

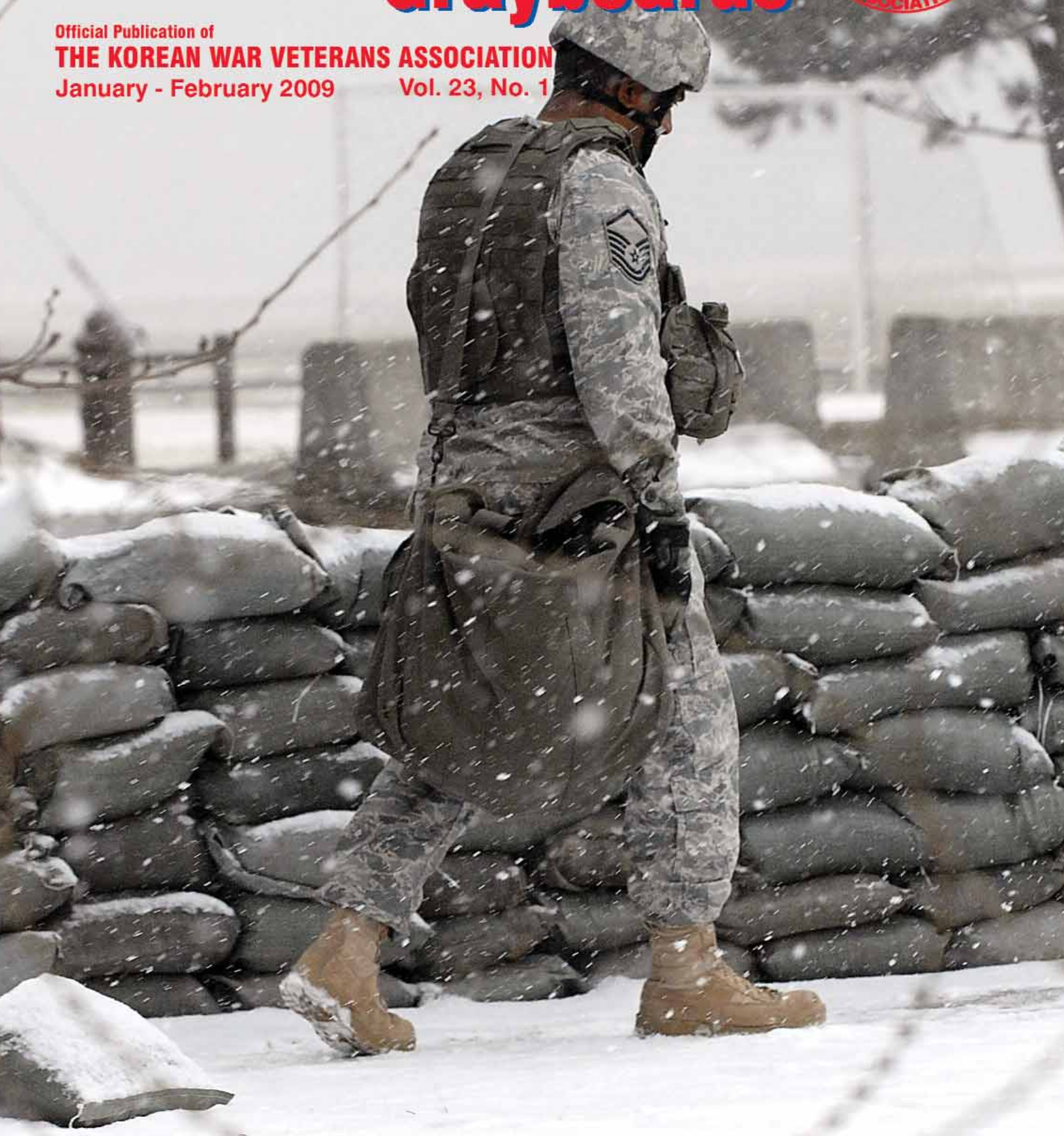
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From the President

William Mac Swain

I wish all Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. members a Happy New Year! We

indeed need one that straightens out our economic worries and puts us back on track, where we have some control of our finances, and for most of us our 401K and IRA's that have seen a downturn in their worth.

I know that when you read this message you will have noticed the cover of our magazine. I have received some messages that say it is about time that we let people know that we are Korea veterans. At the same time I have received messages which ask, "Why in the world did you allow this change?" So, I believe some explanation is necessary as to why the Board of Directors decided to change the name.

First, the name has not been changed. It has had a statement added that says this magazine is *about* and *for* the Korea veteran. And to our many members who remember why it was called *The Graybeards*, it is still called *The Graybeards*. I think this was a very good compromise that was reached by the Board of Directors, to let everyone who comes across this magazine to understand that it is *about* and *for* all Korea Veterans.

It should also be noted that the Board of Directors made the decision on the wording and also the size of the print. The vote to make a change was unanimous, with no objection by the eleven voting members available at the October 24, 2008 Board Meeting in Norfolk, Virginia. They were not only asked and given a picture of the actual cover, but it was a unanimous decision by the entire Board of Directors as to what the cover wording would look like for each edition.

You will find in this edition a Fund Raiser which only asks the Life Members, who no longer or never were required to pay dues, for their help by donating funds for an edition of *The Graybeards*. Each edition cost around \$27,000. Those Life Members who have been members for

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only six years now are being furnished a free magazine six times a year. If you look at the fact that we have nearly seven thousand (7,000) Life and POW Members who do not pay dues, yet receive an edition, you can see what kind of financial problem we face each year.

Yes! It may be said that if we had placed the Life Membership in a fund and drawn interest we would not have this problem. You are right, but that should have been done at the start many years ago. Seven thousand (7,000) members at \$150 each would have been \$1,050,000 times an average of 2.5% and would net us \$26,250/year—not quite one edition. No one did the math and now we suffer from inflation and the cost of mailing and publishing is higher than back in the good old days.

The saying still stands that hindsight is always better than foresight. We, as a Board of Directors, figured that out too late and changed the rate for Life Membership a couple years ago. I "Thank" the Fund Raising Committee for making this attempt to raise funds for one edition. I believe a fully paid Annual

Membership Meeting is a great prize. A second Fund Raiser for the entire membership will still be held this year.

The minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting were in your 2008 November - December *The Graybeards* magazine. They will also appear on the website, approximately a month after any meeting, as well as in *The Graybeards* magazine. This means that many members who are interested in the actions taken by the Board of Directors and the Membership will not have to wait for results almost two months after the meetings when they appear in *The Graybeards*.

Finally, I remind you that a call for elections of four (4) Directors will occur this June. I ask that all who are interested in running for these positions remember that they are not positions that are for prestige. They require much of your time and ability to make decisions which are not always popular, but necessary for the Good of the Order.

William Mac Swain,
KWVA President

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A letter in this issue's "Feedback" section, "Monument in Belfast," got me to thinking—which is a dangerous thing. When I get to thinking, dangerous thoughts result.

This column is a testimony to that.

The writer referred in his letter to the division between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Anyone who understands the history of Ireland knows that the two entities enjoyed less-than-cordial relations for a lot of years. The reasons for the hostility were primarily political and religious, two issues that have destroyed the fabric of many nations.

Why is it that so many countries are split along such lines, e.g., North and South Korea, North and South Vietnam, East and West Germany, the North and South in the U.S. during what is known alternately as the War Between the States, the War of Yankee Aggression, or the American Civil War, depending on where you are from? And why did I suffer such a split as I tried to decide what to write this column?

I had in mind two other topics. One had to do with the relationship between officers and enlisted personnel in the military. The other was a discussion of numbers as they relate to KIAs, WIAs, MIAs, POW, and sundry other dangers to the troops, who often become nothing more than pins on battle maps. The latter column would have been brilliant, with references to an episode of M*A*S*H* I saw recently and a tie-in with the poem "Drummer Hodge" by Thomas Hardy. Unfortunately, the aforementioned letter and a can (or two) of Guinness prevented me from writing that column. (I may still throw it together for a future column.)

I cannot think of Ireland, North or South, without thinking of Guinness, which I consider to be the Republic of Ireland's most important export—or most important domestic product when I am in the Republic of Ireland. That is a throw-back to my grandfather—my mother's father. He and his wife (my grandmother) came to the U.S. from Ireland in the late

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1800s. Somehow, "Himself," as we called him, ended up as the owner of a tobacco farm in South Windsor, Connecticut. I remember him best for his use of stout—which to him was synonymous with Guinness.

(Just for the record, my other grandparents were of English ancestry. Their parents came to the U.S. from Kendall, England in the early 1800s. However, I don't acknowledge that side of the family. That explains why some people think I am only half-there, since I only acknowledge ancestors from one side of the family. You can draw your own conclusions.)

Anyway, "Himself" would get up in the morning, pour himself a bowl of cereal, and pour stout on it. "It was good for the knees," he told me. Then, he would throw away the cereal and drink the stout. That was his legacy to me. I picked up the habit of drinking stout (read Guinness) later in life, although I dispensed with the hypocrisy. I just skipped the cereal—and now I have the healthiest knees of all the knees I know. But, you are asking, what does all this have to do with north vs. south, east vs. west, and other directional challenges? Here is the connection.

A lot of men, women, and children have died because of the differences between geographically divided regions of single countries. I am preaching to the proverbial choir here. Who is more aware of that observation than you, who fought so hard to repel North Korea and save South Korea from its clutches? If anyone, it would be the people who fought on the side of South Vietnam, ferried supplies into Berlin when the east and west sections were walled off, served in the American Civil War for whichever side they believed had the stronger cause...the

list goes on. Regardless of which of the above examples—or any similar incidents—they participated in, they all had one thing in common: they were stout men and women who fought on the side of freedom. (That included "Drummer Hodge," about whom you will hear more in a future issue.

For now, I will leave you with a clarification of the letter in "Feedback" to which I alluded earlier. The Republic of Ireland is an entity entirely separate from Northern Ireland, and it is independent of England. The Republic comprises 5/6ths of the island on which both entities are located, and 26 of the 32 counties.

It has two official languages, Irish and English. To my knowledge—and I have visited the Republic of Ireland, referred to simply as Ireland in many circles, several times—there is no movement to make Irish (or Gaelic, as some people refer to it as) the one official language of the country.

Irish is taught in the schools, and there are pockets of the country, mostly in the northwest section, where it is spoken by many residents. And, there are signposts in Irish located across Ireland. But, there are no plans afoot to do away with English.

In either case, as long as the Irish continue to brew Guinness, I will continue to visit the land of my ancestors, regardless of what language they speak. After all, Guinness sounds the same in any language. So, I raise my glass of cereal-free Guinness to toast the stout-hearted men and women who have fought so hard to narrow the geographical differences that have divided so many nations, and set their people free.

"Here's to you."

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Eternal flame only lasts until gas bill arrives

■ Is this going to happen at other memorials?

BULLHEAD CITY, Ariz. – An "eternal" flame at Bullhead City's new veterans memorial park that only lasted until city officials received a \$961 gas bill has been re-lit following complaints by veteran groups.

The Medal of Honor Memorial at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Park alongside the Colorado River was lit on Veterans Day in November. When the bill arrived in late December, city officials were stunned.

"It caught us by surprise," City Manager Tim Ernster said Thursday. "What we decided to do for the time being is to turn the flame on ... for special events, for Veterans Day, Fourth of July, Memorial Day — those types of activities."

The flame was extinguished on

Monday. The Mohave Valley Daily News published a story Friday quoting city officials and disgruntled veterans who had worked to pay for and build the memorial before turning it over to the city.

The flame was back on by midmorning Friday following a meeting of city officials.

"What happened was really a miscommunication," city spokesman Steve Johnson said. "The issue came up one day and it was never intended to be shut off."

Johnson said the flame is impressive, but city parks officials are looking at ways to put a smaller burner in place and only use the larger one at special events.

"We're looking at alternatives, because \$1,000 a month in these economic times is certainly a consideration," Johnson said.

Read the full story at http://www.mohavedailynews.com/articles/2009/01/10/news/top_story/top1.txt

Soldier MIA From Korean War is Identified

The Department of Defense POW/ Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Sgt. Dougall H. Espey Jr., U.S. Army, of Mount Laurel, N.J. He will be buried April 3 in Elmira, N.Y.

Representatives from the Army's Mortuary Office met with Espey's next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

Espey was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. On Nov. 1, 1950, the 8th Cavalry was occupying a defensive position near Unsan, North Korea, in an area known as the "Camel's Head," when elements of two Chinese Communist Forces divisions struck the 1st Cavalry Division's lines, collapsing the perimeter and forcing a withdrawal. The 3rd Battalion was surrounded and effectively ceased to exist as a fighting unit. Espey was one of the more than 350 servicemen unaccounted for from the battle at Unsan.

Between 1991-94, North Korea turned over to the U.S. 208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. servicemen. North Korean documents turned over with several boxes in 1993 indicated that the remains from those boxes were exhumed near Chonsung-Ri, Unsan County. This location correlates with Espey's last known location.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in the identification of the remains.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO Web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.



8TH ARMY NEWS—KOREA

We are starting a new feature with this issue. We will select a couple stories from the 8th Army—Korea website to keep you apprised of what is going on over there. If you want to visit the website yourself, here is the link: <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil>

Soldiers Conduct Joint Exercise

By Pfc. Kim, Kuan-Min



A Korean Augmentee to the United States Army (KATUSA) talks to a Soldier stationed with the Second Republic of Korea Army during the communication exercise Dec. 3.

Dec. 3 [2008] - The Communication exercise was held to conduct a safe and real-world scenario with Secondary Republic of Korea Army check points along a designated area.

Sgt. 1st Class Bryan C. Vann, 8th U.S. Army Operational Command Control Directorate G-6, and Staff Sgt. Luis Luna, 19th ESC G-6, were the team leaders of each team.

With the support from Sgt. Herzog, also from 8th U.S. Army OCCD G-6, and Staff Sgt. Henry Bravo, 19th ESC G-6, the exercise was accomplished. Starting from Jeonju to Cheonan, Sgt. 1st Vann's team one managed to make communication with the SROKA at nine different checkpoints. Team two, led by Staff Sgt. Luna went through from Gyangyang to Jeonju succeeding to make communication through 14 checkpoints.

Throughout the training, numerous scenarios were practiced to ensure successful communication with the SROKA security force and to update operational data for unexpected future combat situations.

Since the last time this exercise was conducted was in 2001, serious challenges were expected with communication between the ROK and U.S. Army due to the differences in their equipment.

"This was the most successful exercise I have ever done. It was a great pleasure to work together with the SROKA. In the future, it would be better if we had a better plan and beforehand training of how to operate the equipment," said, Sgt. 1st Class Vann. "Most of all, I am proud of my team who did their best to successfully finish this exercise."

DoD lays Groundwork for Tour Normalization in Korea

USFK Public Affairs

Dec. 10 [2008] — At the request of the commander, United States Forces Korea, the Department of Defense has approved command sponsorship for two new locations and an increase in

tour lengths for accompanied service members permanently assigned to Korea.

The approval was granted in a memorandum signed by Dr. David Chu, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness on Dec. 1 and will result in a change to the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. The services owe implementation plans to DoD by March 1.

"This was a huge step forward," said General Walter Sharp, USFK commander.

"Accompanied tours at five locations (Pyeongtaek, Osan, Daegu, Chinhae, and Seoul) will increase from 24 months to 36 months while two additional locations (Dongducheon and Uijongbu) will allow 24 month accompanied tours. Unaccompanied tours will remain at twelve months for all seven locations and 24 months for key personnel."

"This change will allow us to increase the number of service members in Korea accompanied on command sponsored tours to 4,350 using mostly existing infrastructure," said Rich Parker, USFK Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment (J8). "This will enable the command to target key and critical positions for the recruitment of service members to choose accompanied tours in Summer 2009; this will keep them in place for the three years necessary to support OPCON Transfer in April 2012."

Service members assigned to locations with limited facilities will be required to sign a memorandum acknowledging the exact services available at the installation prior to acceptance of Command Sponsorship.

As USFK moves forces to Camp Humphreys and expands infrastructure and services, this will allow the command to eventually increase the number of service members here with their families in command sponsored billets from about 2,135 today to about 14,250 when Tour Normalization is completed.

"It was critical that this request was approved because it codifies the Department of Defense's commitment to tour normalization for Korea," said General Sharp. "We are going to do this right. This means that we will increase the number of service members coming over with their families on command sponsored tours as we are able to upgrade infrastructure and services. Our goal is to reach the point when the majority of U.S. service members can bring their families to Korea and stay for normal three-year tours."

All Chapter and/or Department news for publication in Mar-Apr 2009 issue of *The Graybeards* should be mailed to Art Sharp, Editor, 895 Ribaut Rd. #19, Beaufort SC 29902 or emailed to: Sharp_arthur_g@sbc-global.net



Frank Cohee



Ask the Secretary

It is always a pleasure – well, almost always—to receive responses to some of the articles that I write for the Ask the Secretary column.

Here are a couple responses to the articles that appeared in the Nov/Dec issue: *Lost Tombstone*.

I wrote “My wife and I have found a tombstone that came from out of nowhere. It has the name Richard McCane, Korean War inscribed on it.”

The response:

“I looked in the VA files and found a Richard Lee McCane, date of birth 06/06/1943 and date of death 4/20/2008. Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, 200 Duall Road Schuylers, NY 12871-1121, Buried at Section 2 Site 281. If I can be further help, please let me know.”

J.D. Randolph

KWVA National Representative

My response to JD:

Thanks for the info. I don’t know why I never thought to check the VA files, but I did not. I still have the telephone number of the person who reported finding the tombstone and just now called that number. I got their voice mail and left them a message. If and when I hear from them I will let you know.

Thanks again.

Stringing Us Along

Dear Secretary Cohee,

I have just read the article in the November-December 2008 “Graybeards” about the banjo bearing the names of seven soldiers. I doubt if the banjo dates from the Korean War. The service numbers are those issued to draftees during WWII.

Men who remained in the Regular Army after WWII and participated in the Korean War would have retained their original service numbers, but the numbers would be preceded by “RA.” Therefore, I conclude that the banjo dates to WWII. And, since all the signers were privates, they most likely had been recently inducted.

The two men whose service numbers begin with “32” or “42” were inducted from the II Corps Area (NY, NJ, DE), and the one

whose service number begins with “35” was inducted from the V Corps Area (OH, IN, KY, WV).

I hope that this information will be helpful. For more information about Army service numbers, please see <http://members.tripod.com/33rdscb/id49.htm>.

Col. Wilson A. Heefner, M.D.

AUS (Ret.)

Here is another request and response that might be of interest to a lot of you, especially those of you who very often participate in American/Korean activities – read ceremonies, dedications, parades, etc.

Hi Frank,

We will be dedicating our Memorial in Carson City NV on July 25, 2009. The band leader we have has asked for marching band sheet music of the South Korean National Anthem. All that I can find is Korean folk music. I have no idea what it sounds like.

Do you know of any way that I can find some information or the music? All that I can think of is the Olympic Committee.

Thanks.

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The sheet music lyrics were sent to Angelo along with the below English translation. Thanks to my young friend, Jamie Wiedhahn.

English Translation

Until the East Sea ‘s waves are dry, (and) Mt. Baekdusan worn away, God watch o’er our land forever! Our country forever!

Chorus

Rose of Sharon, thousand miles of range and river land! Guarded by her people, ever may Korea stand!

Like that Mt. Namsan armored pine, standing on duty still, wind or frost, unchanging ever, be our resolute will.

Chorus

In autumn’s, arching evening sky, crystal, and cloudless blue, Be the radiant moon our spirit, steadfast, single, and true.

Chorus

With such a will, (and) such a spirit, loyalty, heart and hand, Let us love, come grief, come gladness, this, our beloved land!

Chorus

FAKE WAR HEROES

There is always the GOOD, the BAD and the UGLY. Following is the UGLY. I will not mention any names or service connection, but to think that one of our own members would disgrace the Korean War veterans and this organization is reprehensible and unforgivable.

Action has been taken to make sure this “FAKE” hero is never reinstated as a member of the KWVA. He claimed that he had seen action in Korea and had been awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He wore these medals and ribbons during the 2006 Memorial Day activities. The truth is that he was imprisoned for eight months and was given a bad conduct discharge. Not only did he wear the fake medals, but he altered his DD Form 214 and used these falsified discharge papers to join a local veterans group—read KWVA—and to get the Department of Veterans Affairs to pay almost \$22,000 in compensation and medical coverage.

Fortunately, in 2005, the Stolen Valor Act was enacted to preserve the sanctity of the nation’s highest military awards for valor. However, over the last few years, the Stolen Valor Act has produced some forty prosecutions. But, even with the new threat of fines and imprisonment set forth in Public Law 109-437, signed by President Bush on December 20, 2006, phony veterans still want to call attention to themselves.

It gets worse. According to an article in the January issue of the VFW Magazine, of the 333 profiles that included claims for such awards as the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross and Air Force Cross of Silver Star, 103 appear to be fraudulent.

Please do not take the foregoing as a criticism of our fellow veterans who mistakenly have their ribbons out of order and most frequently have the Korean Presidential Unit Citation Medal upside down, with the red part of the circle on the bottom.

KWVA Bylaws Committee Project For 2009

■ Revision of KWVA Standard Procedure Manual and KWVA Bylaws

Review

In *The Graybeards* (November-December 2008, Page 13), we announced the kickoff of a project the KWVA Board of Directors approved at the Norfolk meeting in October 2008, which was to revise both the Bylaws and the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM), the process intended to correct errors and omissions, and furnish the membership with rules and procedures that are more inclusive. The result will be a pair of documents that are in harmony, and that meet in full the current needs of the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

It should be repeated that to be considered are our obligations to meet the compliance requirements to the new Federal Charter, Public Law 110-254 (S.1692), granted on June 30, 2008 to the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

Central to the Project was our request the for the entire KWVA membership to have the opportunity to participate in the process, by providing their input if they wish to do so. All Regular KWVA members in "good standing," i.e., current in their dues, are eligible to participate.

The period for input was and is from December 1, 2008 through February 28th, 2009. Following that, the writing and review process by the Bylaws Committee will begin, with the subsequent review and approval process by the Board of Directors. Following that, it will be put before the Membership.

Please note that the KWVA Bylaws, the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual (SPM), and our Federal Charter are all available for review and/or download from the National website <http://www.kwva.org> at any time.

Status

On December 1st, the Project plan was posted on the KWVA, Inc. website. Shortly after December 1st, inputs began to arrive in both my email box george@lawhon.org and the email box bylaws@kwva.org, the latter of which was set up specifically for the Project by our KWVA Webmaster, Jim Doppelhammer. Some were from KWVA National officers, but since that time submittals from Chapter and Department members have begun. That is encouraging. Hopefully, the rate of contributions will increase.

All the National officers and functional folks (database management, membership, etc) have been urged to do a thorough review of their procedures and the enabling bylaws, and to speak up as to what their feelings are regarding revision and change. Whether you are a Chapter member or a Member-at-large, your Voice Is Important.

Issues

Among the issues raised in the emails so far, there are two very important ones, both involving membership. You are encouraged to add your voice on them, if you choose.

Membership Eligibility

In the KWVA, Inc. original state charter, filed on June 25, 1985 in the

State of New York, the wording regarding eligibility was:

"...1. The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

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 January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive, and of certain other persons, the particular qualifications for membership to be set forth in the Bylaws of the Korean War Veterans Association. ..."

The last two clauses give the organization the flexibility to first define, and later alter, the qualifications expressed in the Bylaws, including the dates of eligibility. Bylaws amendments have been approved since 1992, but as of October 2005, dates of eligibility had not been changed, although some wording was changed on inclusiveness.

The present wording in KWVA Bylaws Article I, Section 1.A is:

1. Service in the United States Armed Forces. Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, said service being within Korea including territorial waters and airspace OR who served outside of Korea (June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955) is eligible for membership.

The present wording in KWVA Standard Procedure Addendum M-3 is:

1. Service in the United States Armed Forces. Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard is eligible for membership if:
a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time September 3, 1945 to Present, or
b. Said service was outside of Korea June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.

While the meaning of the text in both the Bylaw and SPM is identical, the SPM is more specific, in that it includes '...September 3, 1945 to Present' to be precisely specific, the result being useful clarity. Anyone who objects to the term 'Present,' which is used in this case as an adjective, can recommend a better word, otherwise it should stand.

We are still in a state of war with North Korea. More than 1,200 service personnel have lost their lives since the Armistice, and we have service men and women in harm's way as you read this. Moreover, in the recruiting process, it should be stressed that the recent veteran is no less eligible and welcome than any who served at any time during the period June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955. It applies even more so, considering it will be they who survive to carry on what Bill Norris and a few good men began.

Membership Dues

Who pays? That is the issue. We are told that there are many departments that have officers and chapters that have officers and members who do not pay National dues. Indeed, we have had Departments which have instructed their chapters that their members are not required to pay National dues, either. Various reasons have

been given, most of them assumptions that departments and chapters were separate from the National if they chose to be. This was promoted and supported by some recruiting folk, and past administrations chose not to enforce the rule that everyone pays, fearing that to do so would result in the break-up of chapters long established, and with 'members' who had never paid, although it was clearly not fair to those who have no choice but to pay, such as At-Large members.

It came to a head on October 5th, 2005, when a compromise was implemented by the Board of Directors, which put in a requirement, Article V, Section II:

'... Initially a Chapter shall consist of not less than twelve (12) National Regular Members in good standing who wish to form a Chapter in their area. Effective October 5, 2005 each person who becomes a new Regular member of a Chapter must first become a National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Regular member, and must maintain National Regular membership to remain a member of a Chapter. When a KWVA Department within a State has been formed, Chapters are considered to be a unit under the Department and will cooperate as a unit of the Department.'

That has been interpreted and used by some to mean that if your chapter was formed before October 5, 2005, chapter members need not pay dues to National. As for the requirement for payment of dues:

The present wording in KWVA Bylaws Article I, Section 3 is:

A. Amount of Dues. Payment of dues is a condition of initial and/or continuing National Membership. Dues required are published on the approved Application Form for each category of membership. Medal of Honor, POW, Gold Star Parents and Gold Star Spouses are granted Life Membership with no payment, however they may pay dues if they so desire. The Board of Directors may, with the prior approval of the membership, adjust the dues.

B. Payment of Dues. National dues shall be sent to the Membership Office listed on the Official Application Form, and collected by the National Treasurer. All dues shall be due and payable on the day before their Anniversary date recorded by the Membership Administrative Assistant, at the time of their initial application payment. Life Membership may be paid in a lump sum or in six (6) equal payments over a twelve (12) month period. All dues collected by any Regular Member, Chapter or Department shall also be sent to the Membership Office.

The present wording in KWVA Standard Procedure Addendum M-3 is:

1. Service in the United States Armed Forces. Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard is eligible for membership if:
a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time September 3, 1945 to Present, or
b. Said service was outside of Korea June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.

Please note that, as reported in the November/December issue of The Graybeards, Jake Feaster, Supervisor of the KWVA Data Management System, reports that we have 9,848 Active Regular Chapter Members and 4,326 Inactive Regular Chapter Members for a total of 14,174 KWVA members that have been reported as being in chapters [This does not account for the many "so-called" KWVA

members that are in chapters who have NEVER joined KWVA!]. As for those that do not pay National dues, chapters report 'inactive members.' They do not necessarily report those who attend, but are recognized by the chapter as members.

If the above is true, then Members At Large are at a disadvantage. There is no way they are competing on an even playing field in the payment of dues when, for one reason or another, individuals, chapters and departments do not comply with the Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual requirement to pay National dues. On the other hand, there are members who believe that forcing chapters to comply with an 'all must pay' rule would destroy chapters who have members that for many years have performed good works for the organization, albeit while not paying National dues, a primary requisite for being a chapter or department member.

Consider this: One of the ongoing goals of the KWVA is to increase our membership. If you are recruiting service members who served, say in the last five years, how do you answer the question of fairness, where if they join, they will not enjoy the privilege that some chapter and department members have assumed, to not pay dues? It is reasonable to say that if you belong to any element of the KWVA; At Large, Chapter or Department, you pay.

Aside from the question of fairness, what value accrues to our organization when some pay and some do not?

So, which shall it be? Do we let those who have been in chapters for many years and have not paid dues to National continue to do so, in fear that they will 'quit' the KWVA? Or, do we set a date certain for all, such as January 1st, 2010, to enforce Article I, Section 3. A, "... Payment of dues is a condition of initial and/or continuing National Membership."

If it is the latter, do we enforce it by withdrawal of a chapter's charter for non-compliance, or if not, how? If all else fails, there is shame, but considering the fraternal intent of the KWVA, it would be a shame to have to do so.

This brings us to a serious issue that underlies all of the above, and that is the relationship between KWVA National, and its subordinates, individuals, chapters, departments and chapters. The Bylaws are clear about National's authority:

The present wording in KWVA Bylaws, Article V, Section II, 1. Chapters is:

II. Chapters

Section 1. Organization. Initially a Chapter shall consist of not less than twelve (12) National Regular members in good standing who wish to form a Chapter in their area. Effective October 5, 2005 each person who becomes a new Regular member of a Chapter must first become a National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Regular member, and must maintain National Regular membership to remain a member of a Chapter. When a KWVA Department within a State has been formed, Chapters are considered to be a unit under the Department and will cooperate as a unit of the Department.

There have been, and are at present, individuals who ignore or oppose the above. Up to now the Board of Directors, as far as I can determine, has never taken steps to enforce the hierarchical policy it itself put in place, but perhaps it should.

In the rewrite of the Bylaws and SPM, we will try to give it more specificity and clarity. We are a full-fledged VSO now, with our fed-

KWVA Management Information System

KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents Information

Fellow KWVA Members,

It has been a year since the last listing of KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents Information was published in The Graybeards. Those of you with computers are able to view daily up-to-date listings of this information by logging on to our KWVA website at www.kwva.org and clicking on the link: List of Depts/Chapts, on the upper-center of the Home Page.

If you are a KWVA member and have not joined a KWVA chapter, this listing should be of particular importance to you! Do you know where there is a chapter near you; near enough for you to attend meetings? Most chapters meet once a month. The meeting day, time, and place can be found on the internet at the website and link listed above, or you may contact the

Of the almost 17,000 active KWVA members, there are about 7,000 of you who do not belong to a chapter.

Chapter president as shown in the following listing by phone or US mail.

I hear and see the question often asked, "What does KWVA do for me besides provide me six issues of The Graybeards each year and the ability to vote for National KWVA officers?" The short answer is, "You get what you want to get and what you look for!" But, if you have a computer, you can get much more, simply by visiting the KWVA website and viewing the various links that are available.

You will be surprised at the volume of

current and archival information, to include many old issues of The Graybeards, that are available and of interest to veterans and, in particular, Korean War and Korea Service veterans.

Of equal, if not of more, importance, The Korean War Veterans Association has provided the framework for the development of over 235 chapters and 16 departments nationwide. These KWVA units provide an opportunity for you to meet and associate with veterans of similar interest. They serve as a support group to those of us in our older age in our homes, hospitals, nursing homes and hospices as we deal with the rigors of our past service currently and in our retirement years.

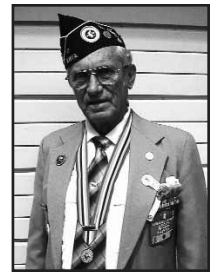
So, if you are not a member of a KWVA chapter, seek out a chapter from the listing on the following pages and visit one of their meetings. If there is not a chapter near you, contact one of the national officers listed on the inside front cover of this magazine for the possibility of your being involved in the organization of a Chapter in your area.

Of the almost 17,000 active KWVA members, there are about 7,000 of you who do not belong to a chapter. So, why not take the next step and seek out a Chapter? Try it; you might like it!

Special Note to Chapter Officers: The information on the following listing is as up-to-date as the data I have been provided from your staff. Please let me know if there are any corrections that should be made, to include your latest election report, if it has not been submitted.

Yours for a better KWVA,

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

From Kevin Secor

Retired Army General Eric K. Shinseki took the oath of office January 21 at the White House as the Nation's seventh Secretary of Veterans Affairs, assuming leadership of the Department of Veterans Affairs following his confirmation by the Senate the day before.

"The overriding challenge I am addressing from my first day in office is to make the Department of Veterans Affairs a 21st century organization focused on the Nation's Veterans as its clients," Shinseki said.

Shinseki plans to develop a 2010 budget within his first 90 days reflecting the vision of President Obama to transform VA into an organization that is people-centric, results-driven and forward-looking.

Key issues on Secretary Shinseki's agenda include implementation of an enhanced GI Bill education benefit that eligible veterans will begin using next fall, streamlining the disability claims system, leveraging information technology to accelerate and modernize services, and opening VA's health care system to veterans previously unable to enroll in it, while facilitating access for returning Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans.

National KWVA Fund Raiser Flower Rose of Sharon

The Rose of Sharon is the National KWVA fund raising flower. The Rose of Sharon is sold by the dozen.

- ☐ Sample order is 4 dozen @ \$12 plus \$3.00 S/H.
- ☐ Minimum order is 20 doz. @ \$60 plus \$5.00 S/H.

Order from: Earl House
1870 Yakona Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21234
Phone 410-661-8950

Make Checks payable to: **Maryland Chapter – KWVA**



Chapters and Departments: Korean War Veterans Association

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California	235	Santa Barbara	Ylario Delgadillo	805-705-9940	428 Linda Rd	Santa Barbara	CA	93109
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Christmas 2008

There was a variety of 2008 Christmas celebrations in which KWVA chapters and members participated. Here are a few.

19 - RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

We held our annual Christmas luncheon with General William Livsey as the featured speaker. At the time of his retirement in 1987, General Livsey was in command of all United Nations forces in Korea.

Korean Consulate General, Chun Hae-jin also spoke and presented a check to the chapter for the service of Korean veterans.

Korean Peace Medals were presented to two chapter members, General (Ret) Warren R. Johnson and Rodney Rector.

The chapter also collected about one hundred gifts for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.



General William Livsey of CID 19



Korean Consulate General, Chun Hae-jin at CID 19's Christmas Party



Korean Peace Medal presentation at CID 19's Christmas Party (L-R) Mr. Chun Nan Yu, Korean Veterans Assoc., Consulate General, Chun Hae-jin, Gen.(Ret.) Warren R. Johnson, Mr. Dae Yong Mun, Korean Veterans Assoc. and Mr. Rodney Rector

42 - LEE COUNTY [MS]

Members marched and/or rode their float in the Tupelo/Lee County Christmas Parade on 6 December.

*Robert L. Wilson, President,
1581 Gun Club Road, Tupelo, MS 38801*



CID 42's float in the Tupelo/Le County Christmas Parade



The Christmas spirit reigns among members of CID 42 at the Tupelo/Lee County parade

60 - ADIRONDACK [NY]

On 3 December the Adirondack Chapter held its annual Christmas Party, with 58 people in attendance, at the Log Jam Restaurant in Lake George, NY.

Our hosts, the Slavins, surprised us with entertainment by the Glens Falls High School Vocal Group.

Ray Waldron



Gene Slavin, Renata Taylor, Jack Schwartz, Patti Slavin at CID 60 Christmas Party



Bill Reid, Santa
Commander Ray
Waldron and Ralph
Grasso at CID 60
Christmas Party

Commander Ray and
Donald Porter at CID 60
Christmas Party



Cecelia McConkey,
Jim McConkey Marge
Shaw and Bill Shaw at
CID 60 Christmas
Party

209 - LAREDO 1950 [TX]

We held our Christmas party in December 2008. Everyone had a great time.

*Pete Trevino, 137 Stewart Street
Laredo, TX 78040, (956) 723-6978*



The Ladies of CID 56 at the Christmas party (Front, L-R) Mrs. Castaneda, Josefina Bazaldua, Imelda Ramirez, Catalina Reyna, Mrs. A. De La Garza (Back, L-R) Mrs. Mike Villarreal, Cecelia Sanchez, Tina Trevino, Lupita Jaime



Guests and members at CID 56's 2008 Christmas party (Front, L-R) Mrs. Hector Castaneda, Catalina Reyna, Cecelia Sanchez, Mrs. Roberto Ramirez, Tina Trevino (Back, L-R) Hector Castaneda, Rey Reyna, Ernesto Sanchez, Robert Ramirez, Eddie Sanchez, Pete Trevino



XMAS-13 Members of CID 56 at their 2008 Christmas party (Front, L-R) Pete Trevino (Historian), Hector Castaneda (Treasurer), Ernesto Sanchez (President), Rey Reyna, Roberto Ramirez (1st VP), Nico Nanez (Back, L-R) Hector Garza, Mike Villarreal, Eddie Sanchez (2nd VP), Luis Bazaldua, Alfonso De La Garza, Adalberto Jaime

250 - CHARLES B. THACKER [VA]

Sickness and terrible weather kept many people home from our annual Christmas dinner. However, a few hardy members of our chapter and their wives made it.



Members and guests of CID 250 at their annual Christmas party

We have to offer thanks to our attractive young server, who was very attentive to our needs.

*Jack Bentley, P. O. Box 114
Pound, VA 24279*



Youth serves Korean War veterans well—especially at CID 250's Christmas party

251 – SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

We held our Christmas Party 2 December 2008 at Zehnder's Restaurant in Frankenmuth. Eighty-two people attended. There was a cash bar from 5-6:30 p.m., and an "all you can eat" chicken dinner.



Past Commanders of CID 251 Jacob Klemm (L) and Bob Simon (R) deliver 390 pounds of food to the Saginaw Food Kitchen

Commander Hiel Rockwell displayed the new plaque listing the ten chapter members who have died since we started in 2001.

As part of the event, members were asked to bring non-perishable foods to be delivered to the Saginaw Food Kitchen for the needy. Past Commanders Jacob Klemm and Bob Simon delivered the food—all 390 pounds of it—and stayed for a complimentary lunch, which was "deee-lishhh-ous!!!!"

Incidentally, we have 118 members, and we have a speaker at every monthly meeting.

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24th Infantry Division Association Reunion in Rapid City, SD, on August 26-30, 2009

MOH Recipient Woody Keeble to be honored

Master Sergeant Woodrow Wilson Keeble, who received the Medal of Honor posthumously on March 3, 2008 for actions while a member of the 24th Infantry Division in North Korea, will be the honoree of distinction at the 24th Infantry Division Association's 63rd Annual Reunion in Rapid City, SD, on August 26-30, 2009, says Association President, Melvin L. Frederick.

Keeble, who was born in Waubay, South Dakota and was a Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Lake Traverse Reservation, Sioux Native American, was recognized for his gallantry while a member of "G" Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division, near Sangsan-ni, North Korea, on 20 October, 1951. Although Keeble survived the action, his award was delayed indefinitely by a series of unfortunate events and errors until after MSG Keeble's death. President George W. Bush awarded the MOH to Keeble's family in a March 2008 White House Ceremony.

Frederick says that there are times in life that we as Americans have an opportunity to right a terrible injustice, and that this Annual Reunion ceremony will be the Association's effort to help right the wrong resulting from the delaying of MSG Keeble's recognition. Merry Helm of Fargo, ND, whose research efforts and writing skills helped bring Keeble's heroic actions to the fore, resulting in the MOH, will also be honored at the Reunion.

The 24th Association, founded in a grove of palm trees on a Mindanao, Philippine Islands beach in August of 1945, meets annually to honor its fallen heroes, and to renew old acquaintances and establish new ones. Everyone who has ever served as a member of the 24th Infantry Division, including any unit ever assigned or attached to it at any time up to the present, is welcome to the Reunion, Frederick says.

This year's reunion will be held on August 26-30, 2009, in Rapid City, SD, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 2111 N. LaCrosse Street, Rapid City, SD 57701, (605) 343-8550, www.rapidcity.ramkota.com. (Call no later than July 26, 2009, to reserve at the special \$82 rate; mention the 24th Association).

For further information, contact Melvin L. Frederick, 950 W. Barney, Owatonna, MN 55060-3800, Tel: Summer-MN 507-455-1639, Winter—CA 760-772-7909, melfrederick@msn.com, or Dan Rickert, Program Chair, 28099 Calle Valdes, Mission Viejo, CA 92692-1551, Ph 949-215-7553.

Tom Lombardo website

We ran a story on former West Point football player and U.S. Army officer Lt. Tom Lombardo, who was killed in action in Korea at Ch'ogyo, 24 September, 1950. (See "Thomas Angelo Lombardo, USMA Class of 1945," 1/2/06, p. 20). Art Lajeunesse has advised us that there is a website that features Lombardo. It is worth a visit. The address is <http://stlnff.tripod.com/id27.html>

An MIA Who Is Really Not MIA

By Neil M. McCain

A Veterans Memorial opened in White City, Oregon 11 November 2008. One family, the Beckers, had donated a large sum of money. They were hoping to see the name of Roscoe Becker, a family member, on the marble memorial. They attended the opening and searched for his name, but they could not find it.

Joan Becker called me and said she was in tears at the omission. In fact, the whole family, which stretched across Oregon, was disappointed. One of Roscoe's brothers called to tell her that a Korean War veteran who had been interviewed on a TV program in Grants Pass might be able to help find Roscoe and make a memorial about him. He was referring to me, since I had just been interviewed about the Korean War.

She was able to catch the interview at 11 p.m. that night. She wanted to call me right then, but her husband said to wait and call

in the morning. So, at 7 a.m. the next morning she called and told me her story. She revealed that the whole family was heartbroken. I asked her for his last name as we were speaking, and did a little on-line research.

I quickly found his name and his high school picture on a website. I read to her the information posted, and I promised her I would build a memorial for her and place it in a file. She offered me profuse thanks.

This was a unique case. Somehow, several lists missed Roscoe. Even I had zero lost in Tillamook County. But, that oversight has been rectified, and there is now a memorial to Roscoe Becker.

*Neil M. McCain, Vice Commander
Department of Oregon, (541) 660-6104*

SSGT ROSCOE GEORGE BECKER Air Force

91st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron 5th Air Force Hostile, Died While Missing (MIA) Date Of Loss: June 13, 1952 Service Number: AF19391813

TILLAMOOK, OR Location of Loss: RUSSIAN COAST Born: February 23, 1932

Staff Sergeant Becker was a crew member on a RB-29A with the 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, U.S. Air Force. On June 13, 1952, the aircraft departed Yokota Air Base, Honshu, Japan on an electronic surveillance mission. It was shot down by 2 Russian MiG-15's over the Sea of Japan south of Mys Ostrovnoy, north of Hokkaido and 120 miles from the Russian coast. He was listed as Missing in Action and was presumed dead on November 15, 1955. He earned; The enlisted men's Air Badge, He earned the Purple Heart Medal, the Air Force Combat Action Ribbon, the Japanese Occupation Medal, National Defense Medal the Korean War Medal with 2 Bronze Stars for Campaigns, the Syngman Rhee's Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation issued in 1952, the United Nations Medal, The far right was issued by the ROK in 2000



THE BOLSEY

By Dick C. Nooe

Laurel, a friend of mine, said it is like losing your ring and then finding it as it washes up on the seashore. The miracle I'll share with you took place at my Marine Corps reunion.

At that time Sara, my wife, and I were attending my H-3-5 (How Company, Third Battalion, Fifth Regiment) reunion. It was the evening of the banquet, and five of us who are close friends were trying to find seats together. No such luck, so Sara and I ended up sitting with a Marine and his wife who we didn't know. There were introductions. The Marine was Orville Mallick by name. The other fifty jarheads and their wives in the banquet hall were from all different parts of the United States.

The first surprise was to discover that Orville and his wife lived in Wisconsin, just as Sara and I did. However, this coincidence was nothing compared to the one that followed.

All of us at the banquet were Korean War vets, so Orville and I began swapping Korean War stories. I told him that I had been on Outpost Esther. On July 25, 1953 this Outpost, manned by twenty Marines, was overrun by hundreds of Chinese. I was in a machine gun bunker which was hit and I was wounded and lost my sight.

Orville was familiar with Esther, so we talked about the armistice that took place between North and South Korea on July 27, 1953. Following this armistice Orville and his outfit were filling in the trenches, fighting holes and bunkers on Esther. He found a camera in one of the damaged machine gun bunkers. Although the film was no good, he kept it all these years hoping to find the owner.

I'll never forget his question: "Dick, did you lose a camera?"

A picture of my camera came to mind immediately.

When Orville said, "It's a Bolsey," and handed it to me, I took a deep breath, felt it, and exclaimed, "My God, that's my camera!"

I was holding that camera that had been lost 53 years ago! Everything came crashing back...Chinese yelling and screaming as they poured into our trench line...auto-

I was holding that camera that had been lost 53 years ago! Everything came crashing back...Chinese yelling and screaming as they poured into our trench line...automatic weapons...grenades...mortars.

matic weapons...grenades...mortars. Then, other pictures began to evolve. The terror subsided and suddenly it became the camera snapping pictures of my Marine buddies smiling faces and their horse play.

The camera is amazingly well preserved, except for a couple of ragged burned spots on the strap. It rests in a place of honor on my desk. Periodically I will hold it and it becomes my connection with the past and those smiling faces.

Come to think of it, the camera is a little like me. I've got a few ragged edges, too—but most of me is still there.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dick Nooe's son wrote a musical play about the life of his parents. Here is the story of how all that came about. The story has worked its way through several iterations. We took it from "H-3-5 News, Vol. 4 Issue 2, March 2008."

Dick Nooe sent it with the above story.

Sari and the Marine

■ A musical which tells the tale of a Marine's loss, then finding love.

(In our December 2006 issue of the newsletter, an article about Dick Nooe appeared telling the story of how after 50 years, his camera was returned to him by Orville Mallak at the Branson Reunion. The story didn't end there. After learning about the return of the camera, David Nooe, Dick and Sara's son, decided to honor their life by creating a musical which was performed on stage by his middle school students as a way to celebrate Memorial Day. That camera had a starring role as a prop in the musical. We've taken excerpts from an article that Tom Naar sent to us.)

In some ways, Dick Nooe's life has flashed before his eyes twice, though you might think that's a peculiar way to describe it under the circumstances. The first time was when he was a 22-year-old Marine at Outpost Esther, in trench warfare during the Korean conflict.

As members of H Company kept a lookout for enemy Chinese, the men were overrun. All 20 of them were killed or injured. A bomb blast cost Nooe his eyesight and nearly a year in hospitals and rehab centers, not to mention the camera he carried with him.

The second time was 54 years later, on a make-shift stage in the multipurpose room at North Lake School in the town of Merton. The story of Dick Nooe's injury and how it led to Sara, then a Red Cross volunteer and now his wife of 50 years, played out in an original musical created by their son, David, a music teacher in his first year at the school.

A poignant line from the musical had Dick's character saying "He didn't end up in that trench a little too early; rather, he got there just in time," because it led him to a woman he clearly adores.

The premiere had the amateur edges of a middle school production, yet it might as well have been opening night on Broadway. Dick and Sara had front row center seats and wore red white and blue boutonnieres. Sara leaned into Dick and quietly whispered descriptions with each scene change.

Dick leaned forward to catch each line of dialogue and to hear every note of the songs. Often, he slipped his arm tightly around Sara's shoulders. Sometimes he reached for a tissue and wiped his eyes.

"My husband got pretty emotional," Sara said later. "We both did."

Dick and Sara's love story together began at Hines, Illinois Rehabilitation Center in 1954, where Dick was trying to prepare for a future without sight after his discharge. Sara was a volunteer with the Red Cross Gray Ladies.

Dick thought gray meant "old ladies," but found out it didn't mean that at all. Sara was attracted by Dick's upbeat attitude and his good looks. Even an uncle's caution that she'd be a lifetime caregiver couldn't keep the couple apart. They carried on a long-distance romance for a year after he returned to his

home state of Oregon, where he went to college. They married in 1956.

Sara cared for their two children while Dick, who has a masters degree in social work with an emphasis in mental health, supported the family with a 25-year career as a supervisor of Winnet County Clinical Services and a psychotherapist in private practice, something he still does part time.

David Nooe had to take some poetic license with his parents' story, because it was destined as a production for middle-schoolers. The soldiers don't carry guns, the war gore is off stage, and the Marines are singing in the battlefield. But, judging from the standing ovation for both the school production and the couple behind the story, David Nooe accomplished his mission as both music teacher and devoted son.

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We remember to remember Leroy

Back in the Jan/Feb 2006 issue, pp. 31 & 57, we published a story, "I Remember Leroy," by Leroy Sikorski. We did not, however, run his photo with the story.

Let us correct that oversight here.



Leroy Sikorski

A walk down a road near Pusan

Memories of an old Soldier: a walk back in time.

By Eddie Deerfield

As a 1st Lieutenant, I commanded a 10-man detachment of the 1st Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group, based in 1951-52 on the summit of a hill overlooking the city of Pusan and the harbor. The detachment was responsible for working with the staff of Station HLKA of the Korean Broadcasting System in preparing broadcasts beamed into North Korea. We were a field unit of GHQ's psychological warfare operations.

The breakfast run for a three-quarter-ton truck to take us to the CP Mess about a mile away near the railway station in Pusan was scheduled to leave at 0730. I was often up and dressed by 0630 and, rather than wait, would walk down the hill. The temperature one February morning was in the low 40s, there was a light wind, and a weak sun was shining.

The road was steep and heavily rutted, lined with flimsy stalls made of rice straw, mud and frame. The local folks displayed a variety of legal and black market goods, from vegetables and dried squid to tires and diesel generators. Odors of offal, garbage and human excrement were heavy, mingled with the smells of croaker and bean cakes smoking in the open stalls. Even at this hour the road was bustling with people and bullock carts, a drab montage of brown, black and white, brightened here and there by the vibrant colors of a woman's dress.

A cluster of very young children in short jackets cut from GI wool blankets, their legs and feet bare in the near-freezing temperatures, seemed impervious to the cold—except that they all had runny noses. As I passed, they greeted me with a chorus of "Hello, okay....hello, okay." Women coming toward me up the slope were seemingly tireless, many balancing 10-gallon tins of water on their heads, with babies

wrapped papoose-like to their backs. Small wiry men harnessed to A-frames trotted by lugging sacks of commodities weighing at least a hundred pounds.

A boy about eight years old rushed up, pointing to my boots. He carried a scarred wooden box holding several battered cans of shoe polish, streaked cloths, and a brush with only a hint of bristles. He wore a threadbare dark brown wool suit jacket three times too large, so that it hung to his knees like an overcoat. His padded trousers were torn in places, patched in others, and his shoes were frayed canvas over bare feet. I wanted to keep walking, but was bushwhacked by the boy's pleading.

Looking up with a shy smile, he lifted my foot to the top of the box. As he set about briskly applying the polish, the wind carried up the sound of a ship's horn and the faint clatter of trolley cars which, 20 years earlier, had been in service in Atlanta, Georgia. My thoughts turned to the packs of homeless children that wandered the streets of Pusan along the waterfront, without shoes or warm clothing, begging and stealing to survive from day to day.

A middle-aged man and woman walked by, arm in arm. The man disengaged himself, stepped to the side of the road, and urinated. The woman took the moment to study an array of toys in an adjacent stall. There were jeeps, airplanes and guns made of strips of tin cut from American food cans distributed by UN relief agencies. The man returned, and they linked arms and resumed their leisurely stroll.

I gave the shoe shine boy a thousand won, and with a huge grin he gave me a snappy salute and darted away. The money was worth 17 cents American. It would buy one apple or one egg.

I continued down the hill.

Eddie Deerfield, LtCol, U.S. Army (Ret.), ED303fsra@aol.com

Tour News

Revisit Korea

FLASH

2009 Revisit Korea Tour Dates changed

FLASH

Korean Veterans Association (KVA), Revisit Korea tour dates have changed.

- 26 May - 1 June, 2009 (New Date)
- 21 - 27 June, 2009
- 13 - 19 September, 2009

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(*ROK Air force 60th anniversary celebration planned)

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KWVA USA Revisit Korea Coordinator

Korea 1950

Pusan Perimeter, Inchon Landing and Chosin Reservoir

Guest Editorial

The Crying War Veteran

I wonder how many of you have viewed a tribute to war veterans, be it a Memorial Day ceremony, a Veteran's Day parade, or just watching an interview with a veteran recalling his memories of his long ago war experiences, and more often than not, we will see the elderly veteran break down and begin to cry. Examples of that can be found in most any program interviewing elderly combat veterans, whether they were at Normandy, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, or Da Nang.

Recently, there was a live television show that had a large studio audience with the main programming paying tribute to the veterans of our Armed Forces. When each branch of service, such as the Army, Marine, Air Force and Navy was called, they would ask the veterans of that branch of service to stand. As the infantry song played, one elderly Army veteran stood and with the camera zeroed in on him - he began to cry. I have seen this happen repeatedly over the years and especially during these types of functions. I would always ask myself one question: why?

At my present ripe old age, I remain without a complete answer, but I feel that I am closer to solving that long-time question. I think the answer has a lot to do with the triggering and seepage of long ago suppressed memories of unpleasant actions that these veterans have experienced in their particular war. You rarely see a younger veteran have this tearful reaction. It may be that the older veterans, who once had control over these emotions, but through aging, have lost that control and release

a post-traumatic experience through these tearful breakdowns.

Whatever it is, it is a very heartbreaking sight to see this reaction of men my age and older, losing control over being recognized for their military service to their country - or in just speaking about their wartime experiences.

Currently I find myself at the age where just listening to Taps, a good gospel song, or reflecting back on the memory of my homecoming from the war will have me reaching for the tissue box. Added to that, seeing other veterans tearfully breaking down is also a major cause for me to reach for the tissues.

On this Veteran's Day there is a chance that you might see an elderly veteran who has a loss of control over his emotions and tears. My suggestion is that you shy away from comforting him and just let him unload his pent-up memories through his tears. If anything, a silent prayer for him might suffice, because that veteran is trying his hardest to hold those tears inside - and I am fairly certain that he has been doing exactly that for the many years of his now long life.

It was once said, that in war there are no unwounded soldiers - and truer words could not have been said.

God bless the veterans who are no longer with us, and God bless the "wounded" who survive.

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Bombs from the B-26

The role the Douglas B-26—the Invader—played in the Korean War is well documented in military publications, but it never earned the glory and publicity of the F-86 fighter over Mig Alley, particularly in the latter years of the war. My story concerns the night and day interdiction of enemy supply lines that I participated in as a Navigator-Bombardier in the B-26. They may not have been as colorful and glamorous as those of the F-86s shooting down those MIG fighters, but they were just as exciting and “hairy” to this former young Lieutenant.

Between January and June 1953 I flew 50 combat missions over North Korea, stopping, burning, blowing up any truck, vehicle, train or whatever moved south from Manchuria to the 38th parallel. I did this mostly at night, flying low level, in dangerous terrain. There were times we would bring back some flak holes on the airplane, but usually we could evade the anti-aircraft fire.

The B-26 was apparently the right bird for the job; the record speaks for itself. From October 1950 until the end of the war in July 1953, the two Bombardment Wings of B-26s flew more than 53,000 sorties and were credited with the destruction of 38,000 vehicles, 3,300 railroad cars, 406 locomotives, 156 bridges, and 7 enemy aircraft.

My outfit, the 8th Bomb Squadron of the 3rd Bomb Wing, flew out of Kunsan Air Base, which was located on the west coast bordering the Yellow Sea. Most of our missions were at night, and were three to four hours in duration. A typical night interdiction went like this:

As we didn’t practice crew integrity in our wing, we’d learn of the pilot’s and gunner’s names some five hours before take-off. We would meet at Group Headquarters three hours before take-off and attend the briefing for target area selection.

If the take-off was scheduled for 0200 hours, we would be at the aircraft an hour before. I would check the Norden bomb-sight, pull the safety pins, and sign for the bombs.

One dark and chilly night, at the end of



Lt Ramos in front of Squadron Headquarters

the runway, a 500-lb bomb was loose in the bomb bay and I had to jettison it, climb out of my seat, and reinsert the safety pins. I left the darn thing on the tarmac in order to make our critical take-off time. “Whew!”

After lift-off, we’d fly into the black night, head north for 35 minutes, and enter

hostile airspace. I’d have an assigned corridor and would be obliged to stay within it lest we would run into another B-26 “working” his route.

The action wouldn’t take too long. At 4,000-5,000-ft altitude I’d spy the lights of a convoy of trucks, have the pilot line up the aircraft for a level run, and try to hit the lead truck before they would turn out their lights. On one such night my first 500-lb bomb not only stopped the convoy, but must have hit a munitions load, because there was a hell of a secondary blast.



ABOVE: 1st Lt Ramos receiving the DFC, June 1953

RIGHT: 1st Lt Ramos approaching the completion of a 50-mission tour





Flying low level at night in April 1953, this B-26 picked up a cable strung along a valley



Loading 250-lb bombs aboard a B-26

On one particular dark night a B-26 of our outfit hit a cable that was strung between two hills in a valley. It wrapped itself around the right engine, seized the prop, and tore up the right fuselage.

I let loose some long burning flares to light up the night sky and the gunner confirmed a line of trucks stopped along the road. The pilot took over and laid the rest of our bomb load on the convoy. Then, we beat a hasty retreat as the anti-aircraft fire got very thick, the gunner yelling, "Fire balls right .. BREAK LEFT!! Bomb bays empty," so we headed home.

After 3 hours and 10 minutes we landed and headed for debriefing and that shot of bourbon. Yes, the Flight Surgeon always provided us with an after-mission stimulant.

Dawn would be breaking about the time we finished a hearty breakfast of ham, bacon, eggs and toast at the mess hall. Then we went off to our quarters and hit the sack.

There would be other nights where I would fly as a navigator in the right seat. That B-26 would be a hard-nose, carrying eight 50 caliber guns in the nose and three 50 caliber guns in each wing.

This type of mission would take us far-



TOP: B-26s along the flight line. **BELOW:** A B-26 returning from a daylight raid in February 1953

ther north to the Manchurian border to hunt down trains. These sorties were particularly dangerous, as they were flown on the deck and would usually attract more resistance in the form of "fire balls" and small arms fire.

On one particular dark night a B-26 of our outfit hit a cable that was strung

between two hills in a valley. It wrapped itself around the right engine, seized the prop, and tore up the right fuselage. However, the pilot was "cool" and qualified enough to get back home on one engine.

Some of our daylight missions were in

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Tell America

30 – INDIANA # ONE [IN]

Our chairman, Lynn Shady, has once again put together a great program that the teachers and students really enjoy having us present. Since the school year began in August we have visited 7 schools, totaling 2,500 students—so far.

We are off to a good start.

Members of the chapter took

part in Americanism Celebration Day at Blackhawk Middle School. We do this yearly at their school with 900 students in attendance. We feel this is a great way to “kick off” our Tell America Program for the season.

Mary Ann Roemke, P. O. Box 15102, Fort Wayne, IN 46885



Members of CID 30 at Tell America presentation (L-R) Lynn Shady, Gerald Loyd, Jim Leslie, Dick Allen, Harold Schick, Carl Fowler, Bernard Wisniewski, Bob Meyer, Commander Ken Roemke



CID 30 members gather at Blackhawk Middle School for Tell America presentation (L-R) David Martin, Harold Schick, Ken Roemke, Carl Fowler, Bernard Wisniewski, Jim Leslie, Allen Clendenen, Bud Mendenhall, Lynn Shady

43 – KANSAS CITY MISSOURI #2 [MO]

We presented our program to gifted students at a Kansas City, Kansas high school. The teacher gave the students one full week

of Korean War studies before we arrived to speak to them.

The students were thoughtful enough to make and present to

us a poster in appreciation for our effort.

Among the members who participated were Vern Scott, who was in the Air Force in Korea, in 6920 Sec Ser Comm, Gene Winslow, USMC, who was in the 2nd Marine Air Wing, and Paul Wolfgeher, a U.S. Army member who was assigned to Psywar

Unit First Loudspeaker and Leaflet Co. stationed at Seoul.

Scott flew from Japan to Korea to listen in on ground forces along the Chinese and Korean border.

*Paul A. Wolfgeher
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LEFT: Paul Wolfgeher, one of CID 43's speakers at the Kansas City high school



BELOW: Herb Scott of CID 43 addresses students as Gene Winslow looks on



Class members take notes at CID 43's Tell America presentation



The poster Kansas City high school presented to CID 43 speakers

54 - THOMAS W. DALEY JR. [NJ]

Chapter members visited the Air Force JROTC from New Jersey, New York, Delaware, and Pennsylvania schools. We presented our "Tell America" program to the cadets, which was received with much enthusiasm

and great respect for the veterans of the Korean War. Our chapter has been asked to return next year for the annual Air Force JROTC encampment.

*Andy Jackson,
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Members of CID 54 visit Fort Dix, NJ Army Base in 2008 (L-R) Fred Connolly (dressed in Korean War field uniform), Jimmie Krysztoforski, Bill Keys, Bill Wildman, Fred Adolph, Andy Jackson, Stan Levin, Charlie Kerber, Bill Millison (dressed in N Korean War Field Uniform), Ike Hand

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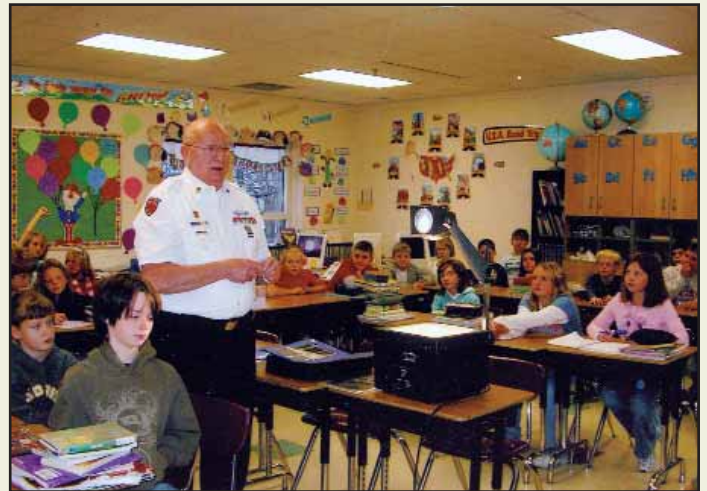
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121 - GREATER CINCINNATI - [OH]

Chapter President Bob McGeorge presented a program at Monfort Heights School.

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Bob McGeorge, CID 121 President, presents a Tell America program at Monfort Heights School

255 - SGT. HAROLD F. ADKISON [SC]

We have a unique way of dealing with the "Tell America Program." Instead of visiting classrooms, the chapter sponsors a Korean War essay contest for area eighth graders. The cash prizes offered to the top three winners send the students to the history books, where they learn to appreciate the role of the military in a war they probably had no prior knowledge of.

This year's three winners once again came from the Midland Valley Preparatory School, making it two years in a row that

school produced all three winners.

First place was earned by Riley Lewis for a \$100 prize. Michelle Nichols took second place for a \$50 reward, and Shelby Hodge claimed \$25 for her third place position.

Chapter officers served as judges and were pleased with the amount of knowledge obtained by the students who submitted the essays.

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Above left, first place winner Riley Lewis of CID 255's Tell America essay contest accepts prize from SC Department Commander C. Clyde Hooks. On right above, Michelle Nichols, 2nd place winner in CID 255's essay contest, displays prize

The Colombians' role in the battle for Triangle Hill (Hill 598)

By *Guadalupe A. Martinez*

The Colombian Infantry Battalion (from Colombia, South America) was part of the United Nations' Forces in Korea and attached to the U.S. 31st Infantry Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division. Artillery support for the 31st Infantry was provided by the 57th Artillery Battalion, (105mm Howitzers).

To provide artillery support for the Colombian Battalion, the 57th's Hqs was augmented with an extra liaison team and an extra forward observer team at each firing battery. Since the Colombians only spoke Spanish, the officers of the U.S. Liaison and Forward Observer Teams were expected to be bilingual, and each team had in its crew at least one or two enlisted men who spoke Spanish.

In October, the assignment of artillery officers to the Colombian Bn comprised 1st Lt Guadalupe Martinez, Liaison Officer (LnO) to Colombian Inf Hqs, and 2nd Lt Belisario Flores, 1st Lt Guy Newland, and 2nd Lt Arturo Eddlestein as forward observers to companies "A," "S," and "C," respectively, of the Colombian Battalion.

On the 6th of October the 31st Inf Reg was brought up from Division Reserve and took up positions on the front lines. The Colombian Battalion was positioned facing the left edge of Triangle Hill (Hill 598). On or around October 17th, we heard that the 32nd Inf Reg had taken heavy casualties during the assault on Triangle Hill and needed relief. The 31st Inf Regt was relieved from its sector and ordered to move through the 32nd's lines and continue the assault. The Colombian Bn was left in place, detached from the 31st and attached to the 17th Inf Bn on the 7th Inf Division's left sector of the line.

The Colombian Battalion was not tasked to participate in the battle for Triangle Hill. From the start of the battle, the Colombian Battalion's forces had a good view of the action taking place on and around Hill 598. Thus it was that one early morning during the battle for Hill 598, Lt Flores called me on the phone to report heavy enemy activity on the crest line leading from Hill 598 to the next ridge, called Jane Russell Hill.

Because his sector of fire did not include Jane Russell Hill, Lt Flores asked me if I'd want to come up to see the enemy activity and do my own assessment. I was at Flores' OP in record time. Sure enough, I verified what he was seeing from his vantage point. We both agreed that the boundary line for artillery fire now ran between the left flank of the 31st Regiment attacking Triangle Hill and the Colombian Bn. Artillery Support. Policy dictated that we on the left flank of that line could not fire into the area to the right of the attacking 31st Regiment without a request for artillery support from the 31st Regiment's attacking elements.

Through the OP's 50-power telescope (normally referred to as a BC Scope) we could see the enemy's trenches and bunkers that stretched from the left edge of Triangle Hill and over the ridgeline leading to the crest of Jane Russell Hill. At the time, we'd been briefed that the enemy had retaken Triangle Hill and that we were launching a counter attack to take Jane Russell Hill and then Hill 598.

From our vantage point we could see the enemy running supplies

Lt. "Lupe" Martinez

and ammunition to their troops on Jane Russell. Because we had lost Triangle Hill, the enemy was able to re-supply it and Jane Russell Hill from Sandy Ridge, a hill further to the rear of Hill 598, which they also possessed. The 31st Regt's leading elements could not see this movement. From their vantage point, the enemy's re-supply activities were taking place behind the hill they were attacking.

Lt Flores explained to me that he had already established wire communications with an M4 Sherman Tank that was dug in about 100 yards to the right and slightly to the rear of his OP. The tank commander was eager to get into the fight and was willing to let Lt Flores use his OP to adjust fire from his M4, but to do so, permission had to be secured from his superior and from the 31st Inf Regiment's LnO. The distance to the target was about 2000 meters and the window of opportunity very small.

I called the 31st Regt's LnO and explained the situation. Would they allow Lt Flores to adjust direct fire on the supply line with the 76mm gun of the M4 Tank, I asked? The 31st LnO was afraid the rounds would hit his troops. I again explained that the tank would be firing some 30 yards or more to the right of his troops and behind the crest of the hill where the enemy was effectively re-supplying their men. Direct fire would be under the control of Lt Flores.

Sure, there was risk. The distance between Jane Russell Hill and our OP was about 2000 meters, but the men of the 31st were pinned down and were running out of options. Permission was denied; we continued to observe the enemy's re-supplying operation without interference from us. We felt utterly frustrated.

About 10 or 15 minutes later the phone rang. Cpl Joe McAfee, Lt Flores' wireman, took the call. He said, "Yes, sir," and handed Lt Flores the phone.

I saw Lt Flores stand up, almost at attention, all the while repeating "Yes, sir," "Yes, sir," "Yes, sir."

I asked Flores, "Who was that who made you stand at attention while answering the phone?"

He answered, "That was the Regimental Commander. He asked me if I was the Company "A" Colombian FO that had just called?" and I said, "Yes, sir."





Lt. Flores and Lt. Roberto Garzon, Kumwha, Korea 1952

“Can you see the enemy supply lines behind Jane Russell Hill?” he asked.

“Yes, sir,” I responded.

“Does the M4 crew have clear sight to the target?”

I said, “Yes, sir.”

“You have my permission to fire,” he said.

“Yes sir,” I replied.

Lt Flores told me he had to go brief the tank crew and get them sighted in on the right target. The 31st was pinned down within yards of the forward bunker of their objective on Jane Russell. From the angle of fire that the M4 crew had to work with, it was necessary that a precise line of sight be established in order to hit the enemy working behind the bunkers, instead of our men.

It was impossible for our men to see behind the bunkers where the enemy was working their supply line like an army of ants. We had to consider that the angle between the line of fire from the tank to the target 30 yards to the right of our men but beyond our leading element on Jane Russell Hill was very small.

Lt Flores turned the OP over to me and said, “I’ll be right back.”

Though we were under frequent mortar harassment, Lt Flores made it back OK. He informed me that he had personally sighted the tank on the target. Now back at the OP, Lt Flores gave the command to fire the first round. It landed some 20 to 30 feet below the target; the supply line. Lt Flores gave the command to elevate the tube 5 mills, or “just a hair.”

The next round hit just right. The enemy took cover. Now, Flores directed fire on the bunkers suspected of being used to supply the men fighting on top of Jane Russell. Continuing to give slight elevation and traversing changes, Lt Flores and I were able to slow down the supply line. However, the shells were ineffective on the heavily constructed bunkers. They had no penetrating power.

About an hour into this operation, the phone rang again. Again, Lt Flores went through the bit of standing at attention saying, “Yes sir,” “Yes, sir,”

“Yes, sir.” He then informed me that the caller was again the Regimental Commander to state that he had been observing our operation and it was commendable but that the “pea shooter” (76mm cannon) was very ineffective against the well-constructed enemy fortifications.

Lt Flores informed me that the Regimental Commander had advised him that he was sending a platoon of M60 tanks with mounted 90mm guns. He wanted the M4 withdrawn from its position and have an M60 take its place. Unfortunately, because of the terrain, only one tank could operate at anyone time.

Lt Flores was instructed that once the M60 was in place to keep it firing until the tube got too hot to fire and then have it replaced immediately by one of the tanks in reserve. The tanks arrived about a half hour later.

The road in and out of the tank’s dug-in position on the side of the mountain was very narrow, so it took some time for the M4 to back out of its barricade and then maneuver the M60 into place. Once again, Flores went to brief the new crew on the situation to make sure that the M60 would fire at the right target. Intense close and at times hand-to-hand combat was being experienced in the forward bunkers of Jane Russell, and we couldn’t take a chance of hitting one of those bunkers if our men were in any of them.

The 31st LnO kept me abreast of the situation on top of Jane Russell. Where before he had been reluctant to give us permission to fire so close to his men, he now kept yelling to us over the phone to keep the pressure of the tank’s fire on the enemy’s back bunkers and supply lines. The enemy felt the pressure of our one tank and it was evident that they had us identified by the amount of incoming mortar fire we started receiving. They were aware that it was taking us half an hour or longer to change tanks and took advantage of each exchange to renew their supply line activities.

Each time we exchanged tanks we would see the enemy renew their operation and we’d agonize until the first shell was again fired. Each time an exchange took place, Lt Flores would “sweat” out the first round because the window of opportunity was so small and our troops were so close to our line of fire. But the 90mm cannon made a big difference.

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A tank like the one Lt Flores directed fire at the Battle of Triangle Hill, 17-18 October 1952

Members in the NEWS

Adirondack Chapter Member Honored As "Man of Year"

On 8 November 2008 the New York State Military Heritage Institute honored U.S. Navy veteran and Adirondack Chapter #60 member Eugene J. Corsale as its "Distinguished Veteran of the Year for 2008."

Chapter founder Gene Slavin gave a talk on the history of the Korean War at the presentation event.

Ray Waldron



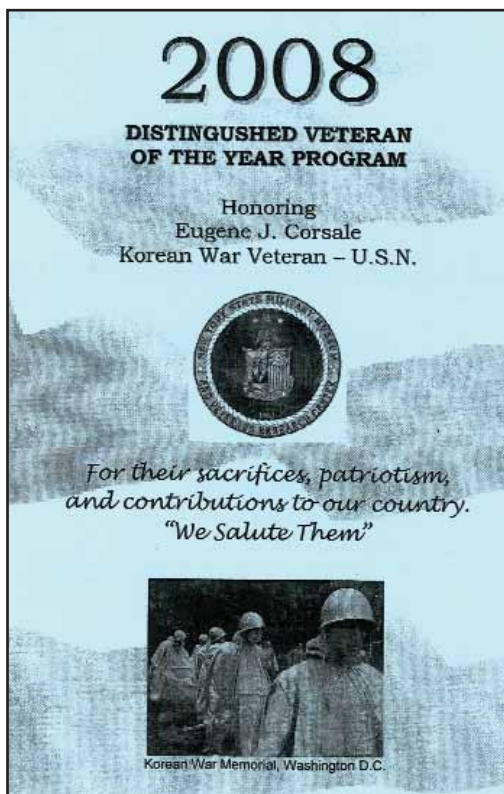
Gene Corsale, the recipient of the "Man of the Year" award



CID 86 members at Corsale presentation with Scott Johnson, the Mayor of Saratoga Springs NY

RIGHT: MajGen Joseph J. Taluto, CID 86 Commander Ray Waldron, and Korean War veteran Terry Waterston at Corsale event.

ABOVE RIGHT: Corsale award program cover



George Kraus

learn about help that I could get, but I met some guys down there and decided to get involved," said Kraus, a Plano resident. "I enjoy what I do. I don't do as much as I should, but I do go down there about once a week and help out."

Kraus, who is 75, has been volunteering his time at the Dallas VA Medical Center for more than six years.

"A lot of what I do is helping the people who are wandering around looking confused. You simply ask them if they need help and direct them to where they need to be," Kraus said. "It's a big place and people sometimes need direction to where they are supposed to go."

After serving four years in the Air Force, Kraus moved to the area with his high school sweetheart, Rolando. They have five children.

"There are a lot of veterans that may have served a while ago that are now having problems," he said. "The problems stem from their time in combat. They may not realize that they can get help at the Dallas VA Medical Center for things like that." Kraus volunteers once a week at the Dallas VA Medical Center's ambassador desk or information desk, providing directions to visitors and greeting guests.

"George is extremely caring and professional," said Bobbie K. Scoggins, Chief of Voluntary Service for VA North Texas Health Care System. "He really goes the extra mile. He is 100 percent dedicated to our veterans. He talks to all visitors and really makes them

Local Paper Highlights Volunteer Service by KWVA Member

The PlanoProfile, a Collin County, Texas magazine, ran an article about KWVA member George Kraus in its November 2008 issue. The profile stressed his unselfish volunteer service at the Dallas VA Medical

Center. Portions of that article follow.

Korean War veteran George Kraus' first exposure to the Dallas VA Medical Center occurred after he learned that he might be eligible for help there. "I went down there to

feel like they are noticed and cared for. Our volunteers, like George, play a key role in the customer service we provide to our veterans. Who better to provide service to them than another veteran?"

"Volunteers are special people who give their time and energy to organizations they feel passionate about," said Joseph M. Dalpiaz, Director of VA North Texas Health Care System. "Many volunteers at VA North Texas Health Care System are veterans themselves and can support our patients in ways other volunteers can't. Their caring heart and listening ear is a morale boost no amount of money can buy."

"There's always a need for volunteers, even if it's just a few hours a week," Kraus added. "There's always something for us to do. We work in the various units in the hospital; we play cards with the veterans who haven't had a buddy visit them in a while. We help move people around, getting people to their appointments, and we help round up and repair wheelchairs, when needed."

In the past year, VA North Texas Healthcare System had approximately 1,650 volunteers that logged more than 144,945 hours. "George seems to absolutely love what he does," Scoggins added. "When he comes here, that is really his sole focus and attention, dedicating his service to others. With our volunteers, their primary focus is serving those who have served us. George is very outgoing and gives 150 percent. When he comes here, he really gives us his all."

Scoggins added that the VA Medical Center is very unique, offering types of volunteer opportunities not often available through other organizations. "We really do have a broad base of programs here," she said, "so there's really a fit for anyone interested in volunteering. Whatever compassion or love you have, talk to someone who volunteers and listen to the joy they get from it."

Kraus is a member of the Sam Johnson Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association. The group as a whole volunteers in a variety of ways at the Dallas VA Medical Center as well, cooking hamburgers for patients, repairing wheelchairs, visiting patients, and helping wherever needed. On November 11, Kraus and other volunteers will be aiding veterans' participation in the annual Dallas Veterans Day Parade, providing trucks for veterans to ride in if they are not able to march in the parade.

"There is so much to do to help those who have served our country," Kraus said. "There are so many places where you may not realize there is a need until you start talking to the counselors and staff at the Dallas VA Medical Center. In the past several years, I have seen more and more veterans showing up there seeking help. There are many, many people who really need help, and there are so

many services available, it's amazing."

Kraus plans to continue his volunteer work as long as he is able. "You never really know how well you have it until you see how other people are," Kraus said. "To be of help makes you feel really good, and it's just a blessing to be able to do it."

BGen DeArmond speaks to Lions Club

BGen Michael "Mike" DeArmond, USAF (Ret), delivered a guest lecture to members of the Reston [VA] Lions Club on 6 August 2008. He shared some of his experiences as a jet fighter pilot during the Korean and Vietnam Wars—including the story about his time as a POW in North Korea.

DeArmond's talk was sponsored by the

Northern Virginia Chapter (CID 100). DeArmond and Gerry Washburn, program chairman, are members of the chapter.

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Gerry Washburn (L), "Mike" DeArmond (C), James Ryan (R) at luncheon

Veterans inducted into Arizona Hall of Fame

Five Korean War veterans were inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame on 24 October, 2008. Those honored include:

- **Lew Bradley**, Commander of Arden A. Rowley Chapter (CID 122), active in Kiwanis, and volunteer homebound driver
- **Bernard Kaplan** – Richard Countryman Chapter (CID 132) and Past Commander, Scottsdale Jewish War Veterans
- **Art Sloane** – Richard Countryman

Chapter (CID 132), active in Kiwanis, member Jewish War Veterans, writes veterans column for local newspaper

• **Gene Spruce** - General Brad Smith Chapter, advisor for Junior Achievement, 2007 Outstanding Korean War Veteran Eagle Award

• **Harold Stern** - West Valley Chapter (CID 296), member Sun City West Sheriff's Posse

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Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

25th Div., Signal Corp, Photo Sec. (1951-54)

We recently held our 10th consecutive reunion after a 47-year hiatus. Our 2008 get-together was 24-28 Sept. in St. Louis. Pat and Roy Pinzke and their daughter Sue Sanders and her husband Chuck hosted the gathering.

Members, wives, children, and friends all had a great time.

The 2009 reunion is scheduled for Milwaukee, WI, 16-19 Sept.

We pay tribute to member Robert Quarello, who passed away in June 2008.

Any past members of the unit interested in attending are invited to contact Rollie Berens, 18400 Brookfield Lake Drive #42, Brookfield, WI 53045, (262) 797-8897.



25th Div. Photo Section attendees (Top, L-R) Carlton Sauder, Hank & Karen Babel, Jan Graveline, Rollie Berens, Pat and Howie Baker (in front of the top row, L-R) Pat Pinzke, Chuck Sanders (Middle, L-R) Steve Uyehara, Dick Wawrziniak, Roy Pinzke, Joanne Calderwood (Bottom (L-R) Sue Sanders, Jay & Tooter Brown, Dianne Teske, Bob Eifert, George Flinn

KMAG

Think it's tough putting together a reunion after 58 years? We know that's tough enough, but how about for KMAG? This elite group of hand-picked soldiers, each with a specialty, were taken from their training units and placed in the middle of the ROK army, navy, air force, or marines.

There might have been one or two other KMAG personnel within shouting distance, but that's about all. There was no

American unit you served with in Korea, no American buddies to bolster you as you faced a strange people in a strange land, and tried to help.

So, who do you call on for a reunion? All you can do is put out that name KMAG and hope enough of the Korean loners answer the call.

Dale Griffith, from Omaha, NE, put out the first call in 2007. Lo and behold, there was a turnout. This year, Joe Domagala, from the Minneapolis, MN area tried again—and again a group of America's best turned up.

A number of this year's group were history makers. They were in Korea pursuing their various talents with the ROK armed forces when the North Koreans invaded. The stories this group told could make your hair stand on end.

One of them, Ray Maurstad, wrote a book entitled SOS Korea 1950, published by Beaver Pond Press. A number of other survivors of the invasion were also present and are featured in the book.

Frank Winslow, who took some of the most important photographs of Korea's early history, volunteered to try to put together a 2009 KMAG reunion in the Seattle area.

Three cheers for Dale Griffith, for the first reunion, and Joe Domagala, for this past reunion.

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KMAG members at 2008 reunion in Minneapolis, include author Ray Maurstad (Front row, w/ beard and black cap) Frank Winslow, to Maurstad's left), Dale Griffith (top row, second from left), and Joe Domagala, directly to Griffith's left

160th Infantry Association

Five members of the 160th Infantry who received a special honor for serving in WWII and Korea (L-R) Clarence Meyer (Regimental Tank Company), Ed Skifstrom (Easy Co.), George Glanzman (Able Co.), Bill Gates (Heavy Mortars), Dane Whaley (Mike Co.)



The 160th Infantry Association held its 2008 reunion in September at the Marines Memorial Club in San Francisco. Approximately 150 attendees, including members and wives, were greeted at the welcoming party by Major General James Myatt, USMC, Commander of the 1st Marine Division during the Iraq War.

Mr. Bon Woo Koo, Consul General for the Republic of Korea, also greeted the group. The old soldiers enjoyed three days of tours, reminiscing, and fellowship. At the annual banquet five

members who had served with the regiment in both WWII and the Korean War received a special honor.

Mr. Sungwon Shin, Deputy Counsel General for the Republic of Korea, expressed the gratitude of his country for the American sacrifices made on behalf of the Korean people.

All in attendance had a great time and are looking forward to the next reunion in Las Vegas, September 18-20, 2009.

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630th Engineers, Light Equipment Co.

Nineteen comrades from 14 states enjoy several days of visiting and reminiscing at the annual 630th Korea reunion held each year in Branson, MO.

The dates for 2009 are September 14-16.

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Members of 630th Engineers, Light Equipment Co., Korea gather in Branson, MO

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Thanks!

As we have noted in past issues, there is no shortage of thanks extended from Koreans to the veterans who fought for their country's freedom over fifty years ago. Here are more results.

On December 27, 2008 the Denver Korean Society held its annual Christmas dinner/dance party with the members of two KWVA chapters, 195 (Queen City), Denver, and 9 (Dutch Nelsen), Colorado Springs, as guests of honor.

Approximately forty Korean War veterans and spouses attended.

*Kenneth E. Camell
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Retired CSM/SGM US Army and KWVA members Carl Victor, Joe Annello, Kenneth Camell



KWVA members and spouses socializing and "semi posing"

고호덕 회장 주최 '경로잔치' 성황 스프링스 거주노인 대부분 참석



이날 잔치에는 콜로라도스프링스에 거주하는 한인 노인들이 대부분 참석했으며 한국전 참전용사의 모습도 많이 눈에 띄었다.



호덕 회장.

민지 씨의 부채춤.

19일(금) 12시, 콜로라도주 캔들우드 호텔에서는 250여명의 할머니들이 참석한 가운데 경로잔치가 열렸다. 이 잔치는 선사인(社)의 고호덕 회장이 주관하고 한국전 참전용사 5년째 열어오고 있는 연례행사.

이날 경로잔치에서 고 회장은 "돌아가신 어머니를 생각하며 여러 어르신을 모셨다"며 소찬을 나누면서 즐거운 시간을 함께 해 달라고 말했다. 노인들은 한식과 양식으로 꾸민 차린 음식을 들면서 부채춤과 미국 가요를 즐겼다.

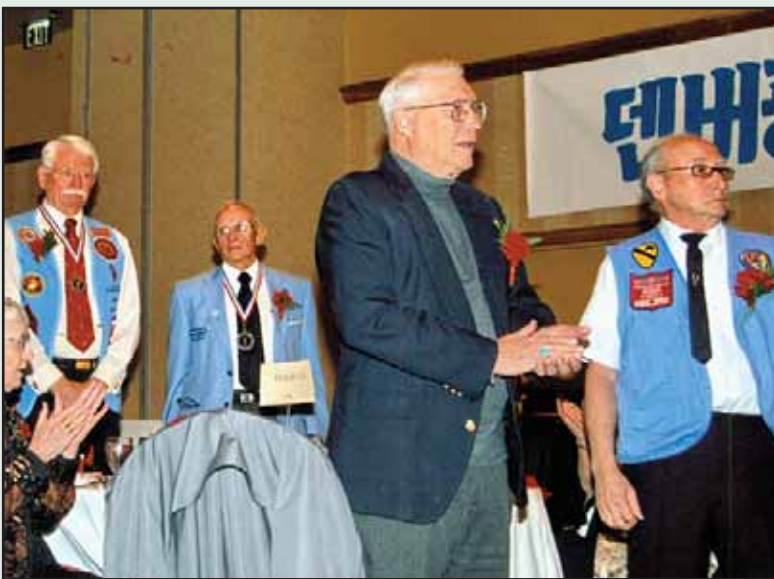
Front page article of local Korean paper talking about Christmas dinner



Spouses and veterans conversing while awaiting dinner.



Guests socializing and conversing while waiting for dinner



Veterans standing are being honored and thanked by the Korean hosts



Paul Darrow, President of Dutch Nelsen Chapter, and Joe Anello, Korean POW, and member of both chapters



President of the Korean Society and Korean War veterans mingling (L-R) Cal Keil, Vincient Chung (President, Denver Korean Society), Joe Anello, Milo Miles, Ken Carnell



Joe and Joan Anello, who we thank for most of these photos

Chapter & Department News

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am building an extensive backlog of chapters that are in a "Non-compliant" status. The reasons for the "non-compliant" classification vary, e.g., officers are not members of National, officer positions are not filled....whatever.

I would like to get your chapter news and photos in the "Chapters" section. They are not doing you or me any good sitting in the "Non-compliant" file. But, this is one area of the magazine that is out of my editorial control.

If you have sent news and photos and they do not appear in this section within a couple issues, please contact Jake Feaster to find out if your chapter is non-compliant. I want to include your submissions and clear out my backlog.

Thanks.

13 BILL CARR [DE]

We made our second visit to Walter Reed Army Medical Center on 15 December 2008. New Chapter President Edward J. Johnson, Committee Chairman John Weidenhof, Jim Wolfe and former State Commander George Goss delivered journals, backpacks, playing cards, puzzles, "T" shirts, gift cards, postage stamps and a check for \$10,000.00 to Operation Helping Hands, administered by Command Chaplain Col. Charles L. Howell.



Members of CID 13 present check to Operation Helping Hands

Col. Roger D. Criner, Command Chaplain, Pacific Regional Medical Command, was on hand at the presentation. In addition to the gifts and the check we presented God Bless Our Wounded Warrior ribbon magnets to the Chaplains. These magnets were designed by the chapter to honor our wounded warriors. (Magnets are available for \$3.00 plus shipping. Make out checks to KWVA Wounded Warrior Fund and mail them to P.O. Box 51, Lewes, DE 19958.)

The chapter also donated wallets, wristwatches, socks, sweat clothes, slippers, hand-held games and a check for \$10,000.00 in July 2008.

A visit to website www.woundedwarriorfund.org will provide you with up-to-date information regarding the fund. We are planning a spring 2009 visit to our recovering warriors.

If anyone wishes to help, email woundedwarrior07@aol.com.

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Lewes, DE 19958

19 GEN. RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Chapter members were invited to a Christmas mass and pageant at the Bethany Presbyterian Church in the Atlanta suburb of Marietta. They received a round of applause from the seated congregation.

Chapter President Thomas Harris accepted an appreciation check of \$1,000 from the church.



A check is presented to CID 19 at Marietta Christmas event (L-R) Thomas Harris, Mr. Dae Yong Mun, President of the Korean Veterans Association, and Pastor Byung-ho Choi of the Bethany Presbyterian Church



CID 19 members in the Atlanta Veterans Day Parade

Eight chapter members participated in the Veterans Day Parade on Peachtree Street in Atlanta. They included Ron Clark, Jim Conway, Tom Harris, Bob McCubbins, Bob Moore, Urban Rump, Thaddeus Sobieski, and Tom Woods.

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30 INDIANA #1 [IN]

We signed a contract with Don Remenschneider, our Concordia Cemetery Director, to take care of the grounds around our beautiful Korean Monument.

We feel we are all getting a little older and are no longer able to do it.

Mary Anna Roemke, Publicity Director
P. O. Box 15102, Fort Wayne, IN 46885



CID 30 members at contract signing ceremony (L-R) Dave Martin, Jim Leslie, Bud Mendenhall, Cletus Rumschlag, chapter attorney John Whitmore, Bernard Wisniewski, Commander Ken Roemke (Standing in back L-R) Condordia 's Attorney Ron Gehring, Allen Clendenen, Carl Fowler, Don Remenschneider (all members of chapter's E-Board)

55 NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

We held our holiday party on 15 December 2008. At this party we installed our officers for 2009-10. They are:

- Commander – Ray O'Connor
- 1st VP – Don Zoeller
- 2nd VP – Hank Nowicki
- Directors – Bernie Hoffman, Larry O'Leary, Arnie Barletta

We also gave a citation to our outgoing Commander, Howie Plattner.

Robert P. O'Brien, 408 Fifth Avenue
Cedarhurst, NY 11516



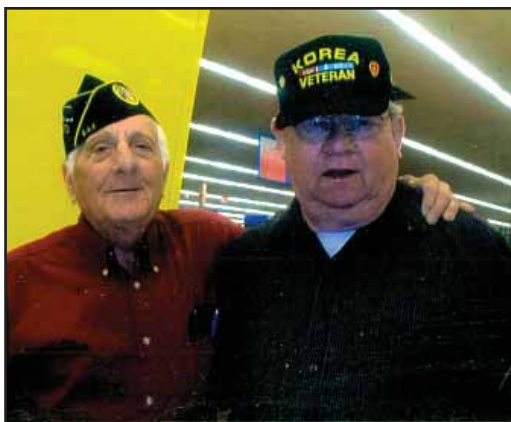
CID 55's new officers (L-R) Arnie Barletta, Bernie Hoffman, Hank Nowicki, Don Zoeller, Ray O'Connor, Larry O'Leary



Tom Riley (L) presents citation to CID 55's outgoing Commander, Howie Plattner

105 CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

It all started at 0900 hours on a Saturday morning in December at the Wal-Mart store in East Syracuse, New York. After a count down and inspection, a flanking movement was performed to attack the in-house McDonald's restaurant, which provided a hearty meal of pancakes, hash browns, sausage, juice and milk for the troops who were ready to do battle.



Jim Low of CID 105 (R) and Vincent M. Bova, Commander of DAV Chapter 30 (L) at Christmas event

KWVA Fund Raising Committee



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Join positive, action-oriented life members who appreciate *The Graybeards* and will donate funds to ensure its continued publication. *The Graybeards* deserves your financial support because it:

- ◆ Serves as a central meeting place for all KWVA members.
- ◆ Binds KWVA members to the organization and to their fellow members.
- ◆ Speaks to Korean War and Korea Service veterans about important issues.
- ◆ Encourages communication between National, the Departments, Chapters, and individual members.

Your life membership confirms your commitment to KWVA and your interest in seeing it prosper. Yet, as the number of life members has grown to almost half the membership, annual dues from regular members, which traditionally finances publication of *The Graybeards*, steadily decline. Meanwhile, costs keep going up. Your generous gift will help offset the cost of publishing *The Graybeards*.

As a bonus, each ticket donation of \$10, \$15, or \$20, gives you and your spouse a chance to win a trip to the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting. The trip includes airfare for you and your spouse, originating within the continental US, four nights at the Annual Membership Meeting hotel, plus your registration fee. We will hold the drawing in June and announce the winner in the July - August issue of *The Graybeards*. So, act today and complete the form on the back page of this insert.

Learn the Facts then Support The Graybeards

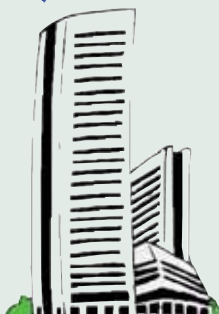
- ◆ Each issue of *The Graybeards* costs, including mailing is approximately \$27,000. The publisher provided reduced costs for this year.

- ◆ Life Members make up KWVA's fastest growing segment.
- ◆ Almost one-half of KWVA members are either MOH, POW, or Life members. They pay no annual dues to finance *The Graybeards*.
- ◆ The Federal Charter extracts financial demands on KWVA such as:
 - Annual Reports to Congress, an estimated \$10,000.
- ◆ The Budget Committee trimmed \$49,000 from the 2008 budget.
 - The 2009 budget estimates \$162,000 based on 2007 costs to edit and publish six issues and mail *The Graybeards*, a little over \$27,000 for each issue.
- ◆ The Fund-Raising Committee's goal is to raise enough funds to edit, publish and mail out at least one issue of *The Graybeards*, with about \$27,000 as the estimated cost this year.
- ◆ Support *The Graybeards* with your generous donation today! Complete the form on the adjacent page and mail it today. In your heart, you know you should donate to *The Graybeards*.



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Signature _____

Contact Art Griffith, Chairman, Fund-Raising Committee, at 978-534-4854 or ArtArmy2@comcast.net for information about this historic fund-raiser.

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Some of the "troops" ready to launch the attack at CID 105's Christmas event

Battle ready they were as they pushed their shopping carts to the far reaches of the store in search of gifts for themselves and family members. This scene has been repeated in the past, prior to Christmas.

Led by the local DAV and assisted by the KWVA, the children of local active service men and women are invited to this event every year. By noon the battle is over, the bill is paid, and the children are happy. Most of all, the vets in attendance are proud they were able to give to the children of future vets.

Jim Low, 114 Wembridge Dr
East Syracuse, NY 13057, (315) 437-0833

126 TRI-STATE [OH]

We were invited to Saint John's Lutheran Church in East Liverpool, Ohio to be a part of a special "Service to All Veterans" event held on the Sunday before Veterans Day.



Members of CID 126 at school ceremony (L-R) Mike Kilcoyne, Dan Gallagher, Lindy Malignani, Ed Peters, Bob Estell, Don Wolf

We posted the Colors to start the service. Pastor E. Edwards did a great job of working Honor, Sacrifice and Courage into his sermon. We were treated to refreshments when everything was over.

On Veterans Day we again posted the Colors for a program for



Don Wolf, President of CID 126, accepts award (He still fits into his uniform!)

all veterans at Wellsville High School at Wellsville, Ohio. The public was invited. Master Sgt. Terry Berry was the main speaker.

Frances Youngblood did a wonderful job singing patriotic songs. Our President, Don Wolf, spoke. Later, he accepted a plaque for his speaking and to honor the chapter for helping out over the years to make this program a success.

When the program was over, the Color Guard and all the participants were treated to lunch.

George Piggott, VP, 3720 Root Ave. NE, Canton, OH 44705

142 KOREAN WAR VETERANS [MD]

For a number of years our chapter has provided an Honor Guard at Crestwood Village's annual parade. At this year's parade the chapter presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Crestwood Village.

The certificate was awarded for the numerous years this Village has recognized its military veterans for their services.



A Bed of Flags, one for each veteran of Crestwood Village in Frederick, MD was displayed on the front lawn of the Clubhouse. Photos by: Barbara Briggs.

Deceased veterans' spouses were also recognized.

We support sending Christmas boxes to soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. We presented a check to Mr. Frank Abrecht, treasurer of the Frederick County Chapter of Veterans



Presenting the Certificate of Appreciation to Crestwood Village are Chapter #142 Commander Glenn Wienhoff and Executive Committee member V. Reggie Kephart. Receiving the Certificate are Ruth Henderson, Mary Belcher and Barbara Briggs. Chapter 142 also presented and Retired the Colors at this event



Members of CID 142 presenting check to Frank Abrecht (L-R) Robert Miles, Anthony Mara, Ken Davis, Glenn Wienhoff, Jim Miller, Frank Abrecht, Robert Eader, Robert Mount, Eugene Rinehart, Charles Chipley, John Wilcox and Richard Martin (Kneeling, Reggie Kephart and Wendell Murphy)

Association of America, Inc., AKA Frederick County Veterans Association in that regard.

Mr. Abrecht said "Thanks to the generosity of many supporters in Frederick, and particularly Chapter #142, KWVA, we were able to send 48 boxes this year. One of the larger mailings ever."

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153 CENTRAL FLORIDA [FL]

Korean War veterans Donald Smith and George Chartrand and their wives recently enjoyed the "Revisit Korea Tour." It was an experience that helped the veterans understand that their sacrifices made in Korea were not in vain, they will never be "forgotten," and the Korean people will ever be thankful.

What a gracious host the Korean government was. It was a lifetime experience for all, and helped heal some of the scars.



CID 153 members and wives on Korean Revisit tour (L-R) Flo Smith, Don Smith, a Korean hostess, George Chartrand, another Korean Hostess, Pat Chartrand

Donald C. Smith, 1812 S. Houston Dr
Deltona, FL 32738

158 WILLIAM R. CHARETTE (MOH) [FL]

William (Bill) Charette was a Medical Corpsman in Korea and one of those very few MOH recipients that survived. He still attends our monthly meetings. You would never know that he was a MOH recipient.

Nearby is a picture of a display that was placed in the Winter Haven, FL Library in his honor during the month of October 2008, thanks to Charlie Appenzeler, First Vice Commander of Chapter 158. Many items relative to the Korean War were on display—including a copy of *The Graybeards*.



Display placed in the Winter Haven, FL Library during the month of October 2008 in honor of Corpsman William (Bill) Charette

As for the rest of the story, initially there was a hand grenade on display.

One day a “so called” munitions expert stopped by to look at the display and exclaimed, “Oh, My God! I am an expert in munitions and that is a live grenade!”

The library personnel went ballistic and called 911. They, in turn, called the bomb squad and Charlie.

Charlie arrived at the library first and removed the grenade. Would you believe there was a hole in the bottom of it? In any case, we removed the grenade.

Frank Cohee, FCohee@kwva.org

170 TAEJON [NJ]

We held our annual Christmas-Chanukah party for Korean War veterans and family members at Mario’s Restaurant, Clifton, NJ on 11 December 2008.

Members who show up at many events to promote the knowledge of the Korean War attended this very special event to honor Christmas and the festival of lights Chanukah.

The festivity began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the National Anthem.



Korean War veterans at CID 170's winter event



Family members of CID 170 veterans at Christmas-Chanukah party

Commander Thomas Falato welcomed everyone and then joined KWVA State Commander George Bruzgis in an impressive narration in honor of the POW-MIA Remembrance Table and the meaning of each item on the table.

Everyone enjoyed a special Italian cuisine buffet.



Camille Georgison, the new editor of “The Taejon Post,” and husband Perry



Taejon Chapter Commander Thomas Falato welcomes guests to CID 170's Christmas-Chanukah festivities



The POW-MIA table at CID 170's event



CID 170's Sr. Vice Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole near the POW-MIA table



George Bruzgis (L) and Thomas Falato (R) explain each symbol on CID 170's POW-MIA table

A D.J. provided dancing to music from the "Big Band" era. All in all, the evening was very enjoyable, filled with the sharing of comradeship and the joy of the holidays.

During the evening Commander Falato informed the members that a new editor has been found for our monthly newsletter, "The Taejon Post." Camille Georgison, the wife of our Adjutant, has accepted the position. She will be replacing Morton Rushfield, who was the editor for twelve years.

Morton is recuperating from an operation. He has done a fantastic job as editor of "The Taejon Post," and we offer our thanks and prayers to him for a quick recovery and return to our chapter's activities.

Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Avenue
Paterson, NJ 07503

180 CENTRAL LOUISIANA [LA]

Our chapter completed another great year with the Annual Christmas Meeting and Dinner. This tradition was begun by Charter Member Bill Doyle, who answered the final roll call this year.



The attendees at CID 180's Christmas Dinner & meeting



Commander Dechert of CID 180 (L) and Command Sergeant Major of the Army Bill Gates (R) at November 9th SW Louisiana Armed Forces Celebration at Dry Springs, LA (Photo by Johnney Lee)



CID 180 members at November 9th celebration (Photo by Johnney Lee)

In November the chapter joined in, and was honored by, the Southwest Louisiana Armed Forces Appreciation Day. Also in November, Chapter 180 and Purple Heart Chapter 727 combined to present certificates to Mr. "Buster" Beverly, an over-the-road trucker who has mobilized national appreciation and provided recognition for America's veterans.

We added ten new members this year as our chapter continues to uphold and support the US-KOREA Alliance and today's armed forces

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187 WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS 2000 [MA]

In December 2008 we presented Director Paul Moran of the Holyoke Soldiers Home with a donation of new bingo cards for the newly installed electronic bingo game.

Al Nataro, 8 Wedgewood Drive
Ludlow, MA 01056, kwva2000@gmail.com



Members of CID 187 present new bingo cards (L-R) Jim Stathis, Jim O'Connell, Walter Pietras, Paul Morin, Jim McInerney, Al Natario, Rip Reopel

188 SOUTH LAKE COUNTY [FL]

A very busy month of November kept our members moving. Our Honor Guard performed at five occasions under the direction of Guard Leader Carl Hogue. These occasions were held at Woodlawn Cemetery and other Veterans Day celebrations in Orange and Lake Counties.



The South Lake High School Silent Drill Team at the Clermont, FL All Veterans Car Show

Our chapter sponsored the 9th annual All Veterans Car-Truck & Cycle Show celebration, which is held every November at the Clermont Florida Citrus Tower. It is always run by our member Joe Madeline. But, due to his illness, Don Voorhees took over as chairman this year. Over 160 vehicles registered and were on display.

Various performances included Honor Guard with gun salute, military vehicles, fly-over by WW2 airplanes, and the South Lake High School silent drill team. A POW ceremony was performed by Chapter Commander Charlie First and Vice Commander Rube Morehouse. There were drawings held for various prizes.

A local Boy Scout troop performed a flag folding ceremony. DJs Butch & Jennifer Johnson furnished music and announcements.

Representatives from KWV A chapter #169 and Chapter #210 in Florida were present.



Rube Morehouse and Charlie First of CID 188 conduct POW ceremony at Clermont All Veterans Car Show



CID 188's Honor Guard at the Clermont All Veterans Car Show



LEFT: Guest Speaker at the Clermont All Veterans Car Show

BELOW: Carl Hogue, Rube Morehouse, and Dave Litz, members of CID 188's Honor Guard, at the Clermont All Veterans Car Show



Commander Charlie First and Chairman Don Voorhees did an excellent job of emceeding this occasion. The weather was perfect on this day.

God Bless America!

Carol Becker, Historian, 17741 W. Apshawa Rd.
Clermont, FL 34715

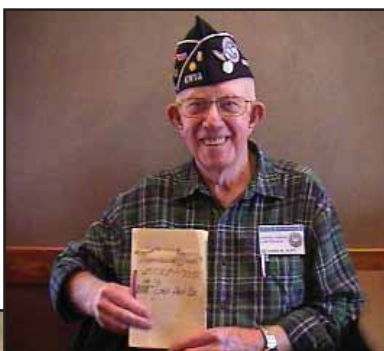
259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

Here's an interesting souvenir from Korea. Richard N. Rupe of our chapter kept the menu from his 1952 Thanksgiving in Korea. He was one of the lucky troops who got the makings for a good meal, with a specially made list of food.

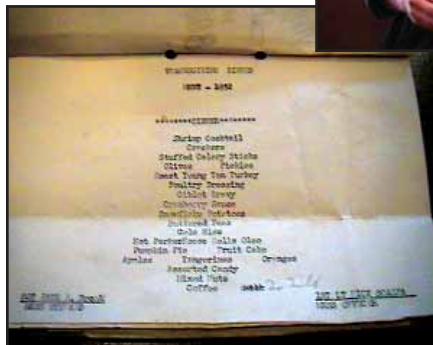
Anyone who wants to contact Rupe may call him at (765) 754-3263.

In September Indianapolis pays tribute at the classic War Memorial Building to our Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action. Members of the ex-POW Association are present as we remember the price paid for freedom by so many military members.

One organization present for the occasion was the JPAC unit from Hawaii



ABOVE: Richard N. Rupe holding his 1952 Thanksgiving Day menu (left)



RIGHT: JPAC staff members Rex Hodges, MSgt USAF (Ret), TSgt Derrick Goode, CID 259 Cmdr Tine Martin and Everett McFarland, a twice-wounded USMC veteran at the Chosin Reservoir, for which he received two Purple Hearts, at Indianapolis event



(Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command) that processes recovered remains from battlefields around the world. After classifying and indexing all remains, the expert staff must sometimes wait several years before notifying families of the positive identification.

One recent case required four years from discovery to return

of the remains to home. As they explained, JPAC has identified over 1,400 deceased's remains. There are an estimated 98,000 missing from WW2 on, but some 50,000 are not recoverable.

They average only 3 to 6 identifications a month out of all the remains they have gathered. Their mission is an honorable one and involves many personnel and at times hazardous searches.

John M. Quinn, Saggi32@aol.com

264 MT. DIABLO [CA]

We held our annual cupcake distribution event at the oldest veterans hospital in the U.S., located in Yountville, CA. We distributed red, white, and blue cupcakes throughout the wards.

All patients were screened to make sure they could eat the cupcakes. Those who could not eat cupcakes received handshakes.

The Clayton Valley Safeway store has donated the cupcakes for the last three years.

Stanley J. Grogan, 2585 Moraga Drive
Pinole, CA 94564



CID 264 "Cupcake Distribution Technicians" (L-R) Donald K. Score, Stanley J. Grogan, Mary S. Grogan, Robert M. Hooker



After the cupcakes, it's rest time for CID 264 cupcake distributors (L) Bob Welbede (C) Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hooker, (R) Ron Silva



CID 264's cupcake distribution makes one unidentified staff member happy

It takes a van to haul all the cupcakes CID 264 delivered



270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

Chapter 270 Donates \$2,300 to *The Graybeards*



Over the course of the year 2008, Sam Johnson Chapter 270 has donated \$2,300 to *The Graybeards*. This group of 118 average, middle-class, Korean War and Korea Service veterans proudly supports the one magazine that speaks to and for us, *The Graybeards*.

The chapter's generous members also donated \$1,400 to the Dallas VA Hospital's Voluntary Services for patient comfort items. Additionally, the chapter gave \$2,300 to preserve the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC.

Thirty-four chapter members also logged 5,106 volunteer hours at the Dallas VA Hospital during fiscal year 2008. Chapter 270 proudly supports the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA). One hundred percent (100%) of Sam Johnson Chapter 270's members are also KWVA members.

Chapter 270 asks other KWVA chapters to join us in supporting *The Graybeards* and our National organization.

Glen Thompson, gthomp32@att.net

271 ABERDEEN [MD]

We participated in Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities in Aberdeen in 2008, as we have done for the past eight years.

We also held a gathering for members and guests on 11 December 2008 to review past events and to commemorate our eight years as a KWVA chapter.

Sadly, 10 regular members have passed away during the years

of our existence. Nonetheless, we remain a viable chapter, and we will continue to strive to attract new members.

N. Guerra, President

296 CAYUGA COUNTY [NY]

The new name of the old Navy and Air Corps training base in New York is Sampson Veteran Park. It has a cemetery in which our veterans can be buried.

One of the Honor Guards is the Cayuga County, Chapter 296.

John Fischetti, jaf4901@msn.com



CID 296 Honor Guard (Front Row) Charles Kreplin, Lyell Brown, Dick Wawro, Joe Camardo, John Fischetti (Second Row) Commander John

297 PLATEAU [TN]

Chapter members tour Ft. Campbell Army Base

What? No mess trays? No KP's to "blob" your food onto your mess tray? No garbage cans to dump into? No boiling, soapy water in a garbage can with brush to wash your mess tray? No



Members and guests of CID 297 enjoy lunch in the mess hall at Ft. Campbell, KY

boiling water in garbage cans to dip and rinse your mess tray? An enlisted man with a weekday off who joins your tour!!!

Members and guests of Plateau Chapter #297, Crossville, TN recently took a day trip tour to Ft. Campbell, KY, where they found the answer to the mess questions to be an emphatic, "NO." They found the mess hall dining facility more favorably resembling Shoney's buffet bar, where there is a super assortment of food available and you take what you want.

And, no more M-1 rifles to break down, clean, and reassemble. They also found no more World War II wooden barracks. Currently, billets are offered in modern brick buildings and contain two or three enlisted-men suites.

The members were shown mock-ups of large cities illustrating how the modern military personnel are trained to handle specific problems, buildings and targeted facilities with the current, updated equipment—all performed with computers. This, naturally, eliminates thousands of spent shells and possible accidents.

A continued tour of the base illustrated to all why America has the upper edge on the rest of the world militarily.

And, that enlisted man with a week day off? That would be the grandson of past commander Don Eliason, who recently returned from MP duty in Iraq.

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300 KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF MASSACHUSETTS [MA]

Chapter members participated in Wreaths Across America at Bourne National Cemetery on Cape Cod on 13 December 2008.

There were 25,000 wreaths placed—in 30°F weather.

Leo Agnew, State House, 5th Floor,
Room 546-4, Boston, MA 02133



Members of CID 300 participate in Wreaths Across America event at Bourne National Cemetery



KOREAN CHRISTMAS • • • • • 1950



It was cold, so cold, at that Masan site,
as we gathered to sing carols,
On Christmas Eve night.
Far from home, family and friends,
Still the warmth we shared knew no ends.
Snow flurries added to the spirit of Christmas
While some people even wondered,
If the folks back home still missed us.
Korea! Korea! Where the hell's that?
I can't even find it on my old world map.
But here we are at Truman's request.
All bundled up for a long winter's quest.
Then I heard Joe O'Brien say, "Hey! Where's me hat?"

And in an instant I knew where I was at.
You see, Joe was a classmate of mine at O'Dea,
A high school in Seattle, so far away.
We hadn't seen each other in years,
So we talked of old times over Asahi beers.
We sang carols of course,
And cursed Dean Acheson and Harry.
But time was short, so not to worry.
We had good hot chow, warm clothes,
and lots of Suntori!
Then Christmas Eve faded along with our dreams,
Of being home early;
Just another one of MacArthur's schemes.

*Boyce Clark, E-2-7,
USMC, Korea, 1950-'51*

Mystery Photos Identified

The batch of “Mystery Photos” we included on p. 79 of the Nov/Dec 2008 issue brought us an unprecedented number of responses. There were so many, in fact, that we don’t have room to list everyone who responded. Here are a few of the answers readers provided. (We will include more responses in the March/April issue.)

We include the photos again so you won’t have to retrieve your copy of the magazine from wherever you disposed of it for “safekeeping,” along with a few submitted by readers.

The image identified as **Picture B** is the great Buddha of Kamakura, Kanagawa, Japan. You can enter a small chamber on the right side. High up on a ledge is a small gold replica of the Buddha. At least this was there in 1952 when I visited.

I was in VS-931 Antisubmarine Squadron and served aboard the *USS Sicily* CVE-118 and *USS Badoeng Strait* CVE-116 while in Japan or the Korean waters. (See http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_761577854/Japanese_Art_and_Architecture.html#461549273 to get more information regarding the statue.)

J. Robert Wagner, bobwagner@msn.com

I can shed some light on two of the photos, which I probably wouldn’t have remembered from 1953. But, I made a trip to Japan in 2001.

• **Picture B** is the Daibutsu, a bronze Buddha at Kotokuin Temple in Kamakura, southwest of Tokyo, near the coast.

• **Picture D** is the five-story pagoda at Sensoji Temple in Asakusa, a district of Tokyo.

• **Picture A** is uncertain; it looks like the grounds at Sensoji Temple, but it could be almost anywhere.

I have no clue regarding the other photos.

*Howard R. Helfand
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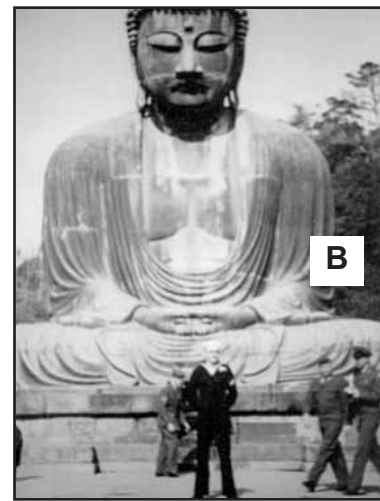
• **Picture A** is hard, but I believe it is Tsurugaoka Hachiman Shrine. In Kamakura. I gathered that by looking at

my old notes from when I was in Japan on R & R in the 1950’s. There are several shrines at this site, and lots of cherry trees. I also see the “Third Kamakura Shogun” was assassinated there by an archer.

• **Picture B** is the “Kamakura Great

Buddah,” date 1252, weight 93 tons. It is a bronze statue of Amitabha Buddha, in the Kotoku-in Temple, in Kamakura, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

Kamakura has many good restaurants and a beach. With its proximity to Tokyo



it is a popular tourist destination.

• **Picture C**, I do not know, It looks like an old Japanese Army Building. Perhaps the Japanese writing on the front could give someone a clue.

• **Picture D** is the “Five Storied Pagoda,” shown after the fire, at Miyajima, Japan. Built in 1407 AD, it is a pretty red with the lights shining on it at night.

• **Picture E**, I believe, is the “old” dock area, in Tokyo, on the Sumida River. I would guess this whole area is gone now.

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I think I can identify pictures B, C and D on the Mystery Photos.

• **Picture B** is of the Great Buddha at Kamakura, Japan. You could go inside the statue and climb up and look out the hole in the middle of Buddha’s head.

• **Pictures C & D** appear to be taken on the grounds of the Japanese Emperor’s Palace in Tokyo, Japan. I visited these locations several times while stationed at Yokohama, Japan from Dec 1948 through Oct 1951.

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Kokomo, IN 46902,
eddanley@prodigy.net
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• **Picture B** is the Great Buddha of Kamakura (Kamakura Daibutsu) in Kamakura, Japan. It is a bronze statue which stands on the grounds of the Kotokuin Temple.

The statue, which is 13.35 meters high, is the second largest bronze Buddha statue in Japan. It is located a five-minute walk from the Enoden Railway Hase Station, the third station from Kamakura main station. The Enoden is a streetcar-like train that connects Kamakura with Enoshima and Fujisawa.

Been there, done that while on R & R from Korea, when I was a Special Agent in the 7th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment, (CIC), 7th Infantry Division, Korea. My base camp was at the village of Hapongam-ni, Idam-Myon, about one mile south of the 38th Parallel, just off the MSR#1.

W. Bradford (“Brad”) Chase, Jr.,
wbchasejr@rcn.com
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• **Photo B** is the Great Buddha of Kawakura-Daibutsu Temple, west of Yokohama, Japan. This used to be a popular place to visit while in the Yokohama area. I was there during my R&Rs from Korea in 1959-60.

I have attached a personal picture of the Buddha and the temple area. It comes from my slide picture collection.

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Killeen, TX 76549, (254) 704-0465,
glopez2@hotmail.com
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• I believe **picture “B”** may be the Dibutsu, a very large statue of Buddha, near the coast of Japan and not far from Tokyo. It is so large that an altar is kept inside the head of the statue and services are held inside the body of the statue itself.

The foundation was built in 1492. I visited the statue in February 1952, but I do not remember anymore about it.

Noel Nuessle, CID 181, Overland Park,
KS nnuessle@everestkc.net
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• **Picture B** is the Buddha statue at Diabutsu, one of six shrines throughout Japan.

• **Picture D** is a pagoda in Tokyo. It is one of the six shrines mentioned above.

John M. Pereault, 64th Engr. Topo Bn.
(1951-53), 311 Watson Ave
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
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• **Picture D** is probably the Pagoda of Kofukoji in Nara. It is an 8th-century, Gojunoto, 5-story pagoda temple closely associated with the Fujiwara family.

• **Picture E** could be anywhere. I have an impression of Yokohama or Yokosuka, but...It is an interesting boat. It almost resembles one of the old Yanspat (Yangtze Patrol) jobs in China. But, that is not possible or correct.

George Parks, 61 Corman Ct.
Decatur, IL 62521

Miscellaneous

One former Navy Seabee identified the large vessel in Picture E via a phone call. It is an APL (Auxiliary Personnel Living). The vessel would accommodate about 500 people, but it had to be towed everywhere.

Another respondent simplified the description even more:

The **Picture E** on p. 79 is a photo of an

APL, which is a large type of a house boat. I lived on one in 1952 when in the Navy Seabees. It was hot at night but held around 500 guys. They were used during Vietnam quite a bit. We called it the “Apple.”

John Klamut, CID 137,
JohnGoldieK@aol.com
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I took the nearby photo of the Great Buddha in Sept. 1952, as the young lady graciously posed.)

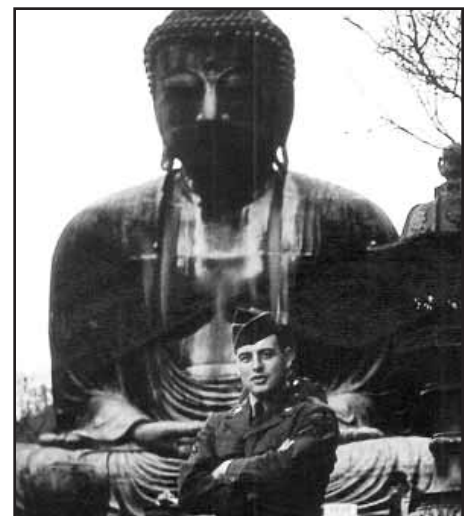
Stanley N. Wisniewski, 1159 Deveron
Court, San Dimas, CA 91773



The Buddha and the lady, 1952

I saw the Buddha in 1954. I had my picture taken with him.

Donald Lanternier, 7th Inf. Div.,
5972 Tonawanda Creek Rd



Donald Lanternier with his Buddha

MORE MYSTERY PHOTOS!
See pages 57-58



Members of CID 56 gather for July 27th ceremony (L-R) Henry Guevara, Manual Mendez, Gregory Garcia, Manuel Salazar, Kenneth Niemi, David Lopez, William Cobos, Eutimeo Beas, Gilbert Cabrera, Rudy Avellano, Robert Bermudez, Fred Tepasano, Ben Espinoza

Ventura County – [CA] Chapter 56 sponsored a Commemorative Event to recognize the 27 July 1953 Armistice. We have been doing this since the 50th Anniversary to honor all the Korean War veterans—and those from other wars—who gave their lives in defense of our

country, and those who came home.

We ask the public to participate in our ceremony by honoring a loved one who served in the Korean War and is now deceased. This past year we placed 26 wreaths for our veterans to make sure they are not forgotten.

Our plan is to continue placing the wreaths until only one of us is standing. Those of us still living—the ones who came home—are the lucky ones, and we cannot forget those who did not.

*David Lopez, 3850 W 180th Place
Torrance, CA 90504*



Kenneth Niemi, David Lopez, Rudy Avellano, Gilbert Cabrera, Manuel Salazar, Richard Ruiz at CID 56's July 27th event



ABOVE: Members and guests at CID 56's July 27th event

BELOW: George Compton, VA representatives, speaks at CID 56's July 27th event as chapter members (L-R) David Lopez, Mike Hidalgo, Benjamin Espinoza, Gilbert Cabrera, Gregory Garcia, and Richard Ruiz listen



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8084th Pool Table Repair Co., Yokohama, 1948-50, 18-19 Apr., Lexington, MA, Minuteman Inn. POC: Eugene Mercier, P. O. Box 3602, Nashua, NH 03061

USS Rendova (CVE-114), 20-23 Apr., Virginia Beach, VA, Best Western Oceanfront. POC: Bill Evans, 6618 Heath Glen Dr., Mint Hill, NC 28227, (704) 573-4472, rendova114@aol.com

21st SBC, Quantico VA, 1953, 20-24 Apr., Pensacola, FL. POC: Dave Seiler, 7121 Wymart, Pensacola, FL 32526, (850) 944 1153, DFSANDGVS@COX.NET

865 AAA AW SP, 21-25 Apr., Fairfax, VA. POC: N. Uyematsu, (714) 637-1800, Nuyematsu@aol.com

76th Engineer Construction Bn., 23-25 Apr., Lebanon, TN. POC: Zeke Gandara, (402) 477-7230, zekemildellepro@msn.com

73rd Tank Bn. & 73rd Armor, 23-26 April., Columbus, GA. POC: Curtis Banker, 44 Westcott Road, Schuyler Falls, NY 12985, (518) 643-2302, dmbanker-curtis@northnet.org

Coast Guard Combat Veterans, 27-30 April, Reno, NV, Atlantis Casino Resort. POC: CWO Baker Herbert, POB 544 Westfield Center, OH 44251 330-887-5539, USCGW64@neo.rr.com

19th & 34th Regts., 24th Div., 27-29 April, Pigeon Forge, TN, Holiday Inn Express. POC: Leo Gosnell, 2865 Highway 414, Taylors, SC 29687, (864) 895-1842

3rd AAA AW Bn., 28-30 Apr., Pigeon Forge, TN. POC: James Goff, 500 Jefferson Ave., Hopewell, VA 23860, jwgoff1@peoplepc.com

307th Bomb Group/Wing (1946-54), 29 Apr.-3 May, Tampa, FL. POC: Tom Stevens, (913) 696-0447, stevenst@swbell.net

2nd Infantry Division-Korean War Veterans Alliance (2ID-KWVA), 30 April-4 May, St. Louis, MO, Sheraton Westport Hotel. POC: Ralph M. Hockley, (713) 334-0271; FAX: (713) 334-0272; rmh-2ID-KWVA@earthlink.net

MAY

Several Ships, 2-7 May, Jacksonville, FL - Bahamas Cruise. POC: Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040, (516) 747-7426, cfu115@aol.com. Ships involved: Gen William Mitchell (AP-114); Gen Nelson Walker (TAP-125); Gen George M Randall (TAP-115); Gen M B Stewart (TAP-140); Gen. M C Meigs (TAP-116); Gen A W Greely (TAP-141); Gen W H Gordon (TAP-117); Gen H F Hodges (TAP-144); Gen William Weigel (TAP-119); Gen Harry Taylor (TAP-145); Gen Daniel I Sultan (TAP-120); Gen W F Hase (TAP-146); Gen J Gaffey (TAP-121); Gen A W Brewster (TAP-155); Gen Simon B Buckner (TAP-123); Gen J C Breckinridge (TAP-176); Gen Edwin D Patrick (TAP-124)

707th AAA Gun Bn., (June 1950-Aug. 1952), 5-8 May, Pigeon Forge, TN. POC: M. T. Sanford, 3087 Mensi Street, Memphis, TN 38127, (901) 357-5268, poppy21stcentury@aol.com

L. Co., 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Div., 13-17 May, Pittsburgh, PA. George Vlasic, 279 Ravennaside Dr. NW, Calabash, NC 28467, (910) 287-5618, geonvlasic@atmc.net

H/3/5 (Korea), 21-26 May 2009, Washington, DC Metro Area (Includes Natl Museum of the Marine Corps). POC: Roger H. Barnard, 10183 Red Spruce Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032-3620, 703.978.4467, rbarnard@cox.net

151st Combat Eng. Bn., 21-24 May, Lebanon, TN. POC: Jack Cato, (615) 444-9273, rmcato@charter.net

40th Div, 224th Regt Combat Team, 27-31 May, Boston, MA. POC: Bob West, (570) 876-3616, westrg@msn.com

JUNE

51st Signal Battalion Reunion, 2-4 June, Fort Gordon/Augusta, GA. POC: Tommy Thompson, 4129 Fairway Dr., Granbury, TX, 76049, (817) 326-4773, tom@itexas.net, website: www.2.itexas.net/tom/

728th MP Bn., 17-20 June, Columbus, OH. POC: Charles Wiseman, 6790 Hildreth Ave., Columbus, OH 43229, (614) 882-3211, C-Wiseman728th@yahoo.com

7th Infantry Division Association (Hourglass / Bayonet Division), 25-28 June, Baton Rouge, LA, Holiday Inn – South. POC: John Stengel, 712 Griggs St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-8051, (616) 243-7174, execsec@7id.us

AUGUST

"Tandy's Dandies," 32nd Eng. Const. Grp. (Includes 430th - 434th - 439th, 453rd Bns, and 304th - 36 Eng. Dump Trk. Cos.), 14-16 Aug., Rochelle, IL. POC: Bob Miller, 849 Joanne Lane, Rochelle, IL 61068, (815) 562-6802, bemiller54@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER

90th Field Artillery Battalion Assn., 25th Infantry Division, 4-7 Sept., Oak Brook Terrace, IL, Hilton Garden Suites and Hilton Garden Inn. POC: Ray Haski, 927 Robin Dr., Apollo PA 15613, (724) 727-3132, jckaloha@kleinlein.us

25th Infantry Division Assn., 9-19 September, Fairbanks, AK. POC: P.O. Box 7, Flourdowntown, PA 19031, Fax (215) 248-5250, TropicLtn@aol.com, website, www.25thida.org

343rd General Hospital, 12 Sept., Port Byron, NY. POC: Bernie Long, 40 Indian Hill Drive, Waterloo, NY 13165, (315) 651-4205

630th Engineers, Light Equipment Co., 14-16 Sept., Branson, MO. POC: Oscar Viehland, 9587 Woodland Rd., Robertsville, MO 63072, ogvccv@att.net

58th Fighter Association, 15-20 Sept., Albuquerque, New Mexico (includes WWII, Korea, Viet Nam members of 58th Fighter & 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, as well as current members of the 58th Special Operations Wing). POC: J. Kupferer, 2025 Bono Road, New Albany, Indiana 47150-46, jkupferer@insightbb.com

USS Hornet (CV-8/CV/CVA/CVS-12), 16-20 Sept., Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY. We are searching for all hands who served aboard Hornet during the Korean War. All Ship's Company, Officers, Air Groups, Crew, Marines and their families are welcome. POC: Carl & Sandy Burket, (814) 224-5063, hornetcva@aol.com

Society of the Third Infantry Division and attached units (in wars and in peacetime), 16-20 Sept., Springfield, MO, Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65804, (417) 883-6500. POC: Linda Irvine, (360) 663-2521, info@theReunionBrat.com

1st Bn., 7th Marines (Korea), 22-27 Sept., Buffalo, NY. POC: Jim Hannon, 67 Norman Ave., Buffalo, NY 14210, (716) 822-2733, b17jim@aol.com

Korean War Recon Marines (24th Annual), 23-26 Sept., Pigeon Forge, TN. POC: Ed Tacchi, (516) 488-3137, edtac@aol.com

USS Ozbourn (DD-846), 23-27 Sept., St. Louis, MO. POC: Ray Loney, P.O. Box 58, Washougal, WA 98671, (360) 835-0699 or Ken Keene, 9995 Perry Highway, Meadville, PA 16335, (814) 337-3197

All Korean War Veterans, 23-27 Sept., Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA. POC: Charles Egresitz, 6 Rosewood Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17109, (717) 497-6971, apebble@aol.com

OCTOBER

G-3-1 Korea Association (open to any who served with George Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st MarDiv, 15 September 1950–15 March 1955), 2-5 Oct., Rapid City, SD, Ramkota Best Western Hotel, (605) 343-8550. POC: Bob Harbula, VP, G-3-1 KOREA Association (412) 462-8537, bobbyjuly@yahoo.com

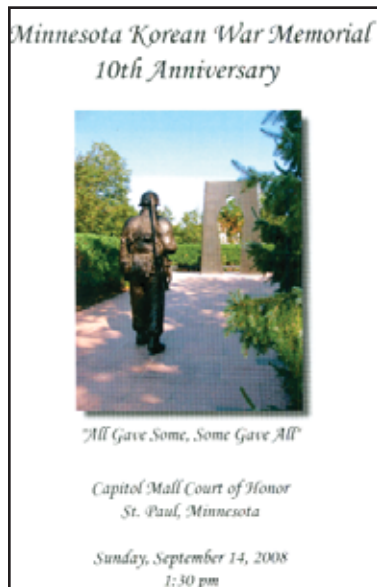
MTACS-2/MASS-2 (All years), 19-22 Oct., Las Vegas, NV. POC: George Macartie (858) 566-5303, mass-2@sbcglobal.net (NOTE: These are actually the same unit. In 1954 MTACS-2 became MASS-2)



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The Minnesota #1 Chapter (CID 40) celebrated the 10th anniversary of its Korean War Memorial on 14 September 2008. Several chapter members and dignitaries participated. Among them were Tom Clawson, the 10th Commemorative Committee Chairman, Reverend Kook Jin Nam, Korean Community representative, and Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty,

who delivered the welcome address.

Stan Turner, a 35-year veteran of Twin Cities Broadcasting, gave the keynote address, and the Choir of the Korean Presbyterian Church of MN provided music. Ed Valle, CID 40



CID 40 officers (Seated L-R) 1st VP Bob Pellow, President Ed Valle (Standing L-R) 2nd VP Erv Lewandoski, Corresponding Secretary John Rutford, Recording Secretary Harvey Sell, Treasurer Jerry Sandin, Member-at-Large Ken Swanson, Sgt-at-Arms Skip Christensen. (Chaplain Dave Kramer was absent.)

President, offered the closing remarks.

Tom Clawson, 953 Gorman Ave.,
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937th FA Bn

Six members got together at Granville, OH, 21-23 October 2008.

Peter Costigan, 310 Hallock Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776



937th FA Bn members (L-R) Alden Stilson, William Mills, Thomas Moehringer, Alvin Meyer, Richard Clott, Peter Costigan

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New Mystery Photos

More ➤

We received this email from a woman in California last October:

My brother served in Korea in 1951. He was in a field commander's office, as I understand, with the 6th Army at Changgagokas, Korea. At least I think that is what his writing says. He passed away several years ago.

Among his things I found quite a number of pictures taken of some of the men and officers connected with his unit. Most of the pictures have no identification at all on them. Some have only "nick-names." Some have rank and last name. Several have a sign outside a tent saying "Signal Corps Office." Two have the name "Vennes," Williston, North Dakota. One has the date "1951."

My brother was Cpl (I believe) J. O.

("Ollie") Arcand, from Arbuckle, CA. He was drafted in 1950 or 51 and received his basic training at Fort Ord, CA, after which he was sent to Camp Gordon, GA for teletype school before being sent to serve his time (about 1 ½ years) in Korea.

Since there is so little identification on these pictures, they have little or no value to me. But, I thought someone (veteran or family) from that era might be interested in them. My granddaughter even suggested that a veterans group might be interested. I just wondered if you might have any suggestions.

Beth Butler

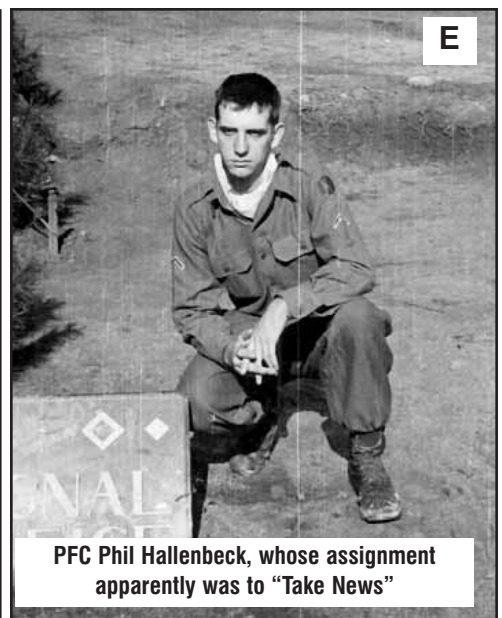
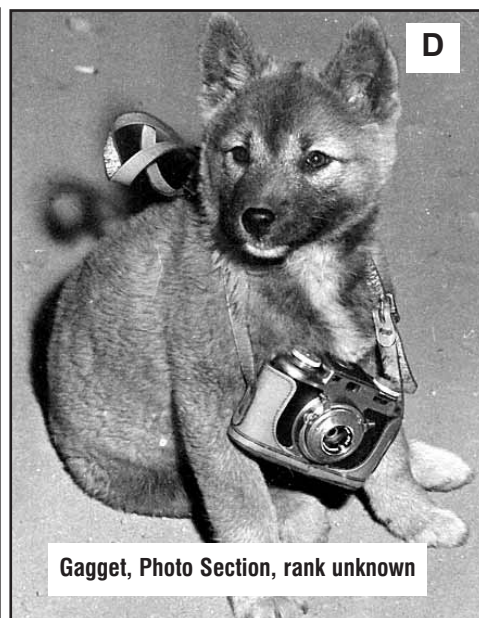
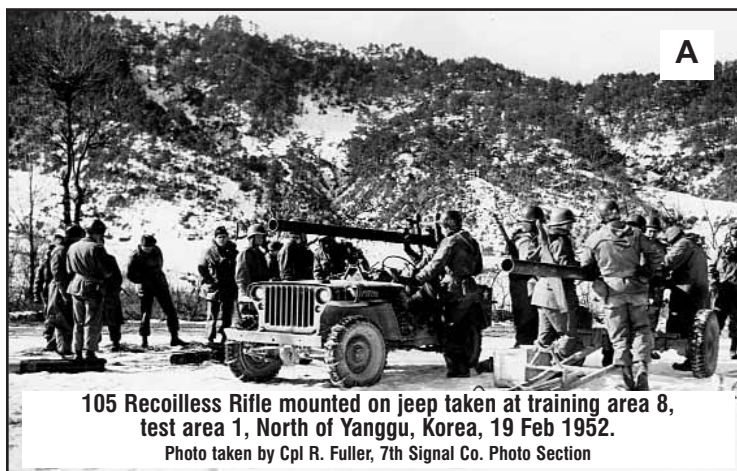
We responded quickly and invited her to send us the photos. She did. Now it is your turn. With any luck, we can find out where the photos were taken, who the

subjects are, etc.

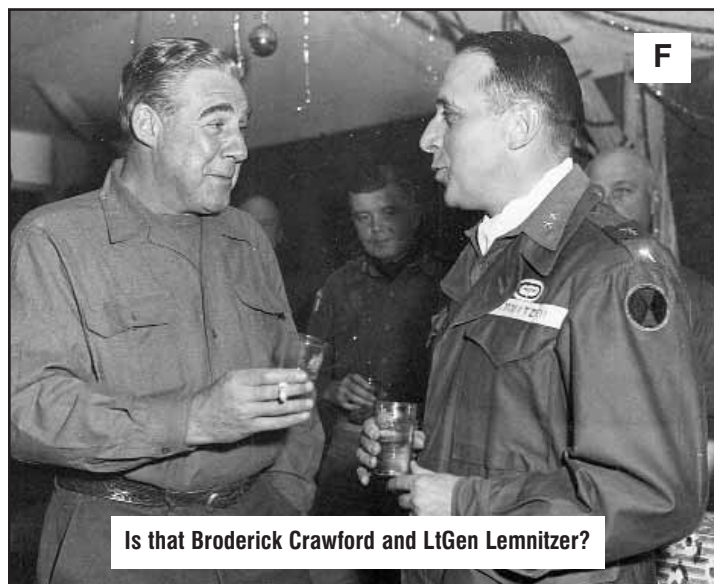
Our Mystery Photo Editor selected a cross-section comprising 12 of the 70 or so photos Ms. Butler sent to create a diverse picture of the unit, the personnel, etc. As Ms. Butler noted, many of the photos do not have any captions. Those that do have limited info.

Here are some of the names on photos: LtCol. Hudgins; Gen. Roper, Col. Reynolds, Maj. Medinger, Lt. Younger, Lt. Jones, PFC Phil Hallenbeck, Sgt. Sweet, Sgt. Harrell, Don Detwiler, SFC Forsberg, Lt Col. Clifford E. Roberts, MajGen Ferenbaught.

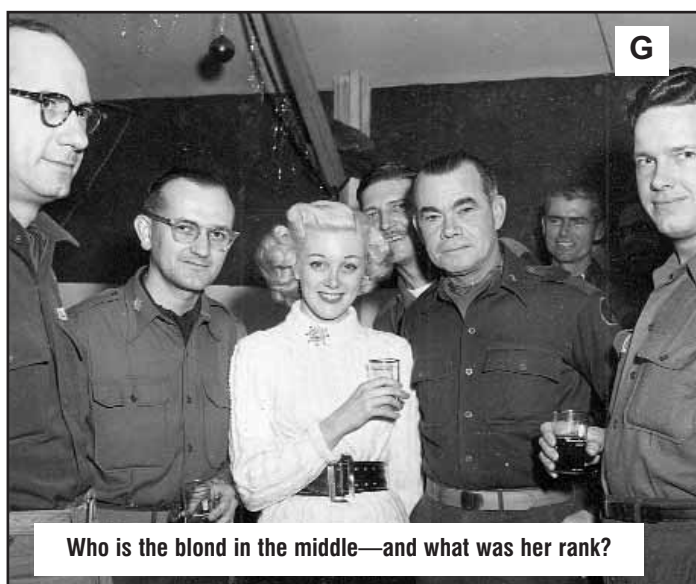
If you can provide us with any info regarding these photos, please let us know here at *The Graybeards office*. We will pass it on to Ms. Butler.



New Mystery Photos (Continued)



Is that Broderick Crawford and LtGen Lemnitzer?



Who is the blond in the middle—and what was her rank?



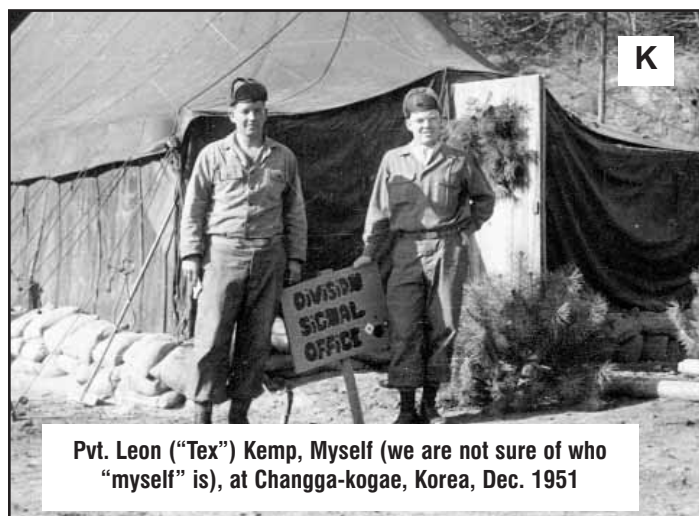
They look like they have some high ranks, whoever they are



LtCol Huggins bidding Gen. Roper and Col. Reynolds "Good-bye" (Where were they going?)



Maj. Charles B. Miller



Pvt. Leon ("Tex") Kemp, Myself (we are not sure of who "myself" is), at Changga-kogae, Korea, Dec. 1951



Is that the same four-star?

Korean War veteran, former USMC Commandant, Dies

■ Gen. Robert Barrow honored, remembered by Marines

*By Sgt. John J. Parry,
Marine Barracks 8th & I*

ST FRANCISVILLE, La. — With the passing of one of the U.S. Marine Corps' finest leaders, more than 200 servicemembers converged on his hometown, Nov. 3.

Gen. Robert H. Barrow, 27th Commandant of the Marine Corps, was honored by a battalion of Marines from Marine Barracks Washington, led by Gen. James T. Conway, 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps and Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent, 16th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

With a somber cadence from the U.S. Marine Band, the Marines made their way to his final resting place in a shady corner of the town's local cemetery. Following a private service for his family, Barrow was laid to rest by the U.S. Marine Corps Body Bearers. After a prayer, a ceremonial bugler from the

band played "TAPS" as a final tribute and farewell to one of the corps' finest Marines.

Barrow was a decorated combat veteran who served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

Serving first as an enlisted Marine drill instructor, he was responsible for the training of Marine recruits in the early stages of WWII. After his graduation from Officer Candidate School in 1943, he fought with Chinese guerillas on mainland China where he received a Bronze Star with Combat "V" for valor in combat.

During the Korean War, Barrow was involved in the defense of Seoul, for which he received the Silver Star, as well as the Marines' landing at Inchon where they forced the North Koreans into retreat. He was awarded the Navy Cross, the naval services' second highest honor, for his actions at

the Battle of Chosin Reservoir.

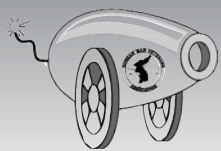
While in combat operations during the Vietnam War, he received the Army Distinguished Service Cross for valor during Operation Dewey Canyon, a 56-day fight with a large North Vietnamese force in 1969.

Upon promotion to brigadier general later that year, Barrow began to climb through the ranks until he was named CMC on July 1, 1979. As commandant, he began to implement reforms, which continue to affect the Marine Corps to present day. His changes included raising standards for future Marines, breaking racial tensions in the service and ending tolerance for drug abusers.

The Marines' tribute to General Barrow in his hometown is a fitting finale for a man whose leadership and reforms will continue to affect the Marine Corps for as long as it continues to exist.



Gen. James T. Conway, 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps, along with Sgt. Major Carlton W. Kent, 16th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, lead Marines from Marine Barracks Washington during Gen Robert H. Barrow's funeral in St. Francisville, La., Nov. 3.



Feedback/Return Fire

This section of *The Graybeards* is designed to provide feedback—and generate more feedback. It gives readers the opportunity to respond to printed stories, letters, points of view, etc., without having to write long-winded replies. Feel free to respond to whatever you see in the magazine. As long as it's tasteful and non-political, we will be happy to include it. If you want to submit ideas, criticisms, etc. that you prefer not to see in print—with your name attached to it—then we will honor that. Make sure to let us know, though.

Mail your "Return Fire" to the "Feedback Editor" at 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-2859. E-mail it to: sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net, or phone it in to (860) 563-6149. Whatever the medium you choose, we welcome your input.

Flag Etiquette

From a new member, re the group photos of CID 1 on p. 36 of the Sept/Oct issue: I hope that at the next get-together of CID 1, members will make sure their flags are in the right position. The flags shown have blue field at upper right. The small flags are correct. I am sure this was an oversight.

F. R. Magness (Korea 50-51), 24th Inf Div, 21 Regt, 3rd Bn., 1 Co., femagn@mymailstation.com

EDITOR'S NOTE: We frequently receive comments from flag etiquette specialists who point out that flags in photos are improperly positioned, worn in places they should not be worn, sewed on to clothing in unpatriotic displays, etc. We appreciate the comments, and we will print them to keep our members advised about proper flag etiquette. (We are talking here primarily about the U.S. flag, but our comments apply to other flags as well.)

Some critics have suggested that we refrain from printing photos in which the flags do not meet specifications. However, we cannot do that. If we did not print photos in which the flag(s) are—or are perceived to be—not presented properly, we might never print a photo with a flag in it.

And, bear in mind that sometimes the problem with the flag is due to technology, i.e., the way the photos are processed for publication.

The important thing is that veterans and non-veterans alike honor the flag, and that it occupies a significant position in their hearts and minds. That is proper etiquette.

And, for those of you who are concerned about flag etiquette, here is a website you can access for more information. (Thanks to Jim Doppelhammer, KWVA Webmaster and Technical Advisor, for providing the link.) <http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagetiq.html>

The Inchon Landing

(Additional info re "First to land at Inchon," p. 57, Sept/Oct 2008.)

It has been said many times that the Inchon Landings was unusual in the annals of amphibious warfare. From a lead assault Rifle Company Commander's point of view the most unusual aspect was the limited amount of time available to 1) absorb a large number of replacements and additional elements that had no recent combat experience and 2) absorb the landing plan and complete the Company level planning necessary to conduct a "different" kind of landing, e.g., ladders on a sea wall, densely populated area, dusk vs. dawn without any practice or rehearsal....

Able Company, First Battalion, Fifth Marines had been operating throughout the Pusan Perimeter with a skeleton staff of officers and NCOs...not very many, but good, dependable and experienced men.

When replacements were received at Pusan, prior to the Inchon Landing, one of the officers joining Able Company was Lt. Baldomero Lopez. Lt. Lopez had been Able Company Executive Officer while in Camp Pendleton in 1949 and early 1950. He had received orders to go to school shortly before the First Marine Brigade was formed in June 1950 at Camp Pendleton. After Lt. Lopez had already started classes, he requested duty in Korea with Able Company, First Battalion, 5th Marines, when war broke out.

When Lopez joined A-1-5 at Pusan, he was assigned as Platoon Leader, 3rd Platoon. Our experience, up to then, has indicated that if an officer or Staff Noncommissioned Officer could make it through an initial fire fight, his chances for continuing were good. Lt. Muetzel, Platoon Leader, 2nd Platoon and GySgt McMullan, Platoon Leader, 1st Platoon were excellent examples of this.

The Assault Plan at Red Beach called for Able Company to be deployed with two platoons up and one platoon in reserve. The 1st Platoon, under GySgt McMullan, and the 2nd Platoon, under Lt. Muetzel, were selected as the two assault platoons. Lt. Lopez, with his 3rd Platoon, was to be the reserve. It was my thought that Lt. Lopez would have the least amount of exposure by being with the reserve platoon. Unfortunately, it didn't work that way.

The 1st Platoon Leader and half the platoon were delayed off shore by a boat breakdown. The remainder of the 1st Platoon scaled the sea wall from boat 2, but ran into heavy fire from the north flank and from submachine guns in a bunker directly ahead. The others were unable to advance more than just a few yards inland. Boat 3, to the right of 1st Platoon, with Lt. Muetzel and part of his platoon, landed with no casualties. Lt. Muetzel continued the attack towards his objective, meeting with very little opposition.

Back in the 1st Platoon area, no progress was being made against flanking fire and the bunker to the front. At this time, the 3rd Platoon, under Lt. Lopez, landed. At the same time GySgt McMullan landed with the other half of the 1st Platoon, putting both units into a very crowded and restricted area. Casualties mounted.

As Lt. Lopez climbed ashore, he was hit. He moved against the bunker with a grenade. He had pulled the pin on the grenade, but was unable to throw it because of the wound. He was killed when he smothered the explosion with his body to protect the people around him. I (Capt. Stevens) landed about that time in the 2nd Platoon's zone [at H+5 Min.].

When I heard of Lt. Lopez's death, I asked 1st Lt. Eubanks, the Company Executive Officer, to take over on the left and get them organized and moving. At the same time I radioed Lt. Muetzel, who had already reached the brewery, suffering many casualties, and asked him to bring the 2nd Platoon back to the beach to help out.

On his way back, he noted that the southern slope of Cemetery Hill was a better route of approach to seize this high ground, if the job proved too tough for the 1st Platoon. With his usual display of excellent judgment and initiative, Lt. Muetzel launched his assault on Cemetery Hill from the south. This assault moved rapidly, flushing out about a dozen enemy soldiers, who surrendered. When they got to the top, the entire crest suddenly became alive with enemy rifle and mortar crewmen. They also threw down their weapons, filed out from the trenches, and marched to the base of the hill, where they were kept under guard.

On the left side of the beach, Lt. Eubanks had cleaned out the bunker in a grenade duel, followed by a flame thrower attack. He then took the 1st and 3rd Platoon out of their pockets and drove inland to the edge of the city, where he made contact with the 2nd Platoon. At 1755 I fired an "Amber/Star Cluster" indicating that Cemetery Hill was secure. The thirty-minute fight in the area of the 1st and 3rd Platoons had cost us 8 killed and 28 wounded.

Accompanying me in my boat going into the beach were several Time Life photographer/correspondence types. The last time I remember seeing those people was head down on the top of the sea wall digging for all they were worth. Just after firing the signal that we had secured our objective, a LST came in on the beach to our right with all guns blazing. We were receiving friendly fire and it was some few minutes before we got it stopped.

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Busan vs. Pusan

Ref: Pg. 24, July/Aug 2008 issue, "BUSAN vs. PUSAN." You were correct in that "the translation was based on pronunciation." However, that's the only thing that was correct.

Some time ago—way back—an English speaking person, possibly an American, advised the Koreans how to write Korean names in English. Remember, the Koreans use characters that are different from our alphabet. They have NOT changed their spelling. They are only attempting to correct the English misrepresentation of it.

I have long commented on how Korean is misrepresented in English. I know of one town whose name phonetically in Korean is Bub Wun; however, the English spelling is Po Wahn. Therefore, it is pronounced that way—incorrectly—in English. Now, finally, they are doing something about it.

Busan has always been the proper pronunciation. One example: some American told a Korean scholar that the Korean representation for "B" sounded like "d." Therefore, "Pusan" should always have been "Busan," Taegue is properly Daegue, etc. The proper phonetic pronunciation of SEOUL is "Suh-oo," or Suool.

I have lived in Korea 33 years and have studied this subject.

Finally, Ref: Pg#59 of that same issue: Pyeong Taeg (for a long time misspelled and mispronounced Pyeong Taek) is a city about 40 miles south of Seoul. I don't know the child.

James M. Jackson, MSGT USAF (Ret.), USMC Korean War (1950-51)

Memory of Pyongtaek

I am just now catching up on some of the Graybeards and came across all the comments about K-6 located just outside of Pyongtaek. I clearly remembering landing at K-6 with several other Marines in January of 1953. I thought I had stepped back 200 years

in history.

Many times I made the truck run up to Suwon to the railhead to pick up supplies for our base and surrounding support units. We had to go through the village of Pyongtaek, and it was just nothing but small huts and a dirt road. I was with MABS-12 MAG-12.

Based on what I have seen on the website and from the Korean Consulate in MA, I guess we really did make a difference.

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Cemetery is nowhere near Concord, CA

That was a nice article in the November-December 2008 *Graybeards* on the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

The cemetery, however, is nowhere near Concord, CA, as cited in the article. In fact, it is about 90 miles south of Concord, at 32053 McCabe Road, Gustine, Merced County, CA, 95322.

I alert you to this error for correction so that folks looking for the cemetery won't be looking near Concord. It is the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery that lies between Concord and Sacramento.

Thanks for helping to keep the memory alive.

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He could have gotten out

I read with enjoyment each issue of "Graybeards." A lot of reminiscing. I think of the guys a lot and often wonder where everyone went when it was OVER.

The photo below pictures three of the guys in my platoon during basic training at Ft. Lewis, WA. The tall "kid" on the right is Dennis E. Libby, son of the Libby McNeill & Libby food business owners. I called him "Kid," as he was a very young man about 18, and I was 26 when drafted out of Navy Reserve.

I remember whenever we had furlough the corporate plane would land at McCord Air Base next door and a limo would pick Dennis up for a stay at home.

The thing that impressed me the most about Dennis was that here is a young man with probably enough ties to keep him OUT of the "Conflict." Yet, he was there like the rest of us. AND, he was a good



Three members of Fred Hoffmeyer's platoon (L-R) "Bear," Frank Hocky, Dennis Libby

man. I always remembered Dennis and felt good highly about him, as he was "one of us."

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When I saw the photo of the guys from the 17th on p. 68 of the Sept/Oct 2008 issue, it reminded me that I worked real close with them as an Ordnance Officer during 1952/53.

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Sven G. Johnson

The French in Korea

Congrats on another great issue of The Greybeards. (Nov-Dec 08). I enjoyed your description of your Paris visit and share your disappointment that for the French the Korean War does indeed seem forgotten—if indeed it was ever recognized.

Your attention to the French Battalion is well deserved, even though you failed to mention that they fought as a unit of my 23rd Regiment of the Second Division. The French were brave, aggressive, reliable and highly motivated for the UN cause.

Their commander, the highly dedicated LtCol Ralph Monclar, had taken a voluntary reduction in rank from major general so he could accompany the battalion to Korea. They were with us inside the Chipyeong-ni perimeter and were steadfast in all the Chinese attacks.

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We contributed more than one jeep

The Musee de Armee certainly is impressive and extensive; yet, when I visited some years ago, the American contribution to WWII did not extend beyond an Army Jeep.

Possibly they have added to it??

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Monument in Belfast

(See "Editor's Desk" for a clarification of some of the information in this letter)

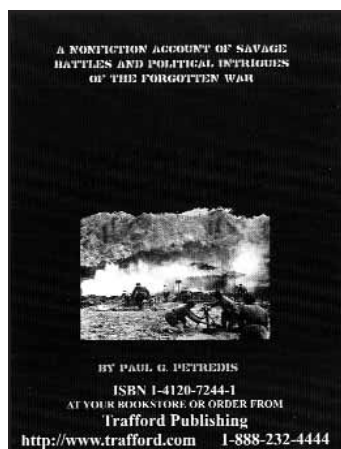
On a tour of Ireland last year, my wife and I visited Belfast, the capitol of Northern Ireland. I happened to notice the memorial, a photo of which is nearby. As you know, Britain is a protectorate of Northern Ireland, so troops were dispatched to the Korean War from there, as representatives of Great Britain, as well as from other British colonies.



The Korean War monument in Belfast, Northern Ireland

EDITOR'S NOTE: Actually, Northern Ireland would be considered a British protectorate.

While the Republic of Ireland is an independent sovereignty, I am unsure if they also dispatched contingencies of their military to Korea. As an aside, and not germane to the issue, we learned that the Republic is teaching all inhabitants to speak Gaelic as the primary language. Street signs already reflect the Gaelic language, as do many of the businesses. A formidable task indeed. The consensus is



A bit about Paul G. Petredis and his book

that the Republic will never return to being ruled by the British, and a different language is one more step to guaranteeing their independence.

The Belfast Memorial seems fitting in light of your recent trip to Paris where no one has memorialized the participation of French troops during the Korean

conflict. Particularly noteworthy was how the French and other European countries suffered such enormous casualties during the carnages of World Wars I and II.

I am a life member of KWVA by virtue of my one day prisoner of war status. You and your staff were so kind as to write and publish a wonderful review of my published book, *Escape from North Korea*, in *The Graybeards*.

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A few comments regarding protocol

There was a photo in a previous issue captioned "CID 12 honor guard firing a three-round salute..." Basically, the writer is correct. However, these men are actually a "Firing Party." The number of rifles can be 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8. Thus, they would fire 12, 15, 18, 21, or 24 blanks. This firing is correctly called a "3-volley salute."

Regarding statistics on memorials. People erect war memorials with incorrect casualty numbers. And, on our cover page, we should have the correct figures each issue. All our MIAs are listed as KIA or dead and included in the 33,741 KIAs. Then we add the non-combat dead. Marty O'Brien and I were both disappointed for many years with these incorrect figures.

Someone wrote a nice article about the MIA/POW flag. But, the article did not explain who owns this flag. It is the National League of Families of American Prisoners & Missing in S/E Asia. Their phone number is (202) 223-6846. (Incidentally, the organization does not have a federal charter.)

Congress says it is okay to fly this flag, but they did not give it a protocol ranking. This MIA/POW flag is outranked by all state flags, all city flags, all county flags, all town flags, all village flags, all service flags, American Legion flag, VFW flag...the list is endless.

Now that we have a charter, we should be more correct in the business of being veterans.

Finally: 5.7 million men and women served during the Korean War, of whom 1,789,000 went to Korea. We should promote these figures along with our casualty list as standard in each issue..

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Hothan is a VFW Protocol, Flag, Firing Officer. He is also a VFW Ceremony Site Director, Protocol.

COLOMBIA from page 31

Once the second shell was adjusted on target, the enemy bunkers started to crumble and the supply trench was steadily destroyed. About mid-afternoon I had to return to Battalion Hqs and left Lt Flores busy directing the tank's support fire to the men of the 31st Regiment on top of Jane Russell Hill. The operation went on until it had to be called off because of darkness.

Early next morning, Lt Flores reported to me that the enemy had apparently worked feverishly during the night, because the bunkers we had destroyed were almost all repaired and the communication trench we had wiped out had reappeared, only this time it was deeper. Once again, Lt Flores started directing the M60's fire. This continued for most of the day, until the 31st took Jane Russell Hill and our own operation given the order to "cease fire."

One other comment on this operation. Radio communication between Lt Flores' position and the 31st Regimental LnO was good. This wasn't the case with the tank platoon, with which we had to rely 100% on land-line communication.

On the second day of the operation, enemy shelling ripped our line twice, and twice it had to be repaired. On the second occasion, Lt Flores and a Colombian enlisted man had to go out and repair the line themselves, because his own crew was fixing lines elsewhere. While on their way back from this mission, they heard a round coming their way. They hit the ground instinctively on the reverse slope of a burial mound that happened to be there just as a round from a 120mm mortar landed on the forward slope of the mound.

The impact and concussion of the explosion threw Lt Flores and the Colombian soldier back several feet. They were able to pick themselves up and dash the rest of the way back to the safety of their observation post. The Colombian, who was bleeding from several places on his body, was taken immediately to an aid station. Lt Flores was OK except for a temporary loss of hearing that, although bothersome, did not keep him from continuing to give firing adjustments to the M60 tank.

To my knowledge, this operation was the only support that the 31st Infantry Regiment received from the Colombian Battalion on the front lines during the battle for Triangle Hill during "Operation Showdown."

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Guadalupe Martinez retired from active duty in 1970 as a Lieutenant Colonel and went into education as his second career. He retired from public education in 1988 after serving as an Elementary School principal for the last 12 years.

Belisario Flores, after his tour in Korea, transferred from his Army active duty to the Texas Air National Guard. In 1971 he was appointed to the position of Assistant Adjutant General for the Texas Air National Guard, promoted to Brigadier General in 1974, and served in that grade and position until his retirement in 1986.

NOTE: Colombia furnished 1,068 troops to the UN Forces at peak strength. The Colombian forces suffered significant casualties: 140 KIA, 452 WIA, 65 MIA, and 29 POW.



Recon Missions

Anyone know this man?

My mother passed away three years ago, and I am now in the process of writing a book about her life. Now that I am looking through her scrap books to add in pictures of her life before she married and had children, I have found one person that she did not write a caption about. It would be wonderful if I could add in his name and how he served in the book.

From the timeline that I have, I believe he served in or near the time of the Korean War. I believe he could have been stationed on the east coast of the US also, as she lived some of the time in Washington DC.

I have tried a lot of search engines to find his name, but without a name it is virtuously impossible! Is there any way you could print his photo with a note to ask if anyone recognizes him? It would be so nice to have a name to put in my book, which will be distributed to friends and family members only.

Thanks for any help you can give me.

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Society of the 3rd Inf. Div.

The Society of the Third Infantry Division is seeking those who served in the 3rd and attached units in wars, peacetime, or special interest to join the Society. Contact Henry Burke, (803) 782-7517, pennieburrke@sc.rr.com, or visit their website at www.3rddiv.org

2nd Request: 1600th Medical Group

Quite some time ago you kindly published in The Graybeards a notice for me. When I returned after a few days away there were several messages. I was hurrying to get to exercise class and could not hear all the messages. Instead of turning up the volume, I meant to hit repeat and instead hit delete and lost all messages.

I thought that maybe they would call back. After thinking about it, I knew that if I had left a message and no one contacted me I would feel that they did not want to hear from me, so perhaps this is what happened.

Would you please print it again? I would greatly appreciate it. I would like to hear from members of the 1600th Medical Gp. stationed at Westover AFB, MA 1951-52.

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Paul J. Stubavi

I would like to know what happened to my buddy Paul J. Stubavi. We met at AAA School. Paul came to our home at Santa Paula, CA to go with me to Camp Stoneman, CA. That was the last time I saw him. He never wrote to me, but he did write to my Mom.

His address at the time was:

PFC Paul J. Stubavi. US 15220479, 15th F.A., B Battery, Unit #1,
APO 248 c/o PM, San Francisco, CA

RIGHT: Paul J. Stubavi in June 1951



BELOW: Paul J. Stubavi (L) and an unidentified soldier at AAA School, Fort Bliss, TX



I ended up in the 24th Inf. Div., 21st AAA. I was a ½ track driver, so I got to see a lot of the central part of South Korea. The farthest was near Kumsong. I spent time looking at bridges, roads, and mountains and listening to 105s from June 1951 to February 1952.

Maybe someone knows where Paul is. If so, let me know.

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“The Road Kings—540”

My Dad, Frank Reagan, recently became a member of the KWVA. He has been a terrific father, with a wonderful wife, three sons, and a daughter—me. He did a great job of raising us.

I was born with cerebral palsy, and his humor helped me a great deal.

Dad loves to play his guitar, tell jokes, and tell us his war stories. I am so proud of him and all our Korean War veterans. I thank them all for fighting for our freedom; they are not forgotten.

Sadly, Dad has been having heart problems for some time. It would mean a great deal to him if he could converse with some of his war buddies. He was in 351 Transportation, 1953-54. Dad would like to know if any of the gentlemen in the nearby photo are still living—and what their names are. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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ABOVE: Members of "The Road Kings," Frank Reagan (Standing on the right in back with curly hair). The other three are unknown

RIGHT: 540 Trucking Co, Korean War (1953-54)

Were there African Americans in the 2d Div in February 1951?

A reader called with a question about the presence of African American troops with "L" Co., 9th Regt., 2d Division in February 1951. He was reading the 92nd Armored Field Artillery Bn. History, p. 19, Sept/Oct 2008. Here is what he read:

Apparently, a reconnaissance platoon from the 2d Division with "L" Company of the 9th Regiment was stationed there [Chuam-ni] as a holding force when the enemy attacked from the neighboring hills during the early morning hours, catching everyone unprepared. The dead, a great many of whom were African Americans....

The reader was under the impression that there were no African American troops there until November 1951—almost a year later.

If anyone can clear this up, please let the editor know so he can pass it on to the reader—and to anyone else who might have similar questions.



Annelie Weber elected to Toastmasters International Board



Annelie E. Weber

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, CA. — Annelie E. Weber of New Windsor, Maryland, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Toastmasters International, a worldwide, nonprofit organization teaching skills in public speaking and leadership. She was elected to the two-year volunteer term during the organization's recent International Convention in Calgary.

Weber serves as the Secretary/Treasurer on the board of the nonprofit Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, and [served] as membership and executive assistant of the National Association of Korean War Veterans (www.kwva.org).

A member of Toastmasters for more than 25 years, Weber has held many distinguished leadership positions within

Toastmasters — including that of District Governor. She says Toastmasters helped transform her from a shy and insecure person into a strong leader who has accomplished a great deal in life.

"Without Toastmasters, I would never have attempted leadership roles either within or outside of the organization," says Weber, who belongs to the Maryland Advanced Toastmasters club in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and also serves on the boards of two nationwide nonprofit associations. "The Toastmasters program helped build my confidence, poise, and my communication and relationship skills. It made me a leader people can trust and follow."

For nearly 30 years, she worked in different capacities for the General Counsel and Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives. Weber, whose husband is retired U.S. Army Colonel William Weber, now works on a freelance basis for the Korean War Veterans Association.

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Book Review

Purple Hearts – Battle Scars: Memories from the Forgotten War.

John Schneider.

ISBN: 978-1-4196-8972-7, 298 Pages, \$18.99

By Dr. Kris Barnett



Many memories become dull and vague over time. Details become nebulous, and images may seem out of focus. One would expect the sensory perceptions of a Marine badly wounded in battle to be less than clear after more than 50 years. However, John Schneider appears to recall effortlessly vivid details that bring to life his memories from the war he obviously hasn't forgotten.

His story makes for an unforgettable read, as *Purple Hearts-Battle Scars* provides a genuinely distinctive perspective, with various descriptions of the poetry of battle. The sensory details are vibrant, and easily convey the intensity and the unexpected beauty of experiences that would rarely be described as having any beauty.

Lt. General Bernard E. Trainor, USMC explains Schneider's unique outlook in the book's forward: "Now in his later years, John Schneider lifts the veil of silence and tells the story of the many Achilles who fought in the trenches of the Outpost War. For those who have never tasted the gall of battle it is hard to imagine that there is poetry in a fire fight, but there is. There is also irreverence, black humor and at times a Zen-like quality to existence" (p. IV).

Indeed, the irreverence, the humor, and descriptions of the meaning Schneider found in his experiences, especially in his close ties to his fellow Marines, add welcome dimensions to this book.

For example, the first chapter offers a startling description of the powers of destiny and fate. It is the destiny of the shell that is made in China to explode in Korea, sending a small piece to meet and sail through Schneider's neck, changing his life. Of the shell's journey to find its victim, Schneider writes:

"The percussion cap detonated, exploding the powder charge at the base of the shell. Rapidly expanding powder gases thrust the shell back up the tube, and up into the warm air of the September afternoon. The shell rose at a steep angle until it reached the top of its arc, its apogee, where it hung for a moment against the clear blue sky, before it turned lazily over and began its plunge to earth. As it fell, the air whispered along its fins and made the sound of a little sigh" (p. 1).

Apparently, Schneider relived some of his adventures in slow motion, and he eloquently recalls them for readers in a way that all

audiences can appreciate what he experienced.

Marines and Soldiers who know the frantic scramble to get horizontal when they hear the telltale whispers of incoming rounds will surely recognize Schneider's descriptions, while others who have never needed to move that quickly gain insight into the pressure to find cover.

Schneider writes:

"It is true that gravity is slow. The passive act of falling to the ground was agonizingly slow when a mortar round was falling at hundreds of feet a second. It was an awful race, but there was no better way. As my reflexes got better, the path to the ground seemed to be a journey in slow motion, through air as thick as molasses. I learned there was no way to hasten the falling. The only way to get to the ground more rapidly was to begin more quickly" (p. 126).

And of the aftermath of incoming mortars, Schneider crafts a shrewd, yet jarring, simile:

"It was common to see shards of mortar shells lying on the ground. When they were fresh, they had the blue-brown-rainbow colors of steel that had undergone high heat. Later, after a night or two of dew, they rusted, and became dull, lifeless things. Sometimes the men gathered fragments as though they were seashells, but they soon learned the jagged edges made them miserable things to carry in their pockets" (p. 126).

As a weapons expert for water-cooled machine guns, Schneider's time in Korea was fraught with pressure, threats, and anxiety, some of which was lessened by the bonds he shared with fellow Marines. Despite the intense strain, the Marines he met upheld their duty with honor and courage. Schneider shares these thoughts:

"We did not fear dying. That is, the fear of dying had passed from our daily concerns. We had moments that were frightening, and moments when we were concerned and worried, but the fear was generalized, and often called for action of some kind or another. If we thought about it, we were much more afraid of a horrible wound that would change our lives forever, a wound that was crippling, or disfiguring, or that gave endless pain. Compared to that, dying was easy" (p. 221).

Unfortunately, Schneider was wounded in action, an episode he describes with characteristic riveting detail.

Schneider's narrative of his stint in an outpost in Korea is so much more than one man's story about a forgotten war. With part philosophy, part comedy, part poetry, plenty of intrigue and an abundance of insight, Schneider's perspective and engaging writing style ensure that readers will not forget this war or this book.



Welcome Aboard!

New Members of the Korean War Veterans Association

We will publish a list of new members in each issue. Possibly, some of our veteran members will recognize the names of new “recruits” on the list, get in touch with them, and renew old friendships—or start new ones. (Hopefully, we will provide more detailed information about new members in future issues to facilitate the “getting in touch” process.)

For now, we offer a sincere “Welcome Aboard” to our new members—and urge them to recruit a friend or two to join them and the rest of us.

ALABAMA

R040832 JIMMY E. WOODARD

ARIZONA

A040814 THEO C. KROB

R040794 CARL E. SHANAHORN

CALIFORNIA

R040825 REX D. EMBRY

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What did you miss most?

Service members on deployment generally are deprived of some of the amenities of life to which they are accustomed. That is true of everything from certain foods to services and news. Certainly, that is not true anymore due to technological advancements in communications, and logistics. Those advances are not retroactive, though. So, what did you miss most when you were in Korea?

We have run stories in *The Graybeards* over the years in which storytellers have said they missed pizza, beer, ready access to mail, delivery of *The Graybeards*, etc. (Just kidding about that last one.) In some cases, they were able to compensate. In others, they were not. They simply waited until they got home to satisfy their cravings.

So, what did you miss most? Please let the editor know what you missed, whether you were able to do anything about it while you were deployed, how you did (if you did)... We will compile your information into an article for inclusion in a future issue of *The Graybeards*.



92nd ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

PART IV

Continued from the November-December Issue of *The Graybeards*, Vol 22, No. 6

Unit History for June, 1951

2 June broke heavily fogged-over in most sectors, gradually clearing by 1000 hours. Air OPs risking the fog again spotted lucrative enemy targets which were promptly placed under artillery fire. At 0700 hours reconnaissance parties departed for the assignment of a new position in Hwachon. The battalion, minus Battery "B" and Service, followed 30 minutes later. Units closed in new positions by 0930 hours and promptly engaged enemy targets. At 1100 hours the Battalion Commander called General Gillmore and suggested that Battery "B" be moved forward. With the general's concurrence, the Battalion Commander displaced Battery "B" at 1400 hours and the 2nd Rocket FA Battery with the battalion in Hwachon.

4 June continued overcast and rainy. Our infantry continued to push forward slowly and cautiously against sporadic resistance. The enemy, well dug-in in layered bunkers, was difficult to extricate. At 1130 hours IX Corps Artillery requested a road reconnaissance be made to the northwest to Sangsillaeri.

9 June continued overcast with heavy intermittent showers. The Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders continued to press reconnaissance forward. In the left sector good progress was made by our infantry. However, in the right sector resistance proved a little more determined in the form of a delaying action along the road axis to Kumhwa. Under determined effort, the enemy yielded ground, apparently resolved to withdraw beyond the great Chorwon-Kumhwa Corridor.

13 June was clear, providing good observation throughout the day. The long hours of daylight, ranging from about 0515 hours through 1130 hours, gave the enemy few hours rest from our air. To our front the enemy continued to fight a delaying action. Our forces already in Chorwon anti Kumhwa pressed the enemy sufficiently to give up large stores of supplies. Throughout the day our artillery engaged groups of from 40 to 100 enemies attempting to work their way north through mountain trails. On this day, the battalion fired its 60,000th round in Korea.

17 June broke exceptionally clear, developing into a beautiful summer day. Friendly air was active all day long, developing several enemy targets to our front. Brigadier General Gillmore visited the battalion at 1330 hours. At 1410 hours the Battalion Commander proceeded north and west on reconnaissance, to within three miles of Kumhwa. Position areas were selected should the need arise to occupy them.

At 1630 hours Protestant services were held. At 1915 hours a meeting with all officers was held, at which time rotation and the efficiency of the Command were discussed. During the day men enjoyed showers installed in a nearby creek at the battalion shower point. Small and compact, the shower unit imposed no transportation problem to

the command and proved a great morale factor.

25 June made a clear appearance, developing into the warmest day of the year. Friendly air was active throughout the day, striking at enemy assembly areas and fortifications. At 1200 hours Lieutenant General Hoge, Commanding General, IX U.S. Corps, fired the 75,000th projectile in Korea. At a simple ceremony, General Hoge and General Gillmore were presented with the 75,000th projectile-appropriately marked.

The Corps Commander and Corps Artillery Commander assisted in the ramming. Lieutenant General Hoge pulled the lanyard, assisted by General Gillmore. A turkey dinner was served following the ceremony, with General Hoge and General Gillmore as dinner as guests of the Battalion Commander.

June 1951 in Retrospect

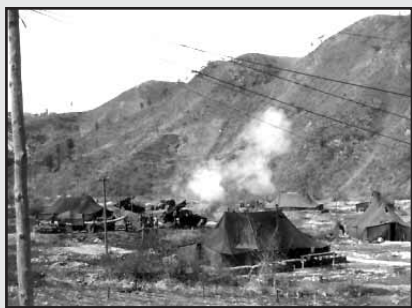
June witnessed the UN Forces, once again shoulder to shoulder, pressing the enemy well north of the 38th Parallel as they sought to execute an orderly delaying action. To this end, the enemy displayed considerable skill and efficiency through their ability to hold up our advance, when they chose, with small groups of troops, well dug-in and equipped with automatic weapons, covered by mortar and some artillery. Caught under the pressure of the UN pursuit closing-in on their heavily built-up area of Chorwon, Pyonggong, Kumhwa, and southeast through Hwachon to Inje in the East, the enemy struggled to extricate their supplies of food, ammunition and equipment. They were only partially successful; large caches of supplies were abandoned in irrigation ditches, natives' homes, and freshly dug holes in cultivated fields.

Apparently, uncertain as to the UN's offensive intentions, the enemy gave



C Battery Firing 75,000th round in Korea, 1951 (Turner)





B Battery, 1951 (Thorne)

ground rapidly across the southern mountain mass overlooking the great plains connecting Wonsan with the "Iron Triangle." In fact, the enemy gave up real estate more quickly than the UN Forces cared to acquire it, as evidenced by several pauses through the latter part of June. The enemy, however, reacted quickly to our hesitancy by digging-in across from line "Ermine," in positions which they defended and patrolled stubbornly. The area from line "Ermine" north through Kumsong could have been ours uncontested had the UN Forces been interested in real estate.

The latter part of the month witnessed battalion-size limited objective attacks aimed at keeping the enemy off balance and confused. These attacks caused considerable loss to the enemy in equipment and supplies as they were dislodged from his bunkers.

Unit History for July 1951

4 July, the 175th Anniversary of our nation's independence, appeared clear and cooler, with a high overcast that did not hinder observation. Activity to the front continued relatively quietly, with only minor incidents. During the day the National Colors, Battalion Standard and Red Devil flag were displayed, with all batteries furnishing guards.

At 1145 hours Battery Commanders assembled their Commands around the guns for the firing of the salute to the U.S.. The 48-gun salute was fired at five-second intervals, beginning at 1200 hours. Following this, the Preamble to the Constitution and the opening portion of the Declaration of Independence were

read to all men. At 1300 hours, at a representative ceremony, SFC Earl F Elder of Service Battery was commissioned a 2nd Lt., Artillery. At 1530 hours Brigadier General Gillmore visited the Battalion. Everyone listened to the news broadcasts for the latest developments on cease fire talks.

A letter from Headquarters Eighth Army dated 10 July informed the Battalion that it was entitled to the ROK Presidential Unit Citation for action with the 7th Infantry Division during the period 15 through 27 September 1950.



1951 - Battlefield commission for NCO Sgt. Elder

20 July continued heavily overcast with continuous wind-driven showers, apparently signifying the arrival of the long awaited monsoon season. With the battalion area a quagmire of mud, men attempted to drain and improve irrigation of the area. Some classes were held in tents, but most outdoor training had to be cancelled. Battery B of the 17th FA Bn. continued to improve its position under a serious handicap of mud.

23 July delivered a heavily overcast appearance with threatening showers that gradually gave way to clear weather. As defined by an Eighth U.S. Army directive, this battalion was entitled to

five Battle Stars for Korea.

31 July was overcast after several heavy showers during the night. On this last day of July the battalion continued to reinforce the fires of the 24th Division Artillery and those of the 18th ROK Field Artillery Battalion. The battalion's strength rested at 29 officers, 3 warrant officers and 607 enlisted men.

July 1951 in Retrospect

July was characterized by its relative inactivity wherein both sides dug in and dispatched patrols into one another's lines. Influenced by the cease fire negotiations in Kaesong, both sides displayed restrained aggressiveness. During July, the UN Forces launched several limited objective attacks aimed at keeping the enemy off balance and obtaining timely enemy order of battle information. Prisoners taken to our front revealed the arrival of new units replacing those encountered in June's advance.

During July sufficient enlisted replacements were received to realize the rotation of two-thirds of the Battalion's original personnel. Regrettably, officer replacements continued scarce, with a total of one received during July. Three sergeants were awarded battlefield commissions during July, to bring the total to eight received in Korea.

End - Excerpts From 92nd AFA BN Book By Col. Leon F. Lavoie

Begin: Excerpt from "92nd AFA BN History"

August 1951 And Thereafter

The 92nd spent the latter part of 1951 and most of 1952 in support of various ROK and American divisions in the Kumhwa Valley area on the central front facing hill 1062 (Papa San). The Red Devils were in direct support of the ROK 2nd Div and the U.S. 7th Div in the battle for Triangle Hill during October.

End: Excerpt from "92nd AFA BN History"

Begin: Excerpts from article "Struggle for Kumhwa Ridges," by John Randolph

**Christopher Donall
KIA 7 March 1952**

**Donald Johnson - B Battery
KIA 5 November 1951**

Central Front Korea, Nov. 1, 1952 (AP)

Savage Battles Among Ridges

Editors Note - For two weeks bloody fighting has been swirling about Triangle Hill and Sniper Ridge in Korea. Why have both sides seen fit to sacrifice so many men for these hills, and what is the fighting like? Mr. Randolph, 34, a veteran reporter from Michigan, here describes the actual fighting. He was decorated with the Silver Star a year ago by Gen. Van Fleet for helping carry wounded infantrymen to safety.



Onsong Mountain (background) with friendly outpost (foreground). View taken from the MLR (Settlement)

Onsong Mountain (Papa San), strongest Communist fortress in Korea, looms over Kumhwa Valley a brooding, sinister, evil shape. Below its five great rocky bastions two long ranges topped by the crests of Triangle Hill and Sniper Ridge stretch to the southeast deep in Allied territory. To win commanding heights of Sniper Ridge and Triangle Hill of these two lesser ranges, the Allies have been fighting a savage, swaying battle since the morning of Oct. 14 - and the end is not yet near.

Losses About Equal

The losses of brave men in this concentrated bloody violence cannot be revealed at this time. But when the numbers are made public, this bitter struggle for the Kumhwa ridges will take its rightful place among the more terrible battles of the Korean War - Kunu, the Changjin Reservoir, Hoengsungs Massacre Valley and Heartbreak Ridge. For it has been one of the major actions of the war, a solid Allied assault against a fortified hill system by the full

strength of two divisions, one American and one South Korean. The losses were shared almost equally. Americans will be both proud and sad at the deeds of their young men in the Seventh Infantry Division. And the Colombians and Ethiopians whose battalions were on these hills can be assured that their sons fought among the best.

To understand this battle, you must see the land in your mind's eye. Imagine the crouching Sphinx of Egypt looking southeast. Its big head and heavy shoulders are reared high. In front stretch two long lean cat legs, ending in curled paws.

LEFT LEG SNIPER RIDGE

The head and the shoulders are Onsong. The right leg is Triangle and its cluster of smaller heights—Jane Russell, Pikes Peak, and Little Sandy. The left leg is Sniper Ridge, with



The 7th Infantry on Triangle Hill

Pinpoint Hill near the paw and The Yoke a ridge junction closer to the Sphinx. Onsong itself is a bulky mass, made up of five towering ridges that curve inward to a central crest, like a five-armed swastika or a whirling pin-wheel. Its top rises 3500 feet from the valley below. Today the Allies are on both southeastern ridges leading up to the Sphinx itself, still fighting hard, and about half way up to the legs. Just off the Sphinx's right paw is Kumhwa



Triangle Hill through the BC scope, Fall 1952 (Crosby)

Junction, once a bustling provincial capital, but now only a flat pasture—if there were only cattle to graze on it.

A STRATEGIC SPOT

Even without walls and people, Kumhwa is an important place, the exact strategic center of the 155-mile Korean front, and one of the most important Allied positions in Korea. It still is the junction of five roads, a river and a railroad that may someday run again. It is also the eastern anchor of the central Korean plain that is known as the Iron Triangle, which is held half by the U.N. and half by the Communists. More important than that, Kumhwa is the Seoul invasion gateway on the northeast. There is no doubt that as long as the enemy holds Onsong - to say nothing of the Sphinx's legs, Kumhwa is not safe. For a year and a half, during daylight, Chinese eyes have watched every man and truck that crossed that junction, and night or day, winter or summer, Kumhwa receives more shells than rain.

ATTACK IS LAUNCHED

Gen. Van Fleet gave the orders that put the Kumhwa front into motion in the early dawn of October 14, sending U.S. Seventh Division against the Triangle Hill ridges and the ROK Second



Triangle Hill through the BC scope, Fall 1952 (Crosby)

Division against Sniper. As for the fighting itself, it reached a pitch of ferocity that, with the similar battle for White Horse Hill, is new to Korea. In almost every way, it resembles—on a narrow sector—the savage trench warfare in Flanders in the first world war. It is also akin to such deadly World War II fights as Monte Cassino, Tarawa, Iwo Jima,

Saipan and Okinawa. When the full tale is told, it may lead some of these in loss of life.

SHELLS CRASH STEADILY

Look out the narrow slit of a forward observation bunker and imagine desolate brown mountain crests, bathed in full sunlight, stripped of trees and plants, and churned to ashy sand by the consistent crash of shells. Tiny figures—men—work their way up the sandy slopes that are as pitted as a pock-marked face, one shell hole merging into another. Every few seconds an incoming shell (this is quiet firing, not a real barrage) bursts on the crest or slopes, sending up an ugly burst of



Air Strike on Hill 1062, 1952 (Settlemyre)

ers and then to blow it in with blocks of TNT. This is the deadliest job of all. Whether it succeeds or fails some of these men in the demolition and fire parties are almost always killed or wounded as they leap from shell hole to shell hole.



Kumwha - Triangle Hill (foreground) Hill 1062 (background), October 1952 (Settlemyre); 92nd barrage landing on Triangle Hill

brown-black smoke and churning the sand with jagged steel fragments. Many miss, but some land among the attackers. Then litter bearers converge and slowly struggle down the slopes, still under fire, with their torn burdens.

GIs PRESS FORWARD

Up on the crest—and there are both Koreans and Americans there—men inch their way forward through paths of machine-gun bullets and among the shell bursts, hoping to blind a Chinese bunker with their rifles or flame throw-

PLAN RUSHING ATTACK

From time to time an air strike hits the enemy mountain with bombs or napalm, the screams of the jets in their power dives sounding all too much like an incoming whopper. As darkness falls, the shell bursts turn to flashes of orange and yellow, and you know that in the black night men on one side or the other are creeping forward, seeking out weak spots for a rushing attack. When there is a night battle, to get light for their machine

gunners the Allies turn on batteries of searchlights while flare planes and star shells hang new lights in the sky.

Red tracers from machine guns cut the air like Roman candles; green and red Chinese signal flares soar up and up and up; and the firing rises to a crescendo as the artillery of each side works itself into a fury.

The brown familiar peaks of daytime become strange monsters in the thin blue flare light; erratic smoke trails daub the sky like a futuristic nightmare. It is a premiere of hell. Out of the lonely center of the fire, little lost figures of men grapple one another in the shaking light, shooting, clubbing, stabbing, hurling grenades, and even choking with the bare hands. Somehow, in the confusion, one side fells victory and the other gives ground. The fighters break apart, the losers pull back, the winners to burrow feverishly into the shifting sand..

DAYLIGHT IN EAST

The artillery dies down to random thudding. Another eternity has passed. There is daylight in the east. The shadows melt away, and it is dawn again, with the long fingers of the sun picking out the fresh bodies on the hill. Men huddle in their holes, thankful for the warm sun, fearful for the new day, and the guns mutter their endless liturgy of death.

End -Excerpts from article "Struggle for Kumhwa Ridges" By John Randolph

Begin: Excerpt from "92nd AFA BN History"

In November of 1952, as the North Korean winter moved in with snow and below zero temperatures, the 92nd moved westward north of Chorwon to support the U.S. units on the front line. Major casualties occurred during June-July 1953 shortly before the truce was signed, while the 92nd was providing support for Outpost Harry. This engagement had an especially heavy counter battery barrage directed at the 92nd, and incoming rounds were received in all the firing batteries. Able Battery was hardest hit with two killed and 17 wounded.

End: Excerpt from "92nd AFA BN History"

...To be continued

Herman L. McCollum A Battery
KIA 17 June 1953

William T. Moore - A Battery KIA 17
June 1953

Saluting The Flag

The 2009 NDAA clarified actions to be taken during the playing of the National Anthem. It authorizes individuals in uniform to give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform;...

code addresses actions for a viewer of the U.S. flag during its hoisting, lowering or passing. In these instances, the law allows a veteran in civilian attire to salute the flag. All other persons present should face the flag, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention.

All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes. However, another section of federal code that specifically relates to actions of those reciting the Pledge of Allegiance was not amended. In this case, a veteran in civilian attire is not specifically authorized to render a hand salute during the Pledge.

In any case, a veteran in civilian clothes is authorized to place their right hand over their heart as has been tradition [Source: NCOA Leg Actions 22 Oct 08 ++]

On 29 Jan 08, President Bush signed a law amending federal code to allow a veteran to salute the U.S. flag while not in uniform in certain, but not all, situations. The amended federal

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An aerial view of Kunsan AFB, K-8

direct support of the ground forces along the front lines. One day I was the lead bombardier of a flight of seven of our squadron birds—all of which dropped their load of 500-pounders on my release.

As it was at level flight at 10,000 ft, on a heading of 90 degrees for more than 10 minutes, we picked up considerable flak. We lost no aircraft, however, and made it back safely. Nonetheless, it vividly reminded me of a mission I flew as a tail gunner in a B-24 Liberator on Christmas Day 1944 over the Battle of the Bulge during which the flak was thick and close

enough to hear. Oh, the perils of a young airman.

Back to the B-26. It did the job it was called for. It hacked away at trucks and trains carrying supplies to the front line. It would hit supply dumps and troops, and work with jet fighter bombers in close air support missions. And, as a 26-year-old 1st Lieutenant, I was content that I was part of that effort and decided that the Air Force was a career worth pursuing.

And I did!

Major Rafael Ramos, USAF (Ret), 2602 Starling Lane, Bradenton, FL 34209

159 B-26s Lost in Korea

According to KORWALD records, there were 159 B-26s lost during the Korean War: three B-26s, 118 B26 Bs, and 38 B-26 Cs. All three B-26s were lost in 1951 (2 January, 24 March, and 15 August). None of the tail numbers are known.

Details about the first loss are sketchy. Records say only that it crashed while on an Intruder mission.

The second, from 452nd Bomb Wing (L), 730th Bomb Squadron, was hit by anti-aircraft fire during a combat mission. It landed at Suwon to drop off a wounded crew member, TSgt Ralph H.

Painter.

The third, from 3rd Bomb Group, 90th Bomb Squadron, was hit by anti-aircraft fire over enemy territory. It landed at 90th Composite Wing RAAF Base.

Two members of the crew, 1Lt Raymond W. Johnson and 1Lt Kenneth E. Tonkin, were wounded in the incident.

The stories of the B-26 Bs and B-26 Cs are in many cases more lethal. Although we cannot detail each one here, readers can access the details of their individual fates at: http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/pmkor/korwald_afct.htm

Veterans Day

Department of Delaware hosts Veterans Day Ceremony

The Department of Delaware hosted the Veterans Day ceremony at the Delaware Memorial Bridge War Memorial on 11 November, 2008.

The Colors were presented and posted by the Marine Corp Reserves. That was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Guest speaker James E. ("Jim") Ferris, National First Vice President, gave a brief speech. Richard (Dick) Ennis was the Master of Ceremony for the Department of Delaware. Serving as a Commissioner on the Delaware Veterans Affairs Commission, he chaired same for year 2007.

Others who participated in the ceremony included Vice President Elect Joe Biden; former Governor Ruth Ann Minner; former Lt. Governor John Carney; current Governor Jack Markell; and current Lt. Governor Matt Denn.

The ceremony concluded with the playing of "Taps."

Ed. Pickhaver, Commander, Captain Paul Dill #2, CID 12
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Guest speaker James E Ferris at the Department of Delaware Veterans Day ceremony.



Dignitaries at Delaware ceremony (Seated in front row L-R) Ruth Ann Minner, Joe Biden, John Carney, Jack Markell, Matt Denn



Master of Ceremonies Richard (Dick) Ennis addresses the assemblage at the Delaware ceremony



Standing talking with First Vice President Ferris at Delaware ceremony is Richard Ennis. (Seated in front L-R) are Jim Thompson (MCL), Paul Lardizzone (DCVA and DAV), Ruth Harden (WAVES), Bob Wasson (Del Vets), Bill Carrow (MOPH), Joe Lank (MOWW); standing is Jess Kitson (VFW)

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- ☐ Gold Star Parent: I am the parent of : Name [print] _____, who was () killed in action, () missing in action or () died as a Prisoner of War on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ Gold Star Spouse: I am the spouse of: Name [print] _____, who was () killed in action, () missing in action or () died as a Prisoner of War on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ Associate: I have a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Korean War Veterans Association and agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in its charter and bylaws.
- ☐ Honorary: I was elected as an honorary member of KWVA by a vote of the Board of Directors on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes indicated is true and correct."

Signature: _____ Month ____ Day ____ Year ____

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Section 1. Qualifications of Members. Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

A. Regular Members.

- 1. Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, said service being within Korea including territorial waters and airspace OR who served outside of Korea from June 25, 1950 to Jan 31, 1955 is eligible for Membership.
- 2. Medal of Honor.** Any Medal of Honor recipient, so honored for service during the Korean War is eligible for life membership.
- 3. Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for life membership.
- 4. 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 is eligible for membership. However, UN/Korean membership of the Association may not exceed 10% of the total membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.
- 5. Gold Star Parents.** Any person whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War is eligible for life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.
- 6. Gold Star Spouses.** Any person whose spouse was killed in action, missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War is eligible for life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.

B. Associate Members. Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular membership and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the charter and bylaws shall be eligible for associate membership in the Association.

C. Honorary Members. Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by vote by the Board of Directors.

D. Ineligible. Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States, or the United Nations Command, or the Republic of Korea under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

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Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

On Veterans Day 2008, a contingent of KWVA members attended the wreath laying ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. After VP Cheney laid a wreath, he addressed those assembled in the amphitheater. President Mac Swain sat on the dais with the other VSO heads. The Colors and our KWVA flag were posted.



Glenn Wienhoff, Commander CID 142, President Mac Swain, and Director Tom McHugh with the wreath that was laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (Photo by Marty Goge)

After the ceremony a group of members placed a KWVA wreath at the Tomb.

Following that, a Color Guard from CID 142 played Taps, while Director Tom McHugh laid a KWVA wreath at our Memorial on the Mall in Washington DC



Tom McHugh, after he laid a wreath at our DC Memorial, CID 142 Color Guard, Reggie Kephart, Bob Mount, Jim Miller, Bob Eader, Commander Glenn Wienhoff (Photo by Tony Malavenda)

86 NASHVILLE [TN]

Members participated in the Nashville Veterans Day Parade on 11 November 2008. Our new banner got a lot of attention.

Leonard Glenn, 920 Rexdale Drive, Nashville, TN 37217



CID 86 members at the Nashville Veterans Day parade (L-R) Slim Hartwell, Jack Walker, Ray Kalil, Leonard Glenn



Members of CID 188 at Orlando Veterans Day Parade (L-R) Carol Becker, Dave Litz, Sam Cohen, Maxine Parker, Alice Pinette

121 GREATER CINCINNATI [OH]

We participated in our local Veterans Day Parade in November 2008. We had a great turnout of members.

Bob McGeorge, 3296 Blueacres Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45239



Marchers from CID 121 at Veterans Day Parade



CID 121's Color Guard at Blue Ash, OH memorial

188 SOUTH LAKE COUNTY [FL]

Some of us traveled to Orlando to participate in the Orlando Veterans Day Parade honoring WW2 and Korean War veterans. So impressive!

Carol Becker, Historian, 17741 W. Apshawa Rd., Clermont, FL 34715



Commander Charlie First of CID 188 and comrades at the Orlando Veterans Day Parade

APPLICATION FOR KVA SEOUL REVISIT TOUR

KVA (Seoul) Revisit Purpose: "To express the gratitude of the Korean Government towards Korean War Veterans who took part in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to October 15, 1954."

Veteran's Personal History (Please type or print)

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____ Date of Birth _____

KWVA Members# _____ Expiration Date _____

Companion Name/Relationship _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Veteran's Passport# _____ Expiration Date _____

Companion's Passport# _____ Expiration Date _____

NOTE: If you do not have a current valid passport or have just applied to KVA, write "applied for" on # line

Veteran's Military Biography

Branch of Service _____ Service Number _____

Period of Service in Korean War (month/year) from _____ thru _____

Unit Assignment _____ Location of Unit _____

Rank Achieved in Korea _____ Highest Rank Achieved while in Service _____

Personal Military Decorations for Valor _____

Veterans' Certification

I hereby certify that I have never previously accepted a KVA (Seoul) Revisit tour and that I am a member in good standing (or have applied) with the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA).

Veteran's Signature _____ Date _____

Complete and mail this form along with a \$300 deposit per person (check, money order or Visa/MasterCard only) to Military Historical Tours. Payment in full is required for all applications submitted sixty days or less prior to departure.

Credit Card Authorization

I, _____ hereby authorize Military Historical Tours to make charges to my _____

credit card, Account#: _____ Expiration date: _____

in consideration for airline tickets and any other travel or transportation services or products as requested by me or authorized users of this credit card. Signature: _____

Mail To:

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c/o MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS
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Background

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

KVA's Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible if you are:

1. A veteran of the Korean War and /or a war correspondent of any of the 21 nations which came to assistance of the Republic of Korea between 25 June 1950 and 15 October 1954.

2. An immediate family member of one who was killed in action in the Korean War.

Note: You are permitted to take a spouse or one immediate descendent with you to Korea. The family member must be lodged in the same hotel room with you in Korea.

Privileges Accorded Veterans by the KVA, Seoul

1. Hotel accommodations (two persons per room), meals, tours, and transportation, while in Korea for six days and five nights.

2. Tours of Seoul and vicinity. The visits are to Panmunjom, North Korean Invasion Tunnels, Korea 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 battle sites and/or Incheon may be made through the local tour guide.

3. A special reception and dinner hosted by the President of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) during which the Korea War Medal and Certificate of Ambassador for Peace will be awarded to each veteran who has not received it before.

Sundry Notes

1. The KVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.

2. Participants are required to have a valid passport: a visa is not required for visits of 15 days or fewer in Korea.

3. KVA/Seoul is not responsible for any loss of, or damage to, personal or other items, medical expenses, injuries, or loss of like due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended.

4. Transportation costs to and from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program.

5. Applications will be received/accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Note: If you have previously accepted an official KVA/Seoul Revisit tour from any sponsoring association or group, you are NOT eligible to participate again. The reason is that so many veterans have not gone before so they get the "first right of return."

Because former Revisit Program participants have their name in the KVA/Seoul's computer database, please do not try to beat the system. If your name is rejected because of prior participation, all of us will be embarrassed and an eligible Korea War veteran might miss the opportunity to participate.

6. If you want to use your frequent flier miles or other "free" transportation, you will be charged an administrative service fee of \$300 per person.

Caution: Not traveling with KWVA group air contract can result in much higher post-tour costs to China and other Pacific location.

Note: Should you desire to have a single room or take additional family or friends with you, this can be arranged for an additional cost. Any such requests must be made in writing.

Message to Korean War Veterans All Over the World

Fifty-eight years ago, you brave men and women left your homes and families to defend the Republic of Korea, a country you never knew and a people you never met, to preserve peace and democracy in the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia. In recognition of all who served here in the various United Nations contingents on land, sea and air, and in humble commemoration to those who fell in their service, the Government of Korea has declared the 11th day of November to be a Day of Thanks and Tribute for the United Nations Fallen.

Our nation can never fully repay its special and great debt to you who came to Korea so long ago and who so selflessly risked all for our country and our people. We owe you, and especially those who lost their lives in service, both during the three-year Korean War and in the peacekeeping duties that followed, our everlasting thanks and praise.

Our Government and people make every possible effort to provide support for the care of the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan, where 2,300 braves from 11 different nations still rest in peace. The soil of the UN Memorial Cemetery and of Korea was richly endowed by the selfless action and boundless courage of those who served here. It has been watered many times by the sorrow, grief and tears of the mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, friends and comrades of those who fell defending our land.

Even though you feel proud of your loved ones, their loss leaves many deep holes that can never be filled in the lives of the family members and loved ones. Your noble actions

and the ultimate sacrifice made by your fallen comrades endow your own nations with great honor. Your magnificent acts should be remembered forever in the histories of your own countries and always number among their most outstanding achievements.

On November 11, we will proudly participate in the Turn Toward Busan Commemorative Ceremony of Thanks and Remembrance for the United Nations Fallen. It is held with full national honors within the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan.

We dedicate ourselves and our nation to the perpetuation of the wonderful democracy you have made possible and to work at the world's highest levels in all spheres of human endeavor.

I call upon the people of Korea to join in honoring, appreciating and remembering all the Korean War Veterans who died or are still missing, those disabled and all who are still living for their valiant service to Korea. I ask all Korean people to take a moment of remembrance for the world's Korean War Veterans.

The Korean War Veterans and their families will be in our thoughts and prayers on a daily basis and they will receive our loving thanks at every possible opportunity. God bless all Korean War Veterans and their family members and those who have served in the UN Allied Forces.

Yang KIM
Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs
Republic of Korea
November 11, 2008

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Lt. Gen. Lee Hong Hee (front, center), Commandant of the Republic of Korea Marine Corps, Alan Sumitomo (left), cemetery support and Lt. Col. Ahn Byong-Hyun (right) render a salute in honor of the fallen heroes of the Korean War during a ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) here Jan. 19. Credit: Lance Cpl. Cristina Noelia Gil

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