

## Rodney F. Layer (December 6, 1930 – April 23, 2012)



**Rodney F. Layer, KWVA LR40781**, was found deceased by his housekeeper on Monday morning April 23, 2012. I personally saw Rod about 4 PM on Saturday, April 21, 2012, when he and I served at a KWVA Tell America Fund Drive. He had not complained of any illness, and was looking forward to a church youth group coming to help him clean his lot.

Rod was with the 25th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 51st Fighter Interceptor Group stationed on Okinawa when the Korean War started.

The Squadron moved to Kimpo Air Base in Korea immediately after Kimpo was retaken in the fall of 1950. The Squadron flew missions out of Kimpo until the U.N. forces fell back below the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel in January of

1951 when the Chinese became involved.

It then conducted missions again from Japan until it returned to Korea later in 1951.

Rod joined KWVA Chapter 169, soon after its formation in 1998. Soon thereafter, he began publishing the Chapter Newsletter, *The Scuttlebutt*.

Rod is referenced once in the Chapter History

[http://cid169.kwva.org/chapter/chapter\\_history.htm](http://cid169.kwva.org/chapter/chapter_history.htm) It was with an January 2003 entry that said "... and *Rod Layer reinitiated a Chapter Newsletter.*"

Rod lived on LaPlace Court, Eustis, FL. His wife, Diana, passed away Sunday, January 28, 2007.

Rod assisted with the Chapter's Tell America Fund Drives, and in fact was so occupied on the Friday and Saturday preceding his death.

Rodney L Layer was laid to rest next to his wife Diana at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 4, 2012, at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. TJThiel

Rod's nearest survivor is his nephew:

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