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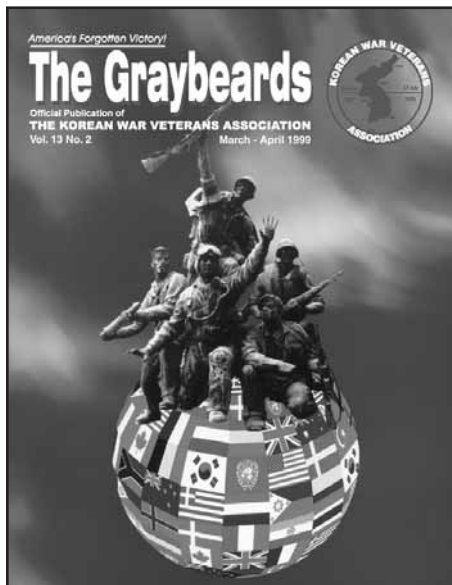
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On the cover...



The front cover is from the cover of the KVA magazine that was given to your editor while visiting South Korea last December. In meeting President Chang, Tae-Wan, his board and visiting their home office, I could not have left without being overwhelmed by the accomplishments of this group over the last 47 years. Some of the text below will give you a small sample. They were heroes in the Korean War and they continue to serve their country and its veterans today. As an American Korean War Veteran I am proud that I had a chance to meet this group and I hope all of you will make sure on your revisit to do the same.

History

- February 1, 1952: Foundation of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA).
- May 8, 1961: Joining the World Veterans Federation (WVF).
- July 19, 1963: Proclamation of Statute No. 1367 "Korean Veterans Association Act."



Act."

- June 8, 1965: Designation of Veterans Day "the 8th day of May" as a National Commemorative Day.
- Dec. 2, 1992: Transfer of the Competent authority from Ministry of National Defense to Ministry of Patriot & Veterans Affairs.

Purpose

- To pursue amity between members.
- To promote the rights and interests of members.
- To contribute to the national development and public interests of our society.

Major Works

- Amity activities through mutual assistance between members.
- Promotion of welfare rights and interests of members.
- Cooperation and support of the Reserve Forces.
- Maintaining friendship and cementing ties with the world veterans organizations.
- Cultivation and enhancement of the spirit of national defense.
- Operation of businesses to raise funds to carry out above works.

The KVA in 21st Century

The KVA is changing its image and vigorously stretching itself into the 21st Century, the first time in its 42-year history.

We have defended our Country's welfare and patriotic spirit, and free democracy from various attacks the past 50 years. We must fulfill our historic duties and preserve our homeland for generations to come.

While we must accept the challenge and lofty mission as defenders of national security, we must also keep up our image and honor with members' unity and organization's activation.

By accomplishing these tasks, the Korean Veterans Association will be known as a place dear to the heart and a shelter for members, and will become an organization that will receive the trust and affection from our nation.

Consequently, when all members are willing to participate in a line of honorable and proud KVA members who fought for our country with a worth and pride, the hopeful future of the KVA will dawn.

Thank you KVA and President Chang for cover and history.—Ed.

President Chang, Tae-Wan conversed with ex-U.S. President Bush about the recent Security situation of the Korean Peninsula on January 12, 1996 in Seoul.

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

The KWVA is growing, there have been several members that dropped out a couple of years ago, have rejoined. We have had several new members join. We have over 14,700 members. Since we have worked our way

through trying times, I think the membership has renewed confidence in our officers and board of directors, If each member would sign up one new member we could double our membership.

It has been a busy month. Lou Selmi called and stated the South Korean Flags he had been working on for two years became a reality. The Korean Community had Korean flags to be picked up in Cherry Hill, NJ. If your chapter needs information on how to acquire one of these flags, please call Lou Selmi at 609-522-9107. On Feb. 26 Howard Camp and I left Ohio and headed for Cherry Hill, NJ. We drove 10 hours on Friday. Then on Saturday morning we met Lou Selmi, George Krauss, Victor Gerst and Col. Lee (Ret. ROK).

We were introduced to the Reverend Chal Hawn Yoon and Mrs. Myamg Haw Yoon, pictured below. We picked up 30 Flags to be given to the chapters in Ohio, Ind., Ill and Mobile Al. Then another 10 hours driving to get home.

On March 6th, I flew to Mobile, AL to meet with Neil Livingston the 1999

Convention Chairman. I was met at the airport by the Alabama Color Guard and Ladies Auxiliary. Real surprise was that I was introduced to The Honorable U.S. Senator Jeff Session, and I had time to visit with Capt. Vickers of "F" CO 35th Inf. 25th Div. The Department of Alabama is going to have a fine convention. The dates are September 11th

through the 16th. They have several tours planned. There will be shopping and other tours for the women. The hotel is the Holiday Inn in the Historical District. The room rates are \$65.00 per night. Telephone Number 334-694-0200. There will be more in future issues of "Graybeards." The Spring Board meeting will be at Mobile on April 23-24-25 with the board meeting on Saturday the 23rd.

We must not forget "The Gathering" which has ceremonies on July 27th at the Korean War National Memorial – Jack Cloman is doing a fine job of putting this ceremony together.

1st Vice President Ed Magill will be representing the KWVA at the British Convention in July. The British has quite a convention planned for the week of 19th of July.

Several years ago we started a scholar-



The recently installed officers for the Tri State Chapter (OH., PA., WV.) 126. Seated front row (from left) Carl Sebrell Treasurer, Wayne Shaw 2nd Vice President, Jack Barnhart 1st Vice President and James Stelts President. (back row standing) Lloyd Nalley Secretary, William Tuttle Chaplain, Dan Gallagher Sr. Trustee, Harley Coon National President, George Germusa Trustee, and Bob Duffy Trustee. It was my pleasure to install these fine officers.

ship program sponsored by the KWVA. This should be a part of our "Tell America" program. The program is now being administered by the Korean War Veterans Education Grant Corporation. This Corporation is set as a tax-deductible corporation. Donations may be deducted. I can only speak for myself but I think the scholarship is and should be a vital part of our KWVA organization. When we had some financial problems we had to discontinue some donations. As our financial picture improves, I think we should donate more to the fund.

Make your reservations early for the Gathering in July and the National KWVA convention in Mobile, AL from September 11th to 16th 1999. Until next time I remain

Harley
President, K W V A



Reverend Chal Hawn Yoon and Mrs. Myamg Haw Yoon at the National Korean War Memorial.



Richard D. Humphreys, Colonel, USMC (Ret) presented me with his book "Triumph on 1240," the story of Dog Company, 7th Marines, in Korea.



Annual Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Remembrance

27 July 1999

Washington, D.C. & Arlington, VA

**Memorial ceremony on the mall
at the Korean War Veterans Memorial
10 am**

**Wreath Laying Ceremony
Arlington National Cemetery
Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers
2 pm**

**followed by placing of mums at 2:20 pm
at the No Greater Love
Korean War Veterans Meditation Bench**

The Korean War Veterans Gathering and their families will be at the Sheraton National Hotel located at Columbia Pike in Arlington, VA. This will be our 11th year to be in Arlington, VA, our 5th Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Memorial Ceremony, and the 15th year for the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Korean War Veterans across our nation are encouraged and invited to attend this special tribute to our Fallen Comrades and to those who served our great nation with dignity and with honor.

To obtain information about the KWV Gathering and activities at the Sheraton National Hotel 24-28 July 1999, and to be added to the mailing list, contact Jack E. Cloman, Chairman, 1999 KWV Gathering, 2702 Franklinville Rd., Joppa, MD 21085; or send an e-mail to <ccclo-man@juno.com>; or a fax to 410-679-1074. Please include your name, address and phone number with your message.

Your name will be added to the mailing list. Hotel reservations will be made only by reservation cards. Mailings will be made by 15 April.

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Book Review



You Can Call Me Irish

by Dick Burke

Dick Burke, of Westminster Maryland, Korean War Veteran who served from 1951 to 1955 in the Navy, has written a book (his first) called 'You Can Call Me Irish'. It is part history/part genealogy, starting with his Irish ancestors and continuing forward in time to include accounts of family members in wars from the Civil War through Vietnam.

Dick features four relatives who were killed in action:

Lieutenant Charles Pfanne, Army Air Corps, a B-24 navigator Lost over Ploesti in 1944; Fireman First Class Harold O'Neil, whose ship LST 448 was sunk in Solomon's Islands action in 1943, Corporal Floyd McDonald, killed in action August 1950 while serving with the 2nd Infantry Division, 23rd Infantry Regiment in Korea; and Lance Corporal Gregory Harris, a Marine who was lost in 1966 along with two other American advisers attached to the 5th Battalion, Vietnamese Marine Corps.

Dick contacted Vincent Krepps while writing the book, and acknowledgment of Vince's contributions on the Korean War portions appears in the book.

You Can Call Me Irish was published by Pearce Publishers, Inc., Timonium, Maryland, in soft cover. Book price is \$10.95, plus \$1.00 for postage.

To order you can write to Dick Burke, 2807 Rainbow Drive, Westminster, MD 21157, or call him at 410-848-1975.



Unforgotten – Dedication of the Memorial

By Daniel J. Meador

(Editor's Note: The following is an extract from a recently published novel entitled Unforgotten. The author is a law professor emeritus at the University of Virginia and is a member of KWVA. The leading character in this work of fiction is John Winston, who served as an infantry platoon leader in Korea in 1950-51. This extract is published with the permission of the author and the publisher, Pelican Publishing Company.)

Please turn to **BOOKS** on page 46



Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation



By Bill Van Ort

New Program for Members of the KWVA.

The KWVEGC is continuing to explore new avenues to help finance our education program. The following program was endorsed by the Board of Directors at their mid-winter meeting held in January 1999.

"I bequeath the sum of \$ _____ to the Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation (KWVEGC), a California non-profit charitable organization having a

principal place of business at 8968 Thomas Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125-7602, to be used for the post secondary education of descendants of the Korean War in accordance with the bylaws of the KWVEGC."

(Any persons wishing to adopt this language should be advised to clear with their Attorney).

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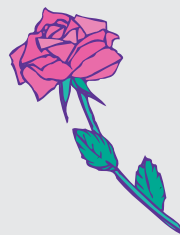
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Update

Korean War Ex-POW

Fact Sheet

The Korean War Ex-POW Association

During the Korean War, which began June 25, 1950 and ended July 27, 1953, 7,140 U.S. servicemen were captured by North Korean and Chinese communist forces.

Of this number 672 were liberated by advancing United Nations (U.N.) Forces or escaped from their captors, making their way safely back to U.N. lines. However, 2,701 or 38 percent of those captured died while in enemy hands from wounds, malnutrition, dysentery, beri-beri and other untreated diseases and illnesses. At the conclusion of the war, which ended in an armistice, 4,418 were returned to U.N. control in Operations Little Switch (149) in April, 1953 and Big Switch (3,597) in August and September, 1953. Twenty-one others refused repatriation and remained with their communist captors.

In July, 1976 a small group of Korean War Ex-POWs held the first Reunion in Louisville, Kentucky. From this small gathering, of 12 ex-POWs and families a tradition of annual reunions evolved and the Korean War Ex-POW Association was born, with William K. (Bill) Norwood of Cleveland, Tennessee elected as its first president. Total attendance at these National Reunions, held in a different city each year, has now grown to 450 - 500 annually.

Of the 4,418 Korean War Ex-POWs returned in 1953 only 2,814 survived as of January 1, 1998. Of this number the Korean War Ex-POW Association maintains a mailing list with the names of approximately 2,000 former prisoners and 279 surviving spouses and civilian internees. The Association's president publishes and mails a quarterly newsletter to each of them.

There are no membership fees or dues assessed by the Association. Funds to publish and mail the newsletter and

all other necessary expenses of the Association are collected by passing the hat at the Association's Annual Business Meeting held during the Reunion and by other voluntary contributions.

The Association is Incorporated in the State of Iowa and its principal office is located in the City of Manson, County of Calhoun. Its president, elected for two year terms, is the central point of contact for all business matters. The Association is registered as a tax exempt non-profit Veterans Service Organization as defined by Internal Revenue Service, Code Section 501(c) (19). The Association's employer identification number (EIN) is 43-1278948. For more information please contact:

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American Legion Post renamed

Korean War Vet honored

by Glenn E. Berry

Reprinted, in part, from the Sept-Oct issue.

I thought it might be of some interest to the association members that the American Legion Post 193 in Scandia, KS has recently been renamed with a name of a Korean Vet. who gave his life being added.

The issue has been brought to the membership many times in the past and been voted down. With the passing of many WWII vets it was recently revised with the name of a Korean War vet added. It is now named for a WWI vet, a WWII vet, and a Korean vet, all of who lost their lives in the service of their country in their respective wars.

The Post is now known as the Albert Isaacson, James Larsen, Robert Sjolander, Post 193. Robert Sjolander the Korean vet was a member of Co. G, 9th Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div. and lost his life during the Pusan Perimeter on Aug. 15th 1950.

(Thanks Glenn for the letter. This may be a first. If I have my history straight the 9th Regt left the USA on 17 July 1950 on the USS General Patrick and arrived in Pusan on or about 31st July 1950 according to my command reports. This means Robert Sjolander was in Korea about 15 days before becoming KIA. My Battery was attached to the 9th Regt near Yongsong on the 22nd August 1950. Thank those at the Post for adding this hero to their name. If you have a photo send it in.)

Enclosed is a picture of Robert Sjolander as you requested. I was able to



Robert E. Sjolander, KIA, Korea, August 15, 1950.

obtain one from his family. You were entirely right in describing the location of the 9th Regt. at the time of his death. The book, *Fighting on the Brink* by Uzal W. Ent, and published by Turner Publishing describes the action of Co. G on the day of his death. I am enclosing a check for copies to be given to Robert's family if you see fit to publish this picture.

(Thank you again Glenn and also thank the family. It is a privilege to remember and show a photo of a Korean War Hero.)

Graybeards Copies

The requests for extra Graybeards to support printing of same was such a success we will offer extra copies for every issue on a first-come first-serve basis. For future issues if you wish to make sure your orders are filled I must have advanced payment. The Graybeards will also be a great tool for the Chapters in New Membership and Tell America Programs.

Your order along with check or money order made out to KWVA National must be sent to the Editor by the first week of the first month of by-monthly issues. i.e. November-December issue, orders must be in first week of November. We request minimum orders of 5 at \$1 donation per copy plus \$3.20 postage. We can send up to 7 copies for \$3.20 postage. For orders above 7 copies additional costs for postage is \$3.20 for each increment of 7 plus \$1 per copy. Example: If you wish to order a full year (6 issues), send a check for \$61.20 with your request. —Editor.

Veterans Services

By J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner,
National Service Director.

Veteran services

Have been overwhelmed with correspondence since the last two issues of "The Graybeards." If you haven't received an acknowledgment don't fret, you are *not forgotten*. Thanks to those of you who responded to my request for information regarding the use of chemicals in Korea. I do need more information from you. Please recall and send any data whether you think it pertinent or not.

In the next issue of "The Graybeards" we will present a short story about our comrades from Ethiopia. Rusty Trainonte received a call from the daughter of a soldier who joined us in the war. Not one Kidney dialysis machine in the nation of Ethiopia., believe it or not. The saga is still in process.



An attorney in California offered a pro bono, service for Korean War Veterans in cases going to appeal and the Court of Veterans Appeals. (Please refer to "Letters" on next page.)

Burial Honors: We believe the matter is almost complete but must prevent the use of allowing discretionary decision making on the part of military commanders. The law requires the Department of Defense will provide honors. The bottom line is that each and everyone of you will have a military representative to present the flag to your next of kin and a bugler to sound Taps. A video is being prepared for instructional purposes for those of you who will be forming honor guards. As soon as it is edited and ready for distribution, I'll alert you.

Tobacco fight continues: The Administration announced that through the Department of Justice a suit will be initiated to regain the amount spent on treating veterans and for future compensation. This suit will include the funds spent through Medicare. More later. We are keeping a close watch on this issue.

VAMC Nurses: A \$50 million special education fund will allow nurses employed by the VA to gain additional education in the various aspect of patient care. The VA is the largest employer of nurses. The special fund is designed to allow nurses to gain needed education and advanced degrees. New technologies in the medical arena require that nurses be current in techniques in order to administer the care our veterans in need require.

Comparing military and veterans medical facilities: Many retirees are in a quandary regarding where to get treatment as a result of the many closing of military bases across the U.S.A. There are many questions to be resolved regarding funding; the burden must not be placed on the VA budget; priority of veterans versus dependents; and the other obvious issues.

NCI and VA Make It Easier For Veterans To Enter Studies (Get Advanced Care for Cancer): "Veterans gained expanded access to promising new approaches to cancer care under the terms of clinical trials agreement announced in January 1997 by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the VA. According to the agreement, VA will provide coverage for eligible veterans to participate in broad range of NCI clinical trials.

The partnership paves the way for more NCI clinical trials to be carried out in VA facilities. In addition, VA will pay the medical care costs of veterans who enroll in the NCI trials in non-VA facilities in selected cases. "..." the new agreement is part of an ongoing effort at NCI to ensure continued and expanded access to clinical trials by eliminating barriers to patient enrollment. This agreement also reflects VA's recent effort to expand its partnerships and formal relationships with non-VA health care related organizations."

For material contact your local VAMC or write to National Cancer Institute, P. O. Box 24128, Baltimore, MD. 21227. The positive aspect of this agreement is: unsuspecting veterans are no longer unwittingly signing agreement to become guinea pigs; those in need of care will get the best known; your volunteering probably will contribute to the eventual arrest or cure of that nasty disease.

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Legislative report:

Following is a bullet type summary of legislative matters you should be following: The FY 2000 budget was submitted to congress on 1 February 1999. It is lacking and needs more scrutiny than I can afford to render at this time. Too many curtailment of benefits. Even though there is an increase of \$200 million which raises the VA budget to \$46 billion level. More in the next issue of "The Graybeards."

For retirees: The Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan (FEHPB) will get another chance with the 106th Congress. It will be reintroduced under HR 205. Address that letter to your representatives if you want it passed. Too many on Capitol Hill are unable to spell veteran or retiree let alone acknowledge that you fought to allow them to become/achieve positions as senators and congressmen.

Military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation are covered under HR 44P HR 65 and HR 303. Again if you want to preserve your benefits begin to take a proactive approach to the matter.

Former Spouse Act: HR 72 was introduced to revise the rules relating to court ordered apportionment of the retired pay of military retirees and former spouses. Retirees are treated gravely different than those who receive retirement from non-military occupations. If you are one, you know what I mean- write, as expressed above.

Executive Director:

Congressional charter: By the time you read this article we will be on our way to acquiring a Congressional Charter. Bills will be introduced in both the Senate and House on or about 16-17 March. Each of you must write to your Senator and Congressman/woman requesting them to support the Bills. Senator Paul Sarbanes and Johnathan Davidson of his staff exerted much effort. Now you must join us to fulfill this quest. This charter will give the Korean War Veterans Association much clout in Washington, D. C. We will be recognized by all the various major veterans organizations and the be invited to join more in advocating committees. We now have a positive financial statement which demonstrates we are a viable organization. Our accreditation with the Department of Veterans Affairs will be accomplished. Up until the last several months of our past national presidents term our ability to become accredited was slim to none. After his diligent effort to resolve the problems we entered a new realm and are now in a position to proceed. Much thanks goes to Blair Cross and those named above we have a Senate Bill before the 106th Congress (S. 620) that may grant us that charter.

Vacancy in the Tombs of the Unknown: The issue to fill the vacant grave with another unknown veteran from the Vietnam War is yet to be resolved. The KWVA's position is to locate another unknown from that war and place him in the vacant tomb. As soon as this is resolved you'll be notified.

National military and veterans alliance: The KWVA is now a member of an elite committee because of Korean War veterans from the metro-Washington D. C. area have lent their reputation to the KWVA. The KWVA representative will head the Veterans Affairs Committee which will concern itself with issues originating within the VA. Also, the NMVA decided it will form a com-

mittee to purchase a building in the metro area to house as many of the small and mid size veterans organization who wish to participate. We have a priority in this —because we are a leader on the committee.

50th Anniversary of NATO: KWVA asked the NATO Committee are you going to acknowledge veterans during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of NATO. Veterans were forgotten (nothing new for us). Of course the, anniversary conflicts with Board meeting in Mobile, Alabama. Our national president requested the executive director represent him. It is a historic event. The KWVA will get recognition for advising veterans are the reason NATO can exist. Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland will be inducted into NATO.

46th Anniversary of the Korean War: 27 July will soon be upon us. Preparations for the annual commemorations at both Our Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery have been arranged and are in the final planning stages. Conflict between the KWVA annual convention and this ceremony have been erased since future convention will be held either in September or October. *The Gathering* will be handling the accommodations, bus transportation and festivities.. For information please contact – The Gathering c/o Jack Cloman, 2702 Franklinville Road, Joppa Maryland 21085. For the ceremonies Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Coordinating Committee, 6632 Kirkley Ave., McLean, Virginia 22101-5510. [Color Guards, floral tributes, contributions, special seating (must be financed), transportation from the, Memorial to ANC, or general information.] A luncheon has been arranged at the NCO Club Ft. Myer Virginia from 1130 to 1330 hours at a nominal fee. *Plan Now!*

Letter:

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December 2, 1998

Korean War Veterans
Att: J. Norbert Reiner
6632 Kirkley Ave.
McClean, VA 22101-5510

Re: Pro Bono Representation
Dear Mr. Reiner,

Thank you for today's telephone conversation. As I mentioned, I represent veterans in their disability claims against the veteran's administration. Specifically, I handle cases when they reach the Court of Veterans Appeals, following an adverse decision from the Board of Veterans Appeals. I do so without any cost to the veteran.

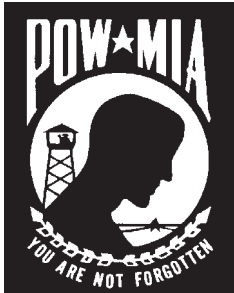
In representing veterans, I frequently work with their service officers. If I can be of any assistance to your service officers or veterans, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Lippman

Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

Korea War/Cold War Document Family
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February 26, 1999

U.S. seeks continued Chinese cooperation on POW/MIA Issue

A Department of Defense delegation has concluded

a visit to China to seek additional cooperation in resolving Korean War POW and MIA cases.

Robert L. Jones, the deputy assistant secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs, led a small team of specialists to China recently to explore opportunities for access to Chinese archives. During his seven days in China, Jones met with U.S. and Chinese officials to emphasize the commitment of the U.S. government to POW and MIA accounting. Jones met with officials of the ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing to discuss ways in which the Chinese government could be of assistance.

We believe Chinese records of the war may hold the key to resolving the fates of many of our missing servicemen from the Korean War," Jones said. "The Chinese have been very cooperative in our investigations of Southeast Asia and World War II losses. They have located sites where our World War II servicemen crashed and led us to remote areas where recovery teams have brought back remains. The Chinese have pledged continued cooperation. We are grateful for their continued assistance in this humanitarian mission."

Chinese records of battlefield operations, burials and management of POW camps during the war may offer details leading U.S. investigators to specific sites in North Korea. China has facilitated U.S. logistical support for the past three years as U.S. teams prepared to enter North Korea on remains recovery operations. Operating out of Beijing, U.S. logistics planners for these operations moved food, fuel, water and equipment into North Korea with the support of the Chinese government.

U.S. government teams have conducted three investigations between 1993-96 in China in an effort to gather information on the eight losses of American servicemen on Chinese territory during the Vietnam War. The Chinese government facilitated these investigations by arranging interviews with villagers and providing other support in conducting on-site surveys of possible crash locations. The Chinese also turned over remains of two Americans in 1975.

Remains of American World War II aviators were returned from Tibet in 1994 after Chinese officials found them in a glacier. In 1996, the Chinese informed President Clinton they had located the crash site of a World War II B-24 bomber near Guilin in southern China. At their invitation, U.S. recovery teams visited the site in 1997 and 1998, with plans to return this year to complete their recovery work.

U. S. – Russian Co-chairmen confer in Moscow

The U.S. Co-Chairman of the U.S./Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs, retired Maj. Gen. Roland Lajoie, traveled to Moscow recently to meet the Russian Co-Chairman Gen. Maj. Vladimir Zolotarev, and other members of the Russian side of the Commission. A range of issues on the Commission's past, present and future work was discussed during the three days of meetings. The chairmen discussed specific tasks facing the Commission's four working groups. They pledged continued support for cooperative efforts to locate and exchange information which may help clarify the fates of each nation's unaccounted-for servicemen.

Prior to Gen. Lajoie's arrival in Moscow, U.S. researchers working at the Russian Ministry of Defense archives at Podolsk received copies of an additional 4,000 pages of Russian documentation from the Korean War era which is related to U.S. air combat losses during the war. These materials exemplify the continuing success and promise of the archival work being done by the Commission. As with similar materials received previously, the Joint Commission Support Directorate staff will analyze the documents and those

directly related to the fates of specific unaccounted-for U.S. servicemen will be translated and provided to the next of kin.

March 8, 1999

Analysts pursue leads in Bulgaria, Hungary, Sweden

A two-person team from DPMO's Joint Commission Support Directorate recently completed a 10-day visit in Bulgaria, Hungary and Sweden to conduct interviews which may shed light on the fate of American's missing in action from all conflicts.

In Bulgaria, the primary objective was to conduct interviews with sources about missing American servicemen from the Korean and Vietnam wars. The team interviewed a Bulgarian who was a political prisoner in the 1940's and 50's. They also spoke with a Bulgarian doctor who served with a medical brigade during the Korean War. He witnessed the shootdown and subsequent capture of an American fighter pilot in 1952. The third individual was in Vietnam in the mid-1980s training the Vietnamese military. The final subject was a journalist who worked in North Vietnam in the 1960s; he never saw any American POWs.

The team's objective in Hungary was to review communist archives and interview political prisoners and Hungarian POWs sent to Hungarian prisons and the Soviet Gulag in the 1940s and 1950s. No information on unaccounted-for Americans was found in the archives. The interviews with former Gulag internees provided additional information on how the Soviets placed, categorized, and maintained prisoners in its labor camps, but no specific information with regard to missing Americans.

Since the team's initial approach with Hungarian officials in the spring of 1997 to conduct archival research, with no exceptions, senior Hungarian officials and archivists have been eager to support the search for information. In that context, over the past two years DPMO teams interviewed countless numbers of journalists, current and former government officials and military personnel, private citizens, and researched tens of thousands of

pages of documents. The team plans for a future trip will be based on new leads for interviews and information.

In Sweden, the team met with three former ambassadors to Hanoi and an international development worker who all served in Vietnam; their tours covered the years from 1974 to mid-1980. While the interviews did not reveal any direct information relating to missing Americans, they offered promising leads in other areas.

DPMO - CILHI Team sets details for DPRK Operations

A delegation from DPMO and CILHI went to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in February for technical talks on the schedule of 1999 joint recovery operations. The delegation met with representatives of the Korean People's Army and DPRK Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Talks focused on the locations for upcoming recovery operations, archival visits, and logistics arrangements. Preparations are now underway for the first of six operations which will begin April 17.

This marks the fourth consecutive year that U. S. teams have conducted remains recovery operations inside North Korea, a country with which we are technically still at war. In nine operations during 1996-98, CILHI teams have recovered remains believed to be those of 29 Americans. One soldier has been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. Other identifications are expected soon. Agreements negotiated between the U.S. and the DPRK call for six remains recovery operations, two archival research visits, plus additional investigation teams preceding each operation.

North Korea archives research dates set

A five-person research team will visit Pyongyang, North Korea the last week in March to begin their 1999 work in military archives there. The team, composed of four DPMO and one CILHI representatives plans to visit the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum and the Grand Peoples' Study House. As in previous visits, the archivists will examine archives, equipment records and regalia to discover leads which may relate to Americans missing from the Korean War.

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Chapters:

Every chapter recently received forms to facilitate submittal of dues. This was intended for those chapters who presently collect and forward individual members' dues to national. It was not intended that you must perform this function.

KWVA Departments and Chapters Listings

ATTN: Presidents/Commanders, KWVA Departments and Chapters

Included in this issue of "The Graybeards" is a roster of all KWVA Departments and Chapters as of March 15, 1999. Since elections of officers are held throughout the year, it is important that the National Secretary receive this information as soon as practical. Please check your listing for any corrections and submit them to the Edward B. Markart, National Secretary P.O. Box 1062, Locust Grove, VA 22508. I appreciate your help in this matter.

Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

New Jersey Remembers



At the unveiling of the memorial bearing the names of the 65 Jersey City men who lost their lives in the three year Korean War are, (l to r), KWVA Chapter President Joseph Cassella, Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler, Hudson County Chief Executive Robert Janiszewski and Chapter Trustee Ralph Pasqua.

On Veterans Day Nov. 11th about 400 people attended the ceremony at Pershing Field unveiling a memorial bearing the names of the 65 Jersey City men who lost their lives in the three year Korean War. During a solemn roll call by actor Philip Bosco, a chapter member, the names of the fallen were read one by one – from Pvt. Isaac Adama to Pfc. Donald Yates – each followed by the tolling of a bell.

The four-foot square monument erected near the parks entrance was paid for by the family of Jersey City native and Korean War veteran Dominic Tullo. Family members of the fallen soldiers received certificates from the KWVA of Hudson County. Ralph Pasqua recalled John Kinney and Bill Biedenkapp went to school together, hung out together, graduated high school together and went to war together. “We were average kids from loving families,” said Pasqua. “Then one Sunday in June 1950, war broke out in Korea. It was the first time the United States took a stand against communist aggression. We answered the call to our country.”

Pasqua made it back, Kinney and Biedenkapp didn't. Their names are etched on the memorial. Pasqua served with Kinney in the same platoon and was there when his friend was killed when he stepped on a mine. “My friends and family call me lucky,” said Pasqua, “I’m one of the lucky soldiers. I came home safe from the battlefields of Korea.”

The Korean War Veterans Association of Hudson County is continuing its fund-raising drive to build a waterfront memorial to all of the County 127 men and women who gave their lives in the “Forgotten War”. The memorial is expected to be built in a new veterans park being constructed at the foot of Jersey City’s waterfront facing New York City and unveiled in two years for

the Year 2000 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. To contribute, send checks to the Korean War Memorial Fund, Korean War Veterans Association of Hudson County, P.O. Box 841, Bayonne, NJ 07002.

(Thank you William Doring for the photo and story. Good luck on building your memorial. Hope to have a photo when erected and dedicated and thank those veterans of N. J. for me.—Ed).

Also from New Jersey The photo below taken by Dave Conroy while visiting Atlantic City, NJ.

(Thanks Dave. I wonder if this is the memorial mentioned in the story by William Doring.)



West Virginia Remembers

On June 27, 1998, at 1300 hrs, the Mountaineer Chapter 146 of the Korean War Veterans Assn., dedicated the 1-77 from the Ohio River at Williamstown, WV, to Charleston, WV, as “The Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.” Resolution #7 was presented to the State Senate on Feb 2, 1998 and passed by all the Senators that were present (27). The Resolution was presented by Senators Jack Buckalew and Robert Dittmar. Senator



Memorial, highway sign, and some members of the chapter. We had a good turnout for the ceremony. The members present and in the picture are: our President Rev Frank Goff, Chet Fleming, Jim Bennett, Kyle McGraw, Jack Tamplin (State President), Boyd Hizer, Harvey Hill (Sect), Jim DeCarlo, Jr. (Dir.), Robert Smith, Rev Bruce Burgess (Chap), Denver Fisher and Arol Squires. The large memorial sign is now erected on 1-77, North of Charleston at the city limits.

Buckalew is a member of our chapter, and Senator Dittmar is a Korean Veteran. The House of Delegates passed the Resolution a day or two later.

ERRATA:

In January-February issue (page 12) we listed the Korean war highway sign under "Ohio Remembers." The Interstate Highway I-77 signs are located in West Virginia. The Korean War Veterans and Charleston Chapter worked hard for this recognition. Your Editor is sorry for the misunderstanding. Thank you again Arol C. Squires for photo and story. I hope we got it right this time.—Ed.

South Korea Remembers

Col. Wilbur R. Webster USA (Ret) sent the photos I asked for to show in our Graybeards. Most photos come from the South Korean War Memorial in Seoul. (See Jan-Feb issue page 15). I will show as many as possible. When you revisit South Korea try to put this on your agenda. Wilbur is an ex-POW. He was a platoon officer (Lt.) in my Battery when I first met him. He is also a KWVA member.



Front entrance to the Korean War Memorial, Seoul, Korea.



A display in the Korean War Museum of the aircraft used in the Korean War.

82nd AAA AW (SP) Bn members

See page 59 for information on the 7th Annual Reunion to be held in Conway, AK
October 13 – 17, 1999



More of the aircraft on display in the Korean War Museum.



Picture of a citizen of Chunchon welcoming the advancing UN forces. The markings on the Jeep identify it as Headquarters-1, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. I was in Chunchon as a prisoner of the Chinese on March 7, 1951 when Chunchon was leveled by approximately 8 hours of continuous air attack by the US Air Force, Navy and Marines. The "highlight of the attack was a bomb run by 12 B-29's dropping 500 lb. bombs. They carry a lot of them.



Diorama of a battle between South Korean Forces and Chinese Communist Forces. One of several in the Korean War Memorial Museum.

Kentucky Remembers



Five War Memorial, erected by Chapter #140 DAV Elkhorn City, KY – WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

The Five-War Memorial

A memorial to remember our vets,
 The many young men that did their best.
 Let them be remembered by a memorial near city hall,
 These old vets; some gave their all.
 Many years passed since those wars were fought,
 Not many remember what they were fighting for.
 Ask any old vet, he'll have war stories to tell
 About the fighting and dying, and how war was hell.
 Most of our vets are old and gray.
 Many of them have passed away.
 To all the vets who answered the "Call"
 There is a memorial near city hall.
 Across from city hall near the green grass,
 Some will look some will pass,
 Many will stand, many will pause,
 And remember the vets, who died for the cause.
 A memorial is a place to stand alone
 And think of our vets who didn't make it back home.
 This memorial is long overdue,
 For all our vets and their loved ones, too.
 Many will come and many will see,
 This five-war Memorial, and all that are free.
 We shall always remember, with the memorial
 near city hall, and all our veterans,
 God bless them all.

Claudie Little

(Thank you Claudie for photo and poem. I was trying to think of something to say. Your poem says it all and belongs with the photo. You are special, and thank your DAV members also.—Ed.)

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National VA/VS Representative Report

By Norman S. Kantor

Certified V.A.V.S. Representatives are reminded to contact the Chief of Voluntary Services at the Medical Center you are active in, the annual Joint Reviews is to be held in April, upon completion one copy is to be sent to the National V.A.V.S. Representative.

K.W.V.A. V.A.V.S. Representatives patches will soon be issued to the active certified V.A.V.S. Reps., Chapter Presidents are requested to ensure that Joint Reviews are sent in.

Issue of the V.A.V.S. patch will be sent to active participating Chapters only.

Approval received from the Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. has authorized K.W.V.A. V.A.V.S., to form eight (8) regions which consist of all the states, each region has a National V.A.V.S. Deputy Representative, so far five (5) of the eight (8) regions have been filled.

Region: 1. New England - Rusty Tramonte

2. Mid-Atlantic - Open

3. Southern - Tom Carrick

4. Mid-Central - Mike Mahoney

5. Southern - Frank Rice

6. Central Northern - Open

7. Western - Bill Webster

8. Western - Open

Over 650 Out-Patient Clinics through-out the Country serve the Veterans with additional Clinics opening as the time rolls on. A Chapter is authorized one (1) Representative and three (3) Deputy Representatives at a V.A. Medical Clinic, a Chapter having a outpatient Clinic in their area is authorized to have a additional Deputy Rep. to serve at that Clinic. A Chapter must submit their request to the K.W.V.A. National V.A.V.S. Representative for certification, information needed is complete name, address, zip code, phone number, name of Chapter, name of Medical Center or Clinic, such request must be signed by a Chapter Officer, upon receiving the request, forms will be issued to the Facility and to the Chapter.

Chapter Reps and Deputy's are reminded that you must attend the V.A.V.S. meetings held once every quarter at the Medical Center and make sure to sign in or no credit will be given.

Recently a K.W.V.A. member living in Delaware called to say that while being a patient in a V.A. Medical Center he had not seen or heard of any K.W.V.A. local group being active at the Center while he was a patient. I asked him two questions, one is your Chapter active at the Center and why is your Chapter not active in the V.A.V.S. program, his reply was that he did not know. All members should take the time to find out through your Chapter officers what is the Chapter accomplishing for the Veterans who are patients, also every member should be active in his Chapter, ask "What can I do for the Chapter" get involved.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC

PROFIT AND LOSS January through February 1999

ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME

KWVA GRAYBEARDS

Advertising	2,535.00
Donations	1,626.40
KWVA GRAYBEARDS - Other	81.00

TOTAL KWVA GRAYBEARDS

\$4,242.40

KWVA INCOME.

Income, Interest	865.37
Membership, Life Dues	12,799.94
Membership, Regular Dues	52,240.75
Refund	123.99

TOTAL KWVA INCOME

\$66,030.05

Misc. Income

921.24

TOTAL INCOME

\$71,193.69

EXPENSE

KWVA GRAYBEARDS

Editor	1,143.90
Postage	3,000.00
Printing	12,705.24

TOTAL KWVA GRAYBEARDS

\$16,849.14

Uncategorized Expenses

9.17

TOTAL EXPENSE

\$16,858.31

NET ORDINARY INCOME

\$54,335.38

OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE

OTHER EXPENSE

KWVA-EXPENSE

Bank Charges	216.97
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KWVA OTHER EXPENSES

Membership Expense Monson	2,058.24
Reunion expense	1,000.00
Telephone	721.29
KWVA- Other Expenses - Other	199.46

TOTAL KWVA OTHER EXPENSES

\$3,978.99

Office supplies

403.26

Postage Expense

341.35

TOTAL KWVA EXPENSE

\$4,940.57

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE

\$4,940.57

NET OTHER INCOME

\$4,940.57

NET INCOME

\$49,394.81

BALANCE SHEET As of February 28, 1999

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CHECKING/SAVINGS

1st Union	26,746.20
Bank One	110,180.15
Money Market	225,866.37
Total Checking/Savings	\$362,792.72
Total Current Assets	\$362,792.72

TOTAL ASSETS

\$362,792.72

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

EQUITY

Opening Balance	305,845.24
Reclaimed Earnings	7,552.67
Net Income	49,394.81
TOTAL EQUITY	\$362,792.72

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

\$362,792.72

Woman works to piece together life of brother killed in Korean War

"An attack on our position underway at 2200, the enemy is using artillery, tanks and mortars . . . The weather remains hot and humid." – official war diary, Capt. F. J. Cobb, Aug. 18, 1950.

By Rich Roesler – Stripes Taegu Bureau Chief

TAEGU, South Korea – Nearly half a century after a brother she barely knew was killed in a North Korean mortar attack Jan Bicker is trying to get to know him better by retracing his final days and the men who knew him.

Bickers' search has led her to defense archives, veterans' reunions, and to old soldiers who don't always want to remember the war. With letters, interviews, old photos and obscure bits of film, she's trying to piece together the history of the battle and his unit, the 8th Field Artillery Battalion.

"I was like a lot of families who lose somebody in the military," Bicker said. "You don't have a real clear idea of what happened ." Last week, Bicker and her husband Dennis, came to Korea to visit the battle site and meet with Korean veterans and U.S. military officials. "It's like an incomplete family story," she said. "I feel very motivated to try and fill in the missing pieces.... In a way, it's been an extended healing process for me."

"A name has been given to this valley we are in, and it seems destined to become permanent. It is 'Bowling Alley.' The rounds fired down the Alley hit the rocks and armor in the area and sound almost like a bowling alley. Also, the area is shaped like an alley, long and narrow." – Official war diary, Capt. F. J. Cobb, Aug. 18, 1950

The four-day Battle of the Bowling Alley was a key turning point early in the war, one of a series of battles near Taegu that helped break the relentless North Korean advance. By August, two months after the North Korean invasion, U.S. military leaders had fortified a thin line around the two major southern cities of Taegu and Pusan. Fearing they'd be driven into the sea, they vowed to die holding that line. By Aug. 18, the North Korean

People's Army 13th Division was advancing on Taegu down a narrow valley. Over the next several nights, the North Koreans would surge down the valley in trucks, on foot and in T34 tanks. Each time, U.S. and ROK gunfire would halt the advance. Bickers' brother, a field artillery captain named Sten Westin, was operations officer in a fire-control center, helping direct the shelling Westin, a Swede who emigrated to California with his family at age 7, had fought in World War II. By age 32, he was ordered from occupation duty in Japan to the new war in Korea, a country few Americans knew much about.

"POWs received in the area have identified the 15th Division, and indicate the North's main push is in this area... There is no thought of turning and running, only standing fast and fighting." – official war diary, Capt. F. J. Cobb, Aug. 19, 1950

Since her brother was stationed in Japan, most of Bickers' memories of him are from when she was about five years old. "I remember him playing with me, tickling my feet, sitting with me at the piano," she said. "I remember walking along next to him and tentatively reaching up to hold his hand." Bicker was eight years old when the phone rang late one night. Seven weeks after coming to Korea, and four days after being promoted to captain, her brother had been killed. A mortar shell hit his fire direction center.

"No one was in the Headquarters Battery area except the dead ... The six men who had been killed were sitting, almost as if still at work. There was no doubt as to their condition. The tops of everything were full of holes. Their helmets make me think of huge salt or pepper shakers with neatly spaced openings. Radios, papers, tables, all had similar holes..." – letter, retired Army chaplain Walter McCleskey

Westin was subsequently awarded the Silver Star, for not retreating from the position under fire. But his death devastated Bickers' family, especially her father. "I think it had a tremendous effect on my father," Bicker said. "I think it affected his health and shortened his life."

As an adult, she became increasingly interested in what had happened to her brother. She began writing to veterans groups and querying historical archives. The official war diary quoted in this story was finally declassified at her request just four years ago. She went to bookstores to find copies of news magazines that covered the battle.

She tracked down Time magazine's Tokyo correspondent, who had covered the story firsthand. She also tracked down many veterans from her brother's unit. Some wouldn't talk at all about the war but most provided a wealth of memories of the fighting and of her brother. Some sketched detailed battle maps from memory, nearly half a century later. I think my need to hear and their need to tell coincided," she said.

Her research has helped give some peace to some of the vets. One sergeant had guilty nightmares for 45 years because he left behind the body of a dead Filipino soldier in the rush to retreat. Bickers discovered that someone else had retrieved the body later, and she told him so.

The veterans, she said, "talk about the hardships, the lack of equipment, the awesome obstacles they faced." They also talk about South Korea, which has become a democratic, prosperous nation. "That was very important to them," she said. "It's like it was worth it." One of the personal effects retrieved with her brother's body was a camera containing a roll of exposed film. The 11 photographs on that film provide an intimate look at Westin's final days, and of a Korea that has mostly disappeared. The photos show American GIs posing beside dirt walled homes with Korean villagers in old-fashioned hats. They show North Korean POWs being marched down dirt roads. One frame shows her brother, a steel pot helmet on his head, a cigarette dangling from his lip.

When Bicker went to visit the Korean War memorial near the battle site, she showed the photos to South Korean veterans who were waiting for her. They

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Millions Are Due Cold War Certificate

...must have had military or civilian service with the War, Navy or Defense Departments between Sept. 2, 1945, and Dec. 26, 1991.

Between 18 million and 22 million veterans, active duty personnel and Defense Department civilians can start applying

April 5 for certificates honoring them for their parts in winning the Cold War, American Forces Press Service reported March 12.

Those qualifying for the certificates can apply via the Internet at <http://coldwar.army.mil>; e-mail at cwrs@Fairfax-emh1.army.mil or fax at 703-275-6749.

Requests also can be mailed to: Cold War Recognition, 4035 Ridge Top Road, Suite 400 Fairfax, VA. 22030.

Applicants must present proof of service. Army officials are cautioning applicants not to send original documents because they cannot be returned. Supporting documents must be faxed or mailed.

Those eligible for the recognition certificate must have had military or civilian service with the War, Navy or Defense Departments between Sept. 2, 1945, and Dec. 26, 1991.

Civilian service can be proved with a Standard Form 50 (Notification of Personnel Action); Standard Form 2809 (Health Benefit Registration Form); an award certificate with employee's name, name of service or agency, and dates; or retirement forms with employee's name, service or agency and dates.

Federal civilian personnel may obtain employment verification or copy of their records by writing to: U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Employee Service and Record Center, P.O. Box 45, Boyers, Pa. 16017-0045.

You Could Be Lost Forever!

If you're one of those "snowbirds" who flies south for the winter and you forgot to advise the membership office, no

doubt the post office has advised us that you are "AWAY."

Now what would you do if you sent somebody something and it came back to you marked "AWAY?" To top it off, you have to pay \$1.97 to be advised that the person is "AWAY" and what you sent to the person has been thrown away.

With the last two issues of *The Graybeards*, we have paid well over \$400.00 to be advised that various members are "AWAY." So, you can see that we have to put a "stop mail" on these "AWAY" people. They stay "AWAY" until we hear from them again.

As a result of being "AWAY," many members then call us and ask that we send them a copy of the missed magazines. This, again, costs us more money simply because they forgot to tell us their "AWAY" address. So, if you missed *Graybeard* because you were "AWAY," please send \$3.00 for 1 copy of the issue you wish. If you missed several issues, then see *The Graybeards* for ordering past issues. Make check payable to KWVA and mail it to Vince Krepps, 24 Goucher Woods Court, Towson, Maryland 21286-5655.

Korean "Police Action" Finally Termed a "War"

...a provision (Section 1067) buried deeply within [legislation], repeatedly struck statutory provisions referring to the "Korean Conflict" and inserting in lieu thereof, the "Korean War."

The painful struggle in Korea half a century ago that cost 55,000 casualties and lasted more than three years has at long last been officially and legally identified as a War. Veterans of that fighting from its earliest hours after the North Korean Communist army crossed the 38th Parallel on June 25, 1950 have long ranted, protested and fumed over the consistent referral of the costly and bitter fighting as less than a war.

Labeled as a "police action," or merely a "conflict" by a President who committed American forces to combat without a for-

mal and Constitutionally mandated declaration of war, veterans of the action in Korea have long urged that the struggle be officially and formally recognized as nothing less than a full blown war. This action arrived this year by an act of Congress signed by President Clinton on September 22, 1998.

In the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, an enormous piece of legislation of many pounds and involving billions in spending, a provision (Section 1067) buried deeply within, repeatedly struck statutory provisions referring to the "Korean Conflict" and inserting in lieu thereof, the "Korean War." The provision was sponsored by Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina as the Armed Services Committee Chairman, in response to urging by Virginia Senator John W. Warner, himself a Korean War veteran.

A spokesman from Senator Warner's office advised that the Senator had acted in response to a request for such legislation from LtGen "Mick" Kicklighter who heads up a special DOD group that is planning nationwide ceremonies in the years 2000-2003 to observe the beginning and ending of the Korean War. The DOD group will work closely with the unofficial and volunteer "Korea 2000" Commemoration Committee cochaired by retired Marine General and Medal of Honor recipient Raymond G. Davis and Army retired General William C. Westmoreland.

The final classification at long last of the Korean involvement as a war will be welcomed by veterans who endured pain, hardships, hunger, fear, and anxiety and shed blood "to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met" and can now legitimately consider themselves bona fide "war" veterans.

(This report was sent in by Sherman Pratt, KWVA and was seen in many veteran magazines. Your editor did not give this report the importance many members felt it deserved. I admit my oversight and decided to print it again for those that missed it buried on page 37 of the Letters section in Jan-Feb Graybeards. Again I must thank Sherman..)

One Came Home

By Vince Krepps

(I wish to print this story in order to introduce you to my best friend. This is 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).

Part III

Continued from January-February issue of The Graybeards

For several agonizing months, there was no news of Dickie. Then, in the spring of 1951, a relative spotted a picture of him in a small newspaper in western Pennsylvania. The propaganda photo, released by the Chinese communists, showed 11 American POWs lined up at a barracks at a prison camp "somewhere in Korea." Pfc. Richard Krepps could be seen in the front row, at the far left, pale, head tilted downward, eyes staring vacantly. "It's Dickie!" Loretta Brown cried when she saw the photo. "But he looks awful sad."

Vince Krepps was home from war by then -with Dickie missing his family had moved swiftly to have him returned as their sole surviving son in mid 1951. The photo filled the Krepps family with hope. "Oh, we were elated!" Vince Krepps recalls. "At least we knew he was alive." In retrospect, a sweet naivete gripped many families of POWs early in the war. News accounts of the mistreatment of U.S. prisoners had not yet begun to leak out.

According to "The Korean War" by Carter Smith, between 1950 and 1953, the North Koreans and Chinese captured 7,140 Americans. Of these, 2,701 Americans died in captivity - an incredible 38 per cent. Conditions in the camps were atrocious: The men were abused and tortured, there was little food or medicine, and serious disease was rampant. "We didn't know any of that," Vince Krepps says quietly. "We just assumed [the prisoners] were being taken care of." For two agonizing years, there was no word of Dickie. Then on July 27, 1953, the United Nations and the Korean and Chinese communists signed a cease-fire agreement. After three long years, the war was over. But when the communist released their lists of prisoners to be returned to the United States, Richard

Krepps' name was nowhere to be found.

It was a devastating blow to his family. In the little white bungalow in Essex, the grief and anxiety were palpable. Days turned into weeks, weeks into months, and still there was no news of Dickie.

On a summer morning a few months after the war ended, Vince drove to Valley Forge, Pa., -where former POWs were being debriefed. He interviewed a handful of men from his battery who had been imprisoned around the time that his brother had first been listed as missing.

One said he heard that Dickie had been taken to a Chinese prison hospital with mental illness, and died there. Another heard he had died in captivity of pellagra, pneumonia and beriberi. But none of them knew for sure. On the ride back to Baltimore, Vince Krepps' mood was as dark as the gathering dusk.

Finally, in January 1954, the Krepps family received a letter from the Department of the Army. Unofficially, the Chinese communists were now listing Pfc. Richard Krepps as having died June 21, 1951, at Camp 5, a prison camp at Pyonktong, North Korea on the Yalu River. The cause of death was listed as pellagra. Richard and Vincent had just turned 20 years old a month earlier on May 21, 1951. The U.S. government considered the matter closed. In the little white bungalow in Essex, Vince Krepps could feel a part of himself dying as well.

Korea has often been called the Forgotten War. It had neither the scope nor the grand global backdrop of World War II. And with television in its formative years, this was not a war that, like Vietnam, would be carried on the 6 o'clock news into America's living rooms and corner bars.

Korea's heroes were easily forgotten, too, if the cases of Vincent and Richard Krepps are any indication.

This is how America welcomed home Vince Krepps, who had served his country with such valor and distinction: A few



Richard Krepps (Dickey) at far left looking down and to the left with those sad eyes.

months after he returned from the war, he was invited to be a guest on a local TV show.

Television was in its infancy back then. Vince was interviewed about Korea and about his POW brother for maybe 15 minutes. Then he walked out of the studio and into the bright afternoon sunshine, just another nameless, faceless GI on the streets of Baltimore as a brutal little war raged on the other side of the world. "That was the only recognition I ever received," he says now, a trace of sadness in his voice.

Actually they did one more thing for Vincent Krepps, hero of the Second Battle of the Naktong Bulge and by now a Corporal. Early in 1953, when he was stationed at Fort Meade, working as a medical corps man, the hospital commander summoned him.

"Krepps," he said, got this order here that says we can present you with the Silver Star. Now, do you want us to go out in the hot sun and have a parade while you're having this medal pinned on you? Sensing the drift of the conversation, Corporal Krepps quickly shook his head. "No, sir, he answered, you just mail it to me."

Some time later, the Silver Star arrived in the mail, in a beautiful black, leather bound case. It hangs in a framed display case along with Dickie's Purple Heart, POW Medal and other medals each of them earned from their service in Korea and the Army.

The fighting in Korea ended, Americans got on with their lives, an era of unbridled prosperity was ushered in. But Vince Krepps could never forget the war. And with each passing year, the need to know

Dickie's fate consumed him to a larger degree. Today, it's an ache in his soul that never seems to go away.

Vince Krepps has immersed himself in the Korean War. He's studied its history, its major battles, the political machinations that determined its outcome.

As the editor of *The Graybeards*, the Korean War veterans' magazine, he stays in contact with veterans around the country, still pumping every possible source for information on his brother.

He has interviewed at least 50 former POWs of the 2nd Division. He has exhaustively studied his old battalion's history, and he routinely pores over reams of declassified Army documents, trying to trace Richard's last movements in the final, horrible days of 1950.

He also helps other families track down loved ones lost in the war. Vincent even received a letter from the son of his Battery Commander, Maj. Stevens. The son was only one year old at the time of his dad being MIA. Vincent had just said goodbye to Maj. Stevens less than one month earlier. Last May he traveled to New York to meet with a small delegation of North Korean officials, to press for a fuller accounting of Korean War MIAs and former POWs. The only good thing that came out of that was a young North Korean Delegate (who was not born during the Korean War) said I am sorry for what happened to your brother.

He thinks of his brother every day. A picture of Dickie is near his bed. And sometimes late at night, Dickie visits him in a dream, the two of them playing baseball as kids, or driving together with the wind whipping their hair, or sitting on sandbags in Korea, talking long into the night.

"Closure," one of those slick, New-Agey terms, suggests that grieving can have a clearly delineated end-point, that it can eventually be turned off like a light switch.

Vince Krepps doesn't expect closure. But if he only knew for sure what happened to Dickie, Vince Krepps thinks he could have some peace.

"The one thing that sticks in my mind forever," he says, "is that I don't have my brother anymore. That's something I'll never be able to shake, and all those

what-ifs that go with it,

"What if he came home, how different would it have been? Maybe my welcoming home would have been much better. Maybe my life would have been much better, because I would have known him and known his wife and his children.

"And I would have somebody my age now as a friend and we could talk about those days in Korea and knowing what each of us experienced, we could express our true events without feeling guilt or the need too embellish as we do with others that were not there or did not experience the same events."

This story appeared in the Baltimore Sun and was written by Kevin Cowherd. I thank the Sun and Mr. Cowherd for retelling the story of my brother and I.

Like all Korean War veterans we scan all our local newspapers for stories about our war and our veterans. We feel less forgotten with every article.

After this story was written several events has taken place that gave me more closure. One was going to North Korea and walking in the footsteps of my brother and being about 45 miles from the assumed location of his prison camp and maybe his remains.

The other event is after over 48 years of searching I have finally found someone that was with my brother before and during his last days. His name is Ronald D. Lovejoy from Nevada. His daughter had seen my searching for on the Internet and mentioned it to her dad. I just noticed a strange happening when looking at the date he wrote the letter to me. The date is December 1, 1998. That is the day 48 years ago that my brother was captured at Kunuri, North Korea. Now I held on to this letter for 3 months before replying by phone to Ronald. The main reason is that all the past ex-POWs did not have any way of proving to me that they were with my brother and most were only in the same camp. Ronald met my brother at the hospital he was sent to die. In Donald's letter he stated that he tried to get my brother to eat the small rations of millet and barley. Donald also said the hospital was an old Japanese Temple located at Camp 5 that the Chinese called the hospital. The only medicine they were given to stop the dysentery was charcoal. Ronald goes on to say that Richard

was in real bad shape. My brother was put next to Ronald and they talked about home. Richard refused to eat the meager rations. The letter goes on to say he knew Richard wanted to make it home but the suffering was too much to overcome and he just gave up. The next morning when talking to Richard he saw no response. Richard was cold and stiff and it was assumed he died during the night as many others did. The guards took him outside and stacked him on the pile of other dead POWs like cordwood until the burial team came to pick them up. Ronald said he had my brothers wallet for a while but lost it somewhere at the hospital.

I am now at more peace then ever before for now I finally know a person that filled in a gap I was searching for. I needed to know Richard had someone to talk to, someone that tried to help him, someone that would be his last friend, someone that would replace a family member, someone that cared. Ronald said they were friends.

My family and I thank you Ronald. I hope someday to meet you. You will be my friend forever. I also thank your daughter for linking us. God Bless you always.

I also have a place locally to go besides our State and National Korean War Memorial when I feel the need to be closer to him.



His VA authorized Grave Marker is located in Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens Circle of the Immortals in Timonium, MD.

My thanks goes to John Armiger, Jr. President and owner of Dulaney Valley who remembers our Fallen Heroes of all Wars, Police and Fire Departments. I also thank KWVA National and "The Graybeards" for providing the space for all Korean War Veterans to tell our stories.

Vincent A. Krepps
2nd Inf. Div. Korea 1950 - 1951

South Korea to Welcome Returning Heroes

By Vincent Krepps

This outline will show you what the U.S. Korea 2000 Foundation experienced through my eyes and ears on our December 1998 trip to South Korea. This was my first return to the Land of the Morning Calm since late January 1951. In the Maryland Chapter newsletter, I have in the past shown many photos, cultures, past events and improvements of South Korea today. I have also published many current revisit trips by KWVA members in the *Graybeards*.

Writing and reading that material did not bring to me the excitement and the emotions I had every day after arriving at Kimpo International Airport. Each morning I awoke full of enthusiasm of the events taking place that day. As I recall those events I will expand on as much detail as possible hoping I can convey to you what is awaiting your return.

Intermingled in this outline will be selected photos that will show you the high level of planning by those involved from the U.S. and South Korea that want nothing but the best to honor the veterans of the Korean War when they remember your sacrifices and deeds in saving a country from Communism. They remembered and in the years ahead up to and including 2003 you will have renewed pride in saying "I am a Korean War Veteran."

First I will list those all that were involved in various meetings from Korea 2000 Foundation to DoD, Veterans Associations, Command Forces Korea, USO, South Korean Government and their Veteran Associations.

United States

U. S. Korea 2000 Foundation

- General Raymond G. Davis, USMC, (Ret). MOH Co-Chairman
- Lieutenant General William R. Maloney
- USMC (Ret) President
- Col. Warren H. Wiedhahn, USMC (Ret) Executive Director
- Mr. John Y. Lee, Counselor
- Mr. Vincent A. Krepps, Editor, "The Graybeards" KWVA, and 2000 Member
- Mr. Sunny Park, Member
- Ms. Bonnie Gray, Executive Assistant
- **50th Anniversary Comm. DoD**
- General (Ret.) Gordon R. Sullivan,
- President and Chief Operating Officer, AUSA)
- Lieutenant General Russell C. Davis, Chief, National Guard Bureau
- Major General Paul C. Bergson, Military Deputy (Reserve Component)
- Colonel George P. Coan, Chief,
- Commemorations Committee
- LTC Mark Franklin, Operations Officer, Commemorations Committee
- LTC Alldredge, O/C, 50th AKWC, Sec. USFK, Seoul
- Mr. Milton Peterson, USFK 50th AKWC
- Captain Pete Kemp, Action Officer, National Guard Bureau
- LTC Sova
- Maj Bartle.

Veterans Affairs

- Mr. Allen "Gunner" Kent, Special Assistant of Veteran Affairs

Veterans of Foreign War

- Mr. John Smart, Senior Vice Commander
- Mr. John F. Gwizdek, Junior Vice Comm.

Korea

United States Forces Korea

- Gen John H. Tilelli, Jr. USA (CINC)
- Major General Michael V. Hayden, USAF Deputy Chief of Staff
- LtCol. Fred Whittle, USMC - Escort
- Maj. John Sullivan, USMC - Escort

President of South Korea

- President Kim, Dae-Jung

Minister of Patriot and Veteran Affairs

- The Honorable Kim, Eui-Jae

South Korea Military Forces

- LtGen (R) Chai, Ki-duk
- BGen (R) Park, Jung-soo

KVA 2000 Project Commission

- Gen (R) Paik, Sun Yup, Chairman
- Maj Gen (R) Kim, Dong Ho
- Chief Executive Officer

Korea Veterans Association

- MG (R) Chang, Tae Wan, President KVA
- MG (R) Kim, Dong Ho, CEO, KVA
- **USO - Korea**
- Mrs. Joyce Kiser, Director and Staff
- Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders (Visitors)



General Davis and MG Chang, Tae-Wan, President, KVA.

■ Agenda

Monday, 7 December

- Meeting with Korea Veterans Association (KVA), Sungpa-ku, Seoul
- Dinner at Hyatt hosted by Gen (R) Davis

Tuesday, 8 December

- En route Commiskey's Restaurant Breakfast Hosted by the Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of the Army for International Affairs (DUSA-IA)
- En route USO - Office call with Mrs. Joyce Kiser, USO Director and lunch with Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders.
- Buffet Dinner Hosted by DUSA-IA

Wednesday, 9 December

- Breakfast at Hyatt (Hosted by Mr. Baik (Hat Factory Owner)
- En-route Young An Hat Factory
- Mr. Baik, Sung Hak, CEO, Young An Hat Factory.
- Lunch Hosted by The Korean American Friendship Society (KAFS)
- En route HQ, UNC/CFC/USFK
- Office Call with Gen John H. Tilelli, Jr.; Commander-in-Chief (CINC), UNC/CFC/Commander, USFK
- En route Command Center (CC) Seoul, Conference Room for 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Meeting.
- En route Hartell House
- No host dinner with MARFORK

Thursday, 10 December

- En route to HQ CINCUNC/CFC/USFK
- Office call with MajGen Ayres, USMC CG, MARFORK
- En route Ministry of Patriot and Veterans Affairs. Office call with Minister Kim, Eui Jae, Minister of Patriot and Veterans Affairs (MPVA)

Friday, 11 December

- En route to "Blue House" Meeting with President Kim, Dae-Jung PH1(NAC) Smith, Pacific Fleet Combat Camera Group Interview of Gen (R) Ray Davis and Mr. Vincent Krepps.
- En-route - Kimpo Airport - Korea 2000 Foundation Group.

I do not wish to think of food after writing the agenda but I want you to know there was much work being done before, during and after the meals. My input was easy, for all I did was meet a lot of fine people and attempt to remember what I saw and heard.

Every person or group listed had one goal during this agenda that covered five days *"What can we do to make the 50th anniversary and the next five years leading up to 2003 Memorial enough to honor*



Downtown Seoul – Han River in center.

all that served during the Korean War."

I can report that all groups are off to a great start and each program has a different theme such as: keeping cost to the veterans at a minimum, token gifts for your souvenir case, events that memorialize the main battles during all 10 campaigns, tools to educate the world, mainly the children about the Korean War and that "Freedom is not Free" a lesson all veterans know so well, travel and sleeping accommodations to handle the masses, and last but not least events on all veteran holidays honoring the veterans of Korea and media coverage so all can see.

What do we need from you? Get involved by registering yourself as a Korean War Veteran. Get the businesses and organized associations in your community to support an event. Tell the media. Find other veterans and make them part of the team. Join your buddies and sign up for a revisit trip. At this point I will attempt to tell you why your return to Korea will make it all worthwhile.

Why I feel you should return

First of all the airplane ride is a great experience. I found the food more than adequate. The service and the concern for your comfort was tops. Landing in Kimpo for me was the first close up of



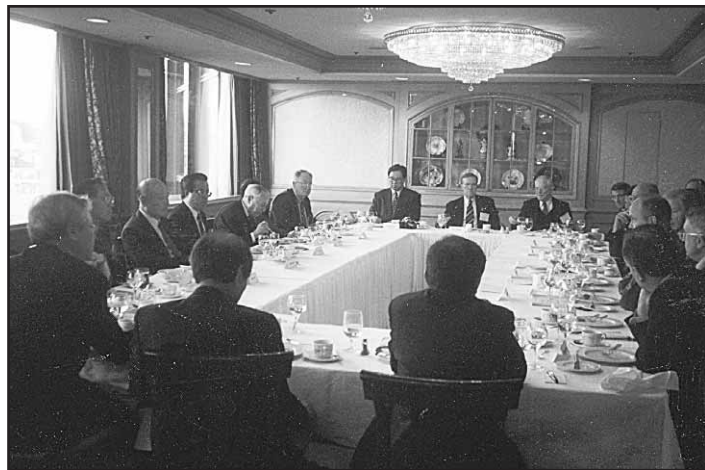
Traffic hour – Modern buildings and vehicles.

I met the South Korean veterans that fought in that war also and there heroes are many. They are looking forward to exchanging war stories with you and drinking a few beers to welcome your return.

Korea after 48 years. Kimpo is as modern as any airport in the U.S. The next thing that became very obvious is that I remember seeing the fear in the peoples eyes in the 50's whenever any foreigner approached. Now I see a very nonchalant attitude. No staring, no fear, just the same pleasant faces we see every day in our atmosphere here in America. Tell them you are a Korean War Veteran, then the



Korea 2000 Foundation with Mr. Baik and USMC escorts.



Luncheon with Korean American Friendship Society.

smiles go ear to ear as they bow and say thank you.

Now my return to Korea was not a revisit trip so I did not get to go to my former battlefield areas, nor did I go to the DMZ. I did see enough of Seoul to realize that a revisit trip would be very exciting for the veterans and their spouses.

Seoul is as modern as any major city in the U.S. Many great hotels and places to dine, at all prices and atmospheres. Meals were top quality. Korean & American.

I found just seeing the Han River again exciting but now it has over 20 bridges and sightseeing boat rides. Multi-

lane roads, modern railroads, Underground subway systems being constructed added to the greatness of Seoul.

For the ladies

Women, this paragraph is for you. The exciting shopping areas are everywhere. My wife gave me instruction to buy only leather gloves when we learned that leather was very reasonable in Korea along with several other materials. Most of our Korea 2000 group went shopping when we had a few hours of idle time. On the word of several members that were in the know from previous trips to South Korea took us to an area of small shops

and street vendors. As I said my instruction was to buy gloves. After seeing a member buying 5 leather purses from a booklet marked by the female members in his family I started to ask questions. All purses look alike to me but when I saw the book prices in the \$300 range and seeing that the vendor was selling them for \$35-\$40, I had to think about that. Later that night, but early morning home I called my wife. I told her what I saw and the quantity of purses the others bought and I mentioned the name 'Coach.' Well, that was it. I thought my wife was going to come through the phone. I told her I



Visit at the Blue House with President Kim, Dae-jung (ROK). Shown from left to right are Vincent Krepps, Col. Warren Wiedhahn, LtGen. William R. Maloney, Gen. Raymond Davis MOH, interpreter, and President Kim.

would have gotten her one but I did not really know what style she would want. The return answer was, I do not care, get me a couple in different colors. This led me to go back to the shopping area and load up on several items, in fact I ended up buying another piece of luggage to get it all back home. Sorry guys, but the ladies deserve something also after hearing all our boring war stories and traveling to our battlefields. There are many other good buys for everyone.

I must admit Seoul was the only city I was in on this trip but I have been told many other cities we recall from the 50's are built up also and everyone will find



Graybeards editor and "Purse Lady" – Color photo would show great purses.

something special about each one.

As I said before everyone from South Korea listed in this outline is prepared to make your revisit a very eventful one. They want to thank each of you for your deeds that allowed them to become one of the most highest economic countries in

the world today. They realize the freedom they enjoy today came from your efforts and also from those that are no longer with us.

I met the South Korean veterans that fought in that war also and there heroes are many. They are looking forward to exchanging war stories with you and drinking a few beers to welcome your return.

The scenery today is beautiful, the hills and mountains now look majestic. The people are warm and friendly. I have many more photos and a lot of things I would love to tell you but I hate to take any more room away from your stories and events. I feel I have done my best in these few pages to give you a flavor of photos and text. The return visit advertisement itinerary will also spur your interest.

In closing, from what I saw, I too want to join the list of re-visit veterans. Just as soon as possible!

Gold Star Mother Honored

Greene County Chapter 125, Xenia, Ohio, Honors Gold Star Mother 103 Years old.

"I'm glad to see everybody who came today. I want to thank everyone for coming," said Mrs. Cline. "Bobby would have loved this. He wanted to go to war, and they made him a corpsman, and he enjoyed it. He's looking down at us today, enjoying this."

Past President, Howard Camp, spoke for the chapter. "We were neighbors, the Clines lived next door to me on Charles Street. Bobby was younger than I. We chummed around together some, but mostly he chummed around with my youngest brother. This is an annual affair," Camp said. "I've always told her, that this celebration will go on until she goes, or we go, and by the way it looks, we'll go before she will. Mom Cline has known me since the doctor spanked my butt when I was born. I grew up with her son, Robert," said Past President, Howard Camp.

Edith Cline, Gold Star Mother, whose youngest son, Robert, was the first of 16 Greene County's young men to die in Korea, on July 27, 1950. Bobby was



Mrs. Edith Cline, Gold Star Mother, was honored by a host of Greene County Korean War Veterans as they gathered around and sang, "Happy Birthday" to her on her 103rd birthday.

attending a wounded soldier, when a North Korean Communist Soldier, slipped up on him and shot him.

The Greene County Chapter Members present were: Dale Anderson, President; Prentice Carroll, Vice President; Fred Norckauer, Treasurer; Bill McKenzie, Chaplain; Kenneth Dillon, Sergeant of Arms; Howard Camp, Past President; Jim Rogers, Past Treasurer; Harold Kitts, Past

Chaplin; and members; Jack Schafer, Bill Griffey, and John Dillon.

Many thanks to the Greene County Chapter 125 and especially Howard Camp for remembering a buddy's mother all these years. A special thanks goes to Prentice Carroll, Vice President who supplied the photos and story of a special mother. God Bless you Mrs. Cline and I am sure Robert was smiling down on you.—Ed..

Faces of War



Russ Cloer

Etched in an old soldier's memory,
Are the faces of comrades he knew.
Faces reflecting the terror and suffering,
The exhaustion of endless battles,
And the courage to see them through.
Those long gone faces
Haunt the old soldier's memory.
And yet, they sustain him, too.
They're reminders of the price of freedom.
To we the remaining few.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO KOREA

IF YOUR GOING TO KOREA,
DO ONE FAVOR, PLEASE FOR ME.
WHEN YOU REACH THAT HERMIT KINGDOM,
CLOSE BEHIND THE YELLOW SEA.
AS YOU WALK AMONG OUR SOLDIERS,
ANY PLACE YOU CHOOSE TO GO,
LEAVE THIS MESSAGE AS A LAND MARK;
"JO ANNE SENDS HER LOVE TO JOE?"
THANK YOU SOLDIER FOR YOUR GIVING,
THANK YOU SOLDIER FOR YOUR WAY
THAT YOU PLACE, THE PRICE OF FREEDOM
"LOVE YOUR DREAMS OF YESTERDAY"
THANK YOU SOLDIER FOR YOUR COURAGE,
THOUGH OUT NUMBERED BY THE FOES,
FROM HER HEART, HER FLAG, HER COUNTRY,
"JO ANNE SENDS HER THANKS TO JOE."

Tin Can Sailors

**Anchors aweigh at break of day.
Through the straits with our ship mates.
Took our station near the shore of this divided
nation.
Patrolled the coast to do our utmost.
We gave our troops support as our guns would
report.
We gave the enemy a go while anchored at Po
Hang Do.
Through the night we'd show our might,
As we fired shell after shell
And hoped for the enemy's death knell.
We dodged a few mines, as we traversed the bomb
lines.
We would plane guard a carrier or track a sub-
mariner.
We did our best to meet the test.**

MY SALUTE TO GRANDPA

He was in the war about three years
Considered many people's fears
He worked hard day and night
Getting ready for a proud fight
Being his best in everything he did
He was not much older than a kid
He captured, shot and fought
Doing everything he was taught
Embracing the tenseness of his fears
Listening to shots ring in his ears
Dreaming at night when he was alone
Thinking about his home, sweet home
And when the day came, when the enemy arrived
The first thought was to run and hide
ut those brave, strong men took hold once again
Worthy of a winning tribute,
They stood strong with an honoring salute
And as the awesome story lives on
It has been passed to me from my mom
As my eyes widen every time I hear it
There's a loving light in my eyes that is lit
And all his stories and all that he'll do
Will mean a lot, so grandfather I salute you

By Charity Jaimes, age 14

The Ghostly Nineteen

Korea 1950-1953

As I sit alone at this shrine so serene,
I reflect at the sight, of the ghostly nineteen.
Was I one of these, ever frozen in space?
The scene returns, as I study each face.
In my youth I was one of them, intently alert
For that first burst of fire and someone who's hurt.
They'd cry "medic" and "over here doc",
And I'd crawl to the victim, already in shock.
My hands trembling, I tend to this soul
When another cry "medic," leaves no time to console.
My memories are fading and the body grows worn,
But I'll never forget, that land so forlorn.
That turned boys into men and ravaged so many.
While at home all were busy, turning a penny.
They forgot us then, but they wont anymore,
For we're building memorials, to settle the score.
As the figures plod on, in this park so pristine,
May God be kind, to the ghostly nineteen.

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At the time of this printing I have many 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.

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Chapter Affairs

Northwest Ohio Chapter #131



On December 8, 1998. Local television, Channel 11, conducted its Toledo Listens. Various questions about veterans, social problems and financial concerns were among the questions and topics discussed. We had forty-five Korean War Veterans and members at this meeting.

(Thank you Ed Rutherford for photos and story.)

Central Florida Chapter #153



Ladies Auxiliary, Chap 153, Installed officers on Jan 27th. Receiving gavel is the 1st Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Gaffney. To her left is Charles Carafano, Installing Officer and to the right of Mary is Jim O'Donnell, President.

On Wednesday evening 7:00 P.M. (1900 hours) at the VFW DeBary Post 9093 Post home, the officers of the newly chartered Ladies' Auxiliary of KWVA Central Florida Chapter 153 were installed. They are: President Mary Gaffney; 1st VP Amy Carafano; 2nd VP Mary Hambrecht; Secty-Treasurer Elsie Diaz; and Chaplain Helen Saccente.

Charles Carafano, longtime Dept of FL chapter organizer and Co-Founder and often times Past President of Col. Alice Gritsavage Chapter of Ocala, swore in the ladies to their offices. The framed Charter from KWVA Hq in Arlington was presented to President Gaffney. Chairman Lloyd Jones of the Southwest

Volusia Veterans' Council attended. The Ladies join an exclusive group one of only six auxiliaries nationwide. Coffee and snacks were served following the ceremony.

(Thanks Tom Gaffney for photo & story. Congratulations to all)

Greater Richmond Chapter #143 of Virginia



Greater Richmond Chapter members standing (l to r) are: Jim Adkins, Donald Dalton, Jim Jones, James Jamison, Wallace Wampler, and Homer Wright.

After the Korean truce came into effect and most of the 7th Division members were returning to the U.S., Major General E.B. Sebree, the division commander, issued a directive awarding the Order of the Bayonet (designated by a pin worn over the shirt or jacket right pocket) to all members of the 7th who had served in Korea. They also received a letter, signed by the General, congratulating them (resulting in this being a Division award).

One of those members, Lt. James Jamison, learned of the award at a later date, after he had become an active member of the Greater Richmond Chapter of KWVA. He received the award and contacted Norman Kantor, VAVS National Representative for KWVA. Norman contacted the Department of the Army in St. Louis and received enough pins and the authority for them to be presented to the other members of Chapter 143 who had served with the 7th Division during the Korean War. The presentation was made by James Jones, president of chapter 143 at the January, 1999 meeting. Receiving the award were: James Adkins, Donald Dalton, Russel Loftis, Wallace Wampler, and Homer Wright.

(Thank you President Jones for the photo and story. A big thank you also goes to Norman Kanter for showing the members that KWVA National will help when possible. A good looking group.)

THINK ABOUT IT

Never judge a book by it's cover someone once said.
You can't tell a mans intelligence by the shape of his head.
Only a fool would price a painting by it's golden frame.
So why judge a man by the sound of his name.
But to me the world's greatest sin,
is hating a man because of the color of his skin.

By Billy Rogers

Indiana Chapter 2



Pictured (l to r) front row are: Betty Baker, Marilyn Wagner, Bob Schoonover, Fred Priest, and Loren McMaster. Back row (l to r) are: Ed Cavanaugh, Franklin Littleton, John Rutledge, and Don Esterly at Indiana Veterans Home visiting the patients.

(A great looking group doing a special task. Thanks John & all.)

Indiana Chapter 1



Pictured are new officers: Richard Renbarger, Judge Advocate/Trustee - Richard Norton, Treasurer - Dick Turner, 1st Vice President Bernard (Ski) Wisnieski, President - Rolland Sherry, Trustee - Ken Roemke, 2nd Vice President - Jim Snyder, Secretary - John Perry, Trustee (not in photo)

(Thank you Marge Norton for the photo of a good looking group. Good luck in your duties.)

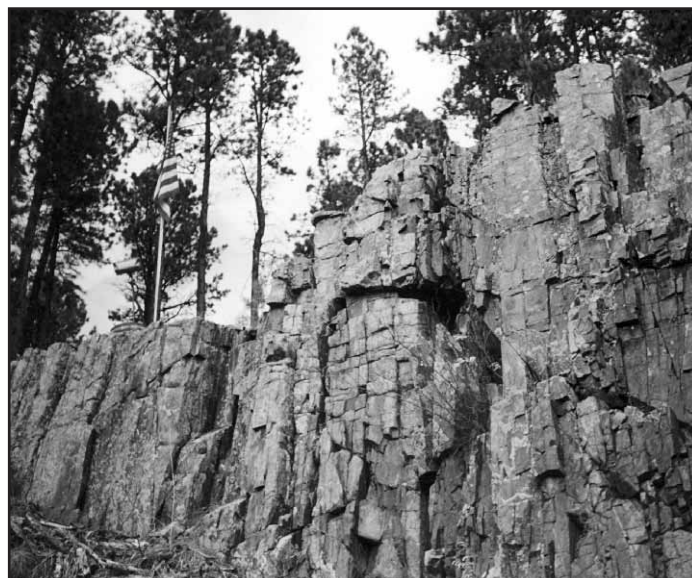
Greater Cincinnati Chapter #121 of Ohio

Chapter member Henry Ferguson receives Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters from Senator Chabot after 47 years of waiting at chapter meeting with 32 members in attendance. Chapter President Robert McGeorge, Jr. and all members are proud of Henry.

(Thanks Roy Miller for photo and story. KWVA National are proud of Henry also.)



West River Chapter #160 of South Dakota



Member Gordon Hanson's back yard. Flag location is where he plans on building own Korean War Memorial.

(Sounds great Gordon and beautiful location)

Department of New York



Dept. of New York, KWVA West Point Conference Sept. 25- 27.

The Dept. of New York held its semi-annual conference this year at West Point. It was a great success with 54 persons attending the banquet in the Crest Terrace Room at the Hotel Thayer. We had the privilege of having an officer from the Point, Capt. David Austin, who recently returned from a 4-year tour of duty in Korea, as the main speaker. He was very informative and showed slides with explanations of all the facilities and activities at the Point. The conference meeting was held at the Highlands Room and was attended by 40 Korean veterans representing 10 Chapters of the Department. President Joe Calabria conducted the meeting which was very informative and purposeful. On Sunday morning a ceremony was held at the grave site of Gen. R.G. Stilwell who for the last four years of his life did so much for the completion of our Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington. We placed a wreath at the site and recited a brief history of his accomplishments. He was a '38 graduate of the Point, a four-star general and a former Commandant at the Point. *(Thank you Bernie Hoganson for photo and story.)*

Imjin Chapter of Illinois



Members of the Korean War Veterans of Southern Illinois Memorial Committee. Front row: Marvin Donaldson, Secretary; Sheila Kronenberger, Editor of Imjin Chapter Newsletter; Loretta "Joan" Borowski, Chairperson; John Kronenberger (holding placard), Treasurer. Rear row: Harry Reime, President, Imjin Chapter; Ross Millatti; Ed Musser, Charter member Imjin Chapter; Bill Juergens, Public Relations officer.

The Memorial Committee is hoping to have 25th June 2000, the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War, as our dedication date. Should we do well in donations before then we will build it and have a completion date ceremony. Send donations to: KWVSI Memorial Fund, Bank of O'Fallon, PO Box 427, O'Fallon, IL 62269

(I have more detail I will try to print in another issue. Thanks John for the details. Thanks from all Korean War Veterans.)

Yongdung-Po Chapter 114 of Pennsylvania



Holding Flag: Founder/Past President Andy Lynch; Holding Banner: (Lt.) Bill Meredith; Ed Papaycik; Chuck Hazen; Tom McMenamen; in rear 2 members of Jewish War Veterans; Tom Wolset; Jerome "Louie" Shapiro not shown.

The Yongdung Po Chapter's 3rd Annual one mile march at the Coatesville Veterans Administration Hospital and like our chapter, it gets better and better every year. This year we fielded 9 members at this event on Friday, November 6, 1998. This year we had our banner and many comments were heard in the line of march: "It's the Korean Vets!" and "The Korean Vets are here!" It was most heartening to have our brothers and sisters recognition and know that the Korean War was not forgotten on this Veterans Day Parade. It truly made our day.

(Thank you Andy for the photos and stories. Is a proud moment when you are remembered and your Chapter like others are keeping our war and the veterans alive across America.)

General Raymond G. Davis Chapter of Virginia



Left to right... Colonel (Ret.) Kwang H. Kim, President, KWVA, Southern Regional Chapter, Gunnery Sergeant Hatfield, Representing the Atlanta Area U.S. Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" campaign, James R. Conway, President, KWVA, Raymond G. Davis Chapter.

On Sunday, 6 December the Raymond G. Davis Chapter had it's annual Christmas party. We made a presentation to Mr. Kim for his service to the KWVA, Southern Regional Chapter. And we also collected toys for the Marine Corps Reserve.

(Thank you James R. Conway for photo and story. Great Chapter, members and deeds.)

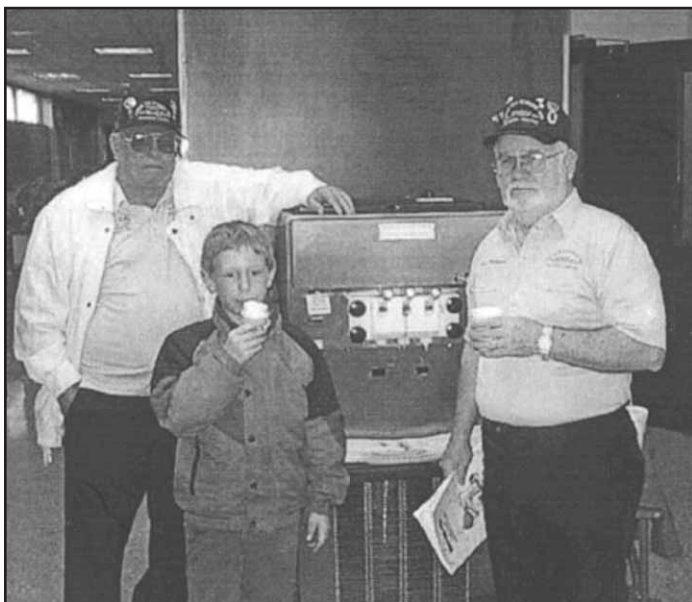
Dale Williams Post (Chapter) #1996 – KWVA



Bonnie Baldwin director of the Missaukee Seniors Association, and President Carolyn Estrada, accept a new United States flag from Commander Dale Williams of the Dale Williams Post #1996 of the Korean War Veterans Association. The Korean War vets post offered the flag to the association Dec. 17 to replace a flag that had worn out. Also representing the post were Historian Gall Taylor; member Stanley Estrada; Service Officer Don Eising; Adjutant Chuck Batherson; and member Clyde Hawkins. William said Post #1996 welcomes Korean War vets to join. Meetings are 7 P.M. the first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS in Cadillac.

(I am a little confused by this photo and story sent in by Charles Batherson, Secretary. His letter goes on to say "our chapter was chartered 6-4-98." I suggest you contact the KWVA Secretary and have your chapter listed.)

Oklahoma Chapter



Oklahoma Chapter donates ice cream machine to Veterans Home. Marq is testing the ice cream.

Thank you Walter Kline for photos and story. I misplaced your e-mail message after downloading photos. I have others but not the one that identifies those shown except Marq. I assume one is Walter Kline. Sorry, Editor.)

Korea re-visit group honored in Seoul



Group photo of the 9/27/98 - 10/3/98 Korean re-visit group taken in the lobby of the Sofitel Ambassador Hotel in Seoul. This group, Korean War Veterans and Officers/Members of the Museum collected \$450 to give the Mission near Seoul, South Korea.)

The group was royally hosted by the Korean Veterans Association at a sumptuous banquet along with veterans from Belgium and The Netherlands. A highlight of the tour was a magnificent parade of all Korean military branches at Seoul National Airport in remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Korean armed forces.

(Thanks Urban G. Rump for photos and stories. I plan to print your story on the "Forgotten Children of Korea, The Amerasians" in a later issue.)

Greater Lowell Chapter of Massachusetts



Greater Lowell Korean War Veterans went to Yarmouth, N.S. Canada for the reunion of the Atlantic Provinces Korean War Veterans.

(Thanks John Babcock for photo ad story. Good looking group)

Korean-Americans honor Korean War Vets

The Korean American Citizens League of the city of Santa Clara held its eleventh annual ceremony honoring American military personnel who served in the Korean War zone.



On Saturday, June 27, 1998, Albert Bosma (left) and brother Stephen Bosma.

this Northern California Senior Center provided an elaborate program including speeches by the Korean Consul General and the President of the Korean Television Network. The flags of the Republic of Korea and the United States of America were presented and the National Anthems were sung in both languages. Plaques were presented to about thirty-five veterans. Korean entertainment was provided, and a full meal was served. Korean War Veteran Assn., members Corporal Albert C. Bosma (45th Inf. Div.) and LtCol. Stephen F. Bosma (1st Cav Div.) were among the honorees.

(Thank you Stephen F. Bosma for photos and story. A great honor from special people who remember.)

Letters



Reference to Nov-Dec issue photo on page 26

I was fascinated by the picture of all the "brass" and even more so by the unidentified person on the far right. After a close look I could make out the black tie, tan shirt and the dark buttons, that's not Army or Marine so I looked closer and sure enough there are black stripes on his sleeve, those of a four star Admiral no less. Who he is I don't know, could be Chief of Naval Operations or Commander Pacific Fleet. Anyway that raises Richard Fastenau's total to at least 27 stars, wow!!

When that picture was taken I was a POW, having been shot down on 26 May 1952 while flying with Fighter Sq. 653 from the USS Valley Forge. We were all really elated when "Ike" was elected president. The feeling was that he would know to end the endless stalemate we were in at the time.

Harold E. Sterrett LCDR (Ensign)
USN Ret. P00611

A Letter from a wife

I just came from the movie theater still wondering how I made it to the exit, my eyes blinded by tears. *Saving Private Ryan* was so emotional for me that three minutes into the film I was crying... crying for all the mothers, fathers, wives, sisters, and brothers who lost loved ones during wartime: crying for my husband who experienced the same horrors that I witnessed on the screen in the "Forgotten War" of Korea: realizing that after twenty years of being married to him that I did not live with all of my husband. Somewhere in Korea was part of him that will never come to rest. How must a war veteran feel when he loses his youth, his buddies or a chance to lead a normal life when nothing seems normal anymore, especially after he has taken a human life or has been through the horror of seeing bodies torn apart by exploding shells and bullets? No, these men can never, ever be the same again. They have seen too much violent death and they have lost too much.

Children sit in front of television for hours, watching glorified, staged murder and mayhem. As spectators of the staged debacle, they gravitate to the thought that human life has no value: It's like a game. This movie depicts no game. It makes obvious the fact that human life is very valuable. In my opinion, every child that can comprehend should see *Saving Private Ryan*. This movie is violent yes, bloody yes, but it depicts very accurately an important piece of American History.

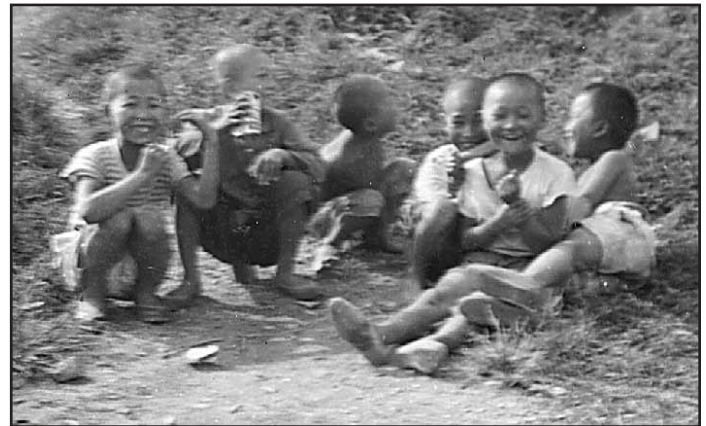
Saving Private Ryan is not only a valuable exercise in what makes war so ugly, but also a valuable lesson in why war is sometimes necessary in order to guarantee the freedoms of those who would be oppressed and enslaved. It shows the waste of human life by man's greed to possess that which rightfully belongs to others. It also demonstrates the goodness of man in his willingness to sacrifice his own life so that others may live. *Saving Private Ryan* demonstrates why we should be proud of America's fighting men from all wars. They lost so much more than we can ever imagine and saw things we can't even comprehend. We owe it all to our combat veterans to get their story truthfully no matter how emotional it may be to those who hear it.

The Last words spoken by Private Ryan to his wife in the movie were "Tell me I was a good man." Oh, yes, Private Ryan, you and your comrades in arms are exceptionally good men. You are obedient sons. You answered your country's call and in turn, paid a very high price. Indeed, "Freedom is not Free." May God bless and heal you men of obedience and unquestionable courage... *Lest We Forget*.

Anonymous

Our enemy and our friends

In telling the school children for our Tell America Program we are asked questions by youngsters. Many want to know what the enemy looked like.



Korean orphans that looked for food every day.



North Korean POW's going home.

I am enclosing a few photos that will show the enemy and the orphaned children.. I was a medic with the 171st Field Hospital. We were assigned to the North Korean POW Camp II in Pusan. We fed the children that gathered outside the gate.

Dan Rusillo
30 Kingston Mnr
Middletown, NY 10941

(See Nov-Dec issue for more of Dan's photos. Dan, I will return all photos when they return from printer.-Ed)

I met my brother's friends

Back in September 98, I heard about a reunion of the 27th Inf. Reg. "Wolfhounds" of the 25th Inf. Div., being held in El Paso, TX Nov. 6 to 10th 1998. (Advertised in The Graybeards) I contacted Mr. James Loucks to get the details and more information. He immediately sent me all I needed in order to make reservations to attend. I live in Pineville, LA which is 1,000 miles away. I am not a member, I was just trying to find someone that knew my only brother in Japan or Korea, prior to his being KIA on Sept 26 1950 as a member of the 27th Reg. I was cordially invited and made to feel comfortable by all these men and their wives, and every effort made by them to give me the information I was trying to get. What a great group of Veterans! I just wanted them to know how much I appreciated them and how much my wife and myself enjoyed being there. Thanks to all.

Edwin R. Wilson
5671 Old Marksville Hwy.
Pineville, Louisiana 71360

(Thank you Edwin for the great letter and I am sure they enjoyed your presence also and thank you for coming. I feel this letter serves to tell others that would like to meet those that remember your lost loved ones. Please feel welcomed to apply for reservations to all reunions listed in the Graybeards. Forever you are linked to those that knew your veteran.

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Thank you for the great essay

As secretary of Korean War Veterans of Rhode Island, I have been directed by the membership to write and thank the author of "Freedom is Not Free: American involvement in the Korean War" [Graybeards, September-October 1998] Elizabeth Loran, for her excellent essay on the history of events leading up to the war.

As one of our members put it: "I didn't know what the Korean War was all about, I just went."

We who receive Graybeards regularly, are very appreciative of all the articles which are submitted by our fellow veterans. They bring back many memories, some good, some painful.

Miss Loran's essay was different. She pursued, it seems, a genuine interest in finding the real cause of the conflict, and she obviously learned much from her pursuit, not only the cause, but the results.

She is truly to be commended for the interest she showed in what to most of her peers means nothing.

We congratulate Miss Loran, and we thank Graybeards for printing it.

Virginia M. Paivia
Korean War Veterans of R I.
2 Sherman St.
Providence, RI 02904

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I remember Chinnampo too

I feel I must comment on the Tragedy at Chinnampo covered by the USS Foss article in the November/December 1998 Graybeards.

I also was at Chinnampo and I have found over the years few people had even heard of Chinnampo, much less being aware

there was a sea evacuation on the West Coast at around the same time the East Coast evacuations at Hamhung and Hungnam were in progress.

I was stationed at Pyongyang with the Hq. 60th General Depot and when the Chinese were advancing South, together with Bill Ready, Walter Dubiski and Joe Walley, we were ordered to Chinnampo to assist in preparing shipments to go North. This was an exercise in futility as, with the swift advance of the Chinese, there were not any places to ship to.

Shortly thereafter we were issued ammunition and the rumor was that we only had a 24 hour margin of safety. That evening I became very sick and we went down to the port where five or six LST's were loading the equipment and troops from the 187 RCT and other miscellaneous units for the evacuation.

Due to the high tides on the West Coast, the LST's were stranded high and dry and we missed the 24 hour margin. Fortunately the Chinese did not show up in force as we would have been sitting ducks.

About this time the first destroyer showed up and commenced shelling the radio station and tower on the hill beyond Chinnampo. Every firing made the tower rock, but it was still standing when we left the harbor.

There were a few Korean refugees on our vessel sitting in truck cabs but I was not aware many had been evacuated on the other vessels until I read the Foss article. I had never seen anything like that and the best way I can describe the sea of heads on the beach was like old comic strips would just show large groups of heads. It was a great sense of relief to hear that many of them had been saved.

We debarked at Inchon and moved to Pusan and then Koje-do to set up the POW camps and I remained there until rotation.

John W. (Bill) Huff

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We must remember now, tomorrow may be too late

On a September Saturday I drove about 5 hours to visit a Veteran's cemetery in Tennessee. I was there for about 2 or 2-1/2 hours. During that time period not one other person entered the grounds although it was evident that there were recent burials.

About 4 weeks later, on a Friday, I visited the new Veteran's cemetery in Middle Tennessee. Again, I was there for about 2 or 2-1/2 hours and once more I was the only visitor. I walked the entire grave area and counted approximately 2,000 graves. Of that number over 1,200 were Veterans of Korea. The majority of the birth dates on the markers of Korean Veterans ranged from 1928 to 1933. That indicates they were between 65 and 70 years old at the time of their death.

This gave me the push that I needed to attempt to locate those with whom I served in Korea. I had thought to myself since about 1983 that I wanted to look up these friends but there was always some convenient excuse that I could put it off until tomorrow.

When I got back home I began my searches and in three days I was able to trace 9 individuals and discovered that 8 were deceased, the first in 1987 and the eighth in 1997.

By way of this letter, I suppose that I am trying to make two

observations. One, Veterans of all wars are forgotten, not just Korean Veterans. This is obvious from the lack of visitors at Veteran's Cemeteries. Two, don't put off looking for old friends. I did, and I was too late for most of those that I was seeking. I really have no valid reason for procrastinating other than I was just damn lazy. So find your friends. You can get help from anyone you know who has a computer and is "on-line". You can also get assistance at most public libraries. Don't wait. Tomorrow may be too late.

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Taegu Air Base, South Korea - 1952

In July 1952, I, as an Army Engineer Officer, was given an assignment to investigate the reason that the landing light system at K2 was having repeated malfunctions. As a part of my investigation, I took soil samples along the runways at K-2 Air Base to determine the reason for the frequent corona-like, shorting-out, and malfunctioning of the runway lighting system.

After getting the soil samples and having them analyzed, it became abundantly clear as to the problem ... the neoprene insulation on the wiring for the runway lights was being "eaten" away by the JP-3 fuel left behind by each jet taking off on the runway. As the wires were bared, shorts occurred frequently. After a different type of wiring was installed, the problem never recurred.

At that time, K-2 Air Base was a former Japanese airbase with concrete runways and re-inforced concrete underground hangers, and had been used for World War II zeros. While the runways were short for our jets, the Air Force developed a form of a "tail hook" stopping system for those jets that did not attain sufficient flying speed at the 2/3 distance on the runways. On the hot days of the Korean summers, that was frequent. The system consisted of a strong, nylon netting stretched across the runway which could be raised as needed, to stop any "slow" jets trying to take-off. Each end of the net was attached to a length of "Battleship anchor chain" stretched along the length of the runway. The combination of the netting and the chain would stop any jet that needed to be stopped. This was necessary as there were rice paddies at the end of the runways, and retrieving a jet from the rice paddy was expensive in time, manpower, and payment to the Korean farmer for damage to his rice crop.

Charles L. Collins
LTC EN AUS Ret.
(A retread from World War II).

Remembering a Veteran

I served in Korea from August 1951 to July 1952 with the 49th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th U. S. Infantry Division. I was a forward observer from August through January 1952 when I was reassigned to Headquarters Battery as executive officer. The 49 Field Artillery Battalion supported the 17th "Buffalo" Infantry Regiment in combat, and being with "C" Battery, I served at various times with the three rifle companies of the

Third Battalion.

The photograph shown has been enlarged to a 10" x 14" picture and hangs in my study at home. It has great meaning as it reminds me of the thoughtfulness of my battery commander, 1st Lt. William A. Clark of New Jersey, a retread from WWII. His wife Nan had sent him a Christmas box in early December 1951 and one of the items was a small artificial Christmas tree. I went up on Hill 841 just north of the Punch Bowl on December 21st. At this time, the 49th was in fire support of both the 17th Infantry Regiment and the 1st Marine Division. Prior to my leaving the battery area, Lt. Clark said that since I would be on the hill with "I" Company over Christmas, he wanted me to take the small tree so that others and I up there would have a small reminder of Christmas. This photograph was taken Christmas morning prior to Christmas dinner being served.



Joe C. McClendon with Christmas tree on Hill 841, Dec. 25, 1951.

Joe C. McClendon

Branson Remembers

The Harry S. Truman Chapter of KWVA in the Branson Hollister area of southwest Missouri was one of the host organizations of Branson's big Veteran's Homecoming '98. Each year Vets from all over the country pour into Branson for a week of activities leading up to Veteran's Day, Nov. 11th. biggest Veteran's Day celebration in the country. All veterans are definitely not forgotten in Branson. This years Homecoming with many events was a big success.

It all started several years ago when Tony Orlando, the "Tie-a-yellow-Ribbon" guy, and great appreciator of vets, opened his theatre's doors to all vets free of charge. His care for vets goes back to when he introduced his famous song "Tie a yellow ribbon" to over 500 prisoners of war just back from Viet Nam.

The Branson area has always been very patriotic. All the over 30 theatres wave the flag.

The biggest celebration though is Veteran's Homecoming. The opening ceremony fittingly was held at The Talk of the Town Theatre, a theatre shared by Tony Orlando and Wayne

Newton. Jennifer Wilson, The Golden Girls, the Platters, Special Tactics And Rescue Services of the Air Force with the highly controlled parabolic chutes slowly descending. Posting of the colors by Indians, of the Wyandotte Nation, were veterans dressed in their various military outfits. Boxcar Willie, his son Larry Martin sang and many more entertainers to name also took part. KWVA, VFW, DAV, AL helped with many events.

The local KWVA Harry S. Truman Chapter, had a benefit show sponsored by some great local entertainers. Two busloads of disabled Vets from the Mt Vernon, Mo. Vets Hospital were honored guests, and were introduced along with some special folks who take care of them.

KWVA Vet Jay Butler, Chairman of the benefit project, filled in admirably as MC. The event was very successful and another benefit is planned for 1999. Afterward, everyone had a big dinner at the Country Kitchen. A salute to all the staff.

There were numerous Korean War Vets in town. We had guests from The Dept of Ohio KWVA. These vets had very sharp outfits with light blue scarves and an emblem in the center. Ray Condi, one of the "Chosin Few" and others from the Kansas City, Mo. Chapter 2 were there. Ray was with the Kingston Task force in North Korea, along the Yalu River when the communist hordes poured down in bitter below zero weather. Ray said the "Chinese broke across the Yalu River and annihilated the 32nd Infantry Regiment. Out of 3,200 men, only 343 survived it (the Chosin Few) – everyone had to go to the hospital with frozen limbs."

Vets from all over the country stopped by our table, not just Korea Vets but many others as well. The outpouring of great old comradeship (though most didn't know one another) and understanding only vets know was great to see and experience. Faces beamed, steps were quicker, laughs were louder than probably in a long time. The old stories told, memories of fallen comrades, the unabashed tears, and all remembrances will be carried in many hearts the rest of our lives. Veteran's homecoming is a therapeutic event for the vets and the nation.

There were folks from the new Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library in Tuscola, Illinois. Many folders and membership sheets were passed around. For information write or call: Robert Kenney, Board President, 2930 W. Hickory Point



Veterans homecoming celebration in Branson, MO.

Road, Decatur, IL 62526 (217-877-7091).

There were eight Medal of Honor recipients and several members of the Tuskegee Airmen present. Other well known veterans were present like General Paul Tibbets, pilot of the Enola Gay and Major Thomas W. Ferebee, Bombardier and Captain Theodore "Dutch" J. Van Kirk, Navigator. They dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Gen. Tibbet's Grandson, Capt. Paul Tibbets IV, pilot of a B-2 Stealth bomber was there also.

A parade of 42 units, military vehicles, active duty units, marching bands and of course the local Korean War Vets joined by the Ohio Korean War Vets and other parade units.

After the parade, Tony Orlando had a concluding show, "The Tony Orlando Yellow Ribbon Salute". Performers included The Lennon Brothers, Gail Lennon, Larry Brown, co-writer of Tie a Yellow Ribbon was there. Everything was exciting, and 1999 events - year round - should have even more attendance as word continues to spread. All are invited for an experience you won't forget, and it all helps vet causes. Ron Miller, member, Harry S. Truman Chapter, KWVA, Branson/Hollister, Mo.

(Sorry Ron, I had to cut back your 2,621 words but much is here to make many veterans want to go to Branson. I will do a listing of events in a later issue.—Editor.)

Dear members and readers.

I must repeat again that articles from newspapers take a lot of time to scan and most are too long to retype. Photos from newspapers also do not copy well. I tend to use original photos and articles that are typewritten in lower case. I still have to optically scan everything in to the computer and it sure helps when you type them well, in 12 point type and keep the length to a minimum.

Yes, I do use some long newspaper stories, but I try to limit them to one per issue. This makes the scanning better with less typing. I want to print all your memorial photos and the associated details. Your help is needed. Also please watch what you print on the back side of photos, especially in ink, because when sending more than one photo the writing tends to adhere to the stacked photos.— Editor.)



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FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

By J. Birney Dibble, M.D.

For forty-two years it was called the Forgotten War. It was not forgotten. It was never known. You can't forget something you never knew. But now, too late for thousands of veterans who did not live to see it, a grateful country has finally built a Memorial to the men and women who stemmed the Red Tide engulfing South Korea.

Navy corpsman Jim Jepson and I are kneeling in the dark on either side of a wounded Marine in the soggy snow of a heavily wooded North Korean mountainside. Penny-whistles blow, cymbals clang, drums roll, mortars thud, artillery screams, small arms chatter incessantly. Jepson shines his penlight on the face of the Marine and says, "Too late, doctor."

I start to stand up. A Chinese burp gun throws four slugs into Jepson's back. One of the Marines forming the security ring around our Forward Aid Station kills the Chinaman. But Jepson is dead and I hold him in my arms as the tears run down my cheeks and freeze there.

What brought that aching memory back to my mind? It was the old man standing. But let's start this story from the beginning.

Listen.

It was known as the land of the morning calm. My good friend Dr. Lee Yung-kak called it the land of animosity. For three years, from 1950 to 1953, he was undoubtedly right. But on July 27, 1953, Korea returned to relative calm. The truce was signed. Our generals led the waiting, fighting, Eighth Army out of the icy winters and steamy summers of Korea.

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On July 27, 1995, the 42nd anniversary of the truce, President Clinton dedicated that memorial. He said that the Korean War should not be forgotten, but should be remembered as the first victory in the long Cold War against communism.

He was right.

Documents now being released by the Soviets confirm what the official line and popular belief upheld at the time: it was

Communist aggression. In countering it, the United Nations, led by the United States, did right. It was just that simple.

Almost 150 years ago, Commodore Matthew Perry made an uncanny prediction. "The last act of the drama is yet to be unfolded. The people of America will, in some form or other, extend their dominion and their power upon the eastern shores of Asia. And I think, too, that eastward and southward will her great Russian rival stretch forth her power to the coasts of China and Siam (Thailand); and thus the Saxon and the Cossack will meet once more and the antagonistic exponents of freedom and absolutism" (now read "communism") "must thus meet at last. And then will be fought that mighty battle on which the world will look with breathless interest; for on its issue will depend the freedom or slavery of the world."

That "mighty battle" has been fought, but it was watched with "breathless interest" by almost no one. It began on June 25th, 1950, when almost 100,000 North Korean soldiers crossed the 38th parallel and attacked Seoul. There's no need to recount here the more than three years of that battle. Suffice it to say that communism was stopped cold in the mountains of Korea. I was there, along with one and a half million others.

I was also at the dedication of the memorial on July 27th, along with tens of thousand of "old soldiers" from the United States and twenty-one other countries who served under the flag of the United Nations. The sights and scenes of those days in Washington brought back memories buried in a shallow grave.

On a steamy hot morning in Washington, an honor guard from the Marine Barracks at 8th and I Streets executes a rifle drill just ahead of us in a slow march down Constitution Avenue. We three hundred men who served with the First Marine Division in Korea remember when we could march like that, each man in step, not needing a cadence call from the drill sergeant barking, "Rrrup, tewp, threep, hor and your left ...

rrrup, tewp..."

I watch the precision with which the combat-hardened, helmeted, battle-dressed Third Battalion of the Fifth Marines march down the company streets onto the open flats beside the frozen Nam-gang. They move with almost casual ease, loose-limbed, arms swinging in absolute synchrony. For the first time in three months their helmets sit squarely on their heads. Their uniforms are free of mud, blood, and soot. Their boots are free of mud and snow. Brass and oil-polished steel reflect the noonday sun. Leather gleams. Weather-bleached canvas canteen covers and bayonet sheaths are scrubbed almost white.

At the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery, an honor guard from all four services stands rigidly at attention as a wreath is placed. We all stand as a bugler paces slowly to his place, puts his horn to his lips, and sounds taps. From behind us a second bugle echoes the first.

On the frozen banks of the Nam-gang the voice of the First Sergeant booms out the names of the men who are not present but who are accounted for. They had gone up to the front lines with us three months before but had come back before we did—in body bags.

The First Sergeant reads out the last name on the list. A battle-dressed, helmeted bugler puts his horn to his lips with black-leather-gloved fingers. Sweetly, mournfully, clear as a bell in the cold blue air, taps sound and echo against the hills.

An aging man stands at a computer terminal in one of the white tents in The Mall, that long greensward that stretches from the Lincoln Memorial to the Washington Monument. On the front of his cap are the words "Korean War Veteran." Pinned to his cap is a small ribbon that I recognize as the Purple Heart.

Tears run down his cheeks. He has just pulled up from the computer a print-out that gives him a man's picture, name, service record, and the words, "KIA, April 21st,

1951. "He doesn't have to tell me that this was a buddy of his, perhaps died in his arms, perhaps just disappeared to the rear on a corpsman's stretcher. Or perhaps just disappeared in a blinding flash and roar.

It was then I remembered the night of April 6th, 1952, when Hn Jepson died in my arms.

We stand on a Washington street. Behind us the flags of the Republic of Korea and the United States of America fly side by side on the Old Executive Building. The stretch limos of Korean President Kim's entourage sweep past us on their way to join American President Clinton at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for a private wreath-laying ceremony.

Seventeen Korean teen-agers, grandsons and granddaughters of soldiers who died in the War, giggle with embarrassment as a photographer lines them up for a picture in front of the White House.

Veterans of the Hospital Ship Jutlandia march by. The Danish hospital ship had served us well in Korea, lying offshore with the American ships Repose, Consolation, and Haven. A friend of mine, Svend Jagd, a Danish veteran of the Jutlandia, waves to me from the ranks of other Danes as his group marches by. With him are the Belgians, Turks, Swedes, Aussies, Brits, New Zealanders, and all the others who fought side by side with the Americans at Bunker Hill, Porkchop Hill, Bloody Ridge, the Punchbowl, the Chosin Reservoir.

I see again in my mind's eye the drawing by Milton Caniff of a Marine, a Soldier, a Sailor, and a Flyer. Above the men are the words, "For those U. S. troops who never again saw the Golden Gate Bridge from the west...."

I recall the poem by Thomas Lynn that ends:

*I know each rock, each clump of trees
That marks this hallowed ground.
For in my mind I see them fall
And hear that battle sound.
But now the silence takes my breath,
For all that I can see
Are rows and rows of crosses
Where old comrades used to be.*

The Korean Veterans Memorial Monument is composed of nineteen combat-ready troopers, larger than life, sculpted of grey steel, striding across the rice paddies

toward the apex of their battlefield, a black granite inlay that states, "Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met."

The point man of the patrol carries an M1 rifle. He is turning his head sharply, signalling a warning with his left hand. His face is taut, his gesture one of universal caution. Behind him strides a soldier with a Browning Automatic Rifle. His left hand grips the stock just behind the trigger guard, his right hand cradles the barrel. Incongruously I think, why, he's left-handed, and marvel at how I've been caught up in the realism of the scene. A Marine sergeant with a 30-caliber machine gun barrel on his shoulder shouts words (of warning, or assurance, or perhaps an order?) to his mate who carries the tripod for the weapon. A corpsman, unarmed except for perhaps a holstered .45 hidden by his poncho, clutches a Unit One containing battle dressings and steel instruments, morphine and bottles of plasma. His face is serene as he looks around him at the men he knows he will soon be seeing again in different circumstances.

I walk along the black granite wall and look into the faces of hundreds of men and women photo-blasted onto that wall: pilots, forward-hospital personnel, chaplains, doctors, truckers, cooks, ammunition carriers, representatives of all races and branches of service who stood in support of the combat troops.

I gaze into the dark, circular, reflecting Pool of Remembrance, its quiet surface diffusing the energy generated by the approaching men in the skirmish line just beyond. Reflected in the Pool are the words, **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.**

The preservation of freedom is not free. It's made up of:

Trenches and sand-bagged bunkers and exposed foxholes.

The biting cold of blizzards sweeping across the frozen rice paddies, swirling through the trenches and into the bunkers.

The steamy heat of summer and the soaking rains of thunder storms from which there is no place to hide.

A world of men only, where speech is coarse, where unbridled obscenities and profanities scar every conversation, where

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FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

by Birney Dibble

An aging black man stands in a white tent on the long greensward
That stretches from memorials to Lincoln and Washington
His cap says "Korea 1950-53" and on it is a Purple Heart
His eyes run tears and his hand holds a computer printout
With a picture of a Marine and the words, "KIA, April 21st, 1951
I remember then the night when Chinese cymbals clanged
Penny whistles blew and artillery screamed overhead
Mortars thudded close by smallarms chattered incessantly
And my corpsman JJ was dead from four burp-gun slugs
That found his heart and lungs and JJ died in my arms
That old man and I —
I'm not so young now either -
Know something that lots of people don't
Freedom is not free but was bought by men like him and me
Over there in a country we never knew
And for a people we never met:
Hand-dug trenches and sand-bagged bunkers and exposed foxholes
Biting cold blizzards sweeping across frozen rice paddies
A half world of men only where speech is coarse and unbridled
Where obscenities and profanities scar every conversation
Where young men grow beards and mustaches to prove that they're still men
B-rations and C-rations and K-rations
beans and stew and dry tasteless cheese
No weekends off, no holidays to celebrate
just the wounded and the dead
The walking wounded and the crawling wounded
The red red blood on the white white snow
Of dying men and moaning men and the silence of the dead
The rumble of our artillery firefights along the lines
Machine guns chattering mortars rising with a "poof"
Patton tanks growling up the mountain tracks
A world so saturated with fear that it is isn't even noticed
Because if you thought about it you'd go crazy
The long black nights and the loneliness
Stretchers and jeep ambulances and chopping copters
The walking wounded and the crawling wounded and the dead
Who bled or died for a country they never knew
And for a people they never met

(Thank you Birney. No one could say it any better. Birney was battalion surgeon with 3/5 for 7 months and at Easy Co. near Munsan-ni for 9 months.)

Looking for...



I would like to be able to locate other **truckers from the Korean War**. I know there are thousands of Korean War Veterans that drove trucks, because all the trucks I meet on the MSR. They were of all the nations that rendered their services to the War. Including the South Korean army drivers. We were not the fighting men on the ground, in the air or on the sea but we did have a vital roll during the War. It was not a small task, rather it was huge task to transport the infantry of all the nations that was fighting on the front lines, and the huge task of keeping them re-supplied with the necessary supplies they demanded to accomplish the ultimate conclusion, the Armistice. I know there are many stories these truckers can tell, both humorous and terrifying. These stories could tie a lot of the actions, and deeds together with the overall story. Right now the primary story is about the men that were in the bunkers, trenches and fox holes. Rightly so, they did an outstanding job, but let's face it that job could not have come to the conclusion it did without the capability of the Transportation Truck Companies and drivers that fulfilled their task. Please contact: James E. McCoy, Korea 1952-1953 Formerly of the 73rd and 49th Transportation Tk Co. My E-mail address is jemccoy@peoplescom.net

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I am writing concerning my great uncle's capture (POW) during the Korean War. He did survive, I was just wondering if you could find more information on him for me. His name is **Harvey Benjamin Love**. He is from Baltimore, Md. United States Marine Corp. I have no idea what battalion, or regiment, or squad, or anything like that. If you can get any information on him, please e-mail me, Amy Weldon at: weldon@fastol.com, or reiben27@hotmail.com.

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I am trying to find information on a friend of my dad's that was in Korea in 1946-1951. Corporal **Delmar Ray Tisdale**, RA38787717, Company B 505th MP Bn., Discharged August 6, 1952. Contact Brian Beard by E-mail at luvalab@pacbell.net

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Looking for man who saved my life in the war. I have not seen him since, last name is **Ford, 279th Inf. 45th Div**. I would really like to thank him personally or his next of kin. My E-mail address is Bdddasss@aol.com

Looking for **David Luria** and anyone else who served with Bn. Hqtrs 430th Eng. Const. Bn. from Jan 1952 - Aug 1953. I have lost most of the addresses and correspondence through the many years and would like to reconnect, if possible. They can reach me at Email: Noahl0is@aol.com or write me at 10 Fourwood Court, Baltimore, Md 21209-1681

My older brother, **Joseph John Solem**, 82nd AAA HQ Btry., 2 Inf. Div., was taken prisoner at Kunu-ri on or about December 1, 1950. We were told that he died of malnutrition while in a prison camp. My parents got at least one letter from him written after he had been taken prisoner. He wrote that he was ok, but we

suspected that the letter got through because he said the "right things". I would appreciate it if anyone would be willing to share with me any contacts with Joseph. Robert J. Solem, 203 Copland Crescent, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 2Z4 Canada

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My father, William H. Woods, who served in the Army (Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division). He was in Hanau, Germany, from June 1951 until October 1952. He is looking for fellow serviceman whose name is **Joseph C. McElreath**. Would you please help us locate or direct us to someone who can assist us. Tammie Davis, 344 Peach Orchard Road, Clinton, Tennessee 37716, e-mail address: tammie.davis@gte.net

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I am writing for a friend, who is not online and who is looking for 3 of his Army friends. Two of them were in his outfit, the 164th Infantry Regiment, 47th Div. The other was in the 45th Div. **Clarence "Elmo" Marshall**, originally from Church View, Roanoke, Virginia **Mack D. Owens**, originally from Crystal Springs, MS Both these men were in the 47th Div. **Leroy Henry**, originally from Kaplan, LA was in the 45th Div. If these men are still living, my friend would be delighted to hear from them. He is: Kenny Cordon 821 W Walnut, Chanute, KS 66720, Tel: 316-431-1494 Thank you, Betty Jo Chapman Fredonia, KS

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I served with the U.S. Army's **11th Transportation Medium Port** in Pusan in 1948. Would appreciate any information on anyone who also served with this outfit or whether there is an organization of vets from the outfit. Contact Jack L. Wooley 1114 Olmo Way, Boulder City, NV 89005, or e-mail JWooley@aol.com

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Former **PFC James A. Garner**, RA14429996, was assigned to Company A, 31st Inf. Regiment, 7th Inf. Div on or about May 1952. He and his squad had been relieved from line combat and while attending to personal hygiene matters in a nearby river, he rescued two squad members who nearly drowned. One soldier had been pulled away by a swift undercurrent but was rescued quickly by Pfc. Garner. Pvt. Marion A. Jackson was not so fortunate, having lost consciousness. He was rescued by Garner and given artificial respiration, saving his life. None of the other members were able to administer aid to Pvt. Marion. Former Pfc. Garner is attempting to locate Marion A. Jackson and any other soldiers who can attest to the incident by rendering a notarized statement which will be used to request appropriate recognition by the Defense Department. Garner resides at: 1230 Butler Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27107, Tel: 336-788-0321.

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The **90th FA Bn Assn** has been formed and is currently in its 8th year of existence. We are looking for past members of the Battalion, part of the 25th Infantry Division, who served from 1948 in Nara and Kyoto, Japan, to the unit's entry in the Korean War in July, 1950 and through the War to its return to Hawaii in

the middle '50s. The unit's 9th Annual Reunion will be held at Arden Hills, MN, which is just north of St. Paul. Dates are 7-10 October 1999. E-mail Wally Wakefield at Wakef006@maroon.tc.umn.edu, or Andy Lucas Alucas90th@AOL.Com. Wakefield may be reached by calling 612-774-6102. Lucas may be reached by calling 501-442-4612 .



My dad is a Korean war veteran. He is looking for anyone who knows the status of someone he encountered in Korea. "A **Marine Pilot flying a Panther** jet got shot down in July 1953 near Chorwon, Korea. Four of my men and I went out in severe rice paddies into kind of a no man's land and carried him back. He was wearing a red helmet and we figured he was probably a commander. He was in terrible shock and we always wondered if he lived through such an ordeal." Steven Hardy at e-mail hardy@wirefire.com



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** whom he served under in 25th Inf. Div., 14 Inf. Reg., I Co., during the war to help him verify his claim. We don't know his first name. Contact Richard at E-mail address rwr@webscrapbook.com



I am writing this for a friend who does not have E-mail. Her name is Irene Flukey and she is looking for **Janice Kimball** and **Barbara Moore**. Both of whom she served with during the Korean War in Fort Myer, Virginia around 1951-1953. Contact: Irene Flukey, 999 Slater Road, Bellingham, WA 98226



My uncle, an Air Force pilot, is listed as died while missing in action in Korea on 2/28/54. His name is **Louis Paul Gorrell**. I am interested in posting information on my uncle in as many places as I can in hopes of finding anyone who might remember him. Douglas Grant at e-mail address Douglas Grant@fema.gov



U.S. Navy personnel, that served from July 1950 until April 1952, at the **Underway Training Unit (UTU)** Point Loma, San Diego, CA. While serving there as a Personnel Man 2nd Class, Contact Francis (Gus) Gustafson, 9241 E. Cedar Waxwing Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ. 85248 or Call 602-895-9294.

Anyone who served with the **2nd Battalion, 8th Marines** in 1956 and was on the Mediterranean cruise from 20 March thru 19 October 1956. Looking for anyone on that cruise who would be interested in selling the cruise book printed for that period. On the front cover of the book is printed as shown below.

NELM - 2/8 - 1956

Will pay at least \$100.00 for a copy, but willing to discuss other arrangements. Contact - Don Sanders, 695 E. Valencia St., Lindsay, CA 93247, Tel: 209-562-5578.



It seems that my DD-214 form only lists the "National Defense Service Medal" and I need additional proof of eligibility information for my local VFW that I want to join. In the fall

of 1953, I was assigned as a crew member on one of my squadron's (**Air Transport Squadron One**) VR- I "super constellation" planes. We left our home base at the Patuxent River NAS & flew west to California, then Hawaii, Midway Island, the Philippines and from there to Seoul Airfield. Our mission was to log and do inventory of supplies and equipment to be loaded and bought back to the U.S. Our plane stayed at this airport for a total of 39 days. Our crew stayed at a small hotel in Seoul during this time. I'm a WM, 6-2", wt. 185 lbs, light brown hair and was an Airman, Storekeeper with this total crew of 12 men. I need someone who remembers this plane and seeing me in Seoul or at this airport. If so, please e-mail me as soon as possible. E-mail address sobmil@bellatlantic.net or C. Stan Millner, 204 Greenway Drive, Dagsboro, DE. 19939 Tel: 302-537-7402



Looking for anyone who may have known **Cpl. Wilbert I. Dingman**, ER 16180638. A member of C Co., 38th Infantry Regt., 2nd Inf. Div. on 18 May 1951, when captured near Mug-gol, South Korea. Held prisoner and died in North Korean prisoner camp "The Mining Camp". Anyone serving or in the camp with him, his family would like details. Contact: Richard L. Matson 11665 South East Torch Lake Drive, Alden, MI 49612-9544.



Looking for **John W. Hill** from the Page, Tenn. area and **Leslie T. Jones** from the Covington, VA area. They were with the 1st FAOB in Korea from 1951-1952. Contact: Calvin Hibbs, 11 Ridge Ave, Mozart Wheeling, WV 26003 or e-mail me anytime at Glory413@aol.com.



Looking to locate vets who may have known my father **Robert J. Atwell**. He had a nickname of "Sonny." He was in the motor pool in Korea. In the army from 1950 to 1953. He enlisted in Michigan. 5-26-50. He died on 10-16-93. Tel: 615 907 0517 or e-mail address kitlin@bellsouth.net



I'm trying to help my Dad find any old friends that he served in Korea with. He got to Korea in June of 1951. On September 23, 1951 he was wounded on Heartbreak Ridge. He was hospitalized in 128 Camp Zuma, Japan from September through December of 1951. His name is **Milton H. "Mickey" Medeiros**. 2nd Inf., Div., 23 Regt, B Co. Contact at e-mail address Seadeu@aol.com



Looking for anyone from the **50th Helicopter Detachment 1951-53** also other Chopper Detachments attached to different units in Korea. Sgt. Roger Lancaster US53107089 e-mail address Roge01@aol.com



Members of **L Co., 1st Cav. Div.** July 1950 to Feb. 51, Contact Leroy C. Getz, 1726 McClintock, Bellesville, IL 62221-6458, Tel:618-233-2313



Looking for members who served with me Sept. 52 to Sept. 53 in Korea with **120th Eng. Combat Bn.**, 45th Inf. Div.

Contact Ken Chmielewski, 49 Zabriskie Ave. Bayonne, NJ 07002-2364

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Seeking whereabouts of **John Andrew McIntosh, Jr.**, Korean War veteran, last known address in 1951 Hudson, Massachusetts, last known employment at Container Corp., Medford, 1953. Born 1929. Mother Lillian McIntosh. Last Army assignment with Hdqtrs. 223rd Inf Rgt., 40th Division, Korea. Contact Rosemary Rimkus at e-mail address rvrinkus@gis.net

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My father **Harry David Worst** entered into the U.S.M.C. Feb. 2, 1950 in Denver, Colorado until his discharge on Feb. 1st 1954. His Service in Korea was 14 July 1950 - 25 May 1951. He was WIA: 6 Aug. 1950. I know my father was in the first Division USMC. Anyone who has information on my father please contact David Worst at e-mail address worst@cpcuiiia.org or call at 610-692-6626 or write to 1188 MacPherson Drive, West Chester, PA 19380

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Looking for **Ewing Earl Shipman, Jr.** who served aboard *USS Philliphine Sea* during the Korean War. Contact Leland S. Combs, 1303 La Cresta Drive, Freeport, IL 61032-6135, Tel: 815-233-0525

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Looking for **Cossick, Gogan, Wiggins** and any other men I served with in **Hq. & Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 8th Cav.** In Omiya, Japan. Contact : John E. Meyers, 402 Rosebriar Dr. Glenshaw, PA 15116

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Looking for **Charles "Dusty" Rhodes**, and **Joe Lipari**, 2nd Inf. Div. 9th Regt., Hq Co. Contact: Ira Goldfine, 35 Alpine Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801-4431, Tel: 516-935-8736

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Looking for members of **E Battery, 2nd Bn., 11th Regt., 1st Marine Div.**, April 52 to May 53. Contact Sam Fielder, 1121 Rigdon Rd., Jarrettsville, MD 21084. Tel: 410-836-6923

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I would like to hear from anyone stationed at **44th MASH, Korea** from July 53 to August 54. Contact Jules Kurtz, 16 Cherokee Ave., Rockaway, NJ 07866

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Looking for membership list of **1st Station Hospital at Kwangja, Korea** from November 1946 to September 1948. Contact Roger W. Nielsen, 8146 N. 30th St., Richmond, MI 49083-9743

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Looking for members of **8206 Air (ATC) and 155th Transport Co., Outpost #4 Koje-Do and Sokchori, Korea** for possible reunion. Contact Charles "Andy" Anderson, 3729 VanBuren St. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55421-3952

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Looking for members or the address of **17th Inf. Regt., Assn.** I was XO and CO of the Buffaloes in 1952 -53 and still have my nickel. Contact Prof. T.C. Mataxis, American Military Univ. PO

Box 1643, Southern Pines, NC 28387

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Would like to contact **Lt. George H. Dozier** Co. K, 14th Inf. Regt., 25th Div. Late 1952-53. Contact Eugene L. Rose, 12 Alwyn Rd., Newark, DE 19713-4011, Tel: 302-368-7818

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In Korea Feb. 9, 1951 near **Hoengsong at Slater Pass** a small Korean boy saved two lives, mine and another GI. I would like to know and have contact with the other soldier. Contact Roland Juchems, RR 4 Pekin, IL 61554-9804, Tel: 309-346-7935

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Looking for a fellow with last name of **Hutchinson**, from Kentucky who always talked about running moonshine. We were in Machine Gun Squad of 2nd platoon of I Co. 23rd Inf Regt., 2nd Inf. Div. Hutchinson was badly wounded on Heartbreak Ridge in October 1951. I was from PA at the time and now live in Colorado. Please contact James L. Berringer 703 D Street, Salida, Colorado 81201. I was the GI that helped put you on a litter so you could be taken to an Aid Station.

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Looking for **Richard E. Peters**, originally from Bakersfield, CA served in Co. A, 325 Air, 82nd ABN 1951-52 and 2nd Inf Div Co. K, 9th Inf Regt 1952-53. Wounded in 1953 in 1953 from Naphon accident. Contact Ron McCracken 8524 Rolling Rock Ln., Dallas, Texas 75238 or call collect 214-343-2738

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Looking for **Harry A. Mapes**, 145th AAA AW, Bn. 45th Div. originally from Dearborn Heights, MI. We took basic training at Ft. Meade, Md before going to Korea. Please contact Frank E. Lambert, 288 Lake Breeze Dr., Brighton, MI 48114-8703

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Looking for the following men from **955 FA Bn. A Battery** in Korea: Zeilenhoffer, Mammone, Cranford, Chrisakis, Gilligan, Harrington, Wilson, Larynitis, Swiggers, and Capt Glasser. Contact Thomas F. Cacciola, 25 Skyline Drive, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632-1815. I have many photos to share.

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I am looking for **Lewis E. Martin**, from 5th RCT Tank Co., in Korea from October 1952 to the end of the war. Contact Robert H. Richardson, 605 W Barnes Lake Rd., Columbiaville, MI 48421, Tel: 810-793-4896

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Looking for **William Svetlow**, Recon. Co. 1st Marine Div. Contact Paul G. Martin, 434 Marine Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11209, Tel: 718-748-0595

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Looking for 1st Marine Div., 11th Brigade, 3rd Bn., G Co., Korea, men named **Abie Abramowitz** from NY, and **Phil Smith** from Indiana. Contact Dennis L. "Zeech" Paiva, 2 Sherman St., Providence, RI 02904.

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Searching for men from Korea who served in **120th Medical Bn., 179th Inf., 45th Div.**, in 1953. Lt. John H. Landrum, Sfc. William A. Watson, Lt. Robert Shorr and Sgt. David P. Wright.

After the war was over we put on a Talent Show. I sang "Your Cheatin Heart" and Crying in the Chapel." Contact Samuel F. Gann 2201 E. 65th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46220-2138, TeL: 317-253-1171

Would like to hear from some old buddies from **B Battery, 37th FA Bn., 2nd Inf. Div.**, Korea 6-52 to 7-53. Contact Andrew C. Jedrzynski, 8600 Sleepy Hollow Ln., Elk Grove, CA 95624-9335



Looking for anyone who was in **Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 17th Regt., 7th Inf. Div.**, Feb.-Nov. 1953. Contact Orville L. Dean, Rt 5, Box 170, Hiawatha, KS 66434, Tel: 785-742-2904



Hq Co, 1st Bn. 17th Regt. Fieldwire Team Korea, June-July 53

Dear readers and veterans: Being a Korean War VeteJran and a family member who lost a twin brother in Korea, 2nd Inf. Div. MIA 12-1-50, then POW, then BNR, I know how important it is

for those in this column to receive any bit of information about a lost loved one, just a friend, or a buddy that shared your experiences. Our time is running out to get that special letter, so please if you can reply to any request no matter how important your information is. 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. I have over 25 written letters for looking for and can only take the time to type a few each issue. If you do not see your looking for, then you know it was a written one and in some cases I cannot read them. Those that have no availability to Internet, please contact me and I will relay your information forward. My addresses are on page 2. Also when you call or write please give me some detail of the article you are responding to and the page number. I spend many hours on this section alone, please help, we want your input. Thank you.— Editor

Dear Members,

I do my best to show your photos and stories in a timely fashion. Those of you that are still waiting please do not give up. I cannot show all your photos and print all the text sent. Please keep your photos down to one or two and your stories should be condensed as much as possible and still get the message to our membership. Stories and photos from newsletters should be avoided unless you get permission from same. I also get very poor copies and unreadable hand written stories the may never get in the Graybeards. I want to print all your stories and photos but your help is needed to do so. Those that want photos returned should send a stamped self addressed envelope. Also give page numbers when printed. Please identify your photos on the back. Thanks, —Editor.

Korean Vignetts ad

Rodriguez Escape Attempt

Life for 19 year old Lupe G. Rodriguez in Sasebo, Japan was good-really good-until June 25, 1950 when the North Korean Army suddenly invaded South Korea. Rodriguez was in the Army on occupation duty with the 24th Infantry Division on the southern most island of Japan.

Rodriguez was assigned to Medical Company, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. As soon as the war began, the young medic found himself on the front lines in South Korea, fighting the Communists from the north. And, suddenly, he was captured, missing in action, and a prisoner of war. It was 3:30 p.m. on July 21, 1950.

On October 9, 1950, the group of prisoners Rodriguez was with staggered into the town of Kosan, North Korea, more dead than alive. Since capture many had been shot or died from sickness or battlefield wounds. There were about 750 prisoners of war and many civilian internees. The weather was turning very cold and the prisoners were still wearing summer fatigues in which they were captured. Many had no shoes. They slept in open fields without any cover. Time was running out for this desperate group.

Shortly after arrival in Kosan, Rodriguez made friends with J. C. Fain, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. Fain was from Arkansas. Another who became his friend was James R. Dowling, Medical Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. Dowling was from Georgia. These new friends immediately began plotting an escape. Their plan was kept secret. They had no maps or compass and no food supply squirreled away. All they knew was they wanted to escape.

On October 13, 1950 they crawled from the outhouse to a corn field, immediately collected some corn to take with them, and headed for the nearby mountains. Looking back at the camp, everything was quiet. So far, so good. At this point the trio talked about going back but decided that would be too risky. About midnight they went to sleep, scared,

A firing squad was formed to finish off the remaining escapee –Rodriguez. Commands were yelled out and bullets were slammed into the chambers, but good luck came to rescue the brave American once again.

thirsty, cold, and hungry.

The next day was crisp and beautiful. Frost was on the ground and the three escapees awoke to more hunger, thirst, and cold. But, they soon found some wild figs and turnips and enjoyed breakfast. Heading south, they found a small stream and quenched their thirst. Following the stream west, they skirted a small village, and came upon a canoe and started paddling downstream. Suddenly, the canoe tipped over and into the bitterly cold water they went. The three struggled to the bank and immediately ran into a Korean man who ran away, yelling his head off. On and on they walked and no one seemed to be after them. Things looked good. But, soon, all the food they had been carrying was gone and another terrible night was spent under the stars.

October 15th turned into another beautiful day but hunger, thirst and cold was still with them. They walked all day without food or water. In late afternoon, they came upon a mud shack and walked in. There was a Korean man, a woman and a little boy and girl. The little boy ran off yelling and the escapees finished the meal the Koreans had started. Suddenly, the voices of many men could be heard. The prisoners assumed they were North Korean Soldiers and they were right. Quickly, they hid in a small haystack and the soldiers went right by them. "Good luck once again", Rodriguez thought. But their luck rapidly changed and the soldiers returned.

One of the North Korean soldiers saw or heard something and they all started firing their weapons into the haystack. Diving to the rear of the haystack, Rodriguez could hear Dowling and Fain scream in pain as the bullets tore into them. Playing dead, Rodriguez was dragged from the haystack and his feet were placed in a fire. Deciding this was no way to go, he jumped out of the fire

scaring the North Korean soldiers. Rodriguez prayed that his death would be quick and painless. The North Koreans tied his hands behind him and led him to where Fain and Dowling lay lifeless on the ground. Fain and Dowling were shot again at close range. A firing squad was formed to finish off the remaining escapee –Rodriguez. Commands were yelled out and bullets were slammed into the chambers, but good luck came to rescue the brave American once again. This time, it was a North Korean officer who stopped the firing squad. The date was 15, July 1950. Fain and Dowling were dead -killed in action. Rodriguez could still remember their last supper together the night before.

The North Koreans untied Rodriguez's hands, applied handcuffs, and led him away to a small headquarters, kicking and hitting him all the way. At the headquarters, he was forced to kneel by a desk and many Koreans paraded by, kicking and spitting on him. Dried blood was still on his head where a bullet had grazed his skull. Another lucky moment.

Then a very large dog was brought in, but the dog just looked at the helpless American but did not attack. Rodriguez thought the dog must be a special dog because he was so big. Other dogs in North Korea don't live long enough to get that big. They become the stew of the day.

On October 16, 1950, Rodriguez was returned to the group of American prisoners of War in Kosan. He was ordered to kneel down and hold a rock above his head. If he rested the rock on his head, he was kicked and beaten. Another rock was placed over the backs of his lower legs. The North Koreans then poured kerosene all over Rodriguez but never lit the match. Another lucky break. This took place in the presence of the other prison-

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Vidio Review

Korean War Veterans Memorial

— The Video —

A Photo Video Tour in Commemoration of the Korean War 50th Anniversary

by Richard Alden Huebner

Over three years in the making, this unique, keepsake KWVM video was first authorized by architect, William P. Lecky, AIA, who also recorded the Introduction. Subsequently, details about the Memorial were provided by the American Battle Monuments Commission. Videotapes and photos were then obtained on the Memorial premises under permits issued by the National Park Service. Each of ten main parts simulates a "tour" of a different area of the Memorial. Each part is supported by stereo, high-fidelity music and followed by actual accounts of Korean War veterans

The KWVM video was produced for the millions throughout the world who will never be able to visit this extraordinary Memorial and thus fall under the spell of its 2,400 faces etched on a polished, black granite wall designed by Louis Nelson which reflects an advancing squad of nineteen gaunt, larger-than-life foot soldiers sculpted by Frank C. Gaylord, II out of unpolished stainless steel, their ponchos flared as if frozen in the sub-zero Korean winter wind and their eyes peering out from under steel helmets

The KWVM video was designed for libraries, historical, educational and government groups and veterans for private viewing. Two tapes will be donated to the new Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library

The Music

Specially authorized for this KWVM video by the U. S. Armed Forces, The American Federation of Musicians, numerous publishers, arrangers and composers, the music was chosen to complement the feelings of reverence and deep emotions visitors of all ages experience while at the Memorial. The music is performed by the U. S. Marine Band, 1st Marine Division Band, U. S. Army Chorus, U. S. Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants, ACC Heritage of America Band and Soloists, and the U. S. Navy Band and Sea Chanters

The Art

The Navy Art Gallery's original art works seen in this KWVM video are by official Korean War combat artists who captured actual scenes while on full-time military duty with orders to record events, equipment and personnel in actions on land, in the air and on the sea.

The Producer

Rich Huebner served during 1951 to 1954 with the 328th Com Recon Company, an Army Security Agency unit stationed in Germany. He is a Korean War Veterans Association Life Member and a retired teacher who taught music, performance arts, publication arts and video production. He has produced several full-length cultural and artistic videos

Korean War Veterans' images and personal accounts

The personal accounts of Veterans from:

Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, South Korea, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin

Engagements and areas in which they served.

The "Iron Triangle," "Heartbreak Ridge," "Chinese Army Spring Offensive- 1951," "Hill 328," "Pusan Perimeter," "Kansas Line," "Kuni-ri Pass," "Alligator Jaws," "Hand Grenade Hill," North Korea, North of the Yalu River as POWs, and POW Camp Experiences

Major U. S. units to which they were attached:

187th Regimental Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Div-, 2nd Infantry Div-, 3rd Infantry Div-, 7th Army, 7th Infantry Div-, 24th Infantry Div-, 40th Infantry Div-, 5th Air Force

Korean War Art Scenes

From a Navy Art Gallery exhibit by official Korean War Combat Artists Hugh Cabot III, USN and Herbert C. Hahn, USN.

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Messages left on the answering machine will not be responded too for at least two months because of his heavily involvement in production and packaging. Mr. Huebner requests you call again when he can talk with you directly. See paid color ad in this issue.—Editor:

BROTHER from page 16

showed her the bullets, boots, buttons, radio tubes and ration cans that were retrieved four years ago - along with the bones of 259 Korean soldiers from the surrounding hills.

"The organization will never recover completely from this blow, for our losses included officers and men who were not only key personnel, but were our finest men... The morale of the troops has been lowered by this blow, but their will to fight has been raised. The weather is cool and rainy." — official war diary, Capt. F. J. Cobb, Aug. 22, 1950

See Memorial on page 14, Jan-Feb 1999 issue. To be continued with photos and Janet's revisit trip to where brother was KIA.

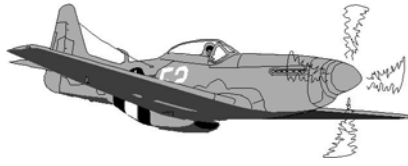
RODRIGUEZ from page 42

ers to make an impression on them. A North Korean officer ordered him to tell the others that to escape was certain death and the next time no one would be spared.

On 1 November a madman the Americans came to call the Tiger, shot Lieutenant Cordus Thornton, L Company, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, in the head and that was the beginning of the Death March which ended on 9 November, 1950. Rodriguez survived that ordeal. The winter was spent at a death camp called Hanjang-ni where 202 men died. Rodriguez survived that as well and then went on to survive the rest of the nearly 38 months of captivity.

Lupe Rodriguez is proud to be called a *Tiger Survivor*. He earned that title. His nightmare often takes him to Kosan where he can see the faces of Fain and Dowling as they lay by that haystack of death.

Tender is the Tail



First Air Raid Alert

Taegu, South Korea, – July 1950

In the heat of battle, or under the threat of immediate impending battle, a person will sometimes make un-rational ... even stupid decisions which at the moment seemed logical.

I did just exactly that one evening in late July 1950 ... on 23 July, to be exact, I made a truly stupid decision in an effort to save one of our few remaining F-51 Mustangs from attack.

The Dallas Provisional Squadron had been at Taegu for less than a week when we received our first Air Raid scramble by telephone from 5th Air Force's Taegu headquarters... on the night following the heavy Typhoon Gloria rains ... the 23rd of July, 1950. It came at about dusk, around nine-thirty PM.

I was still arranging my Intelligence tent, when our C.O., Captain Harry Moreland, received word that unidentified aircraft were headed our way from the northwest. With a yell, the few pilots remaining on the flightline dropped everything and each headed for one of our dispersed Mustangs. I grabbed my cloth flying helmet and oxygen mask and ran to one parked about 200 feet from my Intelligence tent, jumped up on the wing and into the cockpit ... only to realize that there was no parachute or life-raft in the seat. The crew chief had been working in the cockpit, and when he'd finished, had neglected to return the chute and raft.

The aluminum metal seat of the F-51 Mustang was designed to carry a parachute at all times... either a seat pack or a back-pack 'chute. We carried backpacks so that we could use the space below... the "pan", a square space about 18 inches on a side by 4" deep, a perfect fit for the one-man life-rafts and survival gear, and which also served as our seat cushions. The seats were adjustable only in a vertical dimension...up and down, not front-to-back. If fore and aft adjustment was needed to bring the pilot closer to the controls and instrument panel, it was necessary to slip a tall, flat cushion between the back-pack parachute and the seat back.

Having neither the life-raft pack nor a parachute in the seat pan, with my spine against the seat back, my legs were about five inches short of reaching the rudder pedals, even when I lowered the seat to its lowest position. But, after I'd adjusted the rudder pedals to the "full out" position, I could finally get enough leverage with my legs to activate the toe brakes and rudders by sliding my buttocks forward onto the rolled metal front edge of the seat.

That was when I made my stupid decision ...

I knew that I had to get the engine fired up and get the airplane into the air before the base was attacked. There was no time to run back for a chute pack, so instead, I

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hit the magneto and starter switches and began to taxi just as soon as the engine fired and I could move the mixture control to "rich", putting my helmet and mask on, then hooking the hose and plugs as I rolled toward the runway.

My take-off roll was erratic, as I tried to counteract the torque of the big Merlin engine with my short leg on the right rudder. As I started to veer left I reached down quickly with my left hand and cranked in full right rudder trim, to take some of the pressure off of my right leg. It worked; I got into the air without running off to the side of our dirt "runway".

Once in the air, with my landing gear up, I could maneuver by use of the rudder trim wheel on the left console, while I squirmed on the narrow rolled metal seat ridge trying to find a more comfortable position.

Fortunately for us, the "air raid" was a false alarm and, after about fifteen minutes in the air we were informed that we could return to base.

I was greatly relieved at the news, but by then I still had a few problems of my own to contend with: namely, making a night landing on our dusty, unlighted airfield, trying to control the squirly F-51 while sitting on the rolled metal edge of the seat pan ... with little leverage to operate the rudder pedals as needed.

While waiting until all of the other airplanes had landed. I felt around in the cockpit for anything that would make my seating a little less difficult. I reached into the map case next to my right thigh, and pulled out the "Form 1", the pad of Flight Log forms used to record flight time and write up aircraft discrepancies. I folded the thin pad in half and slid it over the seat edge; it didn't help much. I then felt the map case itself, a plywood box-like affair about 12 by 12 inches by 3 inches deep.

With a couple of sharp tugs I was able to break the front panel loose, and slid the piece of three-sixteenth inch plywood

Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman,

Lt Col, USAF, Ret

under my thigh for a "seat". As long as I could squirm from one cheek to the other, slipping the board from side to side at the same time, the pain from the sharp seat edge was temporarily relieved.

By the time I felt ready to attempt a landing, everyone on the base at Taegu was aware of my predicament and were relaying suggestions by radio:

"Fold your 'Mae West' life jacket and put it over the edge of the seat"... A great idea... except that I didn't have a Mae West with me, nor a pistol belt, or anything else except that little piece of plywood. I even tried placing my rubber oxygen mask over the edge ... but it wouldn't stay in place.

Finally, by making a very wide traffic pattern and by judicious use of the trim tabs, with the plywood piece under my left thigh so I could push the left rudder, I finally managed ... very carefully, to get the ship back onto the runway and parked.

As I climbed stiffly and very slowly out of the cockpit, with a smile and a great sigh of relief ... I realized for the first time that without a parachute I'd have been in a helluva predicament if it had really been an air raid, and I had gotten hit !

Many months later, in May of 1951, when I was nearing my 100 combat mission quota that would finally allow my return to the U. S., a new Headquarters clerk tried to tell me that I could not take "Combat Mission" credit for that night flight since I had not fired my guns and because, as it had turned out, there had been no enemy air attack.

I very patiently told him the facts of life: that no matter how stupid the decisions of the pilots might seem, there was a definite sequence of events required for Corporals to ever become Sergeants ... and such traditional crap as that...

He finally agreed that my pain in the butt was not only worth the mission credit, but suggested that I should have received the Purple Heart medal for my painful bruises, as well.

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

Next Issue: Blind Flight

I'll See Ya Later

From the KWVA, Central Long Island Chapter,
President's Message, April 1999

He came to the command post four days a week for the last ten years, to do his work as treasure of our chapter. He was one of the four people that started this chapter in 1989. We had coffee together four mornings a week, went to lunch every Tuesday at Cavanaugh's for the last ten years. We went to see the Belmont races (the third race of the triple crown) for the last 11 years, we went to Atlantic City every two months. He was like a part of me.

On Feb. 20th 1999 Joe Donlon, Gunner's Mate U.S.S. New Jersey, Korean Waters Passed On. He had gone to all national meetings and reunions since he joined up in 1989. He was known all

around the country.

He would never say goodbye when he left for the day, it was always, "I'll see ya later."

As the treasure he always kept his books and the checking account accurate, a nickel never fell through the cracks, when anyone bought something and wanted to get reimbursed, his words were "where's the receipt."

He was respectful to all and was respected by everyone. Forty Korean War Veterans stood at attention while taps were played over him at his funeral services. He will always be remembered. So Long Joe, I'll see ya later.

Fraternally Yours

Bob Morga

FREEDOM from page 37

young men deprived of sex grow beards and mustaches to prove their manliness.

No weekends, no holidays. The wounded and the dead. The almost constant rumble of our artillery behind us. Fire-fights along the front lines. Chattering machine guns. A world so saturated with fear that it goes almost unnoticed, because if you do think about it you go crazy. Patton tanks with their 850 horsepower V-12 Continental engines growling up the mountain tracks.

B-rations out of 410 cans when the lines are quiet —hot when it's dumped into steel mess pans and cold by the time it's eaten. C-rations when the lines are active, little

cans of beans or stew or spaghetti heated on a can of sterno. K-rations on the move or on patrol, canned ham and eggs, beef or pork loaf, desiccated graham crackers, tasteless cheese.

The long black nights. The loneliness. stretchers and jeep ambulances and chopping helicopters. The walking wounded. The crawling wounded. And the dead.

This is one monument that does not speak of the glories of war, but of the single-minded dedication of a troop of warriors committed to the defense of a country they never knew and a people they never met.

Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _____

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Note: TAPS notices will be published in each issue of Graybeards

At midmorning John got out of the taxi near the intersection of 17th Street and Independence Avenue. The sun beat down from a blue and cloudless sky. "Gonna be another scorcher," the driver said, a heavy black woman whose T-shirt was already wet under the arms. "Hottest summer I ever seen." He struck out across a long grassy expanse of the Mall toward the tent city, beyond which was the memorial and the site of the dedication ceremony.

He hadn't planned to come. He was unhappy that the U.N. flag had not been included in the memorial. And he didn't want to risk the revival of disturbing memories. But then he was notified of a deposition to be taken in Baltimore two days beforehand in a case in which he was involved. So with some misgivings he had changed his mind at the last minute and decided to stop over and attend. It was the 27th of July, 1995, the forty-second anniversary of the signing of the armistice at Panmunjom.

He saw unending lines of people streaming toward the tent city from Independence Avenue and across the Mall from Constitution Avenue. He could easily spot the veterans. They had to be at least sixty, and most were older-looking. Some were accompanied by family members—women who appeared to be their wives, along with sons and daughters, now grown and approaching middle age, and grandchildren. Some of the men, wearing the special pins issued for the day, were being pushed in wheelchairs. Here and there was a blind man with white cane or guide dog.

In the suit and tie he had worn from Baltimore, he was not dressed for the steadily mounting heat and humidity, and not in sync with the style of the crowd. Minimal clothing was the order of the day; shorts, T-shirts, and sundresses abounded among all ages. Comfort obviously overrode concerns about appearance.

As he came in among the tents, band music filled the air. John Philip Sousa's stirring pieces alternated with the sad and haunting music of Korea, music he had not heard for over forty years. In his mind's eye he saw rice paddies, thatch-roofed houses clustered in small villages against high hills, women in flowing white dresses, old men in billowy trousers with black birdcage

hats; he smelled the night soil of the countryside.

Past him moved a gaggle of Korean children, herded along by a Korean woman, like a mother hen with a brood of chicks. This new generation of Koreans, whether here in the United States or in Korea, would know nothing of the country that lived in his memory. That country was gone, and in its place was a land of high-tech industry, high-rise buildings, multi-lane highways, jet airports, and global trade.

To be continued...

(This novel will be in print mid-February. Details of purchase will be in a later issue along with more extracts.)



The Brush of Angel Wings

By Vernon R. Hudder

My thoughts during a hazardous time of my life. For a six month period, I flew as navigator on a B-29 crew, flying combat missions over North Korea. My protector was The Lord! When the sky was permeated with flak, so thick, I wondered how it was possible to fly through it unscathed; and knowing I had no control over it, I placed my trust in The Lord. When many searchlights roving the dark sky were intent on seeking out our aircraft, to illuminate us and make us an easy prey for the MIG fighters; I knew there was nothing I could do to stop them so I placed my trust in The Lord. My experience in the Korean War, revealed my weakness as a mortal man and thus increased my dependency on God.

Through all the trials of those combat missions, I developed an intimacy with The Lord that I never experienced before. That friendship has endured and grown to this day. The fellow crew-members of "Hearts Desire II", will always be remembered. There is a bond that unites a crew flying combat missions together, especially when danger is ever present. The pride of flying with the famed 98th Bomb Wing will never diminish. This wing flew the pink B-24 "Liberators" in the North African campaign during World War II. And the 98th also flew the historical Ploesti Oil Field mission of the "big war." In Korea, the 98th was instrumental in achieving the destruction of all strategic targets in North Korea. But, I write this personal account to honor The Lord for His protective grace extended to me during this dangerous period. *Thank You Lord!*

The Brush of Angel Wings describes the major events of the Korean War and especially the role played by the B-29 Superfortresses. Little has been said of the B-29 missions during the war, even though they flew every day or night of the war, weather permitting. The havoc wreaked on the enemy offset the enormous advantage in manpower by the communists and may have been one of the reasons we defeated the enemy in Korea. Price is \$11.50 (this includes the shipping and handling). Contact: Vernon R. (Bob) Hudder, 517 Ouachita Ave., Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 424-5108

Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library – Tuscola, Illinois

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BKVA International Reunion

London, England 17-24 July 1999

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 Arm 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

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 \$1,875 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.

The BKVA London Reunion is very popular – return your registration ASAP

Advanced Registration Form

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

I am interested in either ☐ Paris or ☐ Ireland Post Tour Extensions. I am further interested in:
(see details of Optional Excursions in Nov/Dec Graybeards)

- ☐ Half Day London Sightseeing (20 July or 22 July)
(The day you do not go to Windsor Castle)
- ☐ Half Day To Greenwich (23 July)
- ☐ Full Day To Stonehenge & Salisbury Cathedral (23 July)
- ☐ Full Day To The City Of Bath (23 July)
- ☐ Full Day To Cambridge & Duxford (23 July)
- ☐ National Army & Imperial War Museum (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 # _____

Expiration date: _____

Issued to the name of: _____
for the tour deposit indicated above.

Signature _____

Date _____

MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS, INC.
4600 Duke Street, Suite 420 Alexandria, VA 22304
Attn: Warren Wiedhahn, BKVA Reunion Coordinator
703-739-8900 * Fax 703-684-0193 * 800-722-9501

Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library — Progress Report

UPDATE - March 17, 1999
Tuscola, Illinois



The trustees of the museum acquired legal possession of the first of two 11-acre tracts of ground on the east edge of Tuscola, Illinois on January 27. Some 100 Korean War veterans from six states gathered at the new site sign on February 6 for a publicity photograph. The session was followed by a noon meal in the Douglas County Museum, with the sandwich portion of the meal provided free of charge by mall developers Jim & Margaret Stilwell of Amishland Country Village Mall. The Stilwells donated all the food to congratulate the museum board on its land acquisition. Now we are raising funds for the second 11-acre tract. Until construction begins several months from now, the prime farm ground we now own is being cash-rented for the 1999 growing season.

A national fund-raiser for the museum is scheduled for April 16-18 in Chicago, Illinois. Honored guests will be Korean War veterans, as well as three representatives from the Korean Marine Corps Association in Seoul. Museum trustees are pleased to welcome Colonel Jung Mo Park, Colonel Woo Sang Koh and Colonel Kwan Jin Kim to the United States. All three men became acquainted with the museum project when museum trustees Bob Kenney, Jae Won Lee, Clyde Fruth, Yang Ho Song, and Lynnita Sommer visited them in Seoul last fall. The Korean Marine Corps Association officially endorsed the national museum project in Illinois with the following letter which recently arrived at our headquarters in Tuscola:

"Dear Mr. Kenney:

The Korean Marine Corps Association is pleased to announce that its membership has decided to fully endorse and support the establishment of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library in Tuscola, Illinois USA. We will do everything we can in Korea and in the United States to help your board of trustees accomplish the

goal of building a museum to honor Korean War veterans. In the Pusan Perimeter, during the Inchon landing, and throughout the entire duration of the Korean War, Korean Marines and American Marines fought and died side by side to win the victory of freedom. We will not only encourage the members of the Korean Marine Corps Association to support your efforts to establish the national Korean War museum, we will also encourage the people of both Korea and the United States to step forward to honor Korean War veterans by making donations to the museum project. Someday soon, we hope that representatives of the Korean Marine Corps Association will have the opportunity to visit Illinois and the site of the museum. Until then, if we can help you in any way, please be sure to contact us." -

Jung Mo Park, President
Policy Planning Committee, Korean Marine Corps Association.

Colonel Park (pictured) is one of Korea's most highly decorated Korean War veterans. He has received the Gold Star Chung-Mu, Silver Star Chung-Mu, Silver Star Woolge, and Gold Star Hwarang. During the retaking of Seoul in September of 1950, Park, along with Che-Guck Pan and Yang Beyong-Soo, was part of an American/Korean Marine fighting force that attacked the capital building on September 27, 1950. The building was reclaimed from communist aggressors that day.



Jung Mo Park, President, Policy Planning Committee, Korean Marine Corps Association.

The Iowa Department of AmVets officially endorsed the museum project in February, joining endorsing groups - the

Chosin Few, 84th & 62nd Engineer Battalions, the national KWVA, 44th Engineer Broken Heart Battalion Association, Department of Missouri KWVA, 8221st Army Unit Association, Baker Co. (15th Reg, 3rd Div.), New England Chapter Chosin Few, and Department of Illinois KWVA. Monetary contributions to the Korean War Museum often accompany an endorsement (and we need them), but endorsing groups are under no obligation to make a cash contribution along with an endorsement.

The museum's website <<http://www.theforgottenvictory.org>> continues to receive many visitors (over 12,500 at this writing) and new pages are still being added. We now have more than 58 pages of information about the Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library and the Korean War on our website. Our membership as of this date is 795, and growing! The museum is now accepting books into the library collection, with a significant collection now on its way to the museum from Larry Maxton of Belleville, IL.

The 26-page March newsletter is at the printer and should be ready for distribution around April 1. The museum is sponsoring a trip to Korea in the year 2000. Details about the trip (which is open to all) will be forthcoming in a future ad in Graybeards. For more information about the museum, see our website or call 217-253-2535 and ask for Lynnita Sommer.

Membership in the National Museum & Library.

Annual membership fees are: \$25 individual veteran or spouse; \$30 veteran family; \$35 general public; \$40 general public family; \$50 corporate or civic; \$100 sponsor. Life membership fee (one person only, paid only once) is \$1,000.

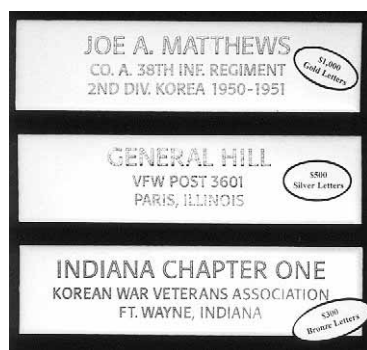
Other paid-one-time-only membership categories are: \$5,000 benefactor; \$2,500 patron; \$10,000 founder. Send checks to: Merle Sims, Treasurer, 2441 Longwood Drive, Decatur, IL 62526.

Check out our Web Page:
www.theforgottenvictory.org

Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library - Ground Purchase



The trustees of the Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library acquired the first of two 11 acres of land on January 27th. On February 6, some 100 Korean War veterans from six states gathered around the site sign to have their picture taken. Television camera crews and area newspaper reporters swarmed the place, along with local well-wishers, families and friends. The land is located about 1/4 mile east of the intersection of Interstate 57 and Route 36 in Tuscola.



8" x 2" CONVENTION CENTER TILE

Tiles for the convention center wall of the National Museum are available for purchase in three categories:

\$300 - bronze tile; \$500 - silver tile; \$1,000 - gold tile.

Proceeds from the sale of tiles go into the building fund to purchase land and construct the national museum.

Three lines of text are available on each tile. Fill out the order form below to purchase a tile in your name or in memory of a special friend or veteran you would like to honor:

ORDER FORM

Check appropriate category: ☐ \$300 -bronze; ☐ \$500 -silver; ☐ \$1,000 -gold.

Three lines of text as follows (*type or print clearly*);

- (1) _____
(19 characters per line, including spaces & hyphens)
- (2) _____
(31 characters per line, including spaces & hyphens)
- (3) _____
(31 characters, including spaces & hyphens)

Name, address, phone number of person ordering tile:

Mail check or money order to: **Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library, 700 S. Main Street, Tuscola, IL 61953 USA.**

Walker Hill ad

Korean Revisit

By Warren Wiedhahn
Chairman KWVA Revisit Committee

Korea 2000 Update: Last December, General Ray Davis, LtGen Bill Maloney, Vince Krepps, John Lee and I traveled to Korea to obtain first hand the latest plans for Korea 2000. We visited with General Chang, Tae-Wan at the Korean Veterans Association; Ministry of Patriots, & Veterans Affairs, Minister Kim, Eui Jae; and General John Tilelli, U.S. Army, CG US forces Korea/ Combined. Forces Command. We also spent over a half-hour with Republic of Korea, President Kim, Dae-jung in the "Blue House." At each meeting and every level, you could hear and feel the positive enthusiasm for the 50th Anniversary Commemorations that will commence next year in Korea. President Kim boldly told us that his country was looking forward with enthusiasm to the Korean War Veterans and their families return. He said that the veterans' visit would serve to teach valuable lessons to young Koreans who are not that well acquainted with the Korean War. Those brave American soldiers, President Kim went on to say, helped contain the spread of communism on the Korean peninsula and they will never forget their sacrifices.

Details for 1999: The 1999 KWVA Revisit quotes were obtained while we were in Seoul. They are: May 10-15, 30 PAX, June 22-27, 30 PAX, Sept 13-18, 30 PAX. As we previously told you, the 1999 quotas were over subscribed and we have a waiting list. So, no more '99 requests can be accepted. The May returnees have been notified already and the June and September letters will be going in the mail soon

Details for 2000-2003: The USA events are still moving ahead under the very able direction and guidance Of LtGen Claude M. Kicklighter, U.S-Army (Ret.), Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for International Affairs. General Kicklighter is directly responsible to the Department of Defense, and the Congress of the United States, to ensure that all U.S. Korean War Veterans (and their families) are appropriately recognized and thanked for their sacrifices during the Korean War.

The ROK events: are much clearer after our visit to Korea. However, their committee, chaired by a most distinguished Korean War Veteran, General Paik, Sun Yup is still getting organized. We obtained preliminarily plans that essentially call for four (4) major events



Maj. Sullivan points out marquee to welcome Korea 2000 group.

during each of the three commemorative years (2000-2003). President Kim and Minister Kim have invited the U.S. Korean War Veterans Foundation back in April and June of 1999 to go over the final plans

We especially asked (again!) that the 2000-2003 revisit quotas be expanded to accommodate the thousands of veterans who want to return. We were told, several times, that the return of the veterans in the commemorative years is of paramount importance to the Government of President Kim, Dae-jung. They plan to subsidize the veterans returning (as they have in the past) but because of the numbers involved, the percentage of the subsidiary may be less. We also asked them again to eliminate the requirement that veterans only qualify for one official lifetime "Revisit" tour. This request is under serious consideration and we feel very positive that this restriction will be lifted once they consider the significance of the events.

The one thing we did hear, was that Korea intends to completely phase out the Revisit Program in 2003, after the last tour has visited Korea.

In conclusion, we received a very positive, upbeat enthusiastic response from both the ROK Government as well as the Korea Veterans Association while in Seoul. Our visits this spring and summer will result in more detail. In the meantime, please don't wait! Sign up now for the year and month that you want to return. Please note that November has now been added as a month to Revisit Korea commencing in 2000.

Attention Korean War Veterans!

In preparation for the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Korean War; veterans of that war are being encouraged to register with the U.S. Korea 2000 Foundation, Inc. According to Veterans Administration statistics, less than 20% of Korean War Veterans belong to a national organization such as the VFW, DAV, or American Legion. The Foundation wants to locate the remaining 80% and notify them of the national and international events that will mark the anniversary. If you were on active duty between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953 send the following information to: US. Korea 2000 Foundation, Inc, 4600 Duke Street, Suite 420, Alexandria, VA 22304-2517

Your Name _____
Spouse's Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____
Dates of Military Service _____
Branch of Service & Units Served with _____
Personal Decorations/Awards _____
Highest Rank Held _____ Rank in Korea _____

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 below).

Please check month and year of desired revisit tour:

Month: ☐ April ☐ June ☐ Sept. ☐ Nov.

Year: ☐ 2000 ☐ 2001 ☐ 2002 ☐ 2003

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: _____ City: _____ 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: _____ (Month/Year Arrived) to _____ (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, 703-739-8900 * Fax 703-684-0193.

Background and Eligibility - Official Korean Veterans Association KVA (Seoul) Revisit Program

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 correspondents of the 21 nations which came to the assistant 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 Incheon 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 Korean 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!

Command Reports of 92d Armored Artillery Bn.

Submitted by Allan P. Hambly

Continued from Nov.-Dec. 1998 issue.

5. The Bn was to return to rear positions upon completion of this mission. Having received a fire plan for the shoot, the Battalion Commander and S3 returned to the Bn CP at 0310 at which time BC's were called in and alerted to move their stripped Batteries at 0730. The S3 and the FDC spent the remaining hours plotting concentrations and fixing data for the Batteries. Bn reconnaissance parties preceded the main body by 30 minutes keeping them informed as to road conditions and enemy sniper action. The Bn displayed good march discipline and closed at 0920 in the Chinhung-Ni area. Two 608 radios from the 96th FA Bn accompanied the Bn to maintain contact with Liaison aircraft. The Artillery fires began promptly at 1130 hours lasting until 1200 hours. No registration was permitted by reason of the amount of C-82's and C-119's in the area air-dropping to the surrounded Marine Division. Known corrections were applied to chart data with surprisingly accurate results. All concentrations were reported on the button excepting which were reported one hundred yards right and 50 yards short, respectively. Under a cold stinging 20 mile wind blasting through the north-pass, the "Red Devil" cannoners proved their true metal. Chow, was served at 1230 and proud of their accomplishments, the Red Devils closed in their Oro-Ri positions at 1545 hours resuming their sector of fires and perimeter defenses. Battery "B" remained in the Najon-Dong area reinforcing the fires of Battery "C" of the 57th FA Bn, in direct support of the 65th RCT.

6. 6 December broke a bit warmer. The Battalion Commander and Executive visited Corps Arty Headquarters in Hamhung to attend the 9 o'clock briefing. This briefing by Colonel Ennis proved most beneficial by keeping all Commanders apprised as to the general situation in X Corps and Eighth Army Sectors. From this briefing Commanders could, in turn hold briefings within their own Commands. The overall picture was one of withdrawal under moderate pressure in the Eighth Army Sector. The CCF forces had succeeded in

driving a sizeable wedge between X Corps and the Eighth Army. The 1st US Marine Division and elements of the 31st and 32nd RCT's of the 7th Infantry Division were surrounded by elements of 7 Chinese Communist Divisions in the Chosen Reservoir area where they had managed to consolidate themselves in the vicinity of Haragu-Ri, on the southern tip of the great reservoir. Elements of the 7th Division, to include the 57th FA Bn, were compelled to destroy and abandon much of their equipment and flee across the ice to Haragu-Ri.

The enemy held the high ground in force on both sides of the highway between Haragu-Ri and Koto-Ri, to the south, where other Marine and Army forces were cut-off. This area characterized by steep jagged mountains ranging through 6000 feet, form the central dorsal of North Korea which levels off north and west of Koto-Ri into a great plateau. In this area three great reservoirs furnish hydro-electric power to all of Korea, Manchuria and Vladivostok, Siberia. The only approach to this area from the east is from the axes Hamhung, Oro-Ri, Majon-Dong, Chinhung-Ni, and Koto-Ri. This approach is by a treacherous winding mountain road following a creek-bed to the summit area between Chinhung-Ni and Koto-Ri. Both sides of the road are dominated by almost vertical cliffs and numerous bridges over branch streams and precipitous gorges. A determined enemy could command this communication axes at will by blowing bridges and digging in on the high ground.

Several valleys generally from the north-west feed into this central axes providing excellent avenues of approach. During December, sudden snows fall with rapid drops in temperature. High velocity bitterly cold winds from the frozen north blast through the passes and all connecting valleys making frostbite casualties a great handicap among front-line troops.

Following the briefing, the Corps Artillery Commander informed the Battalion Commander that plans were now

Headquarters 92D Armored Field Artillery Bn. APO 909 "Red Devil" Unit History December 1950

complete to assist in relief of surrounded Marine and Army forces. Some three thousand casualties amongst the surrounded Marine and Army forces had delayed the relief since these casualties had to be evacuated by air, prior to the movement of these elements south. This having been accomplished, Task Force Dog was organized under Brig General Dean of the 3d Division, for the purpose of relieving Marine units at Chinhung-Ni and holding that area until the surrounded forces were completely pulled out. This Battalion was to support the Marines in their north and south attacks, by rendering Artillery fire and surveillance. Upon the clearing of the Marines past prominent high ground, this Battalion was to fire in support of Task Force Dog. The 96th FA Bn and the 999th AFA Bn were deployed in depth along the axes in a mutual supporting role. The 999th AFA reinforced the fires of this Battalion and the 96th FA reinforced the fires of the 999th AFA Bn. Overlaps of about three thousand yards existed.

As the Battalion planned to move to its Chinhung-Ni positions word was received that the enemy had ambushed a truck convoy in the vicinity of Sudong, killing 4 or 5 and blocking the road. Concurrently, enemy action broke in the north west valley at Majon-Dong thereby making the displacement of the Battalion, Chinhung-Ni, impossible until enemy action was neutralized. The Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of the Majon-Dong area from where it could support efforts to clear the enemy attempting to cut the MSR north to the reservoir area.

Air strikes and Artillery continued to hack at the enemy all day and by nightfall it was believed that Task Force Dog would get under way, the following morning. Harassing fires continued throughout the night.

To be continued... At the end of this report details will be given on how to order your command reports from the National Archives.—Editor

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Thanks for Supporting The Graybeards

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

Members please continue to respond by sending your contribution to KWVA, P.O. Box 1062, Locust Grove, VA 22508-9500 marked: **Support of Graybeards**. Every donation will be recognized in the magazine. Those that do not respond for any reason are still valued members for your dues also contribute to the printing of our newsletter. Names listed came from those wishing to support KWVA by donations for *The Graybeards*, Searching For, Reunions, and In Memory Of. **An early response to 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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Chaplain's Corner

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Greetings to all Korean War Veterans. We all recall being so far away from home especially on religious holidays. I recently came across a statement about Easter that had significance for me...

Easter This special celebration of the resurrection is the oldest Christian festival, except for the weekly Sunday celebration. Although the exact date was in dispute and the specific observances of the festival developed over the centuries, it is clear that Easter had special significance to the early generations of Christians. Since Christ's passion and resurrection occurred at the time of the *Jewish Passover, the first Jewish Christians probably transformed their Passover observance into a celebration of the central events of their new faith. In the early centuries, the annual observance was called the "pascha," the Greek word for Passover, and focused on Christ as the Paschal Lamb.

Although the New Testament does not give any account of a special observance of Easter and evidence from before A.D. 200 is scarce, the celebrations were probably well-established in most churches by A.D. 100. The earliest observance probably consisted of a vigil beginning on Saturday evening and ending on Sunday morning and included remembrance of Christ's crucifixion as well as the resurrection. Evidence from shortly after A.D. 200 shows that the climax of the vigil was the baptism of new Christians and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. By about A.D. 300 most churches divided the original observance devoting Good Friday to the crucifixion and Easter Sunday to the resurrection.

— Fred A. Grissom

**The most important Hebrew feast, commemorating their deliverance from Egyptian bondage.*

Our Heavenly Father, bless all who worship Thee, from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. Of Thy goodness, give us; with Thy love, inspire us; by Thy Spirit, guide us; by Thy power, protect us in Thy mercy. Receive us now and always. Amen.

Taps

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



California

- ★ Ira Davis
- ★ Gerald Ryder

Georgia

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Reunions

May 1999

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Ammo Co. 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

USS Noble APA-218, May 13-15 at Holiday Inn Convention Center, Harrisburgh, PA, Contact, William Murphy, 98 W. Albion St. Holly, NY 14470, Tel: 716-638-6060

140th Tank Bn/40th Infantry Division, 14-18 May, Radisson Downtown Market Square, San Antonio, TX, Contact Charles Fortner 716 North Ave NW Sierra Vista, AZ 85635-1026. E-mail chuckem@c212.com Fax: 520-458-2958 Tel: 520-458-3421. This is for period 1950/53.

USS Hawkins DD - DDR 873 May 16-19, Stone Mountain, Atlanta, GA. Contact, C. A. Buzz Butterworth at 4260 Jones Rd. Macon, GA 31206-6144, Tel: 912-788-9339

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 Cecilia, San Dimas, CA 91773-4462 Tel: 626-331-8115 or e-mail: chosinbob@yahoo.com.

All Classes AAAOCS, Ft. Bliss, Texas 1952-53 at Airport Marriott El Paso, TX, May 20-22, E-mail Ron Freedman FOCharlie@nut-n-but.net or write to 941 Juno Drive, Punta Gorda FL 33950-941 Tel: 941-575-4317 Fax: 941 575-1604

31st Infantry "Dixie" Division Association. 20-23 May, Vicksburg, MS., Holiday Inn 1-800-HOLIDAY, code DIX, Contact, Guy R. Green, Jr., P O Box 31331, Jackson, MS 39286 Tel: 601-948-3131 or FAX 601-353-3682

USS Mount Baker AE-4, May 21-23 in Phoenix, AZ, Contact: Dick or Rae Anderson, 2233 E. Behrend Dr., #143, Phoenix, AZ 85024 Tel: 602-569-3505, Fax: 602-569-3593

40th Div, A & B Co, May 23-26, at Hotel San Remo in Las Vegas, NV, Contact Norman L. Hackler, 5302 Olympia Fields Lane, Houston, TX 77069-3326, Tel: 281-444-5279

USS BATAAN CVL-29 Association, May 24-28, Contact, Sando Cosenza at 507 Carsonia Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania 19606-1520, Tel: 610-779-7175

The Fifth Regimental Combat Team Association, May 25-31, Myrtle Beach, Landmark Resort Hotel, For further information call Richard Lewis (Tollfree) 1-888-221-8418. Fax: 304-264-2411 or e-mail FifthRCT@intrepid.net P.O. Box 2538 Martinsburg, WV 25401-2538

7th Cav. (Korea), May 27-28, at Portland, OR, Contact, Royal Bollinger or Bill McKown, Tel: 1-888-722-8598 or 1-888-598-7228

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

June 1999

USS Davidson, DD618/DMS37 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. Marek, 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; Breckinridge-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 47386. Tel: 765-755-3587.

KWVA, Department of Illinois State Convention Decatur, IL, June 25-26, Holiday Inn. Contact: D. Boriff, Phone 217-422-8754 or Email Boriff@aol.com, or 2453 Hill Park Avenue, Apt 4, Decatur, IL 62521

Perrin Air Force Base, Texas, 8th annual reunion will be held on June 26th, all former military, civilian and dependents are invited to attend. Many events are planned for that day as well as socializing with old acquaintances. Contact John M. Elkins 4040 Luella Road. Sherman, TX 75090, Tel: 903-893-6400 or E-mail J527@TEXOMA.net

1453 Med-Air Evac Sqdn, June 1999, Pensacola, FL, Contact James M. Rochelle, 9525 Weidon Cir. Apt 111, Tamarac, FL 33321-0955

July 1999

24th Inf RCT, all wars July 14-18 at Holiday Inn in Cherry Hill, NJ, Contact Mary W. Elliott, 28 Stonegate Drive, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-3292, Tel: 609-267-3875

3rd Bn., 7th Marines & D/S Units, Korea, 1952-53, Arlington, VA, July 24-28, Contact Al O'Connell, 30 Woodland Ave, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978, Tel: 516-288-2243; E-mail: albert@hamptons.com or Fax 516-288-8326.

Marine Detachment USS Mississippi EAG 128, July 25-27 Las Vegas NV, Contact J. Kornychuk, 1800 Stablegate, Henderson, NV 89012, Tel: 702-260-4281

4th Infantry (IVY) Division Assn. National Reunion 26 July-1 August, Contact Roger Barton, 2 Spring Drive R-2, Walkersville, MD 21793, www.4thin-fantry.org Toll Free 1-888-845-4040.

91st MP Bn. Korea, 1952-1954, July 30 to Aug. 2, at Birch Run, MI Contact: Manuel Sanchez, 4160 Burnham St., Saginaw, MI 48603, Tel: 517-793-4277

August 1999

1st Marine Division Association will holds it 52nd Annual Reunion in Philadelphia, PA., from Aug. 4-8. Contact: Steve Lakernick, PO Box 255, Darby, PA 19023-0255; Tel: 610-586-5796 or Jerry Corrento, 6034 Tackawanna St., Philadelphia, PA 19135; Tel: 215-743-4063

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

USS Waldren (DD699) 10th Reunion in Washington, DC, Aug. 19-22. Contact: John (Jack) Valloric, 2010 N Brandywine St., Arlington, VA 22207-2213, Tel: 703-528-8395.

USS Bon Homme Richard (CV/CVA-31) Ships Company and Air Groups & USS BON HOMME RICHARD (LMD-6) August 13-15, in Niagara Falls, NY, Contact Ralph Pound P.O. Box 1531 -410 Clark Street, Tupelo, MS 38802 Tel: Work 601-842-0572, Home 601-842-8247

26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon in Ft. Robinson, NE. 27-28 August. Contact Ralph Trickey, 5904 S. Datura St #4, Littleton, CO. 80120 Tel: 303-798-5499 or Robert Fickbohm, R 1, Box 119, Newell, SD Tel: 605-456-2636

Nebraska Korean War Veterans, August 27-29, Ramada Inn, Norfolk, NE, Contact Charlie Bernat, 301 East Walnut Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701, Tel: 402-371-7672

September 1999

USNR Midshipmen's School, New York, N.Y. Bellvue, Washington 2-5 Sept., Contact Bill Rice 910 S. Donner Way #203 Salt Lake City, UT 84108 Tel: 801-583-6465

C/1/5 (Korea) Sep. 3-5 in Seattle, WA. Contact Gunther Dohse, PO Box 400, Chimacum, WA 98325-0400.

6147th Tac Con Gp, Korea, 1950-56 personnel of and all supporting units: 6132 TC Det "A", 6164 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.

26th AAA (AW) SP BN - A Battery, Japan - Korea 1948-1952, Sept. 9-12, Pensacola, FL. Contact Bill Earley, 25 Kelly Road, Hamden, CT 06518 Tel: 203-248-6834

999th AFA Bn., Korea 1950-54, Sept., 9-12, Holiday Inn, Columbus, GA, Contact James Walton, PO Box 278, Richland, GA 31825-0278, Tel: 912-887-2465

40th Div, 143rd FA Bn. C Battery, Sept 10-11, Gatlinburg, TN, Contact Roy E. Clark, PO Box 448 North Liberty, IN 46554, Tel: 219-656-4615

USS Rogers DD/DDR-876 Sept 9-11, Town and Country Resort Hotel, San Diego, CA. Contact Robert L. Morgan, Jr. 407N 43rd Street, San Diego, CA 94102-4603

246th Field Artillery Missile Battalion (CORPORAL), Fort Bliss, TX and Fort Sill, OK, 1952-1958. Sept. 12-14 at Lawton/Fort Sill, OK. Contact: Jack Meeh, 617 SW 103rd Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73139, Tel: 405-6916439.

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

501st Army Security Agency (ASA) Korea (1950-1960) Pensacola Beach, Florida, Sept 16-19, any unit under command of the 501st Communications-Reconnaissance Group, Contact: Rev. Charles Knappenberger, 7434 Normandy Lane, Elkins Park, PA 19027-3323; Tel: 215-635-6774.

17th Inf Regt Assn (all wars and peacetime) will hold annual reunion 16-20 Sep at Columbus, GA. Contact John T. Carrig, 1515 Jeff Davis Hwy (#1505), Arlington, VA 22202

Corps Artillery Reunion Alliance I Corps, IX Corps, X Corps Korea 1950-1954, 1st FA Bn., 2nd Chem Mtr. Bn., 17th FA Bn., 75th FA Bn., 88th Hvy Mtr Bn., 92nd FA Bn., 96th FA Bn., 145th FA Bn., 159th FA Bn., 176th FA Bn., 187th FA Bn., 196th FA Bn., 204th FA Bn., 213th FA Bn., 300 FA Bn., 555th FA Bn., 623rd FA Bn., 780th FA Bn., 936th FA Bn., 937th FA Bn., 955th FA Bn., 984th FA Bn., 987th FA Bn., 999th FA Bn. Will hold 1999 reunion in Covington, KY. September 19-23, 1999. For Information contact Nick Vanderhave 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, N.J. 07950 or call 973-538-7189.

2nd Chemical Mortar Bn. (and 461th Infantry Bn.) Reunion (Korea 1950-53), September 22-26 at the Radisson Inn Airport, Colorado Springs, CO. Observing the 50th anniversary of our Battalion's reactivation in 1949. Contact: William R. Thomas, 7418 Overdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75240. Tel: 972-387-1247

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, Eilerslie, GA 31807-5522, Tel: 706-561-0774

3d U.S. Inf. Regt (The Old Guard), Sept. 23 -26, at Ft. Myer, VA. Open to all who served with the Army's Oldest Regt., all Bns. Former Old Guardsmen from Ft. Snelling are invited, as well as those who served in Washington and Europe. Contact: Don Cofsky, 36 Tilegate Glen, Fairport, NY 14450, or e-mail to: kvetdonc@frontiernet.net Associatin Membership now open, not required to attend.

U.S.S. Oglethorpe AKA 100, September 23-26, in Minneapolis Minnesota. Write: Ron Williamson 639 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ 07823 or call 908-475-4435. E-mail misty1@epix.net

700th Ordnance Maintenance Co., 45th Infantry Division, Japan/Korea, will hold their Seventh Annual Reunion in Oklahoma City on Sept 23-25 in conjunction with the 45th Infantry Division's 54th Annual Reunion. Contact George Buhr, 1173 Maynard Rd., Cheboygan, MI 49721, 616-627-7458

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, FL, 34606 or E-Mail bobmatis@fiber-net.com

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

15th Infantry Regiment and the 3rd Infantry Division. Joint reunion in Savannah, Georgia in September. Contact Richard N McKiddy, 12105 East 65th Court, Kansas City, MO 64133

14th Inf Regt, 25th Inf Div, Korea 1951-53, mid September Contact: Eugene L. Rose, 12 Alwyn Road, Newark, DE 19713-4011, Tel 302-368-7818

October 1999

398th AAA AW BN Korea, October 1-3, Lake Ozark Missouri, Contact Arlie Schemmer, 4195 Cappeln Osage Rd., Marthasville, MO. 63357, Tel: 314-228-4474

USS Fessenden DE / DER - 142, Oct. 3-6 in Albany, NY. Contact: Neil M. Beckwith, 56 Kings Highway, North Haven, CT. 06473-1208
Tel: 203-239-5122 or 516-681-5545

H-3-1 KOREA USMC Oct. 6-10, San Antonio Texas. Contact Jack Dedrick, 6 Sheridan Terrace. Swampscott, MA 01907-2042. Tel: 781-598-9725 or e-mail JFDEDRICK@aol.com

USS Finch (DE/DER-328 & Coast Guard WDE-428) 12th. Oct. 6-10, San Francisco, CA., Contact Chuck Poreda, 5510 Southampton Drive, Springfield, VA 22151 Tel: 703-323-6019

86th Ordnance Company Association, October 7-9, 1999, Holiday Inn, New Castle, PA. Contact: Richard Schildbach 101 South Whiting Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. Tel: 703-370-2707.

11th Evac. Hosp, Won-ju, Korea, 1950-1953, Oct 7-9, Morrings Hotel in Palatka, FL, Contact Ed Elliott, 86 Malone Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306, Tel: 718-987-3557 or Fenton Morris, PO Box 155, Palatka, FL 32178, Tel: 904-325-3814 or Joe Amerigo, 1180 Bruce Street, Franklin Square, NY 11010, Tel: 516-328-3716

7th Marines, 1st Bn., Co. C. Korea, Oct 7-10, Virginia Beach, VA, Contact Bill Farrell, 357 Lighthouse Rd., New Haven. CT 06512-4319, Tel: 203-467-0639 or 757-464-3400

11th Engineer Combat Battalion Association. 7th Annual Reunion, October 7-10, in Louisville, KY. All members of the 11th Engineer Battalion, past and present, are invited to attend. Contact: Fred Boelsche, 54 Edstan Drive, Moonachie, NJ 07074 Tel: 201-641-5828

French Battalion (23rd Inf., 2nd US Div.) In Paris on 11, 12 or 13 October (not firm yet) Contact Serge-Louis BERERD, 5 rue de Provence 86000. Poitiers France, Tel. 33-549477345

10th Corps, Korea 1950-53, Army, Oct 13-15, Titusville, FL, Contact James W. Lakin, Tel: 407-267-4971

82nd AAA AW Bn (SP), 2nd Inf Div., Will hold the 7th Annual Reunion at Conway, AR Oct. 13-17, Contact Melvin L. Bailey, 1020 Clarence Drive, Conway, AR 72032-5566, Tel: 501-329-4211.

USS Ozbourn (DD846), October 13-17, Maxim Hotel, Las Vegas, NV., Contact: R. C. Whitten 408-252-9213 for details

Navy Fighter Squadron 54, (VF-54), Oct 14-17, , Arlington, VA, Contact Glenn Ward, 2240 N. Trenton St., Arlington, VA 22207-4039, Tel: 703-527-7315.

5th Comm Group (934th Signal Bn) Eleventh Reunion - Oct 18-24 at Colorado Springs, CO. Contact: CMSgt Dave Felice, (USAF-Ret) 7237 River Bend Road, Colo. Springs, CO 80911-9612. Tel: 719-392-6150.

USS Francis Marion APA-LPA 249 Charleston, SC Oct. 21-24, Contact, Bob Martin, 16 Staples St Melrose, Ma 02176 Tel: 781-665-9222

USS Weiss APD 135, Oct 21-24, San Diego, CA, Contact: George Theofanis, Tel: 818-368 7653

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 Alamos, 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: 605-673-6313

November 1999

5th RCT Florida Mini Reunion, November 10-14, Daytona Beach, FL, Best Western La Playa Resort, 2500 North Atlantic Avenue Contact Bill Kane, 5023 Andrea Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32807, Tel: 407-275-7450

In reading other magazines I see that they charge for reunion notices. I hesitate to ask a member or a supporting organization of KWVA National to pay for reunion notices. Since we are in need of support at this time, I think it is appropriate to ask you to send a minimum donation of \$1.00 for each reunion notice. Again, this request is not mandatory. Please send notices directly to editor, make checks payable to KWVA National. Typed reunions preferred.—Editor

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	Central Long Island Chapt. #64	P.O. Box 835, Bayport	11705	Bob Morga	516-472-0052
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	Eagle Chapter #90	72 Hayes St., Blauvelt	10913	John Murphy	914-359-0218
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	Marion Chapter # 136	2122 Prospect Norton, Prospect	43342	Robert Kerr	614-494-2568
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	Iron Triangle Chapt. #84	370 Church St. SE 6-B, Salem	97301	Ron Stevens	503-363-4137
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	Yungdung Po Chapter #114	173 Thornridge, Levittown	19053	Tom McManamon	215-946-0720
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	Texas Lone Star Chapt. #76	P.O. Box 802541, Houston	77280	John Jackson	713-462-4001
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	New River Valley Chapt. # 161	Rt. 3, Box 488A, Pulaski	24301	Claude Newman	540-980-5912
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	Kenny Shadrick Chapt. #156	1113 Old Eccels Rd., Beckley	25801	Samuel Birchfield	304-532-3167
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	Badger State Chapt. #77	6205 Highway V, Caledonia	53108	Dorothy Schilling	414-835-4653
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Roster of Ladies Auxiliaries as of 3/1/99

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	Col. Alice Gritsavage Chapter	12171 SE 96 Terrace, Belleview	34420	Monique Gleason	352-245-9691
	Central Florida Chapter #153	624 Vespers Way, Orange City	32763	Mary Gaffney	904-532-0534
MISSOURI	Suncoast Chapter #14	7349 Ulmerton #1065, Largo	33771	Brenda Vollett	727-530-7024
	Missouri Chapter #1	3955 Utah St., St. Louis	63116	Jeanine Hahn	314-664-0342
	Missouri Chapter #2	11400 Myrtle Ave., Kansas City	64138	Sue McKinney	816-761-3908
NEW YORK	Central New York Chapt. #1	204 Fay Rd., Minoa	13116	Grace Ackerman	315-656-8007

Totals: 12 Departments – 150 Chapters – 7 Ladies Auxiliaries – And were still growing.

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A world of wars
Today and yesterday
All soldiers young
but have aged through
the years of survival
and unmovable scars
and limbs and some
lost their lives for the world of wars

A world of all colors
as metals are too!
Bronze, Purple, Red and Gold
trying to save them forever
As our minds are our memories
of the sounds of survival
Men out there so young holding
on to each other so strong
You wish it were your father
Your mother or even a brother
or sister

The strength in those arms
are the arms you fight your way
home with, hoping there's a home
when you get there

When you close your eyes
it always takes you back home
to the tender arms of your families

And when it is all over
and everything settled
some go home, yes
some on foot and some in
body bags and others not found
and some not even as whole
as they started - Their minds
will never leave Korea - because
while we were young our minds
were opened and scared

My emotions now touched
away from the fields as the
sounds of our battles live
ever so loud

Today we're forgotten till war
comes again, But will remember
Veteran's Day - day after day
But to us we'll remember it
always as our special day - day
after day

Yvette Gurule Garcia
A Special Daughter of
Korean War Veteran
Siferino E. Garcia

*The world did come to the aid of
South Korea. Your words tell so well
feelings by all today and yesterday.—Ed.*



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