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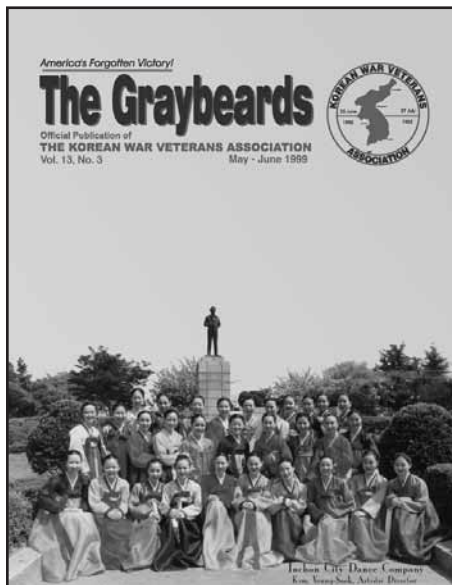
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# On the cover...



## From the Statue of General MacArthur at Liberty Park in Incheon

There is no boundary in justice, nor is there any obstacle to struggle, mountain or sea. A man who executed such a struggle in the spirit of justice, to the triumph of the cause of the free world and to the gratitude and administration of mankind is the man whom this statue represents.

General MacArthur was born in the United States of America on January 26, 1880, the second son of General Arthur MacArthur. A half century military career, from second lieutenant to five star General, studded with many brilliant actions, was crowned by the Japanese surrender and his appointment as Supreme Commander of the occupational forces in that defeated nation. With the surrender of Japan came Korean independence, but unfortunately the country became grievously divided. And worse, on June 25 1950, the Communists from the north launched an attack against this Republic. Instantly the American Government decided to come to our rescue and General MacArthur was ordered to command the forces joined in battle

against the communist aggressors.

It was here at Incheon that we knew the incalculable height of his genuine. With the infinite capacity of his vision he conceived, and on September 15, 1950, he personally executed an almost unbelievable landing operation which instantly turned the course of the war to the triumph of freedom and the salvation of this Republic. This is a deed and this is a man to hold eternally in honored memory. And thus it is by the authority and contributions of a grateful people that the General Douglas MacArthur Statue Committee, consisting of representatives from all walks of life, has raised this figure, fashioned in General MacArthur's heroic mold by professor Kyung-Seung Kim, to overlook this hallowed scene for all ages to come.

We shall never forget what he, and his valiant officers and men of the United Nations Command, did here for us and for our nation. And, until the last battle against the malignant infection of Communism has finally been won, may we never forget it was also he who said "In war, there is no substitute for victory."

*The KWVA President, Board, Graybeards Editor and all Veterans of the Korean War thank the City of Incheon, South Korea, its Mayor, International Relations and Trade Division -Young-Sin KIM, artistic director Kim, Young-Sook and last but not least the beautiful dancers of Incheon City Dance Company. We look forward to joining you in New York Town Hall on July 14, 1999 at 8:00 PM (20:00 hours). South Korea has made the veterans of the war from 22 countries proud to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met. You and we now know, Freedom is not Free. May God Bless South Korea, America and the other 20 countries. See story and program on pages 61 and 62 of this issue.*

### Now hear this...

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# President's Message



Harley Coon  
President, KWVA

This has been a sad month for the KWVA. We are saddened by the death of two of our National officers, Secretary Ed Markart and Treasurer Dan Nickolas.

Ed was very dedicated to the KWVA. Ed served not only as secretary, he served as treasurer for a while. He will be missed. Ed passed away in April. Our condolences goes out to the Ed Markart family.

Dan Nickolas our National treasurer passed away May 3rd. Dan also served as Department of Ohio treasurer. Dan too was very dedicated to the Korean War Veterans. He served as 2nd Vice President on the Dayton Ohio Korean War Memorial committee. He was chairman of the Ohio State all Veterans Memorial committee. Howard W. Camp was approved by the Board of Directors as Assistant Treasurer in Mobile, AL.

The POW ceremony in Hawaii was just great. We visited the mighty U. S. S. Missouri battleship, the CILHI labs where the DNA Testing is conducted, and the Arizona Memorial. There were many other tours but the highlight was the ceremony at the Punch Bowl National Cemetery, where Four Star General Gambel, Commander Far East Air Force awarded 3 medals to Wilbert R. "Shorty" Estabrook. "Shorty" was a Prisoner of War in Korea for 37 months. He received the Combat infantry badge, a Purple heart, and the Prisoner of War Medal. He is a member of the Tiger Survivors a group captured in early July 1950.

There are two very important election issues in this months "Graybeard." The first is the election of 4 Board of Directors. There are 5 candidates running for the 4 seats. Vote for the four of your choice. The most important thing is that you exercise your right as a member and vote.

There is a resolution from the Cpl.

Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter, submitted in September of 1998, and printed in this issue of Graybeards, which in essence if passed will discontinue the scholarship program. The scholarship program was established to provide education grants to Korean veterans children and grandchildren. It was to be funded by a \$1.00 per member deduction from the membership dues. When there was mismanagement of our funds the KWVA had to stop some funding. The Korean War Veterans Education Grant Corporation, Inc., was established as a tax deductible organization and to solicit funds from other sources. The scholarship was designed to be hand in hand with the "Tell America Program". This past year the KWVA has been able to reduce from \$45,000.00 down to \$25,505.48 the education funding that was in arrears.

The KWVA is in a sound financial position. We have recovered some of the funds from the insurance co. and the generosity of the membership for last years raffle. We have gained several new members and our organization is growing. (See balance sheet in this issue)

There are several points of view on the scholarship program. I have been asked "If we drop the scholarship program are we going to drop the Tell America program too"? Another member asked why don't we give the education scholarship fund \$5,000 or \$10,000 a year, when funds are available, instead of \$1.00 per member? You the membership will have to decide what the KWVA should do. I

would like for the membership to make positive comments and attach to the ballot. This would be helpful for the board of directors.

Neil Livingston reunion chairman reports that everything is going great for our September 11-16 reunion in Mobile AL. There will be something for everyone. There is a registration form in this issue. The Gulf Coast chapter is raffling off a M 1 Grand rifle to help pay some of the cost of the reunion. The Holiday Inn in the historic district in Mobile is a first class motel at the right price.

The Gathering chairman Jack E. Cloman reports that registrations are being received. The Gathering has planned optional tours, the National History, Air & Space Museums, Tours of U.S. Capital/Monuments, and Ceremonies at the Korean War National Memorial. Remember bring a Korean War Era veteran to your next meeting and we will double our membership.

I was watching the presentation of the awards to the three Prisoners in Kosovo. What upset me was the fact that twice not once but twice, the Fox news channel mentioned WWI, WWII, Desert Storm, and Vietnam. Once again the Korean War is forgotten.

My motto is and will remain "To learn from the mistakes of the past and press on for greater achievements in the future." I hope to see some of you in Washington at "The Gathering."

Till then I remain, Harley.

## The Graybeards

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## Vererans Services

Yes! I am in arrears in responding to some of you, Accept my apology. Please, when you write include a telephone number and facsimile number (if you have one). My calls and fax messages are made after 7 PM EST/EDST and on weekends. On a personal note: Mary (my spouse) - the person who answers the telephone calls - and I will return a call 3 times; if no contact is made we cease calling.

**Veterans Benefits In Brief:** Former Deputy Secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Anthony Principi headed the Commission on Service Members and Veterans Transitions. About 100 recommendations were made regarding veterans benefits. Of interest to our generation: Limiting the VA Home Loan guaranty to a one time use only. Integrating Department of Defense and VA health programs, merging DoD and VA facilities

and programs in the procurement of medical and pharmaceutical supplies. Classifying facilities, i.e. VA or DoD, as redundant. VA programs and benefits are under attack from both the White House and some Congressmen and Senators. Be alert. Read your newspapers and veterans news.

**Veterans Ignored in Presidents Budget:** Veterans Health Care to suffer. Bob Stump R-AZ House Veterans' Affairs Committee commented on these issues after the State of the Union Message (condensed). The Administration's proposed funding for VA health care is a slap in the face of every veteran. It ignores the increasing cost of caring for veterans, especially the aging veterans of World War II and Korean War who depend on VA health care. Stump noted there was hardly anything said about veterans. Regarding inflation Stump said "and there is no adjustment for inflation in the President's package." Remember VA has cut 20,000 medical care employees, eliminated half of its acute care hospital beds, and merged many neighboring hospitals since the end of 1994.

**Vet Affairs Committee:** Approved \$1.9 billion increase to Presidents VA budget. Thanks to Bob Stump. Cliff Stearns R-FL called the FY 2000 budget "the most troubling VA budget I've seen in my tenure in Congress." He supported the increase.

**Burial in Arlington National Cemetery:** H.R. 70 replaces H. R. 3211 (which died in the Senate last year). The, legislation stipulates who can be interred in Arlington, no exceptions by the President or others. Lane Evans D-IL, ranking Democratic House Veterans Affair Committee member has supported the Republican majority on this and all veterans issues. The bill passed 428-2.

## Legislative Director Review

**Korean War Service Medal:** The Defense Department of the ROK directed its Defense Attaché and Assistant Defense Attaché to get this matter resolved prior to the 50th Anniversaries. Our Department of Defense has failed us. John Kenney, Ray Donnelly, myself and a few others are trying to get this to the attention of Secretary Bill Cohen.

**Kosovo Situation:** The KWVA and many other veterans organizations are on record opposing the activities in the nation of Yugoslavia. They advocate no ground troops. The USA should not be a policeman to the world and especially get involved in the internal affairs of a sovereign nation. Agreed to by H. J. Coon, President KWVA.

**Cold War Certificates:** If you served from 2 September 1945 to 26 December 1991 you should apply for your certificate by mailing your request to: Cold War Recognition, 435 Ridge Top Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22030. A copy of your DD214 or equivalent should accompany your request.

**Flag Protection:** Contact your Congressmen and Senators. Tell them you want H.J. Res 33 (House) and S.J. Res. 57 (Senate) enacted into law. Currently 276 Representative signed as sponsors and on the Senate side it has 57. Emphasize to your Senator we want them to act on it this time. We still need a few more sponsors. Write, etc. as requested.

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ball. Support letters are needed. In addition to your Congressmen and Senators address letters to each of the following: (A) Mr. J. Carter Brown, Commission of Fine Arts, Pension Building, 441 F. Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20001. (B) Bruce Babbitt, Secretary, U. S. Department of the Interior c/o National Park Service (NCR), 1100 Ohio Drive SW, Washington, D.C. 20242, and (C) Mr. H. B. Grant, National Capitol Planning Commission, 801 Pennsylvania NW, Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20576.

**Burial Honors:** Will be resolved during the time this goes to the Editor for printing. See next issue.

*Note: Tricare and Champus are the same. They merged.*

**Divorced Spouses:** This issue is reaching a new level. Retirees suffer greatly for the injustice forced on them by the DoD. We must eliminate the continuous adding on to alimony by every increase a retiree receives. They should not be, treated any different than all citizens. The issue is now destined for the U. S. Supreme Court.

### Executive Director Review

**Contact your Congressmen and Senators:** There is no need for Veterans Organizations/Associations to have people working for you in Washington unless you participate. All Veterans Organizations' staff in Washington diligently try to protect your rights and benefits. Many a long day is spent on Capitol Hill. Nothing is automatic. Your assistance in the form of a telephone call, Fax, E-mail, or letter can mean the difference, in legislation passing. Congressmen and Senators respond to communications from their constituents.

**Congressional Charter S.R. 620:** Is the bill in congress proposing a Congressional Charter for the KWVA. We need more support letters to be sent to your representatives. We need this charter in order to keep our presence known and be recognized by all aspect of federal and state governments. It is a no-money bill. Remind your representative of that when you communicate. Also, remind them their vote represents appreciation to The Forgotten War veterans, and ask their sponsorship as a recognition to us and gift for our 50th Anniversaries.

**VA Insurance Hoax is on Internet:** Do not believe what you read. Ignore it. Do not call the VA. The VA will advise you of any changes or dividends, and so forth.

**VA observes 10th Anniversary as a Cabinet Department:** Comments by Togo D. West Secretary of Veterans Affairs: "Although we are observing an important milestone as a cabinet department, VA has a proud tradition of service to our nations' veterans that goes back to the origin of this country." In this time frame the hospitalized patients declined from 1.1 million to 700,000. Outpatient number increased from 22.6 million to 37 million (visits). Out patient clinics increased from 230 to 600. VA reduced its employees to 43,000. Many critical area employees were released and too many unnecessary positions were added or retained.

**Claims and Appeals:** If your are concerned about the slow processing of your claim or your appeal is a long time in coming, you are not alone. The VA admits to a backlog of 4,000 cases. According to my inside information it is over 6,000 and may be more. Board of Appeals and Court of Veterans Appeals cases are backlogged because of the great number of appeals.

**50th Anniversary of NATO:** Ray Donnelly asked if I heard anything about veterans involvement in the Anniversary event. We were concerned that NATO nations who took part in the Korean War would be left unaided if they wished to visit our Memorial. Vets were included in some of the events. Then the Veterans were eliminated by the White House when outdoor activities were canceled. Why weren't the veterans included in other ceremonies. I'll contribute all of the items and souvenirs I received to our museum. Six veterans were at the events, not as veterans. Special thanks to Larry Rivers (son of Past Commander of the VFW) and Lt. Lynn Johnson (Vets Liaison Committee) who gave it their best shot.

**Annual Services:** Services will be held on 27 July at the Korean War Veterans Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. (Tombs of the Unknowns and Memorial Bench) The event schedule is: [Memorial] 0930 Hours Musical Prelude, 1000 Hours Program, 1100 Hours placement of floral tributes and Taps. [Arlington N.C.] 1400 Hours Solemn formal ceremony conducted by the Military District of Washington, [Memorial Bench] 1420 Hours memorial ceremony for our deceased. Lunch Available at the NCO Club, Ft. Myers a short walking distance to the Tombs of the Unknowns and Memorial Bench. Donations \$50 will get you a floral spray placed at the Memorial with your name. For information: *Write to:* KWVADCC, 6632 Kirkley Ave., McLean, VA. 22101-5510 or Tel/Fax: 703-893-6313

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*Note Well:* Many are addressing letters to the Korean Embassy making requests and solicitations. The new Ambassador and the Defense Attaché staff are very keen and astute. They will process all request through the Executive Director to assist them to determine if a request is legitimate. They have been given a list of National Officers and Staff, Department and Chapter Presidents. If you make a request to the Korean Embassy please send me a copy so I can confirm you are legitimate. The Ambassador and his staff will make every effort to assist you, as they are making arrangements to meet requests for our Reunion in Mobile, Alabama.

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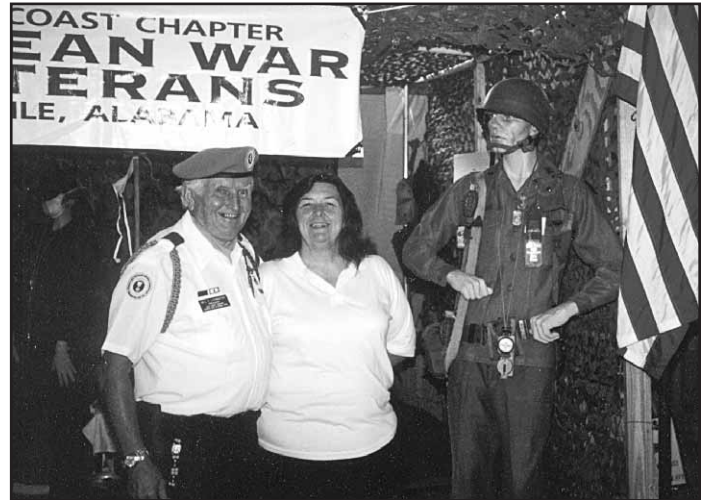
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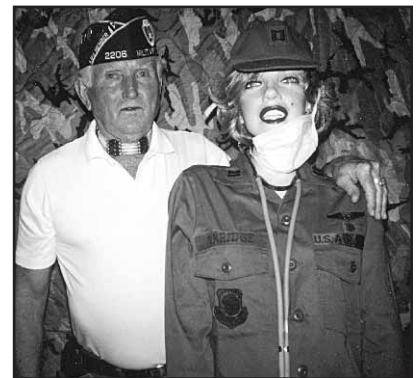
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(Above) President Neil Livingston, Gulf Coast Chapter and wife Deborah Livingston, President Gulf Coast Chapter Ladies Auxiliary. Neil is our 1999 Reunion Chairman and I am sure you will see both doing many things to help make our reunion the best ever.

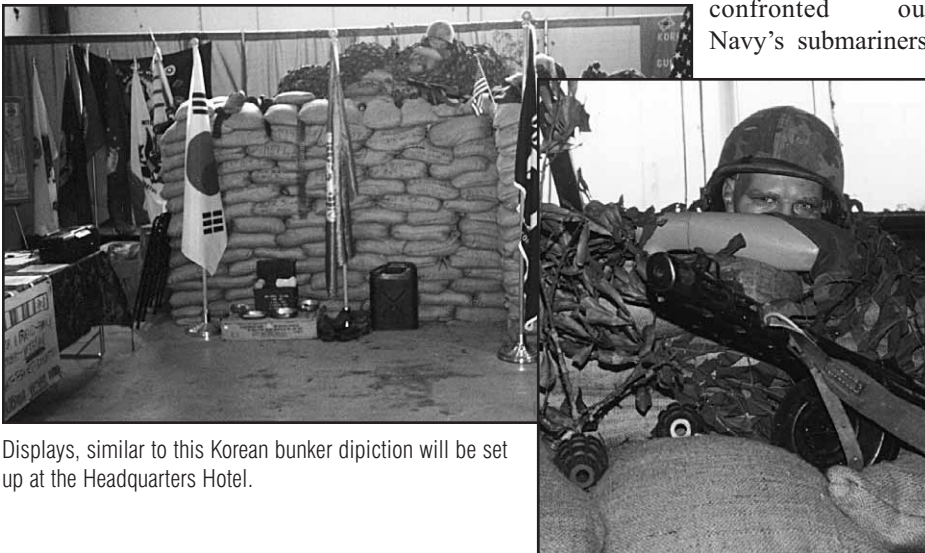


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### Reservations:

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

### Deposits:

The hotel requires a "one night" deposit by the cut-off date 8/10/99 to hold all reservations.

Personal check, money order or credit cards are acceptable. Deposit will be fully refunded upon cancellation 48 hours" prior to arrival.

### Release Date:

The hotel agrees to hold the block of rooms until 8/10/99. At that time rooms not covered by individual reservations or rooming list will be released for general sale. We will continue to accept reservations from KVWA members after the cut-off date based on room availability only. This rate is far below our normal rate and *will not be extended after 8/10/99*. Any and all overflow needs shall be referred to the Holiday Inn Express. Their phone number is (334) 433-6923, and is located directly behind the headquarters hotel, or the Radisson Admiral Semmes, located directly across the street. Their phone number is (334) 432-8000. Members will be notified directly if their reservation is not at the headquarters hotel.

### Check In:

Check in time for all groups is 3:00 PM. Groups may be checked in earlier depending upon availability of rooms.

### Transportation:

Mobile Bay Transportation Co. provides transportation to and from the Mobile Airport. One way fare is \$10.00 per passenger. Please call ahead of arrival to reserve space. Call (800) 272-6234 and identify that you are with KWVA. Departures can be handled by hotel.

### HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

SPECIAL ROOM RATE - \$56.00 (PLUS 10% TAX)

**MAIL TO:** HOLIDAY INN-HISTORIC DISTRICT MOBILE, 301 GOVERNMENT ST., MOBILE, AL 36602

GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION REUNION**

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL TIME \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE TIME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ KING ROOM ☐ DOUBLE ROOM ☐ SMOKING ☐ NON-SMOKING

### SHARING WITH:

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

The Reservation must be guaranteed for late arrival. (Be advised that if the guest fails to appear, the room charge will be billed (72 hour cancellation period).

☐ Diners Club ☐ American Express ☐ Mastercard ☐ JCB  
☐ Carte Blanche ☐ Visa ☐ Discover, ☐ Optima, ☐ First Night Deposit

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_



**TENTATIVE 15TH ANNUAL REUNION PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 1999**

- 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration - Holiday Inn Historic District, Mobile, AL.  
The Registration desk will be open all day.
- 7:00 pm. - 10:00 pm. Welcome party, snacks, cash bar, Cajun band.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 1999**

- 9:00 am - 12:00 am Executive Council meeting (Closed Session).
- 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration - Holiday Inn Historic District, Mobile, AL.
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Executive Council Meeting (Open Session).
- 1:00 pm.- 5:00 pm *Option 1.* Bellingrath Gardens and home, return tour.
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm *Option 2.* Riviera Outlet Mall, Foley, AL - over 200 shops.
- 6:00 pm, - 10:00 pm Hospitality room open.
- 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Executive Council dinner - National officers and directors only.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1999**

- 8:00 am - 12:00 am Registration - Holiday Inn Historic District, Mobile, AL.
- 8:00 am - 12:00 am Executive Council meeting (Open Session).
- 8:00 am - 3:00 pm *Option 3.* Tour Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola - I-Max Showing, lunch at Officers Club, scenic return tour.
- 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Hospitality room open.
- 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Magic show, Iwo Jima reenactment, Mini Mardi Gras, cash bar.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1999**

- 9:00 am - 12:00 am General membership meeting.  
Admission by badge.
- 10:00 am - 1:00 pm *Option 4.* Ladies Auxiliary meeting, luncheon with guest speaker.
- 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Hospitality room open.

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 1999**

- 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. *Option 5.* Bus Trip to USS Alabama Battleship Park. Korean War Monument ground breaking. USMCR landing demonstration and displays.
- 5:00 pm. - 6:00 pm President's reception - Cocktail hour, cash bar.
- 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Banquet and program.

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 1999**

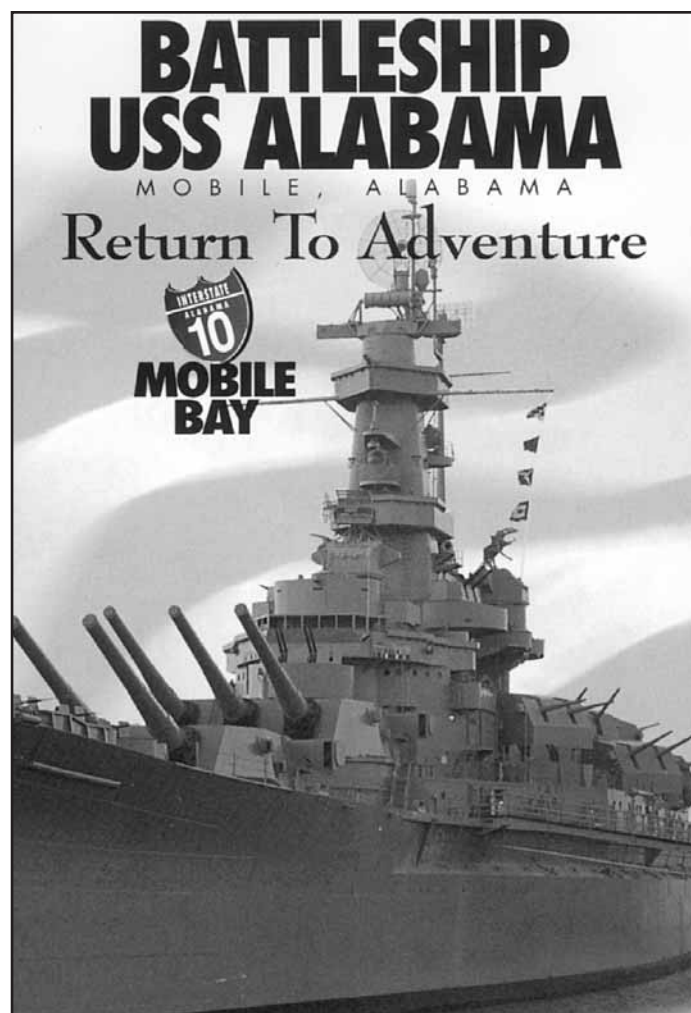
- 8:00 am - 9:30 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am - 11:00 am Closing ceremonies and farewells.

*Casino trips available daily. Activity locations will be posted. Buses leave hotel lot.*

**Special Meeting Fare**

Delta Air Lines (1-800-241-6760) is offering special rates which allow a 5% discount off Delta's published round trip fares within the Continental US, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, San Juan and the US Virgin Islands. Purchase ticket 60 days prior to departure, receive additional 5% bonus. A 10% discount will be offered on Delta's domestic system for travel to the meeting based upon the published unrestricted round-trip coach (YO6) rates. No advance reservations or ticketing is required, but purchase ticket 60 days prior to departure date and receive an additional 5% bonus discount. Refer to File Number 129417A.

*Important Notice: Tickets will be issued for each function when you register. You must present your ticket and have proper identification.*



# KWVA 15th Annual Reunion ❖ Mobile, Alabama ❖ September 11 – 16, 1999

## REGISTRATION FORM — DO NOT MAIL AFTER AUGUST 15, 1999

(Please print or type legibly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ KWVA Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Service \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel where registered \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival date \_\_\_\_\_

	Number of Persons	Cost per Person	Total
Registration Fee (All veterans and guests must register if attending any functions. Fees include administrative costs, souvenir handouts, snacks for hospitality room, special events, other incidental expenses, programs, table decorations, etc.) <i>Late registration 35.00.</i>	_____	\$30.00	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, Sep 11, 1999</b>			
❖ Welcome Party, snacks, cash bar, Cajun band.	_____	\$10.00	\$ _____
<b>Sunday, Sep 12, 1999</b>			
❖ <i>Option 1.</i> Bellingrath Gardens and home, tour. <i>OR</i>	_____	\$30.00	\$ _____
❖ <i>Option 2.</i> Riviera Outlet Mall, Foley - over 200 shops.	_____	\$15.00	\$ _____
<b>Monday, Sep 13, 1999</b>			
❖ <i>Option 3.</i> Naval Aviation Museum and I-Max, lunch at officers club, scenic coastal return tour.	_____	\$32.00	\$ _____
<b>Tuesday, Sep 14, 1999</b>			
❖ <i>Option 4.</i> Ladies Auxiliary Meeting and luncheon.	_____	\$12.00	\$ _____
<b>Wednesday, Sep 15, 1999</b>			
❖ <i>Option 5.</i> USS Alabama Battleship Park. Korean War Monument groundbreaking.	_____	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
❖ USMCR landing demonstration & displays.			
❖ Banquet: <i>Select entries:</i> - <input type="checkbox"/> Broiled Gulf Grouper <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Monterey <input type="checkbox"/> Roast prime rib .	_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
<b>Thursday, Sep 16, 1999</b>			
Breakfast	_____	\$15.00	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

Mail registration form and check payable to "KWVA" to: Korean War Veterans Association, P.O. Box 66564, Mobile, AL 36660-6564. (*Refunds for cancellations will be honored in whole or in part, depending on availability of funds.*)

Please charge my ☐ VISA or ☐ MASTER CARD. My card # is \_\_\_\_\_ My expiration date is \_\_\_\_\_

*Print carefully and double check card number. Mail to above address.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE BRING A GIFT FOR THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON RAFFLE**



# Forgotton Children of Korea

By Urban G. Rump

## THE AMERASIANS

I can vividly recall standing on the deck of the ship I was to return to the states on and seeing many Korean women some with children in their arms standing on the pier waving goodbye as the ship pulled away from the dock.

This was some forty-five plus years ago and I often wondered how many of these women and children were able to come to the United States as many of their GI mates had promised.

Many did come to this country as evidenced by the number of Korean war brides living in this country. However, many did not and this fact has left a scar on many innocent children left stranded in Korea for these many years the result of their mixed nationality birth, - now referred to as the Amerasian children of Korea.

In these passing years most of us have heard of the plight of the Amerasian children of American servicemen and Korean women. As the years have passed we hear less and less of this issue but by no means has it gone away. In fact, in some cases it has become worse. I know I had completely forgotten about these children and their plight.

During my re-visit trip ( 9/27/98 - 10/3/98 ) this issue was brought to my attention. Several of us felt that it would be fitting to collect contributions from the group to be given to a charitable Korean cause before we left. One of the ladies, Ms. Lynnita Sommer said she was aware of a group which has a office in Chicago called M.A.C.K., - Mission for Amerasian Children of Korea and we could consider contributing to this cause. An announcement was made on the bus and the next morning Mr. Jae Won Lee, a native Korean and a veteran of the war, took the initiative and literally passed the hat collecting about \$ 450.00. Calls were made to the states and we were able to make contact with a local



The presentation of \$450.00 was made in the lobby of the Soffitel Ambassador Hotel in Seoul. The members shown are, left to right, - Clyde Fruth, Yang H. Song, Jae Won Lee, Mr. Kang, Urban Rump, Lynnita Sommer and Robert Kinney

representative for M.A.C.K. - a Mr. James Kang. Mr. Kang was able to meet with the group in the lobby of the hotel on our last day in Korea and he was presented with the contribution.

Mr. Kang, a thirty-four year old Amerasian himself, took a few minutes to give us some insight into the M.A.C.K. mission in Korea. He explained he lives in Tongduchan, South Korea near Seoul and dedicates his efforts to the children in the M.A.C.K. mission. He explained there are about 30 children in the Seoul area involved with the mission and about 300 throughout Korea. Their average age is between six and fifteen and for the most part they live with their mothers in near poverty conditions. They are allowed to attend Korea schools but most drop out as they are shunned by their fellow students and teachers. They then often times become homeless and live in destitute conditions as outcasts.

Education is the key to M.A.C.K.'s efforts. This is their main goal along with some assisted living accommodations. They are educated in American schools for foreign children in Korea with the ultimate aim being to send them to the states for possible adoption and to live productive lives.

The cost per student varies from \$1,000.00 to \$2,300.00 a year depending on their needs for housing, tuition and books. So you can see this is a costly situation. They depend almost entirely upon contributions. One of the sources for Amerasians is done through the Chicago,

Illinois office of M.A.C.K. whose president is Ms. Chung Sia Rodrigues.

Mr. Kang said the two most important things we can do for M.A.C.K. is obviously money but in addition to that he wants us to write our representatives in Congress to extend the Amerasian Immigration Act which expired in 1982.

This Act was signed into law by President Reagan which allowed Amerasian children born between 1950 and 1982 to immigrate into the United States and become citizens. It has since expired and subsequently children born since 1982 are now approaching sixteen years old and are stranded unless they can be adopted or their American parent contacted who would in turn take them into this country and accept their responsibility. He said this is a voluntary action on the part of the parent and many accept this responsibility but for the most part the fathers are not able to be located.

Americans are noted for their generosity and Mr. Kan asks that those of us who can please consider a contribution and just as important contact your representative in Congress to extend the Amerasian Immigration Act. If you wish you can contribute to M.A.C.K. c/o Ms. Chung S. Rodrigues P. O. Box 597101 Chicago, IL. 60659 773-975-6730. All contributions are tax deductible as M.A.C.K. is a registered charitable corporation ( 501-C-3 ).

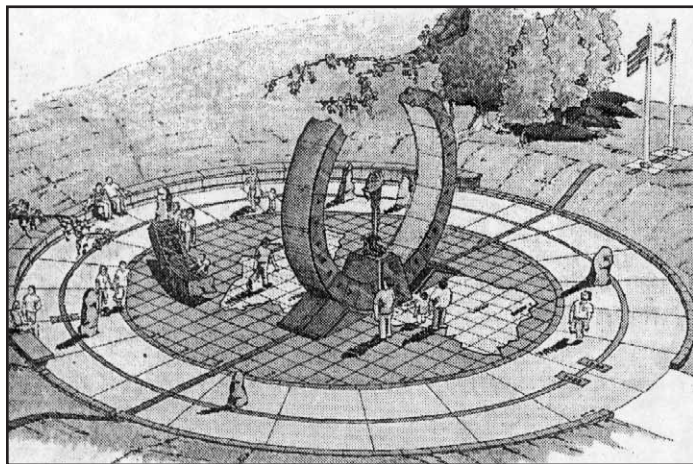
*Mr. Kang's direct address is: James Kang c/o M.A.C.K. P. O. Box 22 Tongduchan Kyonggi-Do, Korea. Contributions should not be sent directly to him.*

# Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

## Florida Remembers



Pictured are Senator Pat Thomas who sponsored the legislation, Chapter President Emmett Benjamin who sparkplugged the memorial effort, General Bob Millikin, USMC (ret), and the late Governor Lawton Chiles. Memorial completion is expected in late summer of 1999. Gov. Lawton Chiles died suddenly on 12-13-98.



Artist rendition of purposed Florida Korean War Memorial.

Florida's Korean War Memorial symbolically represents the celebration of life through Florida's participants who gave the ultimate sacrifice. The main entry to the memorial occurs at the corner of Gaines Street and Suwanee Street. Upon arrival, the visitor will see a large sculptural element at the center of the memorial plaza. This is the focal point of the memorial. The element is a large circle which represents the "Circle of Life." In the center, protruding through the top, is the field burial marker. This is a sculpture depicting a rifle forced into the earth decorated by the helmet and boots of the soldier mortally wounded as a result of combat. Representing the war, the burial marker penetrates through the "Circle of Life" -breaking it. The broken portion is forced to the ground and becomes embedded. This broken fragment carries with it the names of the fallen soldiers.

The names of those killed in action will be etched on the inside of the piece which once completed the "Circle of Life." The main purpose of the memorial is to represent those who have fallen and show that the Korean War has interrupted the lives of all involved, including family, friends and soldier. This interruption has left an indelible mark, good or bad, on our history, A mark (a break in time) which will never be replaced - a point in history.

The visitor will also find a large map of Korea located on the ground plane of the memorial. The map is divided into two parts by the "Circle of Life" element. The Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) shown on the map is what guided the placement of the "Circle of Life." The map will also have markers showing the location of major battles during the Korean War.

The final major component is the timeline. Upon entry, the visitor will be able to walk around the outer edge of the memorial and experience a timeline which chronicles the war. Markers will be located along the timeline which will give a brief story of the war and its major battles. The markers will be vertical elements with the appropriate text etched off the surface. Placement of the markers will be in relation to the time of tile occurrence explained.

*(Thanks Emmett, Charles Carafano, Jack Edwards, Rich Huebner and many more who sent in photos and other documents about the memorial. Your veterans deserve a memorial.)*

## Rhode Island Remembers



This memorial at left was built by the Korean War Veterans of Rhode Island, dedicated and given to the people of Rhode Island by the Korean War Veterans of Rhode Island. This photo shows one of two side panels that depict faces of Korean War Veterans. There are 44 faces etched on these side panels.

*(In a past Graybeards (September–November 1998) the full front view of the memorial was shown. We thank all the veterans of Rhode Island for remembering and building this beautiful memorial. I have several photos of the front view and in a future issue we will show it again. Thank you John Caruso for the recent photos.)*



## New Jersey Remembers



Richie Alexander, State Commander of New Jersey KWVA (center) stands proudly with past State Commander John McHutchison, Ocean County Commander Paul Plesnarski, Hudson County Commander Joe Cassella, the Hudson County Chapter Color Guard, Lou Spinelli KWVA member and current State Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Past National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Joe Hems. The event was the unveiling of the winning design of the proposed state memorial, a project that is estimated at 2 million dollars. Dedication is set for June 25, 2000.

### Design Selected for Korean War Memorial

The winner of the design competition for the New Jersey Korean War Veterans Memorial was J. Tom Carrillo, principal of Sculpture: Mountains and Plains Ltd. of Denver, Colorado, in collaboration with sculptor Thomas Jay Warren of Sugar Grove, North Carolina. The Korean War Veterans Memorial will be accessed from both Brighton Park and the Boardwalk. Warren's 12-foot high statue of "The Mourning Soldier," a GI remembering the dead, will dominate the area. A group of men under fire (the soldier's memory) emerge through a sheet of water just to his right. On the back wall of the memorial the names of the 800 dead and missing from the state will be carved in stone beneath an urn containing a golden flame. On the back wall at the Boardwalk entrance will be a six-foot bronze plaque featuring the portraits and citations of New Jersey's three Medal of Honor recipients from the Korean War. At the Brighton Park entrance there will be a reflecting pool fronted by eight-foot high bronze figures of a GI and nurse aiding a wounded soldier. Behind them through sheeting water, a lone soldier stands in rain gear, weapon in hand, "The Sentry."

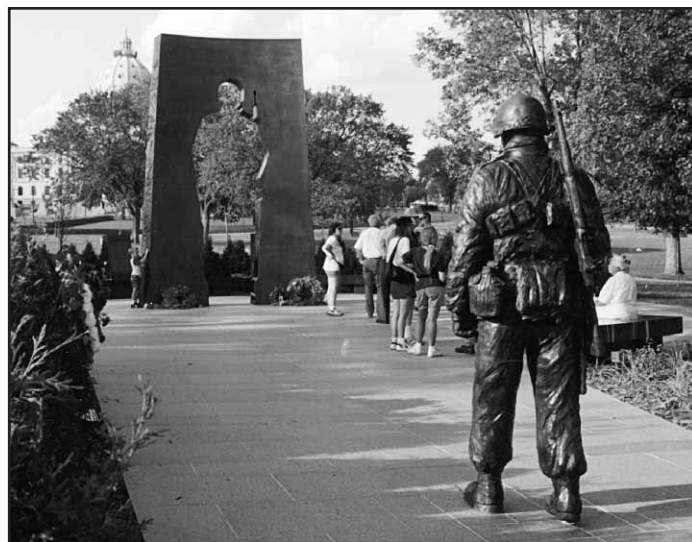
*(Looks like New Jersey has a great memorial design.)*

## Minnesota Remembers

### Minnesota Korean War Veterans Memorial Dedication - September 13, 1998

The photos reflect the spirit of the Korean War Veteran. It was on a hot September 13, 1998 in St. Paul, MN, That this, simple in design but yet rich in symbolism, memorial was dedicated to citizens and veterans.

To those K-Vets who have been involved with an event, as emotional and time consuming, which it is, you know what has to go into making it a success. It was a success, thanks to over 100 vets from Chapter #1 of Minnesota Korean War Veterans. Yes, everyone pitched in to handle a crowd of approximately 4,000 participants who listened to the keynote speaker, General



The solitary foot soldier above (8 Ft. tall – cast bronze) heads for the 20 ft. high silhouette column – a halo image cut as a larger than life silhouette, a monolithic curved bronze column, lit from within. The void created by the silhouette represents the Minnesotans who did not return from Korea. Each side is detailed with battle images (right) representing all Branches.



Eight granite pillars list the 738 KIA/MIA Minnesotans.

Ray Davis, (Ret.) USMC MOH, challenged the crowd to pay tribute and make the Minnesota Memorial a hallowed place for families and friends to remember. His remarks were well received.

Other speakers who paid homage were Edward Valle, President, MKWV Chapter #1; Bernie Metler, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs; Lt. Governor, Joanne Benson, State of Minnesota; and Major General Eugene Andriotti, Minnesota Adjutant of Military Affairs. The ever popular Bob Ryan, Radio & TV Newsmen was Master of Ceremonies and Larry Goga, 1st President of MKWV #1 and chairman of the Dedication Committee served as announcer and kept the program on target.

After the program, all honored guests were led by General Davis and Ed Valle, to the Memorial site for the unveiling of eight black academy granite pillars, which listed the 738 men who were killed in action or missing in action of the Korean War, the 20 foot high bronze silhouette column and 8 foot tall cast bronze soldier were unveiled, under direction of Jerry Nalipinski, Memorial chairman, MKWV #1.

To paraphrase, Al Schoenthaler previous comments (corresponding secretary MKWV #1) "Finally after almost fifty years the Korean War will no longer be forgotten in the State of Minnesota. A tribute from Minnesota Veterans and State of Minnesota to Minnesotans that fought for freedom, in a far away place."

In his comments, Ed Valle, President MKWV #1, remarked "This memorial will honor those who made the supreme sacrifice so that we may enjoy what they so preciousely gave up."

Special thanks go to the State of Minnesota for their financial contribution, to the design team of BRW Architects (Bob Kost-Mgr.). Art Norby, sculpture, to the craftsman and artisans and to the "Thousands" who monetarily and verbally supported the memorial and to the hard working members of Chapter #1. *Salute! Thanks!*

Tom Clawson, Vice Chairman  
Memorial Dedication Committee

*Note: Please refer to article (page 12) of Sept./Oct. 1998 "The Graybeards" Minnesota Remembers "Forgotten Comrades" by Al Schoenthaler.*

*(Great Memorial, Thanks Tom for photos.)*

## Illinois Remembers



2nd Vice President of National Korean War Veterans Association Kenneth Cook conducts the dedication of Memorial Highway. Left to Right: Harold Bott; Colonel John O'Connor; Illinois State Representative William Black; Honorable Mayor Robert Jones, Danville, IL.

### Memorial Highway dedicated to Illinois War Veterans

Kenneth Cook who is 2nd Vice President of National Korean War Veterans Association and president of the Danville, IL. Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter presided over the program.

Illinois State Representation William Black introduced the resolution for honoring the 206,500 Illinois Korean War Veterans who served in this war, and tribute to the 1,741 KIA's; POW's, MIAs and the 4,691 wounded in this war.



View of the enthusiastic audience. There were approximately 250 veterans and patriotic citizens from all over the state in attendance.



(Left to right) Mayor Robert Jones, 2nd VP KWVA Ken Cook, Representative William Black (on stage), Founder of IKWVA Hershall Lee, Representative Dale Righter. *(Thank You Hershall for this photo and other documents.)*

### The Ceremony

- ◆ The pledge of Allegiance was given by John Spencer.
- ◆ Welcome and Introduction by Harold Bott.
- ◆ The Robert Wurtsbaugh Korean War Veterans Ceremonial Guard presented the United States Flag. The Illinois State Police Pipe and Drum Corps played "Amazing Grace."
- ◆ Illinois State Representative William Black unveiled the Commemorative Sign in absence of State Senator Ms. Judy Myers who was at an essential meeting in Chicago.

◆ The Illinois Korean Veteran Association State Department was represented by Richard Teike. The Illinois Suburban Chapter; Eugene Budgis - Greater Chicago Chapter; Paul V. Leyva - Chares Parlier Chapter; William Williams - Lester Hammond Chapter; Donald Goerlich - Sangamon County Chapter; Donald Fritcher - Imjin Chapter; Harry Reime, -



Hershall Lee giving thanks to all.  
*(A deserving honor for Illinois Korean War Veterans)*



Northwest Chapter; Clyde Fruth, -Robert Wurtbaugh Chapter; Ken Cook. All Illinois Chapters of Korean War Veteran Assn.

♦ Invocation and Benediction was given by David Thornsborough.

♦ To Colors and Retreat was played by Colonel John O'Connor.

♦ There was a reception honoring the speakers, members of program and attendees at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Thank you Curtis G. Redden American Legion Post 210 for providing the facility to hold this event. (Thank you Milton Crippen for several photos shown and thank you John H. Spencer for the program and agenda.)



This Memorial sign is located at Halsted and 99th Street in Chicago. (Route 1). (Thank you Paul Leyva for photo and Resolution.)

## Oregon Remembers

The City of Wilsonville Development Review Board gave final approval to site a new Oregon Korean War Memorial in the City's recently developed 5.5 acre Town Center Park. This park is located 1/2 mile East of Interstate 5, twenty five miles South of Portland.

The memorial is being established by the Korean War Veterans of Oregon (KWVA) which has chapters in Portland, Salem and Albany and members throughout the State. It has been in the planning and design stages for more than four years and will Honor Oregon's 60,000 Veterans alive today from that war.

The memorial centerpiece is an 85-foot long wall memorializing the 287 Oregon Servicemen killed-in-action or who died as prisoners-of-war between 1950 and 1953. The name and branch of service of each serviceman will be inscribed on the wall.

To date the KWVA has raised \$150,000 to build the memorial but needs an additional \$100,000 to complete funding. Individuals, organizations and businesses are being asked to contribute to the fund through a Donor Brick Paver Program or by purchasing a Memorial Plaque or Memorial Bench. All donations, regardless of amount, will be gratefully accepted and acknowledge by a return letter from the Organization. Donations are tax deductible as well.

All brick pavers purchased will be inscribed with the donors name(s) before being incorporated in the a 12 feet wide terrace in front of the memorial wall. Donors may also specify bricks be placed in special areas of the terrace marked "IN HONOR OF" or "IN MEMORY OF" the person whose name is inscribed on the brick(s).

Construction is expected to begin in July and completion will

coincide with a plan to dedicate the memorial on Veterans Day, November 11, 1999. For information please contact:

Don Barton, Secretary Oregon Korean War Memorial Fund, 8316 N. Lombard Street, #449, Portland, Oregon 97203, Phone: 503-289-7360 Fax: 503-285-1605 or Don Cohen, Chairman KWVA Memorial Committee, 16981 Stanhelma Drive, Gladstone, Oregon 97027, Phone: (593) 656-0489

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### Expertise requested

## South Dakota plans Korea War memorial

**W**e are launching initial steps toward developing a state Korean War Memorial. I need a listing of South Dakotas KIAs and MIAs in Korea, plus names of former POWs and Medal of Honor recipients from the state.

Are any war memorial illustrations or artists' sketches available that we might draw upon in determining what our memorial might look like? Can anyone suggest names of artists-sculptors-freelancers who might be interested in offering sketch ideas? Fund-raising is another dark unknown.

We're looking for not only memorial ideas, but also concepts, notions, proposals, insights, outsghts, recommendations, thoughts, beliefs, impressions, opinions and views.

We'd also like advice from chapters with completed memorials. We want to pick their brains in many areas, including obstacles to expect, how those obstacles were met, circumvented or ignored, successful approaches, ad infinitum. Contact Gordon Hanson, President, West River Chapter 160, 13045 Timber Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702

(Gordon, I suggest you go to our web page <[www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)>, there you will find many links that you can give you the information you need. I am sure others reading this will help also.)

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## South Carolina seeking contributions for memorial

66,000 South Carolinians served in Korea. South Carolina lost 401 killed in action or died as POWs and 66 South Carolinians were MIA. The Palmetto State, also, had several hundred non-battle deaths. South Carolinians can be proud of their contribution to the defense of the Republic of Korea! American forces' involvement in that war was representative of US leadership of the free world in standing against expansive Communist regimes.

We need your help in building a unique and lasting memorial in Columbia South Carolina, to the men and women of the Palmetto State who served and died in the Korean War!

John Bruce Blount, Lt. Gen. USA (Ret.)

President.

Mail contributions to: South Carolina Korean War Veterans' Memorial Committee, c/o The SC State VFW Headquarters, 605 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

# National VA/VS Representative Report

By Norman S. Kantor

One morning upon answering my phone I learned that with sorrow that Mr. Edward Markart, National Secretary for the Korean War Veterans Association had passed away. Deepest sympathy reaches out to the Markart family.

KWVA Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service Representatives patches are on hand. VA Joint Reviews were to be completed in April, patches are issued when the Medical Center Voluntary office sends a copy to me. Copies of the Medical Centers VAVS meeting minutes show attendance both by the Representative as well as Deputies. Active Deputies can be issued the patch as well.

Chapters holding their monthly meetings should allow able time so to allow the VAVS Rep. the opportunity to report on what is occurring at the Medical Center as well as informing Chapter members on how their support is needed, cuts in budgets have effected the Medical Centers, volunteers are needed, every Chapter was sent a listing showing 51 various slots that volunteers could aid in, also past issues of the "Graybeards" listed

them as well.

Often Medical Centers state that no KWVA Chapters are participating even though the Chapters are nearby, as a Chapter member ask your elected officers "Are We Active in the VAVS Program? Countless Chapters have those who are workers and those who sit back and complain then wait for the refreshments followed by a dash for the door. Get involved, become active, serve on committees.

Question asked was are the Ladies Auxiliaries who have been chartered and are certified into the VAVS program authorized the issue of the KWVA VAVS patch? YES, we have three Auxiliaries who have been certified, Suncoast in FL, Chapter 2 in MO, and Central NY. Presently there are 4 other Auxiliaries not being active in the VAVS Program. Chapters are reminded that their reports covering January 1 through 30 June 1999 will be due, the report covers Volunteer hours, miles used in VAVS programs, as well as other subjects, every Chapter was sent the printed sheet which is due no later then 15 July 1999. Sheets for the remaining 6 months of 1999 will be sent only to those Chapters turning in requested reports.

## KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC

### Balance Sheet As of April 30, 1999

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1st Union	29,163.46
Bank One	82,748.98
Money Market	257,568.99
Total Checking/Savings	369,481.43
Total Current Assets	369,481.43
TOTAL ASSETS	369,481.43
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Opening balance	305,845.24
Retained Earnings	7,552.67
Net Income	56,083.52
Total Equity	369,481.43
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	369,481.43

Included in money market funds is Life Membership reserve in the amount of \$ 110,000.00 and \$ 795.00 Associate Life reserve.  
Balance due scholarship program \$ 25,505.48



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## Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from the Korean War Ex-POW Assn., March 1999 Newsletter, Graybeards Editor

### Presidents Lloyd Pate's message.

Just in case any of you have not found the dates of our Macon, GA 1999 reunion, it is from 25 July — 1 Aug. 1999. (See Jan-Feb Graybeards, page 9.)

A very good friend of the KWXPOWs just recently died. Doc Anderson who was with the Med Co, 8th Cav. He stayed back with the wounded at Unsan even though he had been offered a way out. I met him at Pyuckdong alone with Doc Shadish. They were the only two doctors I ever met at Pyuckdong other than the NK doctor we called "Hokey Dokey". There was another American doctor there that thought he was too good to treat the lowly enlisted men. He is also dead and I assure you he will not be missed. Some of you have confused this one with Doc Anderson and he heard a rumor that a lot of men resented him as they did not feel he had done all he could have done. Therefore he never made one of our reunions as he felt it might cause a scene. I just recently heard of this, otherwise I would have contacted him and straightened this insult to him out. I am truly sorry that now it is too late. But I hope his family will see this and know that those who knew him, respected him. Less than a week before he died he wrote one of the 1st Cav guys and said, I was very sorry to be unable to get down to Portland to see you all last summer. When my wife Janet is unwell she is afraid for me to be gone even for a day. I know some of the men think I just don't care about them. This is not true. Maybe next year. Well, next year will not come for Doc Anderson and there are some of us who would not be here today if not for his efforts. Rest in peace Doc. You will not be forgotten.

I think it would behoove us all to make sure our statements are true before we say them. So much pain can be caused by a few careless words and once they are said they can never be retracted nor the hurt removed.

Arden Rowley has come up with a plan he would like to initiate in the name of our Association.

He came across a paper entitled, *US POWs In The Korean Operation: A Study of Their Treatment and Handling By The Chinese Communist Forces and The North Korean Army*. He would like to get this published as a book, with some additional info. The books would be donated to as many libraries as possible through out the United States. He has discussed this with a printer and to put out a top quality book with good bindings would cost around \$35,000. He is looking for some people out there who might be willing to finance such a project.

I know there are some of you who made good use of your back pay when you got back and may be willing to back such a worthwhile project. If you are interested, drop Rowley a line at the above address and let him know what you can do. If he can get ten people who are willing, it would not be that much per person. This would be a great asset to those researchers and school kids to be able to get the facts on the hell we went through during our captivity. There is very little data out there at this time and most of it does not tell the full story.

Many of you have started to send me your change of addresses before we mailed out the newsletter. This has been a great help and has saved us a great deal of money. Some of you still refuse to do this and it has cost us considerable time and money, plus it delays your newsletter and I am sure some of these get lost so it was really a lost cause.

I want to thank each and every one of you who have made donations and memorials to the Association and donations to the reunion to help cover the costs. It still amazes me at the generosity of our members. I can assure you, your money will not be wasted.

Now comes the sad part of the newslet-

ter. These are buddies or the spouses that have passed on since our last newsletter.

Some of you may have problems reading the print, but with all the info we try to put for each entry, we cannot get it all on one line using larger type. I hope you will bear with us.

The saddest part of this list is that so many of them never made a Reunion and will never know the joy we share each year with each other. I honestly feel that it has added years to my life because now I really have something to look forward to from year to year.

Akers, Charles W.  
Anderson, Clarence L.  
Beecher, Mefford  
Bowens, Charles D.  
Darrow, Kenneth R.  
Dinan, Lawrence A.  
Erwin, Jefferson D.  
Franklin, Margaret A.  
Kim, Meung H.  
Koski, William E.  
Lloyd, Allen L.  
McMurtery, Calvin J.  
Miller, John W.  
Osborne, Henry H.  
Phillips, Eric C.  
Santini, Nazarou  
Sorenson, Elmer  
Sprouse, Eloise  
Tackley, William F.

Our prayers are with their families.

We have had many of our people who have had to undergo procedures and treatment for one thing or another.

Elliot Sortillo, Ray Unger, Donald Denny just to name a few. Think of all of our ailing buddies and keep them in your thoughts.

Lloyd W. Pate, President

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## 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.

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## Book Review



### In Flanders Fields

The story of the poem by John McCrae, Written by Linda Granfield and illustrated by Janet Wilson.

*In Flanders Fields* is one of the most popular poems ever written. Its underlying mes-

sage of respect for the fallen and the longing for peace has touched the hearts of millions of people around the world. This is the story of the poem, its creator, and the soldiers who inspired it.

The poet, John McCrae, was an idealistic army doctor. He wrote "In Flanders Fields" during the First World War's terrible Second Battle of Ypres in 1915. His simple poem captures both his admiration for those who fought and his anguish over the heartbreaking war.

Author Linda Granfield has interwoven the lines of McCrae's poem with fascinating information about World War I, details of daily life in the trenches, accounts of McCrae's experiences in his field hospital, and a description of the tragic circumstances that led to the writing of "In Flanders Fields."

Janet Wilson's evocative paintings interpret McCrae's poem, and combine with archival posters, postcards, and other artifacts to bring to life a war that forever changed history.

*I have heard and memorized this poem as a young lad. Like many of you after becoming a veteran of war I have learned the meaning of each word. It now brings tears to my eyes when heard, the same emotions when Taps is played. You will read this book many times and look at the illustrations over and over. The book to me is the best I have ever seen to educate children on the many facets of war. This book is for ages 8 and up. Thank you Linda and Janet for a great book that should be in everyones library. Price is \$15.95. Contact, Judith E. Haut, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1540 Broadway, NY, New York 10036. (212) 782-8626, Fax: 212-782-9004, E-mail <jhaut@randomhouse.com> -Editor Krepps.*

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# Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation



*President Bill Van Ort,  
KWVEGC and National  
Director, KWVA*

## **Straight talk on education!**

*15 April 1999*

**C**ollege is expensive! That's a given. Just ask your children or grandchildren how they plan to pay for their college education. A public community college, a general college or even a university; the costs run between \$4,000 to \$16,000 a year. And that does not include dorms, meals or transportation expenses. A private school costs much more, Freedom is not Free! Education is not free either!

When we returned home from service in the armed forces many years ago, we were given the option of going back to school or buying a home. That was a part of the G.I. Bill. I was one of those individuals who opted for buying a home, foregoing the chance to return to school. I know how important a college education has become. Our descendants don't have that choice. At this writing, we have received over 160 applications for grants this year. Do we tell them, sorry, the KWVA no longer cares about them and to forget college grants. We don't think that is what we are about or that the membership wants us to diminish the education program.

The Education committee knows that the financial structure of the KWVA is still in jeopardy. We will not jeopardize that! Most organizations have a scholarship program. Some veterans organizations have their own programs. What makes our program unique, is that we cater not only to teens entering college for the first time, but to every person who has left school, raised a family or changed employment for a period of time, and wants to return to school. We also help single parents. Many other scholarship programs or grants will not consider such events. They all need our assistance. We can't help every person, but we try!

The KWVEGC is very proud of its board members. Many hold the title of Professor Emeritus and have PhD's from colleges around the country. All are veterans of the Korean War and are extremely dedicated to

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the purpose of helping our descendants attend college. There is no favoritism shown in the selection process. Money that is spent goes to the individual's college for tuition and fees. Items like applications, stationery and postage, etc. are authorized expenditures. The rest of the bills we pay our selves.

Do you feel that giving a \$1.00 per year from your \$20.00 annual membership dues is too much to spend on education? Some of the East Coast State Departments and Chapters of the KWVA do and have decided to rebel and deny education to our descendants. Their leadership is misguided and wrong. Education has been an integral part of the original Certificate of Incorporation of the KWVA which was originated by our founder, Bill Norris in 1985. Education must be the foremost item in our agenda. Education has become the Nation's number one goal. It is the same goal for every individual state across the USA. It should be ours! Our National Memorial, located in Washington, DC is built, dedicated and is paid in full. All that we have is *The Graybeards* magazine. The KWVA has no other sponsored expense.

Our committee awarded \$2,000 each to ten (10) recipients in 1995 and again in 1996. We were only able to award \$500 each to five (5) recipients in 1997 and 1998 due in part, to the generosity of our benefactors and the sales of General Ray Davis book. The amounts to be awarded for 1999 has been set at \$500 per student, although we do have about \$12,000 on hand. This is the reason we are vigorously fighting this resolution. The KWVEGC will stay in business!

The KWVA still owes money for educa-

tion. The KWVEGC has received \$5,533.52 from the KWVA since September 1996. This does not include \$317.85 for forms, authorized by then President Pappas in 1996, and eventually paid. Not included is \$4,466.48, receipts from the new car raffle which was held by the hard working Illinois and Missouri Chapters of the KWVA in 1996 at the Annual Reunion in St. Louis, MO. (This was in the advertisement for the ticket sales in 1996, and the money was paid to the education committee in July of 1998).

Many potential contributors are watching the vote on this resolution and ballot to deny benefits to our descendants. We ask that you vote on this resolution and ballot by placing an X in the box, "I disagree with the resolution to withhold support for education." We would like to see the membership soundly defeat this resolution and reinstate the commitment which began many years ago. Your President, Harley J. Coon, the Finance Committee, and many KWVA officers and members have enthusiastically endorsed our education program. Thank you for your continued support of education and your vote. If you desire any more information, please call or FAX.

All members of the KWVEGC Board strongly endorse this letter to the membership.

Dick L. Adams, Past President, KWVA  
(Representative of the KWVA).

Dr. Donald G. Baker, PHD, Professor  
Emeritus, (Ret) Univ. of Minn.  
Meteorology & Climatology (Selection's  
Committee).

Comdr. Charles F. Cole, USNR, (Ret),  
PhD, Professor Emeritus, Ohio State Univ.  
Natural Sciences (Secretary to the Board).  
LTC Hansel C. Hall, USAF, (Ret),  
(Former Director of KWVA, CFO &  
Treasurer of KWVEGC).

Col. Robert A. Henderson, USMC, (Ret),  
D.Ed. & Professor Emeritus, Illinois  
University. Special Education. (Selection's  
Committee).

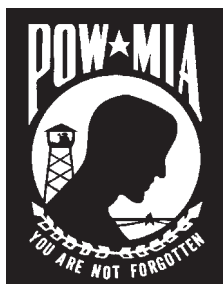
Col. Robert H. Kies, USA (Ret), POW.  
(Head of Selection's Committee,  
KWVEGC).

1st Lt. William H. Van Ort, USANG (Ret),  
President of KWVEGC & National Director,  
KWVA."

"--for the Children of our Sacrifice--"

# Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

Korean War/Cold War Document Family  
Research



March 15, 1999

## Major Korean War Records Assembled

Archivists finalized a 6-month Korean War project on research of October-December

1950 records from Army divisions in combat north of the 38th parallel. That effort resulted in the creation of a 58-volume DPMO library of indexed records and map overlays for units from the following divisions: 1st Cavalry, 2nd Infantry, 3rd Infantry, 7th Infantry, 24th Infantry and 25th Infantry. The documents include unit war diaries, daily journals, operations reports, situation reports, maps, and other information pertaining to U.S. POWs or unaccounted-for servicemen.

The original Korean War unit records are located at the National Archives II in College Park, Maryland. Analysts spend valuable time traveling between the DPMO office in Virginia and the Archives II in College Park to conduct research. The purpose of this effort was to extract, duplicate and organize specific types of frequently used Korean War Records in order to make them more readily available to DPMO analysts on a permanent basis. The Archives II information will be combined with other DPMO data to prepare reports, maps and other materials for field operations and excavations in North Korea. The close proximity of this information will also enable analysts to provide a faster response to family member inquiries.

April 16, 1999

## Access to Chinese Archives on the Korean War

The U. S. continues to engage the Chinese government on cooperation in providing information from its Korean War archives that will aid in the location, recovery and identification of U.S.

## The Chinese have yet to allow access to the Korean War archives

personnel missing from the Korean War.

Last month DASD Jones met with a senior official from the Chinese Embassy in Washington to discuss access to the Chinese archives on the Korean War. While not agreeing to direct access, the Chinese government is increasingly willing to look at ways to answer U.S. concerns on this issue. More recently President Clinton raised the issue in his meeting with Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji. Premier Zhu agreed to respond to specific queries.

Mr. Jones also met with Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials in Peking in January seeking common ground to help resolve questions from the U. S. side.

The U.S. continues to reassure the Chinese that cooperation on this issue is in their long-term interest and will do much to build a positive bilateral relationship. The Chinese have been very cooperative in providing information and assisting recovery operations growing out of World War II and the Vietnam War.

## Eastern Europe Visits Continue

Although scheduled dates for trips to Eastern Europe have had to be juggled due to events in Yugoslavia, teams are moving ahead to visit Sofia, Bulgaria and Prague, Czech Republic. While in Bulgaria, the team plans to interview representatives of the Association of Those Oppressed under Communism after 1947 (Bulgarian survivors of Bulgarian labor camps), other Bulgarian labor camp survivors, academicians who specialize in Bulgarian labor camps, and medical doctors who served in North Korea during the Korean War. The team also plans to visit the site of a former labor camp some four hours outside of Sofia. Another team is scheduled to be in the Czech Republic in mid-May, and has a full schedule consisting of interviews and archival reviews, while, in the near term, we hope to begin efforts in Bratislava, Slovakia.

## US-Russia Joint Commission Moscow Update

On 25 March 1999, Moscow suspended all cooperation by the Russian Side of the Commission until further notice due to the events in Yugoslavia. The US side of the Commission, US Embassy, Moscow, was told to stop all work at the Ministry of Defense archives at Podolsk, and that US representatives should not contact or interview any witnesses in the name of the Commission in the Russian Federation. In the past, dialogue between the American and Russian sides of the Commission have continued in the face of political differences and cooperative efforts proceeded.

Although "pounding-the-pavement" for information within the Russia Federation has been suspended, teams continue to search for information in the States of the former Soviet Union. Meanwhile, the US side of the Commission and staff will continue efforts to emphasize the strictly humanitarian nature of the Joint Commission's work with the Russian side and that the work continue in spite of any differences between the US and Russia over events in Kosovo.

## Podlsk Archival Work

Work is continuing on the translating and correlating Russian archival material already acquired to U.S. loss records. Three additional cases have been correlated and forwarded to family members through the service in the past week. However, in many cases, U.S. records do not show a loss on the date the Soviets claimed a shootdown. If the Soviets reported the aircraft crashing into the sea, JCSD researchers have little chance of identifying it or even determining if the loss actually took place. In other cases, the Soviet search groups reported finding crash sites. All that is known at first glance is that the aircraft found at that location must have been downed sometime prior to the date the search group found it. Since these sites may contain information that could identify whose aircraft it was and possibly the fate of the aircrew, we investi-



gate and analyze each report of a crash site.

JCSJ researchers have been unable to work in the Podolsk archives since the beginning of the air campaign in Kosovo. We maintain high hopes that the situation at Podolsk will return to normal as soon as possible.

Analysts have already found instances where they were able to identify the aircraft at a crash site as being a different aircraft from the one reported in the shootdown claim. Such an identification, when possible, is based on details such as the battle description, the possibility of locating the site given in the Soviet report, the precise location of the crash, and the presence of any traceable numbers or identifying features from the aircraft crash site. Thus, the more information the Soviets recorded, the better chance analysts have of identifying and correlating the loss.

### **Korean POW Escapee Reported**

International newspapers reported this week that Sohn Jae Sool escaped from North Korea, through a third country, into South Korea. He was reported by these international media to be a POW held in the DPRK since the end of the war.

The U. S. has in place a mechanism to interview all defectors and escapees from North Korea, whether or not they were reported to be POWs. The purpose of the interviews is to determine if the individual has any knowledge of Americans in North Korea, now or in the past.

### **North Korean Archival**

Visit A team from Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office and the Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii, visited Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in late March through early April to review archival material on the Korean War to aid in the recovery of U.S. military personnel missing from the Korean War. This was the third archival visit since 1997. A fourth visit is scheduled for August of this year. While many photos and documents are under continuing analysis, the results of the archival exchanges to date have been disappoint-

ing. The U. S. archivists have yet to gain access to the archival data that would be of most value in locating, recovering, and identifying missing U.S. personnel. The U.S. side continues to reassure Pyongyang that cooperation in archival exchanges in support of this humanitarian endeavor is to their long-term advantage.

### **Interviews With Korean War Vets Aid Investigations**

DPMO analysts interviewed veterans at two Korean War military association reunions last week, both in Branson, Mo. The associations are the 2nd Infantry Division Korean War Veterans Alliance and the 2nd Engineer Association.

The purpose of the interviews is to obtain information they may have on servicemen still unaccounted-for from the Korean War. Information provided is often useful for U.S. search teams which will begin the fourth year of joint recovery operations this month in North Korea.

More than 450 veterans attended the reunions, including former POWs. DPMO analysts conducted 72 detailed interviews with members of these organizations, many of whom provided first hand information on servicemen still unaccounted-for from the Korean War. Information obtained from these interviews on named missing will be forwarded to the U.S. Army casualty office for dispatch to the families of the servicemembers.

### **Annual Report Published – Available on Internet**

The annual report of the DPMO is being distributed this week and is also posted now on the DPMO Internet web site. The report may be read in its entirety on the DPMO home page. The address is <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>. The report is contained in a section labeled "Special Reports." It is available for downloading in both the PDF and HTML formats from the Internet.

The 49-page report, titled "Fulfilling the Commitment," summarizes DPMO activities during the past year to obtain fullest possible accounting of missing Americans from all conflicts.

## **Australia to Dedicate War Memorial**

### **G'day Mates,**

**O**n 17/18 April 2000 the Australian National Korean War Memorial will be unveiled and dedicated to our 339 KIA's & DOW's, our 1,217 WIA, our hundreds who were injured or sick and to the 17000 who served, suffered and sacrificed.

Like all other of the 22 countries which were part of the UN Force Korea, our Australian veterans are now "thin on the ground". Of the 17,000 Australians who served, it is "guesstimated" that only about 5,000 have survived the years. All survivors "intend" to be in Canberra in April 2000. It is a matter of conjecture of how many will still be alive, and of those who are, how many will be healthy or mobile enough to participate.

We are hopeful that our Brothers & Sisters of the UN Force Korea from the USA and all the other countries will make a concerted effort to join us on this historical and emotional occasion. Plan your Year 2000 holidays now and "come down under." You could make it an extended holiday and stay for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games !!! "How about it cobber ?". For details of the official Program interested Allied veterans should write to:

Officer-in-Charge, Commemoration Ceremonies "Their Service – our Heritage." Dedication of the Australian National Korean War Memorial, Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 21, Woden 2606, Australian Capital Territory, Australia

It would be greatly appreciated if you could distribute the above information to all known Korean War Veterans Associations & Organizations.

Stay well  
Fraternally

Fred Kirkland  
*Formerly of the 1st & 2nd Battalions  
Royal Australian Regiment (Infantry)  
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2090, Australia. Phone/Fax 61 02 9909-  
2477*

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

(See Memorial on page 14, Jan-Feb 1999 issue. Continued from March-April issue with photos and Janet's revisit trip to where brother was KIA. )

By Rich Roesler – Stripes Taegu Bureau Chief

Next, I was led around to the back of the memorial where a larger bronze plaque read:

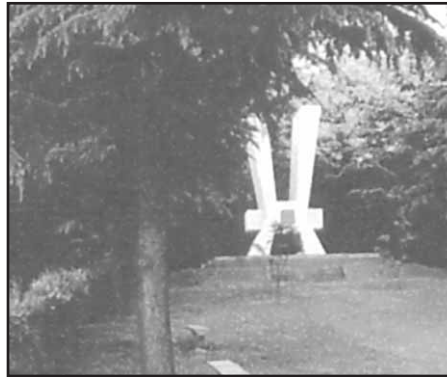


THIS MONUMENT IS DEDICATED TO THE MEN OF THE 27TH U. S. INFANTRY REGIMENT COMMANDED BY COL. JOHN MICHAELIS WHOSE COURAGE AND SACRIFICE REPRESENT THE FINEST EXAMPLE OF THE STRENGTH, DEVOTION AND CAPABILITIES OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIER. AT THIS SITE IN AUGUST 1950 THE 27th STOOD SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE 1st ROK INFANTRY DIVISION TO HAND COMMUNIST AGGRESSORS THEIR FIRST MAJOR DEFEAT OF THE KOREAN WAR. THEIR INSPIRED LEADERSHIP, FIERCE DETERMINATION AND AGGRESSIVE FIGHTING SPIRIT HELPED PRESERVE THE FREEDOM OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED.

ERECTED BY THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMY, THE KYUNG SANG BUK DO PROVINCE AND THE CITY OF TAEJU ON 15 DECEMBER 1971.



Dennis and I had brought with us copies of the 8th Field War Diaries, the American magazine articles, US National Archives film and photos, as well as Sten's pictures and some from the 1995 Memorial dedication in Washington. Ever since Col. Millett told us about the museum, our thought was to bring to the materials that might be of interest to them. We spread out the papers



Memorial of the "Bowling Alley" Victory Tabudong, August 1950.

and photos on one of the benches. As Mr. Pak, our interpreter, repeated what I told him, Mr. Kim and the others became more and more excited. They recognized photos from the Washington, D.C. memorial, the 1950 copy of Time Magazine. I pointed out the pictures of Joe Hull from 1950 and 1995, and Harold Kuehnel from 1950 and again from 1995. They looked, they smiled broadly and asked when I had last talked with them. I was able to say, "only ten days ago." This made them very happy. They said, "When are they coming."

On July 11, 1950 the 8th Field Artillery Battalion which had been on occupation duty in Nara, Japan, arrived in Pusan, Korea and, along with the 27th Infantry "Wolfhounds," would see intensive action as the 27th Regimental Combat Team, nicknamed General Walker's Fire Brigade.

After seven weeks of fighting in various sectors of the shrinking Pusan Perimeter, the 27th RCT was ordered north of Taegu "to secure Taegu from enemy penetration" from the north. A fierce four day battle ensued and the North Koreans were repulsed. However, in the course of that battle, which came to be called the Battle of

the Bowling Alley\* (see *Fighting On The Brink: Defense of the Pusan Perimeter* by Gen. Uzal Ent, Turner Publishing Co., pp.227-232 for more details), the 8th Field Artillery Battalion's fire direction center received a direct mortar attack instantly killing four officers and two non-commissioned officers, eight other men were wounded.

*Killed were:*

- Major Byron D. Magee, BN XO;
- Captain Sten E. Westin, Asst S-3
- Captain Joseph W. Terman, Liaison Officer
- 1LT Teddy B. Akins, Asst S-2
- MSG Kenneth S. Richards, Intelligence SGT
- SFC James O. Replogle, Communications SGT

Forty-four years later, Larry Westin and Janet Westin Bicker were in California searching for information about the death of Captain Westin, their father and brother; James Terman and Phillip Terman were in Wisconsin and Ohio searching for information about their father Captain Terman.

A letter from Larry Westin to the 25th Division's Lightning Flashes brought a call from Jim Oden, former Sergeant with the 8th Field, who also informed the two families that they were searching for the same information. Soon we were sharing what we had found and pursuing contacts with former members of the 8th Field; Lewis Millett, Millard Fletcher, Joe Hull, Smiley James, Bill Johnson, Harold Kuehnel, Walter McCleskey, along with many others, provided living memories and first hand accounts of life in Japan and war in Korea.

For four years we collected Army war diaries, National Archive movies and stills, published and unpublished memoirs, as well as interviews with those who were actually present. We were surprised to find the battle had been written up by *Time*, *Life*, *Saturday Evening Post* and had been described on the front page of the *New York Herald Tribune*. Now, it seemed the only thing left to do was go there.

The following is posted at the entrance:



Mr. Pak, Janet Bicker and Major Seefeldt at Bowling Alley Memorial site.





Dabu-dong Battlefield National Salvation Museum (shaped like tank).

### Dabu-dong Battlefield National Salvation Soldiers Memorial Hall

Dabudong is the historic scene of the fierce bloody fighting in which the allied forces fought against the invading North Korean communists. At that time the fate of the Republic of Korea was on the brink of falling to the enemy. The North Korean communists provoked the Korean War on June 25th, 1950.

In early August, 1950, the North Korean forces concentrated five divisions including their 3rd, 13th and 15th division in the Waegwan-Dabudong front. Their purpose was to advance to Daegu City by the 15th of August. The R.O.K. Army and U.S. 1st Cavalry Division fought fiercely to the last at dozens of the see-saw battles and succeeded in repelling their final general offensive.

At the beginning of September, North Korea resumed their attack as a final step to penetrate the Nakong river defense line. In mid-September the allied forces crushed the main forces of the enemy and held the line with their superior firepower and a brave counterattack. They secured the springboard for a massive counteroffensive. At the battle the allied forces destroyed 13 armored vehicles and killed or wounded 24,000 soldiers of the enemy forces, with their own casualties at about 10,000.

In honor of this historic victory, the Ministry of Defense of R.O.K. Had this memorial hall erected as a living education guide for anti-communism on November 30, 1981.

*The following is an account of the visit to the battle site memorials by Janet and Dennis Bicker, June 1998.*

I want to begin this description of our trip to Korea by thanking Col. Lewis Millett who gave us the name and e-mail

address of the Army Public Affairs Office in Seoul. They passed our message to Taegu where Major Larry D. Seefeldt, Public Affairs Officer, 19th Theater Army Area Command at Camp Henry coordinated our visit.

Mr. Pak, Chong-Ku, Community Relations Officer, U.S. Army, Camp Carroll at Waegwan served as interpreter

and made it possible for us to communicate with ROK LTC (Ret.) Kim, Myung Joong, who fought at the battle of the Bowling Alley, at present Chairman of the Dabudong Battle Field National Salvation soldiers Association, Mr. An, and Mr. Kim, the two other retired officers who came to welcome us.

The sincere, heartfelt and emotional welcome we received from the retired ROK soldiers was something we could never have expected. I cannot express the impact I felt at their expressions of gratitude to the American soldiers and of the sorrow they felt for the families of those who died.

After our initial meeting at Camp Carroll a van was provided to take our group to the first of the two memorials: first, the National Salvation Battlefield Memorial near Waegwan, erected in 1981, and the second a few miles north along Route 5 through the valley the Wolfhounds named "The Bowling Alley," erected in 1971.

The National Salvation Battlefield site is located in a large park-like area on a hillside at the intersection of several highways and roads. It is a very impressive site, with a memorial hall and a museum building designed in the shape of a tank with a heroic size bronze statue of four charging soldiers over the entrance. We were there in June which is celebrated as Memorial Month in Korea and, in a month noted for rain, we enjoyed sunny blue skies, brilliant white clouds and refreshing breezes. While we were there, tour buses and cars came and went.

Official memorial ceremonies had been held a few days before and there were wreaths surrounding a tall (estimate 25 ft.) black marble obelisk set atop a carved white marble platform. We saw displayed a jet fighter, a tank, a pair of artillery canons and an M106 Carrier in various parts of the park. There is a black stone wall along one side where names of ROK Army units are carved in Korean characters and United Nations forces are carved in English. The first name on the list is:

THE 27th US REGIMENT 25th DIV  
COMMANDER COL. JOHN H. MACHELIS (sic)

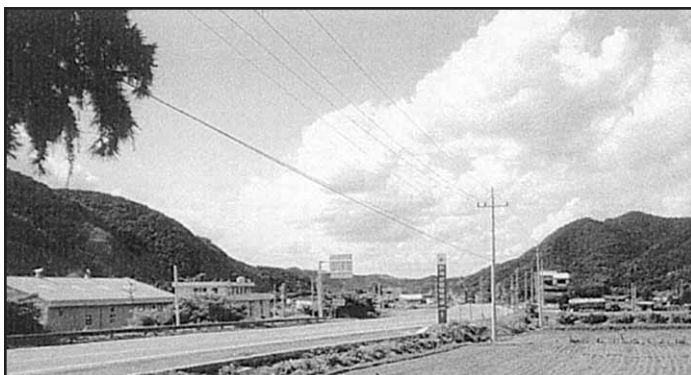
Inside the museum we saw displays of smaller weapons and photos, maps and descriptions of various aspects of the war.

Because we were guests of the Dabudong Battlefield National Salvation Soldiers Association, the usually closed upper portion of the museum was opened to us. We climbed the stairs and emerged into a room where the floor, at first glance, seemed to be carpeted with large boxes.

It was explained to us that in 1993 and 1994 the current ROK Army sent soldiers into the mountains of the general area they call the National Salvation Battleground. The hope was to search out and recover remains of soldiers from the war. Two hundred and fifty-nine sets of remains were recovered and ceremonially buried within the park near the black obelisk where we saw all of the wreaths.

The search also turned up the collection before us on the floor: spent and unspent shell casings, boots, some small and some much larger, which we took to be American. There were rusted motor parts, a shovel, many radio vacuum tubes, some with their glass unbroken after forty years. Finally, there were the bent, broken and rusted out cans that had held what so many veterans have talked about in my conversations with them. "C" rations!

We walked out onto the walled roof of the building. Immediately in front of us was the huge bronze statue of the charging soldiers. Behind us was a beautiful white marble statue of a woman, arms raised to the sky, holding a spray of flowers. Behind her rose a tower, as if the turret of the tank which had been the inspiration for this building's design were pointed straight upward. The tower was white with a black column of sixteen marble segments repre-



(Top) Valley of the Bowling Alley in 1950 and (Below) in 1998. Note outline of hills in each photo.

senting the sixteen allied nations which fought in the war.

The roof of the museum made an excellent vantage point from which Mr. Kim pointed out where the 1st Cav and the ROK 1st Div had been positioned. Then he pointed toward the north where we could see a break in the mountains and a road winding into the distance. This was the valley of the Bowling Alley, our primary destination.

When Col. Millett called me after his February 1998 trip to Korea he said that the valley of the Bowling Alley had two major highways running through it! Now we saw what he meant. The valley floor is a river channel in very wet years so the roads are built on either side of it. On the west side is what we would call an interstate highway with off and on ramps. On the east side is a busy four lane local road lined with open fields and rice paddies interspersed with gas stations, convenience stores, restaurants and small businesses of various kinds.

As we drove along I could only wonder

what it must have been like forty-eight years ago, when photos of the day show a one lane dirt road, rows of poplar trees, disabled tanks and bodies of enemy soldiers. The eight of us in the van were looking, talking, pointing when the sounds gradually quieted, the van slowed and made a right turn off the shoulder of the road and parked.

We faced a plot of ground approximately fifty feet wide and one hundred and fifty feet deep, outlined with a row of hedges, a line of very tall and stately pine trees and benches for sitting. The trees on all three sides seemed to enclose the space, separating it from the surroundings and masking the sounds of trucks thundering by. In the center was grass, a brown swath in the middle showing where many people had walked. At the far end stood a platform of five steps with

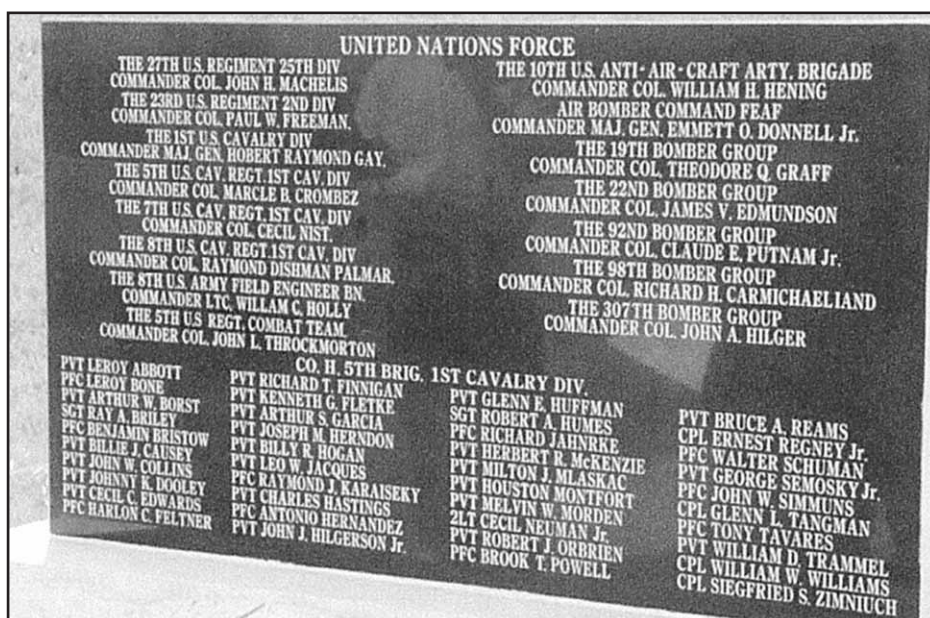
a large white pillar, a "V" for victory.

I was handed a bouquet of white carnations and I understood that this was the moment I was to lay this tribute at the base of the memorial. With ROK veterans on either side, we slowly walked up the steps and bowed our heads, I lowered the flowers to the ground, we paused a moment longer, looking at the bronze plaque:

One of the photos from the US National Archives showed the valley, the road, the tanks and the outline of the hills beyond. Before leaving California I had made a mental note to look for the same hill formation as a clue to the correct area of the battle. I showed the photo to Col. Kim and asked if it might be possible to look for that particular row of hills as shown in the photo. He looked at the photo, stood up, raised his right arm and pointed. The hills I had wanted to find were directly before us, just beyond the tall pines.

The search was over.

*(This is an outstanding story of a sister and a son that did not forget a loved one. Thank you Janet Westin Bicker and Larry Westin for the documents that tell this special story. I hope that many of the returning veterans will visit this site in 1999 to 2003. On the plaque is 25th Div., 2nd Div., 1st Cav Div., 5th RCT., 8th U.S. Army Eng Bn., 10th AAA, 19th-22nd-92nd-98th and 307th Bomber Groups. Last but not least is the remembering by South Korea of the sacrifices made 49 years ago.)*



United Nations Forces and South Korean units that fought and died at this battlefield.



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Hat ad-3  
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# Chapter Affairs

## Department of Delaware



L. to R. Department of Del., Adjutant Dave Hitchcock, Commander-George Fuller, and Vice-Commander-Gene Rose.

## Chapter 2 of Delaware



L. to R newly elected Chapter 2 officers: Adjutant Dave Hitchcock, Vice-Comm. Jerry Methena, Quartermaster John Mansk and Commander Sam Reibel.

## Chapter 3 of Delaware



L. to R. Delaware Chap 3 Officers: Vice-Comm. Jim Schafer, Treasurer Elwood Altomose, and Commander Bill Hancock.  
(Thank you Delaware for photos of Dept. and Chapter Officers.)

## Northwest Illinois Chapter



Northwest Chapter float, entered in a dozen parades per year. (Thank you Clyde Fruth for photo of super parade float.)

## Adirondack Chapter of New York



Parade float of the Adirondack Chapter - Glens Falls, New York. The unit is an exact replica, full sized, of our permanent monument which is located in Crandall Park in the city of Glens Falls. It was built entirely by Jack Downing of Ballston Spa, Chapter Member. When families see the names of loved ones that appear on it, a very touching scene in most cases occurs. (Thank you William F. Shaw for photo of your special float.)

## Yongdung-Po Chapter 114 of Pennsylvania



Flag presentation for Chapter 114 AI - Gibson, John Keepers, Mybng Chop Lee, Ed Papaycik, Lou Shapiro and Jerry Jones. (I hope the spelling is right, hard to read those fancy letters.)





Yongdung-Po Chapter 114 of Pennsylvania new officers: (Left to right) Lou Shapiro – Trustee, Edward Papaycik – Sgt. At Arms, Sam Simon – 2nd V. Pres., Bill Meredith – 1st V. Pres., Tom McManamon – President. Back row: Delores Shay – Treasurer, Joe Trucks – Secretary, Luke Marsden – Trustee. (Thank you Catharine Burns, for photos. Sorry I cannot show all of them.)

## Author H. Clune Post No. 1533 – Ladies Auxiliary



Junior Auxiliary members and advisor proudly display parade float honoring the Korean War Veterans. (Thank you Marion Tomke and Jr. Members for remembering.)

## Western Ohio Chapter



Western Ohio Chapter of KWVA elected officers about to take oath of office. (right to left) Front row. National KWVA President, Harley J. Coon; President, Ken Williamson; VP, Charles Garland; Treasurer, T. Dale Snyder and Secretary, Don Motter. Back row, John Monroe, past President; Gene Bowser, past VP; Edith Perando, past Secretary and Joanne Motter, Assistant Secretary. (Thank you Gene for photo, Good luck to all.)

## Department of Ohio



Present at the first meeting of The Department of Ohio were: (Kneeling–L to R) Gerald Wade, Secretary and Chaplain Bill Webb, Treasurer Jack Reynolds, VP Clair Romick, President Skip Rittenhouse, State President. (first row) Charles Smith Clifford Hinkle Joe McPhen Jim Speck Frank McClaren Richard Thomas Donald Bair Mel Aldrich Richard Clymer (back row) Charles McDougal F. Joe Bennett Donald Hertel Eugene Reed Donald Steltzer Charles Wilcox Ralph Hoppe Bob Beckman Maurice Tong.

The Department of Ohio has established it's eighteenth chapter in Findlay. In February, twenty-four Hancock County Korean War veterans met, elected officers and applied for a national charter. It's by-laws are being written and it's official name will be announced after the next meeting.

(Thank you Skip for the photo and the good news. KWVA and its members welcome this new chapter and its members.)

## Central Florida Chapter #153



102 yr WWI "Doughboy" saluted by KWVA Chapter #153 In foreground is Ernest West wearing French Legion of Honor medal; Front row l to r.: Miami Deputy French Consul Samson Didier, Orlando Deputy Consul Brigitte Dagot, LTC Bob Wallace, Bob Hawes, Mildred White, Bob Blais. Back Row: Tom Gaffney, Ted Sullivan, Jim O'Donnell, Rich Gordon. Th 18 Feb 99 @ E.L. Bennett Nursing Home, Daytona. (A great chapter remembering all veterans)

### Publish your Events

**The KWVA has over 169 Chapters and Departments in the United States. Graybeards wants to here from all of them!**

## Tank Company Holds Reunion



### Heavy Tank Company – 279th Inf – 45th Division

*Top Row* (left to right) James F. Aldridge, James R. Henson, Jesse J. Aldridge, Tommy L. Record, Maton Thompson, Donald Lester, Robert Roche, Billy Martin, Milton Walters, Elmer Pitchford, Ralph Thompson, Stanley Szymankiewicz, J.R. Coston,

*4th Row* (left to right) Eddie Quisenberry, Robert Stone, Frank G. Morales, James Armstrong, Lowell Mounce, Ralph Loague, Vincent Gafforio, John Janny, Floyd Stephens, Neil Patterson, Charles Daleo

*3rd Row* (left to right) James Johnson, James Baldrige, William McKown, Norman Berkowitz, Louis Horyza, Alvin Mackey, Joseph Cusumano, Angelo Ray Muratore, Johnny Hamilton, Jay Winters, Arthur V. Wagoner

*2nd Row* (left to right) Anthony Difazio, Robert Cullen, Thomas O'Donnell, Angus Lewis, Miller Morris, Walter G. Ward, Irving Ringler, Lloyd Ippolito, Douglas S. Young, Paul S. Pride

*First Row* (left to right) John K. Shank, John Mallon, Donald Winkle, John Gillespie, Joseph D'Agostino, Bill Mach, (Col.) John Russell, Billy G. Harrell, Richard McSpedden, Emanuel Tricoli

Some say they are troops of the "Forgotten War." Maybe so but they haven't forgotten, nor have they forgotten their comrades.

Early morning Oct. 1, 1998 a group of 70 year old Korean War Veterans will fly from 3 metro airports to Chicago. Once there they will merge together and board another plane to Tulsa airport in Oklahoma. Their former commanding officer Capt. John W. Russell Jr. will be at the airport waiting to once again lead his men. This time not in a tank but on a special chartered bus to the Western Hills Ranch in Wagoner Oklahoma.

A mix of 22 New Yorkers and 52 men

from Texas and Oklahoma will attend a 1st East-West Army reunion of the 279th Heavy Tank Company 45th Infantry Division. A memorial service is planned for 41 deceased comrades with a cannon salute and a flyover in their honor.

At the reunion old picture albums will be present and a new tank company unit picture taken, plus a group including all the wives. The East-West buddies haven't seen each other in 46 years all are excited.

After 46 years it seems like a four day reunion may not be long enough.

*(Thank you John J. Gillespie for photos and story. Sorry I cannot print all your photos.)*

## 26th Inf. Scout Dog Platoon Meet

(Members left to right) Judson Taylor, Keith Hermanson, James Cheatwood, Charles Hartnell, Clayton Haak, Orville Anderson, Bob Fickbohm, Bert Thompson, Sid Nason, Leroy O'Connell, Jullian Bowers, Buck, Fred Kraun, Alton Rogen, Donald Secrist, Don Stahl, Larry Gittleston, Leo Suiter, Rex Rickels, Ralph Truky, Jack Wheeler.

*(Thank you Clayton Haak for the reunion photo. This group was highly decorated. One member was on 148 combat patrols. See story in May-June 98 issue.)*



## Proud Vets Display Tags



Howard E. Benning – 3rd Div



Bill Yoss – 45th Div



Ernest A. Price, Jr



Bill Larr, Jr. WWII-Korea



## KOREA THE BEAUTIFUL

I didn't get a medal  
I didn't gain a rank  
All I got in Korea  
Was a worn out Chaffee Tank  
The rations were from WWII  
The weapons were the same  
Shower units did not exist  
And beer rations never came  
Our toilet was a cathole  
The steel pot was our bath  
And frostbite was our ticket home  
That is, "if we could last,"  
The North Gooks played our Reveille  
They also played our Taps  
And in between, we were duty bound  
And trying to save our "Gas"  
Korea how I love you  
And remember you in my dreams  
But, "no thank you" are my last words  
When they plant my sad remains

By Curtis J. Banker,  
H & S Co. 73rd Heavy Tank Bn, Recon Plt  
Korea, August 7, 1950 - June 1951

## KOREA, A FORGOTTEN WAR

Why have they forgotten?  
will someone let me know.  
A war fought through the summers  
and through the winters snow.  
Will anyone out there listen  
to what we have to say?  
While fighting in Korea  
we lived from day to day.  
We were but young Americans  
sent off to fight that war,  
After it had ended  
you heard of us no more.  
Many young Americans  
sacrificed their flesh and blood.  
While serving in Korea  
they died while fighting in the mud.  
Those veterans now lay  
in sacred ground so hallow.  
Before this war is over  
many more GI's will follow,  
We were proud to serve our country  
In that far off land,  
Why has our nation forgotten  
we shall never understand.

By Cpl. Tom Lyons  
2nd Inf. Div. 38th Regt, C Co. & Hdq. Co.  
7-1952 - 6-1953 C- 1992

## WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE?

Time to get up, for this is the day,  
It happens just once every year.  
A day to be solemn and proudly say,  
We remember, and perhaps shed a tear.  
Today we pay tribute to our Nation's dead,  
With salutes, with parades and with song.  
Inspiring speeches are faithfully read,  
Throughout this land to which we belong.  
As I look out over this quiet place,  
And think about those who rest here.  
I imagine each person a familiar face,  
Or a loved one someone holds dear.  
Over there is George, he died at Bull Run,  
There's Alex; he was on San Juan Hill.  
Here lies Robert, he was killed at Verdun,  
And on Iwo, a mortar got Bill.  
From Korea they finally brought Allen home,  
And Brian was sent back from Nam.  
From a new operation called Desert Storm,  
One of the few who died was Tom.  
But where are the people on this special day?  
Have they forgotten what this day is for?  
In the distance I hear children laughing at play,  
But the sound of a parade is no more.  
Perhaps they'll come later, their tribute to pay,  
Surely they won't forget those who rest here.  
Each new generation will respond in its way,  
To remember this day every year.  
The sun sets now; few people have come,  
Seeking names on markers shown.  
No one visited me, but I am now home,  
On my marker is written "Unknown".

By Sgt. James Groves  
United States Marine Corps Korea, 1951-52

## FORGOTTEN

Forgotten fields of dirt and snow  
Of lands so far away  
Where mountain winds still chilly blow  
And only chance holds death at bay  
Forgotten hell across the sea  
That land of snow and mud  
It lives today in memory  
In graves unmarked except by blood  
Forgotten graves forgotten land  
Where MIAs in glory rest  
Remembered only by kin or clan  
And fellow warriors home at last  
Forgotten by a country inclined  
To put the war away  
No marching band, no welcome sign  
No thank you sir, just go your way  
Away on foreign fields they sleep  
Perhaps by mountain plot  
Remembered just by those who weep  
By kin, by veterans, and God

By Arnold A. Muniz

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.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets



# Letters



## Greetings from a KATUSA

First of all, I'd like to thank you all Korean War Veterans for saving my country. If there weren't your dedication and sacrifice, South Korea of nowadays wouldn't be this much prosperous.

Once again as a Korean youngster who hasn't experienced Korean War, I haven't got much to say. However I want you to know that there are great deal of Korean people who owe you a great debt ... a debt of life. On the behalf of all Korean youths, I thank you all once again for protecting our country. I, as a member of Korean Augmentation to the United States Army, will carry out my duties as well ... just like my predecessors did. We'll never forget you. I wish you all have a good luck. Live long and prosper.

From Cpl. Park, USA, J6 Admin

E-mail <ParksSU@usfk.korea.army.mil>

## A Soldier's Passing

On the 16th of October 1998 my father, CSM (Ret) William Francis Pajak , SN RA36721612, passed away. His permanent duty station is now resting atop a hillside at Arlington National cemetery. He was a good soldier serving 27 years for his country in uniform and the rest of the time still serving his fellow soldiers in civvies Medavac Officer at Womack Army Hospital, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He loved the Army and the life it offered him and his family. Always taking care of us. We love and miss him very much.

The Disabled American Vet Group he belonged to has opened a scholarship in his name which would have pleased him greatly. He was also a member of Command Sergeant Majors Gp in Fayetteville, NC. and an active member in the "RAKKASANS".

My father was divorced before his death and so I, Dean P. Buckley (daughter) was left with making all arrangements. To my dismay I discovered that because my father did not leave a widow the Dept of the Army was going to do nothing to help us out. And believe me that is exactly what they did. I am so sorry that so many of the promises this country made to those brave enough to defend us have been broken.

I must say that once he reached Arlington everyone was wonderful, respectful, caring. All the young service members who's job it is to lay them to rest did a wonderful job. It was everything my dad ever said it would be. I thank them. So very sad but proud. Deanie (my nickname from my dad) Dean Buckley .E-mail address <Dpbuckley1@aol.com>

## News release

To all Korean War Vet's. The Amvets Post 1037 of Leesville and the Leesville Korean Baptist Church are sponsoring a Memorial Service and dinner on the 1st of August 1999 at 4 p.m. (1600 hours). All Korean War Veterans welcome to attend. If you need more information you may feel free to write, Tag M Jensen, 1102 Dennis Ave, Leesville La, 71446, Tel: 318-238-2598 or E-mail address <korea@worldnetla.net>

## More memories of Ft. Lawton

I share memories of the long chow line at Ft. Lawton as shown in the photo on page 34 of the January/February issue of The Graybeards, furnished by Ed Murphy. However, his comment about the base having been condemned for closure and his troop contingent of December 29, 1952 on the USNS Marine Lynx, depicted in the photograph as being the last ever to sail from Ft. Lawton is not entirely accurate.

The MSTs General R. L. Howze sailed from this POE in January of 1953 with troops bound for Japan and Korea. I was one of those troops as evidenced by a certificate dated January 12, 1953. This certificate identified me as a member of that exalted society known as the Domain of the Golden Dragon. The signature of Davy Jones himself, ruler of the 180th Meridian, commanded all mermaids, sea serpents, whales, sharks, dolphins, eels, skates, suckers, crabs, lobsters and other living things of the sea to show honor and respect to me and to my fellow shipmates for having been duly initiated into the Mysteries of the Far East.

So you see, there were yet additional sailing's from Ft. Lawton. Nevertheless, the long chow lines at the main mess hall will always be remembered, as will our initial trek from reception center to barracks situated somewhere up and over a hill. Of course, everything at Ft. Lawton was either up or down hill and we were necessarily obliged to carry our duffel bag, AWOL bag, and newly issued bedding up or down those hills while we located our barracks. The ground was therefore littered with discarded items until we were able to rest up and return for them. Ft. Lawton was indeed full of memories. Regards, Thomas Lynn, 545 Birch Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30044

## Thank you KWVA "Tell America"

Mr. Ruscillo, a member of your association was very instrumental in helping to put together an impressive Veteran's Day display for our middle school students. He lent us memorabilia from the time he spent in the military in Korea. Included among the items were a full military uniform, pictures, books, flags, maps, etc.

In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Ruscillo visited our sixth grade Social Studies classes and gave presentations providing enlightening information to the students relevant to Veteran's Day.

On behalf of the staff and students at Crispell Middle School, we wish to express our thanks to Mr. Ruscillo for making Veteran's Day 1998 such a memorable learning experience for our school.

Social Studies Committee

Crispell Middle School

Pine Bush Central School District

## Revisit to "The Graybeards" name

I had occasion to give my copy of the May-June issue to a prospective member, when I read your editorial on the way that "Graybeards" got it's name. I cannot offer anything authoritative, but I think I can offer a good "reason".

When the Korean War started, the first men into combat were

those stationed already in Japan. Almost immediately afterward, the United States started calling up the Reserves. Many of these men had seen duty during World War II. Soon after, while at their new duty station, they started calling themselves "Retreads".

Although I was fortunate enough to never have seen combat in either war, I carried the nickname "retread" proudly when I was, again, released from duty. For me, it was only natural to see the word "Graybeards", at the time that I found the KWVA and it's first newsletters. The hair at my temples was already starting to show a little gray. I don't observe birthday's any longer, but I am past the fiftieth anniversary of my 21st birthday. The young man whom I hope to get as a new member is only 64. Leon G. Johnson, 105 Geneva St., Apt. 431, Bath, NY 14810.

## True meaning of Veterans Day

On the morning of Nov. 11, I was strolling through Pershing Field in the Jersey City Heights, when I came upon a large gathering

inside a tent just outside the Memorial Clubhouse. I realized that the participants were decked out in military garb and there was some sort of Veterans Day festivities taking place.

I soon understood that it was anything but a festive mood -it was much more than that. I found a spot nearby and sat silently as Korean War veterans recalled the atrocities of war. I marveled at their startling revelations of heroism and survival. I never had the opportunity to serve in the military, being born at a time that made me too young for Vietnam and past my prime for the Gulf War. But after hearing the horrors and malevolence of their conflicts, I cannot say that I wish I was there.

Movies such as "Platoon," and more recently "Saving Private Ryan" have illustrated all too vividly the personal tragedies and family strife that occur in conjunction with a country at war. Listening intently to each of the Korean War veterans, it made me wonder if the ones who didn't come back were more fortunate. After all, who wants to go through the remainder of their lives with the burden of having watched their friends mutilated before their eyes?

The Korean War Veterans Memorial that was unveiled that day is just a small reminder of what the men and women of our country are willing to contribute to foster the beliefs on which this country was weaned. It tweaked an awareness in me as I observed how the devoted veterans saluted the American flag - standing erect with strong posture in its presence.

As a child growing up, Memorial Day was a long weekend at the Jersey Shore and Veterans Day was time off from school. But after having witnessed the truly enlightening experiences of these extraordinary human beings that were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice, I came to fully understand the true meaning of Veterans Day and why these heroes have such great stature.

Joseph Rivelli

Jersey City.

(Sent in by Larry Barulli, 79 Engrs. Korea 51-52. Thanks Larry)

## Our KWVA Web Page helps again

My name is Ed Shearer, KWVA member # 17677. I'm also a

member of the VFW, Darien memorial post # 2838, Darien, IL. Since July my wife and I have been doing publicity for our VFW Post and Auxiliary, one of our goals was increased public awareness of the POW/MIA flag and what it represents. Last July, I telephoned you seeking information on the POW/MIA flag background and history. You directed me to the KWVA web site. That was a big help in collecting information for an article by Anita Simester in the Darien Progress, dated August 13, 1998, announcing our VFW Post & Auxiliary were donating 6 POW/MIA flags; 2 to Darien City Hall, 3 to local fire stations and 1 to a local U. S. Army Reserve installation. A copy of the article is enclosed. We published a second article in the Darien Metropolitan, dated August 27, 1998. A copy of that article is also enclosed. Two additional articles are enclosed. One picturing a boy scout from the troop our VFW post sponsors holding the POW/MIA flag during Veteran's Day observance and another picturing dedication ceremonies of a new fire station in which our VFW was part of the color guard and raised the POW/MIA flag at the dedication. Thought you might like to know that these flags are flown daily in Darien. Thanks for your help in collecting the information necessary for the enclosed articles.

Sincerely, Edward N. Shearer, 7109 Walden Lane, Darien, Illinois 60561

(Thanks Edward, maybe in a later issue I will print the articles.)

## My comments on the Andersonville Museum

Editors (Outlook)

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Washington, DC 20037-1196

To whom it may concern:

Never wonder why the Forgotten War is forgotten. You are a part of the phenomenon. Prisoners of War during the Korean War died at a rate more than three times higher than those in World War II (38%-11%) and yet the word "Korea" appears nowhere in the article on the Andersonville Museum. Please go down to the Mall. Across from the famous Viet Nam Memorial you will find the Korean War Memorial. Perhaps a visit will help you remember the "Forgotten War" in the future.

The war is not forgotten, at least not as long as some of us are alive. *It is overlooked!*

Sincerely, CJ Rittenhouse

## Status of Prisoners in America's 20th Century Wars

Catagory	WWI	WW II	Korea	Viet Nam	Total
Total captured	4,120	130,201	7,140	766	142,227
Died as POW	147	14,072	2,701	114	17,034
Returned alive	3,973	116,129	4,418	651	125,171
Bodies not recovered	3,350	78,773	8,177	2,453	92,537

Source: Doyle, Robert C. Voices from Captivity, University Press of Kansas 1994  
(You hit the nail on the head, Thanks Skip.)

May 5, 1999

### Certification of Nominees

The following members are certified to seek the office of Director in the 1999 election:

1. **James F. Jones, Jr.**, LR16683, 1317 Asbury Road, Richmond, VA 23229

2. **James W. Kerr**, LR03902, P O Box 1537 (214 S Hanson St), Easton MD, 21601

3. **P. G. "Bob" Morga**, LR00 426, P O Box 835, Bayport, NY 11705

4. **Oreste "Rusty" Tramonte**, LR05500, P O Box 43, Marshfield, MA 02050

5. **Theodore "Ted" M. Trousdale**, LR 18238, 720 Celebration Ave #120, Celebration, FL 34747-4932

Submitted by,  
Dick Wainwright  
Nominating & Elections Co-Chairman

### Candidates for the Office of Board of Directors

**James F. Jones, Jr.**



run for the office of Director for the 1999-2002 three-year term.

If elected, I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council. I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. My dues are paid current through the term of the office that I am seeking.

I was instrumental in forming the Greater Richmond, VA Chapter, Chapter 143, of KWVA, am one of the charter members, and have served as President of the chapter for two and a half years, during which time the membership has tripled. I am also serving as a member of the Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Coordinating Committee, chaired by Norb Reiner, and was assigned to banquet seating duties at the 1998 convention in Tyson's Corner, VA—a task requiring decorum and fast decision making.

I am the certified V.A.V.S. rep-

As a member in good standing of Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. of New York, I am announcing my intent to

representative for KWVA at the Veterans Hospital in Richmond and serve as a volunteer each Wednesday in one of the wards. My appearance before a Virginia House of Delegates Committee, on behalf of veterans assured that the Richmond City Manager be held responsible for the upkeep of cemeteries in Richmond.

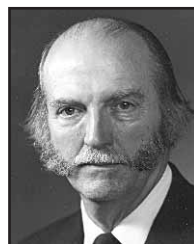
I enlisted in the Army in July, 1949, received basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., graduated from a telephone course at the Signal School in Ft. Monmouth, served at Ft. Hamilton, NY, and as cadre at Ft. Devens, MA—then off to Korea in July 1951 and assignment to Hdqts Co., 8189th Signal Svc. Bn. We set up radio relay sites on mountains all over Korea, including the one at the peace negotiations site. I returned to the States in November 1952. By that time, I had become the Sergeant-Major of the battalion.

My civilian positions included: District Manager for an air freight company for 13 years, Customer Service Supervisor at the home office of a life insurance company, where I retired. My education includes: Graduate in Bus. Admin. from VCU, graduate of Accounting from King's Business College in Charlotte, NC, Received FLMI (Fellow, Life Management Institute). I feel that my experience in management and accounting, and dealing with people, and my concern for the welfare of fellow veterans would make me a valuable member of the official Board.

Sincerely,  
James F. Jones, Jr.



**James W. Kerr**



from the Foreign High School in Pyongyang in 1938.

Served as a Regular Army Officer during WWII and in Korea in 1952-1953. Assigned to G2 Section in Eight Army Headquarters in charge of all linguists, all languages. Set up

I seek to hold the position of Director in the KWVA for the term 1999-2002. I was raised in Korea and graduated

President Eisenhower's language programs, including signing his name in Korean. During the period March - September 1953, I was assigned as Executive Officer to 2nd Bn 7th Regt 3rd Div. Received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and CIB plus other standard awards. Two revisit trips have been made to Korea.

Promoted by Secretary MacNamara from LtC to GS-16 after twenty-one and half years service. Served twenty-two plus more years as a top senior Civil Service Executive, obtaining the "3 star" protocol rank, I have been twenty-five years in the Washington, DC area. In 1985 I retired as Director of Research Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

My continuous community involvement includes: served as a Fairfax County Fire Commissioner for five years and two as Chairman, now serve as Radiological Officer, Talbot County, MD and also serve as an officer and/or director in several civic groups. I am administering the fund to restore the Presbyterian Mission campus in Mokpo and my old home on the campus is still standing.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James W. Kerr, LR03902  
P O Box 1537  
(214 S. Hanson St.)  
Easton, MD 21601 Tel: 1-410-763-6591



**Bob Morga**



I submit my resume for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for term 1999 - 2002.

I have been a business and community leader in the Bayport Blue Point area for over thirty two years.

I was introduced to community service in 1941 when I became Boy Scout.

When I was 18 years old I began a career as a professional boxer. My career ended when I went into the Army. I had 14 weeks of Infantry training at Indiantown Gap PA. and was sent

to Korea where I was assigned to the 772nd M.P. Bn.

I was awarded the Soldiers Medal for Valor on June 29th, 1952; the N.Y. State Conspicuous Service Cross; the Military Merit Medal; the R.O.K. Presidential Unit Citation; and Japanese Occupation Medal.

I am one of the founders of the Central L.I. Chapter, I am also Past President of the N.Y. State Dept. KWVA. I am a life member of the V.F.W. and the International Narcotic Officers Association,

I instituted the practice of having the Secretary-Treasurer send the monthly bank statements to all elected officers so we can keep an eye on our finances month to month.

I instituted the practice of having any one doing business with us, to produce a Surety or Performance Bond.

If I am re-elected I will keep on working hard to put the Korean War in its proper place in the annals of American History.

I approve of and will help make the Korean War Veterans Museum a reality.

I have attended every meeting since 1989 and will keep on attending every meeting of the KWVA.

Fraternally Yours,  
Bob Morga LR04026  
P.S I do not have a home phone. My office is open 7 days week My number is 515-472-0052



**Oreste Rusty Tramonte**



Please accept my application as my official notification for a second term as Director of the Korean War

Veterans Association, Inc. Qualifications: I served as the National Secretary from 1994-1996; I was elected by the membership in 1996 to the present time as a Director. I have worked closely with the National Officers, Departments, National Directors, chapters including individual members, and also as a guest speaker at dedications and chapter functions. I am a 100% Disabled Veteran and also a life member of



the DAV. In 1983 and 1990 I was elected a chapter commander. I am also a life member of the KWVA, VFW, and 1st Marine Division Association.

I have been a Private Investigator since 1955 and appointed by the Courts to do investigations as well as represent the indigent. I also worked with the office of the Attorney General to close places that were not handicapped accessible thus enforcing them to follow the law. I have also worked for the office of the Attorney General and District Attorneys in other states, investigation criminal and civil cases including undercover cases and large companies that were having problems with employees. In addition I have been Director of Security for several department store chains making policy for them and seeing it enforced thereby cuffing their losses.

I was elected in 1983 and 1986 to the National Association of Police Chiefs as to Who's Who in American Law Enforcement. In 1987, I completed a course with the National Association of

Investigative Specialists on Political Campaign Security. I also completed a course by the Police Chiefs Association on Ritual Crime and the Occult. I have been the Founder and President of the Lopes/KWVA Chapter and in 1989, I also founded chapters throughout many states in the KWVA.

I am active in the Veterans affairs. In 1991, I started a weekly call-in TV show on Veterans affairs and politics.

My function as Past National Secretary, and now as Director, has always been for the good of the members and chapters, and my goal is to start KWVA chapters in New Hampshire and Vermont. If re-elected as National Director I will continue to work for the good of the members.

Several years ago I started a Youth Football Program involving (6) teams from 8 years of age to 13. I also started the High School Gridiron Club with the Lopes/Ferris Chapter KWVA gives a scholarship to a boy and a girl each year, and it continues under the President who serves

now.

Lately I was appointed Regional VAVS for the New England VA Hospitals to make sure our Korean Veterans are getting the help and care they deserve.

Thank you for your Vote,  
Rusty Tramonte



**Theodore M. Ted Trousdale**



It is my intent to run for reelection to the National Board of Directors of KWVA for the term 1999 - 2001

My qualifications for this office and my experience that will be of benefit to our Association are as follows:

I, Theodore M. "Ted" Trousdale have served the past year on KWVA's National Board of Directors. I am a life member of KWVA, membership # LR 18238 and am in Osceola County,

FL KWVA Chapter and the Department of Florida, KWVA. I am also a member of The American Legion, Post 10 and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4225, both in Kissimmee, FL. I have had experience serving on several board of directors in the past and am currently serving on one. I am a Florida Licensed Real Estate Broker, having my own real estate business. I am also a Florida licensed Mortgage Broker, doing business through First Financial Funding. I also work for Disney World. I graduated from Bryant College with a B.S. degree in Business Administration majoring in Management. I also went to the University of Florida Graduate School of Business.

I will attend all called meetings of the KWVA Executive Council and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theodore M. "Ted" Trousdale  
LR18238  
720 Celebration Ave., #120  
Celebration, FL 34747-4932  
Tel: 407-566-8163

## RESOLUTION

**CPL. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter  
Korean War Veterans Assn.  
P.O. Box 120174  
Staten Island, NY 10312**

On this day, the 19th of September, 1998, at a general meeting of the Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter, attended by approximately 95 members, the following resolution was discussed and was approved and ratified by all present members. The recommendation was that this resolution be adopted and passed by the Board of Directors and members of the Korean War Veterans Association at the 1999 Reunion Annual Business Meeting.

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS:** The future financial condition of the Korean War Veterans Association is questionable at the present time while now finally being stabilized, AND

**WHEREAS:** The depletion of our dues monies to the obligation

of existing programs handicaps our abilities to future goals and growth, AND

**WHEREAS:** Some programs were granted in a time of expected anticipated membership growth with the best of intentions, AND

**WHEREAS:** The continuation and debt incurred by the K.W.V.A. to fund the Education Grant program is now an obstacle of extreme proportions and consequences to the Association, AND

**WHEREAS:** The annual K.W.V.A. contribution to this program approximates the cost of one issue of "The Graybeards" - about \$14,000, AND

**WHEREAS:** The monies could be used to a better cause improving our organization, stabilizing production of "The Graybeards" and furthering our cause and charter purposes.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** We

discontinue our financial contribution and commitment to the Korean War Veterans Education Grant Corporation, AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

**THAT:** We honor our past debt with this Corporation and thus terminate any affiliation with such organization in the future, AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

**THAT:** Said past debt (\$25,505.48) be paid back in annual installments of up to ten thousand dollars to this corporation, depending upon funds availability, AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

**THAT:** The Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation seek outside corporation grants to further its aims and purposes.

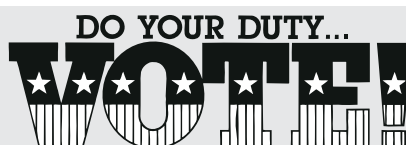
Submitted this 19th day of  
September, 1998 by:

Joseph Calbria Mem # 5802LM

President, Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter, KWVA

**Note:** The above resolution was approved by the Departments of New York, Florida, Massachusetts; the Chapters of Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire" and submitted for Executive Council action at its 11/14/98 meeting. Theretofore, the Council by a 9 to 3 roll call vote, passed the following motion, "That the KWVA will discontinue their financial commitment in support of the KWVEGC after we have paid them the funds owed, was made by Mr. Pappas and seconded by Mr. Grygier, that this resolution be put on a ballot in May-June *Graybeards* for membership approval." (Minutes, Jan - Feb 99 *Graybeards*, page 25).

(See *Presidents Message* and *Bill Van Ort KWVEGC Message* in this issue.)



# The Official Ballot is included on page 38.

# Korean War Veterans Association

## Election Ballot for the 1999 Election

**Instructions:** Place an "X" in the block preceeding the name of the nominees of your choice. Do not vote for more than the allowed number for each position. Your mailed ballot must arrive no later than July 31, 1999. All members except Associate, auxiliary, and honorary may vote.

**BALLOT BALLOT BALLOT BALLOT BALLOT BALLOT BALLOT BALLOT BALLOT BALLOT**

### Korean War Veterans Association — Official Ballot

#### For Director: Vote for FOUR

- ☐ James F. Jones, Jr.
- ☐ James W. Kerr
- ☐ P. G. "Bob" Morga
- ☐ Oreste "Rusty" Tramonte
- ☐ Theodore "Ted" M. Trousdale

**The three (3) numbered items below must be completed for this to be a valid ballot.**

1. Place your KWVA Membership Number here \_\_\_\_\_
2. Print your Name here \_\_\_\_\_
3. Signature here \_\_\_\_\_

#### Vote on the resolution printed below concerning the Veterans Educational Grant Corporation. Check ONE only.

- ☐ I Agree to support the resolution and wish to discontinue supporting the Educational Grant Fund.
- ☐ I Disagree with the resolution and wish to continue supporting the Educational Grant Fund.

#### Complete and mail. to:

Mr. Bruce Dudley, CPA  
% Dudley, Ruland & Chateau, PC  
P O Box 8481  
Mobile, AL 36689

**Must arrive by July 31, 1999**

Michell Lang Rings

## Request for Congressional Charter

Most of you should be aware by now that Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives to Grant a Congressional Charter to the Korean War Veterans Associations. We are asking all to write their Congressional Representatives to push for passage of Senate Bill #S 620 and House Bill #1671. On the Senate side the Bill has been assigned to the Judiciary Committee. We all should send a letter to Senator Hatch requesting a speedy and favorable passage.

You can use the form letter language as shown or do one of your own. But, please do one or the other now.

Respectfully, Blair E. Cross KWVA Maryland Chapter Korea 1952-53

### Sample Letter

May 21, 1999

Honorable Orrin Hatch  
Chairman Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate, Dirksen 224  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatch,

On Monday, March 15, 1999, Senator Paul Sarbanes introduced legislation to Grant the Korean War Veterans Association a Federal Charter. This Bill #S620 is co-sponsored by Mr. Warner, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Campbell and in turn has been assigned to your judiciary committee.

In as much as we feel the bill should not be controversial and not costing the Federal Government any money, we are asking for a speedy and favorable passage.

With the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War fast approaching let's not look at the Korean Veteran as the forgotten heroes any longer.

Thanking you in advance, I am  
Respectfully,

## Need a blue blazer?

Dear Sirs

Several years ago the Korean War Veterans Association adopted a light blue blazer as it's official formal dress. The light blue color was chosen because we fought under the blue flag of the United Nations.

Up until recently we were able to obtain the garment from the JC Penny catalog, but they have discontinued either the color or the blazer itself. Seeing your offering of the Linen Lites Blazer, Blue X0233509 \$79.95 (plus \$7.95 S&H) Sizes 50-52 \$89.95 (plus \$7.95 S&H) has caused me to write. Could you please supply swatches and copies of the flyer? I would hope the swatches could be at least 2" square. As you can see I am the Ohio president and we have 18 chapters. I also serve on the national board of directors so 25 examples would not be too many.

I am looking forward to hearing from you and I hope that our relationship will be mutually beneficial.

Sincerely

Blair

220 Hickory Street  
Warren, PA 16366

1-800 458-6057 ext 6569 (Wayne)

*(I have seen the jacket at the latest National Meeting (4-24-99) and I formed several opinions. They are lighter blue then our JC Penny jacket and the buttons are white and larger. The cost is very reasonable. If anyone has another vendor please contact the editor with all the details. The Blair jacket is not the JC Penny jacket but will do the job.—Ed.)*



## POW/MIAs Remembered



**B**alloon Fest in N. Mexico. Photos taken by Orlando Andy Maffucci shown at left. Orlando was in Korea with 39th F. A., 3rd Inf. Div. He now lives in Pueblo, Colorado and was formally a resident of Somerville, Massachusetts.

*(Thank you Orlando for the great photos and your art work. Would love to have a color photo of the POW/MIA balloon as it takes off. It would make a great front cover.)*



# Looking for...



Dear Veterans,

I am Captain Peter Kemp, US Army. I work for the Department of Defense the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee. I am looking for **Sgt. Charles B. Schlichter**, from Pennsylvania. This veteran who would add tremendous energy to the commemoration activities. I do not know whether he is living or not. I am determined to look for him to honor and thank him in person. If you could help me locate him I would be greatly appreciative. Very Respectfully, Captain Kemp E-mail address <KempPK@hqda.army.mil> or contact editor Krepps. Address on page 2.

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**“Looking for George”** — I want to tell you a story. My mother told me this. It happened during Korean War. She recalls it sometime before or after the Chinese troops took Seoul. Her brother (my uncle), a Korean Army Major and his unit found a sole survivor when they came to an unknown battlefield. There were many dead soldiers and this only survivor was hidden among dead people. With limited English, my uncle communicated with this guy and brought this guy (name George to home near Seoul. I do not know the reason why. George stayed with my family for some time. He even went to Pusan with my family. There, he was apprehended by the US Army MP's. My mother recalled that George carried a Bible. My mother thinks that George is from Georgia and he is now a Jehovah's Witness Minister. She and my uncles would like to reunite with George if possible. I told them I would do the best. But no way I could find out about him with a very small details about him. Maybe George or someone who knows him will contact me. Captain Peter Kemp at E-mail address <KempPK@hqda.army.mil> or contact editor Krepps.

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Office of the Air Attache  
Embassy of the Republic of Korea  
2450 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, D.C. 20008  
To Whom It May Concern:

The Korean Air Force will hold its 50th Anniversary on Oct. 2, 1999. To celebrate this occasion, the Chief of Staff, Gen. Park, Chun-Taek, will invite pilots and maintenance crews who fought against North Korea during the Korean War. However, the ROKAF has no information of their whereabouts. If you have any information about them, or how to find them, please let me know by mail at the address above, by telephone (202-939-5693), or by fax (202-483-1843). If you don't have any information, could you please advertise it in your magazine or newspaper as follows:

**Pilots and Maintenance Crews** who participated in the Korean War: Please inform your address to receive an invitation to the 50th Anniversary of the Korean Air Force at Seoul, Korea, on Oct. 2, 1999, To Col. Hak Soo Yoon At The Office of the Air Attache, 2450 Massachusetts Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20008, Tel: 202-939-5693, Fax: 202-483-1843, Note: If there are

too many people, there will be a selection process. Gen. Park, the CoS, ROKAF, would especially like to know the address and/or phone number of Col.(R) Hess who was the first commander of the 6146 Counselor Group, and those of pilots who participated in the Korean War as members of the Mosquito Unit (the 6147th Tactical Control Group). If you have any information about how to find them, please let me know as well. Your support will be a great assistance to the success of the Korean Air Force special event.

Respectfully,

Yoon, Hak soo, Colonel  
ROK Air Force  
Air Attache

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Looking for former members of the **15th AAA AW (SP) Bn.** for a possible reunion or at least to make an effort to that end. Contact Bill at E-mail address <THESCHEMMS@aol.com>

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Looking for anyone from the First Platoon of Easy Co., **65th Infantry Reg.**, who took part in an attack on Hill 412, in the vicinity of Saginak, Korea, on June 13 and 14, 1953. I would also like to know if Easy Company received a Unit Citation for that action. Contact Pat Scarpato, Platoon Leader, First Platoon at E-mail address <PAT1903PH@webtv.net>

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Looking for anyone who remember a swimming incident on or about May 20, 1952 near the Hwachon Reservoir. **Pfc. James A. Garner**, Co A, 31st Inf. Regiment, 7th Inf. Div rescued two soldiers—Pvt. Marion N. Jackson and one unnamed. Incident printed in May 25, 1952 “Bear Facts” and hometown newspaper—Winston-Salem (NC) Sentinel. Call LTC (Ret) McGhee at 1-336-788-1010-collect or E-mail <ACIEM@aol.com>

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Can I get info on men who **served in Germany** during the Korean War? Contact Bob Falvey at E-mail address <bobfalv@bellatlantic.net>

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Can you help find names and places for personnel in **41st Artillery Bn. Hq. Battery, 3rd Inf. Div. 1955** Contact Richard C. Henschel at E-mail address <riskybiz@swbell.net>

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My father-in-law Everett “Tony” Emerson from Iowa served in Korea and he is looking for a friend of his. The friends name is **Frank Walanowski**. They were in the 508th OPS Detachment. To the best of my knowledge, I believe Frank was from the east coast, New York or Philly. Contact Tony Quatrochi at E-mail address <ANTNYQ@aol.com>

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I am looking for former members of **B Btry 555 FA** who were in the outfit during the 13-14 July 1953 period. In particular Robert L. Carter, Dale G. Mounts, Glen Stratton, also Lloyd S. Steffensmeier. Please contact Don Simmonds, 2560 Quail St.,

Lakewood, CO 80215 , or email <donsretl@juno.com>

To all Korean War Vets. A few men and myself are thinking of starting a new **KWVA chapter here in Louisiana**, and we would like to know how you feel about joining the chapter. Feel free to write Mr. Tag M Jensen at 1102 Dennis Ave., Leesville, LA 71446 or call anytime at 318-238-2598 or E-mail at <korea@worldnetla.net>

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My dad, Joseph Warren McCarter (known as Joe or Mac) served with the **24th Infantry Division in Korea, 21st Regiment, "A" Company** from August of 1950 through November/ December 1951. He's desperately looking for men who served with him during that time. Getting in contact with these men (fellow veterans) has become extremely important to him these past couple of years. You can email me at crazmof3@aol.com or phone my dad at 803- 957-5208. Thanks for everything!!!! Gail Rogers.

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I am trying to find a man who served in the Korean War in the 50's. His name we are told is **Frank Martin** –not real sure about



Frank Martin, US Army Medic.

last name. Believed to have served in the U.S. Army as a medic. I have enclosed a photo of him. (Note medic pin on lapel). Do you know this man or would you have any suggestions on how to find him? We are desperately trying to find him.

Please e-mail me, Ann G. Koblichke, at <goo02@co.henrico.va.us>

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My brother, **Pfc. Marvin Lyle Gilbert**, RA 15281710, was killed in action on February 4th, 1951 in the vicinity of Suwon, Korea. His unit was as follows: 25th Inf. Division, 35th Regiment, Co. G. I would like to hear from anyone, who served with him at that time. I would like to know what happened to him. We were never given any details of his death. Anyone with information please write to: David L. Gilbert, 47316 Clarkson Pancake Rd., Rogers, OH 44455. Or you can e-mail my daughter at dpmd45@raex.com.

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Notice to all **Korean War Veterans who live in Louisiana**, that the Amvets post of Leesville La and the Leesville Korean Baptist Church well hold a memorial services and dinner on the 1st of August 1999, at 187 Browns Lane Picering just south of Leesville on route 171 South. All Korean War vets are welcome who served in Korea from 1950 to present date, If you need more information you can write to Mr. Tag M Jensen 1102 Dennis Ave, Leesville, LA 71446 or you can call him at 318-238-2598, you can also contact him by e-mail at <korea@worldnetla.net >

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My name is Robin Byrd. My father, **Robert Rae Lovell**, was a Sergeant in the Korean War and was on the front lines for 18 months. He was very proud of this. He died on August 21, 1997 at the age of 64. He was from Martinsburg, IN and I think he was sent out with a group of men from Harrison County, Indiana. This was in the year of 1952 or 1953, I am not for sure. If you have any information on any others who were from this time period I would like to know. At the Washington County Indiana Museum we have donated some of dad's things to their Korean War memorial. Thanks, Robin Byrd e-mail: <sista@netpointe.com>.

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My name is Kenneth Hayes, I was one of the men who took the first all-weather Sqdn into Korea; the **319FIS** flying F-94 aircraft. Would like to hear from other vets. Contact me at E-mail address <kenhayes@texoma.net>.

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My father, **Cpl. Donald F. Schneider**, served in Korea from January of 1952 until May of 1953. He is, as they say, "Once a Wolfhound, always a Wolfhound." He served in the 25th Division, 27th Regiment in Headquarters Company. He along with so many of the veterans I have read of is a quiet gentle hard working man, who's love of God, Country, Family and the Wolfhounds can never ever be questioned. He along with many of his fellow Korean Veterans are getting on in years. Many of their deeds, experiences and the honors that are due them can not be accounted for either because of mishandling of their records or because those in charge were killed before they could be documented. My father is one of those who, outside of some worn letters to family from Korea, or some souvenirs, served his country there without any show of his service, hardship and pain.

My goal somehow is to find someone who may have served with my father and would remember his service records, especially of the three times he was wounded and never received any of the Purple Hearts he earned. If you can tell me how to begin or even where I would be most grateful. My name is Ginnie Ortlieb, W249 Fur Farm Road, Kiel, WI 53042. E-mail <kortlieb@tcei.com> Tel: 920-894-7085. Father is Cpl. Donald F. Schneider, Nicknamed "Heimmy", 25th Division, 27th Regiment, Headquarters Company, DOS 1-52-5-53. There were two Donald F. Schneiders in Korea about the same time. My dad is the one from Wisconsin. Thanks. Keep up the great work. Ginnie

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My father was in the Korean War **7th Infantry Division**. My father had suffered from a stroke and while in the hospital a gentleman that was in the room with him had a yearbook of the 7th Infantry Division. I was wondering where I might be able to get a yearbook of the Korean War 7th Infantry Division. Father's Day will be here soon and I know that my father would love that. Please e-mail me at <tds85@localnet.com> Thank you. Denise Szwartz

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My name is Young Min Kim and I am a Korean. I am looking for **Mr. Houghton** (I forgot his first name) who was wounded

and lost his one leg during the Korean War in Mt. Punch Bowl at the area of DMZ. He was the president of the company, "Coastal Plain" which was dealing machinery products of bearing around ten years ago. And he is supposed to be in Dallas and its vicinity area. I met him around 20 years ago when I came to Dallas to study BMA in University in Dallas. I arrived in Dallas in 1996 and work for oil company in Dallas. I tried to find him but I couldn't. I would highly appreciate it if you would inform me of his address and telephone number, if you have it. Please give me a call or send me e-mail address <YMINKIM@aol.com>. My office phone number is 214-696-9545 (Ext. 11)

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I'm trying to locate **Raymond Kimball**, 229055 USAF Korea, 1952 I believe he was from somewhere in KY. He was with Hq. & Hq. Sqdn. 49th ABGp. Contact Raymond C. Musto 1835 Wendell Ave, Lima, OH 45805, Telephone 419-228-0048 or at e-mail address <rmusto@wcoil.com>

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Looking for officers and men that served in Korea with the **25th Division, 35th Infantry Regiment, I Company**. From December 1952 to February, 1954. Remember when we were short timers over there? Well, we are short timers again. Let's get in touch before it's too late. Jim Gilman, P.O. Box 486, Eatonville, WA. 98328, phone 360-832-0262, or e-mail me at <sgilman@mashell.com>

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I served in Korea 1950-51. I would like to look-up some of the men I served with. I am **1st Sgt. Thomas C. Lewis**, Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 7th Cav. E-mail address <TNLEWIS@webtv.net>

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Looking for **George H. Smith** Army Serial No. 11172264, believed to have been from the State of Rhode Island, who was with Company A, 19th Regt., 24th Inf. Division in Korea on 7-4-1950, captured by Chinese communists 1-01-51 and released with seven other Americans on 2-12-51. Last seen at the Battalion Aid Station after release by communists. If you have any information about George H. Smith please contact his "best buddy", Alfredo A Principe, 6601 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53143, Telephone 414-654-9498.

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Hoping to find **Korean War buddy's** that I served with in 1950 to 1951 from Co C, 1st Bn Hdq 21st Inf. Reg. 24 Div. I enjoy your website and plan on using often. Pfc. Roger H. Bane of Houghton Lake, RA Inf. and proud of it. Thank you. E-mail address <ROGERBANE2@webtv.net>

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By letter dated January 1, 1999, my father, **Thomas E. O'Keefe**, sent to you a draft of his account of his return home from Korea for his father's funeral, which he titled Granite Mountain Urgen t. I would like to give you some background information concerning the story and to inquire as to the status. My father wanted to write that story for over forty years. I know this to be a fact, since it is a story he told to his children countless times and with tremendous pride. Last fall, my father was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. As a way to fill his days, we

bought a computer and I suggested that he work on some of the research and writing projects he had been thinking about and I would do the typing. My father was a college professor (retiring just two years ago) and an avid military history buff. So, research and writing were his hobbies, and he saved many of these projects for retirement. Granite Mountain Urgen t was the first project he tackled. I am sure it was the personal nature of this story that made it so important for him to finish this project first. Sensing time was running out, he pushed to complete this draft in late December. In fact, he finalized the draft and signed the cover letter while in the hospital. For good luck, we mailed it to you on his birthday, January 1. Just six days later, on January 7, 1999, my father passed away. It would mean so much to my family if this article were published in your magazine. I would welcome any comments or suggestions you might have.

Sincerely,

Claire T. O'Keefe

*(Dear Claire, I do not have a good reason why your dad's story has not been printed as yet, except that with the many stories I have on hand prior to your dad's letter and several that I had due to recent events I have just not got down to his letter. Your letter has brought it again to my attention and in looking at the envelope it is marked "good story." That means that I planned to use his story in an upcoming issue. I am sorry about your dad passing and that he did not see his story in print. I will put his story on top and print all or part in the July-August issue and continue until complete. Again, thank you for your reminder and I know your dad will see it and he has a special daughter for reminding me.—Editor.)*

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Carl Allred

I am looking for any members of my Platoon while I was in Korea. I was assigned to the **7th Div, 17th Regt., 3rd Bn. K. Co.** Enclosed is a picture of me while I was in Korea. When I got to Korea in 1953. I was a Pvt. I left at the end of 1954 as a Platoon Sgt., 2nd Platoon of K. Company. I would love to hear from anyone in that Platoon, or who may have been signed to K. Company. Contact James E. Allred, E-mail at: <KTEE118@aol.com> Address: 3230 Carl Allred Rd., Franklinville, NC 27248

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Looking for **Col. John Michaelis** of the 27th Inf. Regt. 25th Inf. Div. or his history. Contact John T. Johnston, 11500 SE Federal Hwy. Lot 33, Hobe Sound, FL 33455 (Korea 25th Div. 1949-51.)

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Looking for cassette of a song that played on radio in Korea and Japan. A buddy said it was "**China Nights**" Contact Tex R. Berry, 958 Dauphin St., Mobile, AL 36604 Tel: 334-432- 0041. *(Barry, I think the song was called "Arang," maybe others can help you find it. I know it is available.—Ed.)*



Looking for someone that knew my uncle, **Larry Carella**, KIA on March 26, 1953. He served with Weapons Co., 3rd Bn., 1st Marines, 1st Marine Div. Contact Larry Bowen, 64 Tracy Lane, East Island, NY 11730, Tel; 516-277-4532

I am trying to locate an old buddy of mine from K-13 (Suwon Air Base Korea) named **Richard Peterson**. Contact Howard V. Alston, Trlr 4, 1900 W. Quinn Rd., Pocatello, ID 83202 Tel: 208-237-2038



I am looking for Army Aviators of the **45th Inf. Div. Air Section** during 1951-53. Contact Russ Cunningham, 495 ABTB Lewes, DE 19958



Looking for listing of members of **40th MP Co. 580th SG Co. 8th Army**, Seoul Korea. Contact Harold D. Burson, 9366 Garfield Dr., Shreveport, LA 71118-3319, Tel: 318-686-6668



Looking for anyone that served with my brother, **1st Lt. William S. Harrison**. Corps of Engineers assigned to G3 section, 8th Army, Sept 1950 – June 1951, KMAG action in the vicinity of Changsa-Dong, Korea. The ROK officer war Capt. Nam Pyo-Lee. Contact James Harrison, 7 Shell Drive, Yarmouthport, MA 02675, Tel: 508-362-1375.



Looking for anyone that was in **A Battery, 15th AAA Bn. 7th Inf Div.**, during June-July 1951 and remembers a Battery Clerk up at Chup-A-Ri Valley or on “Operation Cleaver” in Sept 1951. I am looking for Billy J. Baker or anyone who remembers him. He drove the M-39 called “Big Wheel II.” Contact Joe Russo, 901 Schisler Drive, Florence, NJ 08518-2803, Tel: 609-499-2593

I am interested in locating anyone who may have served with my father during the Korean War. Here is the information that I have:

Name: **Pfc. Peter Johnson Reid**, USMC SN: 1213262 E Co. 2nd Bn, 5th Mar Arrived in Inchon, Korea Mar 12, 1953 Departed Inchon, Korea May 21, 1954. Please respond to Email address psummer@crosslink.net or Kelly Summerson 9448 Michael Drive King George, VA 22485, 540-775-4430

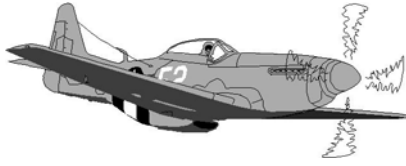


Looking to hear from members from the **40th Div., 625th F.A.** July 52-53, Kumhwa Valley, Punchbowl, Sand Bag Castle and Smoke Valley. Contact G. Misenheimer, 110 Pamela Street, China Grove, NC 28023-8465

*Dear readers and veterans: Being a Korean War Veteran 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*

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# Blind Flight



***Without Instruments: No See, No Gage = No Fly***

***Taejon Area, South Korea – Mid-July 1950***

As has been previously noted in this series of reports, the condition of our initial fleet of derelict F-51 Mustangs left an very great deal to be desired. Especially when it came to Instrumentation ... the mandatory instruments needed for flying at night or in clouds...

On one of those late-July 1950 missions, I recall having to round up a flight of four airborne airplanes in order to be able to fly 'night instruments' to permit our safe return to Taegu's base under dark, smokey, low visibility conditions.

Normally, in order to safely maneuver an airplane in the dark or under adverse weather conditions, a prescribed, minimum variety of operable, reasonably-accurate flight instruments are required: a magnetic compass, despite it's erratic, fluctuating indications, is mandatory. A gyro compass is more useful, because it compensates for the wild gyrations of the magnetic variety. To keep wings level and determine angles of bank, an attitude gyro indicator was part of standard equipment. Airspeed and altitude indicators are vital to maintain flight, and to keep from running into mountains in the dark, or while in the clouds. Rate of Climb/Descent indicators are nice to have, but not so vital as those indicators noted above.

But our dilapidated "aerial tugboats" did not come equipped with all of those

basic niceties, and the lack created additional, unexpected problems for our 'Dallas Squadron' combat pilots.

A couple of days after passage of Typhoon Gloria's severe, rainy weather on July 22, 1950, Captain Jerry Mau and I started out as a two-ship flight, hitting enemy ground targets south and east of Taejon in the late afternoon. Smoke and haze from burning villages made visibility extremely poor, and by the time we'd run low on ammunition and were ready to head for home base at Taegu, the sun had gone down and it was turning quite dark.

1st Lieutenants Chuck Hauver and Phil Conserva had been attacking North Korean tanks in an area a few miles north-east of Taejon at about the same time, and were a short distance behind us as we tried, with considerable difficulty, to follow the road and railroads thru the smoke and haze back to our base across the Naktong River.

None of Jerry Mau's gyro instruments were operating properly; he had only a magnetic compass to depend upon in his airplane, so he signaled me to fly the lead position while he flew close formation on my wing. I radioed him that I had only a gyro compass, but no dependable artificial horizon gyro or magnetic compass that would enable me to cross-check and reset my gyro compass... we would still have a tough time flying instruments and navi-

gating in the dark.

Hauver and Conserva were having similar problems: Phil had an artificial horizon gyro, but his pitot-static system was fouled up and he had no altimeter, and his airspeed indication was unreliable. Chuck had the altimeter and airspeed indicator, but nothing else could be depended upon.

When we overheard Chuck and Phil's plight, I radioed to suggest that we get together before it became too dark, so that we could perhaps have one complete set of navigation and flight instruments between the four of us.

I made a couple of wide 360 degree circles with my navigation lights on, and they were soon able to swing inside the turn to join up on us.

Since Phil Conserva had the only operable attitude gyro, we put him in the lead and, with my gyro compass, I flew his left wing. Chuck Hauver flew his right wing, and Jerry Mau, with no operable navigation instruments, tucked in close on Chuck's right wing.

Phil kept the formation straight and level while I gave him directional information as needed... such as "turn 5 degrees left or right", and Chuck gave us periodic verification checks on our airspeed and altitude.

Upon arrival over our unlighted Taegu airstrip, Phil, having no altitude or airspeed instruments, dropped back onto my wing and landed in formation with me, as I called out airspeeds as we came down the final approach. Chuck and Jerry were able to land individually.

The condition of our airplanes improved very gradually during those first few weeks before the arrival of the *USS Boxer*, because our maintenance crews had to use their 'baling wire' ingenuity and to 'scrounge' spare parts, just to keep us in the air. They spent many, many long, long nights getting and keeping those first derelict P-51 Mustangs into reasonably safe, combat flying condition. We pilots sincerely appreciated their heroic efforts, but always wished they could do even more!

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

**Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War**

*by*

***Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman,***

***Lt Col, USAF, Ret***

Next Issue: "Distaff Support"

**Breakout**

by Martin Russ

*"The most gripping account of a legendary battle in the history of the Marines, the definitive story of an epic.... a sermon on the splendor of human courage."* W.E.B. Griffin

On November 27, 1950, a Chinese army of some 60,000 men poured over Korea's border intent on wiping out a force of 12,000 U.S. Marines marching north to the Yalu river on General Douglas MacArthur's orders. Three Marine regiments were strung out along 80 miles of a narrow mountain road that snaked its way up sweeping slopes to the high plateau of the Chosin Reservoir. Winter had arrived, a merciless wind driving temperatures down to a bone-chilling 30 below.

Thus the stage was set for one of the most stirring tales in the history of American arms. Soon the Marines were completely surrounded by eight Chinese divisions who suddenly emerged from hiding to pounce on the unsuspecting Americans. How the Marines, despite serious losses, broke out of encirclement while inflicting grueling punishment on the enemy, is the gripping story Martin Russ tells in this extraordinary book. In five days and nights of below-zero winds they fought back the waves of attacking Chinese before they reorganized for the epic escape down frozen mountain trails. Running a bloody gauntlet all the way to the sea, they managed to bring their wounded and equipment with them, giving birth to the ringing battle cry ever after associated with the Marines: "Retreat, hell, no! We're attacking in another direction."

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Martin Russ earned a Purple Heart when he served with the Marines in Korea.

*452 pages of Chosin history and from one reviewer (Roger K. Miller) a war story marred by Army bashing. I have not read the book at this writing but maybe some of us Army types need to read this book and form our own opinions and even write the author. Book price \$27.50 Contact Prageeta Sharma, Fromm International Publishing Corp., 560 Lexington Ave, 50th Street, New York, NY 10022. Tel: 212-308-4010, Fax: 212-371-5187*



**The Korean War**

By Paul M. Edwards

*"Korea, a place where bad things happen."* Darian Cobb

In 1950 the American people were preoccupied with a return to normalcy following the difficult sacrifices of World War II. The Truman administration, having successfully concluded the war, was now anxious to preserve the peace and was deeply involved in the postwar problems of European recovery, the formation of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization), and the control of atomic weapons. Then, suddenly, war broke out in the Far East.

The North Korean Democratic People's Republic invaded the Republic of (South) Korea on June 25, 1950. The events which followed proved to be of primary significance in the Cold War which had

been driving a gap between the communist states and the Western allies since the end of World War II. The attack angered President Harry S. Truman who viewed the invasion as a direct challenge to his 1947 Truman Doctrine and America's determination to fight international communism and contain Soviet expansion. The attack was a challenge as great as any in Europe. A challenge which, if countered, might well trigger World War III; if ignored might well mean the eventual Soviet conquest of Japan and the Philippines.

There is every reason to believe that the communists assumed the United States would not, and that the United Nations could not, intervene in the expanding conflict. However, the United States, which had withdrawn its occupation troops from Korea only two years before, responded with determination. President Truman sent air and naval forces to aid the South Koreans. The same day the United Nations Security Council called upon its member nations to repel the North Korean aggression. In response twenty-four nations backed the United States involvement, and came to the support of the Republic of Korea. Soon the United Nations banner waved over an expanding army led by an American general, the first of its kind in history.

The beginning of hostilities brought about an abrupt change in American political and military policy which, up to this time, had primarily excluded Korea. Responding to what was seen as major Soviet aggression, maybe even the beginnings of World War III, the Truman administration initiated a "get tough" policy on communism. Within the next few years this policy was reflected in America's rearmament, increased military and economic aid to NATO, the signing of a peace treaty with Japan, and preparations to respond to communist aggression anywhere in the world.

To gain some understanding of what happened, it is necessary to

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## BOOKS

take a quick look at the history of Korea. Torn by internal strife, invaded and occupied by the powerful forces of the Far East, this little country often called the "The Land of the Morning Calm"—has had a history of almost uninterrupted violence, war, and foreign occupation. It emerged from World War II, after decades of occupation by the Japanese, divided along an arbitrary line drawn at the 38th Parallel.

Korea, which for the past half-century has existed as two separate nations, is an excellent illustration of Cold War attitudes. The division, itself a product of the politics of World War II, became more permanent as the occupying forces of the Soviet Union and the United States championed their own views of government. The Korean War reflected the desire for Korean unification but it was fueled and expanded by the Cold War. The impact of the war was sufficient to alter American policy, and thus world history, for decades to come. The diplomatic history of the period is terribly complex as the various powers considered how to appeal to the loyalty of emerging nations in the battle for allies. But the theme of the period seems surprisingly simple. The nations of the world were caught in the juxtaposition of the past war: how to remain independent and strong, while making and keeping political and military alignments.

The documents, which complement the text, provide readings in support of decisions made concerning the Korean War. They are taken from primary sources. In the case of foreign documents, they are directly from translations. The use of brackets indicates that something has been paraphrased or entered by a translator to clarify; ellipses indicate a reduction in the size of manuscript by taking out some unrelated statements. Material in parentheses indicates the addition of clarifying materials. As in the case of the narrative, English spelling has been used.

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*By David J. Seigle*

This is the story of the Pusan Perimeter from the first delaying action at Osan to the breakout a few days after General MacArthur's amphibious landing at Inchon. Preparation for that landing deprived U.S. troops fighting for their lives in the Pusan Perimeter with much needed reinforcements, equipment, and ammunition.

The first U.S. soldiers to fight in Korea had been occupation troops in Japan. They were out of shape physically and paid dearly for it in torrid tropic heat and on rugged mountainous terrain. Front line units were undermanned and ill-equipped. They had no anti-tank weapons or ammunition that could stop Russian tanks driven by victorious North Korean veterans of Japanese and Chinese armies.

Replacements slowly flowed from the pipeline from the states. They were mostly lightly trained teenagers. They were always

outnumbered on the line where it counted. Their commander, General Walton Walker, improvised by moving "fire brigades" to critical places at critical times. The teenagers learned to "stand or die" as ordered. It was their only chance to live.

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# Buddies share memories with family of Native American soldier

**Veterans remember KIA military buddy by visiting his family on reservation**

by Richard H. Snyder

## History

On June 8, 1951, three American soldiers move forward together single file to take a hill in Korea when a shell hits. The man in the middle is hit and killed. His partner, walking behind him, carries his body away from the fighting. The man in the front is wounded.

## The Search Begins

In August 1998, A Richmond, Indiana resident, Dick Snyder, the soldier who was wounded, and Dennis Skorheim, a resident of Park River, North Dakota, and the partner, decided that they needed to put the memory to rest by finding the family of their dead comrade, Clyde Bearstail.

Skorheim knew little about Bearstail except that he was a Native American from western North Dakota. With the help of a veterans' organization, he was able to locate Bearstail's grave in Parshall, North Dakota. Skorheim also learned Bearstail had two daughters who never knew him. One was 18 months old and the other an infant when Bearstail died at 21

## Daughters Plan Reunion

When the elder daughter, Gwenneth Hostler, learned her father's friends wanted to make contact, she was thrilled. "She had not realized that there was anyone out there who knew what happened," Snyder said. Hostler quickly planned her family's first reunion at a pow-wow at Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in New Town, North Dakota, and invited Skorheim and Snyder.

At the August reunion, Skorheim and Snyder met Bearstail's three sisters, two brothers and half-sister. One brother traveled from Washington, D.C. "The whole family did not know anything about what happened. They were hungry for information," Snyder said. "The family was just so eager to talk to the two of them," said Dick's wife, Jessie Snyder, who accompanied him to North Dakota. The soldiers had served in the Seventh Infantry Division, 31st Regiment, Company C. Snyder and Bearstail were Browning Automatic



(TOP) Richard Snyder, on left, with Gweneth Bearstail Hostler and Dennis Skorheim at gravesite of Clyde Bearstail. (Below) Grave marker of KIA Clyde Bearstail.

Riflemen, and Skorheim was Bearstail's assistant.

## Wreath Presented to Family

Skorheim and Snyder presented Hostler with a grave wreath that featured their military insignia and a framed copy of a commendation their Company C platoon earned on May 31, 1951, for defending its position and repelling the enemy.

"His daughter was delighted to get the copy," Snyder said. The men also provided a second copy for Hostler's sister, Kathy Garza of California, who was unable to attend the reunion.

Skorheim, Snyder and Hostler visited Bearstail's grave in the open plains 17 miles from Parshall, North Dakota. Hostler told them that the wreath they brought would be placed on Bearstail's grave on special holidays and would be displayed during the rest of the year in the Three Tribes Museum at New Town, North Dakota. In the museum, the wreath will hang in the section honoring

Native Americans' military service.

## Hostler, Snyder and Skorheim Share Memories

Hostler wrote to Snyder about her father and how she has kept his memory alive. "It has really been a surprise to even hear that you all have been out there. I don't remember my father, but from what my grandmother told me, he was a very nice person. I will always love him. Memorial Day is the day when he is more on my mind. I raise my flag for our country but more as a memorial for my dad," Hostler wrote.

During their visit, Skorheim and Snyder shared with Bearstail's family how much they had enjoyed his singing. Skorheim said it haunted him.

"Clyde had a beautiful singing voice," Snyder said. "In fact the night before he was killed, he was playing guitar and singing 'Take My Hand, Precious Lord.'"

To thank Skorheim and Snyder for sharing their memories of Bearstail, the family gave each man a sunburst quilt. Snyder's quilt is sewn using specific colors so that a headdress also may be seen in the star.

"It brought closure, I think, for the daughters and the brothers and sisters and for Dennis and Dick," Jessie Snyder said.

*Note: If any other members who served with this Division desire more information or would like to correspond, please write to: Richard H. Snyder, 18 Sunset Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374-1951 (Served in Korea 3/51 until 2/52)*

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## You Could Be Lost Forever!

If you're a "snowbird" 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, we must put a "stop mail" on these "AWAY" people until we hear from them again.

As a result of being "AWAY," many members call us and ask that we send a copy of the missed magazines. This, again, costs more money simply because they forgot to advise of their "AWAY" address. So, if you missed *Graybeards* because you were "AWAY," please send \$3.00 for each 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.

# Special Forces—Korea plans Memorial Stone

Last June, a group of Korean war S.O.F. veterans met to discuss the possibility of placing a Memorial Stone at the United States Army Special Operations Command Memorial Plaza. The USASOC Memorial Plaza is located adjacent to the command headquarters building at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and consists of Bronze Bruce (SF Statue), the Dick Meadows Statue and Memorial Stones of all Special Forces Operational Units since WWII, *with the exception of Korea.*

The Special Forces Association volunteered the use of their office for administrative support of this effort and a request was submitted to USASOC for permission to place a SOFK Memorial Stone at the Memorial Plaza. Now, this request has been granted by USASOC and funds must be raised to purchase the Memorial Stone.

The estimated cost of the Memorial Stone is \$3,000.00. At this time, we have a list of 39 SOFK veterans with confirmed addresses, so you can see the problem we face. We are requesting your support, not only with a possible contribution, but by contacting SOFK veterans you may be acquainted with to inform them of our objective and ask for their support.

Once we have raised the necessary funds to honor SOFK KIA's and veterans, a date will be set for the Dedication Ceremony. We will notify you of the date and time and you will be invited to attend the memorialization ceremony. A special bank account has been established, please make all contribution checks to: Special Forces Operations Korea (SFOK) and mail to:

Joe Seyer, 2020 Biltmore Dr., Fayetteville, NC. 28304-5808, Tel: (910)425-4675

Thanking you in advance for your support in this worthy effort, I remain, Charles Norton, Jr. Colonel, USASF (Retired).

*(Submitted to Graybeards by Col. Douglas C. Dillard)*

# Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library — Progress Report

Museum Update - May 21, 1999



The trustees of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library are pleased to announce that four retired Korean military officers in New York have been designated Museum Ambassadors to New York and the east coast area.



Col. (Ret.) Jong Gag Park



Lt. Col. Sung Ho Kim



Lt. Col. (Ret.) Han K. Tark



Brig. Gen. (Ret.) In-Myong Song

They are Col. (Ret.) Jong Gag Park, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Sung Ho Kim, and Lt. Col. (Ret.) Han K. Tark. Also serving as Museum Ambassador to New York in an honorary capacity is Brigadier Gen. (Ret.) In-Myong Song of Teaneck, NJ. The designations were made thanks to the efforts of Colonels Jung Mo Park, Woo Sang Koh, and Kwan Jin Kim who flew to New York on April 20 to share the good news about the national museum project with the Korean community there. The three Marine colonels, who were visiting from Seoul, had just returned from a trip to the land site in Tuscola. Fund-raising efforts on behalf of the Korean War Museum in Tuscola are now underway in New York.

The museum's website continues to

grow in pages and visitors. The site <http://www.theforgottenvictory.org> now has over 50 pages of information about the Korean War and the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library. New features recently added to the website include an extensive section on United Nations involvement, as well as a large Korean Support Group page, Unit Histories, and Images of War (photographs). More than 23,500 viewers have already visited the website.

The board of trustees is sorry to report two important losses to those interested in Korean War history. Member Jim Denham of Belleville, Illinois, who exhibited in the original Korean War exhibit held in the Douglas County Museum in 1996, died in May. Military rites were given to him at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis. The second is our trustees continue to be concerned about the well-being of Ted and Hal Barker's Korean War Project, which is the premier Korean War website on the Internet. The Barkers developed and maintained this website for four years, operating it as a non-profit. Lack of funds may close this project down.

In happier news, the membership of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library has increased to 870. In addition, more and more veterans and members of the general public are purchasing memorial tile to help pay for the second 11-acre land purchase. Several veterans stopping by the Douglas County Museum (Korean War Museum headquarters) were

interviewed for the museum's oral history project, including three members of the 15th Infantry Regiment Association board of trustees. This summer, the interviews will continue as the National Museum Project Director, Lynnitia Sommer, attends veteran's reunions in Arlington, VA; Indianapolis, IN; Macon, GA; St. Louis, MO; Nashville, TN; Branson, MO; Covington, KY; and Philadelphia, PA.

In other news, a Korean community fund-raiser in Chicago raised \$10,000 for the general operating fund of the Korean War Museum. The museum was also mentioned in the VFW in Action section of the national VFW Magazine in April. Throughout the United States, more and more veterans are signing up as district representatives for the museum. Numerous veterans replied to the museum's request for Korean War-related books for its permanent library collection. Referring back to the website, <http://www.theforgottenvictory.org> is being updated and changed in one form or another every day. Museum trustees are working very hard on behalf of Korean War veterans, and the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library is growing stronger every day as a result. The trustees invite you to join and make it even stronger.

Korean War Museum, c/o 700 S. Main St., Tuscola, IL 61953. Ph. 217-253-2535 (Lynnitia's office), 217-253-5813 (Tricia's office) or 217-253-4620, (Lynnitia's home).

## Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library – Tuscola, Illinois

### Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the membership category indicated below:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual veteran or spouse – \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor – \$100                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran family – \$30               | <input type="checkbox"/> Life member (one person only) – \$1000* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General public (individual) – \$35  | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (one person only) – \$5000*      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General public (family) – \$40      | <input type="checkbox"/> Founder (one person only) – \$10,000*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate or Civic – \$50           |  |

\* Paid one time only

This membership is paid one time only. All others are renewable yearly. If applying member is a veteran (regardless of time period), please indicate years of service, division or unit, and other information you wish to have on file in the Korean National Museum & Library.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

# Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library

20 April 1999

I attended the monthly board meeting in Tuscola, IL on 6 February 1999. There was a very good turnout at the meeting. All of the board members were present plus several members of various KWVA chapters from 6 states.

They have purchased 1/2 of the ground that they have an option on. They had a large sign installed that read "Future home of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library". They had TV, radio and newspaper coverage for the event and it was said that between 250 and 300 were in attendance.

They have 819 members of the KWVA National Museum and Library now and have sold lots of bricks for the wall. They have sales coming in every day for the bricks. The Korean Community in Chicago and the KWVA Korean units in Chicago have 2 members on the board. They are organizing several events to raise money for the museum.

The board is well organized and is well

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supported by the city of Tuscola and the entire state.

The Korean Marine Units from Korea have been to Tuscola and are setting up drives in Korea for donations from private sectors and businesses.

The web site is in place and in the short time it has been in place has taken over 15,000 hits.

The local workers unions have received support from their national offices to support the museum. They have schedules set up for contacting major businesses and corporations for donations.

The museum and library, when completed will be around long after all Korean War Veterans are gone to remind the

world that there was a Korean War, what was accomplished by the war and to let the world know that the United States will help small countries when its freedom is being tested.

It is the only way the Korean War Veteran, after he is gone, can be assured that people will know about the Korean War. All other programs will cease after the Korean war Veteran is gone.

For being organized no longer than they have, the board of the museum and library have accomplished a lot. I feel they will continue to grow.

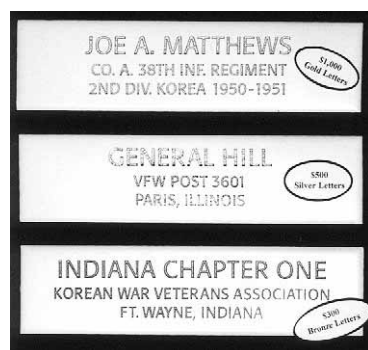
I urge all chapters of the Korean War Veterans Association and the National Korean War Veterans Association to support the National Korean War Veterans Museum and Library so that the Korean War and the Korean War Veterans will not end up being forgotten again!!

John M. Settle

National Director

Liaison to KWVA National Museum and Library

## Korean War Veterans National Museum Convention Center Wall Tiles



### 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.**



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# 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!



## 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 Editor KWVA, or Treasurer KWVA (See page 2 for addresses) marked : **Support of Graybeards**. Every donation will be recognized in the magazine. Those that do not respond for any reason are still valued members, for your dues also contribute to the printing of our newsletter. Names listed came from those wishing to support KWVA by donations for: *The Graybeards*, "Looking For," "Reunions," and "In Memory of." At the time of publication the following names of donors and "Memorials" have been reported to *The Graybeards* and are listed as follows:

### Members & Friends

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	Hunt, Jr. V.	Seigle, D.	

## Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Irvin L. Sharp

We, the members of the National Korean War Veterans Association and staff, mourn the tragic loss of our Treasurer, Dan J. Nickolas and National Officer, Secretary Edward Markart To the families and friends we give you these words of comfort:

*"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

Matthew 5:4

Let us continue to pray for one another. And as we grow in age, may we also grow in God's grace.

While in attendance to the Ohio Korean Veterans reunion in Elyria, Ohio in April, I had the privilege of meeting Fred Walsh. This courageous veteran was the first U.S. military personnel to be wounded in the Korean Conflict. He informed me the date and place were June 28, 1950 at Suwon Air Strip.

God bless you, Fred.

*Notes on a Beloved Hymn —*

### Onward Christian Soldiers

On Whit Sunday, 1865, the Rev Baring Gould (1834-1924) arranged to have the school children of his Yorkshire parish march the next day to a neighboring village for combined activities with the children of that parish. He wanted them to march singing but could find no suitable hymn; therefore he sat up half the night composing these words, fitting them to a tune the children knew

Five years later, Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900) set the words to the stirring tune now known everywhere. If all the rest of Sullivan's work, including his delightful comic operas, should come to be forgotten, his fame would endure through this one hymn.

## 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.



### Arizona

★ Theodore R. Pickett

### Connecticut

★ Grace Barks

### Georgia

★ William S. Haga

### Illinois

★ Edward Wilson

### Indiana

★ Jack L. Treesh

### Massachusetts

★ William J. Ledoux  
★ Joseph G. McClintock  
★ Troy L. Reid

★ Richard F. Simmons

### Minnesota

★ Charles Mesken

### Missouri

★ Richard D. Brewer  
★ Donald V. Dahmer

### New York

★ John Blind  
★ George Carlson  
★ Ralph Cheney  
★ Bruce E. Cousineau  
★ Jack Harris  
★ Flora Iverson  
★ Frank S. Robinson.

★ Thomas Skivington

★ George F. Spaker  
★ Edward D. Tetley IV  
★ Nelson J. Venette  
★ Kenneth R. Wolfe  
★ William E. Yopp

### New Jersey

★ Richard P. McMahon

### Ohio

★ Charles W. Parker

### Oregon

★ LTC Stanley T. Adams MOH

### West Virginia

★ John A. Taylor

## KWVA Chapter Roster (Additions/Corrections)

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MICHIGAN	Dale H. Williams Chapter	7640 Jennings Rd., Lake City	9651	Chuck Batherson	616-839-5426



# United States of America Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War



## Purpose

- Identify, thank and honor the veterans of the Korean War, their families, especially those that lost loved ones.
- Recognize and remember the Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA).— POWs: 7,140; Returned to Military Control: 4,418; Died in Captivity: 2,701; Refused to return: 21)
- Recognize the contributions of women and minorities to their Nation during the Korean War.
- Provide the American public with a clearer understanding and appreciation of the lessons, history, and legacy of the Korean War and the military's contributions to the Nation in maintaining world peace and freedom through preparedness and engagement.
- Remember United Nations forces engaged in preserving the peace, freedom and prosperity of the Republic of Korea and strengthen the bonds of friendship and relationships throughout the world focusing on the 22 countries that fought as Allies.

## Commemorative Community Program

- States, Military and civilian communities, and civic and patriotic organizations will be requested to become Commemorative Communities to assist a Grateful Nation in thanking and honoring veterans in their home towns (to include hospitals, retirement centers, nursing homes, etc.), and supporting schools in teaching the history of this era.

For ordering Program Details contact: Department of Defense, 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, Commemoration Committee, 1213 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Ste 702, Arlington, VA 22202-4303 Tel: 703-697-4664 Fax: 703-697-3145.

- Establishing a 50th Anniversary Web Site that will support Commemorative Communities all across the Nation.

Web Site: [WW.KOREA50.ARMY.MIL](http://WW.KOREA50.ARMY.MIL)



## Proposed Entitlements

- A certificate signed by the Secretary of Defense designating your state, county, town, organization or group as an official "Korean War Commemorative Community."
- An official 50th Anniversary of the Korean War commemorative flag and leader lapel pin.
- Informational and educational materials pertaining to the Korean War, including maps, posters, fact sheets and a historical chronology.
- Authorization to use the 50th Anniversary logo on your letterhead, magazines, newsletters, and for other purposes.
- The "Korean War DISPATCH," a quarterly newsletter and a source of official information on Korean War Commemorative events.

**Find a supporter or one that shows interest – then order.**



## Proposed Commemorations of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War — 1999



Event	Place	ODV	Date (1999)
Dedication of the 1st* M.A.S.H. museum in USA	Teterboro Airport, NJ	DUSA (IA)	Sat May 15
National Memorial Day Concert	Capitol (West Lawn)	Congress/JCS	Sun May 30
Memorial Day Wreath Laying	Wash DC/ANC	POTUS or Rep	Mon May 31
Korea Society Commemorative Inaugural* Event Presenting the Seoul Metropolitan Dance Theater	Wash DC/ GWU Lisner Auditorium	Ambassador Gregg	Fri June 25
Premiere Korean War* Documentary Film <i>The Korean War: Fire and Ice</i>	History Channel	N/A	Mon Sept 20
Veterans Day Breakfast and Wreath Laying	Wash DC/ANC	POTUS or Rep	Thurs Nov 11

\* designate US and/or Korean commemorations  
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# Reunions

## July 1999

**24th Inf RCT**, all wars July 14-18 at Holiday Inn in Cherry Hill, NJ, Contact Mary W.Elliott, 28 Stonegate Dr, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060 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.4thinfantry.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

**A-1-5 Korea** seeking members for a reunion dinner 6 Aug in Philadelphia during the 1st Marine Division annual reunion. Contact J.Stevens, 2200 Sacramento St., #803, San Francisco, CA 94115.

**1st Marine Division Association** will hold its 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

**223rd Regt., 40th Inf.Div.** National Convention will be in Branson, Mo. August 24-29. Most members bivouacking at Roy Clark's Celebrity Theater. Tel: 1-800-213-2584. Contact Richard C.Fette Tel: 1-330-448-6520.

**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.

**USS Allagash A097**, Niagra Falls, NY, Sept. 8-12, Contact Ken Goodwin 2001 Mae St., Orlando, FL 32806, Tel: 407-895-6561 or 407-862-4819.

**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

**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

**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

**51st Ftr-Interceptor Wing**, All Units, Okinawa-Japan-Korea, 50-53, at Grand Ramada Hotel, Branson, MO, Sept. 9 - 12, Contact Robert C. McNarie, 6904 No. Central, Gladstone, MO 64118-2426, email at RCanary690@aol.com or Tel: 816-468-4224.

**780th F A Bn.** reunion to be held in Louisville, KY, Sept 9-12, Contact George J. Ellis, 1020 Wildwood Park Road, Florence, AL 35630-3352

**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 Dade (APA-99)** Ships Company and TRANSRON 24 Staff, WWII & Korea. 7th Annual Reunion, Sept. 10-11 at Boston, MA. Contact Leo Walker, 848 Sylvaner Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566, Tel: 925-462-6931 or e-mail uss-dade@pacbell.net.

**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.

**USS Algal AKA 54**, Colorado Springs Sept. 12-18, Contact Tony Soria 209-722-6005 or Art Nelson artbets@yahoo.com.

**58th Engineers Float Bridge Co.**, Korea, 7th reunion in Branson, MO Sept. 14-16 contact Carl L. Welker, Tel: 314-531-9128 or E-Mail welkers@swbell.net

**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

**U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Assn.**, Hilton Jacksonville & Towers in Jacksonville, FL, Sept. 15-18. Contact Don H. Gee, 238 Cornwall Circle, Chalfont, PA 18914-2318, Tel: 888-999-7819 or e-mail: USMCC-CA@aol.com.

**Carrier Air Group Two (CVG-2)**, all hands who served in CVG-2 with VF-23, VF-24, VF63, VF-64, VA-65 or VC/VT/HU Detachments during the Korean War (1950-52), are invited to attend its next reunion in Seattle, WA, September 15-19. Contact James Timidaiki, P.O. Box 337, Issaquah, WA, 98027-0014, 206-392-7787 or E-Mail at MNFM41A@prodigy.com, or Fax: 425-837-3801.

**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 Ob. 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

**USS John R. Craig Association.** Reunion activities will: Commence: 22-26 Sept. At The Lakeside Inn, Lake Tahoe, NV Contact: Bob Owens, 1007 Pintail Dr., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 Tel: 609-727-4004.

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

**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 Association 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

**765th TRSB-Korea**, Sept 23-26, at Howard Johnson Hotel and Convention Center, Albuquerque, NM 87123, Contact Dick Blastick, 386 W 100 N, Valparaiso, IN 46385, Tel: 219-464-3199

**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

**USS Foss DE-59** Sept.23-26, Holiday Inn, Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA. 22102. Contact Neil Campbell, 7009 Hector Road McLean, VA 22101 or e-mail; campnv@erols.com Tel: 703356-2099.

**GHQ Long Lines Signal Group, 8226th AU**, Sept.24-26 at Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, VA. Contact Wm. Martin Dill, 127 Midstate Road, Felton, DE 19943-4811, Tel 302-284-4359 or E-Mail shzq91d@prodigy.com.

**USS Endicott DD495/DMS35** 1943-1954 Branson, MO. Sept.24-27, Contact: Dean Wren, 11811 E.60th Street, Kansas City, MO 64133-4324 Tel: 816-356-4833 or e-mail: kdwwren@swbell.net.

**USS John R. Pierce DD753**, 9th reunion in Myrtle Beach, SC, Sept 29-Oct 3, Contact Eugene R. Slavin, 24 Colonial Court, Queensbury, NY 12804, Tel: 518-793-2358 or e-mail E5727409@aol.com

**1st Marine Amphibian Truck Co.** (Korea 50-53) Sept.30 to Oct.3rd Asheville, NC. Contact Wayne Poff, 639 Candlewyck Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601, Tel: 717-569-3995 or e-mail waymapoff@desupernet.com

**50th AAA** reunion will be at Ft. Bliss, Texas where the units inception was in 1949. We will be celebrating the 50th year. Sept. 28-30 Contact: Bob Matis, 2251 Terrace View-Spring Hill, FL, 34606 or E-Mail bobmatis@fiber-net.com or Nelson Ruiz, 915 Margie Dr., Titusville, FL 32780, Tel 407-267-1106, e-mail amnel@yourlink.net

**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

**USS Satyr Assn. ARL 23** WWII - Korea - Vietnam, 7th Annual Reunion October 3-7, in Norfolk, Virginia, at the Best Western Center Inn. Contact Bill Janosco, 2981 Anita Avenue, Lake Havasu City, AZ. 86404, Tel: 520-453-6755.

**1st. Ordinance MM Co.** (Ft. Bliss/Korea 1947-1953) Oct. 6-8, Quality Inn El Paso, TX. 800/221-2222. Contact George Kvet, 330-769-4218 or Ross Goodrich, 847-223-5253. 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 JFDEDRIK@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, P.O. Box 20462, Floral Park, NY 11002, 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: 203-467-0369 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

**92nd AFA Bn. (Red Devils) Korea**, October 7-10, at: Holiday Inn-Center City (Ft Benning), 1325 Veterans Parkway, Columbus GA 31901, Tel: 706-322-2522, Contact Guy McMenemy, 12027 Westover Dr, Cypress, TX 77429, Tel: 281-469-2819, E-mail: RedDevilBn@aol.com.

**Navy Composition Squadron 12**, (VC-12) Oct. 7-10, Pensacola, Fla. Contact Bob Marvin, 7244 Lincoln Ave. Lockport, N.Y., 14094 Tel: 716-434-1207, or e-mail mar1207@pcom.net.

**USS Lake Champlain CV-CVA-CVS-39**, National Convention, OCT 7-10, at Pensacola, FL. Contact: Eugene Carroll Box 131, 3851 Cayuga St. Interlachen, NY 14847-0131. Tel: 607-531-4735. Ships company and Air Groups.

**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

**Army Engineer OCS** alumni staff and faculty reunion, Lake of the Ozarks, MO, 27-31 Oct., Contact: E.T. Mealing, CL 7 (52), 729 Summit North Drive, NE, Atlanta, GA 30324, Tel: 404 -231-3402, or Email: tmealing@eni.net.

**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.

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#### 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

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## **Korean Dance Performance**

**T**he City of Incheon in the Republic of Korea is having a great pleasure and honor to invite Korean War veterans with their families to the traditional Korean dance performance which will be held at the Town Hall in New York, on Wednesday, at 20:00, July 14, 1999.

This event is to remember the Incheon Landing conducted by General MacArthur and to reciprocate Korean War veterans efforts and contributions during the Korean War.

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For more information, please call at 212-997-1003 (Town Hall), and 212-759-9550 (The Korean Cultural Service). Looking forward to seeing you. . . . by Mayor of Incheon, Republic of Korea

### **Remember the Incheon Landing?**



**As against "The Shores of Tripoli" in the Marine Hymn, Leathernecks use scaling ladders to storm ashore at Incheon in amphibious invasion September 15, 1950. The attack was so swift that casualties were surprisingly low. S.Sgt. W W Frank. (Marine Corps)**

### **Inchon City Dance Company**

**I**nchon City Dance Company was established in April, 1981 with the aim of reviving Korea's traditional and folk dances, as well as setting the tradition of modern versions of traditional Korean dance with over 40 regular performances and 150 traditional dance performances by 30 professional dancers contributing to the promotion of local culture among the general public.



**The Incheon City Dance Company**

It is highly considered to contribute greatly to the promotion of artistic values of traditional Korean dances among overseas audiences through performing in Anchorage and Los Angeles of the United States, Toronto of Canada, Kitakyushu of Japan, Sao Paulo, Iguazu, Salvador, and Brasilia of Brazil, Beijing and Tianjin of China, Hungary, Turkey, Poland, Portugal, Mexico and many other cities.

Kim, Young-Sook (artistic director) is the 4th director of the Incheon City Dance Company from March of 1997, leading the improvement quality of the members and the performances. She provides opportunities to contact traditional Korean music and dance to the citizens through her dance and percussion classes. Received her MA from Ehwa Women's University, currently she is a member of the Korean National Dance Company, instructor of Ehwa Women's University and Seoul National University.

### **Introduction of Program**

#### **1. Hak-Yonhwadae Choyongmu Hapsol**

Dating back to the Koryo Dynasty, the crane (hak) dance illustrates the graceful feature of the crane symbolizing a longevity and Yonhwadaemu, Lotus Pedestal Dance, is performed with a wish for a prosperity. Choyongmu is a mask dance performed to exorcise evil. It is based on a legendary story of Choyong, son of the Dragon King, in the Unified Shilla Kingdom. In the Choson Dynasty, a medley of these three dances was performed at court on lunar new year's eve as exorcism to rid the palace of evil spirits.

#### **2. Changgochum (Hourglass-shaped drum dance)**

It is a kind of drumming dance. Women dance with Changgo on their shoulders. Changgo is one of the major percussion instruments leading traditional Korean music which is the source of excitement and the symbol of grace. It resembles woman's shape and maximizes the expression of the woman's beauty.

#### **3. Morankkotchum (Peony Dance)**

The dancers carry a peony, which traditionally has been regarded the king of flowers, in both hands and continue to dance

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Taepyongmu to pray for peaceful times. It was first composed for an inauguration of the 15th president of Korea. It is rearrangement of the Korea traditional dances to the new composition with Korean traditional music, Western music and chorus.

While Hakchurn as a court dance is performed in a lifelike crane mask according to the historical references, the one as a folk dance the dancer is in the common people's clothes. It shows the modesty of the common people with graceful movements of the crane, a symbol of longevity.

It is the most representative folk dance of Korea as a part of farmer's band music which is performed to celebrate an abundant harvest and at the feast day festivities. Sogo is the smallest percussion among traditional Korean drums made of wood and leather.

With the various Changdan (rhythmic pattern) of folk music such as Kutgori, Chajinmori, Otmori, Tongsalpuri, Hwi-mori, and etc., the dance expresses the joy, ecstasy and bitterness of life of woman in a free style.

Fan Dance is newly composed dance with a fan as prop widely used in Korean shaman rituals. The dancers holding the fan in both hands form many geometrical designs with solo and group dances. Fans are considered to expel evil and make a gentle breeze to bring prosperity.

Salpuri means exorcising evil spirits or driving out calamities. The performer dances to Salpuri Changdan, holding a white scarf in a hand, expressing the joy, ecstasy and bitterness of life of woman.

Puk, a drum, can be referred to as a musical instrument symbolizing the sky, since drum is one of the things that the god of wind, cloud and rain brought to the world when Tangun founded Korea according to Tangun mythology. The drums of different sizes are used to make the harmony of sound of nature.

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# LAND OF THE MORNING CALM

Oh gentle, loving people of the land of morning calm,  
Hold sacred your new freedom, and listen to my psalm.  
The seed of many nations came from far across the sea,  
And paid a price on your behalf, for freedom isn't free.

The gripping fear, the stench of death, no longer fill your mind,  
The horrors of the battlefield have all been left behind.  
Your children, dreaming peaceful dreams, safe in your arms each night,  
Wake with a smile of innocence, to face the morning light.

Your homes, secure, on quiet streets, bring comfort to the soul.  
From verdant hillside terraces to valleys down below.  
Your mountain streams, now running clear, without a trace of red,  
No sound you hear, no crying from the dying and the dead.

So when good fortune smiles on you and fills your heart with cheer,  
Remember those who fought and died and left their futures here.  
Give thanks to them and make a special place within your heart,  
That you and they, forever friends, shall never drift apart.

By Dillon Staas

*Those beautiful young ladies on the front cover, like all of us that fought in the Korean War have a relative, or a friend that was KIA, MIA, WIA or still carries the memory of those events that occurred almost 50 years ago. This special poem, so well expresses that we should never forget the deeds of many. The front cover photo so clearly depicts the goodness that derived out of the ashes of those dark days. The proud people of South Korea, like all of us know that Freedom is not Free. We also know from their generous expressions of remembering everyone's sacrifice that our efforts were not in vain. Those that are no longer with us also know the cause was just.—Ed*



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