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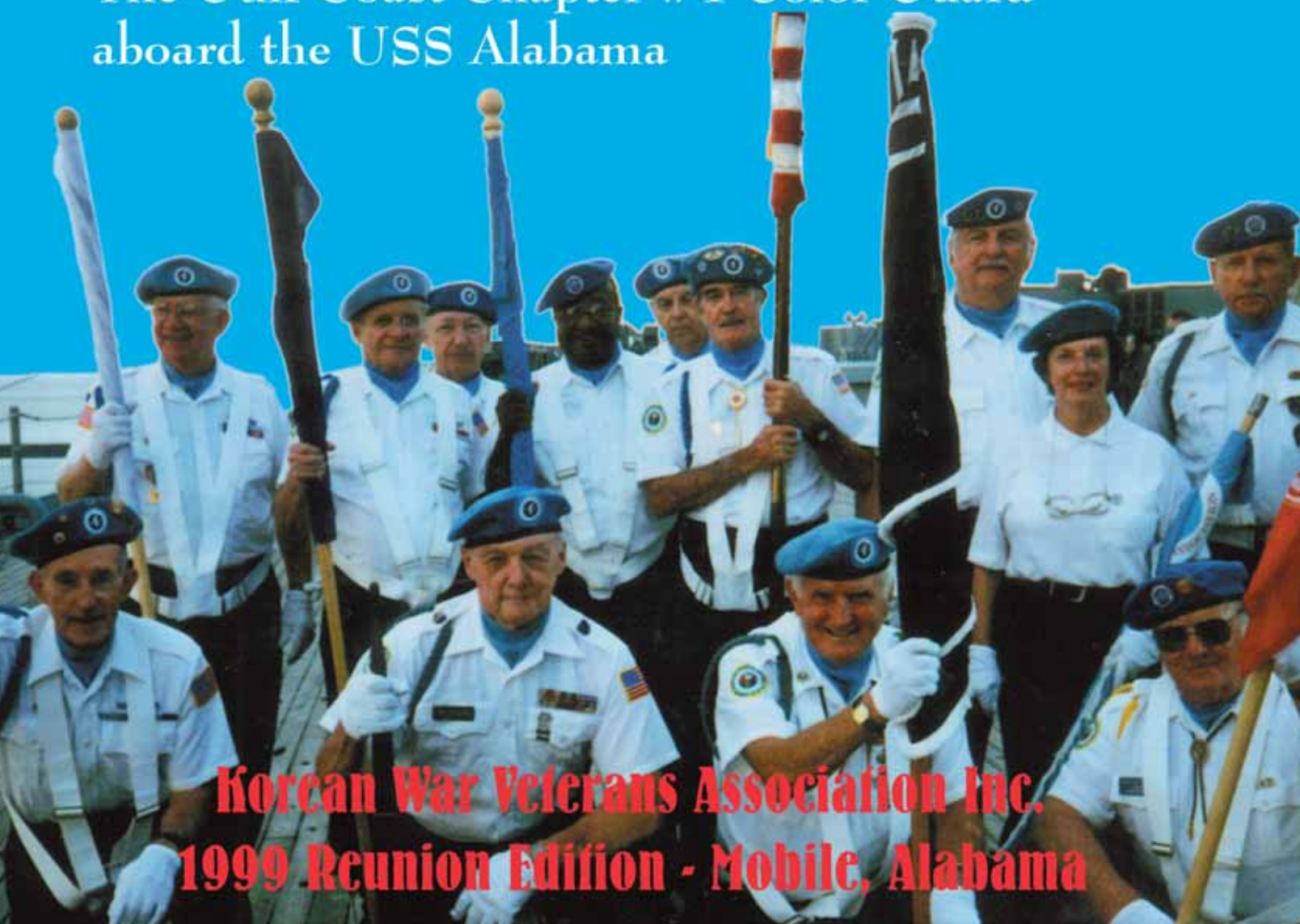
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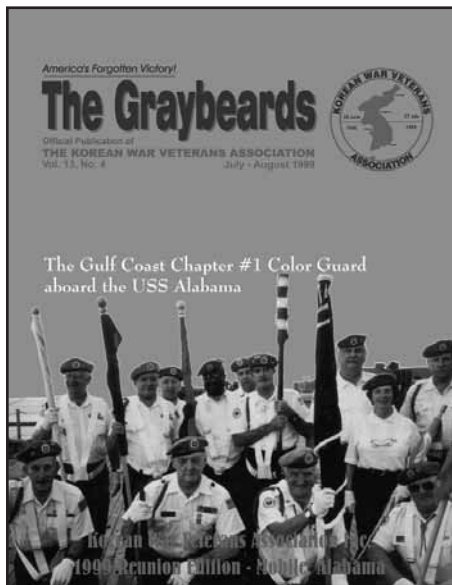
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On the cover...



Pictured on the cover of this issue of the Graybeards is the Color Guard of Gulf Coast Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association from Mobile, Alabama. From left to right kneeling are Nealie McElhany, E.W. "Sonny" Willisson, Neil Livingston, and Walter Ballard. Standing Joseph Bolton, Don Paul, Donald Barton, James Burke, Claude Amos, Bill Pitt, Elwood Hogan, Dorothy Tillman, and Mackie Tillman. Not pictured are Grady Vickery, Robert Lane, Deborah Livingston, Lavon Howell, Janice Britton and Bama Pitt.

On July 4, 1988 in Little Rock Arkansas a group of Vietnam Veterans and one old timer from the Korean War set out on a march to Washington, DC. They marched to bring attention to the lasting problems and hardships that continue to plague a majority of Veterans that fought in the Wars. Neil Livingston was carrying a black and white flag for the prisoners of war and missing in action.

One by one the men dropped out until only one was left. To the readers of this book, I am sure it is no surprise that Neil Livingston, the Korean War Veteran, was the one that held on to the very end. Probably, just because he is so stubborn.

The Gulf Coast Chapter is the mascot of the *USS Inchon*. On Saturday, March 4, 1995, Neil was standing on the docks in Pascagoula, Mississippi holding that same POW/MIA flag that was presented

to him by then Governor Bill Clinton during that march back in 1988. When the ship docked, the Captain gave Neil the honor of being the first one allowed to board the ship. Neil had stood on the docks in the rain for over two hours and had a lot of time to think. His mind carried him back to the time he spent in Korea, all the friends he lost in that war, and all the friends he had lost touch with since. He remembered the time he was taken prisoner by the North Koreans, the struggle he had surviving until he managed to escape during a strafing by American planes. He also remembered his decision during his long march in 1988 to bring out the POW/MIA flag for every occasion he had.

Between the two above mentioned events, Neil had lots of adventures with his flag. When he returned to Mobile, Neil joined the Gulf Coast Chapter and started lobbying for the formation of a color guard unit. He received a lot of opposition, the main one being, "We're too old to march," Boy, did we prove them wrong. At one of the first parades that Neil marched in, Scooter Burke, who told him to follow through with his dream of a Color Guard, joined him. Don Swanson, one of the original members, asked Bonita Sterne to make a banner for the Chapter.

In the beginning our Chapter struggled to survive and the members bought a lot of the materials needed. At this time, with the increase in membership, the yearly dues and the very successful fund raisers we have had, it is no longer necessary to take up collections to cover our newsletter and other necessary expenses. A lot of the credit goes to the Ladies Auxiliary for jumping in with both feet to spearhead the responsibility of collecting items donated for the fund raisers.

We started out as a rag-tag group, not much in the way of a uniform. The first item included in the uniform was a U N Blue Beret. That decision brought about a lot of discussion because we had one member that said it was Infantry blue and he wasn't in the Infantry. We had one member that said that was a "girlie" tam,

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

It is with sad regret that we have lost yet another KWVA member, Lt. Col. Lloyd "Scooter" Burke (MOH Recipient) who was buried in Arlington Cemetery on June 11, 1999. We lost Charles Larson (USMC) to cancer

just a few days ago. May these warriors rest in peace.

We should encourage more Korean War Era Veterans to join the KWVA. If you served in Korea from 3 September 1945 or in the service between June 25th 1950 and January 31, 1955 you are eligible for membership. Or if you served in Korea from February 1, 1954 to present you are eligible. I know that there are many Korean War Era Veterans that feel because they did not serve in Korea they are not part of the war. These Korean War Veterans were as much a part of the Korean War as those that did serve in Korea. We want you to be a part of the KWVA.

We are now remembering the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. I have just returned from a 17 day visit to South Korea. My trip was sponsored by the Evangelical church. There were 17 Countries represented.

There was one other American, that was Don M. Cohen President of Oregon KWVA Chapter. There were representatives from France (Vincent Champion), Columbia (Francisco A. Caicedo and his wife), Greece (Michail A. Perimenis), India (Mr. & Mrs. Balraj Sur), Canada (National President, Gordon JH Strathy & Doris), Turkey (Lee-Jae, Lee), United Kingdom (Frank Ellison), Sweden (Dr. Ake J. EK), Norway (Nils Steen Egelien), Italy (Emilio Donatoni), Netherlands (Dingeman van Winden), New Zealand (Mr. Terry Samuel), Australia (Major Ronald E. Perkins), Belgium (Simon-Pierre Nothomb).

Our mission was to tell the Korean people and children about the UN involvement in the Korean War and how God was called

upon in combat and the Prisoner of War camps. There is a saying "In time of war God and the Soldier are called upon and in time of peace God is slighted and the "Soldier forgotten." Ernie Pyle once said You will never find an atheist in a fox hole. For me, I found out a lot about how other countries were involved in the Korean War.

It was like the "Tell America Program" only in Korea. We landed in Seoul and then went to Pusan. We had a memorial service at the UN Cemetery and later visited the 53rd Infantry Division Headquarters and had lunch with the South Korean Troops. Later we visited a VA Hospital in Pusan. I remembered the dark days that the 24th Div., 25th Div., and 1st Cav. Div. had in the month of July 1950 trying to stop the North Korean Army. We were under strength and had outdated equipment, but we had courage, and we did hold on to the Pusan perimeter until other troops and divisions arrived.

On the 19th of June, I was flown back to Seoul for a special honor. The 8th Army was having the 224 U S Army Birthday Ball. I was seated with General John H. Tilelli Commander in Chief, United Nations Command, Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command United States Forces Korea. I was the guest of honor and had the honor of cutting the birthday cake with General Tilelli, Command Sgt Major Harry Vance, and the youngest Soldier Pfc. Pierson.

The next day I was flown back to Pusan to rejoin the UN group. We stopped in Taejon for a memorial service.

Taejon is where General Dean destroyed several T34 Russian built tanks before he was captured. The South Koreans have these tanks on display in

the Taejon Museum. After we left Taejon we headed for Seoul to visit the Inchon Landing site and had a memorial service. We visited several churches where each veteran from each country gave their story and where they served in Korea.

On June 24th we stopped at the DMZ where we viewed the housing where the meetings of the joint commission are held. We had a memorial service, then I was asked to stand on the bridge of no return, where I crossed 46 years ago for a picture. On the 25th of June we had a parade in Seoul. I have been to Korea on a revisit tour before, but I must say this was the greatest trip I have ever had. I got to know the Korean people and how grateful they are.

The KWVA is growing, we are having an increase in members each month. We are also losing members such as "Scooter Burke" each day also. I would like to close with this comment. "If anyone has anything they do not understand about the KWVA please call me for an answer."

Harley



(Top) CMS Harry Vance and National President Harley J. Coon. (Bottom) Don Cohen, Col. Wilson, National President Harley J. Coon at DMZ.



Congressional Charter S.R. 620: This 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 aspects 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.

(Due to an early release of this issue, a late notice, sickness and computer problems at Skip's home, the Veteran Services column will not be printed in this issue. The above was reprinted from Skip's May-June issue pages. We expect a full update in the September-October issue.—Editor)

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0802

June 25, 1999

Mr. Nicholas J. Pappas
Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.
209 Country Club Drive
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Dear Nick:

Over the past year or so, there have been a number of your fellow veterans who have asked me to begin looking into doing something special as we mark the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. I am writing to let you know of an initial effort in the U.S. Senate to ensure that the valiant service of more than 13,000 Delawareans in the Korean War does not go unrecognized.

I am co-sponsoring a Senate bill that would grant a Federal charter to the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated. This will build upon recent efforts to ensure that the sacrifices and bravery of the one and a half million men and women who fought for freedom against communist aggression in Korea will never be "The Forgotten War."

The legislation is S. 620. It has been assigned to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, of which I am a senior member. Whenever there is significant action on this bill, I will keep you advised. If you have access to the Internet, a good resource to track this or any other legislation is my web site at <http://biden.senate.gov>.

I vividly remember that blistering hot July 8, 1995 Saturday morning when I joined with many of you in the dedication ceremony for the renaming of the Delaware Route 1 Bypass as the "Korean War Memorial Highway." it is a recollection that comes to mind practically every time I'm traveling that roadway, and especially when passing by the Tollgate and Administration Building..

The memories of the 54,246 American service persons killed and the 118,461 armed forces wounded there, in addition to the over 8,000 of our countrymen still listed as "missing" from that "conflict" deserve no less of a lasting tribute.

With my best regards,
Sincerely,

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senator

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 8, 1999

Mr. Alfred S. Meehan
116 E. Fort Lee Road
Bogota, New Jersey 07603-1337

Dear Mr. Meehan:

Thank you for contacting me in support of granting a federal charter to the Korean War Veterans Association. I appreciate hearing from you and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand your support for giving the men and women who served our nation so valiantly in the Korean War the recognition they deserve. As you may know, Congressman Steny Hoyer of Maryland introduced similar legislation on May 4, 1999 and it is currently pending before the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims with twenty-seven co-sponsors. If signed into law, House Resolution 1671 would grant a Federal charter to the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. and set forth a few guidelines regarding the governance of the organization. The bill has not yet come to the House floor for a vote. However, please know that I will examine this legislation closely with your recommendation very much in mind.

Thank you again for contacting me. As your Representative in the United States Congress, it is a privilege and an honor to serve you and to act as your voice in Washington. Please feel free to contact me again with any other issue or matter that concerns you.
Sincerely,

Steven R. Rothman
Member of Congress

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

June 30, 1999

The Honorable Joseph Biden
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-0802

Dear Senator Biden,

On behalf of the KWVA members, I want to extend thanks for your June 25, 1999 response and support concerning Senate Bill S. 620. Since the bill its not politically controversial, we ask for a speedy and favorable passage by the Senate and House of Representatives.

Approval of KWVA Federal Charter for the 50th Anniversaries of the Korean War (2000-2003) would be greatly appreciated. Also please convey my thanks to Senators Sarbanes, Warner, Murray and Campbell for introducing S. 620.

If you need additional Information during the Committee hearings please contact our Legislative Affairs Advisor, Mr. John Kenney (703-780-7536) or Mr. Blair E. Cross (410-893-8145).

Very respectfully,

Nicholas J. Pappas
Past National President

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"Calamity Jane" – B-52 Stratofortress at Battleship Park, Mobile, AL. that served with the Strategic Air Command (SAC).

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National VA/V.S. Representative Report

By Norman S. Kantor

Many V.A.V.S. Representatives and deputies take note: V.A. in Washington, D.C. has informed me that reports in some cases are showing that Representative attendance was lacking. Make sure to sign in and sign out when leaving. Participation records are sent to Austin, Texas after which they are sent to the V.A. in Washington, D.C.

Cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated and will assist in accurately reporting our organizations participation.

I have received a letter from the Director of V.A.V.S. office in Washington, D.C. informing me that the Korean War Veterans Association is now being recognized as being a Service Member on the V.A.V.S. National Advisory Committee.

Mr. Jim Delgado wrote saying Please accept my heartfelt

thanks to your organizations leadership and the KWVA for your service to our Nation s Veterans.

To our National Deputy V.A.V.S. Regional Representatives and to the Chapter Representatives and Deputies, I would like to add my thanks as well.

KWVA now has on hand Certificates of Appreciation. They will be issued upon request. Example of those eligible would be a Staff Member of a V.A. Center working with Chapter Representatives or Deputies or just working with a Chapter.

Due are V.A.V.S. reports for 1 January to 30 June. New forms will be sent out soon that will cover 1 July to 30 December 1999.

Any questions, call me any time, I am here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Team work builds a strong Veterans Organization. Are you doing your part?

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Balance Sheet
As of July 1, 1999

	Mar 31, '99	Jun 30, '99	Jul 1, '99
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1st UNION	28,205.62	2,485.74	2,485.74
Bank One	124,216.88	100,366.93	91,003.24
Money Market	226,689.45	288,008.45	288,008.45
Total Checking/Savings	379,111.95	390,861.12	381,497.43
Total Current Assets	379,111.95	390,861.12	381,497.43
TOTAL ASSETS	379,111.95	390,861.12	381,497.43
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
Opening balance	305,845.24	305,845.24	305,845.24
Retained Earnings	7,552.67	7,552.67	7,552.67
Net Income	65,714.04	77,463.21	68,099.52
Total Equity	379,111.95	390,861.12	381,497.43
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The airplanes represent Sunday, June 25, 1950 when "Reds" slammed across 38th parallel into Korea

The arm holding flag symbolizes the dying passing the flag to the living in the fight to preserve freedom and the "American Way."

The numerals 33629 is the number of Americans who perished defending freedom in Korea - 1950-1953.

The stars honor the Gold Star families.

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

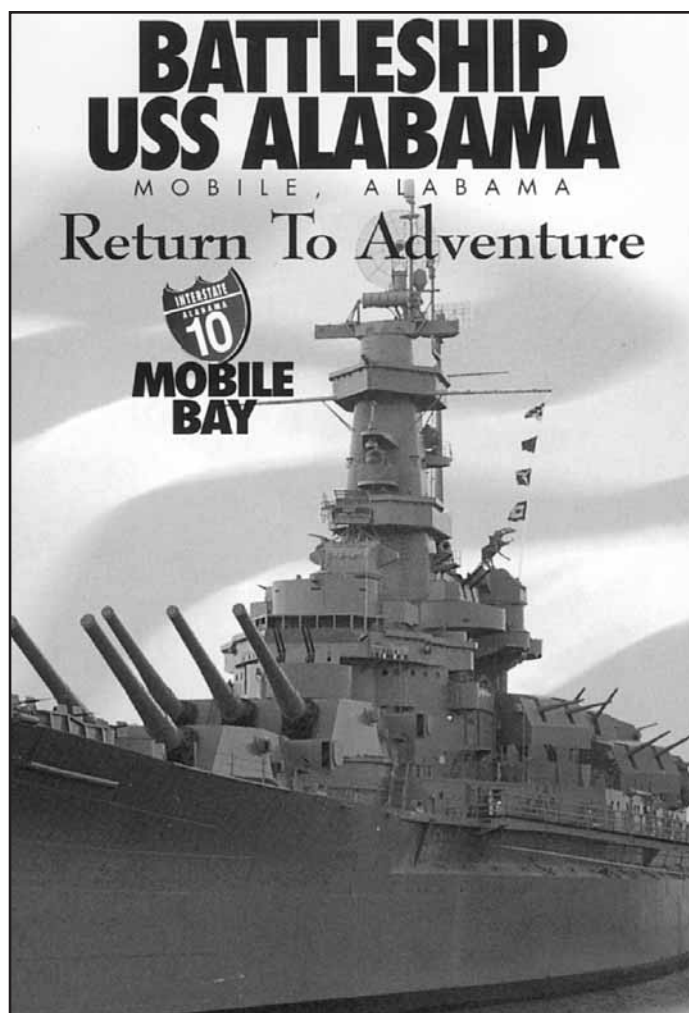
- 8:00 am - 9:30 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am - 11:00 am Closing ceremonies and farewells.

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	\$ _____

Saturday, Sep 11, 1999

❖ Welcome Party, snacks, cash bar, Cajun band. _____ \$10.00 \$ _____

Sunday, Sep 12, 1999

❖ *Option 1.* Bellingrath Gardens and home, tour. *OR* _____ \$30.00 \$ _____

❖ *Option 2.* Riviera Outlet Mall, Foley - over 200 shops. _____ \$15.00 \$ _____

Monday, Sep 13, 1999

❖ *Option 3.* Naval Aviation Museum and I-Max, lunch at officers club, scenic coastal return tour. _____ \$32.00 \$ _____

Tuesday, Sep 14, 1999

❖ *Option 4.* Ladies Auxiliary Meeting and luncheon. _____ \$12.00 \$ _____

Wednesday, Sep 15, 1999

❖ *Option 5.* USS Alabama Battleship Park. Korean War Monument groundbreaking. _____ \$ 5.00 \$ _____

❖ USMCR landing demonstration & displays.

❖ Banquet: *Select entries:* - ☐ Broiled Gulf Grouper
☐ Chicken Monterey ☐ Roast prime rib . _____ \$25.00 \$ _____

Thursday, Sep 16, 1999

Breakfast _____ \$15.00 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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 AUCTION

Form may be copied for submittal to KWVA.

**Minutes of the
Executive Council Meeting
Korean War Veterans Assn. Inc.**

The National Meeting was called to order by President Harley Coon at 8:28 A.M. The Gulf Coast Chapter Color Guard presented the colors. The National Anthem was played and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Warren Wiedhahn. The invocation was given by Howard Camp. A moment of silence for Secretary Markart. Howard Camp appointed Sgt. of Arms for Meeting. Harley Coon introduced Linda Wherle, Sales Manager for the Holiday Inn. Ms. Wherle welcomed the KWVA to Mobile and thanked them for allowing Holiday Inn as their host for the National Convention/Reunion. Nick Pappas presented a plaque to Jim Martin for his dedication and hard work for the organization. Ken Cook also presented Jim Martin a token of appreciation. Jim thanked everyone. Alabama State Commander Walter Ballard welcomed everyone.

Secretary Pro-tem, Deborah Livingston called the roll. Members in attendance were: Ed L. Magill, Ken Cook, Nick Pappas, Don Barton, Bob Morga, Ted M. Trousdale, Jack Edwards, Ed Grygier, Bill Van Ort, C. J. Rittenhouse, Richard Danielson and Dorothy Schilling. Three excused, Rusty Tramonte, Tom Clawson and John M. Settle.

After roll call, everyone except the Board and Board of Directors was excused for Executive Session. Meeting will resume at 10:00 A.M..

10:00 A.M.: Open session was called to order by President Harley Coon. President Coon introduced Colonel Warren H. Wiedhahn, U.S.M.C. (ret) Executive Director of the U.S. Korea 2000 Foundation. Col. Wiedhahn introduced Colonel George P. Coan, Jr. Deputy under Secretary of the Army (International Affairs) who gave a short talk on the 50th Commemoration of the Korean War.

Howard Camp read the rules for the meeting. **Motion by Don Barton to accept, seconded by Bill Van Ort, motion carried.**

Minutes of previous meeting discussed briefly. **Motion by Jack Edwards to accept minutes, seconded by Ken Cook, motion carried.**

Financial Report, January through March read by Harley Coon in the absence of Dan J. Nicholas. **Motion by Jack Edwards to accept, subject to an audit, seconded by Bill Van Ort, motion carried.**

Motion made to suspend raffle because of Jim Martins' health by Bill Van Ort, seconded by Ken Cook. Motion carried.

Recess for lunch

Resume meeting 1: 15 p.m.

Motion made to accept Quartermaster

agreement by Jack Edwards, seconded by Ed Grygier. Motion carried. yes 6 no 5 abstain 1.

Motion made by Jack Edwards to appoint a committee to implement the agreement for quartermaster, seconded by Don Barton

Gulf Coast Chapter President, Neil Livingston, was introduced by President Harley Coon. Neil thanked the Board for the cooperation now and in the future for any help to attain a successful National Convention.

Motion made to insert tickets for M-1 Garand weapon in "Graybeards" next issue for National Convention. The raffle is to be conducted by the Gulf Coast Chapter. Weapon to be given away at the banquet on the 15th of September. **Motion made by Jack Edwards, seconded by Ed Magill. Motion carried.**

Semi-Annual Report by Executive Director for Washington, DC Affairs, J. Norbert Reiner was distributed to all in attendance. **Motion to accept by Dorothy Schilling, seconded by Jack Edwards. Motion carried.**

Membership Report was read by Harley Coon in the absence of Nancy Monson. **Motion to accept by Jack Edwards, seconded by Ed Grygier. Motion carried.**

Motion made by Nick Pappas to accept figure \$35, 505.48 for the Scholarship (education) Fund. Seconded by Dorothy Schilling. Motion carried.

Motion made to pay \$10,000.00 to the education fund by Jack Edwards, seconded by Richard Danielson. Motion carried.

Report on By-laws was given by Jack Edwards. **Motion made by Don Barton to accept report, seconded by Richard Danielson. Motion carried.**

Old business:

KWVA Museum report was given by Nick Pappas in the absence of John Settle. Board does not give financial support to Museum.

Motion made by Don Barton to give one (1) page of free advertising in Graybeard. Seconded by Ed Grygier. Motion carried.

Motion made by Don Barton to accept Howard Camp as assistant treasurer with authority to sign checks. Seconded by Bill Van Ort. Motion carried.

Report on VAVS patches given by Harley Coon.

Motion made to accept appointment of Alfted J. Sciarriion as Corporate Legal Advisor in the State of New York by Dorothy Schilling. Seconded by Jack Edwards. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nick Pappas to print letter of ratification of By-laws in Graybeard. Seconded by Don Barton. Motion denied.

Recommendation made be the finance committee not to spend \$1,000.00 on seating in Washington. Reason being, money could be used by non-members of KWVA. **Motion made by Dorothy Schilling to accept recommendation of finance committee. Seconded by Bill Van Ort. Motion carried.**

New business

Honorary membership for Arthur Couch was discussed. Not allowed in National, approved for local membership only.

A report was presented on Procedure by Richard Danielson. Discussion followed with suggestion to hire professional consultant. No decision made at this time.

Motion by Jack Edwards to pay for 2 nights lodging for Board Members, seconded by C. J. Rittenhouse. Motion denied.

Motion by Dorothy Schilling to adjourn meeting seconded by Bill Van Ort

Benediction by Howard Camp.

Retire the colors by Gulf Coast Chapter Color Guard.

Meeting Adjourned. 4:30 P.M.

The Graybeards

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Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

New Jersey Remembers



Members of the New Jersey Korean War Veterans Memorial Commission (l to r): James Brey, Vietnam Veteran and Budget Officer for N J Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Financial Officer for the Korean Memorial. Robert Yancey Korean War Veteran (also WW2 and Vietnam) - 24th Infantry Regt Combat Team, 25th Inf Division : Senior V Cdr Disabled American Veterans. Department of New Jersey and Commander Burlington City Veterans Alliance. Larry St. Laurent Korean War Veteran "F" 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Division 1950-1951; Chairman New Jersey's Korean War Veterans Memorial Commission; Director of Veterans Services, Ocean County, NJ. William McPeak, Host, "Veteran's Viewpoint"; Vietnam Veteran, Pemberton Township High School Faculty

Photo above depicts sections of the Korean War Veterans Memorial for New Jersey together with members of the New Jersey Korean War Veterans Memorial Commission. The Commission is dedicated to accept, and fund for the design of the Memorial; accepted Atlantic City's donation of a choice piece property adjacent to the world famous Board Walk and erect in time for the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War, 25 June 2000.

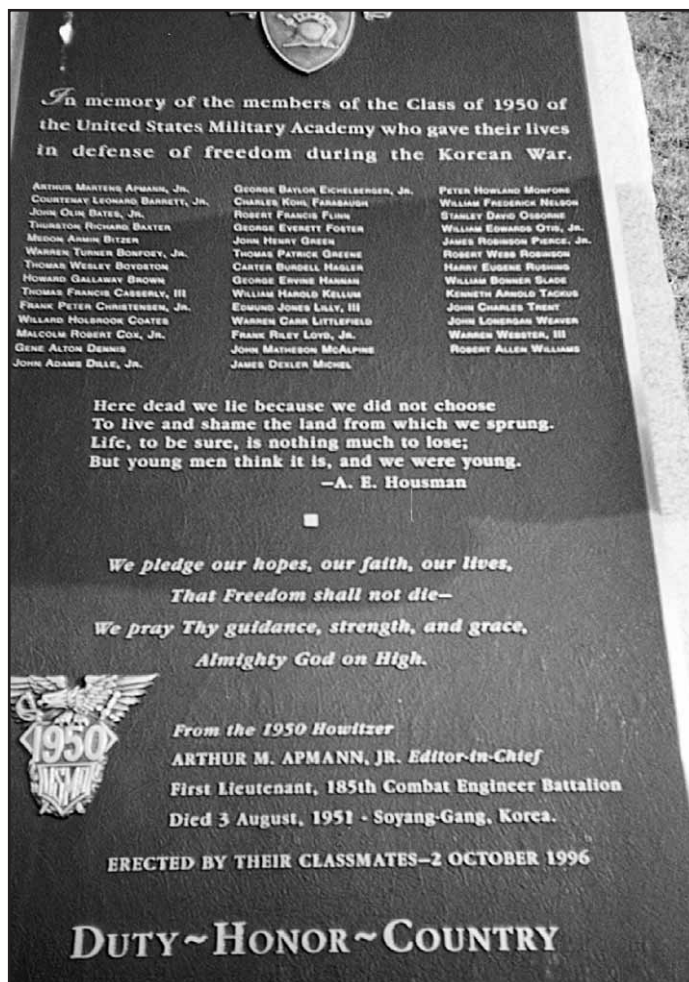
Occasion for the photo — Guest appearance on "Veteran's Viewpoint" of the members of the Commission bringing to the Television viewers throughout New Jersey the history of the Korean War; personal experiences and the Memorial.

(Thank you Paul J. Tuliano, Executive Producer, "Veteran's Viewpoint" TV Program, for photo and letter. You and your team are special people.)

Memorial Photos Needed

If we have not shown your memorial (whatever size) in the last 2 years please send in a photo. We will accept photos with veterans near the memorial if you will identify the memorial and the veterans. Send us the best photo that does your memorial justice. Describe you memorial in detail and give us the location. I will also send that photo on to our webmaster to place on our KWVA web page. Please do not send photos you want returned. Please no newspaper clippings. —Editor

West Point Remembers



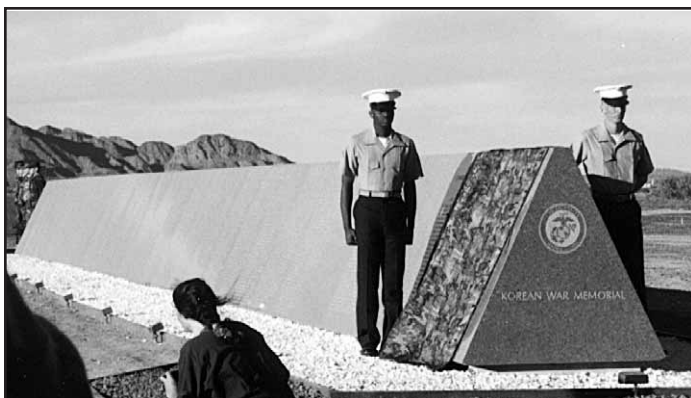
The United States Military Academy Class of 1950 remembers 41 classmates that gave their lives in the defense of freedom during the Korean War.

(A great tribute to the memory of special heroes.)

California Remembers

The Marine Corps Korean War Memorial in Felicity, California is more than the Center of the World. Upon the 100-foot-long red granite memorial, in 3/4-inch letters, the names of 4,617 Marines and 107 Navy hospital corpsmen are engraved. Each person listed, on the memorial died while serving in the war, which lasted 1950-1953. The memorial, which, has been built to last for 4,000 years, was dedicated by Congressional Medal of Honor holder Marine Gen. Raymond G. Davis, in the presence of French Ambassador JeanMarie Daillet and Grand Officier de la Legion d'Honneur Emile Gueguen. Other foreign guests, senior Marine officers, "C" Company 5th Marines and the 1st Marine Division Band also took part in the ceremony.

Relatives of some of the listed Marines were at the memori-



100-foot-long red granite memorial built by the Hall of Fame of Parachuting.

al's dedication, said Jacques-Andre Istel, the mayor of Felicity. "It's quite amazing," he said. "We have at least 15 relatives flying in from around the country."

The nonprofit Hall of Fame of Parachuting built the memorial with the use of anonymously donated funds. Trustees of the hall of fame include William H. Tucker, former Chairman of the Inter-state Commerce Commission, Rev. George B. Wood, who survived seven combat jumps in World War II and Istel. Istel served as a platoon leader during the Korean War.

The idea for the memorial began after NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw broadcast a story about a Washington, D.C., organization that failed to build a memorial on the beaches of Normandy in honor of the American soldiers who fought in the European campaign. About 70,000 World War II veterans each contributed \$40 for the memorial that was never built. In response, Istel pledged \$1,000 to the Korean War Memorial.

(Another Special Memorial that remembers our heroes of the Korean War. Thanks Herbert W. Parnow for the photos, dedication program and history. Herbert's wife had a brother, Pfc Douglas Truman Dustin who died of wounds suffered at the Chosin while hospitalized in Japan on December 5, 1950. His name is also listed on the memorial wall.)

Maine Remembers

The Cpl Clair Goodblood Medal Of Honor Memorial Dedicated on Memorial Day, 5-25-98 Veterans Memorial Park Burnham, Maine by the CPL Clair Goodblood Chapter #2, KWVA



5th RCT Remembers



5th RCT Memorial located in Arlington National Cemetery. On July 27, 1998 a Tulip Poplar tree was added to this memorial dedicated to 867 KIA's, 3,188 WIA's, 2 CMH and the members of the 5th RCT that served and died in the Korean War. *(Thank you Paul Garland for photo and history.)*

Parade of Memories



Restored vehicles driven in parade by Marvin G. Nigg, Donald L. Ulsh and George Trewyn.

Chosin Few Member Marvin G. Nigg, has for twenty-three years proudly drove his restored Marine ammo carrier and jeeps, displaying the colors in the annual Lakewood, Wisconsin Mardi Gras parade, passing out candy to the crowd. July 19, 1998 of this year the Mardi Gras was honored with two Chosin Few Marine members. The veterans of the 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division of the "Frozen Long Ago." Marvin G. Nigg of Mountain, Wisconsin followed by Donald L. Ulsh of Hiawatha, Kansas and followed by the third driver George Trewyn of Lakewood, Wisconsin a Marine veteran of the South Pacific WWII. Once again Fraternity Brothers were together. This time to honor the brothers that made it possible for us to enjoy the Freedom. May the world never forget the Marine KIA's that remain in the Mountains around the Reservoir. Submitted by Donald L. Ulsh , S-4-11 415 Pawnee Ave., Hiawatha, Kansas 66434

(Thank you Marvin for the photo and letter. We also remember the Army men lost at the Chosin, all men/women from all branches lost in the Korean War—also those that defended the DMZ, past and present..)

Letters



Looking for and found

Concerning the pilot of a P-51 Mustang, who made a forced landing in the middle of our camp, after being hit by ground fire in Korea, in January of 1952, I have pictures of that plane which I am sure he, would like to have.

Graybeards magazine published my letter and picture and calls started coming in. (See Jan-Feb 99 issue page 42 and 43). Piece by piece we put the puzzle together and now we have the pilot, eyewitnesses, more pictures and a video of the event.

That pilot is: Ralph Reighter, 5425 Highview Dr., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46818, Ph. (219) 489-4632. He was assigned to the 45th. Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron of the 67th. Tac Recon Group and flew out of Kimpo Air Force Base (K-14).

After a joyous meeting and exchange of mementos, Ralph stated that he had never been lost...

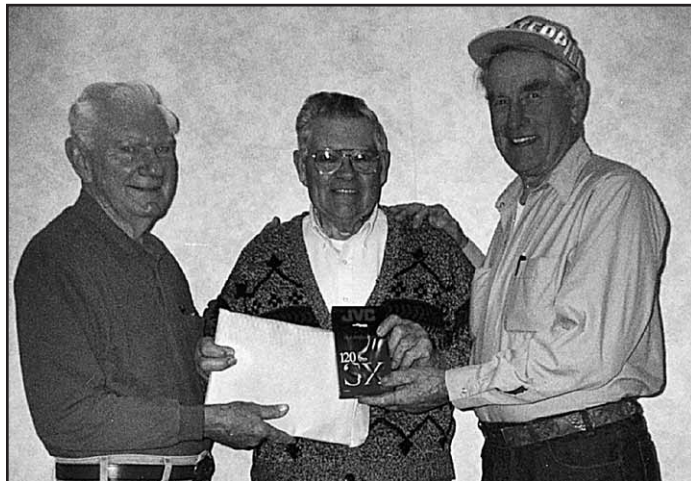
Special thanks to all who offered help, hints and morale support:

Vincent A. Krepps	William J. Gibson	William F. Platvoet
Duane E. Biteman	Edward G. Kruggel	Fred S. Rutan
Marvin Reed	Charles H. Price	Steven N. Gerhardt
William E. Sanders	Gary E. Sparks	Dell Toedt
Ralph Rittman	Harry Newell	

To those of you still looking for that special person, I say "Keep At It"; with luck and a little help from your friends, it can happen, even after forty seven years.

Gratefully,

Bill Marshall
22928 Gaukler St.
Clair Shores, Michigan 48080
Ph. (810) 778-5570



Presenting the video of forced landing: (l to r) Bill Marshall, Pilot Ralph Reighter and Marvin Reed.

(Thank you Bill for photo and super ending to a special event.)

Those in Tomb of the Unknowns are never alone

I have been in the U.S. Army since 1984, currently stationed in Japan, and from 1986 to 1987 I had the privilege of guarding

the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery in Virginia. Believe it or not, I got to "know" the four unknowns buried there. I spent countless hours guarding them and talking to them. To this day, it is not only a highlight of my military career but one of the highlights of my life. I was glad to hear the family of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Blassie, who was killed in Vietnam in 1972 has identified their son. I have read some articles saying that the tomb is above just a singular family's sacrifice. It is, in some ways but it was right for the Blassie family identify their loved one. He represented the unknowns with honor and dignity. I know the family is proud of their son. He made the ultimate sacrifice. I enjoyed spending time with him. And I can guarantee them that during the time he spent in Arlington he was constantly being taken care of — even spoken to. I hope this closes an empty gap for them. I'm sure they will continue to take care of their son. May he rest in peace.

Sgt. 1st Class Dennis J. McMahon III
Camp Zama, Japan.

(This article was sent in by Dolores McCosker-Allsworth, RN Lt.jg USNR 1953-1955. Thank you Dolores for the great article and your service. Sfc. McMahon, those four unknowns must surely miss your conversations and were also honored to have such a fine person watching over them.)

Freedom & Pride

My family was so touched by the Korean War website. My father and uncle both served during this war. They both are gone now. I only wish that they could have seen this. You have done a wonderful thing for our Korean Vets. Thank You, Bob Heflin

Korea - The place we never even colored in – on our geography maps

As our plane approached the Seoul airport my husband turned to me, "See those mountains, honey." His eyes fixed on the drenched window pane. His voice quivered, "I was here, forty-seven years ago, only with a pack on my back." Today we have returned to the orient, with two shiny cloth suit cases, a camera bag, and luggage, large enough to hold treasures for our entire brood of grandchildren.

Korea – I first heard the word in 1951. I remember waving to the guy who shared my dreams, as he was whisked off onto a troop train to fight in this far off land. Saying goodbye at Penn. Station, thoughts of not knowing if we would ever see each other again, are still like yesterday in my memories. And now, forty-seven years later, we have been invited to visit this intriguing land. All this made possible by my youngest son. This incredible experience, given to us, as our sixty-fifth birthday gift. Who would have ever dreamed that the country, my husband once defended, would be the place my son would ask us to join him on his business trip.

The next day as the bus drove us by the murky rivers, I visualize my husband living in the mud huts, bathing his sun drenched skin in the streams, trying to keep warm on those cold

winter nights. The DMZ, Panmunjom, Pork Chop Hill, were all just names until now. The mountains, bunkers, marshlands, had suddenly become a reality.

I imagined my husband, as a nineteen year old innocent youth, lugging a rifle on his back, climbing those massive, desolate hills. Suddenly I understood my husband so very much better, his thinking, his philosophizing on the meaning of life. Forty-seven years later I have entered a world that I never really comprehended.

I also now know my son, not as the young child who hid under the couch in his red snow suit, when things got tough. But as the kind, generous man, designing products and negotiating contracts, in this far off land we never even dreamed of coloring on our geography maps in school. How very beautiful life can become – if we only have the patience to wait. Sincerely, Babette Freed.

(Thanks Babette for taking all of us veterans of Korea back in time. We never forgot the Land of The Morning Calm when things were not so calm. They never forgot us either.)

Korea 49 years later

My son-in-law, Major William F. Cain, Jr, USAF, and I just returned from Korea. It was my first visit since I left there in late November 1950. He accompanied me to make sure I was able to move about unencumbered. You see, I was wounded and left my arm in Korea on November 28, 1950, and I also suffer with heart problems.

On June 25, 1950, North Korean troops invaded South Korea. I was one of thousands of troops called upon to defend South Korea. On June 23, 1951, the Soviet delegate to the United Nations proposed a cease-fire. The combat conditions lasted until an armistice was signed by North Korea, the United Nations, and Chinese armies on July 27, 1953, which concluded more than 500 major meetings spread over 2 years. Total American casualties were: 33,629 killed, and 103,284 wounded.

What most people in the United States don't seem to realize is that since 1953 there have been troops from the US defending the line between North and South Korea. That is more than 45 years after the shooting war ended. The troops are stationed there for a year because of the austere conditions and no support structure and housing for dependents. If they bring their families, the tours of duty are 2 years. However this puts the entire family and the soldiers under these same stressful conditions. Since the early 70s, three tunnels dug by North Korea have been discovered, the latest being in October 1978. It was located just 44 km away from Seoul, or approximately 28 miles.

It is estimated that 30,000 armed forces with field artillery would be able to move through this tunnel per hour. This is only one of the many threats faced daily by our armed forces and the South Korean people.

During our trip, we had the opportunity to visit one of the many US military facilities in Korea. We spoke to the command staff and several of the GIs. We came away with a sense of awe at the professional attitude and diplomacy each of the military personnel displayed, even in this austere and stressful environment.

The US and Korean military men and women serving there stand facing their North Korean counterparts. On a daily basis, both groups of soldiers are aimed and ready on a moments notice-ready to answer their countries' call, while hoping this will not be the day when another invasion takes place. After all, the North Korean Army is over 1 million strong, and they are always waving one threat or another at the free world. Earlier this year, the North Koreans fired a missile over Japan into the Sea of Japan. They were just testing their latest military weapon. This is another kind of stress these men and woman face every hour of every day they are there. Both those who have served there in the past and the current members of the armed forces stationed there today, deserve our salute and praise for a job very well done. They are responsible for keeping the longest truce between two hostile forces in the history of the world.

I am proud of the manner in which they have preserved the peace for which we veterans of the Korean War fought so hard and sacrificed so many lives, limbs, and/or other body parts. The moment-by-moment tact and diplomacy they must practice is a sacrifice that cannot be measured by us at home. We can only imagine-but do we? How many people of the United States know anything about their sacrifice?

As we celebrate another Memorial day here in the states, while you are out hunting for the great holiday sales and enjoying a backyard barbecue, please remember your freedom, it is being protected by these and other troops around the world, it is *not free*. Please remember to keep these men and women in your prayers. The Korean War has been known as the Forgotten War for so many years, let's not forget these brave military people. We cannot allow them to be forgotten too.

One soldier said, "We hear so much about Korea, the forgotten war. We often wonder if we are forgotten as well."

We veterans of the 23rd Regiment assured him and the rest of the men and women that they would never be forgotten by us. Will you say the same? Let us remember and honor them this Memorial Day.

John A. Connolly, PFC, USA (Ret)
Korean War Veteran
Sterling, VA 20164

(Thank you John for the letter of remembering. All veterans remember those that served in the past and those still serving today. We only hope that they will not have to pay the price for freedom that many did.)

NATO 50th Anniversary Summit

On April 22-25, 1999, the United States Government hosted in Washington, DC a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Summit of leaders of the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council. In addition to conducting the regular business of the alliance, the Summit marked the 50th anniversary of NATO's creation. Delegations from the 16 members of the alliance, as well as the three new members were in attendance. In addition, delegations from the 25 EAPC countries also attended. The delegations were led by heads of state or government with foreign ministers and ministers of defense. A joint Department of

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Update

Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW June 1999 newsletter of President Pate's Message.

Hello to all of you,

This will be my last newsletter to you and it is the last one you will receive before the reunion.

I have received several calls from you asking that I send a newsletter to one of our own who is not getting it. You give me the name and address of the person and I compare it to our mailing list to see if that person is on it. It could be someone on our search list. Most of the time it is a person who is on our mailing list and at the same address we have.

This tells me that the person receiving it does not bother to read it and just throws it away. That is a NO-NO. If you don't want to read it just tell me and I will get you off the list so you don't have to bother with us any more. But if you run into a buddy and he tells you what a great time he had at the last reunion and who all he saw, don't tell him you are not getting the newsletter, admit the truth. I will be glad to send you another newsletter, but don't make us look bad.

We have a lot of request for info on loved ones. If you can help these folks out in any way, please do so. I have broke them out by unit but please read all of them as you may have run into some of these men on the marches.

2nd infantry Division

Mrs. Beth Adams is seeking info on her brother, Robert E. Mitchell. He came up missing on 6 Sept. 1950 along the Naktong River. He was with the 38th Regt. Her address is 1102 Morris Ave., Searcy, AR 72143

Mrs. Lena Barton is seeking info on her son, Howard Ray Barton, who came up missing on 12 Feb. 1951. He was with B Co. 38th Regt. 2nd Div. Her address is 708 1/2 Braxton St, Gassaway, WV 26624

7th Infantry Division

Jacque A Shackelford is seeking info on his father, Maj. Oren C. Atchley. Sometimes called Atch or Jack. He was a Doctor with the 7th Medical Bn. He came

up missing on 23 November, 1950. His address is, 14638 Northwest Rd., Whitehouse, TX 75791.

Mrs. Martha D. Russell is seeking info on her brother, Ben Henry Dickson. He was a member of B Bty, 57th FA. He came up missing on 6 Dec. 1950. Her address is, 2461 Martin Luther King Circle, Maben, MS 39750.

Lois Smith is seeking info on her father, Msgt Paul T. Embrey, I&R Platoon, 31st Regt. He came up missing on 28 November, 1950. Her address is 5414 Germantown Rd., Midland, VA 22728.

Robert E. Fountain is assisting the family of Alfred P. Perry. He was with the Heavy Mortar Co. 31st Regt. He came up missing on 30 November, 1950. He was a member of Task Force MacLean. His address is, 493 Harvard Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510.

24th Infantry Division

Doris Worrell is seeking info on her husband, Victor Morton who came up missing on 6 July. 1950. Her address is 2721 Corbusier Dr., Melbourne, FL 32935.

Alfredo A. Principe is seeking info on his best buddy, George H. Smith, A Co. 19th. He was captured on 1 Jan. 51 and released on 12 Feb. 51 by the Chinese. His address is 6601 22nd Ave., Kenosha, WI 53143.

Jim Beach is seeking info on, Bill Trompics, K Co, 19th Regt., 24th Div. who came up missing on 24 April, 1951. His address is 2113 W. 177th. St. Torrance, CA 90504.

25th Infantry Division

Lucille M. Couture is seeking info on Lawrence J. Robidoux, B Co, 35th Regt. He was captured on 28 November, 1950 and possibly died at Camp 5 on or about 31 May, 1951. Her address is, 11 Narragansett Rd., Cumberland.. RI 02864.

Air Force

Renko Dempster is seeking info on his brother, Hidemaro Ishida who was with the 28th BG. He was captured on 30 Jan. 54. His address is 2342 NE 91st St., Seattle, WA 98115.

Mrs. Dale Fisher is seeking info on her father, Lt. Jack Alvin Fisher. who came up missing on 22 Nov. 1951 while on a

bombing mission to Sinuiju and Anju. Her address is 2410 Cranberry Dr, Oxnard, CA 93030.

Mr. P W Stagg is seeking info on his brother, Westervelt C. Stagg who came up missing on or about 10 June, 1952. His address is 1626 Dumont Terr. Wall, NJ 07719

Civilian

Eileen Ryan is seeking info on her great uncle, Bishop Patrick J. Byrne who died on a death march in November, 1950. Her address is, 2211 Suwanee Dr., Forest Hill, MD 21050. E-Mail eirysh@aol.com

All of you put on your thinking caps and see if you can help these folks out. It has been a long wait for them and anything you can remember will make it easier on them.

It is my sad duty to report the following deaths since my last newsletter. They may be gone but they will never be forgotten by those of us who walked through The Valley of Death with them. Rest in Peace my friends.

Brown, Clyde O	Lovin, Charles R
Cockfield, Graham M	Messman, Robert C
De Lashment, Bartlett G	Natera, Alfonso
Dorsey, Marvin	Olivette, Ralph K
Gravitt, Abraham L	Prosperi, Fred J
Klinger, Thomas R	Ross, Robert P

(Dear Friends, As a family member of a MIA/POW Richard W. Krepps, 2nd I.D. who was stated by the Chinese to have died at Camp #5 on June 21, 1951 and by other ex-POWS to have died in many locations, on many dates, due to many reasons. After 49 years I have found one of your members that now confirms that my twin brother died where he was being held. The location was what was called a hospital at Camp #5. I cannot express enough to you what it means to my family and I just to find someone that was his friend, that tried to help make his last days a little better. His remains are still at camp #5. I am coming to your reunion on July 28 to meet this special person and hope that maybe others can fill in some of the missing links. I look forward to being among such special people. I felt it was necessary to make this statement for those that are still looking for any shred of help that only you can provide. We, the families understand the reason you cannot recall every person or every detail. Thank you, Vincent A. Krepps, Editor The Graybeards, 2nd I.D. Korea 1950 1951)

“Granite Mountain Urgent”

By Thomas O'Keefe, Ph.D.

This is a story I have been planning to write for over forty years. It is a salute to the U.S. Army and the American Red Cross. It is to show how compassionate and considerate the U.S. Army was to me—a poor, lonesome 22 year-old G.I. thousands of miles from home in the middle of a war.

While I was assigned in Korea, my father was home in Brooklyn, New York suffering from “Lou Gehrig’s disease” (ALS), a degenerative illness. The beginning of the year 1952 found me in Korea serving with the 326th Communications Reconnaissance Company (CRC) of the Army Security Agency. The Company compound was located near the village of MI-ARI some miles north of Seoul on the main north-south highway in the western section of the Republic of Korea.

It was here we learned that a determining factor in proceeding home was whether or not the sick family member was still alive and whether or not you could make it home in time.

The company also maintained a First or Forward Operating Platoon of about 40 men, including me, up at Yonchon, on the same highway, north of the old 38th and into what had been North Korea. It was just south of Chorwon and places such as “Old Baldy”. There was also a large MASH nearby. We would visit it for Church, a movie and other off-duty activities.

Because of the nature of the mission of the 326th CRC, much of its operations were classified. So the Company maintained a daily courier service, usually by Jeep. The courier would report to the Operations tent and meet with the “Trick Chief” “on duty, or NCOIC. Here all classified materials would be exchanged. Also, all administrative and personnel matters were processed at this location.

On this particular Sunday morning in March, I happened to be working a 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. trick and so I was actually present in Operations. I heard the courier mention my name. I then found out that I was to pack my valuables and essentials because I was accompanying the courier back to the Company.

Later that day I arrived in the Company Orderly room where I was greeted by our first sergeant, a wonderful and helpful man named George Trouger. He informed me that he had already begun the process known as “clearing post” and that I was going home on what was called a Granite Mountain Urgent. All he knew was that my father was not feeling well, and that I would learn more information later on in my trip.

I was then transported to K-16, which is the code designation for Seoul City Air Force Base, to begin my journey home. I reported to the Operations desk, and based on my code name and destination, I was assigned a priority and added to the stand by manifest for a flight to Tokyo, the first leg of my journey. I also learned that there were many others in similar circumstances.

This first leg was a flight of several hours to Tachikawa Air Force Base near Tokyo.

Eventually, my name was called. It so happened that, because of my priority, I was about the seventh name called. Upon entering the aircraft, a C-54 I believe, I noticed that on the forward right hand side there were several rows of double upholstered seats. The rest of the passenger area consisted only of bucket seats along each bulkhead. Because of my high priority, I was assigned an aisle seat up front. Most of the flight was spent dozing and meditating. At one point, I happened to glance around the area and was shocked to see a full “bird” colonel occupying a bucket seat near opposite to me. That officer never said a thing to me or anyone else about this arrangement!

That night we arrived at “Tachi” and were put up in the Casual Area for processing to the United States. It was here we learned that a determining factor in proceeding home was whether or not the sick family member was still alive and whether or not you could make it home in time. So I now knew at least that much. The next day we were transported to Haneda Air Force Base, Tokyo, where we boarded a civilian charter from California Eastern Airlines operating with MATS (Military Air Transportation Service).

The trip was basically three legs of about 12 hours each. The first stop for fuel and a meal was Wake Island. The food on board

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consisted of cold box lunches. We had a pleasant stay at Wake and actually saw some of the World War II mementos rusting on the beach, such as hulks of ships and other equipment. The second leg was to Honolulu International Airport. We were re-entering the United States and so had to pass through Customs. By the way, as we were approaching Honolulu near daybreak, the pilot woke us because he wanted us to see a Hawaiian sunrise over Diamond Head. It was truly beautiful with so many colors and sights. Our plane was shunted off to the side where we were quickly processed and taken into the restaurant for a great breakfast. The final leg was to San Francisco International Airport. We arrived late Wednesday afternoon. At that time we were informed that the responsibility of the United States Army ended with our arrival in the continental United States, but they did provide a phone bank for one call home.

When I made my call home, I was pleasantly shocked when my father answered the phone. He was a Deputy Collector for the Bureau of Internal Revenue and was working full time, illness or no illness. He, of course, wanted to know why I was home. The details concerning his condition were not mentioned to him so that he would continue a somewhat normal life. Thinking quickly, I told him I was on my way to Arlington Hall,

Virginia, ASA Headquarters, for training as of the following week. I had trained there in the fall of 1951 and went overseas from Arlington Hall. My father then told me he would be calling various friends and relatives and telling them of my arrival home the next morning. Most of them already knew but went along with the scenario. He then put my mother on the phone. She played surprise, and told me to call her at her office the next morning. She also was working full time through this ordeal.

All I had was a "flying ten" in my pocket and no way to get to Brooklyn. Enter the American Red Cross. Actually, the entire process for my emergency furlough began with the family doctor, the American Red Cross and the United States Army. The family appealed to the Red Cross who had to verify the request for the United States Army. At this time, a representative of the American Red Cross arranged for a ticket to New York City, and within a short time that evening I was airborne on my way to Brooklyn. I was very impressed with the ability of the Red Cross to secure a ticket so quickly.

We landed at LaGuardia Airport and I took the bus to Midtown Manhattan. At 8:00 a.m. I called my mother and she gave me the news that it was only a matter of days. I took the subway to Brooklyn and was home, alone, by mid-morning. Later, as usual, my mother came home about 5:00 p.m. and my father about 5:30 p.m. At about 6:00 p.m., we were having dinner as if I had never left the routine. That evening, various friends and relatives stopped by, and this became a routine. On Friday, my father went to work as usual and we talked of plans for the weekend.

As for my friends, most were, like me, in the service and some were stationed in Korea. However, there were some who had either served at the tail end of World War II or the inter war years of 1946-49. So there were some on hand. My father and I had a very enjoyable Friday evening and all day Saturday. Later Saturday evening, after the festivities. I checked in with my parents and then went around the corner to meet friends, but be close by. When I came home, I checked my father. He was sleeping soundly and even coughed as I went to bed.

At about 5:30 a.m., my mother woke me, she thought my father had passed away. I went in and confirmed in a very amateurish manner. Fortunately, our family funeral director was just across the street, as was Holy Cross Church. Within minutes, Father John Dooley and the funeral home were on the scene and also confirmed.

After my father's wake and funeral, I still had time left on my furlough. My mother suggested that I enjoy it. During that time someone suggested that I might apply for a Compassionate Reassignment to the Zone of the Interior (the United States). So I went to my Congressman and to Governor's Island (1st Army Headquarters). My representative was so helpful with my application. But, to make a long story short, my request was denied and so came the day I had to leave home. In April, I reported to Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, California for transport back to my unit in Korea. We shipped out of San Francisco bound for Yokahama—Tokyo. That two plus week trip had to be the low

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point of my life with too much time on my hands to contemplate the immediate past, the present and the future. Nevertheless, I was eternally grateful to the United States Army for what it had done for me.

We landed in Japan and proceeded to Camp Drake for processing. Basically you stayed in Japan or went to Korea. I was not a replacement, but a returnee to duty, and so would be going on to Korea. While at Drake we met a GI who had worked the crew's mess on the trip over and would also be going on. Because not everyone was assigned to Korea, he secured jobs for two of us with him in the crew's mess. This troop ship was part of Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS). On this detail we worked as KP's for all meals, maybe eight hours in return for all the crew's chow we could eat plus snacks for the troops back in the compartment. This leg was from Tokyo down and around the tip of Japan and Korea, into the Yellow Sea and up to the port of Inchon just like the "end run" of 1950). On our last day we worked breakfast. When saying goodbye to the crew's kitchen staff, one chef said we could use some good food for our future tour. He then gave each of us lowly KP's bags of roast chicken to tide us over the rest of the day.

That afternoon, we went down the gangway into a small landing craft (LCU's). Up the beach we went, down went the ramp and out we marched onto the beach. We finally ended up in a Replacement Depot on the road to Seoul. Since I was a young follower of World War II, I had heard many horror stories about "reppo-deppos" and how young scared replacements were treated and assigned to units. And how returnees, lumped together with replacements, actually tried to "escape" back to their own units.

That evening, dinner consisted of one ladle of "stew" and a piece of bread. But, not to worry, we had our chickens that had to be eaten anyway. So, at least for the troops in our tent, we had a feast. Afterwards, we just collapsed on our cots. By midnight it sounded like Times Square as every rat in the neighborhood devoured the remains, bones, bags and all.

Our concerns began the next morning. These types of outfits have to accommodate all the units that are in need of replacements. Some of these needs are urgent. The procedure was for these large troop-carrying trucks to line up by unit. Usually they were from the major Infantry/Divisions, such as the 1st Cavalry. The replacements would also be lined up and a roll call would be announced. Those individuals named were now members of that unit. It was as simple as that.

We traveled: Seoul, Pusan, Sasebo, Japan and Seattle. I was home on furlough in May and in June reported to Ft. Devens, Massachusetts to complete my three-year "hitch" — to the hour.

Since we were returnees, we were already members of a unit. But the powers that be were not too careful in differentiating between returnees and replacements. It so happened that in Inchon I met another GI from my outfit. He had been home to Chicago for his father's funeral. We decided we had better act fast or we would end up Lord knows where. Fortunately, we remembered the 8th Army/ASA telephone switchboard system. We went to the switchboard. The GI operator said that if we knew the sequence, he would make the communication. We remembered that ASA/Signal Corps exchange code names began with the letter "N." We asked for "Nightingale," which was the 501st Communications Reconnaissance Group: Headquarters of ASA Korea. We then asked to be connected to "Northern," the 326th CRC, home!! We were not remembered by name, but were on the Company roster and the morning report. We were assured that all would be resolved and transportation would be forthcoming.

Later that day I reported into that same Orderly Room and was returned to duty. Within a day or so, it was like I never left. But, it was May, winter was over and spring was here. I served with the 326th for the remainder of 1952 and the early months of 1953. In the Spring of 1953 I rotated out of Korea. We traveled: Seoul, Pusan, Sasebo, Japan and Seattle. I was home on furlough in May and in June reported to Ft. Devens, Massachusetts to complete my three-year "hitch" — to the hour.

To this day, I will never forget the United States Army and the American Red Cross for what they did for one lonely GI in 1952.

(In the May-June issue on page 42, I printed a letter from Claire T. O'Keefe about her father writing the Granite Mountain Urgent story and he was looking forward to seeing it in print. Claire went on to tell me that her father had passed away before the story was printed. I also have the letter he signed in the hospital. I understand your dad's story for I came home on emergency leave from Korea to Japan then to the USA when my mother became ill due to my twin brother becoming MIA. I also remember the help given to me by the Red Cross.

In reading your dad's story it is very obvious that he was very dedicated and proud of his service. I am sorry that we did not print his story in time for him to see it. He has shown a special talent in his first story and I know the veterans that knew him and those of us that did not will miss seeing the other stories he would have written. Thank you again Claire for bringing your dad's story to my attention.—Editor.)

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Remains of US Servicemen Recovered in North Korea

Remains believed to be those of six American soldiers will be repatriated

from North Korea across the Demilitarized zone at Panmunjom Friday morning, Korea time.

A joint U. S. -North Korean team operating in Kujang County along the Chong Chon river, 100 miles north Pyongyang for the past month recovered the remains. This area is the site of November 1950 battles between the U. S. Eighth Army (2nd and 25th Infantry Divisions) and Chinese communist forces. This is the first joint remains recovery operation in North Korea this year, and the 10th overall since these joint recoveries began in 1996. Since July 1996, these joint teams have recovered what are believed to be the remains of 35 soldiers. Three have been identified.

These operations are the result of negotiated agreements between the governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States, led by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office. The DPMO has also obtained agreements to conduct archival research in North Korea of wartime military records that may relate to American POWs. Four such visits have been conducted since 1997, with hundreds of documents obtained which relate to American prisoners.

With more than 8,200 servicemen missing in action from the Korean War, the DPMO and the military services have mounted a massive outreach effort to locate families of the missing from the Korean War and the Cold War.

The expanded outreach effort is to accomplish several goals. First, family member reference blood samples are needed to compare to mitochondrial DNA sequences from recovered skeletal remains. Second, family members often

possess personal or wartime documents that may aid in identifying an unaccounted-for serviceman. Finally, the military services are seeking to keep family members updated on specific recovery operations and if remains are recovered and identified, families will be asked to make decisions regarding the burial of the serviceman.

Beyond the Korean War outreach effort, families of Cold War unaccounted-for servicemen are also being sought. Through the work of the U. S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs, the remains of 18 servicemen shot down during the Cold War have been recovered and identified, with more than 120 still unaccounted-for.

Each of the services has established a toll-free number to keep these families fully informed on Korean War and Cold War remains recovery operations. Family members of these servicemen should contact the appropriate service casualty office to provide name, address and relationship to their loved one.

If the missing serviceman was in the Army, the number is (800) 892-2490. The Navy number is (800) 443-9298. The Air Force number is (800) 531-5501 and the Marine Corps number is (800) 847-1597. Families of civilians missing from these conflicts may contact the State Department at (202) 647-6769.

May 21, 1999

Unidentified Remains Disinterment Policy Established

The Department of Defense announced today a policy to facilitate the use of DNA technology to identify Korean War and WWII remains previously classified as "unknown" and interred in national cemeteries. In 1995, DoD certified the use of mitochondrial DNA technology as a reliable forensic tool, and has improved and refined the use of mtDNA technology since then.

"This is a natural fulfillment of our commitment to the fullest possible accounting of America's missing in action servicemen," said Robert L. Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs. "After

our work in identifying the former Vietnam Unknown from the Tomb of the Unknowns, it became clear we could apply the same science to other unknowns, in particular, those buried in the Punchbowl cemetery in Hawaii," he added.

In 1998, the Defense Department identified the Vietnam Unknown as U. S. Air Force 1st Lt Michael Blassie, using mtDNA from the remains and matched sequences with those from his family. He was killed in Vietnam in 1972, classified as an unknown, and interred in the Tomb in 1984.

The cemetery with the greatest number of gravesites containing unknown remains is the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, commonly called the Punchbowl. This cemetery contains 864 remains of unidentified soldiers from the Korean War. Most of these remains were received by the U. S. at the cease-fire in 1953.

The records associated with each of the unknown remains in the Punchbowl cemetery will undergo rigorous evaluation before a decision is made to disinter. CILHI will first determine if there is strong circumstantial evidence associating a serviceman's name with a set of remains. Since mitochondrial DNA is expected to be used to identify most of these remains, a comparison blood sample must be obtained from a family member from the serviceman's maternal bloodline. The Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in Rockville, Md., will seek to obtain mitochondrial DNA sequences from both the skeletal remains and from appropriate family members. The results of these tests will be provided to the CILHI to assist in the identification process. Scientists believe approximately 70 cases may be candidates for disinterment.

The CILHI will direct the disinterment and will seek to identify each of the remains through forensic identification processes, including DNA. This laboratory identified the remains of Lt Blassie in 1998. For the past five years CILHI has applied the science of mtDNA to approximately 45 per cent of its cases.

Elusive Korean War Archives Found

A three-person team from CILHI visited the U.S. Army's Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center and DPMO recently to review and copy Korean War records from the 8204th Army Unit, which was the U.S. Army Mortuary at Kokura, Japan. The 8204th was CILHI's predecessor during the Korean War. DPMO archival researchers recently found these records based on a tip from a National Archives and Records Administration archivist.

The Kokura Mortuary records include: ground field search cases documenting ground losses and efforts to recover the remains of deceased U.S. servicemen, aircraft loss data, documentation on UN cemeteries in North and South Korea, and documentation dealing with the recovery and positive identification of remains during the Korean War and during Operation Glory. The DPRK returned over 4,000 sets of remains of UN personnel during Operation Glory in 1954.

These records help to fill one more "blank" spot in the historical record and CILHI and DPMO Korean War analysts will be reviewing them in the weeks and months ahead.

Veterans Meetings Yield Potential Leads

DPMO analysts attended two Korean War unit reunions last week and interviewed veterans regarding their knowledge of MIAs from that war. The team conducted interviews at the Army Chapter of the Chosin Few Association, in Branson, Mo. and the 8th Cavalry Regiment Association, St. Joseph, Mo. The purpose of the attendance is to interview veterans for knowledge they may have on servicemen still unaccounted for from the Korean War. Information provided may be useful for U.S. search and recovery teams for current and future operations in the DPRK.

Web Site Highlights 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

The Department of Defense has a new Internet web site to recall the lessons and legacies of the Korean War and honor the military veterans who served there.

The Department's Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Web site, at <http://korea50.army.mil>, contains a wealth

of information including a calendar of upcoming commemorative events, a chronology of the war, fact sheets, educational materials, photographs, maps and biographies.

Congress authorized the Department of Defense to organize the national 50th anniversary of the Korean War commemoration of the service and sacrifices of Korean War veterans and their families. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen designated the Army as executive agent for the commemoration. Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for International Affairs retired Lt. Gen. Claude M. Kicklighter has organized a committee to carry out the task.

The committee-made up of representatives from every branch of the Armed Forces along with the Coast Guard and Merchant Marines-is planning commemorative events, developing educational materials and soliciting grassroots support for a three-year commemorative program of events. The national observance officially begins with a ceremony in Washington June 25, 2000, although many communities have already begun planning and conducting their own commemorative events. The web site offers links to other sites of interest, including official POW/MIA information found on the DPMO home page at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>.

June 4, 1999

AFDIL Receives Highest Certifications

The Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) was recently certified by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, recognized as the leading agency in forensic laboratory accreditation.

AFDIL's DNA operations support not only identifications for the U. S. Army's CILHI from Southeast Asia, Korean War,

Cold War and World War II losses, but also the identification process for current death investigations within the DoD. AFDIL provided the key scientific information that was used in the identification of the Vietnam Unknown as 1st Lt Michael Blassle, and continues to break new ground in the use of DNA for resolving cases that require application of this technology.

During the presentation of the accreditation certificate, the AFDIL was recognized for its high standards of excellence as one of the most accredited laboratories performing forensic DNA analysis in the world.

Both the nuclear and the mitochondrial DNA laboratories at AFDIL were accredited during the inspection by the society. AFDIL's mitochondrial section was the first such laboratory in the U. S. to receive this prestigious accreditation.

The inspectors of the society looked at a number of areas such as laboratory practices, case file management, security, education and training of staff members, evidence handling, safety and the quality assurance program. The AFDIL service laboratories were in full compliance with 100% of the essential evaluation criteria.

In addition to the American Society of Crime Laboratories Directors' accreditation, AFDIL also maintains current yearly accreditation by the College of American Pathologists as well as the DoD Mitochondrial DNA Quality Assurance Oversight Committee, and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology Scientific Advisory Board. The AFDIL's Proficiency Test Operations section is accredited by the College of American Pathologists, the ASCLD Proficiency Review Committee, and is registered under stringent international manufacturing standards for manufacture of forensic DNA proficiency test kits.

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Do unto others — A story of courage

By Larry Hauck

Introduction

It was not until I went to see Ray Watford, and he told me what happened since he was hit, that I was able to tell about his struggle to get where he is today. There is a lesson here that we all can benefit from, about *guts*, *determination*, and *faith*.

Ray is 65 years old, and has 7 children, and a bunch of grandchildren. I guess I have to take some credit; If I had not run through that hail of bullets to get Ray, there wouldn't be any children! Larry Hauck

The Story

After spending four days at the MASH in Miriang with a scalp wound to my left forehead, I returned to L Company in time to cross the Naktong River on the 19th of September. Unknown to me, there was a PFC. from the 37th Field Artillery, who also crossed the Naktong, as a member of the Forward Observer team, assigned to L Company. His name was Ray E. Watford, and he and I would be thrown together in the fighting that erupted in the next two days.

Ray, who joined the 2nd Infantry Div in time to go to Hawaii to take part in amphibious training, ended up in the 37th Field Artillery. He was still seventeen years old when the Korean War started. He was a Field Wire Lineman in the Comm Section.

I was assigned to the 3rd Platoon as their Runner, and like Ray, it was my job to take care of telephone and radio communications. I was told by our Platoon Leader, Lt. Charles Gray, to stay by his side at all times. I remember him saying to me, "You will be my eyes and ears, Corporal! Stick to me like *glue*!" He asked me if I understood him and I assured him that I did.

On the night of Sept. 19, 1950, we were briefed on our mission by a man from Division I and R: "Your Company has been given the initial assault across the Naktong. This will be a Commando style operation, to gain a foot hold on the North



Ray E. Watford, (I) 37th FA Bn. And Larry Hauck, L Co. 23rd Inf. Regt. Both from 2nd I.D. First meeting after 28 years at KWVA reunion.

bank. Collapsible assault boats have been placed on the South bank for you by the Engineers, who will guide you to them. The element of surprise is essential, and you will fire only if you are fired upon The hill you will take, has three principle peaks, and the *right hand peak* is the objective of your Platoon," he said.

I remembered seeing a movie about Darby's Rangers in World War II, which was played by John Wayne, and I mentioned this to our briefer. He said, "Well, then you will know just how to do it!" I thought, "Boy-John Wayne would really be proud of us!" The only thing was, this was not a movie! This was the *real thing*! Nets were passed out to put on our helmets, and we taped our dog tags to minimize the chance of being detected by the North Koreans. Black and O.D. salve was passed around, with which to blacken our faces, and we all made jokes about how this would look good in the movies. Sgt. Baggley, our Platoon Sergeant, who was a Combat Vet from World War II, came around to check us all out, and give us a little pep talk about doing exactly as we

were told, was the man who we all admired, and looked up to. In the very near future, his invaluable ability as a leader would be proven. Lt. Gray was our Platoon Leader, but it was Sergeant Baggley, who ran 3rd Platoon!

The Assault Boats were designed to carry a Squad of 12 men, and were equipped with canoe paddles, and seats which, when properly placed, would be wedged crossways to hold the sides out. Now, none of us had ever seen one of these, let alone figure out how to put it together in the *dark*! To our misfortune, Lt. Gray, and the Squad that we were with, would find this out!

Sergeant Baggley had planned to get together with Lt. Gray after we got across the Naktong, and it turned out that this was a wise move. One by one, the other boats were put together, and the rest of the Company made their way across, but try as we could, we couldn't get our assault boat together. We soon found ourselves all alone, left behind by the rest of Company L. We found that we just couldn't get the

sides far enough apart to get the seats in! When we finally did get that thing out to the waters edge, all the rest of the Company was gone, and there was not a sound from in front of us!

Finally, we all got in our boat, and the next thing that happened, was that we started banging the paddles together, making a terrible racket! Nobody knew how to paddle, so I started softly saying: *Row! Row! Row!* And finally got them going. We were rowing like this for several minutes, and Lt. Gray said to the Squad Leader that it sure seemed to be a long way across! I looked back to see how far we had gone, and I was amazed that we had not gone an INCH! We had not gone far enough out, and our boat had been sitting on the bottom! Since I was Lt. Grays eyes and ears, I made him aware of our situation, and we all got back out, and re-loaded in deeper water, almost swamping the boat.

This time, the rowers bent to their task, and we soon reached the North bank of the Naktong River! No! our troubles were not over! When we reached the North bank, (by this time, it was past midnight) the other assault boats were nowhere to be found! Our fearless leader figured out that we had not allowed for the *current*, and we had actually gone *downstream* from where we wanted to go! The only thing to do was to paddle up stream until we found where the rest of our Company had landed, which we finally did. All of this time, not a sound had been heard from our Company, who in our absence, had taken their objective without a shot being fired! They had taken the North Koreans completely by surprise, just as had been planned! When we finally found our Company Commander, Capt. Aline, he said, "Well Lieutenant, while you were down that river singing "Row Row Row Your Boat", Sergeant Baggley did an outstanding job leading your Platoon! I suggest you pay attention to what he has to say! You might just learn something from him!"

Did Capt. Aline ask Lt. Gray where he had been all this time? Yes he did; And when the Lieutenant got through explaining all that had happened to delay us, well, to say that our Captain was "pissed," would be a large understatement!

We made our way up to our 3rd Platoon position, and found Sergeant Baggley and

our Medic, Corp. James Bear, who was a full blooded Indian, digging our Platoon C.P. fox hole. Baggs immediately told me to get the EE-8 Sound powered Phone working to the L Co. Command Post. Baggs told the Lieutenant that we could expect a N.K. counter attack at any time, and it was imperative that we get ready for it immediately. Lt. Gray told Baggs that he had talked to Capt. Aline, and for Baggs to take charge. (Which, of course he had already done!)

Knowing what my duty was, I had brought up SCR-536 Radio, a EE-8, and a DR-8 reel of assault wire. I set up the phone, and hooked up the wire. In the dark, I took the rear slope down the ridge, stringing the wire behind me, and cut to the right, till I got to the Company C.P. I hooked the wire into the BD-71 Switchboard, and the Operator talked to Baggs, and got a "ring-back." I told the Comm Sgt. that the line was OK, and that I still had plenty of wire left on the reel, and he told me to keep the reel with me, and to carry some Bandoleers of ammo up when I returned. On the way back, I retraced my route back. (I remember looking at my watch: It said 3 AM, but I don't remember being sleepy, although I was a little tired)

Baggs went around and checked the Squads. He told me when he got back, that I should try to get some sleep, and that he and our Medic would stand guard. I sat down beside Lt. Gray, who was sound asleep, and tried to sleep, but I couldn't, for a long time, and finally dozed off. It seemed like I just got to sleep, when James Bear, the Medic woke me, and handed me a box of C-rations. (This was the morning of Sept. 20, 1950, our first day across the Naktong.)

We could hear the sound of trucks from behind us, along the river, and lots of gun fire off to the left of us, a long ways off. We looked down to, our right front, and way below us on the North Korean side, we saw maybe six NK soldiers walking along a rice paddy. We saw them go into a farm house. They were a long ways off, maybe half a mile. Nobody fired at them, we just sat there and watched them. It was obvious that they had no idea that we were there, and we didn't see any other activity from their side.

Our Company had caught the North

Koreans asleep, and their guards had been killed or captured. As I said before, no shots were fired in this action. A large number of prisoners were taken, along with a North Korean Colonel, and several other officers. Our South Korean interpreters said that we had taken a North Korean Battalion HQ, along with a Comm. Section. (I saw the Russian Switchboard they had; It was smaller than ours, and could handle more lines. We started using it instead of ours.) We suffered *no casualties*; But our luck was about to change!

My knowledge of where other units were was limited to what I heard from our Platoon CP. I assumed that the other two Line Companies in our 3rd Bn., I and K, had crossed the river, and were on line with us, to enlarge our bridge head, but I did not know that for sure. I know there was a lot of activity behind us. This first day was spent in improving the North Korean positions we had taken over. I know that Sgt. Baggley talked with the Squad Leaders, and had them dig secondary positions to the rear of the forward line of fox holes. There was a finger that stuck out in front of us, and the Forward Observer was set up there with one of the squads. (I got all of the information about the FO team from Ray Watford from the 37th Field Artillery, when we met at the 2nd Infantry Korean War Vets Alliance in San Antonio, last May.) More information came to me years later at our Reunions, from talking to other men, who had taken part in this action.

The attack we expected did not come until just after daylight the next morning, which gave us a chance to get plenty of ammo into the hands of each man on line. Looking back, I could see that it had taken the NK's this time to organize, and move up their artillery and mortars!

Lt. Gray was down in our CP fox hole on the phone when the first rounds hit behind us. One of the first shells hit the wire to our Company CP, and the Lt. said, "My God, the line went dead!" I grabbed the reel of wire, and jumped out of the hole and ran, following the wire. I had gone just a short distance, when a round hit to my left; I hit the dirt, and got back up running. I ran about a hundred yards, and saw where the wire had been hit. I got on my stomach, and made a staggered splice with the wire on my reel. Another round hit to

my right before I could get to my feet, and I thought that I would get hit if I did not get moving, so I got up and ran, laying out the new wire from the "C" Handle attached to the reel. I went a little to the right of where I had run the old wire. I ran all the way to the Company CP. When I got there, I found that they were using the Russian Switchboard, so I removed the old wire from it, and hooked up the new one. The Operator checked the line, while I got a new reel, and a load of ammo. Our C.O., Capt. Aline stopped me just as I was about to leave, and asked me how it was going. I told him that Lt. Gray was always on the EE-8, and Baggs was real busy with the Squad Leaders. The Captain asked me where the wire had been hit, and I told him. He said, "You are doing a fine job, Corporal, Keep your head down." I said, "Thank you sir, I'll try," and made my way back up the hill.

When I got back, Baggs told me that the SCR-536 "Walkie-Talkie" would not work. "I hate to send you right back down there, Hauck, but the EE-8 is all that we've got, and the Lieutenant says that it's out again" he said, waving at the phone. I took the EE-8, and checked it. The artillery had let up, and heavy fire broke out to our front. I told Baggs that I would get the wire fixed, and glanced at the Lt., who was hunched down in the bottom of the hole, with his M-1 Carbine sticking straight up in the air!

I found the break, and ran the wire on down to the Company CP, picked up another load of ammo, and as I was leaving, the Comm. Sgt. said, "Isn't this the second time that wire has been hit?" I told him that it was, and that this time I hoped it would be the last time. Looking back up the hill, I saw several smaller explosions, and I told the Comm Sgt. that I figured that to be mortar fire. He said he was sure that was what it was. He said, "Take care of yourself!" and I told him that I would sure try!

When I got back to the 3rd Platoon CP, I heard a man down forward of us on that lower finger, calling for the Medic. As he continued to cry for help, I asked Baggs why the Medic don't help the man! Sergeant Baggley said that the squad that had been down there, had to fall back to the secondary position, because it was too exposed down on that lower ground that

I asked him if his legs were OK, and he said, "My legs are OK, but I can't see!"

was in front of us. "Nobody can get to him!" said Baggs.

Well, it seemed to me, that if it was ME down there, I would want somebody to *help me!* "Well, if I'm going to do it, I've got to be light, and run fast!" I stripped to the waist, and handing my M-1 rifle to Baggs, I was running towards the sound of the man's voice, before he could say anything to me! As I ran past the forward squad, I hollered, "*Cover Me!*" I ran down the slope of that finger, zigzagging as I went. The sound of intense fire came from in front, and behind me! I saw a hand go up in front of me, and I slid feet first into this man's fox hole.

This man said to me, "God! I was praying that you would come!" I said, "Don't worry buddy! I'm going to get you out of here!" The first thing I saw was a lot of blood in and around his eyes. He also had been hit in his left cheek, and part of his lip, and nose was gone, and his gum and teeth were exposed. He had tried to put his ACE Bandage around his mouth and nose, and it was hanging down like a bandana. I took the ACE Bandage from my First Aid Pouch, and covered his eyes and nose as best as I could. I saw blood on his hand and arm, I thought his arm was broken. I unbuttoned his fatigue jacket, put his hand inside, and buttoned it up, making a temporary sling this way.

I asked him if his legs were OK, and he said, "My legs are OK, but *I can't see!*" I said, "When we get out of here, we are going to have to run as fast as we can! "I turned him around to face our squad. I said, "OK! When I count *three*, take a hold of my hand, and for *Gods Sake, Don't Let Go!*" I took his left hand, and counted to *three*: He said, "lets go!" We got up out of there, and started towards the top of the hill! He was doing the best he could, but was holding me back! I saw dirt pop up as bullets hit around us. Near the top, I saw two Field wires that had been strung by the NK wire crew to their Bn. They were about 2 feet above the ground, and I was afraid that he would trip and fall, so I looked back, and told this man to step over them. (He was taller than I was, and not

being able to see, he stepped very high, and I laughed because he looked so funny to me.) As we went past the squad, I could hear someone yell above the sound of the firing, "*God, he made it!*"

When we got down the back side and out of the line of fire, we stopped to rest. I felt the need to thank God for saving us, and I asked this Artillery man if he knew *The Lords Prayer*: He said that he did, and we said *The Lords Prayer* together.

We went on down the hill to the L Company CP, and I took him to the Medics, who put him on a litter. He said to me, "What can I do to thank you for saving my life!" I took a piece of paper out of my pocket, and wrote my mother's address on it, and put it under the bandage that I had put over his eyes. I said, "Here is my mother's address. when you get back to the States, write to my mother, and tell her that I love her."

The date was September 21, 1950, and the man who I had gone after was a 17 year old Pfc. from the 37th Field Artillery by the name of Ray E. Watford. I was awarded the Silver Star for going after him.

Five months later, on February 17, 1951, Ray's girl friend wrote a letter to my mother, which she saved, and I have to this day. At the time this letter was written, I was in Tokyo General Hospital, after I was hit at Twin Tunnels on February 1, 1951.

The letter reads as follows: February 17, 1951 Dearest Mr. & Mrs. Hauck, I will drop you folks a few lines to let you know I'm doing fine, but first I'll tell you who I am, I'm a soldier of the 2nd Division. I was a Forward Observer for L Company, 23rd Inf. Regt. It was the same that Larry is in. I was wounded Sept 21, and he risked his life to help me. While he was helping me down the hill, he and I said "The Lords Prayer" together, so I guess that's how we made it, and I would like to say that I appreciate him helping me more than I can explain. Today I am in good health, but I am blind. When you write to him or see him, tell him that since I've been back to the States that I've got to go home. Also

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Chapter Affairs

Yongdung Po Chapter 114 of Pennsylvania



On May 1, 1999, Yongdung Po Chapter 114, KWVA, participated in the Loyalty Day Parade in Downingtown, PA. From left to right, Secretary Joe Trucks holding Banner; Founder/Past President Andy Lynch; President & Mrs. Tom McManamon; Sgt. at Arms Eddie Papaycik; Member Bill Thompson; Rear: Holding Flag— Member Ed Tinsman.

(A great looking group proudly holding high their Chapter Banner)

Cape and Islands Chapter 1 of Massachusetts



Commander Jack Murphy of the Cape & Islands Chapter 1 of Massachusetts is shown above at the groundbreaking ceremony held on the Hyannis Green. Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts was the principal speaker at this event. The Memorial will be that of an eight foot Combat Soldier, cast in bronze by the internationally renowned artist, Robert Shure. It will be placed upon a granite base facing Hyannis harbor. Dedication will be on the 50th anniversary of the start up of hostilities on July 27th, 2000. Both Senators Kerry and Kennedy will be the speakers at this event.

(Thank you Jack for photo and letter. Please send me a photo of the memorial when completed. June 25, 2000 is the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the war and 27 July 2000 is the 47th Anniversary of the Armistice. Sorry Jack, I had to add this to prevent getting a lot of letters.)

Department of Alabama



Aboard the USS Alabama in Mobile is from left Harley Coon, President KWVA, Walter Ballard, President Dept of Alabama, Mrs. Doroht Ballard, Chaplain Ladies Auxillrey Gulf Coast Chapter and Capt. Grady Vickery, Past President. Gulf Coast Chapter and Neil Livingston, President Gulf Coast Chapter. *(Thank you Walter for photos and letter. All coming to the KWVA National Reunion in September can board this ship during our Reunion.)*

Central Florida Chapter #153



President Tom Gaffney presents a certificate of appreciation to Congressman John L. Mica. (l to r): Jim Clough, Rich Gordon, Pres. Jim O'Donnell, Ted Sullivan, Founder President Tom Gaffney, US Congressman John L. Mica, SWVVC Chairman Lloyd Jones.

Chapter members attended an open house airing of civic issues on Sat, 6 Feb, 1999, chaired by Hon. John L. Mica, FL 7th Congressional District. The meeting dealt in the main with veterans' health issues. Rep. Mica obtained national colors for our chapter in early Spring of '98. KWVA Ch. #153 delegation included Pres. Jim O'Donnell, Historian Rich Gordon, Nominations Chairman Ted Sullivan, Jim Clough (CM), and Scot Eakman (CM). SWVVC Chairman Lloyd Jones also attended, opening up several items for Rep. Mica to look into. Historian Rich Gordon was impressed by the "sea of caps" from various veterans' groups.

(Thanks for the photo. Great Dept., Chapter, State & Veterans)

James P. Dickel Chapter of Maryland



The James P. Dickel Sr. Chapter, Korean War Veterans, Mount Savage, MD., makes donation to the Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery Committee, at Flintstone, MD. Making the presentation is Miles Paugh, left and James Ellsworth, President of the Chapter, right. Accepting the check Ronald Platt, Superintendent of Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery. The donation will be used for Beautification of the Cemetery. *(Thank you Miles for the photo and the letter. A great Chapter doing a very special deed. With veterans like this Korea will never be forgotten.)*

Central Massachusetts Chapter #36



From the left, Sueng Choi, Korean businessman; Medal of Honor holder Tom Hudner, Chapter member Frank Carroll; Chapter Commander Allan Earley; and Chapter member Bob Knight at the Central Massachusetts Chapter 4th annual dinner April 10, 1999. Hudner, who has recently retired as Massachusetts State Veterans Director, was the featured speaker at the dinner attended by over 100 veterans and guests. *(Thank you Bob Rutter for photo and letter. Tom Hudner's citation is reproduced below.)*

HUDNER, THOMAS JEROME, JR

Rank and organization, Lieutenant (j.g.) US, Navy, pilot in Fighter Squadron 32, attached to U.S.S. Leyte Place and date: Chosin Reservoir area of Korea, 4 December 1950. Entered service at Fall River, Mass. Born: 31 August 1924, Fall River, Mass. Citation. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a pilot in Fighter Squadron 32, while attempting to rescue a squadron mate whose plane struck by anti-aircraft fire and trailing smoke, was forced down behind enemy lines. Quickly maneuvering to circle the downed pilot and protect him from enemy troops infesting the area, Lt. (j.g.) Hudner risked his life to save the injured flier who was trapped alive in the burning wreckage. Fully aware of the extreme danger in landing on the rough mountainous terrain and the scant hope of escape or survival in subzero temperature, he put his plane down skillfully in a deliberate wheels-up

landing in the presence of enemy troops. With his bare hands, he packed the fuselage with snow to keep the flames away from the pilot and struggled to pull him free, Unsuccessful in this, he returned to his crashed aircraft and radioed other airborne planes, requesting that a helicopter be dispatched with an ax and fire extinguisher. He then remained on the spot despite the continuing danger from enemy action and, with the assistance of the rescue pilot, renewed a desperate but unavailing battle against time, cold, and flames. Lt. (j.g.) Hudner's exceptionally valiant action and selfless devotion to a ship-mate sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

Department of Ohio



Department meeting (above) and banquet (below).

On April 16 & 17, 1999 the Western Lake Erie Chapter # 71 hosted the Ohio Department Convention. It was well attended. Approximately 120 at the banquet and 110 at the meeting. We were honored to have Harley Coon and Chaplain Irvin Sharp as guests. Mike Mahoney was appointed department President at the meeting.

(Thank you Richard Smink for photos and letter. Looks like all had a great time.)

Dear members and readers.

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

Chorwon Chapter of New Jersey



(Top) Dedication of Mobile Army Surgical Hospital Museum, on May 15 at Teterboro Airport, NJ. Shown 1 to r: Deputy Under Secretary of the Army Claude M. Kicklighter, LTC James Fisher, Dick Bozzone, commander of Chorwon Chapter, AKWV of N.J. and Rev. (Major) Kenneth Herbster, decorated chaplain of Vietnam War.

(Below) Ribbon Cutting—Under Secretary of the Army LTG (RET) Claude M. Kicklighter, center, assists Donald Kuehn, chairman of the (M.A.S.H.) Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in cutting ribbon dedicating replica museum at Teterboro Airport, N.J. On right is Mr. Reilly, EVP of Aviation Hall of Fame of N.J. The museum duplicates authentic 1950's hospital facilities and equipment, including helicopter used in Korean War. The facility was dedicated by Chorwon Chapter, N.J. AKWV. *(Thank you Dick Bozzone for the above photos and story. Please send some photos of the museum.)*

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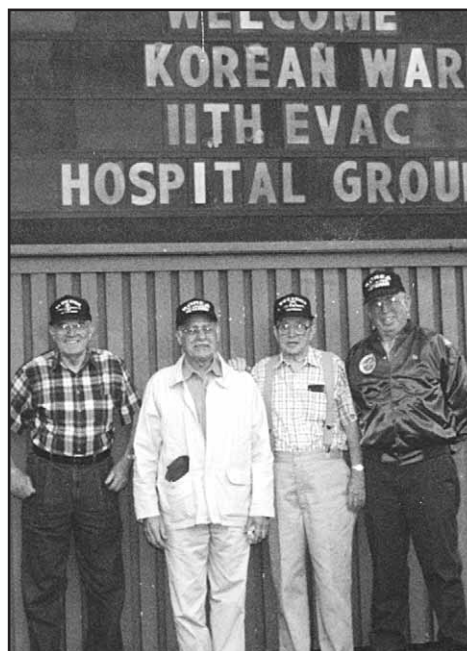
Proceeds of sales go to the Center for the Study of the Korean War.

Treasure Coast Chapter #106 of Florida



Photo shows Treasure Coast Chapter (#106) president Bob McCaffrey (r) with his son Shaun upon the younger McCaffrey's commissioning as an Ensign in the Navy Medical Corps. Ensign McCaffrey will report to the San Diego Naval Hospital for further medical training. A former Marine Captain, Bob was quick to remind his son that, proud as he is, he still outranks him!

Cpl. Kivelhan Chapter #66 of NY



Former members of the 11th Evac. Hospital, Korea 1950-1953 (l to r): Oswald Troidahl, Joe Amerigo, Fenton Morris and Edward Elliott. Elliott is the Kivelhan Chapter member.

(Thank you Elliott for the photo and letter. Get your buddies signed up with KWVA National so they can see the photo.)

Proud Korean War Vets Display Tags



Tag owners (clockwise from top left): John W. Scharer - 3rd I.D., Richard D. Brewer, and David W. Hanson.

Chapter participation:

We Told America Program (Korean War History)

Missouri Chapter #1

Lindbergh High School, Parkway High School South, Marquette High School, Kirkwood High School, and Pattonville High School. Presented to over 1,115 students by Dwight Henderson, Tom Faletti, John Walls, Wesley Becker, Robert Meeker, Joe Kurtz and George Morton.

South Jersey Chapter #54

Gateway Regional High School and Shawnee High School. Presented to over 215 students by Dominic Carrero, Bill Keys, James Hamilton, Norm Rynex, Jim Worrell and George Popp.

Greene County Chapter #125 of Ohio

W.E. Stebbins High School and 5 other schools for 18 presentations to 39 classes for over 950 students. They have 3 more schools to visit for another 600 to 700 students. The presentation was made by chapter members and this data was sent in by Chapter President Dale Anderson. Howard Camp also sent in a letter stating all the events this chapter was involved in. The above covered some of their events.

Central Massachusetts Chapter #36

Nipmuc Jr./Sr. Regional High School. Presented to 100 students by George Shepard, Morgan Creighton, Richard Mattson and Kenneth Swift.

Kansas City Chapter #2

Korean Vets met for an all day program at the Blue Springs Public Library on Saturday, May 9th, 1998. The Director of this Mid-Continent Public Library branch. In attendance were Ray Condi and Norm Strickbine along with approximately half a dozen Marine Corps members. Ray Condi had an excellent display of Korean War Era equipment that he uses in his presentations to the local high schools. Norm Strickbine had the "Korean Vignettes" books and Artist Prints available.

Some of the other displays on hand that were very well received by the public were, Paul Wolfgeher's collection of Psy-War leaflets and many albums of photographs.

The 1st Marine Division had an excellent display and Combat Air Museum, from Topeka, Kansas was represented. Mr. Richard H. Park, who is President of the Korean -American Society of the greater Kansas City area, that numbers over 5,000 Korean citizens provided an outstanding program. Singing of the Korean National Anthem the program continued with songs and dancing by Korean youth in their native costumes.

Also attending with the large Korean contingent were four ROK army officers that are attending the Ft. Leavenworth, Command and General Staff School. They each gave a short speech expressing their gratitude for what our country had done to preserve their freedom. The highlight of the afternoon was a 2-hour round table discussion of the Korean War with almost 50 people participating. Everyone was able to add a personnel view to the chronology of events in that bitter war. The opportunity to gather with old friends and meet new friends was enjoyed by one and all. Sent in by Paul Wolfgeher.

Nassau County Chapter No. 1 of NY

The chapter published a brochure titled , "The Korean War and its Historical Impact." and it is targeted to the general public as well as to students in high schools and colleges. The facts are presented simply and concisely so that one can read the entire brochure in a few minutes. A map is included that shows the battle lines at various stages of the war.

The Tell-America Committee has taken over distribution of the brochure and copies have been placed in libraries and supermarkets throughout Nassau County. The brochure will also be given out to students when the Tell America Committee makes presentations at various schools. If any chapter would like to receive a *free* copy of the brochure write to: Korean War Veterans Association, Nassau County Chapter No. 1, P.O. Box 1591, N. Massapequa, N.Y. 11758 and enclose a Postage Paid No. 10 envelope.

(Great Chapters doing one of our most important events.)

Treasure Coast Chapter leads Kosovo Relief Efforts

The Treasure Coast Chapter, led by President Bob McCaffrey, has been collecting donations for the Kosovo refugees.

Korean experience prompts action

Recalling the plight of the thousands of helpless Koreans displaced during the war Bob, V. P. George Hill, Secretary (and Department president) Fred Shear and Joe Crankshaw, Chapter member and newspaper columnist, have been spreading the word and accepting donations. The above are all wounded combat veterans of the war, and witnessed the sad spectacles in Korea close up, prompting them to act for the relief of these new refugees.

Other local veterans organizations are beginning to join the effort started by the KWVA. On April 22nd a check for over \$2,000 was donated to the Salvation Army on behalf of the Chapter and all the generous donors. Donations are still arriving by mail and in person from others touched by this ongoing tragedy. The recent Port St. Lucie firestorm in the Chapter's area did not diminish donations to either fund.

(A super Chapter with super Korean War Veterans as members remember those sad faces of Koreans almost 49 years ago. They made a difference then and are working hard to make a difference now. Get their address from March-April Graybeards and send in your donations. Thanks Fred Shear for the photo and letter.)

Publish your Events

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



Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation



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

On the 15th of June 1999, 21 letters were sent to the winners notifying them of being selected as winners. The following persons were awarded college grants for the 1999-2000 school term. They are listed by the veteran who sponsored them, the applicants name and the school where they plan to attend.

1950's between North Korea and South Korea, but also involved were United Nations forces (which included the United States) and other Communist forces of the Soviet Union. The United States, as a leader of the United Nations, had pledged to defend countries that were oppressed/attacked by any Communist force. The Soviet Union was opposed to the UN position that elections be held for a democratic leadership of South Korea, tensions mounted, and in the late 1940's the Communist North Korean forces attempted to "take over" non-Communist

there is a trace of heroism in his voice as he speaks of "my men" — the soldiers he fought with in Korea. A tough man in some ways, his toughness is that of a person with conviction, strong values, and character. He is proud, proud to have served his country, and patriotic in every sense of the word. He always wears caps with American Flags, war medals, other indicators of his involvement in the military. "Sergeant Hess" is still the name plate that adorns his desk in his home. The license plate of his car is a Veterans of Foreign Wars tag, which he carefully polishes every time he washes his car. There is even a strong feeling about the particular division of the military in which he served, as seems to be the case with most veterans. He argues with friends and relatives about who were the "real soldiers," his position in the Infantry being more dangerous/important than positions in the Engineering Division. "What do you know? You never even set foot in Korea, but sat at some desk trying to help us that were fighting the war!" The response from these other veterans is also a very proud one, as they respond that, without their work, "the Infantry wouldn't have known where they were!" These discussions, while humorous and loud, demonstrate the pride and respect that these men feel as Veterans of the Korean War. Those of us in the room just sit back and enjoy these good-natured debates among these "old war birds", (a term used affectionately and with respect, of course).

My grandfather, Arthur Hess, is a remarkable man, and in many ways exemplifies the Korean War Veteran. As we all are, and will be, products of our life's experiences, he is the man he is today as a result, to a great degree, of his military experiences in Korea (and also later in Vietnam). He is loyal, patriotic, and proud. He is tough and has strong feelings about life and how it should be lived, but he is sensitive and caring about the people in his past and those of us with whom he spends time today. He regularly encourages us to be proud and feel fortunate that we are Americans, and his pride in having defended his Country, his love of the "red, white, and blue", is apparent in everything he says and does. He is a great man, he was a great soldier, and he will always be an example of what a great American should be.

Robert M. Roan	Ronald Roan	Univ. of Ala. School/Medicine
Nolie H. Ewing	Charles E. Ewing	Harvard University
Nolie H. Ewing	Daniel A. Ewing	Harvard University
Arthur P. Hess, Sr.	Heather N. Mowel	Frostberg State University
Richard L. Lloyd	Robert Lloyd	Midwestern University
Allan K. Muenz	Tracy A. Muenz	Cal. School/Professional Pshy
William H. Brosious	Barrett W. Columbo	St. John's University
Richard P. Vaughn	Bryan Vaughn	Trinity University
Clifton E. MacDonald	Kathryn A. Eident	Univ of Massachusetts
John B. Haberer	Misty Haberer	Southwestern University
George Ganey	Bridgett Hitchcock	Beaver College
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Darrol Price	Troy Price	Luther College
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Tommy L. Vickery	Tara S. Brocato	Texas A.& M./Galveston
James F. McDonnell	Mary C. Gaffney	Truman State University
Charles R. Williams	Bradley Heidrich	Marywood University
Robert D. Rutter	Heidi True	Univ of Southern Maine
Anne Chase	Sarah Braude	Rowan University
Richard A. Barrett	Rebecca Barrett	Bryan College

Congratulations to all of our winners.

In keeping with our program to "Tell America" about the Korean War Veteran, we would like to present an essay, written by one of our recipients, Ms Heather N. Mowel, Granddaughter of Art Hess, Sr. of Charlestown, WV.

The Korean War Veteran by Heather Mowel

Patriots, heroic tough, proud, honorable, respected and loyal these words, among countless other similar terms, could be used to describe the Korean War Veteran. The Korean War was one of the bloodiest wars in history — over 580,000 United Nations (UN) and South Korean soldiers lost their lives during the war, as did over 1,600,000 Communist troops. No one involved in such a war could ever be unaffected by his/her involvement, The Korean War Veteran is a very special person.

The Korean War was fought in the early

South Korea. The United States entered the war to defend the rights of the South Korean people to be a democratic country, withstanding the influence and control of the Communist North Korean. Many Americans died, and all who were involved would forever be changed from their experiences in this war fought around the 38th parallel. (The separation of North and South Korea.)

Those who survived the Korean War look back on this part of their lives with pride and a sense of having done "what was right." Arthur Hess, my grandfather, is an excellent example of a Korean War Veteran. A trophy case dominates the family room of his home. In it, carefully placed, are the many medals, weapons, helmets, and other wartime memorabilia that he cherishes. He is extremely proud of every item in this case — he enjoys showing them to visitors and telling of his contributions to his Infantry Division in Korea. While he feigns modesty,

but he bought one and joined anyway. {We still love you, Joe}

When we started out, we only had two flags, The POW/MIA, and an American flag, both belonging to Neil. The only problem with that, we only had one flagpole. Imagination to the rescue, Neil took a wooden dowel that had been bought for curtains and made a flagpole. So, with the Banner and two flags, our color guard was started. One by one different members began joining the color guard.

The group was invited to Birmingham for the Korean Arts Festival. We were the only veterans group invited to participate in this affair. Several members of the group marched in the parade and set up a booth with memorabilia. That was a very enjoyable trip for our group, even if it did end on a damp note. A storm came up and almost blew our group away. We were a very wet group by the time we made it back to the hotel that day. About the time our color guard started growing, the local Vietnam color guard started falling off. They were, at that time, the ones doing all the flag raising and school functions. The ones that were left decided to help us get started. They let us borrow their weapons and other gear for our group. They also informed us of the competition that was held at the Mobile Co. fair each year.

Big Mistake The Vietnam Veterans booth won first place for three consecutive years before the Korean War Veterans entered. Since then, the KWVA booth won first place as a Recruiting unit in 1996, a MASH unit in 1997 and with a Bunker in 1998. Each of these first place awards were monetary awards and we're looking forward to winning in 1999.

We started out wearing a white shirt with a blue bib and black pants for the parades we were asked to march in. We marched in the Flag Day parades; we marched in Veterans Day Parades where we came in a close second for best marching group. We can't figure out why they gave first place to a bunch of young beautiful girls dressed in ante-bellum gowns when we were a bunch of good-looking old vets struggling along, just doing the Jody drill. The Chamber of Commerce did give us a standing ova-

tion. We were quite proud. You will be able to meet those beautiful girls at the reunion in Sept. along with this old color guard.

We also marched in the Mardi Gras parade where Judge Elwood Hogan broke his foot. He was a brave man. He finished the parade and attended a Mardi Gras Ball before he went and had a cast put on his foot. After that Jump Boots became part of the uniform, on the advice of his Doctor.

Besides the parades, we have an Honor Guard that stands watch at the wake services of any veteran whose family requests it, whether or not the veteran is a member of our unit. We were also at the Porch Creek Reservation in Atmore, AL. to honor a Native American Warrior who was killed in Korea.

We have a church in a small community that honors the veterans on the Sunday before Thanksgiving each year. They give each veteran a small gift and give everyone a feast that is fantastic. We, along with several other groups, gave that church a flagpole. Our color guard did the flag raising and presented them with an American Flag and a POW/MIA flag that they fly at Frog Hollow Church in Perdido, Alabama.

We also go to the schools that request us and help with a flag raising. The last school event we attended was at Tasha Pitt's school. Her grandfather, Bill Pitt carries the American Flag at all events. We need to expand on events aimed at the grandchildren of our veterans so that we will have someone to carry on with our proud group.

We have representatives of most

branches of service: Army - Livingston, Bolton, Barton, Burke, Pitt, Hogan, Tillman, McElhany. Willisson, Ballard, Vickery, and Howell Navy- Amos and Lane, Air Force - Paul and Britton We sure are having a hard time finding anyone from the Marines that is able to March, but we do have a Bugler that will play the taps for us from the Marine Corp league, Al Pawlowski. We also carry the Coast Guard Flag but we don't have a marching member of that group either.

We would like to thank "Skip" Rittenhouse for the beautiful National Flag he designed which we purchased and also KVA Liaison John KwangNam Lee of the Korean embassy that donated the Korean Flag we carry. We can't say enough about our color guard. We are very proud of them.. They are the best looking marching unit in Mobile, even if we do say so ourselves.

We were invited to England this year and Australia next year. The invitation to England came too close to the cut-off date and we can't make it but we are looking for a sponsor for the trip to Australia. We need to be represented in Australia and we would do a sponsor proud. We stand tall. The devotion of our group goes over and above the call of duty. One of our members returned after having both knees replaced (Joe Bolton) and one came back before the stitches had healed from open-heart surgery. (Nealie McElhany). By Deborah Livingston, Jack Rester wife and son of Neil Livingston

(Great story about a special group, Thanks Deborah and Jack)

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got married, and am living happy, and I'm to be discharged in a couple of weeks, and thanks to him and God that I'm in as good shape as I am today. Thanks to you folks for such a wonderful son as Larry is.

I guess I'll close; Hoping to hear from all of you soon, and would like to hear from him. And thanks again to all. Your friends, Ray & Elizabeth. PS: My address is on the back, (over) PFC. Ray E. Watford RA 14337572 - Annex 4, Ward 24 -Brooks Army Hospital - Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

(This was the only letter that was received by my mother from Ray. My mother never attempted to write to Ray, with the exception of one letter, which she said was not answered, nor was the letter returned to her.)

I talked with Ray over the phone two days ago, and told him that I would be writing this article, and he gave me the following information about the FO team he was with: The Team Leader was Lt. Richard Raybould. (At Kunu-Ri, he spent eight days avoiding capture, all by himself, and he was able to make it back to our lines.) He remained on active duty, and retired as a Lt. Col. He now lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ray met him last year at the Reunion of the 2 ID KWV Alliance at Phoenix, Ariz. The Sergeant was Jesus Falaljo, who was wounded on the same day as Ray. The other PFC. was Thomas Mc Kwen, who was from Baltimore, Md.

After I left Ray, He was given his first Morphine, and was carried down to the Nakdong, and put on a "duck," and was taken back across to the South shore. Ray spent the night at Regimental Collecting, and the next day, was taken to the MASH at Miriang, where I had been the week before. From the MASH, Ray was flown to Tokyo, where they removed shrapnel from inside his mouth; It had lodged to the right of the pallet. After two weeks, Ray was flown to Tripler, in Hawaii, and on to Brooks Army Medical Center, in San Antonio, arriving on Oct. 12, 1950

Ray underwent Plastic Surgery on his face, to reconstruct his cheek, lip, and nose. The fragment that hit his eyes, did more damage to his left eye than the right one. They were able to repair the lid, and he got a "glass" eye on the right side; On

to left they had to pull the skin together, and-sew it up. Ray ended up permanently blind. After five months, Ray was discharged from the Army on March 3, 1951.

After his discharge, Ray was sent to the VA Hospital that specialized in the care, training, and preparing blind veterans to lead productive lives. The VA Hospital was in Hines, Illinois, near Chicago. Ray was there for 18 weeks. During the next year and a half Ray received more training, spent considerable time looking for work, and passed his High School G.E.D. Ray's first job was building FORD distributors, a job which he was able to hold down for three years.

Ray went to a Chiropractor with muscular problems, and this kind man persuaded Ray, (after several visits) to enter Chiropractic School. Ray checked with the VA, and received 4 years of training with all his expenses paid by Uncle Sam. With Diploma in hand Ray headed back to his home state of Georgia. In order to receive his license to practice, he had to pass the State Chiropractic Board.

Ray had a friend in Phoenix City, Alabama, who needed an assistant, and Ray worked there for a year. (Ray said that he learned more working there than he did in the 4 years that he trained for his license)

Ray's Chiropractor friend knew the Director of the Alabama Chiropractic Board. This man said that Ray didn't qualify to take the test, because it had to be *written*, and Ray could not SEE the Questions, or *write* the answers! -Ray went back to Georgia, and was allowed to have a qualified chiropractor read the questions orally, and write the answers that Ray gave. *Ray passed the test!!* This hard-nosed guy in Alabama finally agreed to let Ray take the test in the same way. Did he pass?? *You wanna bet!!!* Although Ray was now licensed to practice in Alabama, He chose to put his "shingle" up in Georgia. After working in other cities, Ray settled down in Manchester. Ray practiced full time for 38 years, and tried to retire, but his patients just would not let him! So now he has an office with a private entrance, waiting room and bathroom built into his home. His wife, Judie handles his

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Ray Watford

appointments, and Ray sees an average of 8 patients a day. Ray calls that "Part-time." (This author was very fortunate to visit with these two beautiful people for four very enjoyable days after attending the Annual Reunion of The Combat Infantryman's Assn. in Columbus, GA -I can attest to the number of patients Ray sees!)

This is a story of fear of death in the face of extreme danger, followed by pain, suffering, heartache, and despair; Which was overcome by faith in God, courage, and determination. Ray Watford came through all that he had to face, to become an admired and respected member of his community. Ray continues to set an example to everyone he comes in contact with! — Ray made this simple statement concerning his disability:

"Blindness is more of a nuisance than it is a handicap."

How Ray and I met after 48 years: During the years that passed by since I left Ray on that stretcher, I had always wondered what had happened to him. I had tried twice to locate him through the American Association For The Blind, (Which Ray had not joined) the Army Records Center, and finally the VA, with no luck.

I joined the 2nd Infantry Div. Korean War Veterans Alliance two years ago, but didn't attend their first reunion in Phoenix. However, Ray Watford did, and I regret that I did not see him then.

This year, my wife, Lucy and I went to their second reunion in San Antonio. It was Ralph Hockley, who finally got Ray and I together after 48 years; This is how it happened: I was checking in at the registration desk on Wednesday, May 13. The lady at the desk asked me about my unit, and when I was in Korea; I told her that I was from Love Co. 23rd Inf., and that I left Ft. Lewis with them, sailing on the Troop Ship General Freeman, landing at Pusan

on Aug. 5, 1950. Ralph Hockley, who had been a Forward Observer with my Company at the same time, was standing to my left. He said, "I was in charge of an F.O. Team from the 37th Field Artillery, and was there when you were!" I looked at Ralph in surprise, and exclaimed, "you were??" "Would you by any chance know PFC. Ray Watford?" "Not only do I know him, but he and his wife are probably landing right now, and when they get here, I will make sure you two get together!" Well, I just couldn't believe my ears, and I said with much emotion as I turned to him, "My God! I can't believe it!" "It's been 48 years since I put Ray on that litter, on the 21st of September, 1950!"

Post Script: After I left Ray in the care of the Medics, I was loading up with ammo to take back up to 3rd Platoon, when the Comm Sgt. came over and said, "I hate to tell you this, but your wire is out again!" Picking up a new DR-8 of Assault Wire, I told him that this time, I would run the line straight up the back side, which, was shorter, and I hoped better protected. The Comm Sergeant agreed with me. As I was about to leave, Capt. Aline came up to me and asked me how many times I had repaired the wire to 3rd Platoon. I told our C.O. that this would be the third time, and that I would run the wire a different way, and this time I hoped it would stay in. Capt. Aline said to me, "I talked with Sgt. Bagley just before the line went out, and he told me what you did to get that Artillery man back here. That was a very brave thing you did, Corporal! Baggs said that you went out there unarmed, and striped to the waist. I see that you still don't have a jacket, and no M-1!"

I said, "Well, sir, I figured that if it was ME down there, I would want someone to help me; And I figured that I would have to run fast to keep from being hit, so I had to be light, and the M-1 would just hold me back." "I'm going to see that you get a medal for what you did", he said. I thanked him, and started up the hill. The Captain said, "I don't want to see you back down here, Corporal, and keep your head down, I don't want to loose you!"

When I got back to the 3rd Platoon CP, I hooked the new wire up, and checked the ring-back, handing the EE-8 back to the Lt. I explained to Baggs that this time I had

run a new line strait up the back side all the way from the Company CP, and that I felt that it would be harder to hit the way I ran it. Baggs said that he was sure glad to see me back, that he had not heard from 1st Squad, and he did not know if I made it back with the Artillery F.O. All this time there was continuous heavy fire in front of us, and NK Mortar rounds continued to land to our left where the First Platoon was. - I put my fatigue jacket back on, and got my M-1 back.

Two South Korean replacements reported to Baggs, and he told me to see that they got over to the 1st Squad, which was to our left, and to take the ammo that I had brought back with me to them. I pointed them in the direction of the Squad, and fell in behind the last man. We had gone only about 50 feet, when I saw a NK grenade in the air, falling to the right of the man in front of me. I hit the dirt, and the grenade exploded. It seemed like I was still in the air, and the South Korean landed on top of me in the instant I hit the ground. I heard the man in front screaming, and I knew I was hit, because my right arm and leg felt like a hot poker was sticking in them. I hollered, "MEDIC! MEDIC!" Baggs and our Medic got to me at the same time, and got the Korean off of me. Our Medic said, "This guy is dead! Where are you hit?" But before I could answer him, he started to cut my right sleeve, I looked at my arm, and there was a piece of metal sticking out of the inside of my arm. Our Medic cut my right pant leg, and bandaged me. He said that I wasn't bleeding bad, and that it didn't look too bad. He left me, and went over to take care of the other South Korean after giving me a shot of morphine. Baggs called for a lit-

ter for me and the South Korean. He took the ammo I had, and said he would take it over to the Squad. I told him that I thought I could still walk, but he said to stay put. I looked around for my M-1 rifle. Since I am right handed, I tried to pick it up, and boy did that hurt! I tried to get back up, but found that it hurt real bad to bend my ankle; I looked at my leg for the first time, and saw that there was a cut about three inches long in the calf muscle. The blood had started to coagulate, and it was not bleeding. James Bear, our Medic had bandaged my arm, but not my leg, he explained that it was best to leave it open.

Baggs had hollered over to Lt. Gray to call down for two litters, and four South Korean's carried us down to our Company CP. The Medic Sergeant said, "Hay Captain, look who's back"! Captain Aline came over to me, and looked down at me with a stern expression on his face. He said, "Corporal! Didn't I tell you that I didn't want to see you back here"? I pointed over to the South Korean on the litter beside me, and explained what happened to us. The Medic, who was putting a bandage on my leg, told our C.O. that it was not bad, and that I would be back in no time. (As a matter of fact, the Doc at 3rd Bn. Aid just pulled the grenade fragments out, put some stitches in my leg, cleaned me up, and removed some stitches from my forehead, and sent me back the *next day*!) When I got back, Sgt. Bellomey, our First Sgt., told the Comm Sgt. to put me on the Company Switchboard, and send the operator to take my job as 3rd Platoon Runner, till I was able to get around better.

*Larry Hauck, Love Company,
23rd Inf. Regt, 2nd I.D.*

Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

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Department/Chapter _____

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Primary Unit of service during Korean War

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Send to: Membership, P.O. Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210

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

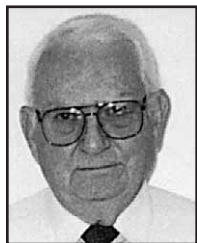
4. **Oreste "Rusty" Tramonte**, LR05500, P O Box 43, Marshfield, MA 02050

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-

resentative 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.

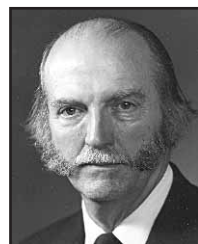
I enlisted in the Army in July, 1949, received basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., graduated from a telephone course at the Signal School in Ft. Monmouth, served at Ft. Hamilton, NY, and as cadre at Ft. Devens, MA—then off to Korea in July 1951 and assignment to Hdqts Co., 8189th Signal Svc. Bn. We 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



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

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 Division. 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
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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 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 - 2002

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,
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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 character 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

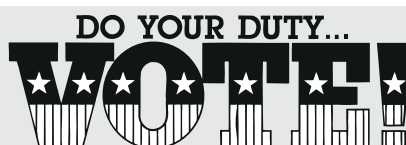
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Said past debt (\$25,505.48) be paid back in annual installments of up to ten thousand dollars to this corporation, depending upon funds availability, AND

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, and 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).



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.

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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:

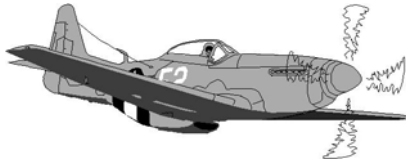
Mr. Bruce Dudley, CPA
% Dudley, Ruland & Chateau, PC
P O Box 8481
Mobile, AL 36689

Must arrive by July 31, 1999

The above ballot *may be copied* and mailed with your original signature to the address indicated.

Michell Lang Rings

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A Very Special Form of Heroism

Itazuke, Japan – Summer 1950

A very special form of ‘valor’ was demonstrated by the wives of the 8th Fighter Group, whose husband pilots were flying combat missions over Korea in F-80s, from their home base at Itazuke Air Force Base, on the southern island of Kyushu, Japan, and all other combat outfits operating in a similar manner.

The performance of their F-80 airplanes, under the specific combat circumstances, was not in the least impressive because at that early date their lack of range made the jets an ineffective weapon until they could be physically based in Korea ... but these thoughts are not intended to deal with the men’s inadequate equipment ... here we are talking about the pilot’s wives who remained at Itazuke; those ladies, they were something else!

Imagine, if you can, what each day must have been like for those young pretties—husbands going off to fight the war each and every day—from home!

“Wake the husband in the morning, fix his breakfast while he showers and shaves—then send him off to let people shoot at him, trying to kill him, all day long, while she tidies up the house and takes care of their kids.

Then, after a very long day of intensive worry, the young officer drives home, and is met at the door with a drink, and is asked: “Well honey, how was your day?”

Many, many of them did not return home and, instead, the Base Chaplain

“When you are surrounded by heroes, it is damned difficult to *not* to perform in a courageous manner!”

would drive up in the evening, to tell the fretful wife that her husband had just been shot down behind the lines in Korea.

No, thank you! I’d say.

Despite the sadness of parting and another long separation I, for one, was ever so grateful that my wife and little daughter had returned to the States from the vulnerable Philippine Islands just prior to my going into the combat area ... completely away from the daily worry and crazy killing frenzy of that stupid little war in far away Korea.

The Air Force should have a special award to commemorate the worry and the tears of wives, girl friends and families in special circumstances such as those of the families who stayed in Japan to be with their husbands as long as they possibly could.

Theirs was a bravery ‘above and beyond the call of duty’ described in any marriage vows..

They, too, were true “heroines”

D. E. ‘Bud’ Biteman, Lt Col, USAF, Ret
“...one of those OLD, Bold fighter pilots...”

Next Issue: Chinju Bridge: (The bridge would not give up.)

Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

Duane E. ‘Bud’ Biteman,
Lt Col, USAF, Ret

Book Review



We Called It War!

By Denzil Batson

There aren’t many first-hand accounts of the Korean War. In fact, this war fought in Korea’s hills and rice paddies has nearly been forgotten. Except by those who were there.

In *We Called It War!*, just released from Leathers Publishing, Denzil Batson tells the story of a two-day assault on a 60-degree slope with chilling detail. At the end of this assault, half of his platoon had been wounded or killed. At the time, Batson was just eighteen and newly married. It was the winter of 1951-1952 and Batson was a sergeant as the Second Platoon of F Company, 3rd division, recaptured that 60 degree slope called Little Gibraltar from the Chinese.

Batson son grew upon a dairy farm near Republic, Missouri. His words are those of the frontline soldiers and tell how men went about trying to survive in battle. He recreates the sights and sounds that caused him to sometimes shut his eyes to block out the horror, from artillery fire to heart-sickening screams for medics - all the things he would remember for a lifetime.

To order *We Called It War!* (\$11.95 plus \$2.50 shipping), please contact Leathers Publishing, 4500 College Blvd., Leawood, KS Phone: (913)498-2625. Toll-free: 1-888-888-7696. Fax: (913) 498-1561. Email: leatherpub@aol.com

(I do not have a copy of this book, so I withhold comment at this time.—Editor)



Reminiscence of a Forgotten War

The memoirs of Frank O. Pruitt and his Korean War service with the 40th Division in 1952 and 1953. It covers his service as a rifle platoon leader in “E” Company and Company Commander of Tank Company of the 223rd Infantry Regiment. The book is more of a study of the characters and personalities of the officers and men of the 223rd Regiment and 40th Division, than a combat narrative. The author develops the tension and

Please turn to **BOOKS** on page 46

Looking for...



If anyone knows of **Cpl John A Maciac**, US51064969, Co. A, 31st Inf., 7th Inf. Div. KIA 2 September 1951, Sister would like to hear from anyone that knows how and where he was killed. Contact sister Helen Schlichtige, of 101 Ruland Road, Melville, NY 11747, Telephone 516-694-2862.



Looking for info on **6127th Air Terminal Group** and/or **7th Aerial Port Squadron** E-mail Stan Zielinski at <stanley.zielinski@mciworld.com>



I got a good response from article in "Graybeards." Have found two veterans and reunited them plus another POW. I now am searching for information on **EX-POWs from Turkey**. Most of them were in camp 5. Who ever has visited the Turk's KWVA may have knowledge of some of the addresses, which would give me a starting point, maybe they have some information that they would be willing to share with me. Also am working with the British KWVA's Contact Bill Allen at E-mail address <Lilibunn@aol.com>



I am looking for anyone who would know anything about my uncle **Kenneth Rohrbacher** who died in the Korean War. My uncle's unit was HQ & HQ CO., X Corps. He died in North Korea on 11/29/50. Maybe someone knows something about what took place on that date. Contact Paul Hernandez at E-mail address <pph@iserv.net>



I am trying to locate anyone who may have known and served with my uncle, **Thomas Dale Jones**. He was with A Battery, 52 FAB, 24th Inf. Div. He was a POW, captured in July 1950, and died at Hanjang-ni, North Korea, 1-1-51. Any information about our uncle or the events of his capture would be greatly appreciated. Contact Shirley (Jones) Whanger 1969 Bantam Ridge Rd., Wintersville, OH 43953 or E-mail address <wedde9@webtv.net>



Looking for members of the **25th Div. Sig. Co. Photo Section** who served in Korea for reunion to be held in the fall of 2000. Contact Ralph Dean at e-mail address <deanandcomp@att.net>



My name is Harold Hescht. I served in the **7th Infantry, 73rd Tank Battalion** in the Korean War. I was in Korea from March 1953 to November 1954. I am trying to locate other members of my unit and any information on my unit. Any help you could provide me would be of great assistance. Contact me at e-mail address JM1881@aol.com



I am trying to locate **Willie Jefferson** from the Hoover Ave. area of Los Angeles, California. He was a Hospital Corpsman Third Class with the D-2-5, First Marine Division in Korea in 1952. I have lost contact with him, and I don't even know if he

survived the Korean War. Contact Bill Johnson at 1043 Grand Ave. #359, St. Paul, MN 55105.



I am looking for an old friend of mine who I was in Korean War with (101st Signal Bn. in 1952-53) his name is **Freddy Borowski** do you know his whereabouts or where I can find him? Contact Louis Schultz at E-mail address <sandybones@hotmail.com> or <lpscfam@megsinet.com>



I had a close friend killed in the Korean war, and would like to gain more information about him, but here is my problem, I only remember the name **Oie**, I don't remember if this is his last name or first name. He was Hawaiian descent, we were both members of K Co., 31st Inf. Regiment, 7th Inf. Div. Oie was killed in the fall of 1951. We were along the 38th parallel somewhere, I remember the names of Inje, hill 1062, Heartbreak Ridge. Oie was the same age as I, which was 17. This is about all I can remember. Ron Smith, 1940 Borchers Drive, San Jose Ca. 95124, Tel: 408-377-6884.



Looking for **Battalion Commander; 2nd Battallion, 31st Inf., 7th I. D.** from October, 1952. My Uncle Bob Dalton served in this unit as a medic. Contact me at e-mail address <Anghen39@aol.com>



Looking for **Dennis Kehoe**, K Co., 3rd Bn., 160th Regt 40th Inf Div 1952 & 53. I served with him in the Mung Dung Ne Valley. Contact Ed Senska, 5410 N Shore Court, Madison Lake, Mn. Or e-mail <edphyl@mnict.net>



I am looking for any one who served with me in **3d Inf Div., Hq & Hq Co.**, between July of 1951 and June 1952 my name is Tag M Jensen, 1102 Dennis Ave., Leesville, LA 71446, Tel: 318-238-2598 or e-mail <korea@worldnetla.net>



I am currently living at Travis A.F.B. here in California. I'm looking for any information about my father. His name was **Edward John Leo Gallagher**, he was sent home due to his father's death. His birthday was June 11, 1929. His mother's name was Anna, his father's name was John Gallagher. My father married a beautiful Japanese woman whom he loved dearly for so many years, had 3 boys and 2 girls. His army career was short but it was important. Sadly daddy died in January of 1988. Contact Colleen at E-mail address <Ixchel1999@aol.com>



I am looking for anyone who knew **Sgt. James H. Belcher** of the 2nd Inf, 38th Div, G company, who was killed in action on November 26, 1950. He was stationed at Fort Devon, Mass in June 1950, then at Fort Wash. in August 1950. I am also looking for anyone who may know if Sgt. Johnnie Witt or Sgt. Thomas Schaeffer are still alive (according to the military report, one was a witness to his death, the other testified through hearsay.) I

have written to 40 survivors of the G company, but have had no luck with anyone remembering him. Although most all have written or called back!) Lee Bross, granddaughter of James H. Belcher.Jr. E-mail at tabby@infonline.net



Looking for my old friend **Delbert Moran**. We called him Johnny. His name may have been John Delbert Moran or Delbert John Moran. In 1954, in Korea, he was a Staff Sgt. in the 22nd Signal Group, APO 301. His work location was in the 304th Signal Battalion (Operation), Yong Dung Po Exchange (near Seoul), I & M Platoon, Wire Operations Co. He handled the telephone switchboard there which was staffed by Korean civilians, mostly girls. Contact Marshall Davis at e-mail address, <medent@worldnet.att.net>, Tel: 914-462-2078. Mailing address: 16 Fair Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.



I am "Looking For" a nurse with short blond hair that served with a Medic name of Jacobs at the **8063 MASH Unit** in August of 1951. I was hit in the leg, August 25, 1951 and taken to the 8063rd. While waiting for treatment, I passed out from malaria. This angel tried to awaken me, looking down from the head of the cot. I awoke and looked up to see this big smile (upside-down) and later was told that I said to her "Have I died and gone to hell?" her response was simply, "No soldier, you have malaria and passed out" To this nurse, Bless Them All, after all these years from the bottom of my heart, I apologize.



Photograph taken about the first week in April 1952 from aboard the troopship filled with guys going stateside. I was rotated April 1, 1952.

Lawrence S. Block, 3rd. Inf. Division, 12302 Promenade Ln., St. Louis MO 63146-5058, Tel: 314-275-9000



Looking for anyone who knew **Jesse E. Sprouse** of Newport, Tennessee. Served in C Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. KIA 23 July 1951 near Pongdangdong-ni. He received the Silver Star posthumously for actions that day. Please contact Todd Britton, 27 Cherry Circle, Ringgold, GA 30736 or call 706-965-9260. E-mail address <BTBritton@aol.com>



My father **Jack D. Sumrall** was killed in action 3-19-53. He was a Master Sgt 23 years old. I was born 6 months before he

was killed and never saw him. It is so very important to me to know more about him. Please help. Contact Celia Hodge, 819 Louisiana Ave., Bogalusa, LA 70427, Tel: 504- 735-7575, Email address celia0924@hotmail.com



James Gebauer, entered the Army on 1-52 at Sioux Falls, SD. He was single at the time and his hometown was Tracy, MN. He was assigned to the Infantry- Fox Co., 7th Div., 32nd Regiment. On approximately 9-52, Triangle Hill, Korea, he received injuries in an explosion and flash burns to his eyes. He was sent to the hospital in Seoul and spent approximately 5 weeks there. He was then taken off combat duty and reassigned to a transportation company. His eyesight has deteriorated considerably and his private ophthalmologist relates that he does indeed have some scarring, more likely than not caused by his army experience. Any recollections from someone who may have been there or known Jim will certainly help in strengthening his case. Please contact: Deanna Akesson, Administrator. O'Brien Co. Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 97 Primghar, IA 51245, Tel: 712-757-0031 or e-mail: <obcva@pionet.net>



Looking for information on **Daniel Ewert** who served in the Korean War. His good friend Warren Stewart of Warton Ontario, Canada is trying to locate him. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated. Contact John Hetherington at E-mail address <pdq@emag.on.ca>



Army, Korean War 45th Division, 279th tank Co. The gentlemen that I am looking for are **Ralph Thompson** and **Bob Stone**. Both were supposedly from Texas, the Dumas area. Contact Roy Hilbelink, 1016 Union Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081 or e-mail address <rhilbeli@excel.net>



I arrived in Korea on December 31, 1952. I was assigned to **Fox Company, 35th Regt. 25th Div.** in the Panmunjon Corridor. A Republic of Korea (ROK) soldier of 16 years of age was assigned to me. The next day January 1, 1953, we received news of Hank Williams, Sr. death. I was a gunner on the 60 MM Motors, rank of Corporal. After six months, I was scheduled to go R&R in Tokyo, Japan. Arriving at the Seoul Airport, I made friends with a Corporal Tom Grisson. While waiting for our flight to Tokyo on June 8, 1953, we were informed the plane was late, in arriving. Waiting several hours we decided to stroll down the streets of Seoul, there was an Air raid and with the darkness we came back to the airport on June 9, 1953 and was informed we missed our flight to Tokyo. We were ordered to take a flight to Yokohama, Japan, arriving there at 1 am. June 10, 1953 on my 21st Birthday. After 10 days in Yokohama, we returned to our individual Units. Everyone was surprised to see me. The Company Commander informed me that I was declared dead in the crash of the flight going to Tokyo, my name was still on the flight list. So I believe Corporal Tom Grisson and myself were the only survivors of that flight to Tokyo on June 8, 1953. I would like to hear from **Corporal Tom Grisson** and all the soldiers from Fox Company with whom I served with between January 1, 1953 until September 1953 when I was transferred to

I Corp in Seoul. Write to Murphy Morvant, 612 Sycamore St., Thibodaux, Louisiana 70301-2135

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Would like to contact anyone in this photo, take in the area of Hill 355. They are part of **15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Div.** Many of the names has faded with the years. Contact Don Booth, P. O. Box 37, Mountain View, AR 72560-0037

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Please keep me advised of your 50th Celebration. Is there a trip planned. I'm trying to find some old friends. Can you help? **Sgt. Al Ireland** 3/5 1st Div. USMC, **Fred Pannek** or Panek, Fox Co. 2/5 1st Div. USMC. Contact Hal Rosenberg, 1/3/5 11/51—12/52 e-mail address <hrosenb1@san.rr.com>

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On 9 Sep 50 a B-29 flying from Japan to attack targets in Korea was shot down somewhere near Pyongyang, Korea. Most of the crew is still listed as MIA/POW. With relations opening-up between the United States and North Korea, it is hoped the fate of these missing airmen can be discovered and their remains brought home.

UNIT: 325th Bomb Squadron, 92D BG Tail #44-62084
MAJ Samuel P. Logan, 11287A, Pilot;
MAJ Marvin J. Spence, A0732780;
CAPT Don Hyatt, A0674199, Navigator;
CAPT Ernest R. Oyler, A0744548;
CAPT Zane H. Hoit, (SN not available);
SSGT Clarence M. Cherry, AF19201403;
SSGT Kenneth E. Williamson, AF15255731;
SSGT James H. Duncan, AF14101683.

Photo showing Logan standing by crashed B-29 (credited to Soviet News Agency) appeared in western newspapers. Some of crew held briefly at Pyongyang Courthouse. Spence's name, with date of 20 Sep 1950, was found written on Schoolhouse blackboard in Seoul. Logan's name, dated 27 Sep 1950, was found scratched on wall of jail cell at Pyongyang Courthouse. Some crew may have been taken to Wubong-ni and Inchon. Cherry and Hoit were taken to a hospital. Hoit was "DOA." Cherry was treated and taken elsewhere. Zach W. Dean, SN:A0732184, saw Hyatt in POW camp. I will be grateful for any assistance in securing additional data about these men so we can *bring them home*. Contact Hardon McDonald Wade, 560 Campbell Hill, Marietta, GA 30060, Tel: 770-426-7883 or 770-432-3632

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My name is Donald L. Freeman. I was an Infantry Rifleman with **Item Co. 31st Inf. Regiment, 7th Div.**, above Chunchon, Korea, 38th Parallel during the winter of 1952, leaving in May 1953 for home. Many of my Co. and Squad lost their lives there,

but if any should remember me I would like to hear from them and also need their help verifying my smoking. My Doctors verify my breathing problems stem from a life of long addiction to cigarettes; however the V.A. has turned down my claim although the Army furnished us with the cigarettes in our rations and they also furnished extra ones. I was also in the hospital in Pusan, Korea sometime in March I believe. Contact me at P.O. Box 452, Dallas, OR 97338, Tel: 1-503-623-9328

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I am trying to locate an old army buddy by the name of **John Goeth**. John and I both lived in Detroit, MI. We took our basic training at Camp Gordon, Georgia in May and June of 1952. From there we both transferred to Ft. Monmouth, N.J. Signal Corp School. John was shipped to Korea (I believe) the latter part of 1952. At one time John had lived in Chicago, Ill. Contact Paul A. Costanza, 30253 Valenti Dr., Warren, Mi. 48093, Tel. 810-777-5886

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To Mr. James Prewitt who is looking for book on **Medal of Honor recipients in the Korean War**. There may be many but I have one titled Korean War Heroes by Edward F. Murphy. Published by Presidio Press, 505 B San Martin Drive Suite 300, Novato, CA 94945-1340. Cost to me a few years back was \$24.95 You can also go to the KWVA Web Page <www.kwva.org> and get a listing of Korean War Medal of Honor winners linked to our site.

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I am searching for fellow vets for my father **Lyman 'Dusty' Krohn**, SSgt, Ser#: US51001735, 143FA, A BTRY, 40th Div Oct '50 - Oct '52, Camp Cook 50, Japan 51, and Korea 52 originally from Lynne MA and now retired in Littleton, MA, Contact Roscoe Diamond at e-mail address <rsdent@qti.net>

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I'm trying to locate **Gene F. Whitney**. We were in Germany together during the Korean War in 1950. He was from Seattle, Washington. In Germany he was in the 70th Field Artillery Battalion. He left Germany in 1951 to go back to the States for OCS. Are there any databases you can recommend to help me locate my friend? Contact Paul Drescher, 7507 Saint Phillip Street, Austin, TX 78757 or e-mail at <LiselotteD@aol.com>

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Looking for info on **Lloyd B Crosby**, 38 Inf Regt., 2nd Inf Div Co D, POW, DoD 5-18-51, Contact Carolyn at E-mail address <harley@forcomm.net>

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Looking for **Ralph Eden or Edon** and any others who served with the 1st Calvary Division, 2nd Battalion, 8th Regiment, Company F in Korea 1950 - 1951. Please contact Lloyd Wood, 20570 Pine Dr., Chandler, Texas 75758. Phone 903-849-2849.

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I am trying to find a person that served during the Korean War. My father served with a man named **Richard Machia** believed to have lived in the highgate or franklin, Vermont area. This has been on my dad's mind for sometime. I hope you can give me information as to how to locate this person. Any help

would be appreciated. Contact Melody Cote at e-mail address <cang@together.net>

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I'm trying to locate anyone who was in the area of "Kunu-ri, North Korea" on 30 Nov. 1950. I'm specifically trying to locate anyone, who was either in, or knows anyone who was in or attached to the 7th or 8th Armored Tank Division. Hoping that someone would know or remember **Pvt. Calvin B. Murphree**, MIA, Contact Billy Burns at e-mail address burns228@aol.com or 300 Park Circle, Birmingham, AL 35215, Tel: 205-836-0332

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My uncle **Jesse E. Walston** was in the 2nd Div., 38th Regiment, 3rd Battalion, company L. He was listed KIA on May 19, 1951. Our family has little information as to what happened. Contact Leroy JESSE Walston at e-mail address <Walston@novanetl.com> or PO Box 193, Cerro Gordo, IL 61818, Tel: 217-763-6246

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I served in Korea with **25th Infantry Div.** 14th Infantry Regiment George company from about May 1953 till around August or September 1954. Sure would like to talk to some of the guys that were there during that time. Contact Roger R. Charest at E-mail address Rog072533@aol.com

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Looking for anyone who served in the **428th, 429th, and 430th Fighter Bomber Squadron's 474 FTR BMR Wing** during the Korean Conflict. Please contact Kenneth J. Mendell, 417 E. Third St., Bluford, IL 62814, Tel: 618-732-8689.

(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)

LETTERS from page 15



John G. Sinnicki (right) and Comptroller Lt Colonel Craig Stevison, USMC.

State and Department of Defense Summit Staff was formed to coordinate the activities and events of the Anniversary Summit. Phillip Walls was named Director and Major General Joseph Garrett, Vice-Director headed up the Summit Staff. A Washington, DC based non-profit Host Committee was established to support the Summit Staffs efforts with funds that were raised from the private sector.

The Host Committee solicited voluntary contributions from corporations and others to underwrite its events as well as to provide support for the Summit.

The Donations Office cleared 260 corporations for the Host Committee as potential donors which raised a total of \$10,500,000 dollars in cash and in-kind equipment. A handful of top-drawer US companies, including heavyweights, such as Ford Motor Company, Daimler-Chrysler Corporations and General Motors Corporation as well as upstarts such as Nextel Communications, got to show their wares and meet with top military and political leaders from 44 nations at events which took place throughout the District.

(Thank you John Sinnicki for photo and letter.)

Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library – Tuscola, Illinois

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate or Civic – \$50 | |

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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.

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

Col. Lloyd L. Burke (Ret.)



September 29, 1924 — June 1, 1999

Remembering a Hero, a Past KWVA Director, a Friend

LLOYD L. BURKE (SCOOTER), was born Sept. 29, 1924 in Tichnon, AR. Graduated from Stuttgart High School in 1942. Enlisted in the Army at age 18 in March 1943. Assigned to the Combat Engineers and served in Italy during WWII.

Discharged as a buck sergeant in 1946 after three years of active duty. Entered Henderson State University, AR and graduated in 1950. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Army ROTC program and commissioned in the regular Army.

Volunteered for Korea in September 1950 and served during the war for 16 months as an infantry platoon leader and company commander.

Between Korea and the Vietnam War, he served in various command and staff positions, including the Army General Staff at the Pentagon.

In June 1965 he commanded the 2nd Bn., 16th Panzers, 1st Inf. Div. and deployed it to Vietnam as the first combat unit from the Conus.

Upon return from Vietnam, he attended the National War College and graduated in 1967. He served as the Army's chief liaison officer to the U.S. House of Representatives for 11 years until his retirement in 1978.

Military Schooling: infantry basic and advanced courses, Command and General Staff College, and National War College. Decorations: Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star w/V, 5 Purple Hearts, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, Combat Infantry Badge w/star, Distinguished Service Medal, three Army Commendation

Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/star, Korean Equivalent of their Medal of Honor w/9 Battle Stars.

He and his wife Maxine have five children and three grandchildren. They lived in Burke, VA, but moved to Gulf Shores, AL in late 1989.



While the 2d Battalion bled itself against the Chinese Hill, 1st Lt. Lloyd L. Burke, who had served with Company G, 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, for just over a year, was at the regimental rear. His tour of duty in Korea was up and he was going home; he even had his ticket in his pocket. There was no doubt in anyone's mind that Burke deserved to go home. Since his arrival he'd fought with his company in North Korea, facing the hordes of Red Chinese pouring across the Yalu. When other men turned tail and fled, Burke stood strong, guiding his platoon through the enveloping enemy. For skillfully taking his outfit through a Chinese roadblock near Samsori on November 28, 1950, Burke received the DSC. A lot of men would have used the decoration as a reason to avoid further combat-after all, he'd surely proven his worth-but not Burke. He desired no

cushy staff job. His place was at the front, leading the war-weary enlisted soldiers by personal example.

Burke understood perhaps better than most other officers the need for strong leadership. Born in Tichnor, Arkansas, on September 29, 1924, Burke attended Henderson State College in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, for a short while before enlisting in the army in April 1943. He spent nearly two years in Italy as an enlisted member of a combat engineer outfit. Though he saw some good officers during his tour, most did not impress him. He vowed if he ever sported gold braid on his hat he'd be the best officer he could be.

After his discharge in January 1946, Burke returned to Henderson State. He studied hard, working toward his degree, and actively participating in the school's ROTC program. Twice he served as president of his fraternity and was president of his junior and senior classes. Though too short in stature to play college football, Burke loved the game and played on his fraternity's intramural team. It was during one such game that Burke picked up a nickname that stuck with him for life. After dodging through the opposing line for a touchdown a teammate shouted, "Did you see how he scooted through that line? Just like a scooter!" Burke became "Scooter" from that moment forward.

Burke married while at Henderson State and started a family. When he graduated on May 28, 1950, he was named the ROTC's Distinguished Military Graduate. That honor carried with it the opportunity for a commission in the Regular Army. Burke leaped at the chance. Five months later he was in Korea. In addition to the DSC, Burke had also earned two Purple Hearts for wounds received in action during his tour. When his orders arrived sending him home, Burke was anxious to be on his way. His wife and eighteen month-old son were waiting for him in Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Then the 2d Battalion started throwing itself against Hill 200. For several days the companies of Burke's battalion had been trying without success to dislodge the Chinese. Time after time they moved against Hill 200 only to be met by showers of grenades, mortar fire, small-arms, and automatic-weapons fire. From his bivouac in the rear Burke followed the progress of the fight. Finally, he couldn't stand it any-

more. "I couldn't see leaving my guys up there without trying to do something," he said. The first thing Burke did was load eight to ten Korean porters with supplies, ammo, rifles, and grenades. Then he led them on the two-mile trek to the front.

What Burke found there shocked him. Never before had he seen such demoralized men. The heavy casualties (there were only thirty-five men left in the whole company), the incessant boom of exploding mortars, and the slim prospect for survival had totally whipped the GIs. "These men were completely beat," he remembered years later. "They lay huddled in foxholes, unable to move. They all had the thousand-yard stare of men who'd seen too much fighting, too much death." He knew something had to be done. Only positive action could revitalize these men. Burke hauled up an abandoned 57mm recoilless rifle and fired three rounds point-blank at the first enemy bunker uphill. Nothing happened. The bunker, and nearly all the others, was a wooden-fronted structure covering a cave carved right into the hill. Grenades continued to fly out of the Chinese trench onto the Americans.

Grabbing an M-1 from an abandoned foxhole, Burke positioned himself in a spot that gave him a clear shot at the Chinese trench line. Next time a Chinese popped up to throw a grenade, Burke drew a bead on his head and fired. He thought he saw the man's head jerk, but within minutes another grenade flew from the trench. Burke kept firing at every target, but the grenades kept coming. "I used to consider myself a pretty fair shot, but this was getting ridiculous," Burke said. "I had to do something." He handed his rifle to a nearby soldier, armed a grenade, and, catapulting from the trench, dashed for the base of the enemy trench, about thirty yards away. He careened into the base, grateful for the two-foot dirt wall which now protected him from the Chinese.

During a brief lull in the firing, Burke jumped up and over the wall into the trench. What he saw surprised him. Four or five dead Chinese lay sprawled on the bottom of the trench, each killed by a single rifle shot to the head. He hadn't missed after all. He tossed his grenade down the trench and jumped out. By now the Chinese knew where Burke lay. They started dropping grenades on him from directly

overhead. Most rolled further downhill to explode harmlessly. Some went off within yards of Burke's prone form. Burke snatched three grenades right out of the air and tossed them back at the Chinese. Finally, he said to himself, "You dummy. This isn't very smart, you'd better get out of here." He sprinted downhill.

Back in his own trench Burke commanded the one remaining workable machine gun, a .30-caliber air-cooled weapon, and two boxes of ammo. His foray into the enemy's lines had shown him a way to flank the Chinese trenches. If he could sneak up on the enemy's flanks, that move might galvanize the still-reluctant GIs into action. All alone, laden with the gun and its ammo, Burke worked his way to the right of the American positions. After he crawled up a small draw, he came upon a Korean grave. Like all Korean graves, this one was mounded high with dirt. Burke crawled up on top of the grave for a look. What he saw astounded him. Below him, not more than one hundred yards away, sat the main Chinese trench. It ran as far as he could see, disappearing out of sight around the far side of the hill. All along its length were Chinese soldiers. Some fired mortars, others threw grenades. Most, though, seemed complacent as they laughed and chatted away. Burke's blood raged. Quickly setting up the light machine gun, Burke fed in a belt of ammo. He held his breath, then pulled the trigger. He started at the forward part of the trench and sprayed lead into it. His main targets were the mortars which had caused so much trouble for his men. He hosed those positions repeatedly until he was sure the Chinese were dead. Next, he turned his attention to an enemy machine gun. He pressed the trigger a few times. His deadly accurate fire killed those gunners, too. Through all this the Chinese were too shocked by Burke's audacious attack to respond. They just milled about, jabbering away. Burke couldn't believe his luck. "It was just like shooting ducks sitting on a pond," Burke recalled.

For several more minutes Burke played his machine-gun fire up and down the enemy trench, killing them left and right. Finally, the stunned Chinese reacted. A mass exodus began, with the Chinese climbing over one another to flee from the killing ground. About this time Burke's

machine gun jammed. While he worked frantically to clear it, a bold Chinese soldier snuck up and started lobbing grenades at Burke. Shrapnel from one tore into the back of Burke's hand but he barely noticed. When he'd cleared the jam, Burke shot and killed the grenadier. A small group of Americans led by Sgt. Arthur L. Foster now joined Burke and added its rifle fire to the carnage. Below them enemy soldiers continued their retreat. Burke wasn't about to let them escape. He pulled off his field jacket, wrapped it around the machine gun's hot barrel, lifted the weapon from its tripod, and, trailing a full belt of ammo draped over his shoulder, started toward the enemy trench. Firing as he walked, he cut down a number of Chinese stragglers. With Sergeant Foster at his side, Burke moved along the enemy trench line, spraying machine-gun fire before him. It was quite a feat for a 120-pounder standing just five feet eight inches tall. When he ran out of machine-gun ammo, Burke used grenades and his pistol to flush out remaining Chinese from their bunkers. In a few more minutes it was over. The hill was cleared of Chinese. Burke and the soldiers who had followed him returned to their own trench line. Later that night another unit of the 1st Cavalry Division relieved them. For a while their fighting was over. And for Lloyd L. Burke, he could continue his journey home. The relieving unit had the unpleasant task of policing up the Chinese dead from Burke's attack. They counted no less than 250 bodies scattered around the hill; about 120 lay crumpled in the trench.

Less than six months later, while stationed at The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he taught small-unit tactics to OCS students, Lieutenant Burke received word he would join the ranks of America's bravest of the brave. The White House ceremony was held on April 11, 1952. Burke remained in the army, serving in a variety of command and staff positions. In 1965 Burke took his battalion, the 2d Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, to Vietnam. His tour in that war zone lasted a mere eight days. The helicopter he was riding in was shot down in a Viet Cong ambush. Burke was evacuated back to the States where he remained hospitalized for nine months. "Scooter" Burke finished his

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interplay which occurred when the regular Army officers who had been assigned to the stateside airborne divisions were released from those assignments in 1952, and anxiously sought assignment in combat units before the war was concluded.

It is the story of life and combat on the Main Line of Resistance in the Kumwha Valley, Punch Bowl, and Heartbreak Ridge. The book deals with the retraining of the Division at Kapyong during the Summer of 1952, and the conversion of a National Guard Division into a combat-tested regular Army unit led by regular Army Airborne officers eager to join the fight.

The author, a post-World War II OCS graduate, was recalled to service as a reserve officer in June of 1951 and describes the stateside retraining, replacement pipeline, and Japanese R&R experience.

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(Great reading material, personal accounts of history and photos from 1942 to 1998. Another special I found in this book is that this is about a unit that I saw very little written about in most books. A must buy for the 40th Division members and Korean War Veterans.)



MASH – An Army Surgeon in Korea

By Otto F. Apel Jr., M.D. & Pat Apel

Korean War MASH Doctor Tells His Story

Lexington, KY-Within minutes of his arrival of the 8076th MASH, Otto Apel was ushered into a surgical tent to begin what would be an eighty-hour operating session. Well into the second day, Apel asked the ranking surgeon when their shift would end. “We’re it,” the officer replied. “There are three surgeons here, and you see every one of them in this tent.” “We don’t take a break?” Apel asked. “If you need it. Sit down here by the five gallon can. But remember, while you’re napping there are men dying on litters waiting for you to get up from your nap.”

Such was Dr. Otto Apel’s introduction to life in the MASH unit, a life he says was not altogether different from that depicted on the long-running television series M*A*S*H*. In his memoir, *MASH – An Army Surgeon in Korea*, Apel describes daily life in the unit, from the rare times for pranks and relaxation to the more familiar portraits of doctors and nurses scanning the sky, waiting for the arrival of helicopters with a wounded soldier strapped to each side.

The MASH units were an Army response to the need for sur-

gical stations closer to the battle fronts. Though emergency medical treatment improved in the last years of World War II, soldiers still had to be transferred to stationary field hospitals before receiving surgical attention. The MASH units, first used on a large scale in Korea, meant that wounded were only an ambulance or helicopter ride from a surgeon. Despite their newness, the fledgling units were put to the test; in one twenty-four hour period in 1950, the 8076th treated 608 patients and performed 244 surgeries—an impressive record for a unit that moved seven times in a six-month period.

Despite the hectic schedule, Apel and his MASH colleagues advanced emergency medicine in several important ways. These doctors initiated the use of type O blood and plasma to stabilize patients in blood-loss shock, and they encouraged early ambulation, which they discovered greatly improved patients’ recovery time and rehabilitation. Perhaps most importantly, Apel and several other surgeons, against the strict orders of Army command, performed ground-breaking arterial repair operations. This, combined with the quick time from battlefield to surgery, reduced the 50% amputation rate of World War II to a mere 15%.

In the tense atmosphere, members of the 8076th sought ways to relieve stress. In a scene familiar to viewers of the television show, Apel recounts how helicopter pilot Jim Knighton “accidentally” removed the tarp from the nurses’ shower with his stalling aircraft. On another occasion, the entire unit dyed their hair red while the commanding officer was away. The returning Lieutenant Colonel was furious, but patients and visitors to the MASH were delighted.

Otto F. Apel attended Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. After the war, he returned to his hometown of Portsmouth, Ohio, where he is still in the private practice of surgery. His son, Pat Apel, a graduate of Princeton University and Vanderbilt Law school, practices law in Portsmouth.

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(I must be honest, I have only had time to scan the pages and photos of this 222 page book but I will move it next in line for reading. I have spent some time at the MASH units and hospitals during my tour in the Korean War. I have even seen our wounded enemy being treated. All of the Medical Personnel were special from the front lines, to Japan, to the USA or wherever they served. I have had many ask questions about these units and this book and the photos will give you all the detail needed to know why these special people were the most decorated heroes of the Korean War. My recall tells me that 18 women of the Nursing Personnel gave their lives carrying out their duties during the Korean War. I do not have a total for the men but those numbers were very high. Editor.)

KWVA Members and Friends

Visit the KWVA web site at: [HTTP://www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)

REMEMBRANCE

Operation Glory was to bring back the dead
from frozen North Korea.
Boys who had died in battle
were there how long
Away from home never to be seen again
by anyone who cared:
A parent or a grandparent at first,
a sister or a brother,
then a nephew or a niece
To place a wreath or a flower or a flag
on their lonely grave?
Was this their sacrifice not just to die,
but to be buried so far away from home?

David J. Seigle, Port Huron, Mi. 3/17/99
2nd Lt. QMC

THE VETERAN

He was the kid who lived next door.
I haven't seen him since he went off to war.
He answered the call from his "Uncle Sam"
With trust in God he let all else be damn.
Family and loved ones he put aside.
His country's call would not be denied.
He wanted to serve as best he could.
He answered the call as he knew he should.
For God and country he would live or die.
He never asked or questioned why.
His love for others was beyond compare.
For them there was nothing he wouldn't dare.
He was the kind of guy who stood his ground.
A better friend I've never found.
The pages of history are full of his kind.
They responded to the needs of others you'll find.
His heart was full of love untold.
Right gave him courage and made him bold.
In his presence I felt his friendship true.
There were no need for words his feelings I knew.
I was proud to be his neighbor and friend.
It was a relationship that knew no end.
Many years have gone since I've seen him last.
To his friendship and memory I will always hold fast.
I don't know where he is today.
I know what it is I'd like to say.
Thanks my friend for all you gave.
Your country remembers all you fought to save.
Your spirit lives in the hearts of us all.
I'm sorry for the agonies of the war you saw.
If I live never to see you again,
I'll always remember you, from way back when.
I know, wherever you are, the kid is no more.
The kid who lived in the house next door.
The kid I knew, who went off to war.

Richard R. LaMarra

WHEN BUGLES BLOW

The night was still as we hugged that hill and dug
ourselves a hole.
We held our breath to tempt not death
upon that craggy knoll.
For well we knew when the bugles blew
and shrapnel rained from the sky.
That the fury ahead would be demon-led
and some of us would die.
I heard a prayer among us there
in a voice so young and clear.
It's true, they say, that a man will pray
out of loneliness or fear.
I moved a bit for a softer fit
to adjust my body to.
When the Sky's first light brought an end to night
and the dreaded bugles blew.
All day long waged the battle strong
but they never reached the crest.
And the heathen foe retreated
below to soothe their wounds and rest.
I stood upright to gauge the fight
and slowly gazed around.
I knew but three of my company
who survived that battle ground.
What can be said in the words to be read
to the mothers of brave young men
When another drum beckons,
"come!" and they will die again and again?
For somewhere still, there's another hill
and a soldier, tired and sore.
Who stifles fear but dreads to hear
the bugles blow once more.

Thomas Lynn (8240th AU)

At My Mother's Side

I was at my mother's side
The day the notice came,
It said your son is missing
We share you grief and pain.
I was at my mother's side
When she cried and carried on,
I really didn't understand,
But I knew that something must be wrong.
I was at my mother's side
As she anxiously did search,
For word that would reveal to her
Where her son could be.
With the passing of my parents,
They may think the matter closed.
Just another M.I.A.
To mark our struggles fought.
An M.I.A. He is not!
He's more than that to me.
For what he meant to her,
He also means to me.
What They never realized is
I was at my mother's side.
The answers that They kept from her,
They now must give to me.

by David A. Velasco

(David also wrote the beautiful poem on the back cover. David was 6 years old when he lost his brother. His brother, Frank A. Velasco was MIA at the Chosin in Dec., 1950, A Co., 32nd Regiment. We understand your loss.)

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.

Walker Hill ad
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Charter

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

Second: The term for which it is organized shall be perpetual.

Third: Its particular business and objects shall be:

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

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

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

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

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

6. To establish and maintain a national headquarters

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

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

Office

The principal office of the corporation shall be located in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. All communications shall be directed to the office.

The corporation may be such other offices, either within or with-

out the State of New York, as the Executive Council may determine.

By-Laws

Article I

Membership

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

Section I. Types of Membership.

Membership in this association shall consist of Honorary members, Regular members, and Associate members.

A. Honorary Members

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

B. Regular Members

1. *Service in United States Armed Forces.* Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, said service being within Korea (September 3, 1945-June 24, 1950); within or without Korea (June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955), or who as a member of the armed forces of the United States as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955, shall be eligible for membership.

2. *United Nations Command and Korean Armed Forces.* Any person who served honorably in the armed forces of the United Nations Command or in the Republic of Korea armed forces during the Korean War era and thereafter shall be eligible for membership. However, UN and Korean Forces cumulative membership of the Association shall not at any time, exceed 10% of the total Association membership.

3. *Medal of Honor.* Any Medal of Honor recipient, so honored for service in Korea during the Korean War era shall be entitled to free life membership.

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

5. *Gold Star Parents or Spouses.* Any Gold Star parent or spouse whose child or spouse was killed in

action, was reported missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War shall be entitled to free life membership.

6. *Application.* Any person qualified for membership as set forth above may present a written membership application on a form prepared and approved by the Executive Council. The application when accompanied by the current necessary annual or life dues shall be an agreement that said applicant will agree, abide by and conform to the Charter, By-laws, and regular procedures of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. Such application shall be accepted by any Chapter or Department Officer, or by the National office direct.

7. *Voting Rights.* Each regular member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote. Honorary and Associate members do not have a vote.

8. *Termination of Membership.* The Executive Council, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote may, after an appropriate hearing, suspend or expel a member for cause. The Executive Council shall without a hearing, but upon notice to the member, suspend or terminate anyone's membership for non-payment of dues. No Chapter may take any action against a member unless it has first petitioned the Executive Council, through the National Secretary, showing just cause for such action together with proof that said member has received due warning in writing, and the Executive Council has so agreed, in writing by the National Secretary.

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

10. *Reinstatement.* Any member who resigned or whose membership was suspended for the non payment of dues shall automatically be reinstated upon payment of current dues. Any member whose membership was suspended or terminated for cause, by the Executive Council must make written application to the Secretary for Executive Council reinstatement consideration necessitating a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

11. *Transfer of Membership.* Membership in this Association shall not be transferred or assigned.

C. Associate Members

Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Association, who wishes to support its aims, but who is not eligible for regular membership may, if they agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the Charter and By-laws, be eligible for associate membership.

D. Ineligibility.

Any person who was discharged other than honorably from any of the membership entitled Armed Forces Commands shall not be entitled to membership of this organization.

Section 2. Dues

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

B. *The executive council has authority to recommend changes in the dues structure, for membership approval.*

Article II

Election of Officers

Section 1. National Officers.

Members eligible to vote shall (by the absentee ballot system set forth hereinafter), elect a National President. National First Vice President. and National Second Vice President. Such elections to be held every other year immediately prior to their results being announced at the general business meeting of the annual convention reunion being held that year. Each elected National Officer shall, in general, hold office for two (2) years and may not serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. Individual new terms of office will commence, and expired terms cease, immediately following the general administration of the Oath of Office to be held on the same day as the general meeting of that year's annual convention reunion; this equally applies to those in absentia. No

National Officer may hold any other National elected office at the same time.

Section 2. National Directors.

Members eligible to vote shall, (by the absentee ballot system set forth hereinafter), elect four (4) National Directors. Such elections to be held each year immediately prior to their results being announced at the general business meeting of the annual convention reunion. Each elected National Director shall, in general, hold office for three (3) years, and may not serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms. Individual new terms of office will commence, and expired terms cease, immediately following the general administration of the Oath of Office to be held at the reunion banquet at the general business meeting of that year's annual convention reunion. No National Director may hold any other elected office at the same time, with the exception of that of a committee chairperson or member.

Section 3. Executive Council.

All sixteen (16) elected Officers and Directors past and present are automatically voting members of the Executive Council.

Section 4. Election Procedures.

A. Each Regular member, in good standing, shall have a vote for all National Officers and Directors. Each member shall cast only their own vote. Proxy voting is not permitted.

B. The National Secretary shall issue a call for an election which shall be published in the "Graybeards" edition due to be issued eight (8) months prior to the date of the next scheduled annual general meeting. Eye-catching attention to the notice shall be on the first page of the "Graybeards" referring readers to the appropriate page in that issue. The call for election shall state the offices available, and that any Regular member, in good standing, may announce for any one office. The call shall state the Nominations and Elections Committee Chair's name and address; the address for collecting the submitted declaration of candidacy; all deadlines for declaring and for voting; and the procedures to be followed in filing for office. The Nominations & Elections Committee shall consist of a current member of the

Executive Council, and two other Regular members, in good standing, of the Chair's choice.

C. No later than six (6) months before the date of the next general business meeting, any person who is a Regular member, in good standing, seeding to run for National Officer or National Director, should declare their intentions, in writing, to the Chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee, using the following format:

Requirements

a. Must submit a letter with the following:

(1) The office for which you intend to run;

(2) A resume of your qualifications and experience that will benefit the Association.

(3) Proof of having been a KWVA member for at least one complete year.

(4) Your current mailing address, phone number, and KWVA membership number.

(5) This letter will be limited to approximately one typed A4 page.

b. Must present proof of honorable service by submitting a copy of your DD-214 or other document notarized as a true copy showing eligible service and a statement releasing your document for verification by the Nominations & Elections Committee.

c. Must present a current photograph suitable for publication in the Association newsletter.

d. A signed statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and that you understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office, and that three (3) such absences indicates your resignation from office.

e. MOH and POW Life members excepted, a signed statement that your dues currently paid through the term of office you are seeking. Be advised however, late payment of delinquent dues will exclude you from eligibility elected office at this time.

f. Send the above items by return receipt requested delivery, to the Nominations & Elections Committee Chair to arrive not later than the 15th of the sixth month prior to the date of that year's annual reunion.

D. The Nominations & Elections Committee Chair shall, if appropriate, certify that the candidates are

qualified to stand for office. Their declarations in full shall be sent by the Nominations & Elections Committee Chair to the Editor of "Graybeards" for publication in the immediately following issue of "Graybeards." Publications in an earlier issue of "Graybeards" is also permitted provided said declaration is submitted in sufficient time, to and through the Nominations & Elections Committee Chair in accordance with the above instructions.

E. The Editor of "Graybeards," working with proper officials shall prepare and publish a ballot for printing, which shall appear in only the same issue of "Graybeards" as that carrying the Nominations & Elections Committee's certification of candidates. No duplicate of other ballots will be honored or accepted.

F. Members shall cast their ballot by marking their choices and returning the official ballot by return receipt requested delivery to the specified address, to arrive no later than seventeen (17) days before the date of that year's annual general business meeting. A Certified Public Accountant shall count the ballots and transmit the findings in a sealed cover, to be opened at the appropriate time by the Nominations & Elections Committee Chair during that general business meeting.

Article III

Appointment of Officers

Appointed Officers must be Regular members in good standing.

Section 1. Secretary and Treasurer.

The newly elected President shall, immediately following the Oath of Office ceremony and in the immediate next issue of the "Graybeards," announce the appointment of a National Secretary and a National Treasurer, such appointments to be ratified, or otherwise, by the Executive Council at its immediate next meeting. The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Council. There shall be no limit on the period of time each may serve. Both offices may be held concurrently by the same person, but neither person may hold any other elected or appointed office, other than that of committee

member. Should it be necessary, for any reason whatsoever, to replace either officer during their period of office, the President shall appoint a replacement with such appointment to be ratified, or otherwise, by the Executive Council at its immediate next meeting. It is the President's responsibility to ensure that appointees are qualified and eligible to hold office.

Section 2. Other Office Appointments.

The newly elected President shall also appoint other officials, such as: a Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian, POW/MIA Officer, assistant Secretary and or assistant Treasurer, as well as other officials as needed. All such appointees shall serve a term of office concurrent with that of the President, or at the President's pleasure. There is no prohibition to one person holding more than one such appointment, nor serving as a committee member. The President may, but is not obliged to, seek the Executive Council's ratification of appointment or termination of such offices. However, the Executive Council may, by a majority vote, oppose or terminate such an appointment. It is the President's responsibility to ensure that appointees are qualified and eligible to hold office.

Article IV

Elected and Appointed Officers and Directors Terms of Service

Section 1. Conditions of Service

A. Indemnification. Each and every, elected or appointed, Officer, Director or Committee Member of the Association, past, present or future, shall be indemnified by the Association against any and all claims and liabilities to which they have or shall become subject by reason of serving or having served in such capacity for all legal expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with any such claim or liability, provided, however, that no such person shall be indemnified against, or be reimbursed for, any expense incurred in connection with, any such claim or liability arising out of their own willful misconduct or gross negligence. The amount paid to any Officer, Director or Committee Member by way of indemnification shall not exceed their actual, reasonable, and necessary expenses incurred in

connection with the matter involved, and such additional amount as may be fixed by a special committee appointed by the Executive Council. This right of indemnification herein - before provided for shall not be exclusive of any rights to which any Officer, Director or Committee Member of the Association may otherwise be entitled by law.

B. Removal. (I) Any Elected Officer or Director of the Association may be suspended forthwith from office, for cause, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Council, or two-thirds (2/3) vote of Regular members in good standing at the general business meeting of the annual convention reunion, whether such Official be in attendance or not at that meeting, after charges have been preferred under oath in writing, and a hearing held at a special or the next scheduled Executive Council meeting, or at a general business meeting of the annual convention reunion, whether the Official be in attendance or not. Removal must be in accordance with Articles # 706 and 714 of New York Not for Profit Corporation Laws.

(II) Any Elected Officer or Director not in attendance for two (2) unexcused consecutive Executive Council meetings could be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council; any absence of three (3) consecutive meetings without just cause shall be deemed a resignation of office.

C. Authorities and Duties of Elected Officers. Elected Officers shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Executive Council. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of officers of the same title serving in other non for profit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this Association. In general these duties will be:

1) The President:

a) shall perform the functions conferred upon the presidency by these bylaws and shall generally be responsible for the execution of the policies and programs decided upon the Executive Council;

b) may appoint standing com-

mittees and special committees composed of members at large to assist in the execution of presidential duties;

c) shall have the authority to call for and preside over meetings of members of the Association at the Annual Convention Reunion and of the Executive Council;

d) may recommend to the Executive Council any action considered necessary and proper for the welfare of the Association;

e) shall sign all documents legally binding to the Association, except in the case of disbursements by check or draft drawn on the Association account or an account managed by it; such checks or drafts will be signed by any two (2) of the three (3) authorized signatories.

II) The Vice Presidents:

a) shall assist the President in the performance of presidential duties;

b) shall in order of President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President act

in the President's absence and have the authority of the President;

c) shall in the absence of each the other act on the other's behalf,

D. Remuneration. No Elected or Appointed Official of the Association shall receive any remuneration whatsoever for services as an official of the Association, except that the Executive Council may, from time to time, establish one time payment fees for extra secretarial or treasurer services.

E. Vacancies. Any vacancy in any elected office for any reason whatsoever may be filled by the Executive Council until the next scheduled election for that office.

F. Secretary:

a) is responsible for the management of the day-to-day business of the Association, and shall perform all connected administrative duties required by the President;

b) shall be responsible for recording the minutes of meetings of the Association and shall keep the records of the Association;

c) shall maintain communications with the Membership and Reunion Committees, offering assistance as required to publicize their actions to include assisting in development of charter groups and

in making arrangements for reunions.

d) thirty days prior to each reunion will submit to every Officer of the Association an agenda for the Executive Council and general business meetings of the annual convention reunion;

e) or the assistant secretary shall be editor of the Association bulletin and from material provided by the members and other official and unofficial sources, shall maintain bi-monthly communications with all members on matters of general interest, with specific attention to Korean War Veterans activities and Chapter and Department news;

f) in the performance of these duties may, when authorized by the Executive Council, hire clerical or other assistance for the proper and expeditious conduct of Association affairs.

G. The Treasurer:

a) shall at the direction of the Executive Council be bonded;

b) shall maintain custodianship of certain funds and shall, at the direction of the Executive Council, prepare periodic financial statements for their inspection and for publication in each issue of the "Graybeards,"

c) shall be responsible for collecting dues and other monies on behalf of the Association and for making timely and proper disbursements from the Association funds;

d) shall ensure that there are three (3) current authorized signatures on record with the Association's financial institution, all three must be current members of the Executive Council and include that of the President, 1st Vice President and Treasurer;

e) shall ensure that every check drawn on the Association account or any account managed by the Association is signed by two (2) of the three authorized signatories;

H. The Chaplain:

a) shall conduct the annual Memorial Service to honor those who were killed in action in the Korean War, or who died of wounds as a result of hostile actions, and to memorialize Association members who are deceased;

b) shall work closely with the Reunion Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer and perform such other functions as

requested by the President.

I. The Historian:

a) shall prepare an annual history of the Association and be responsible for obtaining news releases and other material pertinent to the maintenance of the Korean War Veterans Association Historical Record;

b) shall perform other duties as requested by the President.

J. The Judge Advocate:

a) will be the legal advisor to National Officers, National Directors, Executive Council and Committee Chairpersons;

Article V

Executive Council

1. The Executive Council. The National Association shall have an Executive Council consisting of sixteen (16) voting members comprised of three (3) National Officers (past and present) - President; First Vice President and Second Vice President, past President and twelve (12) National Directors, who shall all have one vote each. The National Secretary and National Treasurer neither of whom shall have a vote; making a total of eighteen (18) in all. All its members shall serve for as long as they hold National office or immediate Past President designation. The President of the Association may be the Chair.

2. Functions of the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall formulate Association policies and supervise the execution thereof provided they are not in conflict with these bylaws. It shall have at least one previously promulgated meeting during the Annual Convention Reunion preceding the General Business Meeting and at one other time between annual convention reunions. However, the President may call for as many meetings as is deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Association. It shall establish rules for itself and its internal committees, which shall not conflict with these bylaws, and is responsible for orderly and timely actions between its regular meetings. The Executive Council may make rules as to the manner of notifying its members of business meetings and these are to be recorded in the Standard Procedures Manual. The Executive Council shall have the control and management of the affairs, property and funds of the

Association.

3. *Open Meetings.* All meetings of the Executive Council shall be open to any executive session member in good standing of the Association, and except for Executive session. If there is a need a non-Executive Council member may be invited to address the Council. However, only members of the Council may propose or second motions and only elected Council members may vote.

4. *Quorum.* Nine (9) elected voting members of the Executive Council shall make a quorum. If a quorum is not present business may be conducted but no votes may be taken until such time as a quorum is present. It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that a quorum is present for each and every vote.

5. *Voting.* Unless stated elsewhere in these bylaws all votes of the Executive Council shall be by a simple majority vote.

6. *Business without a meeting.* Any member of the Executive Council may conduct business without a meeting if conference telephone facilities are available, or if each member is contacted individually and agrees to the business being transacted without a meeting; at least nine (9) elected members must agree and such business must then be immediately followed by a written resolution signed by each of the same nine (9) elected members. Any such action must be ratified at the next Executive Council meeting.

7. *Records and Minutes.* The records (Standard Procedures Manual) entries and minutes of each Executive Council meeting will be available for scrutiny by an Association member in good standing and will, time permitting, be published in the next issue of the "Graybeards."

Article VI

Committees

A- There shall be two types of Committees:

1. *Standing Committees.* Standing Committees shall include the following: Budget and Finance; Membership; Nominations & Elections; Resolutions; Reunion Site and Bylaws. The President, with the consent of the Executive Council, shall appoint the chair of each Standing Committee, who may be a current member of the

Executive Council. Each chair shall serve for a term of one year at a time, subject to reconfirmation by the Executive Council and will continue to serve for a full term regardless of status as an Executive Council member.

2. *Special Committees.* Special Committees shall be appointed by the President as needed, and shall serve at his pleasure, such committees include, but are not limited to: Publicity; Tell America; Reunion operations current year; Reunion operations future years; etc.

3. *Committee Duties and Responsibilities.* The duties and responsibility of each committee are defined in the charge issued to that committee. A list of committees will be published in the "Graybeards."

Article VII

Annual and Special Meetings

1. The selection of the site and dates of the Reunion shall be at the recommendation of the 'Reunion Site' (Standing) Committee, agreed by the Executive Council.

2. The Annual General Business meeting will be held each year at the annual reunion.

3. Where all members have been given notice of the meeting, one hundred (100) Regular members, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not in attendance the meeting may proceed with business but no vote may be taken until a quorum is present. It will be the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that a quorum is present for each and every vote.

4. Unless stated otherwise elsewhere in these bylaws, the vote on all matters shall be decided by a simple majority of Regular members, in good standing, in attendance and voting at the meetings. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

5. A special meeting of the general membership may be called by a thirty (30) day written notice by the President, or over one-half of the Executive Council, or by ten (10) percent of the regular members, in good standing, by affixing their names to a petition for said meeting. The business of the meeting shall be described in the notice calling for the meeting, which shall also state the time and place of the meeting.

Article VIII

Departments and Chapters

1. Departments.

Section 1. Geographical Areas. Each of the United States (50), United States Territory (American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), the District of Columbia, as well as a Department(s) for the nations of the United Nations Command and Korea, shall establish a Department upon the certification of two or more chartered Chapters within said geographical area.

Section 2. Purpose. To bring together all chartered Chapters and their members in their geographical area, to this end it would be advantageous if a Department Newsletter could be established as soon as possible after formation, and ensure that a copy of each issue is sent to both the National Historian and the editor of the "Graybeards," to promote and assist with the formation of more chartered Chapters in the geographical area; to approach National members at-large and ask them to join or assist in forming such new chartered Chapters; to represent the geographical area at National meetings; to promote the KWVA on a geographical area forum.

Section 3 Incorporation. As soon as possible, following the granting of an Association charter to the second certificated Chapter in the geographical area, a Department organizational meeting shall be called to establish the formation of a Department; to elect and appoint Department officers; to adopt bylaws not inconsistent with National bylaws and these to be presented to National for record purposes within twelve (12) months of the date of the charter; and to make application to the appropriate authority for a certificate of incorporation as a not for profit corporation known as the 'Korean War Veterans Association Department of _____ Inc.' Thereafter application may be made on Federal Form SS-4 Application for Employer Identification number (EIN).

Section 4. Officers. Each Department of the Korean War Veterans Association shall elect Department President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer during the annual meeting for said

Department to be held prior to the end of the month of June each year. The results of said election shall be transmitted forthwith to the National Secretary. The President shall appoint all other officers and committees as needed. No person may hold two elected department offices, except for Secretary and Treasurer, which offices may be held by one person.

Section 5 Department Council. The Department corporation shall have a Department Council consisting of the elected officers, the appointed officers and each Chapter President or a member selected by the Chapter President.

Section 6. Officers and Offices. Each Korean War Veterans Association Department shall elect and appoint Department Officers as it considers necessary for the efficient operation of the Department. It is also recommended that whenever possible such officers, should have previously served at least one full term as an elected officer of a local Chapter. Titles of Department Officers should correspond with those of their National counterpart, however, it is not necessary to have as many officials as National. Each chartered Chapter which has paid its Department current dues shall have one voting representative on the Executive Council. It is suggested that the Department president, Vice President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer, all elected Officers, together with each Chapter representative, the latter usually being the Chapter President or previously certified nominee, all be voting members of the Department Executive Council, and that a voting quorum of the Executive Council be one more than fifty percent of the total number of its voting members.

Section 7. Term of Office. All Department elected Officers should, in general, have a term of office of either one or two years and, unless new candidates are not available, should not serve for more than two consecutive terms in any one office. Unless there is a shortage of willing candidates, elected Officers should not hold more than one office at a time, the Secretary and Treasurer duties may be undertaken by the same person.

Section 8. Organization and Duties. In general Departments should be organized and operated

on similar lines to National, but flexibility of methods and timing of events may well be paramount to the efficient running of a smaller organization. Similarly, the duties of Department Officers should, whenever practicable follow those of National Officers, but local exigencies may dictate otherwise. Departments should have at least one general business meeting a year, preferably at the annual convention reunion and the Department Executive Council should hold at least two meetings per year, one of which should be at the annual convention reunion before the general business meeting. Departments shall keep National advised of their activities, meetings and names, addresses and telephone numbers of all Department Officers, and should send at least one specific report a year to the editor of the GRAY-BEARDS for inclusion in the edition scheduled to issue immediately prior to the Department annual convention reunion.

Section 9. Membership. All Association chartered Chapters in any one geographical area shall become members of their Department and pay Department assessed membership dues. Any Chapter not paying its dues forfeits its right to Department participation and by so doing also forfeits the right of its members to vote at Department General Business meetings. It is suggested that the Department annually forecast an estimate of its year-by-year operating expenditure and divide this figure equally by the number of Chapters comprising the Department and that each Chapter, in order to retain its Department membership and right to attend Executive Council meetings and vote, should pay this amount. Individual members in good standing of participating Chapters automatically have the right to vote at all non Executive Council Department meetings, however, individual National members in good standing, at-large, in the geographical area, but not a member of a Chapter, do not enjoy voting rights. Departments also have the right to require all members attending their annual convention reunion to pay convention attendance fees, anyone refusing to pay such fees may be refused admittance. It is suggested that a quorum

for Department general business meetings should be the number of elected officers on the Department Executive Council plus two for each chartered Chapter in the Department. The Department President shall Chair all Department meetings.

Section 10. Dissolution. Departments which have been unable to operate to the basic requirements as set out above and or have had their Charter revoked by National, for any reason, should inform all the necessary local authorities and if necessary, all Department property disbursed in accordance with the United States Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the state of incorporation.

2. Chapters

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

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

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

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

Treasurer, which offices may be held by one person.

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

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

Section 7. Power and Duties. The several chapter officers shall have such powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officer of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this Association.

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

Article IX

Parliamentary Authority

All meetings shall be conducted under the provisions of these bylaws and/or Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, (most current edition).

Article X

Amendments and Resolution

Section 1. Bylaws. Any proposed amendment to the bylaws,

including CHARTER, may be submitted by any Regular member in good standing, either in writing or in person, to the Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee who, provided such proposal was received thirty (30) days before the next scheduled Executive Council meeting, shall present the proposed amendment to that meeting of the Executive Council. The Executive Council will then present the proposal, as received, to the very next general business meeting, however the Council may recommend further amendment or rejection at the time of presentation. The proposed amendment may be discussed, further amended and then voted upon. Acceptance of any amendment requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership quorum in attendance. If accepted the amendment will become effective, immediately, but shall never apply retroactively.

Section 2. Resolutions. Resolutions may be proposed to the Resolutions Committee no later than thirty days prior to meetings of the Executive Council. The Resolutions Committee shall first present all resolutions to the Executive Council which may comment favorably or unfavorably upon each. The Resolutions Committee Chairperson will then submit the resolutions to the very next general business meeting, but rather than read the entire resolution the Chairperson may submit the gist of the proposal together with the Executive Council's recommendation. Approval of the resolution will be by a simple majority vote of the general business meetings and such approval constitute a directive to the Executive Council to act upon it.

Graybeards Copies

The requests for extra Graybeards to support printing of same was such a success we will offer extra copies for every issue on a first-come first-serve basis. For future issues if you wish to make sure your orders are filled I must have advanced payment. Your order along with check or money order made out to KWVA National must be sent to the Editor by the first week of the first month of by-monthly issues. i.e. November-December issue, orders must be in first week of November. We request minimum orders of 5 at \$1 donation per copy plus \$3.20 postage. We can send up to 7 copies for \$3.20 postage. For orders above 7 copies additional costs for postage is \$3.20 for each increment of 7 plus \$1 per copy. Example: If you wish to order a full year (6 issues), send a check for \$61.20 with your request. —Editor.

Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library — Progress Report

Museum Update - June 26, 1999



The board of trustees has received encouraging news from Korea. We have received a letter of support from the Hyundai Corporation.

We cannot specify these terms of support but we will be working with our Museum Ambassadors in the Korean Support Groups to clarify this support. We will have more to report in our newsletters. We also have heard reports that Illinois Governor George Ryan supports our project; however, we do not know what this would be at this time. Regardless, we are encouraged by the governor's support.

The Board of Trustees has taken some action at the June 12, 1999 meeting that should help improve communications with our membership. Tricia North and Sharon Corum will be co-editors of the newsletter. The phone number for the Korean War Veterans National Museum

and Library is (217) 253-5813 and the e-mail address is <kwmuseum@advance.net.net>. These changes were made to relieve Lynnitia of some of her workload.

At the May Board of Trustees meeting, a motion was approved to discontinue monthly meetings. We now will meet quarterly, unless a special meeting needs to be called. This decision will allow for trustees to come from greater distances. All trustees pay their own expenses.

The 2nd annual membership meeting of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library was held at the Douglas County Museum on June 12, 1999.

The following trustees were re-elected to serve a three-year term: Jim Lutke of Chicago, Chung Sik Rodrigues of Chicago, and Morlin Zimmerman of Monroe, WI. The newest member of the Board of Trustees is Doug Fargo from Charlestown, WV. Doug has been working on our Wall of Honor and he has attended several meetings in the past. In

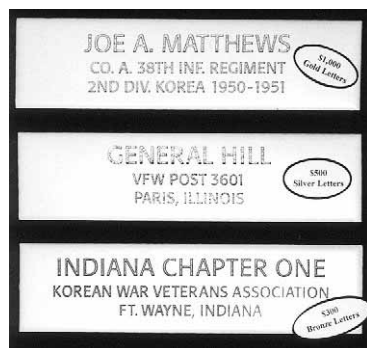
addition, Doug has enlisted the help of Stan Hadden and they have developed a model for the Gold Star Gallery.

The election committee also reported that a proposed amendment to the constitution be made to extend the Charter Membership until the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library's ground-breaking. Another proposal was to authorize the Korean communities to form Friends of the museum support groups. Both proposals passed.

As a result of the fund-raiser in the Chicago area in April, the museum has 63 new Korean members. Our membership has now reached 950 members. If you have not already joined, we invite you to do so and support the museum and library. And don't forget to tell your friends about this project to honor veterans! In order to get the word out, we need your support.

Robert H. Kenney, President

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.**

Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Irvin L. Sharp



PFC Irvin L. Sharp, Served in Korean War 1950-1953, Second Infantry Division, Ninth Infantry Regiment, D Company.

Three days that American citizens, especially veterans, will always remember are Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day.

With the celebration of Independence Day, we recall the American Revolutionary War, which was fought from about 1775 to 1781. The underlying causes of their dissatisfaction were many and the colonists in North America demanded independence from Great Britain. The British, under General Lord Cornwallis, were unable to

withstand the combined siege by General George Washington's land troops and the French fleet. Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown on October 19, 1781 marked the end of the war. The final peace treaty was signed at Paris, France in 1783.

Notes on the Star Spangled Banner¹

Francis Scott Key, a lawyer, wrote the lyrics after watching the British attack Fort McHenry, Maryland, in 1814, during the War of 1812. The melody was taken from "To Anacreon in Heaven," a drinking song of the Anacreontic Society of London, England, that was written by the British composer, John Stafford Smith. Key's words were first published in a broadside in 1814 under the title of "Defense of Fort McHenry." The song's title was changed when it appeared in sheetmusic form later the same year. After a century of general use, the four-stanza song was officially adopted as the national anthem by act of Congress in 1931. Innumerable publications of the song through the years have shown variations in both words and music. An official arrangement was prepared by John Philip Sousa for the U.S. Army and Navy, and music educators have spent much time and effort in arriving at a practical version.

The accepted text of "The Star-Spangled Banner" is as follows:

(1) Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly fly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

(4) Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "in God is our Trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The second and third stanzas are customarily omitted out of courtesy to the British:

(2) On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream.
'Tis the star-spangled banner, oh, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

(3) And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of way and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave.
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh, God, we pray that you continue to preserve our country in peace and prosperity and its inhabitants in loyalty and dedication.

Amen.

¹ Encyclopedia Britannica - Online

Book ad
"The Korean War"

KWVA Members and Friends

Visit the KWVA web site at: [HTTP://www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)

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 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:

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Feaster, J.
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Wahler, C.
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Wyso, J.

Yeo, T.
Zimmerman, I.

Organizations:

Maryland Chapter
South Dade Chapter - Florida
Shoreline Travel

In Memory of:

Harry R. Theyng
(by Gordon Beem)
Dale W. Garwood
(by Blanche Garwood)
Robert L. Maxwell
(by Chuck Herch)

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thirty-five years of service to his country as a full colonel and the army's liaison officer to Congress.

(Many KWVA Officers, members and veteran friends attended the service held by the family at Fort Myer Chapel and followed the Flag Draped Caisson and Honor Guard to the burial site in Arlington, VA. There were not many dry eyes as family members recalled Scooter's history from birth to death in their lives. Those of us outside his family knew of his heroics in Korea and his dedication to Korean War Veterans because of his involvement as a Director in our Association. After hearing the family members and reading the full outline of his service, we now further understand why he was so special and respected by many. We know Scooter is up in heaven and telling his men that they were not forgotten and giving them hell for getting killed. We all must carry on Scooter's dedication of remembrance of all that did not come home. God Bless you Scooter, we are all better people by just knowing you. Editor.)

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.



Alabama

★ Carlton G. Springer, Sr.

Arkansas

★ Lloyd Scooter Burke, MOH

California

★ Raymond P. Cutting
★ John A. Eide
★ Gerald R. Ryder

Connecticut

★ Ernest S. Deschenes

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★ Ronald V. Mossing
★ Jack W. Schotts

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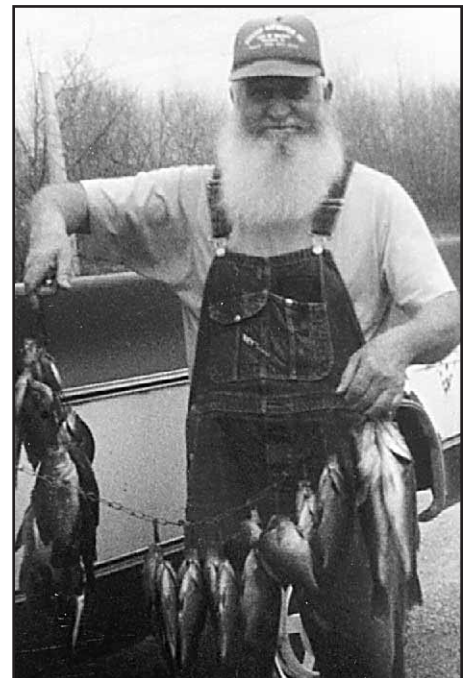
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Reunions

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, P.O. 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, Niagara 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.

151st Combat Engineer Bn. reunion, Sept. 9-12, at Shoney's Inn in Lebanon, TN. Contact, Jack R. Cato, 216 S. Maple St., Lebanon, TN 37087 Tel: 615-444-9273 days or 615-444-5225 evenings, Fax: 615-444-9281. E-Mail: <rmcata@concentric.net>

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 ussdade@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 Algol 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: USMCCCA@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, Eilerslie, GA 31807-5522, Tel: 706-561-0774

3d U.S. Inf. Regt (The Old Guard), Sept. 23 -26, at Ft. Myer, VA. Open to all who served with the Army's Oldest Regt., all Bns. Former Old Guardsmen from Ft. Snelling are invited, as well as those who served in Washington and Europe. Contact: Don Cofsky, 36 Tilegate Glen, Fairport, NY 14450, or e-mail to: kvetdonc@frontiernet.net 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 conjunc-

tion 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: kdwren@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 ES727409@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 waymarpoff@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 JFEDRICK@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

USS Valley Forge (CV/CVA/CVS-45; LPH-8; CG-50) October 6-10 Mystic, CT Ships company, air group, flag and marines. Contact Rod Sweet at 860572-9256 or e-mail at outhouserod@snet.net

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.Interlaken, 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

31st Infantry Regiment Association October 11-14 Laughlin, Nevada. Contact Tom Murray 3375 N Fairfax #66, Kingman, AZ 86401, Tel: 520-692-8710 or email recontom@ctaz.com. Or, visit our web site at <http://home.earfilink.net/~rontodd/index.html>, click on association then reunion 99 for full details

Tank Co. 169th Inf. Reg. 43rd Div. reunion in Sturbridge Massachusetts, Oct. 13-14, contact George Beer, Tel: 508-885-6477.

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.

Maryland Chapter Fall Conference at Dunes Manor, Ocean City, MD., Oct. 30-31, contact Leroy Zamostny 8432 Alvin Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122, Tel: 410-225-4409

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.

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

Korean War Veterans of the **90th Field Artillery Bn.**, 25th Infantry Division (1950-1953), Ninth Annual Reunion is scheduled for the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, area next October. Contact Andrew Lewis, 2139 Ora Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72701, Tel: 501-442-4612

B-1-1 Korea, October 1999 at Virginia Beach, VA, Contact Tom Prendergast at 561-283-6813 or Phillip Ackert at 650-712-9625.

24th Draft to Korea from Camp Pendleton, looking to form a reunion with any 1st, 5th or 7th Marines. Contact Tom Prendergast at 561-283-6813

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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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: 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.



1950 — 1953



2000 — 2003



Proposed Commemorations of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

Event	Place	ODV	Date (1999)
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
Time Zone Difference (EDT): Korea + 13 (EST): Korea + 14

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!

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A BROTHERS LOVE

You ask why I embark on this,
This search that has no hope.

If you can't feel, I can't explain.
You'll never understand.

If I were there and he were here
He'd do the same for me.

A brother's love cannot be
measured by instruments of man.

No time too great or distance far
to dissuade me from my search.

I must not stop, I will not stop.
I need to know the truth.

I cannot buy the MIA.
The line so freely used.

If I should find his last remains
or know the place he died,
Then I can stand and speak for him
and let him know I tried.

To let him know I missed him so.
To let him know I cared.

I always felt that when one dies
some words would ease the pain.

Some words of love some word of hope.
To rest eternally.

I know some day we'll meet again
of that there is no doubt.

But till that day has come for me
I must continue on.

To know the men who knew him well,
his final resting place.

I cannot buy the MIA,
it does not sit with me .

By David A. Velasse
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at the VA Cemetery 5-27-91

As you can see on the front cover and on inside pages, we show our pride in groups, such as color guards, chapters, reunions, parades, etc. Our remembrance also at times may be singular for that special loved one. The true meaning of brother is shown by our emotions on Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Armed Forces Day when we honor each other and remember those that paid the supreme sacrifice. Yes, sometimes we forget but we are all brothers and those still on duty in those shallow graves need all of us to tell others of their acts of bravery for they should never be MIA in our minds.



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