boxer had arrived in Tokyo harbor on July 23rd, after a record-breaking eight-day crossing, carrying more than 140 "new" F-51 Mustangs which had been collected from various Air National Guard units in the United States, and they brought fifty-some fresh, highly experienced F-51 pilots along with them.

Things were beginning to look up, finally, after long weeks of gloom.

The impact of our repeated daylight fighter attacks became apparent rather suddenly during the last week in July. Where the Reds had previously charged blindly ahead in full daylight, seemingly oblivious to the toll we were taking of their tanks, trucks and troops ... they all of a sudden began seeking concealment during the day, and making their advances only at night.

As their forces neared the Naktong River, we really had to search hard for them, looking under each tree and inside the buildings of each village. They would use their tanks to punch holes right through the walls of several buildings in the village, then drive their trucks and tanks inside and camouflage the openings with net or straw so they would not be detected from the air.

Or, if there were no villages nearby, they would park under a clump of trees and spread netting and branches over the equipment. They made it necessary for us to drastically change our tactics, because we had to search out the targets at absolute minimum altitude ... literally lifting the branches of the trees to look underneath for their armament, or to find their tank tracks, where they'd failed to cover them.

There were just as many targets as there had been before, once we found them; but we started picking up more holes in our ships from small arms fire while we were down on the deck searching for clues.

We therefore modified our tactics accordingly, by what came to be known as "yo-yo" maneuvers. Instead of two or more ships going in to search or attack a target simultaneously, we'd keep one ship high ... above 2000 feet, just high enough to stay out of small arms (rifles and machine gun) range, while the other went down onto the deck. Then, if the enemy fired on the attacking plane, the top-cover could usually spot the muzzle blasts and be able to dive in to attack, while the first attacker would pull up to fly "shotgun", continuing the one up, one down coverage for as long as there were targets in the area.

When we'd come across an especially lucrative or heavily defended target, one that we had to hit repeatedly, we'd try to vary the patterns to be sure that we never made our attacks twice from the same direction. To do so was to invite disaster, because the gunners were able to take a sighting on one ship, then be all set to blast the next one down the chute. Instead, we'd make sure that our attack headings were at least 60 to 90 degrees off from the preceding ship and, personally, I'd always let loose a short burst of machine gun fire just as I started in on the target, even at long, out of range distances ... just to make the gunners put their heads down. They really didn't know whether I was shooting at them or not, so they'd often hold their fire for fear I'd see their muzzle blast and aim at them directly.

But, as soon as we'd passed their position, and they knew we couldn't turn on them ... WOW! All hell would break loose and everyone on the ground would swing their guns around and try to get us on the way out ... except when my wingman was coming down the slot at the same time that I was pulling off.

At any rate, we soon got into the habit of "jinxing" the ship around as we approached the target, and especially as we pulled off. Personally, I'd push rudders, stick and ailerons all over the cockpit, to keep the ship flying as uncoordinated as I could make it, and if there was a hill nearby, I'd roll over on my back and scoot over the hill close to the ground, rolling right-side-up only after I was on the opposite side, where the targets couldn't take aim on me. Then, after a few miles or so on the other side, I'd pull up steeply to trade my excess full-throttle airspeed for a couple thousand feet of quick altitude, and start another attack from a far-different angle. My defensive techniques worked very effectively for

Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War
by
Duane E. "Bud" Biteman,
Lt Col, USAF, Ret
me, and although most attacks were at low altitude, in heavily defended areas, few gunners were able to take a bead on me. My ships picked up very few holes.

Those tactics worked especially well on one particularly rough mission, early in the game, when we were assigned the task of trying to knock out a pontoon bridge the Reds had set up across the Han River at Seoul. B-29s had knocked out the road and railroad bridges across the river, but the Communists quickly brought in sections for a pontoon bridge, which they used only at night, and would then dismantle and hide it during the day. The bombers were unable to knock it out, because they seemed to always be just a few minutes too late, and couldn’t catch the bridge in place. Since it was on their primary supply route and a choice target, the Reds had set up heavy anti-aircraft batteries on both ends of the bridge and in the towns on either side ... one of the few such heavily defended sites in Korea at the time. Several of our fighter flights had been diverted by the heavy ground fire before they could take good aim on the bridge sections.

In late July, 1950, 1st Lt. Bill Slater and I were elected to try again to knock it out. Knowing the target was heavily defended, we planned the mission in more detail than most of our recent "armed reece" flights. We knew we’d have to arrive over the river before dawn’s first light to catch it in place, or in use, but we’d need to have enough light to see and aim at the bridge. We planned for two other ships to approach the area at higher altitude ... above 10,000 feet and out of range of their flak, heading in a southwest to northeasterly direction moments ahead of our attack.

At the exact time that they would be over the bridge, collecting the attention of all flak batteries, Bill and I would sweep wide around the low hills in the east, coming down the river flat on the water, to skip bomb the pontoons ... we hoped. We would then continue down river, staying low on the water, and on out to sea at Inchon before climbing to return toward the south.

Taking off at 4:00 AM from the dark, unlit, rough field at Taegu, blinded by dust from the two lead ships ... was a memorable thrill in itself. But once airborne we could navigate through the dark by following the line of burning villages. In less than an hour we had reached our IP (identification point) south of Seoul, where the other pair of fighters continued their climb while Bill and I cautiously eased down into the dark hills, with just enough light growing in the east to tell when we were low enough for safety.

Upon reaching the Han River, about ten miles upstream from the bridge, we signaled the others, who turned toward Seoul, while we put on full throttle and dropped down into the river bed.

As expected, all hell broke loose when the high flight approached the bridge, with four separate flak batteries lighting up the sky below them. We knew from their evasive action that they’d never be able to get a half-way decent bombing run on the bridge, even if they were foolish enough to try it, but their decoy was working well, because all of the guns were shooting skyward ... not one was aimed at us, yet.

Bill sighted on the south shore, when we got close enough to see the pontoons, with a tank and a truck crossing it and, as I was on his right wing, I picked the north support.

We toggled our bombs off simultaneously, broadside against the bridge, and immediately rolled hard to the sides to miss our bomb blasts. Bill rolled up over the hill on the south, right over the flak batteries, and I turned north over the town, momentarily, then rolled onto my back and angled back to the river just before coming abreast of Kimpo airfield. Rolling right-side-up again, I dropped as low into the river bed as I could without hitting the water, and started making violent skidding turns from side to side, because when I looked behind me I could see a trail of large white puffs following each and every turn I made. The flak batteries at Kimpo had my altitude and range boxed in, but so far they hadn’t tuned in to my airspeed ... and I damned sure was not going to hang around and let them test their abilities. As I huddled lower and lower into the cockpit, to get as much protection as I could from the sheet of armor plate behind the seat, I almost didn’t see the set of high-tension power lines strung across the river west of Kimpo. With a quick pop of the stick, I ducked under the lines, then pulled hard back, to climb for maximum altitude, as I “towed” my trail of white flak puffs behind ... looking for all the world like a strange, surrealistic, giant string of popcorn decorating a Christmas tree!

I called Slater, who had stayed on the deck until he’d passed the town of Suwon, before climbing to join our other pair of fighters, and told them I’d meet them north of Taegon. As far as we knew, none of us had been hit by ground fire, and we’d knocked out their prized pontoon bridge ... with a tank and a truck for good measure.

We felt good as we looked for targets for our rockets and machine guns on the way back to Taegu. We caught a couple more trucks and were back on the ground before breakfast ... a very successful mission all the way around.

The Reds replaced the pontoon bridge less than a week later, but we delayed their supplies for awhile, causing them to jam up on the roads and railroads north of the Han River, where a flight of B-29s caught a mass concentration a couple of days later.

D. E. 'Bud' Biteman, Lt. Col., USAF, Ret
"...one of those OLD, Bold fighter pilots...

Next Issue: Interrogation Tools
To: National Officers, National Directors,  
State Departments, Chapters  
From: Vincent A. Krepps,  
National POW/MIA Co-chairman  
Date: 6 November 1998  

Final Report of Trip to North Korea

Background

In 1998, under the direction of President Harley Coon and Past President Nick Pappas the Korean War Veteran Association Inc. began an effort to involve our Association on the subject of our Korean War POW/MIA’s in conjunction with Defense Prisoner Missing In Action Office. (DPMO) This effort has been a project of Vincent A. Krepps for the past 5 years due to the loss of a twin brother as POW/MIA, BNR.

In May 1997, Vincent A. Krepps joined with other organizations and family members at a meeting with DPRK, Ambassador Kim Byong Hong, the senior foreign affairs official responsible for the issue. In his developing a dialogue with the North Koreans, Vincent A. Krepps indicated a willingness to go to the DPRK to engage its leadership on the POW/MIA issue. It is against this background that the report continues.

Report

On October 15, 1998, the KWVA was invited to send a VSO representative to North Korea to view a Joint U.S.-DPRK Remains Recovery Operation. President Coon assigned me as his representative and on October 21, 1998, I departed for North Korea.

Other members of the group were:
G. Michael Schlee, American Legion
Donald Hearon, American Veterans
Robert Lunney, Chosin Few
Mrs. Gerri Montgomery Prescott, Coalition of Families of Korean/Cold War
Mrs. Ann D. Bakken, Korean/Cold War Families Association
Ken Steadam, VFW
Lt. Colonel J. J. Campbell, USAF Escort Officer, Office of Family Liaison
Maj. Steve Cohen, Senior Analyst (Joined group in Beijing, China.)
Danz F. Blasser, Senior Analyst

The group flew to Beijing, People’s Republic of China to pick up visas and airline tickets from the DPRK Embassy. There are only two flights per week between Beijing and Pyongyang, DPRK (Tuesday and Saturday).

Our stay in Beijing gave us the opportunity to discuss the POW/MIA issue within our group.

We all decided it would be best to have a united agenda in order to further enhance the POW/MIA issue.

On October 24, 1998, the group departed for Pyongyang on the DPRK’s official airline Air Koryu.

We arrived late in the afternoon after our one and one-half hour flight. After immigration and customs clearances, the entire group was bused to the Pyongyang Koryu Hotel in the capital city of Pyongyang.

That evening, DPRK Mr Cha Song Nam, (Acting Director of the Institute for Peace and Disarmament) hosted a dinner at the hotel for the group. Also participating were two other representatives of the DPRK. During the initial meeting, the Mr Cha made the following points:

- There was a significant exchange and the DPRK expected us to report favorably about it. The DPRK has undertaken a lot of effort and is working very hard under difficult circumstances.
- The DPRK already has returned over 200 sets of remains they had collected from Korean War battlefields — many remains with artifacts and identification media.
- Witnesses to battles and burials are hard to locate for they still hate Americans. Younger generations have limited or no knowledge of burials.
- Because the U.S. constantly displays its aggressive intentions like the war games in the South, it is difficult to gain the willing cooperation of the North Korean people.
- The DPRK believed a new formula for future work must be found. They think forming advanced teams of North Koreans to scout recovery sites prior to joint teams going into the area would bring better results. If the U.S. would contribute a small percentage of its Defense budget work could be accelerated up to complete the task in five to six years.

The delegation was requested to use its influence to change U.S. policies through their veteran organizations to improve North Korea’s image with our government.

The satellite just launched earlier was seen by others as a military event, whereas in his country it was an advancement in technology.

Mr. Cha also pointed out the freedoms we had to travel to various locations more than 100 miles from the Capitol of Pyongyang when he and his countrymen are only allowed to travel 20 miles from New York City.

Ken Steadam, VFW again had been selected by our group as spokesman to present the following views: we were pleased to accept the DPRK invitation. This was an historic opportunity to expand our dialogue, to see both sides working together and to serve as a foundation for further efforts.

Each delegate had a chance to speak and we all expressed similar points, although from different angles.

We asked for: expanded Joint Recovery Operations; Expanded access to archives for research; and investigation of reports of live POWs to include talking to U.S. defectors; Expanded efforts to seek remains from former POW Camps; We sought regular repeat visits to expand this dialogue and efforts. There is much work to be done and if this visit served as a good foundation for an expanded effort, it would likely be seen as a gesture of good will.

During dinner discussions, Mr Cha indirectly indicated the DPRK’s commitment to the POW/MIA issue and to further joint efforts by saying they were developing a plan for the future.

In response to questions, Mr. Cha said that it “was not possible to meet with the four American defectors. Cha said they were now DPRK citizens and could not be forced to meet with Americans.

The meal was fine (I think???) and many toasts were made to peace and future cooperation.

On October 25 (Sunday) we again met with Mr. Cha and previously mentioned
Upon leaving North Korea and landing in Beijing, China— I never thought I would ever see the day when I would be happy to be in Red China.

living conditions. After reviewing the entire operation including reviewing some remains, we re-boarded our vehicles and proceeded to the base camp. Again the conditions were very primitive. We entered a large tent and it became evident the men in the field had set up the tables for our evening meal. I will never complain about C-Rations again. First we listened to Senior Col. Pak’s (KPA) opinions and after 15 minutes of the usual dialogue, he then became softer and greeted us all and thanked us for coming. Again we all made our feelings known, this was a repeat of comments that was made to Mr. Cha, only Mr. Cha heard them a third time.

We had a long day in the field and it was well after dark when we returned to the hotel. I will never forget October 25, 1998 for many reasons but most of all it will be the remarks made to me by Major Robinette and others. They still echo in my mind. The words were: “I would spend the rest of my career over here if they allowed me to find your loved one.” Also “God forbid that I would become MIA, but if I did I would hope to have dedicated people like you looking for me.” My thanks was given to all but the entire DPMO and CILHI team deserves special recognition including hazardous duty pay for those in the field. On October 26, the group was off to the airport to go by helicopter to the Chosin Reservoir. After going through security we found ourselves awaiting to be transported to the helicopter. After a long wait it became evident that the weather was too bad in the Chosin area so the trip was canceled.

After a short bus ride we visited selected exhibits in the Victorious Liberation of the Fatherland War Museum. We saw displays of U.S. MIA identity cards. We saw many photos of American POW’s and equipment that was lost on the battlefields. The family members at several times were near tears, just as it was during portions of the field trip the day before. The sites at both places in my mind brought back many memories of 1950-51 and the loss of a loved one.

Since we still had much daylight remaining, we were taken to several historic locations not connected with the war. It was very obvious much progress was made in 48 years although to the average American compared to other countries, North Korea was still many many years behind.

That evening we went to a different hotel for a dinner hosted by the VFW. Ken Steadman again was the spokesman. We again listened to similar opinions of the North Korean Government stated by Mr. Cha although this time the voice was much softer and the willingness to work together in a common goal was clearly evident in my opinion. The American delegation had another chance to express their views. I again felt a softer tone and a more open expression of views. It was again in my mind evident after two days of seeing much improved cooperation between both sides that even our delegates were impressed and our words were expressing our thanks. We pushed for more success in 1999 and beyond. Although Mr. Steadman and others selected an improved choice of food and drinks my comment of C-Rations still stands.

On October 27 we said our goodbyes to our hosts, we thanked each other for the renewed friendship and the exchange of opinions. Another last comment was made to me in a whisper that I will never forget was that “We will find your brother and return him home. True or just words is not the point. Just to see and hear a softer side of North Korea and its people made my efforts worth while and gave me much hope to pass on to my family and the veterans.

Upon leaving North Korea and landing in Beijing, China—I never thought I would ever see the day when I would be happy to be in Red China. The reasons are obvious and even though China caused many more losses to the American side in the war, their changes over the past 48 years allows me to put the past behind me and to move on to the future. I only hope in the near future I can say the same about N. Korea.

To sum up these eventful 7 days could take up many pages but I will try to keep it down to a few paragraphs. I am so grateful to our government, especially to the DPMO office (Mr. Jones and staff) and Dr. Bradley
Lt. "Honey" Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick says...

**Time To Say “Good-bye”**

After nine years of volunteering to coordinate the Revisit Trips to Korea, I have made the difficult decision to retire. The daily, long hours of work have become more than my “one-woman” home office can continue to bear. The majority of our Members are aware that I am being succeeded by the efficient Lt. Col. Warren Wiedhahn (USMC, Ret.) Warren is a Life Member, KWVA, in addition to being a combat Vet of the Korean War. He heads his own Travel Agency, which “specializes” in tours/trips for various veteran/military associations, and has a capable staff to assist him.

I would like to express my gratitude to the thousands of Vets who granted me the singular privilege of assisting them, and their family members return to Korea.

I profoundly appreciate the many who took their time to write, phone me with “reports” of their trips to Korea... some even sent small gifts, a few mailed me video tapes of their journey back to “The Land of the Morning Calm”.

I especially enjoyed talking with the hundreds of “my” beloved combat heroes who shared, in detail, their combat experiences with me. Although, I readily admit to my tears falling as I attempted to understand how very painful your memories are! I learned so much about our WAR, from you!

Each of you will remain in my Prayers, thoughts, with love. I will never, ever “forget” you. Thank you, from the depths of my heart for this special HONOR.

Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick
("Lt. Honey", USAF-Nurse Corps)

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**San Jose woman force behind war memorial**

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By Jim Trotter

When the long anticipated Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated by President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young Sam on the National Mall last week, it was due in no small part to Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick, the San Jose Woman whose tireless campaign was instrumental to the cause.

Wyosnick was one of five veterans invited to join Clinton for the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns Thursday morning and was a podium guest at the dedication.

A former Air Force nurse and vet to be named the first woman to the national board of the Korean War Veteran's Association, Wyosnick helped raise millions for construction or the striking memorial, which features 19 ground troopers on patrol, a reflecting pool and a polished granite wall with hundreds of etched faces. “It is absolutely the most dramatic impressive memorial I've ever seen,” Wyosnick said by telephone from Washington. “Of course, my heart is in it and I might bias, but I think it really tells the story. It is very awe-inspiring. My tears flowed without end.”

Wyosnick’s letter to Dear Abby on Veteran’s Day, 1988, created a national awareness and drew more than a half-million dollars in contributions for the memorial. She was also a key lobbyist in the congressional decision to authorize a commemorative silver dollar, which raised $6 million.

“IT’s been a true labor of love,” she said, “on behalf of ‘my’ combat heroes of the Korean War.”

Wyosnick’s first husband, Air Force fighter pilot Richard E. Cronan was killed in combat over North Korea on his first mission, Dec. 12, 1951. They had been married eight months. Cronan’s last letter home, in which he described not only combat conditions but the plight of the Korean refugees, has been a centerpiece of Wyosnick’s efforts to bring recognition to American veterans of the war.

“The destruction is beyond description,” Cronan wrote on Dec. 8, 1951, “Not a hut has been spared. But the people, the orphans cling to that spark of life, somehow living in caves. The homeless kids are the heart-rendering sight... rain, snow, no place to go, begging, no clothes, maybe a pair of shoes, no socks, little hands blue, bleeding, infected.” It was a last letter that spoke to the selflessness of the American soldier in Korea, where 54,246 Americans died.

After Cronan’s death, Wyosnick became an Air Force nurse to honor his memory.

“I’m rather overwhelmed by all of these honors that have been accorded me,” she said of the Washington trip. “The memorial is everything that I hoped that it could be.”
Congratulations to Wyosnick, and to all Korean War veterans, whose efforts and incredible sacrifice are at long last duly memorialized.

A letter home to mom
by 1st Lt. Richard E. Cronan

"Arrived in the Frozen Chosin a couple of days ago, the 6th to be exact. Cold as blue blazes.

"We are checking out this week. Seems every group has its policy. We've been flying 80's for 9 months, came over here to fly 80's and they put us through another check out, can't blame them though, they want to know what they are getting in their groups... Lot of men depend on one another. It has to be a closely knit team or no one comes back to play again. The spirit is fine around here. Mud about two inches deep. Ruts frozen solid at night. Tents cold despite the stove, airmen working long cold hours, pilots flying missions all day long and yet like every fighter base, not a man would think of shirking his duties. The American fighting man can't be beat, I'm sure of that. One might lose a few battles now and then but never a war. We have inferior aircraft over here, not enough equipment for the pilots; but every man is a 'tiger' and scratch his name from a mission and you've never heard such a fuss and hollering.

"The MiGs are really giving the boys a hard time as of the last month. Up to then it was flak and fifties and small arms fire. Now the MiGs are hitting our formations as they come off the target.

"The 80's is no match for the MiG. But our boys have the fighting spirit, no doubt about it. If the MiGs come down the 80's turn into them and put up a scrap. I'm on pins and needles waiting to get a crack at them. Maybe next week. I drove my truck to Yongdong-po yesterday.

The destruction is beyond description. Not a hut has been spared. Both sides have occupied this area twice and there ain't nothing left, let me tell you. But the people, the orphans cling to that spark of life somehow living in caves, huts. The homeless kids are the heart rendering sight...rain, snow, no place to go, begging, no clothes, maybe a pair of shoes, no socks, little hands blue, bleeding, infected.

"I'll be glad when they call it quits. But while it is on, let me at 'em.

Don't worry about me, Dick."

Fighter pilot 1st Lt. Richard E. Cronan, wrote to his mother from Suwon Air Force Base, Korea on December 8, 1951. Four days later he was killed in action near Kuwah-Ri, North Korea.

Forgotten Veterans

'Dear Abby' column — Veterans Day, 1988

Dear Abby,

Today, on Nov. 11, America will honor her veterans. I would like to ask your readers to consider a special group of men and women who fought a war that has become "the forgotten war."

Thirty-eight years ago, on June 25, 1950 the North Koreans crossed the 38th parallel of Korea and invaded South Korea. It was called a "police action" and the United Nations responded by sending troops to Korea. Besides the South Koreans, the majority of fighting men were Americans.

When a truce was finally called that ended in a stalemate on July 27, 1953, 5.5 million men and women had fought directly or indirectly in this "conflict." Of these 5.5 million, 103,000 were wounded, 54,246 were killed and 8,177 were classified as missing in action or prisoners of war.

There has been much publicity about the Vietnam Memorial, but the military personnel who fought to secure the freedom of South Korea have only the TV series "MASH" to remind people that we were there.

I lost my beloved husband of eight months when he was shot down over North Korea on his first combat mission. His remains have never been returned to me. Who will remember those who gave their lives in the Korean War? Who will remember:

1. That when they returned, there were no welcoming parades-only apathy?
2. That in 1953 they had to live with their own silent hell of wartime memories, as "post-traumatic stress disorder" was unknown then?

3. That there feats were chronicled in only a few paragraphs in history books, and they have all been ignored by the media?

At long last, Congress has finally approved a long-overdue memorial for the Korean War vets. It is to be situated across from the Vietnam memorial.

Six million dollars are needed. Hyundai Motor Corp., in South Korea has contributed $1.3 million in gratitude.

Abby, you have exposed many worthwhile causes in the past. I hope you will consider this one. Our ranks are diminishing with age, and time is of the essence.

If any of your readers would like to make a small tax-free donation, it would be gratefully appreciated. Checks can be made out to: The Korean War Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2372, Washington, D.C. 20013-1372.

Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick
San Jose, Calif.

Dear Kathleen:

I am sending my check today, and I hope readers will come through with contributions. If everyone who reads this sends $1, we should have that memorial paid for in a matter of months. Readers?

Editors note: I do not know what the readers (our Korean War veterans) feel after reading Kathleen's good-bye or the short bio we have been able to find but I want to express my feelings and I hope all of you will be able to take the time to write our Lt. Honey and express your thanks. Kathleen, I have only known about you for only four years. In that time I have nothing but the greatest respect for your dedication to the Korean War veterans.

You deserved to be honored in 1995 during the dedication of our National Memorial in D.C. You deserve much, much more. If fact if someday they decide to erect a Women Memorial in the area of our National Memorial of our Korean Women Veterans similar to the one at the Vietnam Memorial, I would hope that the face on one of the women would be yours. Your continued dedication after our National Memorial was erected with the revisit trips was above and beyond the call of duty. The loss of a loved one, your service as an Air Force Nurse would be enough to get you that honor.

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BKVA International Reunion


Optional Post Tours to Paris, France or Ireland

During the recent U.S. KWVA Reunion in Washington, DC, representatives of the British Korean Veterans Association (BKVA) presented their plans for a joint international reunion to be held in London, July 18-23, 1999. This was a very exciting “Pre Korea 2000” commemorative event that will draw hundreds of veterans and their families from all 22 countries that participated in the Korean War. The plans are as follows:

☐ Saturday, July 17
Depart US for London

☐ Sunday, July 18
AM - Arrive London early AM, transfer to hotel
PM - Welcome Dinner this evening

☐ Monday, July 19
AM - Memorial Service in St. Paul’s Cathedral
PM - Reception and lunch at the Guildhall

☐ Tuesday, July 20
AM - Windsor Castle tour or optional sightseeing
PM - Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and the Royal Hospital, Chelsea

☐ Wednesday, July 21
AM - Parade and Inspection, Horse Guard
PM - US Embassy/High Commission Receptions

☐ Thursday, July 22
AM - Windsor Castle tour or optional sightseeing
PM - Gala Dinner hosted by Korean Embassy

☐ Friday, July 23
Optional London sightseeing or at leisure - Imperial War Museum, National Army Museum, Churchill’s Cabinet War Rooms, HMS Belfast or other sights.

☐ Saturday, July 24
Depart London for home or post tour extensions to Paris, France or Ireland

Since the main events will be subsidized in part by BKVA, participation will be limited to one family member per KWVA member attending the Reunion. We are working very closely with our comrades at BKVA and Saga Holidays, LTD., in coordinating our hotel, air, and other arrangements. Full detailed information, as well as final tour costs will be available after a site recon’ to London at the end of October. The approximate tour cost for the London Reunion is $1875 per person and includes roundtrip international airfare, roundtrip airport transfers, hotel accommodations in London, most meals, Reunion events contribution, special events and more. To guarantee your space, complete and mail the advance registration form along with your deposit as soon as possible.

Note: You must be a member of KWVA to participate.

Optional Excursion Program

Half Day London Sightseeing

A fascinating and entertaining panoramic view of London with a qualified Blue Badge Guide. Our drive around will take us past the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Downing Street, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, St. Paul’s Cathedral, the Tower of London, Buckingham and St. James’ Palaces. We will not go inside any of the sites on this tour, although some stops will be made for photos. Cost-$28.00 per person

This excursion is running on 20 & 22 July. We will allocate you the day that you are not going to Windsor.

Half Day to Greenwich
Friday 23 July

Greenwich, on the Thames in SE London, is historically where the ships of the Royal Navy were built and based. The Royal Naval College was established there in the 17th Century in the fine buildings which still dominate the riverside. Our visit includes entry to the National Maritime Museum and the Royal Observatory, where the zero line of longitude runs through Greenwich (GMT). Cost-$37.00 per person

Full Day to Stonehenge & Salisbury Cathedral
Friday 23 July

This trip will take us through two of the most astonishing buildings in the world. Stonehenge is Europe’s most famous prehistoric monument and also a World Heritage site. Ruined rings of standing stones constructed over 5000 years ago, and still a mystery. A short drive through gentle West Country farm land brings us to the city of Salisbury with its beautiful 13th Century Cathedral. Our trip includes entry to Stonehenge and a guided tour of the Cathedral. Cost-$65.00 per person

Full Day to the City of Bath
Friday 23 July

Bath is renowned for its architecture, Roman history and shopping! A city whose name originates from the hot water springs, discovered by the Romans, which have been bringing visitors here ever since. It was the centre of fashion in the 18th Century when it was home to many great society figures and artists including Jane Austen who set the theme for many of her books here. We include a walking tour of the city centre and entry into the Roman bath complex. Cost-$65.00 per person

Full Day to Cambridge & Duxford
Friday 23 July

This excursion combines two quite different visits. Cambridge is home to the famous university founded over 600 years ago. Many leaders in science, literature and politics have studied at its colleges. Your guide will give a short
walking tour of the city leaving you free to visit a college or Kings College chapel (famous for its choir) on your own. A short drive away at Duxford is the Imperial War Museum’s aircraft collection. The recently opened American Air Museum is of particular interest. Our trip includes entrance to the museum. Cost-$63.00 per person

**National Army Museum & Imperial War Museum**
**Friday, 23 July**

This excursion covers the two main Army museums in London. The National Army Museum in Chelsea traces what life was like for the soldiers in the Army from the 17th Century until present time. It is especially interesting for the human insights it offers. The Imperial War Museum in Lambeth records and illustrates in every aspect all the campaigns in which British and the Commonwealth have been engaged since 1914. To give sufficient time at both museums, this is a three-quarters of a day excursion, returning to your accommodation at approximately 3:00 pm. The tour includes entrance into both museums and a guided tour of the Army Museum Cost - $43.00 per person

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**ADVANCED REGISTRATION FORM**

**BKVA International Reunion**
**London, England**
**17-24 July 1999**

**Reminder:** Since the Main events in London will be subsidized in part by the BKVA, participation will be limited to one family member per KWVA member attending this International reunion.

I am interested in either:  □ Paris or  □ Ireland Post Tour Extensions

I am further interested in:

- 1. Half Day London Sightseeing (The day you do not go to Windsor Castle) (Tuesday, 20 July or Thursday, 22 July)
- 2. Half Day To Greenwich (Friday, 23 July)
- 3. Full Day Tour To Stonehenge & Salisbury Cathedral (Friday, 23 July)
- 4. Full Day Tour To The City Of Bath (Friday, 23 July)
- 5. Full Day Tour To Cambridge & Duxford (Friday, 23 July)
- 6. National Army Museum & Imperial War Museum (Friday, 23 July)

Please reserve ____ space(s) on this historic International Reunion. I understand that my advance deposit of $300 per person will be applied towards my final invoice and is fully refundable until May 18, 1999. Your deposit may be made by check, money order or credit card (Visa and Mastercard only).

NAME: __________________________ SPOUSE/GUEST: __________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________
CITY: __________________________ STATE: ______ ZIP: ______
PHONE (H): ___________ (W) ___________ FAX: ___________
KWVA Membership #: __________________________

I authorize Military Historical Tours to charge my credit card #__________________________

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for the tour deposit indicated above.

Signature: __________________________ Date: ___________

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July 23, 1998
Dear fellow Korean War Veterans,

What is KOREA 2000? “KOREA 2000” is the recognition of the 50th year commemoration anniversaries, by the United States and the Republic of Korea governments, of the tremendous sacrifices made, in the name of freedom, between 1950 and 1953. There will be major events scheduled in the years 2000, 2001, and 2002, culminating in a big 50th Anniversary commemoration, in both the United States and Republic of Korea, in 2003.

The USA events will be coordinated by the US Department of Defense and the KOREA 2000 Association, Inc. at the state, and local level, with every town, city and hamlet being asked to do something during these years to recognize that “Freedom is not Free”, and thank all Korean War Veterans for their great sacrifices. A gala commemoration, to include a parade down Constitution Avenue, will be held in Washington, DC, on July 27, 2003.

The ROK events are a little less clear at this time, primarily because Korea has just recently held national elections. The new government of President Kim Dae Jung has accepted full responsibility for the specific recognition ceremonies during the anniversary years. What we know thus far, is that the Republic of Korea is planning numerous and moving events to thank the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, of all the United Nations countries that participated in the Korean War! Note: The KOREA 2000 Association chaired jointly by General Raymond Davis, USMC (Ret) and General William Westmoreland, USA (Ret) will travel to Seoul in September 1998 to meet with the ROK government and the CG, U.S. Forces Korea (General John T. Tilelli) to determine the specific plans being developed in the Republic of Korea.

Special Note: Some of you have participated in a past Korea Revisit Tour, but because of the KOREA 2000 Anniversary tours, would like to go again. We have asked KVA (Seoul) to relax the eligibility requirements for both the big anniversary years of 2000 and 2003. My advice, “be honest!” and indicate on your form the year(s) you accepted an official KVA (Seoul) Revisit quota, and request an exception! We will continue to work on lifting the current restrictions of only one subsidized revisit tour per veteran. (If you are not a member or if your membership has expired, please be reminded that you must be a KWVA member in good standing to participate in an official “Korea Revisit” tour.)

In Conclusion: There is only one Korean Veterans Association (KVA) located in Seoul and there is only one Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) in the United States. These two prestigious veteran associations are working in concert on the “Official Korea Revisit” program. There are other travel agencies working on return tours to Korea but they are not recognized by KVA, Seoul as “officially” representing US Korean War Veterans. These tours, in the main, are strictly commercial/civilian tours with little or no appreciation of the veterans desire for tours of accurate, historical significance. I’m sorry to report that the 1999 Revisit tour schedule is already closed out and their is a “stand-by” list. Please do not request any more 1999 space!

My most sincere regards,

Warren H. Wiedenhahn
Co-Chairman - KWVA Revisit Committee
Korea, 1950 - Pusan-Inchon-Seoul-Chosin and Life
Member - KWVA

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Background
The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Korean Veterans Association (KVA, Seoul) in 1975, the 25th Anniversary year of the outbreak of the Korean War, to express their gratitude to veterans of the Korean War and to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

KVA Eligibility
A. Korean War veterans and/or war correspondent of the 21 nations which came to the assistance of the Republic of Korea between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953.
B. Immediate family member of those killed in action in the Korean War.
Note: You are eligible to take a spouse or one immediate descendant with you. (Not a sister, brother, companion or friend.) The family member must be housed in the same hotel room with you in Seoul. (Descendants must be over 18.)

Privileges Extended Courtesy of KVA
A. Hotel accommodations (2 persons per room), meals, tours, and transportation while in Korea for 6 days and 5 nights.
B. Tour of Seoul and its vicinity; itinerary includes visits of Panmunjom, North Korean Invasion Tunnels, Korean War Memorial Monument, National Cemetery, National Museum, Korean Folk Village, Korean War Museum, plus other cultural/industrial facilities and activities in the Seoul area. (Other tours of battles sites and/or Inchon may be made through the local tour guide).
C. A special reception and dinner hosted by the President of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) during which the KVA War Medal and Certificate of Ambassador for Peace will be awarded to each veteran. (Who have not received it before!)

Miscellaneous
A. The KVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.
B. Participants are required to be in possession of a valid passport. (A visa is not required for visits to Korea of 15 days or less.)
C. KVA (Seoul) is not responsible for any loss of, or damage to personal or other items, medical expenses, injuries, or loss of life due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip insurance is available and recommended.
D. The cost of the airline ticket must be borne by each individual visitor who will fly with the group.
E. Applications will be received/accepted on a “First-come, First-serve” basis.
Note: If you have previously accepted an official KVA (Seoul) Revisit tour from any sponsoring association or group - you are not currently eligible to participate again. The reason for this is obvious; there are many veterans that have not gone before so, they get their “first right of return.” KVA Seoul now has all former revisit returnees in a computer database, so please don’t try and beat the system. We may not know it, and submit your name to KVA (Seoul), only to have it rejected. This could cause embarrassment for all of us, as well as, create a delay that could cause a bonafide Korean War veteran to miss the opportunity.
F. Those desiring to use frequent flier miles (or other means of “Free” air transportation) will be required to pay a $ 100.00 (per person) administrative processing fee. Caution: Not traveling with the KWVA group air contract, can result in much higher Post Tour costs to China and other Pacific locations!
APPLICATION FOR KWVA REVISIT TOURS

KVA (Seoul) Revisit Purpose:
"To express the gratitude of the Korean Government towards Korean War Veterans of the United States who took part in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953." (Eligibility on facing page.)

**VETERAN'S PERSONAL HISTORY (Please print or type)**

Veteran's Name: __________________________ Date of Birth: ________ Sex: ________

KWVA Membership #: _______________ Expiration Date: _______________

Name of family member and relationship: __________________________

Date of Birth: _______________ Sex: ________

Address: __________________________ State: ________ Zip Code: __________

Home Phone: ___________ Work Phone: ___________ Fax: ___________

Veteran's Passport Number: __________________________ Date of Expiration: _______________

Family member's Passport Number: __________________________ Date of Expiration: _______________

Veteran's Soc Sec #: __________________________ Family member's Soc Sec #: ___________

Have you previously received the Korean War Medal from the Korean Veterans Assn in Seoul, Korea? □ No □ Yes

Have you received the medal elsewhere? ___________ If so, where? ___________ Date ___________

**VETERAN'S MILITARY BIOGRAPHY**

Branch of Service: __________________________ Service Number: ___________

Period of Service in Korean War, from: ___________ to ___________ (Month/Year Arrived) (Month/Year Departed)

Unit Assigned: __________________________ Location of Unit: __________________________

Rank Achieved in Korea: __________________________ Highest Rank Achieved: __________________________

Personal Military Decorations: __________________________

□ I hereby certify that I have never previously accepted a KVA (Seoul) Revisit Tour. OR

□ I have previously accepted and participated in an Official KVA (Seoul) Revisit Tour in ___________ (Date).

I am requesting my name be submitted for a waiver to participate in the 50th Anniversary Revisit Tours in the years 2000-2003.

Veteran's Signature: __________________________ Date: ___________

Please complete and mail, with deposit of $250 per person, (check or money order), made out to Military Historical Tours. (This deposit is fully refundable at anytime and for any reason, since there are more applicants than the limited amount of Revisit space available.) KWVA Revisit Program, c/o Military Historical Tours, Inc., Attn: George Malone, 4600 Duke Street, Suite 420 Alexandria, VA 22304, 703-759-8900 * Fax 703-684-0193

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According to accounts in newspapers and magazines, some American servicemen in the Korean War era displayed Confederate flags while on duty in Korea, Japan and elsewhere. Displaying the Confederate flag - at football games and in parades - had become a nationwide fad at the time of the Korean War. The flag was reportedly so visible at military posts that a marine from New York City, in an effort “to give the Confederate emblem some healthy competition,” proposed putting a New York City flag over his base. City Hall responded by sending one hundred city flags to East Asia.

I am writing a book on the history of the Confederate battle flag and would like to learn more about the flag’s presence in Korea and, more generally, in American military life throughout this century. The period of the Korean War was the first time that the Confederate flag was displayed widely and the first time it became a “pop culture” symbol. Learning more about the use of the flag and the reactions of people of all regional and racial backgrounds to it is vital to understanding the flag’s history.

I would like to correspond with any veteran who has memories of the flag in Korea or in the military services during World War II, Korea, or Vietnam. I would like to collect and record memories of the flag and be able to quote (anonymously when requested) from these memories in a book about the history of the flag. Please contact Dr. John M. Coski, Historian at The Museum of the Confederacy, 1201 E. Clay St., Richmond, VA 23219 (or by e-mail: library@moc.org).

“ONE LEVEL”

The story behind the “Korean War Veterans Illustration”.

Continued from September-October issue.

When the French Armed Forces withdrew from French Indo-China and the United States became involved in that part of World, it was realized another WAR condition was going to exist for the United States Armed Forces.

It was at this time that the Korean Vets became involved with organizations such as the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They soon passed through the command lines and become leaders in those groups. As the number of Veterans declined in the elected offices in the House of Congress and the Executive branch, it became necessary to be heard and understood. There was a problem with some people yelling “Hell No; I won’t go and other’s screaming at wounded returning GIs, “Screw you and your old, RED, WHITE and Blue.”

All one old Vet needs to hear is that being said to one of his OWN, to realize something has to be said loud and clear to the People of this Country. From Alaska to Florida and from Maine to the Hawaiian Islands, the true story must be told. At all the Reunions, Meetings, and Gatherings a way must be shown that will defuse these false and non-humorous statements made concerning our young men and women of the Armed Forces of this Country. It was with deep seated thought that this pictorial illustration was begun in the spring of 1997. No one realized the extent of work which needed to be accomplished before one
drawing could be approved by the Ponto Historic Society. At the inception, it was the intent of the Society that no paste-ups or clips would be part of this project. All art work would be by a noted artist of character and be a veteran, if at all possible. A search was begun at once to find a commercial graphic artist, with such qualifications to meet the requirements of the proposed project. This proved to be a prime time task in and of itself.

Then one day as if out of the clear blue sky a man appeared in the person of Mr. R. E. Posey, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. He had worked displayed along the lines of which we were searching. He was employed as Sales Management Director and a part time Graphic Artist, in the Las Vegas, NV. area. At that time Ponto Historic Society was looking for some pencil art to accompany Native American Young People Mentor stories. Shortly thereafter Mr. Posey joined this project, known as “ONE LEVEL”.

After this project was outlined in minute detail, it was proposed to make it in a less expensive manner. After thirty-seven seconds, it was decided to remain with the original program. The expense would be borne by the Society, and all approvals would given in a due and timely manner. Target date of completion was agreed to be July 1998 to shown at the Gathering in Washington DC and Meeting of Korean War Veterans Association Annual Meeting. (KWVA).

The work progressed in a speedy manner and all hands pitched in, thus attempting to beat the deadline. Several things happened which gave us support in working harder, which you perhaps remember. Many times I heard statements of how only the poor and non-educated Whites, blacks, and others fought the WARS, while the rich went to school or on prolonged European college vacations. Even the statement of how easy it was to lie, cheat and play games with the draft boards, told me of the relationship these people had with their fellow men. Very shortly after this experience the project was running full speed.

As with everything that is worthwhile it takes time to select the help you need to get things in motion and headed in the right direction. The illustration depicts four or five men in the atmosphere of which they were previous to entering the services of this Country and go to a far off land to fight the Communist aggressors of a Small County, namely South Korea. No frills or hero’s here just men at early age and their willingness to go and fight, when this United States ask them to do so.

It was decided to use a Americans of various races and backgrounds but which type was not set in concrete. A great deal was left to the Artist. Books and personal pictures were given the Artist to work from with the express desire not to make the faces resemble any of the true people involved. This is due to copyright laws and, other factors of liability, etc. The aging process can be accomplished in the same manner as seen on the Detectives and Police books and shows. This approach and can be changed if need be to allow it to be different than the actual persons. Most of the aging is in the Artist’s work, as he controls the

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Korean War Veterans Certificate

Makes a Great Christmas Present!

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.

Veterans who want to have a certificate made up for the spouse or descendant of a fallen buddy and can certify to the event, may do so. Multiple copies of the same certificate can be ordered if you have a number of children/grandchildren. You may order certificates to give to members of your unit or provide them with an order form.

Please be sure all information is printed clearly or typed and include your serial number and unit designation while in Korea. In some instances, it may be necessary to abbreviate. Begin your unit designation with the smallest designation and list to the largest.

The certificate will be shipped rolled in a protective mailing tube and total cost is $20.00 paid in advance. This beautiful certificate can be framed in a 16" x 20" frame with appropriate matting, mounted on a 12" x 18" placard or a walnut plaque.

Certificate Order Blank


☐ I certify that I served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in Korea (9/3/45 to present – if not during above period.)

☐ I served in:  ☐ Army ☐ Air Force ☐ Navy ☐ Marines ☐ Coast Guard ☐ Other

I would like the following information on the certificate:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Rank (Optional)</th>
<th>First Name</th>
<th>MI</th>
<th>Last Name</th>
<th>Serial Number</th>
</tr>
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Spell out full unit starting with the smallest group (i.e., Company, Battalion and/or Regiment, Division)

☐ Killed in action: Date & Place ________________________________ ☐ Died of Wounds Received: Date & Place ________________________________

Mailing Information:

Name ________________________________ Telephone Number ________________________________

Street Address ________________________________ Apt No. ________________________________

City ________________________________ State ______ Zip + 4 Code ________________________________

Signature and date ________________________________

Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Send cash or make checks/money orders in the amount of $20.00 for each certificate payable to N. C. Monson. Mail to: N. C. Monson, 5911 North 2nd Street, Arlington, VA 22203.
The book also highlights how Mortensen was awarded the Silver Star for saving a young soldier during combat. Mortensen, although, never carried a weapon. "If people asked me why I didn't have a gun, I'd answer by asking, why should I? Who would I shoot?"

The book sells for $14.95 and is on the shelves at Deseret bookstores throughout the Valley. The author said he is available to speak to club and church groups about his chaplaincy experience. Mortensen can be reached at 802-2708.

The Korean War In Retrospect: Lessons for the Future

The Korean War in Retrospect: Lessons for the Future recently published by the University Press of America. This book contains papers delivered at a conference here at the University of Virginia Law School to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the outbreak of the war. I am a member of the KWVA and served as editor of this volume and wrote the “Updating Note” in it. Copies can be obtained for a price $36.00 each, plus $4.50 shipping & handling (and $1.62 sales tax for Virginia residents) by writing or calling the following: University of Virginia Bookstore. Attn: Trade Department, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22904 - toll free telephone: 800-759-4667. Orders are generally mailed within 48 hours.

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My father was a WWII veteran who served in the U.S. Navy. My only brother, S/Sgt John H. Turner was killed-in-action in 1968 while serving on his second tour of duty in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. I am a veteran having served in the U.S.
Taps

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

Arizona
* William J. Cranston
* Nyma R. Matthews

Georgia
* Lawrence L. Lehr

Indiana
* William M. Tipp
* Forest Woodard

Kentucky
* Lyndall C. Williamson

Maryland
* John A. Eckert
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* Donald R. Might
* Donald E. Osborn
* Norm Wass

Pennsylvania
* John Cicak

Tennessee
* Harvey W. Worrell

Texas
* Haywood W. Lusk

LT. HONEY from page 43

We also thank you for your service on the board of the Korean War Veterans Assn., you led the way. I could go on and on but by now our readers surely see why all veterans that have had contact with you feel as I do. Truly you are one special lady and the title of “Lt. Honey” says it all. You will always be our hero, and those guys up there in Heaven remember you as there hero also. They and we say “Bless God You Lt. Honey.”

ONE LEVEL from page 48

pencil and the hand which produces the actual Master Piece. This is a God given Talent which few possess.

Shortly before the drawings were started one night while reading in the library, the name of “ONE LEVEL” or Same Level came to me. After talking it over with the artist, “ONE LEVEL” was selected as a proper name for this illustration. Working from this basis we then placed each man on the left side of the picture and thus they were drawn in as a coal miner with his instrument of that day. A gasoline station attendant of that day, when mechanics were available at Service Stations. A Middle West grain farmer of the same period, on his row crop tractor of the period. A circus farm worker of the warm belt, with the clipping shears of that day.

To be continued....

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Chaplain’s Corner

Rev. Irvin L. Sharp
November 16, 1998

National Korean War Veterans Association

Look and behold! The holiday seasons are with us again. We have the following days to be thankful for: November 26, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25, Christmas Day. As well as November 11, Veterans’ Day on which we will have accorded honor to the brave veterans who have given their all. And as always, we remember the MIAs and uncounted POW’S. We will never give up our vigil until every effort has been taken to bring home ALL our comrades that have not been accounted for.

I recall so vividly when I served with the 2nd Infantry Division, that cold and bleak day of Thanksgiving 1950. We were served with a delicious dinner. Each one of us was very thankful to have survived up until that time. Not knowing what the future was to be, we each thought of and longed for our loved ones.

And now, almost fifty years later as we have entered into our senior years, we will always keep the memories of the Korean War alive in our hearts. We commemorate our compatriots who fought so valiantly to keep Old Glory waving over the “Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.”

For inspiration, during this Christmas season, I recommend that each of you attempt to hear a choir that performs Handel’s Messiah. Always remember your blessings.

We ask God to bless the members of the Korean War Veterans Association and their families. My wife, Velma, and I wish you and your loved ones.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Thought For The Season

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given
And the government will be upon his shoulders
And his name will be called
Wonderful Counselor Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6
Command Reports of 92d Armored Artillery Bn.

Submitted by Allan F. Hambly

1. The first day of the new month found the Battalion up at 0630 with six inches of new snow. After a warm breakfast, reconnaissance parties left at 0830, followed by the main body at 0900. Positions were selected just west of Oro-Ri with the dyke systems of the adjoining river. A "V" position area was elected with "A" and "C" batteries to the left and right rear to emphasize rear security. Battalion Headquarters was established within the "V". Presently, no targets were within range, but reconnaissance parties were pushed through all three valleys extending northward from the Central Valley. Command liaison was established with Corps Arty where an appraisal of the latest situation indicated greater progress in all sectors, by Chinese communist forces. The 5th and 7th Regiments of the 1st Marine Division and elements of the 31st and 32nd Infantry Regiments of the 7th Infantry Division were isolated in the Chosen Reservoir area. Apparently, the Chinese communist forces had been building an appreciable force in the central dorsal between the 8th Army and X Corps boundary. The Battalion was laid and ready to fire by 1330 hours after a fairly difficult march through the six inches of snow. Emphasis was placed upon security and simplicity of installations.

Only minimum essential equipment was maintained forward and all remaining maintained in the rear of Hamhung. Service Battery departed Hongwon at 0900 after loading five rail-cars with tentage, stoves and special winterizing equipment. The route was doubly dangerous since approximately seven inches of snow had already fallen over the icy surface of the previous day. With most tracks heavily laden with ammunition and towing overloaded M10 trailers in tandem, the greatest of care was required by all drivers particularly on the descent of the southern slope. Service Battery finally closed in the Hamhung area at approximately 1500 hours, excepting for details retrieving equipment from two 2 1/2 ton trucks that skidded over the side, fortunately injuring no one. All in all the march reflected a major accomplishment under the prevailing road and weather conditions. Had it not been for the M10 trailers skidding and dragging the rear of the 2 1/2 ton trucks over the side, the Battalion in entirety would have closed without incident or fall-out.

2. 2 December found the Battalion (-) Service Battery, developing and improving firing positions in the Oro-Ri area. All equipment, not absolutely necessary to the accomplishment of our Mission, was closed in with Service Battery in Hamhung, thereby rendering the combat elements of the Battalion more mobile and compact. Battery "A" was dispatched to support Task Force Neyes (Co "F" 15th Inf) in the vicinity of Sinhung where it was believed that an enemy force from the vicinity of the reservoirs might come down the Sinhung Valley. Lt. Stofflet reported as Forward Observer and Major Hotopp was dispatched as Liaison Officer to coordinate the efforts. Security of the position area was coordinated with the 96th FA Bn, thereby improving the effectiveness and simplicity of installations. Digging-in of all installations was stressed as a means of making the men more capable of defending the area if attacked and concurrently making wind free shelters for the men. Temperatures ranging from 8 degrees to 15 degrees above were encountered regularly and particularly when blasted by the prevailing wind, dug-in shelters proved the warmest and most comfortable.

3. 3 December broke with the news of an enemy attack in the vicinity of Majon-Dong, in which a group of Chinese communist forces set a charge during the night to the concrete bridge at Majon-Dong. Three CCF forces were killed by the machine gunner guarding the bridge. "B" Battery was moved within four thousand yards of the bridge where upon a group of some 100 to 150 Chinese were spotted moving in deployed formation Artillery fire was placed and killed several, as the remainder scattered to the reverse slope of a hill. While Battery "B" was firing, a force was observed moving south on a nearby hill on the flank of the Battery. Being uncertain as to the strength, a platoon from the Battery was displaced and the remainder took the enemy force under direct fire at a range of 900 yards. The first round burst on the crest amongst several enemy troops. The remainder withdrew. The Battalion Commander of the 3rd Bn of the 7th Infantry was extremely grateful for services rendered. All the men of Battery "B" enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The Battery was called back to the Bn. area at 1600 hours. One pre-cut house was obtained and setting up area at 1600 hours operations began. Progress was painfully slow by reason of the amount of carpentry to be done. A pit, a foot deep, was dug which will tend to add warmth to the building once completed.

4. On 4 December the Battalion Commander, S3, S2 and survey parties proceeded 20 miles up the North Central Valley to Chinhung-Ni where position areas were surveyed in case the need arose to use them. From these positions one could view the summit area of the central dorsal just short of the reservoir area in the vicinity of Koto-Ri. CCF forces could be seen moving about on occasion. Battery "F" of the 11th Marine Regiment was in position to fire on the general area. Survey parties returned at approximately 1630 hours. Service Battery, located in Hamhung, continued the development of their area from which they supplied the Battalion in its forward position. Patrols were dispatched in all sectors with no unusual happenings. Lt. Hearnin, on his patrol of Battery "C" sector, brought in 30 prisoners which were promptly evacuated. At 2200 hours, the Corps Arty Commanders, Colonel Ennis, called for the Battalion Commander and S3 to report to Corps Arty and on the way to deliver a Liaison Officer to the 65th RCT. At long last, the 65th RCT was finally located in the vicinity of Yonung-Ni at 1150.

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Reunions

March 1999

West Coast Korean War Veterans Reunion: March 17-20, at San Luis Obispo, California. First “Western States” all services gathering to find our long lost buddies! To obtain reunion info phone 1-800-523-4715.


April 1999

73rd Tank Bn., April 8-11, at the Breckenridge Inn, Louisville, KY. Contact: Curtis J. Banker, 44 Westcott Road, Schuyler Falls, NY 12985-2508, Tel: 518-643-2032

USS WASHBURN (AKA-108), (LKA-108) April 9-11, in San Diego, CA. Contact: E. Leonard Swenson, 109 Manzanita Drive, Vallejo, CA 94590 Tel: 707-554-8011


76th Engineer Bn., April 22 to 25, at Ramada Inn, Branson, MO. Contact: Roy Hendra, 4 Stanford Drive, Toms River, NJ 08757. Tel: 732-914-9184 or E-mail CAPTROY@AOL.COM

May 1999

Ammono 1st Ordnance Bn., 1st Marine Div., Korea 1950-3, May 7-9, at Holiday Inn Select - Airport, San Antonio, TX. Contact: James A. Hunter at jahunter@tir.com or 2102 Ainsworth St, Flint, MI 48532

1st Battalion 7th Marines 1st Mar Div, Korea for those who served in Korea September 1950 to July 1953; to be held in Palm Springs May 19-23. A side trip to 29 Palms is planned. Contact, Bob Licker, 1402 Calle Cclica, San Dimas, CA 91773-4462 Tel: 626-331-8115 or e-mail: chosinbob@yahoo.com.

USS SOLEY (DD 707) reunion in Charleston, South Carolina, May 28-31. Contact: Eugene Blum, 6749 San Benito Way, Buena Park, CA 90620-3741 Tel: 714-527-4925 or by E-Mail: eblum2@juno.com

USS MOUNT BAKER AE-4, May 21-23 in Phoenix, AZ. Contact: Dick or Rae Behrend Dr., #143, Phoenix, AZ 85024 Tel: 602-569-3505, Fax: 602-569-3593

June 1999

USS DAVIDSON, DD618/MS343 June 2-5 at Best Western Midway Airport Hotel in Milwaukee, WI. All past crew members and family welcome. Contact: Earl J. Lee, 2169 West Dr. El Cajon, CA 92021. Tel: 619-444-5384 or E-mail: dms37@sprintmail.com

USS PRESIDENT MONROE - AP104, at FT. Mitchell, Kentucky. 3-5 June, Contact: Raymond J. Maree, 2330 Cemetery Rd.West, TX 76691-1901 Tel: 254-826-3622

GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR - AP145, June 3-6, in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Contact: Jim Bonnot, Jr., 312 Bellwood Ave., Pigeon Forge, TN 37863, Tel: 423-429-5698

AP Transport Group, USS Generals Mitchell-AP114; Randall-AP115; Gordon-AP117; Richardson-AP118; Weigel-AP119; Hodges-AP144; Breckenridge-AP176; and USS Admirals Capps-AP121; Eberle-AP123; Hughes-AP124; Mayo-AP125, June 3-6 at Ft. Mitchell, KY. Contact: Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Tel: 516-747-7426. Includes Navy, Coast Guard and Marines.

Nagoya/Komaki Reunion Association will hold their 13th Annual Reunion in Indianapolis, Indiana 17-20 June, Contact Ted Eaton, 7860 N Prairie Rd, Springport, IN 47866. Tel: 765-755-3587.

July 1999

91st MP, Bn., Korea, 1952-1954, July 30 to Aug. 2, at Birch Run, MI. Contact: Manuel Sanchez, 4160 Burnham St., Saginaw, MI 48630, Tel: 517-793-4277

August 1999

1 & R Platoon, Hq. & Hq. Co, 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Div. Our 3rd reunion will be held on August 6-7, in St. Louis, MO. Contact: Don Zierck, 6 Weiss Pl., Palm Coast, FL 32164-7873, Tel: 904-445-1603


September 1999

6147th Tae Con Gp, Korea, 1950-56 personnel of and all supporting units: 6132 Det “A”, 6146 TCS, 6150 TCS (TACP), 6147 TCS, 6148 AB Unit, 6148 & 6149 TCS, 6147 ABS, 6147 M&S, 6147 MED Sq., 942nd FACS and US Army and UN Forces personnel who flew as observers in T6 aircraft. Next reunion will be in Shreveport, LA. Sept. 7-12, Contact: Dick Souza, 79 Bradstreet Ave., Lowell, MA. 01851. Tel: 978-453-3887,

51st Signal Battalion. September 14 - 16, at Wapakoneta, Ohio. Korean Vets and all former members welcome. Contact Glenn Carpenter, 810 Glyncrest Dr. Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Tel: (419) 738-3369, E-Mail ICORP@bright.net


29th Inf. Regt., Sept. 23-26, at Ft. Benning, GA - Columbus, GA, WWII Korea and former members welcomed. Contact: CSM Frank C. Plass, 579 Pike Drive, Ellerslie, GA 31807-5522, Tel: 706-561-0774

50th AAA reunion will be at Ft. Bliss, Texas where the units inception was in 1949, We will be celebrating the 50th year. Sept. 1999 Contact: Bob Matis, 2251 Terrace View-Spring Hill, Florida,34606 or E-Mail bobmatis@fiber-net.com

7th Ordnance (DS) Co., Korea 1952-1954, Hwashon, Sept. 1999, Contact: Rocce Marcarelli, 12 Getty Road, Stony Point, NY 10980, Tel: 914-942-0370

October 1999

USS FRANCIS MARION APA-LPA 249 Charleston, SC Oct. 21-24, Contact, Bob Martin, 16 Staples St Melrose, Ma 02176 Tel: 781-605-9222

45th Inf. Div., 279th Inf. Reg., Co. L (Thunderbirds), Oct. 25-26, at Carriage House Hotel in Branson MO, Contact: Paul Elkins, 671 44th St, Los Alamitos, NM 87544, Tel: 505-662-4634

96th Field Artillery Bn., Korea 1950-1958, all Batteries, Oct. 1999 in Baltimore, MD area, Contact Arnold Anderson HC83 Box 116A, Custer, SD 57730, Tel: 605-673-0613

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Book Review from:
Army Times 23 June 1997
Navy Times 30 June 1997
Air Force Times 7 July 1997

Korean Vignettes
Arthur W. Wilson and Norman L. Strickbine,
1996 Artwork Publications,
Portland, OR 9468 pages
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"The Chosin Reservoir"

In the hills of North Korea
by a lake of azure blue,
rides a farmer in his ox-cart
on the road to Hagaru.

He is singing songs of history
that his father taught to him,
as his eyes survey the scenery
that's no longer gray and grim.

In his mind he hears the cannons,
the recoilless rifle's roar,
and the chatter of the gun
all around the Reservoir.

Mortars crashing, Carbines flashing,
Screaming men and boys,
Bugles, flares and Howitzers,
A symphony of noise.

He is thinking of his childhood
when he saw the soldiers come
to this peaceful mountain valley
that had never heard a gun.

And he's never understood it,
he will always wonder why,
why so many men had come there
from so far away, to die.

How they fought with savage fury
agonizing through the snow,
fingers turning black with frostbite,
Death was sweeping to and fro.

MacLean and Faith, Commanders;
Hodge, and thousands more,
fought and froze, and bled to death
at Chosin Reservoir.

In the hills of North Korea
by a lake of icy blue,
there's no monument to witness,
and no crosses are in view.

Just some land of little value
covered well by falling snow,
but they say to listen carefully
when the wind begins to blow,

And you will hear the ghostly bugles
from the mountain pass, nearby.
You may hear the battle spreading
from the mountains to the sky.

Lives were ending, Futures pending,
Fate was casting dice.
Some would live and some would die,
Karma, carved in ice!

The battle long is over now,
but fought each night anew,
in dreams of those who can't forget;
They're called "The Chosin Few."

So, let the Veterans tell the stories,
let the legend live and grow,
let the Chosin be remembered
with the Men of Alamo,

With Bastogne and with Wake Island,
and the Bunker Hill Command,
and wherever there's courageous men
to take a valiant stand.

Once they fought to save a nation,
they could not have offered more
than the sacrifices made there
at The Chosin Reservoir.

In the bitter bloody battles,
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