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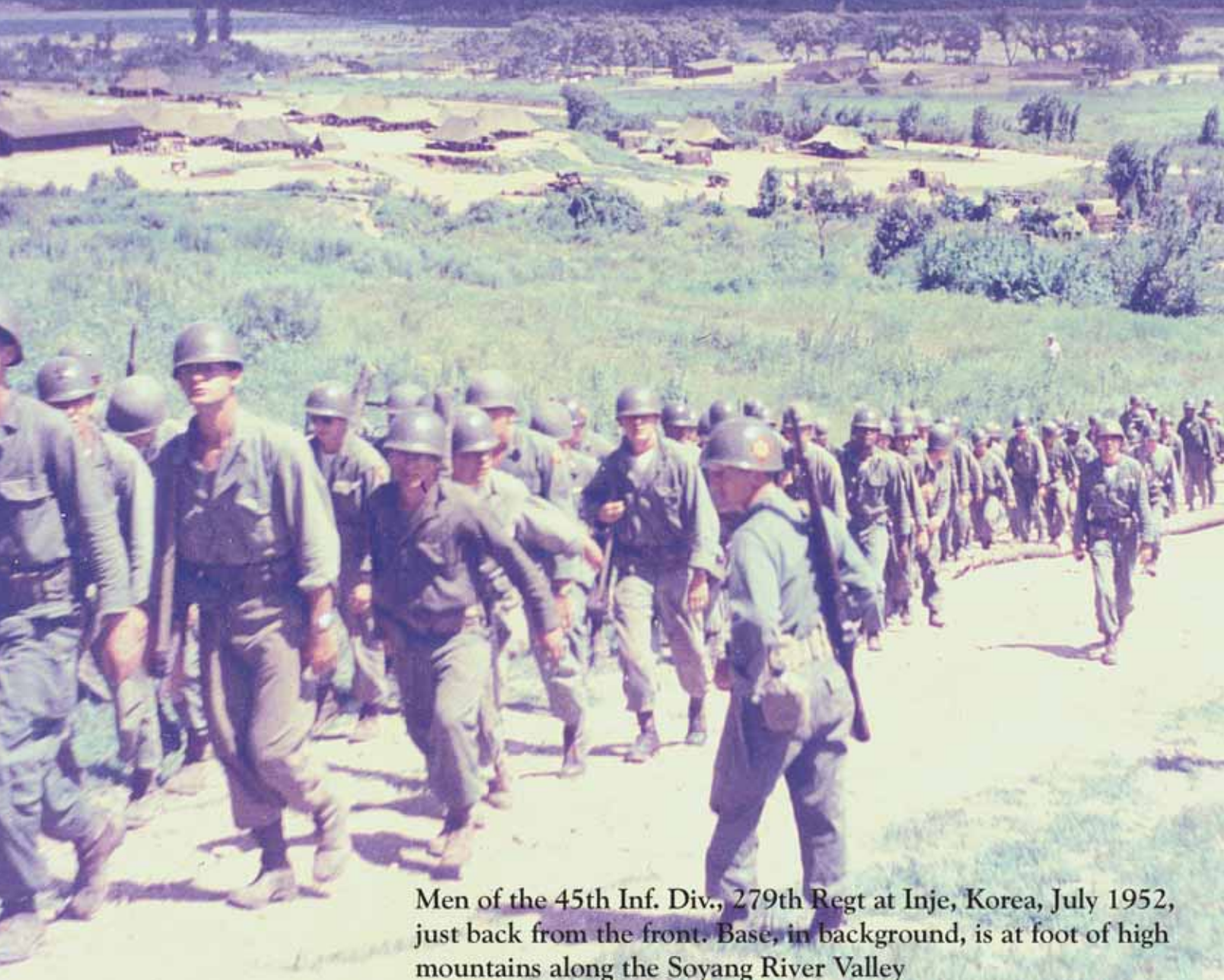
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Men of the 45th Inf. Div., 279th Regt at Inje, Korea, July 1952, just back from the front. Base, in background, is at foot of high mountains along the Soyang River Valley

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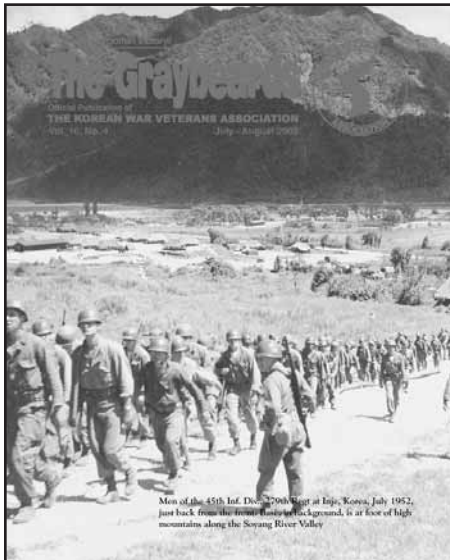
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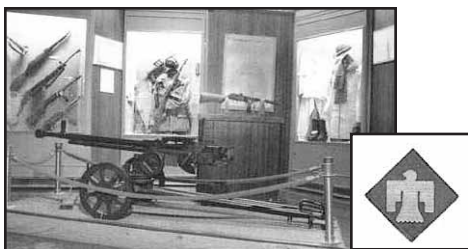
On the cover...



45th Infantry Division

In June, 1950, Communist North Korea attacked South Korea, and the United Nations declared a "police action," which, to members of 45th Division became the Korean War. Shortly after the invasion, President Truman called four National Guard Divisions to active duty for a two year period, including the 45th of Oklahoma. It was the first of four to report to active duty, moving in September to Camp Polk, Louisiana. It was one of two National Guard divisions to see combat in the Korean War. The other was the 40th Division from California. When the 45th Infantry Division arrived at Camp Polk, its membership included approximately 70 percent veterans of World War II, most of whom had served with the 45th.

However, although, when called, it was



filled with men who were combat trained and many combat experienced, it required an almost equal number of fillers to bring it up to wartime strength. The fillers were draftees and enlistees who came to Louisiana from throughout the nation to begin basic training, with the Oklahoma Guardsmen serving in key training and leadership positions.

Training continued until March, 1951, when the division was ordered to be moved to Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan, to form a security force for the island and to continue combat training. It was the first National Guard division to move overseas during the Korean War. The move was by ship from the port of New Orleans, Louisiana, through the Panama Canal to Japan.

Combat In Korea

When the 45th Infantry Division moved to Korea in December, 1951, it was the first National Guard division to go into combat in this war. It first served in the Yonchon-Chorwon area, and in sectors fronting Old Baldy, Pork Chop Hill, Heartbreak Ridge and Luke's Castle.

It was a different kind of war, because at that time the mission was to hold positions and not to significantly advance. During most of the combat period, a battalion combat team of the Philippine army was attached to the 179th Infantry Regiment. Beginning in the spring of 1952, the Oklahoma National Guardsmen, who had been called to duty for a two year period, began to phase out of the division to return to the United States. By August, all of the National Guardsmen, with the exception of some who had opted to extend their active duty, had returned to the United States. But the division remained in combat in Korea.

PFC Charles George received the MOH for his actions in Korea in 1952.

(Men of the 279th Regt., 45th Div shown on front cover in 1952. Thank you Glenn Ed White for photo and the 45th Div. Curator, Mr. Michael E. Gonzales for directing us to their great Web Page where we copied some text and photos. We hope to do more on this unit. Editor)



Visit the website at www.45thDivisionMuseum.com

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

I would like to thank all the staff and members that made the KWVA the successful organization it is today.

We are highly respected in the world as a group of veterans that fought to save South Korea and rid the world of communism.

The last 4 years produced positive results, our membership has grown by 6,000 members and our chapters have reached over the 200 mark. Our finances are in the black and our *Graybeards* continues to be the best magazine serving veterans.

I want to thank those that voted for me for another term. I look forward to serving you in the future.

President's Travels

My wife Sylvia and I have put on many ground and air miles.

On the 15th of May I attended the Department of New York spring conference. On the 23rd we went to West Perry High School in Elliptsburg, PA. for the dedication of its student-designed, student-constructed Korean War Memorial. They raised the funds by cookie sales and donations plus a lot of volunteer help. Our

Editor Mr. Vince Krepps was the keynote speaker. General Running of the 50th Commemoration Committee spoke of future events honoring Korean War Veterans. After the ceremony Sylvia and I were able to visit our POW friends Gene Johnson and his lovely wife Bernadine.

On the 27th of May we were invited to the Department of Veterans Affairs for breakfast. Then a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

On the 30th of May I was invited by the Frederick Chapter 142 to be the keynote speaker at Windsor Knolls Middle School in Ijamsville, where the student body designed and constructed and dedicated a Korean War memorial. I would like to thank Charles Chipley for transporting my wife and I around Frederick, Maryland.

On the 12th of June we attended the Missouri State Department convention in Branson, Missouri. Stuart Ballou and Neil Hurley chose Branson because it is a veterans town. All the shows have a program that honors the veterans.

On the 24th of June I flew to Mobile, AL to help dedicate the state memorial. I can not explain the beauty of this memori-

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al. It is the only Memorial that I know of that Honors all the countries of the United Nations that fought in Korea. The Gulf Coast Chapter should be proud.

Till next time, I Remain

Harley



At Department of Florida State Convention in Orlando in May 2002, KWVA National President Harley Coon is shown with Jake Feaster Department of Florida President (on right.).



From left, Silvia Coon, Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris and Harley Coon.



From left, James Paek Korean/American D.O.F. Liaison, Harley Coon KWVA National President and Jack Edwards KWVA National Director.



Sylvia and Harley Coon pose with Jake and Mrs. Feaster.

Military Shop - 4 color

Sailors Build Korean War Ship Replica

By Rebecca Tesar and Vincent Krepps

Man re-creates wartime memories

By Daron Walker
News-Tribune Reporter

TONICA – For 39 years Stanley “Stash” Urban of Tonica dreamed of the ship he served on during the Korean War, the light anti-aircraft cruiser *Juneau*.

During those years, he thought of the good and bad times during his 31/2 years as a gunner’s mate. But most of all, Urban thought about building a scale model of the ship as correct as possible.

And now, after two months and 800 man-hours of labor, Urban, 61, has made Tonica the home of its first World War II vintage warship.

“It’s about a dream come true for me. I’ve wanted to do it for a long time,” Urban said about the 10-foot *Juneau* model

The ship, officially named CLAA-119, holds special historical meaning. It was the first U.S. Naval vessel to fire on North Korea after the Korean War broke out in 1951.

Urban served in the Navy until 1952, seeing the ship engaged in the first couple of its total of five Korean War engagements. The ship became known as the “fightingest” ship in the Navy, Urban said, and was even nicknamed the “the galloping ghost of the Korean coast.”

Urban said the ship, upon being commissioned in 1946, took the name of a prior *Juneau* sunk during World War II.

Namesake

The first *Juneau*, commissioned in 1942, was sunk on Nov. 13, 1942, in torpedo attacks during the famous WW II naval battle at Guadalcanal.

The southwest Pacific Ocean battle turned the tide of war in the Pacific theater in favor of the Allies.

All but 10 of the first *Juneau*’s 700 crewmen were lost when the *Juneau* went down, Urban said. Five of those 10 men survive today to tell their story.

The loss included five brothers -



Don Topolski (left) and Stanley Urban pose with model of USS *Juneau* that was constructed by the two men. The 10 foot-long replica was on display at the Tonica Legion Hall. It is now at the Great Lakes Museum, Illinois

George, Joseph, Francis, Madison and Albert Sullivan - from Waterloo, Iowa.

Urban said the model is “dedicated to honor the 700 men which included the five Sullivan brothers who all paid the supreme sacrifice on the first *Juneau* ...”

The loss of the *Juneau* sparked a change in Navy policy to bar brothers from serving on the same ship, Urban said.

A destroyer was later named *The Sullivans* in honor of the five brothers, Urban said.

Building a perfect ship

Urban, a member of the Tonica American Legion, enlisted the aid of friend, George Ferroni, 66, and especially fellow Legion member and wood-

worker Don Topolski, 67, to help him.

Working without dimensions or sketches - only old black and white photographs and Urban’s memory - the three men recently completed the ship.

“We are pretty proud of it and it is 95 percent accurate. Although it took a U.S. Army man to do it,” Urban said.

Most of the ship is built from one-quarter and one-eighth-inch plywood later covered with gray paint.

A black line at the bottom of the boat represents where the water line would be, Urban said, explaining that he opted out of completing the hull.

It features handmade wooden gun turrets, life rafts and smoke stacks. Also bristling from the model are 5-inch and



40 mm cannons, the armament of the *Juneau*.

Urban jokes about how Army veteran Topolski got in on the whole project, since Urban originally planned to build it solo.

“I told him (Topolski) to cut a few boards and that’s what it ended up to be,” Urban said.

In the beginning stages, the ship was located at Urban’s home but he moved it to Topolski’s garage so the two could work on it together.

Ferroni, a Navy veteran and a hardware store worker in La Salle, crafted the ship’s black 40 mm cannons and gave advice on the ship’s superstructure.

Topolski’s wife, Marian, said it kept her husband out in the garage a lot but added it “kept him out of trouble.”

Sandy Urban, Stanley’s wife, said she always knew her husband would build the ship and is “amazed” at how well it turned out.

“The biggest thing that amazes me is that they did all of it by photographs and what he (Urban) remembered,” Marian Topolski said.

Tonica American Legion Post Commander Coonie Alleman helped out on the project, Urban said.

Although the second *Juneau* was eventually scrapped in 1955 after earning a battle star for each of its five engagements, the same fate will not hold true for its Tonica counterpart.

The model is currently on display at Tonica True Value Hardware store and possibly later at stores in La Salle, according to Ferroni.

Urban said further plans for the ship include an appearance at a 1992 *Juneau* survivors reunion in Waterloo, Iowa, (home of the Sullivan brothers) and it may be donated to a U.S. Navy Department museum in Charleston.

Ferroni said the building of the second *Juneau* was “timely” now that servicemen are in action in the gulf.

Urban said a third *Juneau*, a missile-armed landing ship, exists and is part of the U.S. fleet in the Persian Gulf. Urban said he was proud of his ship and hopes current *Juneau* crewmembers are proud of theirs.

Awards (Korea)

Navy Occupation Medal

Europe

1. 26/04/47 to 8/11/47
2. 8/06/48 to 24/09/48,
3. 12/05/49 to 9/09/49 and
4. 25/05/53 to 17/10/53.

Sixth Fleet Med Deployments;
Asia (03/06/50 to 26/06/50.

Korean Service Medal Five Battle Stars

1. North Korean Aggression 28/06/50 to 23/07/50
2. Communist China Aggression 05/10/50 to 24/01/51
3. First U.N. Counter Offensive 23/01/51 to 3/04/51,
4. Second Korean Winter 30/04/52,
5. Korean Defense Summer-Fall 1952 1/05 to 22/05, 29/05 to 11/06, 23/06 to 14/07, 23/07 to 11/08, 27/08 to 13/09, 25/09 to 17/10/52.

China Service Medal

29/07/30 to 17/10/50 & 10/04 to 14/04/51

Korean Presidential Unit Citation Badge

01/07/50 to 18/04/51 & 15/04/52 to 20/10/52

United Nations Service Medal - Korea

“We definitely wish them all the luck on the third *Juneau*,” Urban said.

A Word About *Juneau*

The U.S.S. *JUNEAU* CLAA119 was commissioned on 15 Feb. 1946 at the Navy Yard, New York. The present *Juneau* is the second U.S. warship named after Alaska’s Capital city.

The first *Juneau* (CL-52) was a light cruiser of the Atlanta anti-aircraft type. Commissioned in early 1942 she played an important role in early Naval engagements in the Soloman Islands before being sunk by repeated torpedo attacks in November, 1942.

After a shakedown cruise in the West Indies, the present *Juneau* enjoyed two tours of duty in the Mediterranean visiting a variety of major ports from Gibraltar to Istanbul. Between 1946 and 1948, she also participated in Atlantic Fleet maneuvers as the Flagship of Commander Destroyer Flotilla Two and as part of the Second Task Fleet during

war games off the coast of Labraor.

Transferred to the Pacific Fleet in November 1949, the *Juneau* underwent overhaul in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard before proceeding to the west Pacific where she remained for over a year. On hand at the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, she was the first U.S. Naval Vessel to fire a shot in the Korean conflict.

The *Juneau* was instrumental in destroying the North Korean Navy and made numerous strikes at enemy installations along the coast, acquiring the nickname, “The Galloping Ghost of the Korean Coast.” At one point, a landing party from the *Juneau* blew up a tunnel in North Korea, trapped an enemy train and returned safely to the ship. The ship also established the Formosa Straits Patrol and served as a unit of Task Force 77 before returning to the United States in May, 1951.

Pearl Harbor was headquarters for the ship’s operations during the summer of 1951, before returning to Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California, for overhaul and armament modification. Following the yard period and refresher training at Long Beach Naval Shipyard, the *Juneau* left LBNS on 27 March 1952 for her second tour of Korean duty. During this tour *Juneau*’s guns wreaked havoc with enemy strongholds she received numerous commendations from Army shore personnel for her consistently accurate firing. Having completed her second tour of duty during, the Korean war the *Juneau* returned to Long Beach in November 1952 to take a rest from battle. In March 1953, she left Long Beach for the Atlantic Fleet reporting to Norfolk on 7 April.

The *Juneau* has always been a proud ship, endowed with heroic heritage and possessed of reputation as a “smart” efficient vessel. Her commanding officers, her officers, and her crew have always treasured and maintained that prestige.

Actions in Korea (General)

The *Juneau* was anchored in Kagoshima Wan on Sunday 25 June, when the news of the invasion of South Korea was received. She went immediately to the South East coast of Korea

See **JUNEAU** on page 30

Pieces of History
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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC., INC. STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS As of 6 Months Ended June 30, 2002

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
CASH IN BANK-BANK ONE-CKNG	\$ 3,974.91
CASH-BANK ONE-SAVINGS	24,756.52
BANK ONE -SVGS-1578460451	<u>610,323.21</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>639,054.64</u>
FIXED ASSETS	
COMMEMORATIVE ASSETS-WEAPONS	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>642,054.64</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
FUND BALANCES	
GENERAL FUND	489,764.67
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	94,139.60
CURRENT EARNINGS	<u>58,150.37</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>642,054.64</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ <u>642,054.64</u>

	3 Mo. Ended 6-30-2002 Actual	3 Mo. Ended 6-30-2002 Budget	6 Mo. Ended 6-30-2002 Actual	6 Mo. Ended 6-30-2002 Budget
INCOME				
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 76,432.50	\$ 57,500.00	\$ 174,556.60	\$ 115,000.00
DONATION	3,285.60	5,000.00	6,420.20	10,000.00
REUNION	0.00	7,500.00	0.00	15,000.00
INTEREST	6,464.84	10,000.00	13,156.72	20,000.00
ADVERTISING	<u>4,388.45</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>8,530.90</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	90,571.39	82,500.00	202,664.42	165,000.00
OPERATING EXPENSES				
TELEPHONE	860.49	1,250.00	2,662.41	2,500.00
BY LAW COMMITTEE	0.00	250.00	0.00	500.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,424.04	925.00	3,780.25	1,850.00
INSURANCE	10,983.00	2,000.00	10,983.00	4,000.00
CHAPLAIN	0.00	125.00	0.00	250.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE	0.00	250.00	0.00	500.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	774.31	250.00	774.31	500.00
GRAYBEARDS	40,007.01	30,000.00	65,555.17	60,000.00
ACCOUNTING FEES	1,150.00	1,250.00	1,650.00	2,500.00
LEGAL FEES	0.00	500.00	342.28	1,000.00
VAVS REP	1,075.00	625.00	1,075.00	1,250.00
JUDGE ADVOCATE	0.00	250.00	0.00	500.00
MEETING EXPENSE	249.48	6,250.00	11,630.32	12,500.00
REUNION	2,787.00	7,500.00	2,787.00	15,000.00
ELECTION	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	2,500.00
CONTRACT LABOR	0.00	350.00	0.00	700.00
EQUIPMENT	0.00	500.00	0.00	1,000.00
RENT	0.00	375.00	0.00	750.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	219.61	125.00	441.55	250.00
POSTAGE	901.34	1,250.00	1,256.63	2,500.00
PRESIDENT TRAVEL FUND	1,902.52	1,250.00	3,085.20	2,500.00
CHAPTER EXPENSE	940.06	1,625.00	1,510.87	3,250.00
WASHINGTON DC REP	173.77	500.00	173.77	1,000.00
MEMBERSHIP	8,207.18	6,250.00	18,221.29	12,500.00
GOODWILL #1 *	625.00	625.00	785.00	785.00
GOODWILL #2 *	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
GOODWILL #3 *	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
GOODWILL #4 *	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
GOODWILL #5 *	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00
GOODWILL #6 *	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$ 79,979.81</u>	<u>\$ 73,225.00</u>	<u>\$ 144,514.05</u>	<u>\$ 148,385.00</u>
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Mid-Winter General Membership and Executive Council Meeting

As authorized by Article IV, Annual and Special Meetings, there will be a Mid-Winter General Membership and Executive Council Meeting on October 5-9 at 8:30 AM till 5:00 PM Daily at the Settle Inn in Branson, Missouri. Room rate is \$63.00/day including Continental breakfast. For reservations call (417) 335-4700 or 1-800-677-6906.

Agenda: To conclude official business because of lack of quorum in Arlington, VA on July 26, 2002

/s/ Harley J. Coon

'Turncoats' of the '50s

By Sharon L. Crenson and Martha Mendoza. Peoria Journal Star 3/31/2002

■ Long before John Walker Lindh case, 21 GIs defected to communist China.

War erupted in June 1950 when North Korean troops invaded the South in an attempt to unify the divided country.

By November, American forces defending the South were all but triumphant when the Chinese suddenly entered the war on the side of the North.

Most of the 21 Americans who eventually went to China were captured during the first days of the Chinese attack. They spent three years as prisoners before making their fateful decisions.

The POWs endured relentless communist indoctrination. Even today, the names of Marx, Engels and Lenin trip disconcertingly off the tongue for Aaron Wilson, one of the five American defectors who never went beyond the eighth grade. He still remembers, though no longer believes.

Morris Wills, another of the 21, explained his sympathy for socialist ideals in his autobiography: "Before I was a prisoner, I thought China was a terrible tyranny. But what I got from them in camp was completely different. Everything was nice, a sort of orderly planned way for everyone to live together."

Wills was one of the first prisoners the Chinese talked to about refusing to go home.

In the winter of 1953, as a delicate cease-fire held, Wills, Wilson, Hawkins and the others were trucked to a compound near Panmunjom, where peace talks were under way. They were given 90 days to change their minds about defecting.

Two men, Edward Dickenson and Claude Batchelor, crossed to the U.S. side before the 90 days were up. Subsequently, both were court-martialed, imprisoned, and released after serving 3 1/2 years.

By the mid-1950s, the American public was alarmed by stories of communism. U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy led a series of investigations, fueled by accusation and rumor.

Other members of Congress held hearings about why some American soldiers had

apparently cracked.

Brainwashing, insisted Portia Howe, the mother of one of the men. Her son must have been brainwashed.

Today, Marilyn Walker says much the same of John Walker Lindh.

"If he got involved in the Taliban, he must have been brainwashed." Walker said in an interview earlier this year. "When you're young and impressionable, it's easy to be led by charismatic people."

About 4 a.m. on Feb. 24, 1954, a train carrying the 21 American defectors rumbled across the Yalu into China.

The Chinese soon shipped some of the men off to study language and politics. Pate was sent to a paper mill where, he would later say, he spent his days watching others work and his nights dancing.

William Cowart, Lewes Griggs and Otho Bell "were kind of the dummy bunch" Bell later recalled for a historian. "They sent us to a collective farm, 'cuz we wasn't educated enough to learn Chinese."

The novelty wore off quickly for some. Within two years, the men began to trickle home.

The first three to return -Cowart, Griggs and Bell -were immediately arrested in 1955. Three months later a federal judge turned them loose saying the military courts no longer had jurisdiction because the men had been dishonorably discharged.

Hawkins came home in 1957. His friends and family don't know the Army labeled him a "squealer" and that Mike Wallace once asked him on national television whether he was a spy.

"No one asks-questions, and I don't offer details," Hawkins said.

Wilson, who returned in 1956 and married his bootcamp sweetheart, eventually retired to a small brick house and a yard crazy with flowers. Plastic pink flamingoes stand watch. In the middle of it all flies an American flag atop an 18-foot pole.

"This is the greatest country in the world," he said, "and maybe when I was 17 years old I didn't know it, but I do now"

Time will tell if Lindh ever feels the same. (Sent to Editor by Korean War Veteran Hershall Lee of Danville, IL)

Where are Korean War Defectors Now?

UP The Associated Press

In 1953, 23 American soldiers captured during the Korean War shocked the nation with plans to defect to communist China instead of coming home. Two of the men did not go through with those plans, leaving 21 official defectors. Here's what happened to all 23 since:

Clarence Adams of Memphis, Tenn., who was black, said he chose China because he was fed up with discrimination in the United States. He studied at Wuhan University in China, where he met his wife, Lin, a Russian language instructor. The couple returned to the United States in 1966 and opened a chop suey house in 1970. Adams died in 1999.

Howard Gayle Adams, originally of Corsicana, Texas, worked in a factory in China. According to fellow defector Morris Wills, he was jailed for a time early on for trying to leave. Adams was a decorated World War II veteran working his way through college at the University of Houston in 1950 when he re-enlisted. He refused interview requests.

Claude Batchelor was court-martialed by the U.S. Army even though he changed his mind about defecting and never went to China. He served 3 1/2 years in prison. After an AP reporter left messages for him on an answering machine, the telephone number thought to be his was disconnected.

Albert Belhomme was Belgian and immigrated to the United States as a teenager when his mother married an American soldier. Belhomme reportedly returned to Belgium after leaving China.

The AP was unable to locate him.

Otho Bell worked on a collective farm in China and returned to the United States in 1955. He was jailed for three months until a judge ruled that the Army could not court-martial him because he had been dishonorably discharged. He reportedly suffered from a drinking problem and had several brushes with the law. He died last July.

Richard Corden returned to the United States in 1958, proclaiming he still favored communism and expected it eventually would overtake the United States. He stayed for a time in California, then made his way back across the country toward his home state of Rhode Island. His mother had lost track of him by 1965. AP could not locate him.

William Cowart was sent to work with Bell and Lewis Griggs on a collective farm in China. The three were the first to return to the United States in 1955. They were jailed for three months until a judge ruled the Army could not court-martial them because the military had already given them dishonorable discharges. AP could not locate him.

Edward Dickenson, like Batchelor, was court-martialed by the U.S. Army despite changing his mind about defecting and returning to the United States before ever reaching China. He served 31/2 years in prison. Eventually he returned home and married. He declined to be interviewed.

Rufus Elbert Douglas, originally of Texon, Texas, died a few months after entering China. Reports about the cause of death varied, but all pointed to illness.

John Roedel Dunn was from Baltimore and attended college there. While living in China, he married a Czechoslovakian woman, and they later moved to that country, AP could not locate him.

Andrew Fortuna quit school after the eighth grade. He was a World War II veteran and married to a Japanese woman. He earned two Bronze stars in Korea before being captured in 1950. He returned from China in 1957, His last known residence was in Inkster, Mich. He died in 1984.

Lewis Griggs was sent to work on a collective farm in China and returned to the United States in 1955 with Bell and Cowart. The three were jailed for three months until a judge ruled that the Army could not court-martial them because they

had already been dishonorably discharged. In 1959, he was a senior at Stephen Austin College majoring in sociology. He died in 1984

Samuel Hawkins returned to the United States and studied to become a physician's assistant. Originally from Oklahoma, he married and had children. He spoke to AP on the condition that his location not be disclosed.

Arlie Pate was the second of nine children and was inspired to enlist by a family member's service. He worked in a paper factory in China and returned to the states in 1956 with fellow defector Aaron Wilson. He died in 1999.

Scott Rush returned to the United States with his Chinese wife and young child. He is now retired in the Midwest, Rush said he is doing well but declined to be interviewed at length because of concern about his friends and neighbors learning of his past.

Lowell Skinner was from Akron, Ohio, and helped raise his five siblings. He left China in the 1960s and eventually lived in San Bernardino, CA. He died in 1995.

Larance Sullivan grew up in Nebraska. Though he was black, his family reported that he had never experienced the kind of discrimination that Clarence Adams said drove him to seek equality in China, Sullivan left China in 1958 and was hospitalized several times after returning to the United States. He died in November.

Richard Tenneson left China in December of 1955 and later traveled to Louisiana to welcome fellow defector Aaron Wilson home. He settled for a time in Minneapolis, where he volunteered with the junior Chamber of Commerce. His last residence was in Utah. He died last August.

James Veneris still lives in China and travels abroad. Known by the Chinese name Lao Wen, he was accused by Red Guards of counterrevolution in the 1960s and for a time he was forced into hard labor. He has said life improved after President Nixon visited China in 1972. He has spent time in the United States but feels something of a misfit here.

Harold Webb married a Polish woman while in China, and they moved to Poland in 1960. He returned to the United States on a temporary visa in the 1980s and petitioned the State Department to stay. Initially, federal authorities declined his request but reversed the decision in 1988. Webb is believed to be living in the southern United States, where he has an unlisted telephone number. A letter sent to his address went unanswered.

William White studied Chinese and earned a bachelor's degree in international law from a university in Beijing. He returned to the United States in 1965 with his Chinese wife and two children. He later worked in upstate New York. The AP could not locate him.

Morris Wills studied Chinese and worked as a translator in Beijing, where he met and married a Chinese woman. The two returned to the United States in 1965 with their daughter. Wills wrote an autobiography, "Turncoat: An Americans 12 Years in Communist China." He died in 1999.

Aaron Wilson returned home in 1956. His family welcomed him home to Urania, La. He is retired from a shipyard in the South, where he lives with his second wife. He spoke to AP on the condition that his location not be disclosed.

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Korea's Bloodless Battle

A Story of Psychological Warfare

By Lt. (Ret.) Eddie Deerfield

Somewhere in Korea a Michigan private yanks a rope and covers his ears against the blast of an artillery shell that will kill no Communists. A major from Kansas picks up a small package and climbs into an unarmed observation plane. A corporal in the ROK Women's Army Corps straps on a headset in a voice plane.

In Tokyo, an ex-General from China bends over his writing brush in great urgency. A Notre Dame graduate oils a press. And nimble Japanese fingers stuff bombs full of paper.

These people—all of them—are fighting a war. But it's a different war. It's a war fought with leaflets and radio waves instead of bombs and bullets. It's called psychological warfare.

It's propaganda in a steel helmet; a cold war in combat; a war of mind and spirit. And it's dedicated to making the enemy unhappy—so unhappy that he wants more than anything else to put down his gun and go home. Or else hoist a white flag.

It is to this end that the U. S. Army's psychological warfare people, together with the support of the Far East Air Forces and the Eighth U. S. Army in Korea, are bonding their talents to saturate Korea and southern China with the truth about the news, the war, the UN and the whole free world.

Propaganda to the average American is a

In Korean, Mandarin and Cantonese, the Voice of the United Nations Command puts out its daily schedule of news, commentaries, music, dramatic shows and "commercials" for friend and foe alike.

dirty word smacking of Communism, politics and opposition newspapers. He rates the ordinary propagandist little higher than a liar, and considers the two as more or less bedfellows.

But experts in the business, regardless of psychological warfare's reputation, know that their weapon is a deadly and many-faceted implement of war; one which is here to stay.

That propaganda is a highly important phase of either the hot or the cold war can be noted from Russia's expenditure on her own psychological warfare—more than a billion dollars a year!

With typical totalitarian enthusiasm, broadcasters in Moscow, Peiping, and Pyongyang whip themselves into a verbal froth over Communist virtue and capitalist degradation. Radio Moscow alone hits the airwaves in about 25 different tongues.

The chief target, of course, is the United States. And the usual charge is atrocities of one form or another. Among some of the crimes we've been accused of are indiscriminate bombing of civilians, chemical warfare,

using POW's as human guinea pigs in A-bomb tests, wholesale rape of women and little girls, and biological warfare.

The concept of psychological warfare is not new. In all probability, it goes back to the days of Adam and Eve. On record are examples of its initial military use by the Romans and Genghis Khan. But it wasn't until the First World War that psychological warfare became an organized entity.

The 3,000,000 leaflets dropped by Allied planes on the Kaiser's troops were a mere handful compared to the numbers disseminated in World War II. Along with the loudspeakers and radio campaigns, psychological warfare earned a place of honor as an effective Army weapon. Its successes led General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower to say:

"Without a doubt, psychological warfare has proven its right to a place of dignity in our military arsenal."

Most of the United States Army's complex psychological warfare program in Korea, based on the premise that truth is the most powerful weapon available to attack the enemy's mind, comes to the Red audience



In Pusan, as commanding officer of a psychological warfare unit, a detachment of GHQ's 1st Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group, 1st Lt. Eddie Deerfield records a speech by Republic of Korea President Syngman Rhee for the Korean Broadcasting System. Deerfield is assisted by technician Lee Tuk Bin.



1st Lt. Deerfield consults with his translators who prepared scripts in both the Korean and Chinese languages for broadcast to the enemy from copy written first in English by the American psychological warfare staff.

out of the sky in many ways.

The drone of UN aircraft is no new sound to a Communist soldier. But the sound of a feminine voice talking to him above the hum of the engines has a strange siren-like quality.

For 20 or 30 minutes the plane circles lazily in the darkness as she talks to the troops and their leaders. She will say something like this:

The Communists launched a cruel aggressive war. They forced you to leave your homes. Many of your comrades have been sacrificed and you are now suffering from cold and hardships on the mountain tops. Friends, think it over. Don't be cheated by the Communists. Come down from the hills to the UN lines. We will treat you well and guarantee your safety.

And then she tells them how to go about surrendering.

There are other loudspeakers that never get an airlift. When a commander of a combat unit considers that the enemy in his sector is ripe for a little morale-lowering, he calls for a specially-trained loudspeaker team. The trio—a non-com, a technician and a Korean or Chinese voice man are dispatched to the unit.

Their job is a tough one. The range of a portable loudspeaker is short, so short that it must often be moved in front of the UN lines to reach Communist ears. Its crews come under a barrage of small arms and mortar fire during their Red-baiting stunts.

The Army's biggest vocal campaign, however, is its kilowatt war with Communism. For ten and one-half hours daily, radio beams punch through the Iron Curtain to let in the intellectual light of the outside world.

In Korean, Mandarin and Cantonese, the



Part of the 1st RB&L's camp on the grounds of the Korean Broadcasting System's base in Pusan.

Voice of the United Nations Command (no kin to Voice of America, which is a civilian operation) puts out its daily schedule of news, commentaries, music, dramatic shows and "commercials" for friend and foe alike.

Besides the even dozen transmitters at 10 locations in South Korea which psy-war operates in conjunction with the Korean Broadcasting System, 19 additional stations in Japan pick up the propaganda war for another four hours each night, in both medium and short wave.

At KBS in Pusan, American psy-warriors of a detachment of the First Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group, based in Tokyo, prepare daily newscasts, special feature programs and commentary scripts.

But what of the prime target—the Red soldier fording the Yalu ... marching down Korea's tortured roads ... holed up in a hillside along the Imjin? He has no radio, and even if he did he would be severely punished for listening to such capitalist heresy.

The UNs other kind of air war hits him too—with leaflets. Exhorting him to surrender; telling him and the local populace about the free world beyond the Iron Curtain; warning against the minions of Moscow; and driving home some 70 other themes—the UN has blanketed his path from Manchuria to the foxholes with more than one and one-half billion leaflets!

During an average week, Japan-based bombers drop 5,000,000 leaflets in rear areas near the Chinese border, reminding the newly arrived "volun-

teer" of the traditional US-Chinese friendship, explaining the United Nations organization and playing on relatively mild themes in the same vein.

But as he moves south, the leaflets increase in both intensity and language. By the time he reaches the front, he is all but smothered by a deluge of paper proclaiming the falsity of the Russian peace proposals, warning of skullduggery among Communist masters, pounding away at homesickness and always urging surrender. More than 15,000,000 such frontline messages flutter down each week.

In addition, leaflets are stuffed into artillery shells and fired across the lines at pin-point targets. If a division CO needs a leaflet in a hurry, he's likely to call Eighth Army's small but prolific printing plant. The real long-range results of Uncle Sam's war of ideas are intangible. They can't be run up on an adding machine or drawn on a chart. They defy measurement.

But they can be detected. They show up in many and varied intelligence reports, in the careful questioning of prisoners of war, in the nearly hysterical Communist counter-propaganda, and in the desperate measures used by Communist leaders to keep their men from surrendering.

Much of the real accomplishment of psychological warfare efforts in the Korean War may never be known. Meanwhile, the fighting lull of the Korean campaign goes on, and the U. S. Army's psychological warriors continue to support the man in the foxhole—to play their vital role in the multi-dimensional fight against Communism.

About the author

For 14 months in 1951-52, as a first lieutenant, I commanded a psychological warfare detachment based in Pusan, Korea. Our detachment of 10 American soldiers lived in a tent camp in the same compound as the network headquarters and studios of the Korean Broadcasting System. We worked with about 50 Korean radio announcers, actors, technicians and other specialists in preparing United Nations scripts for broadcast to the enemy in North Korea and in China.

Very little has been written about the role of psychological warfare in the Korean War. In 1994, my novel "The Psy-Warriors" was published with a print run of 10,000.

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Above is one of the many leaflets prepared by the 1st Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group at its printing plant in Tokyo for air and artillery drops on the enemy.



Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

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June 05, 2002

Korean MIA Remains Recovery Scheduled

U.S. and North Korean negotiators agreed Sunday in Bangkok on a schedule of operations to recover remains of American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War.

The three operations by 28-person teams are to last about 30 days each, beginning on July 20. The final repatriation of recovered remains would occur about Oct. 29.

The three-day talks, led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs Jerry D. Jennings, were a continuation of discussions held in January, also in Bangkok. At that time, no agreements were reached.

Twenty-two joint recovery operations in North Korea since 1996 have recovered remains believed to be those of 152 American soldiers. Eleven have been identified, with approximately ten others in the final stages of the forensic identification process.

Conducted by the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii, these operations have covered areas about 60 miles north of Pyongyang in Unsan County where elements of the 8th Army battled Chinese forces. Additionally, U.S. recoveries have included sites near the Chosin Reservoir where major American losses from the 1st Marine Division and the Army's 7th Infantry Division occurred Nov.-Dec. 1950.

More than 8,100 American servicemen are missing in action from the Korean War, with another 80,000 MIA from other conflicts.

During the final joint recovery operation period, U.S. teams will survey sites on the western shores of the Chosin Reservoir in preparation for base camp construction there during a future operation.

Additionally, improved medical airlift

will be available for all team members on a 45 minute alert, and improvements in communication calls for two-way radios at every site and twice-daily communications checks.

June 24, 2002

Veterans' Update Program:

The Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office, Thomas E. Erstfeld, Lt. Col., United States Air Force

An article on DPMO's POW/MIA Update for Veterans was sent to your editor last June. It described the Veterans' Update Program. For those readers who might have missed the article, the program can be described as follows: It is held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Friday evenings once a month in various parts of the country. The program consists of informal briefings on DPMO's mission and current activities by one of its senior managers, plus informal briefings by U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii (CILHI) and U.S. Pacific Command Joint Task Force - Full Accounting (JTF-FA) personnel that highlight those units' current operations. The work they describe pertains to accounting for the missing American Servicemembers from the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Korean War, and World War II. Attendees are also shown a videotape presentation of recent excavations and repatriation ceremonies. During the second hour the attendees have the opportunity to ask questions about the government's POW/MIA accounting activities. To respect the privacy of families of the missing, the government does not discuss any specific cases. In addition to the people giving the briefings, experts from the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) and DPMO analysts are available to answer questions. The attendees are provided with literature concerning DPMO and the POW/MIA accounting issue.

The veterans'/family update schedule is generally published early in the preceding year for which the meetings will be held. The following schedule has recently been announced for the Veterans' Update Program:

Date	Location
• August 16, 2002	Kansas City, MO.
• September 20, 2002	New York, NY
• October 25, 2002	Salt Lake City, UT
• November 15, 2002	Tampa, FL
• January 17, 2003	San Francisco, CA
• February 21, 2003	Birmingham, AL
• March 21, 2003	Houston, TX
• April 25, 2003	Detroit, MI
• August 22, 2003	Seattle, WA
• September 19, 2003	St. Louis, MO
• October 17, 2003	Jacksonville, FL
• November 21, 2003	Phoenix, AZ

The schedule for 2004 will be published approximately April 2003.

For those who are interested in the POW/MIA accounting issue, but are unable to attend a DPMO Veterans' Update, it is possible to learn more about DPMO's activities on the Internet. The DPMO Web Site is at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>. Among other things, the Family Update Program schedule is posted within this site. The Veterans' Update is always held one day earlier than the Family Update date listed on the Web Site.

The DPMO Veterans' Update on POW/MIA Accounting has been well received by those who have attended one of the sessions. Although DPMO may not be visiting your area in the near future, please keep checking the DPMO Internet Web site - DPMO will probably come to your area within a few years. The people of DPMO, CILHI, JTF-FA, AFDIL, and the service casualty offices look forward to meeting you soon!

Progress in China as of July 13, 2001

Background.

- Chinese involvement spans four conflicts.
 - Dozens of US aircraft lost in remote areas during WWII
 - During Korean War, Chinese engaged in combat against US forces and ran most POW camps.
 - The Chinese shot down several American aircraft in Cold War incidents.
 - There are four Vietnam-era incidents

involving the loss of eight American servicemen over China.

- 1975-In response to USG queries, China provides information on several Vietnam cases.
- 1983-SECSTATE Schultz discusses POW/MIA issue with Chinese Foreign Minister.
- 1985-JCRC/CILHI team conducts investigation/excavation of reported burial site in Shanxi Province.
- 1991-PRC allowed investigation of a Vietnam-era US aircraft crash site off the coast of Hainan Island.
- 1991-The US Ambassador passes the names of 20 Korean War MIAs to the Chinese for investigation.
- 1992-USG passed the names of 125 unaccounted for Americans from the Korean War to the Chinese Ambassador in Washington for investigation.
- 1993-US delegation travels to Beijing to discuss POW/MIA cooperation.
- 1993-Remains from a WWII C-87 are repatriated from Tibet. CILHI team reviews remains in Lhasa and holds official repatriation ceremony in Beijing.
- 1993-4-JTF-FA investigations and survey of Vietnam-era cases in Guangxi Province and Hainan Island
- 1994-Joint recovery Operation of C-87 crash site on Tibetan glacier. Remains repatriated in Beijing.
- 1994-Two Korean War cases presented to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). Information is provided to USG concerning shoot-downs, but Chinese state that their forces did not handle remains.
- 1996-Five Korean War cases presented to MFA.
- 1996-JTF-FA investigates three Vietnam-era cases in Southern China.
- 1996-PRC President Jiang Zemin initiates discussion on POW/MIA cooperation with President Clinton at APEC Summit in Manila.
- 1997-9-Recovery of WWII B-24 crash site remains in Guangxi Province, and repatriation in Beijing. DASD (POW/Missing Personnel Affairs) Bob Jones attends final repatriation ceremony.
- 1999-DASD Jones meets for the first time with his newly identified MFA counterpart, Chen Mingming. Chen states that the MFA is willing to investigate

clear and specific information on Korea War cases, but notes that Korean War archives belong to the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and remain classified. Mr. Jones and Chen meet a second time eight months later, and over 40 additional Korean War cases are presented to the Chinese for investigation.

- Jan 2000-DASD Jones meets again with Mr. Chen. Mr. Chen agrees to start an oral history program (OHP) allowing DPMO interviews with Chinese Korean War veterans involved in POW camp operations.
- July 2000-During visit to Beijing, SECDEF Cohen highlights importance of increased cooperation on Korean War accounting.
- Sep 2000-DASD Jones and Chen Mingming kick-off OHP in Beijing. Four veterans interviewed.
- Jan 2001 - DASD Jones escorts six US Korean War veterans to meet with Chinese veterans in Beijing. This was the first Korean War veterans-to-veterans exchange between the US and China and lays the ground work for more oral history and archival research efforts. (D. Byers, J. Carney, K. Cook, H. Coon, J. Doyle and V. Krepps.)
- Jun/Jul 2001 - DPMO continues to work with PRC officials to allow a JRO of two possible WWII crash sites in Tibet.

The Chinese view of POW/MIA cooperation

The Chinese understand the importance of the issue to the American public. Cooperation on WWII, Cold War and Vietnam-era cases is cordial and, as information becomes available, productive. Until very recently, Korean War cooperation has been problematic, as the Chinese officially state that all Korean War cases involving China were solved at the cessation of active hostilities. The Chinese view this as a bilateral humanitarian issue to be handled by the MFA rather than the PLA.

USG Position

With the Chinese cooperating on WWII, Cold War, and Vietnam War cases, the most significant issue remaining is the Korean War. PLA archives and veterans likely hold a wealth of information on

unaccounted for Americans from the Korean War. Focus is on working with the MFA to find acceptable avenues for engaging the PLA and gaining access to these archival materials and witnesses. Response from the MFA on the Korean War cases presented in the past two years is critical for advancing efforts in POW/MIA cooperation, and important to overall improvement in the bilateral relationship. SECDEF Cohen's 2000 visit highlighted importance of maintaining momentum in cooperative Korean War accounting effort.

Recent Developments

DASD Jones and Mr. Chen met in January and September 2000. The talks were cordial and productive, with Mr. Chen agreeing to work with DPMO to establish an oral history program focused on interviews with Chinese Korean War veterans involved in POW camp operations. This represents substantive progress on PRC cooperation in our Korean war accounting effort, and a major step toward engaging the PLA in this effort. The program began during DASD Jones' September visit with the interview of four Korean War POW camp workers. The Chinese also agree to co-sponsor a US-PRC Korean War veteran-to-veteran exchange, which takes place in January 2001. Mr. Chen also agreed to move forward on a DPMO request to establish US-PRC academic exchanges focused on the Korean War, and to pursue avenues for open source archival research. During July visit to Beijing, SECDEF highlighted importance of increased cooperation on Korean War accounting. Observations of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War provide the PRC with excellent opportunities to advance cooperation on this issue. We are at a critical juncture in our effort to move forward on Korean War accounting, and look forward to increased cooperation with China in this effort. Also in September 2000 and later in January of this year the Chinese government gives information to DPMO on possible US crash sites from World War Two in Tibet. CILHI conducting initial planning on sending teams to investigate sites in 2001. DPMO seeking final permission from MFA to conduct JRO. It is anticipated that permission is forthcoming.

Monuments and Memories

Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

Alabama Remembers

The members of the Northwest Alabama Chapter 2 of the KWVA were treated to a wonderful event on Monday May 6, 2002. One of our fellow soldiers, Robert Guthrie, was killed in Korea while serving in the 2nd Infantry Division in 1950. Some 50 years later, Robert's brother, Lowell Guthrie decided it was time to honor his oldest brother who had gone into the army to help support his younger siblings. Lowell has recently established a thriving business in Bowling Green Kentucky a community that has encouraged Lowell get his business established.



Northwest Alabama Chapter 2 Veterans that came on bus to honor Robert Guthrie.

Right, dedication of Guthrie Bell Tower. Below is statue of 1950's Korean War Veteran at base of bell tower.



Olon Patterson (L) and Virgil Miles stand in front of etching on tower showing Korean War veterans. Olon is shown in top center and Virgil upper right and Robert Guthrie is lower left.

Western Kentucky University, is located in Bowling Green, KY Mr. Guthrie provides about 20 scholarships each year to this university. He recently gave the university a 125 foot bell tower, which cost about 1.1 million dollars. This Guthrie Bell Tower, is in honor of Robert Guthrie (Korean KIA) as well as all veterans, was dedicated May 6, 2002.

Mr. Lowell Guthrie chartered a bus to take members of the Northwest Alabama Chapter 2, KWVA, and friends about 180 miles to Bowling Green, to attend the formal dedication ceremony of the Guthrie Bell Tower. He provided a barbeque lunch for the guest and returned us to Alabama. This dedication ceremony included two US Senators and all the Kentucky Representatives and many other local dignitaries. President Bush was scheduled to attend, but had to change plans. He sent a letter, which was read at the ceremony, expressing his gratitude for such an honorable gift to the university and to Robert Guthrie's memory and to all veterans.

This Guthrie Bell Tower is really a work of art. At the base of the tower two of our local 2nd Inf. Div. survivors, Olon Patterson and Virgil Miles, each had their pictures embossed in granite along with Robert Guthrie and several other casualties. This memorial will make all Korean War Veterans and others proud. It is worth a trip to Bowling Green to see the art displayed in the memorial and read the quotes on benches around the tower.

(Thank you Carmel Olive for photos and letter. A super memorial to our Heroes. My twin brother Richard MIA and I were in 2nd I.D. 82nd AAA . Thank you Lowell Guthrie for remembering your brother and our veterans. I have photos of Robert to show in next issue from George Ellis. Wish I had room to show here.)

Massachusetts Remembers

The Western Mass KWVA - Chapter 2000 held its Monument Dedication Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, MA, on April 27, 2002. Members, families and the general public, attended solemn ceremony. The monument was donated through the generosity of member and Judge Advocate, Anthony W. Ravosa.



BG David P. Valcourt and KWVA Commander Edward W. Doyle unveil chapter monument at Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam on April 27, 2002. Also shown in photo are Leo G. Cote and John V. Sasso.

Guest speaker for the event was, Brigadier General David P. Valcourt, of Chicopee MA, U. S. Army (Active). General Valcourt returned from his second tour in Korea in January 2002, where he was Assistant Commander of Army's 2nd Division.

Plaques were presented to General Valcourt, making him a lifetime member in our chapter and to Judge Advocate Ravosa for his generosity and dedication to the organization.



BG Valcourt, Cote, USA delivers his address.



John Sasso presents a plaque to Anthony W. Ravosh while Leo Cote looks on.



Posing with monument (L to R) are Kenneth F. Usher, John V. Sasso, Leo G. Cote, Edward W. Doyle and BG David P. Valcourt.

(Thank you John V. Sasso, SVC for photos and letter. A great Chapter, super Monument and special Veterans.)

Ohio Remembers

The F-86 Sabre Memorial dedicated on Oct. 15, 1988 at the Air Force Museum, Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio.

This memorial is in recognition of our members who are no longer with us and in commemoration of our dedication to freedom and our great nation. We hereby entrust it to the United States Air Force Museum for the benefit and knowledge of future generations of visitors who come here from around the world. May it serve to remind us all of our priceless heritage.

On behalf of the Sabre Pilots Association, we are pleased to officially present this memorial to the Air Force Museum.

The bronze plaque is inscribed with the following:

In memory of the world's first Swept-Wing, Supersonic, Operational Fighter Aircraft -- The F-86 "Sabre".

Legendary in duty as the worlds frontline fighter during the Korean





Shown in front of memorial is James Camp Bell (L) deceased and Don McNamara.

War, the F-86 and its pilots created a legacy of combat performance that stands high in the history of fighter aviation.

We, the pilots who flew her, dedicate this memorial to a great fighter plane and to our deeply loved comrades who sacrificed their lives flying the F-86 Sabre for our country.

We are extremely proud to be a part of this magnificent memorial park and what it represents.

(Thank you Don for photos and letters. A great looking memorial located in a very historical area. I wish I could print all. We are very proud of our "Angels in the Sky." They have a web page Sabre-Pilots.org If you are not a member of this fine association then please visit their web page and join up. Check out where their next reunion will be. A great way to honor the life of baseball great and Korean War Veteran Ted Williams.)

Illinois Remembers

Palos Heights, IL



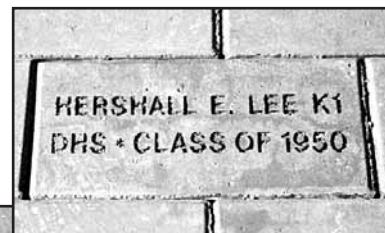
This Gazebo with memorial paving bricks surrounding it (right) is located next to City Hall in Palos Heights, IL.

(Thank you Thaddeus Czarnowski for photos and letter. A great way to remember.)



Danville, IL

These Memorial Paving Bricks are located at the Danville High School in courtyard by clock tower entrance to honor graduates who served during the Korean War. Call 217-444-1500 for information.



(Thank you Hershall for photos and letter. A great honor.)

New Jersey Remembers

In a presentation of April 10th, Mayor Glenn Cunningham of Jersey City was shown the attractive Korean War Veterans Association of Hudson County War Memorial honoring 137 Hudson County heroes who gave their lives in that conflict. Just last year the Police Action, as it was called, was formally, and finally, given the distinction of being called a war, where there were over 50,000 casualties.



From L to R, Colonel (Ret.) William Doring, Mayor Glenn Cunningham, Chapter President KWVA of HC Joseph Cassella, and Steven Maglione, Chapter Council Member.

The Memorial is scheduled to be unveiled this coming October in the cul-de-sac end of Washington Street in Jersey City bordering the Canal with Liberty State Park on the other side. The Statue of Liberty can be seen on the upper right horizon in the pictorial rendition of the Memorial model inset into the actual photograph of the Washington Street site.

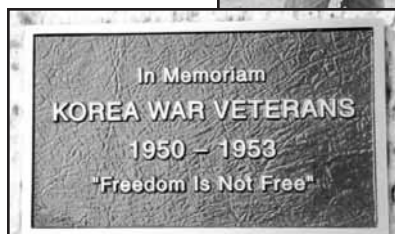
(Thank you William Doring for photo and letter. Please send us a photo of the dedication.)

GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

Articles to be published in the *Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the second week of the first month of that issue. Example: Sept-Oct 2002 articles must be received by editor no later than Sept 13. We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.— Editor.

New York Remembers

Sam Osborne (left) and Eagle Chapter President William Laufenberg pose with Korean War Vets plaque



A plaque was placed at the Street School Walkway New City NY. in Memoriam for the Korean War Veterans.

(Thank you Rocky Marcarelli for photos and letter. Great looking memorial and veterans.)

California Remembers



Remembrance on the Water: Aboard a U.S. Coast Guard motor lifeboat, seven members of the KWVA Redwood Chapter #176 and Ms. Lois Hyman went into the Humboldt Bay entrance channel. They were there on the occasion of Korean War Veterans Memorial Day and the anniversary of the July 27, 1953 armistice signing to remember those killed and missing in action during the war.

Lois Hyman tosses a wreath into the Pacific to memorialize her father Elden Justus (above, left) at age 21. He died on Dec. 6, 1950 at the age of 23. From Shaun Walker/The Times-Standard.



(Thank you E. Nakata for photos and letter. A great way to remember one of our fallen heroes. Lois, I know your loss and I am proud of you for not forgetting your father. We will never forget all our heroes.)

Korean Revisit Dedicated to Those Who Did Not Return



Veterans Welcomed. ROK Navy greets American Korean War Veterans on revisit trip at Kimpo Airport in Seoul.



Left above, Robert W. Fletcher (left) and Walter Ballard. Robert was a Ex-POW in the Korean War. It was great to go to Pan Mun Jom with him and see the Bridge of No Return that he crossed to freedom in 1953. We had another Ex-POW on our trip and he was a great veteran also.

Above right, Walter Ballard (left) and CSM Richard G. Soloway of 5th Cav. Div. We were awarded the Peace Medals at a banquet held in Inchon. On Sept. 13, 2000.



Walter Ballard poses with KWVA re-visit Chairman Warren Weidhahn. They were preparing to lay flowers at Pusan Memorial Chapel and Cemetery.

The memorials and the 50th anniversary ceremonies were so great. That trip and the things I do now are dedicated to those that did not come back. Like O. C. (Buddy) Clark a high school friend that was captured in the first three days with Task Force Smith, and Julius Hardeman the first KIA from Mobile Alabama my now home town. Also N. L. Rackard a Native American Indian from Atmore Alabama KIA on the Naktong River in 1950.

(Thank you Walter for photos and letter. We must remember.)

Visit the
Korean War Veterans Association Website:
www.KWVA.org

Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW June 2002 Newsletter.

From the President:

In the past year we have lost many of the members of our group. My heartfelt condolences go out to all who have lost loved ones.

Also, many of our members have been ill, in the hospital, or at home. We wish them all well, and hope and pray that they can rejoin us soon.

Here it is late June, and we are getting nearer to our reunion in Oklahoma City. My thanks to Joe Gomez, and his wife LouAnn. As far as I know all the preparations have been well taken care of. Of course, there will be many small details that will need to be handled, when they arise. We had invited a guest to our reunion, but we have heard from several of our members that she was less than truthful with us. Most of you have heard about Lena Swanson's legal troubles concerning the handling of veteran's affairs. We as a group do not need these kinds of problems from anyone, regardless of who they are. A few of us are on fixed incomes and need

every penny we have, we all need to stand together and fight this kind of corruption in our government. Needless to say she will not be attending our reunion, now or ever.

My wife, Phyllis and myself look forward to seeing all of you at the reunion in Oklahoma City. I really look forward to these reunions in hope of seeing some new faces, and of course all the "regulars" that attend our gatherings.

Well here is wishing all of you the best of health, and much happiness, And may all of us have many more reunions.

Your Friend Always,

Ernie Contreasar

TAPS

- Alexander M. Boysen M.D
- Henry Gambocurta
- John P. Gartin
- Lonnie Kelly
- William D. Locke
- Ed Osborne
- M/Sgt Casey J. Robinette
- Louis "Rocky" Rockwerk
- Herbert O. Thompson

National VA/VS Representative Report

By Michael Mahoney

The following events have taken place for the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. for the past year.

1. The organization is now into over 68 facilities nationwide. We are also involved in the process of entering 6 more hospitals.

2. When I receive the 6 additional hospitals, the organization will be in the total of 74 units this year. We have come along way in the past year.

3. As stated last year, the KWVA is a service organization and is growing in this means.

4. I attended the national organizational meeting in May of this year, a large amount of business was taken care of. There will be changes taken care of next month. At present, I am getting ready to install a few new deputies at

the national level and there will be changes in the department levels. I have asked that certain departments change their structure, this has not taken place as yet.

5. The national organization has shown a increase in the hours, members and donations.

We have donated the following hours and time to the VAVS program since last year: 51,034 hours were donated, \$788,985.64 in cost per hour, \$113,368.59 for actual donations, \$152,468.43 in kind donations. This makes the total donations for the past year, \$1,054,822.66.

God Bless and keep up the good work!

Mike

Book Review



Stalag 65

By Se Hee Oh

About the Author:

I was in the second year of college when the Korean War broke out Sunday June 25, 1950. The wound by this war is still alive in my memory, but the gruesome unique ordeal of Korea has been fading from the national memory of younger generations born after the Korean War. Forgetting may be natural, but it bothers for me to see Korean history being forgotten when the need to remember is still urgent.

During the Korean War, I suffered a groundless victimization, a naive college kid in my 20, as a real Prisoner of War (POW). I will never forget the terrible nightmares of scene after scene during the 22 months of my life as a POW, and even now after 50 years gone by they are still vividly alive just like bullet fragments left in my body. I still denounce utterly the instant execution of North Korean POWs simply because they are injured. This is a scene that had happened in front of my eyes. However, there is no justification whatsoever of such an action although the North and the South governments were fighting each other as enemies.

For the first time since the war, I am opening up my POW diary that has been kept in my memory all these years. Opening the true facts would serve as a revival of history and would let the public know about these painful sufferings and agony. There has been great effort on my part to recollect all the details from my memory. I have tried to describe or write most of the things I can remember. However, when my memory of some figures such as the date/time or number of people failed me, I have tried to adopt them from references whenever available. I have also used substitute names for most individuals to protect their identities.

Many young men and women tried to save their motherland during a period of turmoil, particularly during the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. Many of them died or were victimized because of differences in ideologies. I would like to devote this book to the spirits of those patriots who died while they were fighting against communism. My

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all Korean War Veterans

US. Veterans Friendship Tour of Turkey

Date: Oct. 27-Nov. 8, 2002. Cost is \$1,545 per person. A discount price of \$1,495 per person if you are a member of the Turkish Veterans Association.

Contact William Edward Alli, PO Box 1147, Bowie, MD 20718-1147. Tel: 301-464-6664 or e-mail at <wealli@erols.com>. Membership for American and Turkish Veterans Assn. "ATVA" is \$35.00 yearly. Forward your information and branch of service to William Alli at address shown above.

On the U.S. Veterans Friendship Tour of Turkey-2002 you will see fascinating and exotic historical sites in a land where Americans are welcomed and appreciated. Turkey is the site of great civilizations - Hittite, Hellenic/Ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, and others. Turkey is the home of fine cuisine, including outstanding wines and luscious desserts. You will enjoy these amidst pleasant weather and warm hospitality.

Beyond just the above, we - as Korean War veterans - will be commemorating the Korean War and having special people-to-people contacts. This aspect begins in Ankara, on October 29, as we veterans take our seats in

the VIP section of the reviewing stands, along with high government officials and various international guests, to see Turkey's National Republic Day parade. What an impressive sight - a real military parade.

We will lay a wreath at the Korean War Monument and also at the Mausoleum of the Founder of the Republic, Kemal Ataturk - the Hero of the Gallipoli Campaign, and the Great Reformer whose success in modernizing Turkey inspired leaders in other developing nations.

As honored guests, we will visit the military and naval academies. There we will meet with the cadets and staff. In addition to learning about them, we will talk about our own Korean War experiences, including contacts with our ally - the valiant soldiers of the Turkish Brigade.

We plan to meet active duty military personnel of Turkey and the U.S., because America and Turkey - as NATO allies - are again involved in a war. It is the War Against Terrorism.

There is an extension tour for \$645, Membership cost is \$595. Again contact William Alli for details.

Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul

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their dreams on hold, held fast to their faith and overcame their fears in the name of freedom.

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Bob Hope Tribute

Mr. Bob Hope, the man who brought joy, laughter and comfort to so many Americans in uniform celebrated his 99th birthday this past May.

The Hazel M. Gulley Foundation is inviting you to a special 100th Birthday party for

Mr. Hope in 2003.

Mr. Herschel Gulley, founder and President of the Hazel M. Gulley Foundation, is also a board member of The Military Tribute to Bob Hope. As a member of the Military Tribute to Bob

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SgtMaj Moran receives Bainbridge Service Medal

The United States Army is proud to announce that Sgt Major Raymond J. Moran, USA, Ret. is the 2001 recipient of the Sergeant Major of the Army William E. Bainbridge Medal for Exceptional Service in the Army Noncommissioned Officer Corps. SM Moran enlisted in the Army Sept. 17, 1948 and served his country for more than 30 years in time of peace and war. Another 23 years served as a civil service employee.



Sgt.Maj Moran (center) receives medal.

The award was made in 2002 due to Sept. 11 delaying the ceremony.
(The KWVA National and the Maryland Chapter is proud of you "Old Soldier.")

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Illinois State Convention of Korean War Veterans

and 50th Year Korean War Veterans Commemoration

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**Hotel Reservations Call: Ramada Inn, 311 Eastgate Dr., Danville, IL
 PH: 217-446-2400. Exit #220 on I-74 (Last exit in Illinois)**

KWVA Rates - \$67.00 tax included.

Schedule

Friday, Sept 13th

2:00 PM Illinois State Meeting
 6:00 PM Banquet at the Ramada Inn (Open to all Korean War Veterans and their families)

Saturday, Sept. 14th

10:00 AM Parade – Open to everyone: Anyone may have a float or march in the parade. The Korean War Veterans will lead the parade.
 11:30 AM Laying of wreath at Korean War Veterans Memorial
 12:00 Noon All events at the Vermilion County Airport (Transportation will be furnished)
 6:30 PM Honor all Korean Veterans that were married between years of 1950 - 1953
 7:00 PM Dance to the Big Band
 10:00 PM Fireworks

Sunday, Sept 15th

9:30 AM Church Service
 10:30 AM Bus Tour
 1:00 PM Dedication of F-86 Airplane at the Airport
 All Day Sunday - Ham, beans & cornbread will be served Music: Bluegrass and some Country & Western

Fees

Banquet & Registration Fee: \$25.00 per person
 \$40.00 per couple
 (All other events are free)

Make checks payable to KWVA an Mail to: Ruth Baroff
 102 Chesnut, Danville, IL 61832
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Please send check or money order, no cash. For additional information or entry form for the parade call: Kenneth Cook (217) 446-9829.

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The First 'Old Baldy'

by Peter Doyle

Early August 1951, the 17th Inf. Regt. returned to the MLR near Kumhwa, North Korea. Our Co. D and the rest of 1st Bn. occupied the same position that they had secured in June on the advance north, which was halted for the peace talks. Now, most of the activity was riflemen going out on patrols forward of the MLR.

See 'Old Baldy' photos on back cover

We often watched a long mountain-line that was being pounded by our artillery and air strikes with bombs and napalm. This had been going on all summer. The barren mountain, some five miles to the north became known as "Old Baldy". It ran roughly east and west. The Nelles Travel Map of Korea shows a road going northeast from Kumhwa to Kimhwa about ten air miles apart, "Old Baldy" would be mid-way and to the right of the road. The more well-known "Old Baldy" outpost and neighbors 'Pork Chop' & 'T-Bone' were some twelve air miles to the west near Chorwon.

In my letter to home, Aug. 27th, I wrote that A Co. left our hill yesterday to support 2nd Bn. in an attack and are returning today. They may have been in action at 'Old Baldy' or hills nearby.

My letter of Sept, 20th, "At the present we are on a main defensive line. We were here a couple weeks ago and got the word to move out. Our objective was to take 'Old Baldy'. A long ridgeline which can be seen from here. We moved to a hill in front of it the first day (Aug. 30th, part-way by trucks, then march, then dig in). Second day we attacked and took our part of 'Old Baldy' (1st Battalion, that is). The 2nd and 3rd Bns took their portion the following day, because of higher ground. Had tough going, 2nd and 3rd Batt., but the 17th took their objective. Had been attempted 7 or 8 times (so the word was) without success. We stayed there two weeks and another outfit relieved us."

Some recollections: On morning of

See **OLD BALDY** on page 63



D.C. Affairs

Blair Cross, National Director for D.C. Affairs

To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

Let me start off by saying that the last two years have been very exciting and rewarding for me as your representative for Washington Affairs, Just to know that I was representing such a great group of Veterans made the trips to Washington worthwhile and the visits to the White House and Congressional Buildings were honorable. However, all the trips were not of a business nature, like visits as we enjoyed numerous outings to Foreign Embassies,

Wreath Laying ceremonies and placing the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown, were experiences I will always treasure, as well as my meeting at the Pentagon with Secretary Rumsfeld.

I also want to congratulate the newly elected officers and wish each of them a prosperous and enjoyable tenure. Let's all of us get behind them and support them.

If anything was disappointing during my term it was the fact that we still do not have a National Charter. Again, I have been quest-

ioned as to why it is necessary to have a National Charter. Even though I have answered this question in several issues of the Graybeards, I will address the issue one more time.

Item #1 – Congressional Acceptance – The Korean War Veterans Association has no representation in Congress because we

are not chartered. The VFW, American Legion, DAV, Vietnam Veterans of America, etc., all are chartered and they hold meetings with Congressional leaders to plan and follow up on their goals, such as health care, retirement issues, compensation, world affairs or any other worthwhile issues. As a past State Commander for the Maryland VFW, I have been to Capitol Hill for several of these meetings. The KWVA does not have this privilege simply because they do not have a charter.

Item #2 – Here in Maryland we have a Joint Veterans Committee consisting of the veterans groups that involve themselves with political issues. The Korean War Veterans Association cannot be members since Maryland law requires the members to be congressionally chartered.

I feel the most important issue at this time is for all of us to remember that long after the Vietnam veterans are deceased and there are no more Desert Storm troops, we will still have Korean veterans as the war is still officially going on because only a Cease Fire was put in place and we have maintained a force of forty thousand troops at all times for the past 50 years.

Wouldn't it be good for those veterans to have representation in Washington if they ever *need* it?

Yours in Comradeship,

Blair

- "Thanks for telling it like it was."

Bob Jones Camps 5,3

- The best on Korean POWs I have read yet.

AM Norris Camps 5,3

- It was as though Bill was talking me through it.

Lois Carter, wife of Gale, "Bill", Carter, deceased ex-pow

- Tells it like it was and doesn't hold back.

Willie Ruff ex-pow

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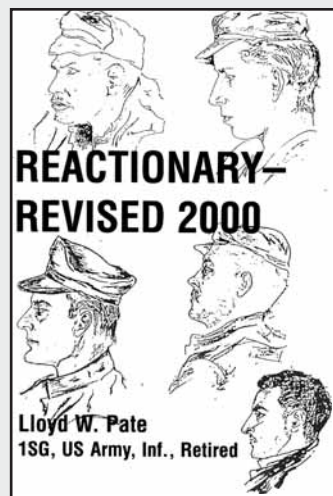


Photo file.....

Photos by Fred J. Robling , PO Box 66, Westminster, VT 05158



Clockwise from top left:

- ★ P-51 Mustang that crash landed at Yonchon, Korea Nov. 1, 1951.
- ★ British Recon Plane.
- ★ US Army O1389. The plane we used for our missions. Notice 1st Cav. patch on trail.
- ★ Fred Robling sitting on C- 19 tire.
- ★ Lt Rodgers (left) and Sgt. Robling.

I am also enclosing some pictures of Army Aviation. I thought these pictures may interest some people. I was an aerial photographer with the 1st Cav. Div., 13th Signal Co., Photo Section. All missions were assigned by G. Z. My camera was a K 20 Aerial Camera. I flew 42 aerial missions while I was in Korea February 1951 - February 1952. I received the air medal with another photographer.

(Thank you Fred for photos. Not good quality, hope they print well.)

Veterans, I have many photos from the past to print, so do not send me old stateside photos. If you want them back I need a self addressed envelope with proper postage to return them. If you have not done so and you wish old photos shown in past issues returned, I also need the issue photos were shown. I can not return recent photos. Do not have the time. —Editor.

Memorial Photos Needed

If we have not shown your memorial in the last 2 years please send in a photo. Please identify the memorial and all persons in it. Send us the best photo that does your memorial justice. Describe the memorial in detail and give us the location.

I will also send that photo on to our webmaster to place on our KWVA web page. Please do not send photos you want returned and please no newspaper clippings. —Editor

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The Pusan Merry Go Round

By Drew Pistol*

From the 32nd Infantry Regiment's weekly news/humor newspaper, "The Jolly Roger" published on August 31, 1952. Submitted By Irwin Z. Braun

■ There is entirely too much confusion on the part of the Armed Forces on just who is eligible for combat pay.

It is just as simple as the new point system, properly explained. There follows a lucid Pistol interpretation of the Regulation.

"An element or detail of one or more men serving with a combat unit may be eligible for combat pay. They must come under fire for six days in one month. These need not be six consecutive days spanning the end of one, and the beginning of the next month." What could be plainer than this? All you have to do is figure it out. If you were under

fire for six days, not necessarily consecutive, not necessarily overlapping, but necessarily, six of them.

Now assume you have decided you have six of these days. Just what kind of danger were you in? The regulation makes clear that the terms "under hostile fire," "under hostile ground fire" and "subject to hostile explosions" actually mean that the people concerned were fired upon not merely that they were under threat of being fired on. So from now on brother, if you're out on patrol make some noise. Hand to hand doesn't mean a thing as far as "hostile fire" is concerned. There has to be fire, noise, explosions and they have to be hostile. Don't try and fool us by goofing off a few rounds of your own.

So you have six days or you belong to a unit that meets both of the above qualifications. Are you as a member of that unit entitled to combat pay? Not by a long shot brother! "The parent unit from

which a combat detail comes does not by reason of supplying that unit become a combat unit."

Now if you think you're eligible and no one else does, don't worry if you don't get your pay right away. You can appeal to practically everybody. And while there is appeal there is hope. Just get a flock of DD forms 667. Appeal to the next higher authority and keep appealing until you get up to the AGD.

If you get wounded the first day of the month, don't worry about trying to get out of the hospital and come back to get in the other five days. The provisions of the bill generously take care of you on this making you automatically eligible.

If you have any questions, and I'm sure you won't after this very coherent explanation, just drop me a note c/o Jolly Roger, \$45 a month club.

* Actually, Lt. James Callahan

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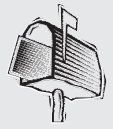
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We entertained the troops

I am writing on behalf of my comrade and buddy, Abe Walter. Abie as I called him. He passed away on October 26, 2001. We were with the 179th Inf. Regt. 45th Div. After the cease fire on July 27, 1953, we moved back from the front line to Yan-gu, Korea. A call came out for all entertainers to do a show. We did just that on August 17, 1953. Abie was the MC and comedian and good he was. I was one of the singers. We did more shows after that entertaining the wounded in the hospitals. I am sending you a copy of a picture Abie sent to me 2 weeks before his death. Abie is on the far right. The others are singers and musicians with thunderbird encore.



Abie is on the far right, second row standing.

Anyone who was in the shows or saw the shows can contact me. Samuel F. Gann, 2201 East 65th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220. Tel: 317-253-1171 or e-mail <magsg2@aol.com

Decades Later, Marine Returns Home

Washington Times February 2, 2002 pg. 1 Decades Later, Marine Returns Home. Remains laid to rest almost 50 years after plane vanished in South Korea By Matthew Cella, The Washington Times. A U.S. Marine missing since 1953 was laid to rest at long last yesterday in Arlington National Cemetery. About three dozen people attended services for radar operator Sgt. James "Red" Harrell, who was 21 when his plane disappeared while returning to its base at Kunsan, South Korea, on May 30, 1953. Sgt. Harrell's niece, Jimmie McClung, eulogized the uncle she was named after as "a man who believed in God and country and chose to join the Marines at a time when his country needed him." She was presented with an American flag, her uncle's dog tags and the belated thanks of a grateful nation. Mrs. McClung, a 2-year-old girl when Sgt. Harrell disappeared nearly half century ago, joked about the difficulties she endured going through life with a man's name. But she turned serious to describe the bond she felt it created between her and the uncle she never knew. "I think my uncle would have thought that was quite humorous," she said, "and I also think we would have been

quite close." She said she and her husband had spent years making inquiries into her uncle's disappearance, to no avail. "Now our search is over," she said, breaking into tears at the pulpit. Charles Harrell, Sgt. Harrell's nephew, came to honor a promise he made to his father, who died in 1986 not knowing the fate of his brother. "One of the last things he asked me to do was attend the service if they ever found his brother," Mr. Harrell said. Sgt. Harrell's remains were found last summer on a beach just miles from the base in Kunsan. The pilot of the plane, Capt. James B. Brown, is still missing. After the service, the flag-draped casket containing Sgt. Harrell's remains was escorted to the grave site by an honor guard of Marines, who fired a 21-gun salute in a steady rain. As a lone bugler played taps, the rain lessened. And as the honor guard strode in formation from the grave site, the sun came out. At least one former Marine could be seen dabbing his eyes. Three members of Sgt. Harrell's squadron, the Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron 513, nicknamed the "Flying Nightmares," attended the service.

The Second Time Around

Thoughts from an Infantryman about being recalled to fight another war.

Patriotism in World War II was a given. You went, not only because you were called to go but because you wanted to go. Who didn't? There's nothing unusual in this story. Thousands could match it.

I was a little miffed about ending up in the infantry after four and a half years of artillery in R.O.T.C. and the Army, but I survived a troopship sinking which killed eight-hundred men, then four months of infantry combat as a 2nd Looney rifle platoon leader in Europe. Lucky guy! By then I was gung-ho infantry but couldn't get out and go home when it ended, just like everyone else. Then, five short years later, along came Korea and a recall notice.

I left a good job with a promising future, thinking: oh no! Not again! "Gung-ho" by then was just a vague memory. Resistance to recall through channels didn't work so after a few months I found myself in Seattle in "Pipeline". That perfectly-named system of planes, trains, ferryboats and two-and-a-halves dumped me off, bag and baggage, at 1st Cav. Div. HQ, Korea. Two days I was a replacement platoon leader in an infantry rifle company, attacking a battle-torn hill called "Old Baldy". I lasted for a couple of weeks of vicious combat there before being hauled off the hill on a litter to M.A.S.H. and eventually home.

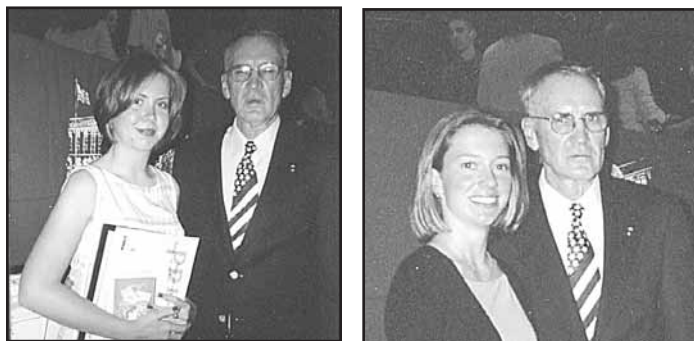
Somewhere during those days the old patriotism kicked back in. Maybe it came while watching those young soldiers as they plodded beside me up those miserable bullet-swept, shrapnel-laced hills, falling wounded or dying as they grimly carried out orders which had come from me. Oh God! Who couldn't be proud of a country which could produce kids like those?

Morton (Pete) Wood, Jr., 1st Lt. Infantry, (Ret.) 9221 Hollyoak Dr., Bethesda, MD 20817-1933

My "Old Box of Memories" Scholarships

For the second year Bill Allen, Korean Ex- Prisoner of War, and his wife Helen, attended the awards ceremony at St. Petersburg High School. Bill had such a good response from the sales of his book "My Old Box of Memories" he was able to give two \$1,000 scholarships this school year. The winners were determined by submitting the best essay with these subject being: How did September 11, 2001 change your life?

The winners were Samantha Mack, and Marla DeVicente, both honor students at St. Petersburg High School Selecting the winners was a difficult task. All the essays were outstanding. We received a very rewarding and indebted understanding how the young people look upon their life now and in their future.



Bill Allen pictured with the two winners: Samantha Mack, left, and Marla De Vicente on the right.

The scholarships will be given for one more year. This is because of the 50th. Anniversary of the Korean War. When the books I have now are sold I will not have any more printed. That's the way I want it . Any one that has a copy did not buy it off a counter. They got it personally from me. I want to thank everyone who supported me in this project. I feel that each and every one of you gave something back to the younger generations Plus the fact everyone helped get the word out about The Forgotten War. Only forgotten by those who didn't fight it.

We must remember and honor all that served

A year ago we exchanged e-mails concerning how to go about having my uncle, PFC Michael Fitzpatrick, declared a US citizen posthumously. As you may recall, PFC Michael Fitzpatrick was killed in action in the Korean War. Well, a lot has happened in the last year.

First of all, I found out that because PFC Michael Fitzpatrick was not a US citizen, he could not get a full military burial (even though he was an American GI, a Purple Heart recipient and even though he made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States).

Secondly, we discovered that President Eisenhower enacted legislation in 1953 that reduced the 5 year waiting period for immigrants that served in the military. Under the law, an immigrant must declare his intent to become a citizen then wait through a probationary type period for 5 years before they can become a citizen. The law that passed in 1953 was thought to encourage immigrants to serve in the military instead of returning to their homeland. Problem, Congress never made the law

retroactive.

Third, we have also uncovered 27 other American soldiers that were killed in the Korean War before they became citizens. Again, these men were all American GIs and all Purple Heart recipients - but because they did not live in the United States for 5 years - they were ineligible for citizenship.

Finally, we have gotten a bill introduced in the House of Representatives (HR 2623) and in the Senate (S. 1859) that would allow the families of these forgotten heroes to be eligible for posthumous citizenship. There are no financial benefits- no windfalls to be had. We just want to Honor these brave men who made the ultimate sacrifice for the United States. See <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/issues/bills/?billnum=H.R.2623&congress=107>

Timothy G Doody at e-mail <tg@realtytaxes.com>

The Award finally came

At its 2002 Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada, the X Corps Special Operations Company, later known as the GHQ 1st Raider Company (8245th Army Unit), was presented with the Navy Presidential Unit Citation. The award was in recognition of the unit's support of the 1st Marine Div. in the Inchon and Kimpo Operations of September 1950.



USMC Gunnery Sergeant Terry Irmen presented the award to the unit members. Shown in photo with the Sgt is his father, CW2 Clayton Irmen, US Army (Ret.).

Two nights before the Inchon invasion the unit conducted a diversionary raid at Kunsan designed to confuse the North Koreans, causing them to draw troops away from the Inchon area. They then joined the invasion forces in support of the 5th Marines and the 187th Airborne Regiment.

The unit served throughout North Korea with the 65th Regiment of the 3rd Inf. Div. and the 32nd Regiment of the 7th Inf. Div.'s providing anti-guerrilla, long range reconnaissance and outpost duties. When withdrawn to South Korea the unit became X Corps' primary anti-guerrilla force engaging in several protracted battles inflicting severe casualties on the enemy. The Commanding General, X Corps, commended the unit for the part it played in destroying the II North Korean Corps.

The company was deactivated on April 1, 1951 along with all Ranger type units.

To the Fathers of Korean Freedom (First letter printed)

I am writing to you today with great emotion. As a 26 year old American of Korean descent, I know that my freedom to be an American, to love our country, to salute our flag, and to pledge allegiance to it, did not just become available to me on the day I became a citizen of the United States, but that it was given to me as a precious gift, 50 years ago when you (My Veteran Fathers) fought for, defended, restored and still today, preserve the freedom of the people and country of my parents, the Republic of Korea.

Just days prior to Veterans Day 1984, I was taught for the very first time of the Korean War as an 8 year old. It was during a history lesson and the teacher wrote on the chalk board all the students' shouted responses of wars fought in history. What she did next, would stay with me forever, she wrote in silence, "The Korean War, 1950 - 1953".

I remember racing home that day, running up to my father asking him if he knew anything about this war. My father's countenance spoke volumes of what words would only have failed as he knelt down and promised me that he would tell me all about it when I got older. Eight years later, my father would share memories that still stir great emotion, pride, and deep appreciation for you, my Veteran fathers.

One poignant memory that was shared took place in the city of Suwon, outside of Seoul in the spring of 1952. My father was separated from his family. Alone and living in a shelter for orphaned children, my father told me the stories of his heroes, the American soldiers. He recalled the gentle and gracious eyes of these soldiers as they passed chocolates, candies, and raisins to him and the other children as they marched on towards battle. He shared with me how his heart weighed heavy as he wept for and prayed for these men, along with his older brother who fought in the war. He prayed that they all would have a valiant fight and a safe return. My father shared with me of the fear that was met with untold bravery, courage met with valor, and honor displayed with a noble humility. From the many stories and tearful memories of my father, I am reminded of how we are able to see a free Republic of Korea today, because of you and all the fathers of Korean freedom who laid their lives in that distant land.

As I gaze look into the flag of our country, and look into her glorious stars and stripes, I am reminded of this truth that so many had taken for granted, and millions are relearning, that "Freedom is not Free."

My Veteran Fathers, you fought in a country that was not your own, for a people you did not know nor belong to. You fought and served in a war you did not choose to be in, but you did and you gave. For this, this son of yours is grateful beyond words.

Since September 11, I have been awakened, along with millions of my fellow Americans, to my country and my freedom being threatened. In the wake of the tragedy, and deaths of people I loved and the thousands who perished with them, I found strength in the shadow of God's loving arms in Christ Jesus and I was also encouraged by the memory of you. You fought to give us the freedom and liberty we enjoy today. Our freedom and your legacy will not be diminished, but will only grow stronger as

America's heart beats with a deeper understanding and appreciation for you and all veterans. Please know that this son's heart beats with deep respect, honor, tribute, appreciation, and a son's love for everyone of you and all my Veteran Fathers. God bless you and keep you, God cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Thank you.

With deep appreciation and respect,
E.D. Park

Second Letter - To my Veteran Fathers,

Over the last few months I have been greatly blessed and moved by the many letters that I have received from so many of you. In your letters you have all thanked me for doing what I believe requires no thanks. My love, admiration, respect, and appreciation for all of you is because I not only remember the war in which you fought in, but value the sacrifices that you all have made while serving our country with such valor, honor, dignity, and bravery.

This past Memorial Day, I was struck with amazement at how our country has reawakened its patriotism. I was proud to witness the honoring of all veterans, especially the tributes that celebrated your bravery and heroism. I hope that in some small way I may be able to celebrate you again, my Veteran Father's, in this second letter.

No amount of words can express my truest emotions of thanks, admiration, and adoration for all of you. If I may be seen or thought of as a son to all of you, I would like to tell you how proud I am of you, and that you are my heroes. I will always remember you and the thousands of other brave men who paid sacrifices of life and dream in Korea to help preserve freedom so that I and others may live in peace and freedom. Many call the Korean War the forgotten war, but as in the words of the late Col. Carl Sitter USMC, "It is not a forgotten war, it is a forgotten victory." I will always thank you for giving me the right to be free and I will always love our country and our freedom and see it as a precious gift given to me by you.

You will be reading this letter weeks after Father's Day, but please know that on Father's Day, June 16, 2002, I remembered you, prayed to and thanked God Almighty for you, and saluted you. Please know that I not only remember but also cherish, value, and honor you for your examples of bravery, honor, dignity, valor, and service. I will never forget your sacrifices or the many men who laid their lives fighting for freedom, including my uncle who was a young man of 18 when he fought and laid his life in the war. I remember and honor him as I remember and honor you. It brings me great joy in knowing that he had such noble brothers in all of you with whom he fought alongside. I hope that if I am given the opportunity to serve my country, that I may follow in your examples of honor, character, integrity, and bravery. You will always be remembered with my deepest respect and admiration. I will always cherish the value of your sacrifice and I will always thank you.

With all my deepest respect and honor for you, E.D. Park, 130 Essex Street, South Hamilton, MA 01982
Email address: <usa495@hotmail.com>

Military Matters ad -- 4 color



Above left, making finishing touches and on right, Stanley and Sandy Urban show off replica of *USS Juneau*.

and was the first United Nations Naval Unit to join the tiny South Korean Navy.

On the 28th of June two landings were made on islands off South Korea by the *Juneau's* landing party, and during that afternoon and evening she fired the first American shots of the Korean War.

During the next 25 days the *Juneau* ranged the East Coast of Korea to enforce the United Nation's blockades. She destroyed shore installations at Sam Chock and Chong dong.

She was attacked by four North Korean torpedo boats and two small gun boats. All but one were destroyed.

The harbor installations and supply dumps at Chumonchin were leveled by the *Juneau's* guns. Here six more coastal ships were destroyed bringing the total to eleven.

On the Tenth of July the *Juneau* landed a demolition team to destroy a railroad tunnel 60 miles North of Konan. Later that month the demolition team was decorated by Admiral C.T. JOY, USN in a ceremony that marked the first Naval decorations of the Korean War.

The *Juneau* supported the 24th Infantry Division at Yong Dok and was part of the fleet that put the First Cavalry ashore at Pohang. Gunfire support at Yong Dok was evaluated as "Terrific" by Army observers ashore.

The end of July 1950 found the *Juneau* cruising in the Formosan Straits. She had won the Battle Efficiency pennant, and the Navy E. Through August and September she fulfilled the

Presidents promise to Formosa from the Navy's operating base in Keelung.

Four sleek, blue-painted aluminum torpedo boats had put out of Wonsan in North Korea on the night of June 27. The Russian-built craft were under orders to pick up a convoy of ten small freighters bringing food and ammunition to Red forces at the east coast port of Chumunjim just below the Parallel. The morning of July 2 the convoy was approaching Chumunjim, when it was sighted by the U. S. and British cruisers *Juneau* and *Jamaica* and the British frigate *Blue Swan*.

The little Communist torpedo boats boldly hurled themselves at the United Nations vessels, trying to get in close enough to launch their torpedoes. But their four heavy machine guns were no match for fifty UN guns ranging from four- to eight-inch.

At the first UN salvo one of the torpedo boats blew up and a second was stopped dead. Almost immediately it was ablaze and sinking. The others heeled and fled, one to beach itself where it was later destroyed at leisure, the other to head for the open sea, zigzagging wildly and eluding the shells of the pursuing Black Swan. Then *Juneau* steamed over to Chumunjim where the ten little

freighters had scurried to safety and sank seven of them with her big guns. The other three had taken cover behind a big breakwater and could not be reached.

After the British cruiser Belfast, along with the American destroyers Higbee, Mansfield, De Haven and Swenson, had joined *Juneau* in hurling shells into Yongdok, the ROKs retook the town. Came nightfall, when it is difficult for naval gunfire to be accurate, and the ROKs were driven out again. Even so, the North Koreans had little chance to exploit the capture of Yongdok. They were hemmed in by massed artillery and mortar fire, struck at repeatedly from the air and scourged from the sea. On one day *Juneau* alone killed 400 North Koreans with her shells. On, July 24, an entire battalion was pocketed and then annihilated by naval gunfire and air strikes. Three days later the ROK 3rd Division launched the counterattack which recaptured Yongdok on August 2 in the South Korean Army's outstanding action of the war.

(Thank you Rebecca Tesar for photos and letters. Sorry it took so long to print this remarkable event. I am sure those sailors that served aboard the Juneau and any other ship will be very proud of your dad and all his helpers.)

GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

Articles to be published in the *Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the second week of the first month of that issue.

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Reunion Showplace.....

11th Engineer Combat Battalion

This was our 9th Annual Reunion. It was held at the Holiday Inn Sports Complex in Kansas City, MO on September 20 through 24, 2001, 34 members, 27 wives and 8 guests attended. They came from 22 states and one member came from Thailand.

The 11th Engineer Combat Battalion: Front Row: Jim Bell, Allan Eubank, Joe Clem, Jim Loose, Ernie Seymour. Second Row: Gene Bowler, Dennis Canant, Otis Wayne Henderson, Robert J. Bashaw, Kenneth Fahey, Billy Boyce, William A. Barries, Fred Boelsche, Ed McEniry. Third Row: Bill Van Ort, Jim Tolley, Les Davis, John Gagne, Len Pavell, Merrill Hermanson, Fred Boehle, Russ Meredith, Ernie Reeves, James Wyatt, Harry A. Heiney. Fourth Row: Melvin Fiegen, Chuck Scott, Leon Bowen, Dick Soehlke, and Dave Schouweiler.



Officers Candidate School Class 13 of 1952



Photos of former classmates and their wives was taken on May 9, 2002 at the Officers Club, Fort Benning, Georgia. 50th year reunion.

KWVA members Arnold L. Fieldman and Albert W. Malone shown at right at The Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, are two of the thirty members of OCS Class 13-52 which met to celebrate their graduation from "Benning's School for

Boys." We had a wonderful time visiting, picking up with each other where we left off fifty years ago and attending the graduation of OCS Class 03-02 on May 9, 2002. It was a great reunion and we plan to meet again in a few years, probably at Ft. Benning.

Thank you Jay H. Lowden, Jr., Chapter 143, Richmond, Virginia for Fieldman/Malone photo and letter. I also thank Fred Boelsche for 11th Combat Engineer photo and letter and Arnold Fieldman for OCS Class 13-52 graduates and wives photos and letter. Reunions are so special and it is great to see these special people meeting again to recall the past. My only request is to send an original photo that need not be returned. E-mail photos and home color printers just do not do justice to those in photos. Also un-named persons in photos is also discouraged. We still thank you all and hopefully all will print well. Editor.)



Arnold L. Fieldman and Albert W. Malone at The Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning.

Krepps Honored in Pennsylvania



Vincent Krepps (Graybeards Editor) accepting Hall of Valor Plaque.

Vincent Krepps, editor of the KWVA's *The Graybeards* magazine was recently inducted into the Hall of Valor and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh, PA.

The Soldiers' & Sailors' Memorial Hall was founded in 1910 by the Grand Army of the Republic, a service organization made up of Civil War veterans. The grand edifice was styled after the ancient mausoleum of Halicarnassus,

one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The Greco-Roman style of Soldiers' & Sailors' Memorial Hall makes it one of the area's most fascinating and imposing structures. The building is approximately 225 square feet in size with the pyramided roof topping out at over 150 feet above the first level. The Memorial honors the service men and women of Pennsylvania that participated in all wars.



Vince Krepps holding plaque with text from Silver Star Document, 1950 Photo of V. Krepps and super artwork of his M19 in action.



Near Side of table, Vince's wife Susan. Across from her are two special friends from Pennsylvania that knew Vince 1949-51 as a teenager then a soldier in Korea, June Beveridge and Shirley Rozik.

(Thank you Ed Stevens for remembering this old Pennsylvanian and getting him inducted in The Hall of Valor and on your beautiful W. Pennsylvania Memorial in Pittsburgh. I thank all that were part of the above event and your memorial. Many thanks to Susan, Shirley and June and other friends that made it so special. -Vince.)



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Plaque on W. PA Memorial in Pittsburgh, PA

Chapter Affairs

Maryland Chapter KWVA #33

Memorial Highway



This year 2002, Maryland finally recognized Korean War veterans by naming Route 43 Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. Shown in photo are (l – r) kneeling Sam Fielder, Sylvester Walker and behind them is Anthony Cirincione - President. Standing (l – r) John Voigt, Robert Donovan, Jack Cloman and Lingard Dirks. Back row (l – r) nearest sign are Jim Hussey and Raymond Glock.

(Thank you Earl House for photo. Never thought we would see this day but thanks to our Maryland State and local Government they made it possible with the urging of our chapter members.)

High School Flagpole Garden

On Monday, May 13th at 10:00 am. our nation's flag was raised and dedicated over a flagpole garden especially created by the students of The Highlands School, which is located in Street. The event represented the culmination of a collaborative effort between The Highlands School, The Highland Community Association and The Country Garden Club of Harford County. A Color Guard provided by our local chapter of The Korean War Veterans Association attended



Students gather around flag pole and garden.



Chapter Color Guard at ceremony. Shown (Back row l to r) are John Voight, Bob Donavan, Sam Fielder, Jack Cloman, Tony Cirincione, Sylvester Walker and Ray Glock. (Front row l to r) Arianne Wilson and Andrew Cerino.



Above, shown center is Rev. Jeffrey Wilson former Harford County Council President. Shown front row l to r Delegate Joanne Parrott; Gillian Banker; Martha Lynch, (President, Harford County Garden Club); Andrew Cerino (student); Gunther Hirsch (President, Harford County Council); Arianne Wilson (student); Jean Boyer; James Harkins (County Executive, Harford County); and Bethany Maahs.

Flag raising during dedication of new flag pole and garden.

the event and demonstrated to the students the dignity to be accorded to our great nation's flag.

The Highlands School is a private, non-profit school for children with learning differences and currently serves some forty-three students grades two through eight. The school student body was concerned with the poor condition of the flagpole at the Community Center and felt that it should be repaired and a new flag found for the pole. The Country Garden Club of Harford County also volunteered to fund a project assisting the students in the creation of a flagpole garden on the grounds of The Highlands Community Center.

The flag raising and dedication was attended by the students and staff of The Highlands School, as well as other tenants of the Community Center building, including a preschool program. Attending the ceremony was the current President of the County Council, Gunther Hirsch, two former County Council Presidents, Jeffrey Wilson and Delegate Joanne Parrott, County Executive James Harkins, Martha Lynch, President of The Country Garden Club of Harford County and Jim Richardson, President of The Highland Community Association. (A staff member from the office of Representative Ehrlich presented a flag to Highlands School Board President, Joanne Parrott.)

(Thank you Bob Banker for photos and letter. A special school, students and teachers. Our Color Guard was honored to be part of this event. The school is located on 708 Highland Road, P.O. Box 98, Street, MD 21154. Tel: 410-836- 1415 or e-mail <highlandsschool@prodigy.net>

Suncoast Chapter #14 of Florida



Shown in photo (left to right) Ralph Beezhold and Bob Kunz soleciting funds at Tropicana Ball Field in St. Petersburg, FL for a Korean War Monument to be erected at Freedom Park in Pinellas County on July 27, 2003.

(Thank you Rita Dadswell for photo and letter. We are proud of your chapter and its members for remembering our veterans. I lived in that area from 1963 to 1968 and I am sure many of those great residents will help. I worked at ECI for several years. I have many friends there so you can use my name.—Vince Krepps.)

Submissions to The Graybeards

Readers are welcome to submit letters, poems, articles, notes and stories to The Graybeards. Submissions are selected for publication on the basis of suitability, length, and timeliness. Opinions and comments published are the sole responsibility of the author. Official opinions of the Korean War Veterans Association appear under "Official Announcements."

Kansas Chapter #1



Chapter color guard. Front row The American Flag with guards. Back row; Kansas Chapter #1 flag, POW flag and 50th Anniversary flag.



Our color guard just leaving the reviewing stand. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs was present, along with several Senators, Congressmen, Governor, Mayor and representatives from several foreign nations that were involved with WWI. Approximately 25,000 observed for two days the Liberty Memorial Rededication held in Kansas City, Missouri, 5-24-02.

(Thank you Jack DeLap for photos and letter. Great event.)

Greater Cincinnati Chapter #121 of Ohio



Shown in photo (left to right) Harry Falck Ex-POW, Bob McGeorge President, Al Kretschmar and Pat Dilonardo Secretary attending the Koi Chapter of Ex-POW Memorial ceremony in Greenhills Ohio on April 14, 2002 in honor of Harry Falck.

(Thank you for photo and letter. We are proud of your chapter for remembering and honoring our Ex-POWs.)

Mahoning Valley Chapter # 137 of Ohio

The Korean-American Assn. of Greater Youngstown Area New Year's Party 2001. Dinner was followed by installation of new officers for 2001-2002. New President is Duk S. Lee, from Canfield, Ohio. Games were played, also traditional songs and dance.



(Thank you Joann for the photo and letter. Great event and happy late New Year.)

Pictured left to right is Mrs. Hyo H. Kim, Joann Onstott, Assoc. Captain of KWVA Chapter #137 and Dr. Hyo H. Kim. Great time was had by all.

Hawaii Chapter #1

In February of this year I received word from Korea that Lt. Col. Lee Dong-koo (ret.) passed away after years of bravely fighting an incurable disease. Col. Lee had been the Director of the Korea Revisit Program for over thirteen years and had skillfully administered the program. He often solicited comments on how to improve the program and streamlined it during his tenure. He retired from that position in 1997.



Happy times at Hawaiian luau at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki. Sitting Mrs. Lee and Lt. Col. Lee Dong-koo. Standing Louis Baldovi.

Those who had met him knew him as a gracious, generous and humble person, always wanting to serve and please those who served in the Korean War. I had come to know Col. Lee well and we had become friends, often communicating with each other via telephone, fax or email. He never failed to respond to my calls or mail.

One of his desires was to vacation in Hawaii before his time came. In July of 2000, the KWVA Hawaii Chapter #1 invited Col. and Mrs. Lee to a Hawaiian vacation for a week. Needless to say, he and Mrs. Lee were overwhelmed with the Hawaiian

hospitality bestowed upon them.

In Oct. of last year Col. Lee and Mrs. Lee came to visit me at the Sofitel Ambassador Hotel in Seoul. Although ailing, Col. Lee was able to mask his illness and was very positive in his recovery process. He never complained how ill he was.

The KWVA and KVV world wide lost a gentleman and a dedicated person. He will be sorely missed by all.

(Thank you Louis for photo and letter. He will be remembered.)

Union County Chapter #53 of New Jersey



From left to right, Carole Farricker, Nancy Stonaker, Joan Nierstedt, Commander Alexander, Fran Livecchia, and Madeline Murray.

On May 23, 2002, the chapter honored 5 of its auxiliary volunteers with a luncheon and certificate of appreciation. Commander Alexander says, "I don't know what we would do without them. When we entertain the patients at the veterans home, there are many who can't feed themselves or play bingo without help from a volunteer."

(Thank you Richie for photo and letter. A great way to honor those that remembered our veterans.)

Greater Danbury Area Chapter #11 of Connecticut



Chapter float in Memorial day parade. Each cross holds the names of members that passed away in the past tow years.

(Thank you Bernie Rotunda for photo and letter. A great way to remember those that helped make your chapter great.)

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KWV 50th Commemo

Korean War Veteran lays Wreath at Tomb of Unknowns at ANC, then gets Silver Star



Sergeants Robert L. Wood and Charles C. Lee place wreath at Tomb of Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. MG Jackson looks on.



Major General Larry D. Gottardi Army Chief of Public Affairs presents Sgt. Robert L. Wood his Silver Star Citation and Silver Star. BG Nels Running (Ret.) KWCC and General Paik Sun-Yup, ROK ARMY (R) looks on.



Three Silver Star awardees from same unit of the 2nd Inf. Div. served in Korea in 1950-51. Shown (L to R) are Frank Maguire, Robert Wood and Vincent Krepps all from Battery D, 82nd AAA AW SP BN.



Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley presents Shadow Box to Sgt. Wood and Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito, 2nd District of WV in the U.S. House of Representatives looks on

News Release: Department of Defense, 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. - During a ceremony June 25 at Arlington National Cemetery, a Korean War Veteran will receive the Silver Star more than 50 years after his acts of heroism.

"It is extremely gratifying when a veteran, especially a war hero like Sgt. Robert L. Wood, is honored for his sacrifice and valiant actions over 50 years ago," said Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running, executive director for the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee. "The Department of Defense is very proud to bestow him with his award. We are also

very thankful to Korean War Veterans' roll in keeping the Republic of Korea a free and democratic state."

Robert L. Wood, from Point Pleasant, W.Va. and a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, was awarded the medal for his gallant service after Sen. Robert Byrd recently wrote a letter to the Army. The Silver Star is one of the highest awards the United States can bestow for bravery in combat.

The events, hosted by the Commemoration Committee will mark the first time that France will participate in a commemoration

ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

During the night of Feb. 11, 1951, Wood's artillery battery was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force and ordered to withdraw. After moving out, Wood's column came under immediate mortar and machine gun fire and to fight its way out. Wood spotted a member of his battery apparently wounded in a small ravine beside the road. In spite of the heavy fire and without regard to his own safety, Wood leaped from his armored vehicle to move the wounded soldier to safety.

The next morning, Wood's battery

was supporting a breach of an enemy roadblock when he spotted the enemy setting up a heavy machine gun to the rear of the column. He immediately dismounted and under heavy enemy fire, directed an M19 quad-50 caliber machine gun to withering fire on the enemy gunners.

Along with the Silver Star, Wood will receive the Republic of Korea - Korean War Service Medal at the ceremony.

For general information about the Korean War Commemoration Committee visit web site www.korea50.mil.

ative Partner Events

Regional Commemoration Events in Phoenix, AZ. on May 4, 2002



Jump team from Yuma, Ariz., bring in the Korean War Commemoration Committee Flag.



Bemon Ray a 27-year Coast Guard veteran, represented his service in receiving the ROK Korean War Service medal at the ceremony. He is shown here shaking hands with guest speaker James McEachin. Ray later passed away on June 11.



So Hee performs a dance at ceremony at Steele Indian School Park.

All Phoenix Photos and text supplied by Michael A. Dorsey TSgt. USAF 50th Korean War Commemorative Committee.



Pat Harvey, wife/widow of Ray Harvey Korean War Medal of Honor recipient and long time resident of Phoenix, is all smiles after the ceremony. The VA Medical Center's activity hall was renamed in her husband's honor the same day.



Author, actor, and Korean War vet James McEachin, was the guest speaker at the event.

“Images of Korea” at Union Station in Washington, D. C.

Kickoff by the Ambassador of Republic of Korea for the World Soccer Games and also featuring the Traditional Wedding Culture and Contemporary Dynamic Korea on May 30, 2002. A great event. Photos by Vincent Krepps, Editor, The Graybeards.



50th Commemoration Committee with Republic of Korea Attachés. Monica McIntosh KWCC won Soccer Ball.



Beautiful Korean ladies in traditional dress pose for photo at reception.

Manasota Chapter #199 of Florida

Memorial Day programs in West central Florida. In photo are Bill Gilkerson and Larry Hanneken led the several veterans groups during the honor guard review at the Bradenton Veterans Monument Park.



Following Memorial Day ceremonies our chapter members gathered near their tent display and posed with their chapter banner. They are: (L to R) Larry Hanneken, Dick Kennedy, Fred Weinmann, Gene Gillette, George Frierson (in wheel chair), Bill Gilkerson, George Staudt, Ralph Hagar, Bill Field, Chapter President, Gene Ames and Dan O'Connor.

(Thank you for photos and letter. Great honor for your veterans and a super event)

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Hudson County Chapter #94 of New Jersey



Memorial Day Parade in Bayonne had two Medal of Honor recipients. Shown L to R are Nick Oresko (MOH - WWII), Steve Gregg (MOH - WWII) and Frank Polera (Korea) 1st Marine Div., 5th Regt. Was Co-Grand Marshall.

(Thank you Larry Barulli for photo and letter. Proud veterans)

Western Massachusetts, Chapter 2000



Above, St. Patrick's Day parade at Holyoke, Maine on March 17, 2002. Shown is chapter parade float lining up at start of parade.



At right, Leo Cote makes a final check of float.

The 51st Edition of the St. Patrick's Parade took place in Holyoke, MA on March 17, 2002. The float was constructed by five members of our chapter with the theme of "The Forgotten War", commemorating and honoring all those that were killed, wounded and missing in action.

Over 300,000 viewed the parade, which is the second largest in

the Northeast, The crowd's reception, appreciation and applause made it a memorable experience for all those that participated. The float will be displayed at many other ceremonies and events. It was designed by Junior Vice Commander Leo G. Cote and built with the assistance of SVC John V. Sasso, Albert P. Arpin, Jerry Roy and Everett L. Kerley. All the materials were donated by Westover Builders Supply and the float was completed in 3 1/2 weeks. "It was well worth our efforts", said the proud JVC Leo Cote.

Thank you John Sasso for photos and letters. A great looking float and a super chapter and members.)

Gen. Raymond G. Davis Chapter of Georgia



At dinner meeting of KWVA Southern Regional Chapter, left to right, are Thomas Harris, Kwang H. Kim, President, Raymond G. Davis KWVA, and Chong C. Lee.

On March 31st the Korean War Veterans Association Southern Regional Chapter had a dinner to announce Mr. Chong C. Lee as President replacing Mr. Kwang H. Kim who was stepping down as President. Our chapter members were invited to the dinner and at that time they presented Korean Freedom awards to Gen. (Ret.) William J. Livsey and Gen. (Ret.) Raymond G. Davis.

(Thank you James R. Conway for photo and letter. A great honor for special veterans.)

Southeastern Indiana Chapter 4



Chapter members conducted a very successful fundraiser at the Aurora WalMart store collecting money to support chapter programs.

(Thank you for photo and letter. I do not have names on photo, nor an envelope with the person who mailed photo and letter. I do know the Chapter President was and may still be Carroll J. Ammons. A fine group of veterans helping the chapter. Next time I hope you will give me names and mail the editor.)

Greater Chicago Chapter #25 of Illinois



At Chicago Memorial Day Parade May 25, 2002 chapter members and banner participated.



Chapter float showing bunker was designed by Dave Martensen.



Photo is of a display made by Mr. Albin Bilinski from our Chapter.

It will be donated to the KWV Museum & Library in Tuscola, IL

Another display, a photo of which was previously published in "The Graybeards", is currently on display in the Museum & Library.

(Thank you Niels Larsen President for photos and letter. A great Color Guard and float. The display will look great in our museum. Great job, super lay out. You have some super talent in your chapter.)

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50th Anniversary of the Korean War: Official Licensed Gifts



A. Official 50th Anniversary Custom Framed War Memorial: The cherrywood shadow box includes a vivid portrait of the Memorial, each side of the Official 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin, & interpretive text. Available in Spring Scene **\$179.00 ea.**

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Only 2,003 of the Korean War Commemorative Pens will be produced. Each will be enclosed in a handsome cherrywood box. The Official 50th Anniversary of the

Korean War Commemorative Coin, in antique brass with brilliant color, will be embedded in the lid of the box, which bears the immortal phrase, "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE". **\$99.00 ea.**

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Korean War Veterans Certificate

The beautiful, full color 11" x 17" certificate pictured on the right is now available. It is produced on parchment-like stock.

A special certificate is available to family members of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Korean War or who died of wounds received. The individual request should have the date of death and place and be certified by the requester.

Veterans who want to have a certificate made up for the spouse or descendant of a fallen buddy and can certify to the event, may do so. Multiple copies of the same certificate can be ordered if you have a number of children/grandchildren. You may order certificates to give to members of your unit or provide them with an order form.



Please be sure all information is printed clearly or typed and include your serial number and unit designation while in Korea. In some instances, it may be necessary to abbreviate. Begin your unit designation with the smallest designation and list to the largest.

The certificate will be shipped rolled in a protective mailing tube and total cost is \$20.00 paid in advance. This beautiful certificate can be framed in a 16" x 20" frame with appropriate matting, mounted on a 12" x 18" placard or a walnut plaque.

Certificate Order Form

- I certify that I served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in combat/support of the Korean War: 6/25/50– 7/27/53.
 I certify that I served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in Korea (9/3/45 to present – if not during above period.)
 I served in: Army Air Force Navy Marines Coast Guard Other

I would like the following information on the certificate:

Rank (Optional) _____ First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____ Serial Number _____

Spell out full unit starting with the smallest group (i.e., Company, Battalion and/or Regiment, Division) _____

Killed in action: Date & Place _____ Died of Wounds Received: Date & Place _____

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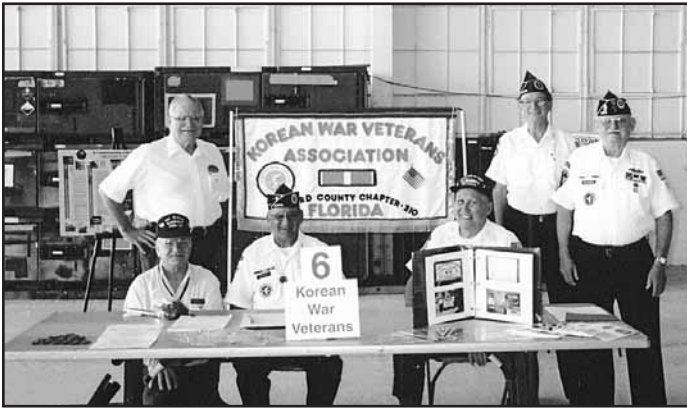
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Brevard County Chapter #210 of Florida



Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa Beach, FL - "Retiree Day" 5,000 were expected to attend. Purpose: To assist all retired veterans throughout the state. Problems that they may have with: legal, medical and benefits that veterans may not be aware of. Pictured (l-r Seated) are: Lou Rossi, Paul S. Spescia (Chapter President) and Howard Macxy. Standing (l-r) John Howard, Charles Hackney and Richard Williamson.



Wickham Park, Melbourne, Florida, Our annual event where 100,000 people were expected. We setup a recruiting booth, lay out our displays (flags-posters, brochures, photos, applications for joining the KWVA, pins, buttons, book markers, and fliers promoting the KWVA. In front of our moving wall are (l-r) Nelson Ruiz, George Rosenfield, and Richard Williamson.



Pictured in front of wall described above are (l-r) James Appleton, Nick Beninate, John Howard, Richard Williamson and George Rosenfield.
(Thank you Paul S. Spescia for photos and letter. Super veterans and a great promotion and "Tell America" projects.)

Citrus County Chapter #192 of Florida



Chapter Officers: bottom row (l-r) are Jerry Stamberger - President, Donald Findlay - 1st President, Herman Butler - 2nd Vice President, Howard Butler - Chaplin, Francis B. Pifer - Treasurer. Top row (l-r) Kenneth Heisner - Secretary, Armand Marquis - Quartermaster, Paul Salyer, Sergeant at Arms, Henry "Judge" Oppenborn - Historian, Sparky Hall - POW-MIA Officer. Missing in photo are Joe Crist - Judge Advocate.



Shown front row (l-r) are Jerry, Don, Hank, Howard, Francis, and Linard. Second row (l-r) are Bob, Sparky, Ken, Ron, Pete, Warren, Paul, Charley, Don, Henry, Richard, Bob, Edward and Jim. Chapter members.

(Thank you Jerry Stamberger for photos and letter. Great men that I am sure will lead your chapter to greater success. I hope Florida will vote for Harley Coon and thus allow him and I to continue to honor your veterans.)

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Yongdung-Po Chapter 114 of Pennsylvania



April 26, 2002 (Arbor Day) a tree was planted in Bensallm, Pa dedicated to American Veterans. Shown (l - r) behind chapter banner are Ed Papaycik, Gene Digirolamo, Tom McManmon, Joe Trucks and Louie Shapiro.

(Thank you Tom McManmon for photo and letter. Great veterans and good looking banner.

North West Alabama Chapter II



Commemorative Partner presentation at Harlan Middle School in Florence, AL an April 19. Shown L to R are Bill Flippo, George Ellis and Bobby Bray.



Lavern Tate - Silver Star recipient addressing students

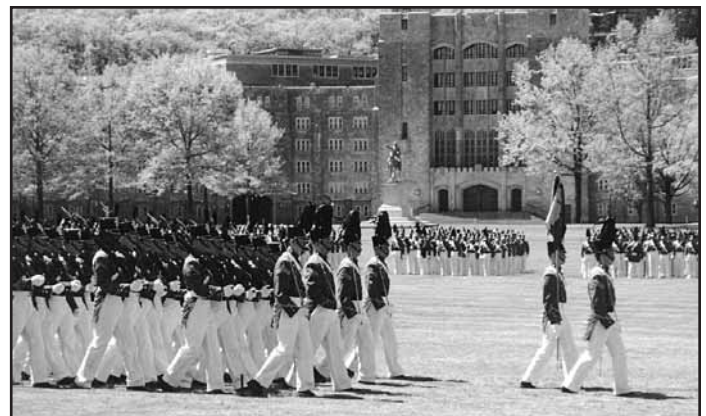


Shown are a few of the 400 students of Hibbett Middle School that listened intently to the speakers Lavern Tate, Carmel Olive, Bobby Burbank, Olon Patterson, Ralph Dula, Bill Gober and George Ellis from all branches of service relate their experiences during the Korean War. These veterans also remembered those they left behind.

(Thank you George Ellis for photos and letters. A super program of "Tell America". Our National Association and all Korean War Veterans are proud of your group for remembering our war and our heroes. George, I will print photo of Robert Guthrie in next issue and reference Bell Tower shown in this issue.)

Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey

On May 4, our chapter and friends attended the West Point day for veterans. A busload of 50 attended the parade and later had lunch with the cadets and stopped at the West Point Museum.



West Point Cadets marching.



Some chapter members, wives and cadets.

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KWV 50th Commemorative Partner Events

Commemoration Events at Perry County High School in Pennsylvania on May 24, 2002

Teens Unveil Korean War monument

BY Dottie Aldrich for The Patriot-News

ELLIOTSBURG The crowd stood silent at West Perry High School as the echoes of "Taps" filled the air. Tears streamed down the faces of veterans and their families.

"No school has ever honored us in such a way," Korea veteran Earl House of Maryland said after a ceremony to unveil a Korean War monument designed and crafted by West Perry students. House was one of 600 people - including 16 veterans from the Korean War Veterans Assn. Maryland Chapter - to attend yesterday's ceremony.

"I am absolutely amazed. We had to

come up and see these kids," said Bob Banker, a veteran from Fallston, Md., who said he arrived in Korea with the Army's 25th Division exactly 50 years ago yesterday. "They've given us more than they'll ever know."

Students of West Perry's History Club and Student Senate spent the last four years researching the Korean War and designing and sculpting the bronze memorial. The memorial depicts a marine lying on an overhang with binoculars and a battered Chinese bugle below. Above him are the flags of the United States, South Korea and the United Nations. On either side, etched in marble, are the

names of 13 Perry County soldiers who died in the war from 1950-53. Under the sculpture is inscribed, "Forgotten No Longer."

Family members of the soldiers honored on the memorial helped unveil the tribute after keynote speaker Vincent Krepps, a Korean War veteran from Towson, Md., whose twin brother died in a Korean POW camp, told the students, "Your memorial honoring and remembering the 13 heroes is a greater honor than any medal won in battle."

"We didn't know what to expect," said Student Senate President Emily McMillen, 18, as she looked over the

crowd.

McMillen, along with History Club president Amber Arnold, 18, watched as the 600 chairs filled up with veterans and their families.

Students from the district's five schools crowded the grassy bank and filled bleachers set up behind the chairs.

"We got a chance to remember the people we never heard about before today," said Andy Sandvich, 17, of Landisburg, adding he felt the ceremony was an education in itself.

(See Jan-Feb 2002 issue, pg 29 for more details on memorial.)



Perry county High School Korean War Memorial.



Vincent Krepps Keynote speaker at podium with other VIPs on stage.



The Band also made this event super with their beautiful music.



The Chorus made the event special with their beautiful voices.



(L to R) Australian Defense Attache MG Simon Will, MG Neils Running (Ret) KWCC, Unknown, Vincent Krepps and Harley Coon.



From left are Koppelman, DeCondo, Onorevole, Burns, Domanoski, Cupo and Bruzgis.



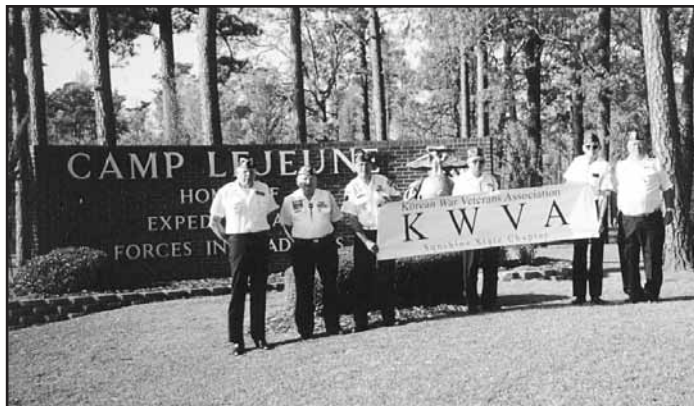
From the left - Janet Quagliero, Lou Quagliero, granddaughter Samantha on his lap, Harold Dinzes and Murray Cohen. In the back Emily, Bill Burns and Richard Casserly.

(Thank you Louis for photos and letter. Too many to print in one issue)

Sunshine State Chapter #159 of Florida

Members of the Sunshine State Chapter #159 of Florida attended the Sea Services Commemoration of the Korean War at Camp Lejeune, NC on April 11, 2002. Attendees were welcomed by MajGen. David M. Mize, USMC Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune in his opening speech:

On behalf of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, the City of Jacksonville, and Onslow County, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Sea Services Commemoration of the Korean War. Our entire community is deeply honored to host this extraordinary tribute by the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to all Korean War Veterans and their families and their moving example of courage, honor and commitment in the cause of freedom 50 years ago. We remember their stunning achievements and sacrifice in such storied battles as Pusan, Inchon, Seoul and Chosin, the many gritty small unit actions at places like the Punch Bowl and Bunker Hill, and the



Korean War Commemoration Ceremony at Camp Lejeune April 11, 2002. Shown L to are R Bill Baker, Bob Simser, Gene Peeples, Al Calimer, Ken Autherson and Jack Edwards.

hill battles that ultimately secured the 38th Parallel. And we remember those who served so ably at sea and in the air. Throughout, they pushed human courage and perseverance to the limits.

Today, as we honor and remember those who served in Korea we also salute those who are following in their footsteps, standing tall in our Nation's defense in the War Against Terrorism. We also pause to remember our countrymen and the citizens of many nations lost in the horrific terrorist attacks of 11 September, and those who have made the supreme sacrifice since. As our Nation faces challenges to our freedom and security, now and in the future, the American People can find great inspiration and reassurance in the achievements and selfless service of those who have so ably and nobly defended our Country, in Korea and throughout our history. Finally, we express our gratitude and friendship to our Korean War Allies, many of whom serve by our side today in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

We also extend our special thanks to the United States Army and Air Force for their enthusiastic support of today's honors ceremony.



Left, Parade Ground showing parachute landings. Below, troops in review on parade grounds.

(Thank you Jack Edwards for photos and letter.)



Rogue Valley Chapter # 257 Of Oregon



The grand daughters of our 1st VP Allen Forrette holding the cake for our first official meeting of the chapter.



President Imsuk of the Southern Oregon Korean Society and members of the Chapter at the Korean New Years Celebration Feb 10, 2002. (Thank you Herbert Robb for photo and letter. Your chapter is progressing very well. Keep us posted and stay well.)

Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter of Illinois

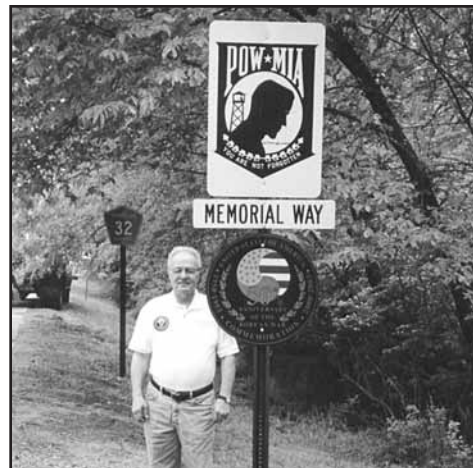


Above, Hershall Lee and Dr. Jacobs in front of dedication tree to the Korean War Alumni of Danville Area Community College. On right, dedication plaque.



Hershall standing next to POW/MIA Memorial Sign at Kickapoo State Park. Also attached to post is 50 Commemoration Logo.

(Thank you Hershall for photos and letter. Super events.)



Johnnie" Johnson Chapter #115 of Lima, OH

Wayne "Johnnie" Johnson will be inducted to the Lima City School "Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame". As you can see Johnnie at left is standing near road sign naming street in his honor.

(Thank You Roy Miller for photo and letter. I have corresponded with Johnnie several years ago and met him after that in 1999 and several times later. He is special. -Editor.)



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First American WIA

“Enemy Planes!” somebody yelled, and Pvt. Frederick J. Walsh of Massillon, Ohio hit the dirt. He laid flat on the runway of the Suwon airstrip near the pile of radio equipment he had been unloading. He heard two Yak fighter planes coming in with their machine guns firing. He then felt pain while shells stabbed his arm. He was hit.

It was June 28th, 1950 at 6:30 P.M. Pvt. Frederick J. Walsh of the Army Signal Corps was smack in the middle of the Korean War. He later learned he was the first American wounded in action. Walsh always felt as a member of the Signal Corps that, an infantryman would get that distinction. He was at the airstrip to help reestablish communication between General MacArthur in Japan and the Government of South Korea. Walsh was air flighted out the next morning to Japan.

Fred was 17 yrs of age when he went into the Army, ...



Fred Walsh and wife Joan at West Brook wreath placing event.

Fred was 17 yrs of age when he went into the Army, his parents had to sign the paperwork giving their permission for him to join.

While in the service he was in the U.S. Signal Corps., served with the 71st Signal Battalion attached to the Far East Command under the direction of General MacArthur in 1950 and stayed on until 1953.

Fred married and was the father of 3 daughters and 3 sons, returned to Massillon, Ohio with his family. Fred Walsh died August 9, 2000. Rest in peace.

(Thank you Bob Steffy for photo and letter. Sorry it took so long to print the story of a true hero.)

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War Vets Honored in NY

Korean War Veterans Honored in New York

The Korean War 50th Anniversary Committee of Buffalo and Western New York, joining with the Department of Defense and community groups across the country, is hosting a series of events to commemorate the war and sacrifices made by our American youth 50 years ago. In keeping with this national program, the purpose of the committee is to:

- Identify, thank and honor the veterans of the Korean War, their families, especially those who lost loved ones. Recognize and remember the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA).
- Recognize the contributions of all Americans to their Nation during the Korean War.
- Provide the American public with a clearer understanding and appreciation of the lessons, history, and legacy of the Korean War.
- Inform future generations of the United States military's contributions to the Nation in maintaining world peace and freedom through preparedness and engagement.
- Recognition of United Nations forces engaged in preserving the peace, freedom and prosperity of the Republic of Korea.
- Ensure commemoration events strengthen and unify the bonds of friendship and relationships throughout the world focusing on the 22 countries that fought as allies.



Korean War Veterans assemble in New York.

As part of this important national endeavor, the Korean War 50th Anniversary Committee of Western New York has held a series of events since the spring of 2000 to commemorate the war. In March 2000, the committee held a press conference to announce the campaign and educate the community. Former Erie County Sheriff Thomas Higgins, himself a Korean War veteran, joined the Honorable Anthony Masiello, mayor of the city of Buffalo, to preside over the event. Several other civic and military leaders and veterans were also there and the event was covered by many local television, radio and print media outlets.

To celebrate the anniversary of the armistice, the committee organized a memorial parade in downtown Buffalo on July 27, 2000 that included a host of veteran organizations and military units. Following the parade, a distinguished roster of religious

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“TALES FROM THE BONNIE DICK”

■ A diary of the first Korean cruise of the U.S.S. *BON HOMME*
RICHARD CV- 31, May/Dec 1951

By Leonard J. Suligowski

Korea Revisited

Continued from *The Graybeards*,
May-June, 2002 issue.

Diamond head came into view on May 13th, and 16 F-4-U's were ferried over to Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, all without incident... At the same time, an additional 60 aircraft of both AD's and F-4-U's were launched for N.A.S. Barbers point in order to have the ship's flight deck available for refresher landings and simulated sorties on the island of Kahoolawe, one of the island chain so designated as a military bombing and ordinance range. This island is completely devoid of life, save for the sparse vegetation clinging tenaciously to the barren rocks and cliff sides. Night qualifications did not go unnoticed under the ever sharp-eyed barrier wire crews who, on numerous occasions saved many a pilot and plane from becoming another casualty or statistic. Often, a thankful pilot's gratitude found its way back to the barrier crew's compartment in the form of a box of cigars with the tried and true gift card expressing simply; "a box of butts, just for saving mine"...

We launched 25 planes that night and made a simulated attack on the island. All returned without any incidents. On May 18th, we headed for Pearl Harbor, entering the harbor we passed the visible remains of the U.S.S. Arizona, with just enough of her visible above the waterline to establish her final resting place. We rendered our salute to a great ship and its entombed crew. I recalled as a child my mother telling me that my father had served on board the Arizona

as a coxswain in the period between the wars. In 1951 the idea of an Arizona memorial was still on the drawing board, and only a long narrow railed catwalk led from the island to a small circular platform where a flagpole supported "Old Glory" over what was the ship's quarterdeck.

After we tied up, liberty commenced, and we all headed for our first break in several weeks. Once ashore, I looked forward to what a tropical paradise had to offer. I would vaguely recall scenes like these from travel magazines or what the movies had to offer. I tried to soak up as much atmosphere and "aloha" as possible, because I knew that in only a few short hours this weekend would only be a memory. As predicted, we again got underway scheduled for Japan and the Korean battle zone. As the ship cleared the breakwater, I did the usual tourist thing and threw my flower lei into the sea to recall the legend, as the lei drifted towards the shore... I would also return. [I did many years later]. The thought then occurred to me as we sped to our new destination, how ironic that just five short years ago we were still at war with Japan, and now we were the closest of friends, and I was looking forward to a new experience and an exciting country to explore

Originally our orders were to be directed to the port city of Yokuska. However, on May 22, we received new orders to proceed directly to the combat zone, and to rendezvous with the U.S.S. Philippine Sea (CV-47). Passing the sight of mount Fujiyama on the 29th, we joined up with the destroyers O'Brien (DD-725) and Walker (DD-723) who became our escorts into the battle area of Task Force 77. Reaching the designated area, we entered the

company of another grand lady, the U.S.S. Boxer, (CV-21) and the remainder of the task force fleet. We had anticipated the initiation of our first combat encounter

Our air groups were in support of the UN forces advancing against light to moderate enemy resistance with most of the pressure being exerted on the East Coast, where the Bonnie Dick was to operate. The area code name was "Yankee Station". CAG's 102 air group of F9F's, AD's, and F4-U's, were to play a most important part in the close air support and highway interdiction plans. Our goal was the destruction of transportation lines southward to the battle line. Because of enemy troop movements in periods of darkness, the dawn "hecklers" were to make sure of their parts in the harassment and infliction of utmost damage possible to the enemy. Bonnie Dick launched its first strike on May 31, with 4 F9-F's from VF-781, followed by a contingent of F4-U's from VF-783 and a flight of AD's from VA-923. CAG-102's fighter and attack squadrons were reserve units from various air stations across the country. When the first strike returned and the pilots debriefed, we learned that all the highways and rail lines from Sing Hing to Wonson were strafed, killing at least 100 enemy troops, in addition to assisting naval gunfire from the U.S.S. New Jersey (BB-62) the only battleship in the entire task force, by spotting enemy encampments in and around the village of Andori where communist troops had bivouacked. We also flew an additional 26 sorties, 6 were defensive and 20 were offensive. The day was marred when the first F9F, with a pilot from the Boxer at the controls, and who was to lead the first strike, was catapulted into the water. Reasons for this incident were never learned, although, some of the crew had speculated that it was due to a flameout.

He was picked up in a matter of minutes by our ever vigilant helicopter crew. It was soon realized that the operational demands set up by a war time tempo was an altogether new challenge to the ship and its air group. It required extra hard driving teamwork, precision and "heads up" planning to an extent far

and above anything experienced before. Flaws and weaknesses that had manifested themselves during this period were quickly corrected with a matchless determination to equal the high standards previously set by the Boxer, Philippine Sea and Princeton. June 17 saw the ship headed for the port of Sasebo for 10 days R & R, with the proud knowledge that the ship and its crew had been accepted as an effective member of a crack fighting team.

July 1 found us into the war zone once more. It was to be a long and busy month. Out of the operational days available, only 22 were favorable. Weather wise, for the 1567 sorties flown. Of the 3 days for bad weather, we considered this to be a plus since all the ship's aero-logical data indicated that we would only have 7 good flying days for the entire month!!!. The rainy days occasionally set up a weather barrier grounding the air groups. This gave us the opportunity to replenish the ship, while the mighty ship's band struggled through the wind, rain and salt spray... On July 6, we learned the outcome of what all our participation had accomplished. The Navy press releases described the work of the carriers as follows: "our planes literally leveled Wonson today as the Bon Homme Richard and Boxer pilots flew a total of 267 sorties. In addition to 4 unassessed troop infested areas, were included50 gun emplacements; an arms factory; 15 warehouses; a mine storage area; 4 large supply centers and 6 small boats"...

This was one of the largest actions of the war in which the Bonnie Dick participated. From July 7-13 we concentrated on cutting supply routes in the north, while listening for the sounds of peace emanating from Kae song. But still the raids to the rail lines and major road centers, bridges and supply routes in the Songjin areas were our daily routine to prevent the stockpiling of materials behind enemy lines. Close air support and reconnaissance continued efficiently until July 16th, when our planes began to concentrate their efforts on unlimited close air support on strategic communist gun emplacements. Our pilots were improving rapidly and the

ships crew and air group personnel were meeting each new obstacle with equal vigor. The captain of the Princeton sent the following dispatch on July 18 "My sincere congratulations on the way the Bon Homme Richard has come in here cold, and learned the business so quickly and so well. Your air operations are at least as good as ours and we have had 8 months practice!!!... We know from experience at steaming in formation with your ship that it will never put itself in a position to menace other ships in the force. To you, your crew and the air group, a sincere well done"... This was followed by another dispatch on July 27 from Admiral Henderson "It has been a personal pleasure to observe the outstanding performance of duty by the Bonnie Dick and attached squadrons during this tour in the operating area. The combination of the Bon Homme and Air Group 102 is one which does credit to naval aviation and I am mighty proud of you"... We could now consider ourselves to be the ultimate "well oiled machine"...

July 27th found us back in the Yokuska dock for our well earned R & R trying to forget our losses of 9 aircraft, 3 pilots killed, 3 injured and 1 MIA. August 8th we were back on station and raring to go. Our dusk heckler F4-U pilots from VC-3 squadron were a frustrated lot when they reached the designated target area on the night of August 9th, only to find that when they pushed the flare release button, nothing happened... there were undoubtedly a few choice expletives resounding into their respective intercoms for the ordnance men when they returned to the ship. But, there were mitigating circumstances... these same flares had previously thrown the Bonnie Dick into a state of frenzy and consternation which was accompanied by the sounds of alarm bells, bugles and "Fire! Fire!. Flight deck forward, starboard catwalk"...

It seems there were two F4-U/5N's on both port and starboard catapults, ready for launch and loaded with flares under both wing hardpoints ready to be sling-shotted as the lead aircraft. The catapult officer having checked the

launch bridles and receiving the "O.K. thumbs up" from both the pilots, turned his attention to the starboard plane, and gave him the launch signal, and off he zoomed!! At that exact moment of launch, the flare from under the departing plane's port wing dislodged and ignited!! sending billowing clouds of blinding white smoke as it began rolling about the deck propelled by the combination of the deck cross wind and propwash from the just launched plane. The catapult officer seeing the danger potential rising, immediately catted off the second plane from the port side.

The release of this second plane caused its starboard wing flare to also become disengaged!!!.. the odds of this ever occurring are astronomical!!!.. The potential danger to the ship, planes and crew all aggregated on the bow of the flight deck had just skyrocketed ...the first flare rolled off the flight deck and into the starboard gun sponson and ammunition magazine compartment where it continued to smoke and burn fiercely... the second planes flare's parachute had gotten caught in the deck's crosswind dragging the flare to a point just underneath a waiting Skyraider from VC-35 which had a 500 lb. bomb attached under its fuselage. As the wind whipped the flare in an exaggerated pattern, a flight deck crewman appeared as if out of nowhere, spotted a break in the smoke and quickly grabbed the parachute shroud lines and began dragging the flare to the port side of the flight deck where he flung it into the sea. For his quick thinking, he was awarded the navy commendation medal. In the meantime, the damage control party quickly brought out the foam hoses and extinguished the first flare as it lay in the gun sponson. I had been one scared and shaken sailor to this entire episode, while trapped in the midst of all the commotion and chaos, frozen in my tracks, not knowing which way to turn. Although it was over in just a matter of a few seconds... it seemed to last a lifetime....

On August 24th, our planes began concentrating on the area north of the Yalu River in close cooperation with the Air Force bombers hitting targets at Rashin and Jajin, with the heaviest con-

centration on the bridges of Ching jin. It was dues payment time again and we got clobbered... the loss count was 11 aircraft, 3 pilots killed, and 4 injured. Our planes were coming back with more flak holes than we thought possible...but, at least they were coming back!!!. that Skyraider is one hell of a piece of machinery

A typical demonstration of the "esprit de corps" of the men was shown on that same evening of the 24th, when during a rescap mission of a downed pilot. Although exhausted from the day's earlier raids, Cag Commander Funk's integrity, loyalty and tenacity are what the spirit of the ship is all about. The downed pilot was spotted, a destroyer was vectored to his location and he was soon aboard the Bonnie Dick, and reunited with his squadron mates, all toasting his return with the usual "medicinal brandy" which sort of took the chill out of his bones???

On a lighter note, with the subject of rescue still in mind, another such event took place while the ship was heading back to Yokuska after a similarly hectic tour. It was the custom to store all downed or surveyed aircraft as far back in the stern end of the hangar deck as possible, so the ship's maintenance division could clean the steel deck by "dressing" it with a weighted steel brush approximately four feet square, and dragged by a small plane towing tractor. After polishing the deck with a graphite mixture, the recreational games were issued to all hands not on duty. All manner of sporting activities were issued, including basketball, badminton and a football for those interested in the "touch" type game. Every one wanted to participate in that one, including one of the ship's company from the engineering division.

Those guys from the engine room "black gang" rarely get to come topside, especially to play games. This swabby was so enthusiastic about the game that he went "way out" for what he thought was going to be the world's greatest catch... the only thing on his mind was to catch that pass. He never took his eyes off the ball as he went back, back, back, and over the side of the deck edge elevator railing falling 35 feet down to

the water. Immediately the man overboard alarm blared throughout the ship, the engine room brought us to an almost dead stop...life rafts, mattresses, anything that would float were thrown over the side to help keep this sailor from going under. A helicopter was quickly dispatched and plucked him from the choppy sea in record time... a murky footnote to this tale, as later, the over zealous pass receiver was given an additional 2 hours extra duty exercised by his department head... the reason: leaving the ship without permission!!!. September 20th found us returning to full flight operations with 9 events: anti-sub patrol, day and night hecklers, combat air patrol reconnaissance, close air support, bridge strikes and photo hops. A total of 90 sorties were flown with only 19 being defensive.

The month of October was one of almost perfect action as only 1 pilot was lost. An astonishing record, when one considers the increase in flak and greater numbers of targets attacked during 13 of the 16 days spent in the area. Targets remained about the same, ranging from troop concentrations to ammo dumps. Weather again began to cooperate with us on a regular basis. The morale of the men rose as the end of our tour approached. On Oct 11th the U.S.S. Antietam (CV-36) arrived on station and operated for 2 days with the Essex and us. By the 16th we had replenished our stores and sailed for Yokuska. On the 23rd, we put out to sea again for what we hoped would be our last tour before returning home. Milestones were being erected throughout the tour, one being the day Lt. Cdr Ed Kirk, our skipper of the VC-11 detachment, made his 5000th landing. Kirk was a Seaman 2/c in 1939 and conscientiously preparing to become a navy pilot. His experiences took him to a good part of the world. One of his most memorable events was spending 10 days in the hot humid waters of the South Atlantic after being shot down while intercepting a German blockade runner attempting to get through the "slot" between the African and South American coasts in WWII. He was also one of the very few men who ever penetrated the uncharted jungles along the

longest river in the world, the Amazon. Kirk navigated these regions by the seat-of-his-pants, ferreting out the German troops who had constructed secret bases within the jungle, with an end view of trying to knock out the Panama Canal.

Between 19 September and 18 October, a total of 1,119 offensive and 299 defensive sorties were flown against the communists, with special emphasis concentrated on the destruction of all the important rail lines, marshalling yards, rail equipment and rolling stock designated to slow down the supply replenishments coming out of Manchuria to the front lines. The targets were mostly in the Hung nam, Wonson and Yang dok areas.

Another noteworthy event occurred aboard ship during November 11-12, for the first time since operations began, the Bonnie Dick was permitted to display her talents before our most distinguished visitor and guest from the military, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway, supreme UN Commander in the Far East. Waved aboard by the landing signal officer, he was also greeted by yet another prestigious visitor, Vice Adm. J.J. (Jocko) Clark, Commander Carrier Division 3, and our own Capt. Gill. The very dapper general, replete with his standard trademark of 2 hand grenades strapped to his chest, and in full combat uniform, maintained the tradition of all military heroes, and graciously posed for pictures with many of the ship's company. A few minutes later he congratulated all hands over the loudspeaker system, expressing the appreciation from the entire UN Forces ashore for the great contributions we had made to our common objective. The general was then briefed on task force operations by the staff intelligence officer, and later, as he stood in the catwalks along side the flight deck, he was indeed impressed and held in awe by the close teamwork displayed by our deck crews, in receiving planes in only a matter of seconds. He also expressed amazement at the amount of ordinance capacity of the various aircraft on board.

In a later dispatch, Vice Adm. Martin radioed: "the whole task force should be very proud of the show it put on for

Gen. Ridgeway, in particular, the Bon Homme Richard deserves a "well done", for as fine a demonstration of carrier operations as I have ever seen". all in all, the month of November presented nothing new to the Bonnie Dick, we just kept on at our designated jobs giving it all we had. The entire month was spent on station, the longest period of the tour there were 22 days of actual flying, but on 6 of these, only a few sorties were sent to Korea, usually in the form of weather recon missions. A total of 1,222 sorties were launched, with 389 being defensive and 824 offensive missions consisting of rail cuts, close air supports, bridge strikes and heckler attacks. It was at this time that we totaled our losses with 8 planes failing to return, 3 crashing as a result of "AA" ground fire, 1 landing at an airfield ashore, and the remainder were lost due to mechanical failure. A total of 41 planes were damaged by enemy ground fire, and 1 by enemy "AA" fire. On Nov. 27th, while on a recap mission for a down pilot from the Essex, over North Korea several of our AD's and F4-U's were attacked by Russian built MiG-15s, when two of them causing some heavy damage to one of the AD's the FU-4's did return fire, but the damage was un-assessed and inconclusive with no definite kills scored. The damaged AD made a safe return to the ship. On this 5th and final tour our casualties were: 2 MIA's 6 injured pilots, 1 crewman believed washed overboard and 1 enlisted man killed in a flight deck accident.

On 29 November the award ceremonies were conducted on the hangar deck and presided over by Vice Adm. Martin who said in closing, " you have all done a grand job". When the ceremony was concluded, the usual "big cake" presentation was made bringing to a close the end of hostilities for us, and general relaxation all around as the Bonnie Dick turned for home.

There had been some speculation that we might make another quick stop at Pearl Harbor, but, the crew opted for the more direct and shortest route home.... and so it went....

On December 5th and 6th, the Bonnie Dick received the following dis-

■ **Monica McIntosh is leaving the DoD to welcome a new child to her family. She leaves us with these heartfelt words.**

A Goodbye Message From Monica

To all,

Just a note to let you know how much I'll miss working with all of you. I have felt so proud to participate in the important task we have of recognizing and honoring all the Korean War Veterans and their families. As a Korean it was meaningful to me also.

Special thanks to our veterans I met in person or on the phone; once they noticed that I'm a Korean they start doing something I didn't expect; some of them sang Korean National Anthem or Arirang to me in Korean on the phone, some of them kept asking me whether I know certain places where they were during the Korean War which I had never heard of them (either they changed the name or they're in North Korea!) Most of the time, I felt choked up and couldn't continue the conversation (you all know how emotional I am).

Our veterans made me think about the freedom I enjoyed while I was in Korea and made my eyes open to a new world of peace.

Thanks to my KWCC family; we have such a diversity of people with different strengths, which always makes it a very interesting and fun place to work. I've had a great time getting to know everyone. I love the Gen's passion and love for veterans and Korea/Korean culture including food!!

I'll miss all of you and I'm sure that each of our committee members will continue their wonderful job for our great mission until the end of this committee. I'm sorry that I have to leave in the middle of that path. I wish I had more time to provide insights and knowledge about Korea including language lesson while I was here. Oh, well. It's time to say good bye. As I promised, I will stop back sometime to show off our new addition!

Call me at (703) 941-6050, e-mail me at <mypuppywbz@aol.com>; even better dropping by our house for Yaki Mandu!: 6486 Tayack Place, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Again, thank you for everything, and best wishes always.

Monica McIntosh,
DoD 50th Anniversary of the KWCC.

(Veterans, I printed this mainly because many of you know Monica from events and communication over the phone. Not sure she wanted this message to go out to 18,000 members nor that she is looking forward to us going to her home or calling. Please use your best judgment on this. We just wanted to honor this special lady by telling her that we will miss her precious smile and hard work honoring us. Thanks Monica, you will be missed and we look forward to learning about the new addition. KWVA National and all its members.)

patches respectively:..."Commander 7th Fleet extends to the officers, men and embarked air groups on the Bon Homme Richard, a hearty well done for outstanding accomplishments in all types of weather and under difficult conditions. Happy voyage home"... "Upon conclusion of your tour of duty in the Far East, Commander Naval Forces Far East takes great pleasure in extending his congratulations for the magnificent performance of duty by the air group and ship's company of the Bon Homme Richard under your directions while supporting United Nations

Forces in Korea. Warmest regards and best wishes to all".... (signed) Vice Adm. C. T. Joy. Arriving at San Diego on December 17th the ship remained through the holidays, then sailed to Bremerton for refit and overhaul, ultimately returning to San Diego to pick up the new air group (CAG-7). Again, the Bonnie Dick returned to Korea for her second cruise, and the opportunity to perhaps rewrite history.

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Not Forgotten. NEVER

He's an Usher at our Church;
Has never missed a week.
Walks stiff-legged down the aisles,
Guiding faithful to their seats.
Lingering behind the flock,
I said hello one day.
Then I kindly asked him how
He had come to walk that way.
Touched by my inquiry
He stared off into space
"I'm one of the "Chosin Few",
Would be dead but for God's grace.
You probably don't remember,
Were born a little late.
Korea is forgotten.
Never dreamed that'd be our fate."
"NO, I never will forget
What men like you have done.
Duty, honor, weren't just words,
Meant life and death, at Chosin.
There are so many like me,
Who bless you every day;
With hearts up-turned to heaven,
We thank God for you and pray.
Korea's not forgotten
Though fifty years've, gone by,
Since you risked your precious life
And so many others died."
He could not hide the wonder
From showing in his eyes
"How does a woman your age
Know about Chosin, he cried?"
"My fathers' bedtime stories
Were ones I loved the best.
A Leatherneck, he nightly,
Told me of his greatest test.
Twelve thousand U.S. Marines
Encircled on all sides
Sixty Thousand enemies
Freezing, snow and no supplies.
They just would not surrender.
Would not desert their friends.
"RETREAT, HELL NO", not ever
Fighting to the bitter end.
You're not forgotten. NEVER!"
I took his hand in mine.
"I want to thank you proper"
Then I hugged him for a time.
"You've made an old man happy"
Then turning from that place.
His smile never wavered,
As the tears streamed down his face.

By Ellen M. McCauley

They Lie Alone

Our time of war was in the past, and most of us came home.
Today we think of those who fell, lying somewhere, all alone.
Their resting place in far off lands is often known,
By family and friends, but what of those who lost their lives,
Remain there still, unknown, and will until time ends?

Sometimes they fell and died, in places still today unknown.
They lie there these passing years, not forgotten, but alone.

Most of those who lost their lives, returned to home—in time.
Others stayed near where they fell, in some other place and clime.

Sometimes their resting place is known, sometimes it could not be.
Some stayed behind in lands where life was lost—
Some sleep beneath the sea.

Sometimes a choice was made to leave them where they fell,
Amongst comrades known and loved, with whom they died,
Together fighting well.

Those waiting here know they won't come home,
From those wars across the sea,
With passing time the tears have dried, replaced by memories.

Yes, we know that those who fell will never make it home.
Their loss of life became a tragedy—Worse yet— they lie alone.

By Ed Haldeman, USMC. Korea 1952-1953

TO THE CREW

A four year tour seemed long, back then
If I could be young, I would do it again
We think of things the way they were
The times we mopped and chipped on her
We kept her neat, trimmed and tight
With thoughts of home on a weary night
The times were good for liberty calls
After bouncing around in heavy squalls
Our reunion brings that all back to me
To meet old buddies, what a delight for me.
U.S.S. Hailey DD556 By Ron Bennett

Submissions to The Graybeards

Readers are welcome to submit letters, poems, articles, notes and stories to *The Graybeards*. Submissions are selected for publication on the basis of suitability, length, and timeliness. Opinions and comments published are the sole responsibility of the author. Official opinions of the Korean War Veterans Association appear under "Official Announcements."

At the time of this printing I have many more poems sent in by members and friends. I intend on printing them all. Some are hand written which will take some time putting into type. I am trying to print the oldest postmark first of those that are typed. The non-typed ones will be intermixed in order to not delay this and other issues. Please try to type all poems and articles if you can.—Editor.

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devotion also extends to those young South Korean civilians who were forced to enter the so-called 'Volunteer Army', or to move to the North. Subsequently, most of them were imprisoned or lost their lives.

Undoubtedly, North Korea initiated the Korean War although we South Koreans had the same desire to unify the country that was split by the superpowers before the Japanese occupation ended by the Japanese surrender at the end of World War II. Since the Korean War, North Korea transformed itself into an absolute totalitarianism. This is why it can maintain its status today even though a portion of the population is starving to death.

With a vast difference in ideology and social status between the North and South, I could only hope that someday soon, we could all come to a conclusion of unifying our country without any more wars. The South Korean initiation of the construction of the nuclear power plant in North Korea with the support of a few countries is an encouraging sign of such hope. When that day comes, it would be the ultimate tribute to those UN soldiers who lost their lives during the Korean War.

I have been waiting for the right time to publish my story, because South Korea, my homeland, has not accepted this type of writing in the past. It has been controlled by the military regimes and the iron grip of military generals. But now in the process of a civilian government establishment, I believe that free publication is on the way in Korea. Now I reside in the United States away from my homeland, and I strongly advocate that any war in my homeland as well as in the whole world should be stopped regardless of costs and sacrifices. I am hoping that this book will serve this purpose no matter how small it may be. I am very relieved to see this book being published and I thank God that I have achieved one final wish in my lifetime.

Se Hee Oh

(The above gives you a very good idea what the book is about. One would connect it to WWII by just reading the title. 228 plus pages of text and photos describing the inside information on UN POW Camps, politics in the ranks both civilian and military and the uprising within a UN POW Camp. \$6.95 plus \$3 S & H. A special book well worth reading. See Mar-Apr Graybeards issue page 59 for ordering information.)



Hello God

By Henry Lamar Hunt

About the Author:

Chaplain Lamar Hunt writes these daily devotions from a unique perspective.

After serving nine years as a local church pastor and over thirty years as an Army Chaplain, achieving the rank of Colonel, he shares an understanding of faith that both refreshes and challenges each new day.

Chaplain Hunt has known combat, been decorated for valor, traveled in 35 countries and served as an Army Chaplain in Vietnam, Korea, Germany and Panama. He has shared the joy of family life through a long, happy marriage, which has produced three children and three grandchildren. Out of these rich life experiences, many of which are offered through brief insightful stories, he is able to introduce the reader to moments of inspiration and hope.

Grounded in a strong Christology, a firm belief in the Scriptures, an evangelical faith, and an ecumenical heart, he has produced a marvelous collection of daily readings that will "kick-start" every morning with wisdom saved from the journey of a Christian pilgrim.

Many of these devotions end with prayer and scripture that tie together the message for the day in a beautiful, woven pattern of thought. In *Hello God* the author has assembled a book that is truly a "faith odyssey," offering the sojourner a rare opportunity to drink daily from the refreshing waters of Christ-centered worship.

Dedication:

To the men and women of the United States military and their families: especially to my children, Alan, Lisa, and Mark; all three of whom served their Country honorably on active duty.

To chaplains and chaplain assistants, unsung heroes; who accompany the troops in the jungle,

across the desert, in the air, and on the sea. It has been a distinct pleasure for me to serve with these Unit Ministry Teams. I enjoyed, and was nourished by, professional relationships with folks from many denominations. This was particularly true of Catholic friends, with whom I shared many lonely hours in unaccompanied tours, in field exercises, and in combat.

To Shirley: wife, friend, lover, and alto singer; who set a standard for military spouses in assignments all over the United States, in Europe, and in Central America.

(A great book for those still searching for answers and spiritual help. Send \$17.00, plus \$3.00 for postage and handling, to: Henry Lamar Hunt, PO Box 463, Candler, FL 32111. Pay by check or money order. Call or write for price quotes on larger orders and for Chaplain Fund purchases. E-mail: CandlerSL@AOL.com. Tel: 352-687-1559.

Note from the Editor. I have gotten so many books. The space in our magazine is limited, so I ask those of you that have not seen your review to be patient. We will print all as space allows. We print these reviews to let our veterans know there are many new books on the Korean War and on subjects of veterans interest. We all know at one time books on these subjects, mainly the Korean War were few and far in between.

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Society of the 3rd Infantry Division: Korean Battlefield Tour

September 20 - 27, 2002



The third battlefield tour sponsored by the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, this tour will visit Incheon, Seoul, and the Uijongbu Corridor, and spend two nights in the Chorwon Valley, viewing White Horse, Jackson Heights, the Boomerang, OP Harry, Chorwon and Kumwha, etc. All participants are welcome on this tour.

The 7th Division Association: Korean Battlefield Tour

October 12 - 20, 2002



The 7th Division Association is sponsoring its second Battlefield Tour of Korea; all participants are welcome on this tour, which will visit the Incheon landing sites, Seoul and the Uijongbu Corridor, the Chorwon Valley (T-Bone, Alligator Jaws, "Papasan" and Triangle Hill, etc.) and the Hwachon Reservoir and Punchbowl (one night in the Iron Triangle and two nights in the Punchbowl).

1st Cavalry / 24th Infantry Division Associations: Joint Tour

October 18 - 27, 2002



In 2001, Veterans from both Associations joined a tour of the southern battlefields of Korea, where both Divisions fought in July and August of 1950. The Associations are again sponsoring a joint tour covering the area from TF Smith, through Pyongtaek, Chonan and the Kum River crossing sites at Kongju and Taepyong, through Taejon to Waegwan, Yuhak Mountain, the Bowling Alley, Taegu and into the Naktong Perimeter - the shared battlefields of 1950.



An added point of interest: this tour will also visit ROK Army positions along the DMZ near Yonchon, including Hill 346 (known to the Cavalry as "Old Baldy"). All participants are welcome on this tour, which will spend two nights in Taegu and one night in the Chorwon Valley.

1st Marine Division Tour: East and West Fronts, 1952

November 9 - 17, 2002



Our previous Marine Tours have commemorated events of 1950 (Inchon Landing & Battle for Seoul) and 1951 (Punchbowl battles). In Spring 1951 the 1st Marine Division fought its way up through the Hwachon Reservoir area, arriving in the Punchbowl that Summer and wintering over. In March 1952, the Division moved to the Western Front for the rest of the War. Our 2002 Marine Corps tour will therefore visit both areas, along with Incheon and Seoul.

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and community leaders thanked and honored all the veterans. Major General Norbert Rappl (ret.) of the 98th Reserve Division capped off the event with an interesting historical perspective on the war.



50th Commemoration Committee of Buffalo and Western New York assemble to announce their program.

In 2001, the committee held a series of narrated video histories of the war at a local American Legion post and school. The presentations included an hour long documentary of the war along with personal accounts from those who were there. High school students, in particular, acquired a better understanding of the importance of the war and the sacrifices made by Americans, Koreans and combatants from other United Nations countries.

The committee also sponsors a travelling pictorial history of the war made up of posters provided by the Department of Defense. The posters cover the war's chronology from beginning to end, include informative maps, and highlight various aspects of the war.

The Korean War 50th Anniversary Committee of Western New York encourages other organizations to participate in these efforts to commemorate the importance and sacrifices of the war. For more information please visit www.korea50.army.mil. This is the official, public access web site for the Department of Defense commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War and is the starting point for all public information regarding events during the commemoration period that runs from June 25, 2000 through November 11, 2003.

(Thank you Thomas Higgins for photo and letter. I normally do not print anything unless coming from a chapter or a KWVA member associated to a chapter or KWVA National but I thought your report would be of interest to our membership.)

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Hope, Mr. Gulley joins a very prestigious group of notables, some of whom are former President Gerald Ford, Reverend Billy Graham, Senator John McCain, Governor Jesse Ventura, Ms. Connie Stevens and Ms. Brooke Shields.

committee members.

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Tell us about your plans

There are many fine veterans organizations that are working on reunions and group trips to attend the commemoration events that will be held in Korea. Though we cannot organize reunions or group trips ourselves, we can help spread the word about your plans. Please let us know the “who, what, when, where” on your reunion or group trip and we can list the basics on our web site. Please provide a point of contact for the event, so that other veterans know who to contact. If your veterans group has a section on a web site involving a reunion or group trip, you can provide that information also. Since we are a government agency, we cannot recommend any commercial agencies, so we cannot list “Mary’s Military Tours of Korea, Incorporated,” etc. Please email the information to: <kw50ann@usfk.korea.army.mil.> Our regular mailing address is: 50th AKWC, PSC 303 Box 90, APO AP 96204.



I am an active-duty infantry officer currently pursuing a Ph.D. in military history. I’m researching the training activities conducted by **Eighth Army in Japan** from mid-1949 until the outbreak of war, and would like to hear from veterans of the Occupation and early weeks of the war regarding their opinion of training in Japan—was it realistic, did it prepare them individually or as a unit for combat, etc. My intent in writing is to correct the distortions that have arisen over the years regarding the American soldier in 1950. My research thus far indicates that the average soldier spent the majority of his time training on his wartime mission—a conclusion backed up by several veteran interviews. I would welcome information from any veteran who served in the Eighth Army at any time between 1948 and 1950. Contact Thomas Hanson, Captain, United States Army at e-mail address <renegade06@earthlink.net>



I am Shorty Estabrook, Founder of the Tiger Survivors, a group of former POWs in Korea. I was with B/19/24 from June 1948 until 16 July 1950 when I was captured. I saw freedom on 29 August 1953. Anyone who was with the 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Div. and who was awarded the **Army Occupation Medal, Japan**, are requested to send a copy of your orders to Shorty Estabrook, 23816 Matador Way, Murrieta California 92562. The Next of Kin of Ralph McKinley, K/21/24 who was in Japan and then went to Korea and was captured and died as a Prisoner of War has requested his medals but Department of the Army said he was not authorized the Occupation medal. In fact the letter says that the 21st Regt., 24th Div. was never authorized that medal. This is not true as you know but now we have to build a case so this family can get the long overdue medal.



My dad fought in Korea (he enlisted in January 1949 and was discharged 2/12/52). He was part of B Btry 8th FA Bn., APO 25, Camp Polk, Louisiana. He passed away in 1983. Now that I am older and a parent, I am looking for information about his tour of duty in Korea. His name was **Marvin (Mike) Champagne**. How can I get more information about where he went and what he did?

Appreciate any guidance you can give. Contact L. Champagne at e-mail <chamlin@mwt.net>.



On Oct. 1, 1951 I was in the **16th Recon. Co., 1st Cav. Div.** in Korea. My squad, excluding myself, were all killed at “Old Baldy” while involved in a diversionary attack. The National Archives does not have any information as to what happened to my squad. Thus, if there are any loved ones that want to know what happened there and how the squad was decimated, I know what happened. Write or call Hank Buelow, 1615 15th Ave. SE #127, St. Cloud, MN 56304. Tel: 320-259-7182. e-mail <HDBuelow@charter.net>.



I am looking for a cousin who is a Korean War vet. His name is **David Katz** and he lived in the Bronx where his family settled after immigrating to the US in about 1923. He was born in the Bronx and probably lived there for many years. Unfortunately there are many listings for “David Katz” in the phone directories. I would expect him to be in his early to mid 70’s. I assume he was drafted. I would appreciate any suggestions or information you might have. Contact Michael N. Hindin 7708 W. 13-1/2 Street St. Louis Park, MN 55426 or e-mail at <MHINDIN@mn.rr.com>



My father, **Earl Melvin Smith** of the 235th Observation Bn. is looking for some of his Veteran buddies from the Korean War. Contact Curtis Smith at e-mail <Ziminy@aol.com>.



I am looking for information on **Rudolph Salinas** that served in Japan during the Korean War. He is very much alive and living in Houston, TX. What I am looking for is the unit that he served with, who can help me with this information? Pedro Martiz at e-mail <pmartiz@hotmail.com>



My Dad, **John Houlihan** served with Bob Wilson from Michigan in Korea. My dad’s service was 1951-1953. He was in E Co., 19th IR, 24th ID. I have tracked down other men that served with my Dad and a few also want to get in touch with Bob Wilson. Contact Bernadette Houlihan <beehoulihan@worldnet.att.net> Tel: 516- 431-3901.



My husband is looking for **Leo H. Hammond** a friend from Phoenix, AZ. They were in Korea at the same time and at Quantico at the same time. They were in the 1st Marine Div. Contact Mrs. James G. Hill at e-mail <Hoggrock@aol.com>.



I am a volunteer for the **Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum** and we are trying to find out some background information from any pilots and crew on the following aircraft: F-104C-5-LO Serial Number: 56-0898, F-84F-35-RE Serial Number: 52-6486, TV-2 (Built as T-33A-1-LO Shooting Star and transferred to the USN) USN BuNo: 138090 USAF number prior to transfer: 53-5696 and F/A-18A BuNo: 161984 This aircraft

was used by the Blue Angels and I've contacted them about air crew information or even tail number (it was painted over when we received it) and have yet to receive any information through them. I have hopes that your readers might be able to help us with some personal history on some of these aircraft. We are trying to finish these histories for a project this fall if possible. Contact Doug Ellen, 4216 Michael SW, Wyoming, MI 49509-4331 or e-mail <dellen38 @attbi.com>.

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My father, **James W. Young**, was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. He was an avid photographer at that time. My brother and I have a box of photos that he took of the guys in his unit and I would sure like to contact any surviving members of his unit or their families so that we can identify who is in the photos and send the photos to either the men dad served with or their families. Dad died several years back of cancer, so we cannot ask him who these men were and the photos have very little in the way of identification. In fact, I think their are only two or three that have names on the back. I only have a New York address from the time dad served from letters he wrote home at his time of service. They are dated from 1951 to 1952. The complete name and address that I have is as follows: PFC James William Young, US56085348, HV Mortar Co. 22 Inf. Regt., APO 39% P.M. New York, New York. Contact Paula Holwegner at e-mail <p_ho57@hotmail.com>

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I am writing a book about the battle of **Triangle Hill (Operation Showdown)** and the U. S. soldiers engaged in that and related battles along the MLR in Korea during 1952 and 1953. My father, now deceased, was in the 31st Regt. and fought and was wounded in the battle. I have been working on the book for the past 18 months. In addition to extensive documentary research in the US and Korea, I have been interviewing veterans of the battle and those who were in the service during that period. To date, I have interviewed or corresponded with over 100 veterans of the battle.

The battle was fought by elements of the 7th US Inf. Div. and the 5th USAF. I encourage any veterans who have knowledge of this battle and the other hill battles during Oct.-Nov., 1952 to contact Kevin Quinn, 310 Sportsmans Hall Rd., Queenstown, MD 21658. Work: (410) 267-8811, Fax (410) 267-8235, Mobile (410) 456-2376 or email <kquinn@wyeriver.net>.

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I am seeking information about my father, **Capt. Stephen T. Uurtamo** of Hq. Btry. 82nd AAA AW BN., 2nd Inf. Div. He was a POW in North Korea. The dates are: Date of Incident. 12/1/50 at Kunu-ri. He died on 1/21/51. I have been able to gather some facts about my father but being as I never knew him I long to know of his personal side and of his time in captivity and possibly the cause of his death. I am also desperately trying to find some photos of him. Contact Stephanie Star Russell, 6805 Hunter Cove Drive, Arlington, Texas 76001. Tel: 817-572-0409, e-mail <sstarrussell@attbi.com>.

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I am looking for the burial site of **Richard L. Marsland** who was KIA in Korea on June 1952. He was a member of A CO.,

120th Combat Engineers, 45th Inf. Div. His hometown before he went into the service was Dorchester, Mass. Contact Anthony DiPalma, Apt 4M, 1430 Thieriot Ave., Bronx, NY 10460.

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I am trying to get information about I Co., **160th Inf. Regt, 40th Inf. Div.** I served with this regiment in early 1953. Please notify me of the location of their reunion and the place where it is being held. Contact Francisco Sanchez, Jardines deSan Lorenzo, Calle 3-B-9, San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico 00754.

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Looking for members of **10th Prov. Arty, C Battery, 8th F.A. Bn.** 1950 - 1953 Korea. Contact Allen M. Smith, 3338 Dupont Ave. North Minneapolis, Minnesota 55412-2512.

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Looking to contact any member of the **65th Inf. Regt.** in Korea from Sept. 1950 to Oct. 1951. I was Bn. Surgeon for the 3rd Bn. Contact Joe A. Palese, Tel: 414-545-3858 or e-mail <WB9JLF@juno.com>.

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For some years I have been trying to obtain more information about my first cousin **Joseph Solemn**. Joe was a master sergeant, Hq. Battery 82nd AAA (AW) Battalion, 2nd Inf. Div. He was captured in the Kunu-ri area on Nov. 30 or Dec. 1, 1950 and reportedly died on or about Aug. 15, 1951 at Camp 5, Pronktong, North Korea. His remains have never been returned. Your story (V. Krepps) of your meeting with Ronald Lovejoy and his capture and imprisonment at Camp 5, along with your brother Richard parallels that of my cousin. I wonder, therefore, if Mr. Lovejoy by chance knew Joe Solemn and could shed any light on his fate. I would appreciate it if you would send this letter on to Mr. Lovejoy for any comments he would care to make. I am listing the names of some of Joe's buddies in Camp 5 just in case that is of help. Sgt. 1st Class Charles B. Schlichter, Sgt. Frank McNeely, and Sgt. Tadaski Kaneko. I am a member of the KWVA and attended the memorial dedication in July 1995. I served in Korea from Dec. 1951 to Aug. 1952 with the 45th Inf. Div. Contact Chester M. Harvey, Number 356, 10701 North LaReserve Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85737. Tel: 520-531-1844.

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I, **Roberto Lujan**, served in Korea from 1953 to 1954. Unfortunately, I lost my papers and most of them were burned in the St. Louis fire. I was driver of a 155mm Howitzer. The reason I am writing this letter is because I have been trying to file a claim on an accident on a night that we were having a push, that was before we had the Armistice. It was raining that evening and I was loading the piece by myself, my ammo man was in the pit setting the time on the shells. I was carrying the shell from the pit to the piece and I slipped between the ramp and the piece with the shell on my shoulders. I told him to stop setting the time fuse, and to come and help me, he did. I remembered that we carried a small morphine shot in our combat pants and he gave it to me and that is all I can remember. When I woke up I was in an aid station. I went to an army hospital in Albuquerque to see if I could get some help on my claim. They told me I had to have a witness and his signature. My outfit was called "999 Neverdie". I am 70 years old now and I hope my friend is still alive. Here are some

of the guys that I can remember. Cpl. Juan N. Perez, and Cpl. Herberth W. Worthy. Contact Robert Lujan, 420 S. Estrella, El Paso, Texas 79905.

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Pfc Samuel B. Meli

I am trying to locate any veterans who served with my dad **Samuel B. Meli, PFC** in the Army and were at the Battle of the Bulge. My dad is deceased now and I would like to learn everything I can about my Dad at that time as well as the particular battle – somehow history books don't help me. My dad is from Beverly, NJ. In Nov. 1944, he was in Luxembourg. He was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and was taken eventually to a hospital in Paris. If my information is correct, this is what I have about his military

service. He served in the US Army from 1942-1945, E Co., 20th Armored Div., 329th Inf. He was shot through the ankle at the Battle of the Bulge. He was born Feb. 3, 1925. He received the Purple Heart. Dad loved Rita Hayworth and served with her brother, Joe Cansino (Spanish). Together they went to the railroad station to meet her. Any assistance that you can give me would be most appreciated. Contact Yvonne D. Meli, 153 York Rd., Delran, NJ 08075.

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Wish to contact anyone of **630th Ord Ammo Co.** Korea 1950-54 who has knowledge of the Sergeant that befriended little Korean orphan boy "Chocum". The boy was rescued from the roadside in the Chunchon area 1950 or 1951, after his home was destroyed and parents killed or displaced. Contact Joe Rose, 9015 Liberty Dr. NE, Albuquerque NM 87109. Tel: 505-856-803. The boy survived, is now living in Honolulu, HI.



Korean orphan, "Chocum" from Chunchon area.

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I'm trying to get in touch with the following men for a reunion and service benefit. We were in the **7th Div., 31st F. A., B Battery #3 Gun**. Sept. 15, 1950 to April 1951. Sgt. Brooks, Laverne Thompson, Henry Signs, George Morris, and anyone else in the battery. Contact Leroy Shook, 3818 Briery Rd., Keysville, VA 23947. Tel: 434-736-9088

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My uncle **Jerry Jenkins** was in A Btry., 76th AAA, AW Bn. We are trying to find out more info on him and his unit. He is deceased now and we only have his DD 214 which is not a lot. He was in Korea around June 1952 to Oct. 1953. Any info would be greatly appreciated. Contact Nelson Leopold at e-mail <nleopold@houston.quik.com>

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During the Korean War I served aboard the **USS Washburn** (AKA-108) and most of that time I was the engineer on a LCVP. We were at the invasion of Inchon, the delayed invasion of Wonsan and several other spots along both coasts where we dropped troops on the beach. I have often wondered over the years about those fellows we left on the beaches ...how many made it back? I would appreciate hearing from any of those troops who are still around. Contact Daniel W. Moore, 193 Crescent Ave., Gibbstown, NJ 08027. Tel: 856-423-0938.

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I was a photo interpreter with the **67th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron** based at Kimpo Air Base in late 1951 and early 1952. In one of the Mission Review Reports that I was writing I came across a remarkable event on the photographs I was interpreting, that still remains vivid in my mind, even with the passage of over 50 years. But the unfortunate part of it is I do not remember the date or coordinates of the event. A reconnaissance aircraft was flying over an installation in northwestern North Korea. The facility looked a lot like a typical Korean school building with a large field adjacent to it.

In this field a large number of POWs were creating a standing formation spelling out P O W. The P and the O were complete and they were still forming the W, which if recall correctly was about half finished. I wonder if any of the men imprisoned there at that time, ever made it back and are readers of The Graybeards. I have made several attempts to get a copy of that reconnaissance photo from The National Archives, so far unsuccessfully. They report to having a very limited staff and if a person cannot provide them with the coordinates and a date, there is not much hope in acquiring those photos or a copy of the report I wrote. If there were someone that was there and reads this, I would greatly appreciate hearing from him. The S/Sgt that worked with me in Korea is collaborating with me in writing a book about reconnaissance and photo interpretation during the first part of the Korean War. Contact Ben Hardy, 9443 E. Heaney Circle, Santee, CA 92071-2919.

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I would like to hear from anyone who served with **H Co., 7th Inf Regt, 3rd Inf. Div.** From March, 1953 through the end of the war. I arrived in Korea sometime in May, 1952. I left H Co. on rotation points on April 16th, 1953. I often wonder how my outfit made out through the last months of the war. Anyone with any information at all would be greatly appreciated. Contact John Ahlberg, Sr., 318 N Sherwood Ave. Plainwell, MI 49080. Tel: 616-685-8031, or e-mail <jahl@mymailstation.com

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Recently I obtained a copy of the 1st. Cavalry Div. Assn. Yearbook 2001 directory; and the 1st. Cav. Div. (Korea, 18 1950-18 January 1952). Somehow my brother, **Mr. Eugene**

Alvin Foss US55 063 206 was completely omitted. Major General John A. Klein supplied my family two names that have no recollection. I was told that Mr. Sagar, CA and Mr. Crawford, KY. were present when the opposing forces overran my brothers patrol on August 8, 1951 near Sinchon, Korea. To this day I still do not have any clear evidence that this information is truthful. His last address: P.F.C Eugene Alvin Foss USS 55063206 C/O 1st Cav. Div. 7th Cav. Regt. APO 201 C/O: postmaster San Francisco, CA. Home Address: 1601 N. 17th Ave Melrose Park, IL 60160 DOB Sept 11, 1928. Graduated High school- Proviso East, Melrose Park, IL. Eugene entered 9 weeks

Basic training Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He came home for Christmas, Dec. 1950, then he went to Fort Sheridan, Camp Stoneman, CA. He Apparently boarded the USS Pope ship headed for Pusan Korea. Please I strongly am urging you to take a moment. Have you seen my beloved brother? Do you have ANY information that could lead us to help close this very sad situation? We would certainly appreciate any feedback. Perhaps you could share a fond memory with his family as we all miss him dearly. Contact Clarence F. Foss, 1601 N 17th Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160. Tel: 708-345-1134.



Men in photo are all members of US Army Medical Corps, Vintage of 1951-1952. One man is not shown, Ken Ellis. He was on R&R when this picture was taken. There were others that came on, and left our group. Fifty years has taken a severe toll on my memory. Our unit was **8209 MASH** or "Mobile Army Surgical Hospital." We were located near Yanggu, North Korea, previous to that we were at Honechon, South Korea. The 8209 moved north shortly after I joined them in the summer of 1951.



These men are all members of US Army Medical Corps, Vintage of 1951-1952. Standing from L to R are Paul Zapola, Ed Pierce, Rudy Basurto, Andy Balas and Tex Moore. Sitting from L to R are Frank Coggins, George Hall, and Troy Mabey. Name of kneeling soldier unknown.

It has been 50 years since I spent 10 months of my life with these fine men. Every one of these guys contributed greatly one way or another to the care of the wounded or sick soldiers. I know for a certain that many men came home alive, that would not have, had it not been for these men, or others like them. We lost many, but we saved many times more. I still have nightmares from some of experiences I had there. Five of we Halls were in Korea at one time or another. Two saw combat, one was KIA March 9, 1953, a younger one was KIA in Vietnam in 1966. I did two tours in Korea, 1946-1948 and 1951-1952. My brother Clyde was KIA in Vietnam and brother Russell was KIA in Korea 1953 while serving with 31st Regt., 7th Inf. Div. Brother Paul and brother Harry both served in Korea, Clyde also. There were 8 Hall men in our family, 7 were in the US Army.

I hope some of my old tent mates will see this and write me. Contact George W. Hall, 155 Ullom Street, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554.

(A super family that sacrificed so much. God Bless you all.)



Recently, John "Doc" Battaglia, of the Cpl Kivlehan Chapter Staten Island, N.Y., while on a cruise, was able to reunite in Boston with Bob DiMartino formerly with M Co. 15th Inf., 3rd I. D. John was the medic for Bob's platoon, in Korea in early 1952. John would like to hear from anyone he served with in **M Co. or 3rd Bn. Aid Station**. Contact John Battaglia at Tel: 718-948-2233 or e-mail <JBatta5670@aol>.



"Doc" Battaglia (left), of the Cpl Kivlehan Chapter Staten Island, N.Y., while on a cruise, was able to reunite in Boston with Bob DiMartino) formerly with M Co. 15th Inf., 3rd I.

(Thank you John for photo and letter. A good looking memorial and a special occasion to meet an old buddy. We hope we can find more for you. This is what the KWVA and our magazine is all about along with telling the experiences of our veterans in The Korean War. We want DMZ stories and photos also.)

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Your heartening response has made this step possible. Hopefully we will be able to restore our newsletter to a higher quality with other desired changes in subsequent issues. Members please continue to respond by sending your contribution to Editor KWVA, or Treasurer KWVA marked: **Support of Graybeards**. Every donation will be recognized in the magazine. Those that do not respond for any reason are still valued members, for your dues also contribute to the printing of our newsletter.

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Aug. 31st our 30 caliber heavy machine guns setup at the crest of our smaller hill. Our first closeup look at 'O.B.' quite impressive, looking down upon us. Having a small camera, I was able to take some black and white and color pictures

Attack started, our 30s joined in the supporting fire. Our men were finally only a few yards from the crest, but held down by smallarms fire and grenades. It didn't look so good. Suddenly, one of the men was on the skyline with a flame-thrower sorching gookass. It doesn't get more dramatic than that. They moved on forward taking more ground on top. Our machine guns and recoilless 75s made it to the ridge by early afternoon. We set up to the left and lower side and gave some supporting fire for Baker Co. out in front.

It seems the rifle Co's were banzai'd for three nights in a row. They received tremendous artillery and motar cover fire and took a good amount of incoming. A few chinks broke thru 2nd Bn.'s higher ground to our right. Could hear their burp guns in the rear areas. By Sept 1st, the second day the gaps were closed and 'O.B.' secured. On one of the nights our 30 cal. heavies and recoilless 75s got plastered by gook arty, but not too long and no casualties.

When we were climbing up 'O.B.' I saw bullet riddled helmets and pack boards with 75 m/m rounds from a previous attempt. Went into a gook bunker at a peak and looked thru one of the gun slits. The field of fire was awesome. Some of the guys digging in uncovered one or two of our guys the chinks had buried.

After some three nights, the chinks decided to make night attacks across the valley and road running northeast. That was the 31st Inf. Regt. and Ethiopians were on our left. We'd watch the rows of blue spurts from their guns flow down from the chink hills and then up the 31st's. At one peak, red tracers came from a captured machine gun that was turned around. During the day, with air-burts and white phosphorus shells, the ground retaken, lost again at night.

(Most time, M.G. Ammo-Bearer)

*Peter Doyle, Jr., ex PFC
Co. D., 17th Inf. Regt., 7th Div.*

Taps



All of us in the Korean War Veterans Association extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace. (Deaths which occurred over 6 months ago are not listed.)

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- ★ Col. Max E. Timmons

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- ★ Albert L. Glick
- ★ Gerald Komrosky
- ★ Marvin Kraft

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Tennessee

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Virginia

- ★ Arthur E. Bath
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Wisconsin

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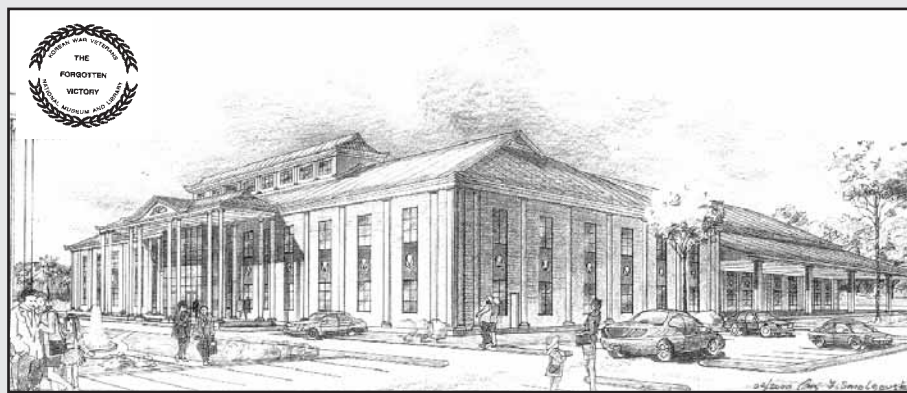
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The Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library would like to report the list of accomplishments made in the years of 2000 – 2002, at this time.

2000

1. Established communications with political leaders.
2. Outside accountant employed.
3. Implemented an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
4. Cash and cash equivalents are audited each month using an analytical review procedure.
5. Detailed trial balance reviewed monthly by a CPA.
6. Architects and engineering firm selected.
7. Architectural rendering of building prepared.
8. General contractor selected. Design/build concept will be used.
9. Cost analysis prepared.

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10. Floor plans prepared.
11. Advisory committee established to give special advice when needed.
12. Jere Crise visited South Korea and established relationships.

2001

1. New Web site was developed and funded by the KWVA Harry S. Truman Chapter, Hollister, MO.
2. Negotiated a lease for 3,000 sq. ft. temporary educational research center for the study of the Korean War at a cost of \$120.00 per year.
3. Temporary site formally opened June 1, 2001.

2002

1. A 215 person national representation organization is being established to increase membership. Currently there is approximately, 4,000,000 Korean War veterans and one-third are located in six states, including Illinois.
2. A video is being professionally produced for national distribution.
3. Negotiating a national advertising campaign.
4. \$26,000.00 received from the State of Illinois.
5. The president, Jere Crise, has spent two days with the Lone Star Chapter, KWVA, Houston, TX and the Consul General of the Republic of Korea to discuss how they can assist in raising funds.
6. The Springfield, IL KWVA Chapter along with all other Illinois KWVA Chapters funded the purchase of a new computer and software.

Update

Korea Revisit

By Warren Wiedhahn Chairman,

KWVA Revisit Program

Pusan - Inchon - Seoul - "Chosin" 1950

My wife, son and I just returned from the June Revisit Korea tour with 30 veterans and their families. I have to go over at least once a year to visit with the KVA, Seoul revisit coordinator and express our interest in the tours for the following year.

As usual, the KVA did an outstanding job and we all left feeling very good about the contributions that we had all made to keeping Korea free from communist aggression in the early 1950s. For those who had never been back, the freedom, the growth the well being of the people is a miracle to behold.

We were very fortunate to be in Seoul during World Cup Soccer. What a pleasure that was. Although we didn't get to see a game, since they were all sold out, we did watch almost every game on their local TV stations.

Our September 2002 tour is completely sold out. However, there are still a few seats left on the 28 October - 2 November tour. Since its "first come first served" please fill out the application, mark Oct/Nov 2002 on the form where it says month, and return it to us. (The weather is still beautiful in Seoul in late October!)

2003 will be another large revisit year and it may be the last. There is talk of Korea not sponsoring these Revisit Korea Tours after the 50th anniversary of the truce signing. To protect yourselves, get your applications in NOW! We will know early next year if they are going to continue after 2003.

Don't forget China. After every Revisit Korea tour we schedule a post tour to Beijing, China. Beijing is only an hour and a half from Seoul and the price is right! I hadn't been back for several years and the country has truly changed for the best. Building is everywhere in anticipation of the 2008 Summer Olympics. Since you are all the way across the Pacific, you really should take the advantage of another five days in China. You may never have this opportunity again!

(See Mar-Apr 2002 *Graybeards for Revisit Application* or call *Military Historical Tours* at 703-212-0695 or Fax 703-212-8567.)

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Reunion Calendar

August, 2002

WAVES National Women of the Sea Services National Convention in Portland, OR. Aug. 27 - Sept. 2. Contact at E-mail <seagalfreddie@cs.com> or Tel: 503-644-2471.

September 2002

25th Inf. Div., 8th F. A. Bn., Korea 1950-53, Sept. 3-8 in Branson, MO. Contact Allen M. Smith, 3338 Dupont Ave. N, Minneapolis, MN. 55412-2512, Tel: 612-529-4567.

61st FA. Bn. Chitose-Younguns, Sept. 5-7 at The Best Western Motel, Pueblo West, CO 81007. Tel: 1-800-528-1234. Contact Rich Weakley, 149 S. Golfwood Dr., Pueblo West, CO 81007. Tel: 719-547-0686, or e-mail <raawea@rmi.net>

USS WISCONSIN BB-64, Sept. 5-8 in Norfolk, VA. Contact Carl Capestrain, 5830 Glynn Dr. N/W, North Canton, OH. 44720. Tel: 330-494-6636 or e-mail <carlbb64@neo.rr.com>.

Canadian Korea Veterans Assn's 10th Biennial Convention and Reunion Hosted in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Sept. 5-8 year 2002. Plan yourselves a fantastic Canadian/Alberta holiday around this Reunion. Visit the Magnificent Canadian Rockies, the Columbia Ice Fields, visit the world famous Resorts of Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper. Plan a trip north to Alaska or a Pacific Coast Cruise up to Alaska, then please return to the City with The World's Largest Mall, The City of Champions, The Klondike City, The City Hosting the Greatest Reunion in the new millennium, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. All Veterans from the 21 Countries who served in the Korean War or subsequent to the Cease-Fire are welcome to attend, as well as spouses, other family members and interested friends (KVA membership not required). It will be a great opportunity to meet old comrades and make new friends with whom we share a common Bond. Further information will be available soon. Contact Lee Power, Co-Chairman, 15803-129 Street, Edmonton AB. T6V 1A2, Tel: 780-457-3992 or Jean Pierre Van Eck, Chairman 2002 Convention, Tel: 780-488-5845 or Fax: 780-488-6490 or E-Mail: <jpve@ecn.ab.ca>

151st Combat Engineer Looking for veterans who served during the Korean War. We are having a reunion Sept. 5-8 in Lebanon, TN. A11 veterans and families welcome to join us. Contact Jack Cato, tel: 615-444-5225 or e-mail <rmcato@concentric.net> or <jessiestewart@webtv.net>.

300th Armored Field Artillery Bn. Assn. is seeking members who served in Korea War 1950-1953. We have over 400 members located and our Assn. is active with "COWBOY CANNONEER" news letters and Reunions every other year. Join us in Cheyenne, WY, Sept. 6-8, reunion hosted by Wyoming Chapter—United States Field Artillery Association. Contact Bob Halliwell 6069 Halliwell-Lyda Rd, Bryan, TX 77803, 979-589-2002 or Dick Thune 10802 Sunset Bay, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472, 218-543-4672 or Bill Day 4019 Prestwick Pl, Riverton, WY 82501, 307-856-6546.

USS OKANOGAN APA-220 Sept. 8-11, in San Diego, CA. Contact Ed Collins 5847 N Harlem Ave Chicago, IL 60631. Tel 773-631-5568 or mail <Edtopcopl@aol.com>.

6147th Tac Co Gp, Mosquitoes of Korea will be having their 26th Reunion from Sept. 9-15 at Charleston, SC. Headquarters for this reunion will be at the Holiday Inn of Mt Pleasant, SC. Anyone desiring information please contact Dick Souza, 978-453-3887 or Ted Ridgeway at 706-743-5646.

21st Engineer Combat Battalion, Sept. 10-12 at 1st Inn Gold/Fort Kearney, NE (1-800-652-7245) for reservations, or contact Lyle Stubbs at 308-237-7923.

51st Signal Battalion, Sept. 10-12, at Utica, N.Y. Korean Vets and all former members are welcome. Contact Glenn Carpenter, 810 Glyncrest Dr., Wapakoneta, OH 45895. Tel: 419-738-3369, e-mail <ICORP@bright.net>

The U.S.S. Davison DD618/DMS37, will hold her annual reunion Sept. 10-15 at Portland's Holiday Inn, Convention Center Hotel in Portland, OR. All past crew members and family are welcome. Contact Earl J. Lee, 2169 West Dr., El Cajon, CA 92021. Tel: 619-444-5384 or E-Mail <dms37@sprintmail.com>.

Naval Cryptologic Veterans Assn., Sept 11-15, at Chattanooga Marriott, Chattanooga, TN. Contact Dave Fiehtner, Tel: 865-379-4367, E-mail: <DaveFiehtner@chartertn.net>, Web site: www.USNCVA.org.

987th F. A. Bn., Sept. 12 and 13 in Canton, Ohio. Contact Bill Toerpe, ON 678 Chelsea Circle, Winfield, IL 60190. Tel: 630-653-5142 or e-mail <ToerpeB@aol.com

Society of the Third Infantry Division and attached units in war and in peace-time will hold their 83rd reunion Sept. 12-15 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church St., Buffalo, NY 14202. (800-444-2326). Room rates are \$83 per night plus tax. (Single, double, or triple.) Parking is \$3 per day. The airport shuttle is free. For additional reunion information, contact: Joseph M. Poggi, reunion chairman, 610 Poplar Rd., River Vale, NJ 07675-6431. (201) 573-0515. E-mail: <iggop@optonline.net>. A wide choice of activities are planned. Visit our Web site at: <http://members.home.net/3rdiv/>

H & S Co, 120th Engineers (C) Bn., (WWII & Korea) Sept. 12-14, in Columbus, IN at the Ramada Inn. Contact: Woody Harris, 26 Preston Circle, Stillwater, OK 74075. Tel: 405-372-4098, e-mail <wgharr@hotmail.com>

532nd EBSR, Sept. 12-14 in Ameri-host Hotel (217-253-3500) at Tuscola, IL. Contact Billy D. Gray, 6671 Nightingale RD. Okawville, IL 62271. Tel: 618-243-6197.

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13TH ENGINEER (C) BN. (Army), Sept. 12 - 15 at Fort Mitchell, Kentucky (Cincinnati, Ohio.) Drawbridge Inn. Contact Levi O. Haire, Tel: 404-366-9891 or e-mail: <Rabbit713e@aol.com>. Web Site: <http://13thEngineerBn.homestead.com>

44TH ENGINEER BN. ASSN. (KOREA) The Broken Heart Bn. - Sept. 17-21, at Ft. Bragg, N. C. Contact Bernie Resnick 603-434-6406, Ken Cox 314-423-5483, or Joe Sopher 740-465-5015.

32nd Infantry Regiment Association "The Queen's Own" will be holding their annual reunion Sept. 18-22, at the Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, HI, 1-800-367-6025. Room rates are \$99 + tax per night and will be available 3 days before and 3 days after. For further information contact Andrew Dyckson, Reunion Chairman, 352-597-5912, or e-mail <hdycson@earthlink.net>.

U.S.S. Abnokia A.T.F. 96, Sept. 18-22 in Charleston, S.C. Contact Mike Holland, 8 Cobia St. Ponte Vedra, FL.32082-2010. Tel: 904-285-9345 or e-mail <bmc-musn@aol.com>.

U.S.S. Haven AH-12, Sept. 18-22 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Contact Clyde Landis, 1409 Coronado, Ponca City, OK 74604 or Email <korene@poncacitynews.com> Tel: 580-762-5289.

D-2-7 (1950-1955 Korea) to be held at Lafayette, Louisiana, 18-22 September 2002. Contact Don Pennington, Secretary, PO Box 26, Aurora, ME 04408. Tel: 207-584-2195 or e-mail <fromaway@aol.com>

US Army 14th Combat Engineer Bn., 2nd Bn., 36th Combat Engineer Regt., 2827th Combat Engineer Bn., Sept 19-21 in Kansas City, KS. Contact Stanley H Schwartz, 313 Hollow Creek Rd., Mount Sterling, KY 40353. Tel: 859-498-4567 or e-mail <shs313@mis.ne>

Anti-Tank Co. 5th Marines Sept. 19-21 in Kansas City, Mo. at Holiday Inn Northeast. Contact Chuck Batherson, Tel: 231-839-5476, e-mail <crbath@voyager.net> or Bill White, Tel: 405-323-9497 or e-mail <billwhite1@msn.com>.

U.S.S. ROWE DD-564, Sept. 19-22 in Reno, NV. Contact Bob Wood, 10785 Summit Ave. NE, Rockford, MI 49341-9732. Tel: 616-866-9483.

USMC Korea, Sept. 19-22 at the Patrick Henry Inn in Williamsburg, VA. Tel: 757-229-9540. Contact Mel or Betty Johnsen at 804-590-0642.

USS RENVILLE APA 227, Sept. 19-23 at Seattle Washington, crewmembers and guests from 1944 to 1968, are welcome. Contact Don Wright, 4289 Alex Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45211. Tel: 513-481-8317, e-mail <jdwrightstuff@cs.com>

The United States Armed Forces Nuclear Energy Association Sept., 19-23 in Charleston, SC. We were Army, Navy and Air Force personnel that operated the military's nuclear power plants in the 50's and 60's. We are trying to find our lost comrades and would appreciate any help you may render. Contact Edward R. Fedol, 308 Upshur Court, Summerville, SC. 29485-8057 or e-mail <gully@knology.net>.

474th Fighter Bomber Wing - 428th, 429th and 430th Fighter Bomber Squadrons - Misawa, Japan - Kunsan, Korea (K-8) - Taegu, Korea (K-2) - Sept. 22-24 in Las Vegas, NV. Contact Neil Buckwald, 5000 N. Valadez St., Las Vegas, NV 89149-5247. Tel: 702-645-4078 or e-mail <neilbuckwald@gte.net>.

712th Transportation Railway Operating Bn., Sept. 22-26, at the Best Western Biltmore West Hotel in Asheville, NC. All Korean War railroad related veterans are welcome, as are their families. We'll have 3 full days of fun activities, sight seeing, including a ride on the Great Smokey Mt Railroad and the like. Good hotel rate (\$52+tax) with free parking. For further details contact Robert G Shannon, Chairman, 17 Sandpiper Dr, Whispering Pines, NC 28327-9393. Tel: 910-949-3920 or email <rshannon@ac.net>

9th F. A. Bn., 3rd Inf. Div. Sept. 23-26 to be held in Black Mountain, NC. Contact Jim Hughes, Tel: 828-669-8089 or e-mail <jhughes862@aol.com>

765th T.R.S.B., Korea, 8th Army Reunion, Sept., 23-26 at Jackson Hole, WY. Contact Ken or Norma Miller at 1585 S.E. 3rd St., Cedaredge, CO 81413. Tel: 970-856-4862.

CARRIER AIR GROUP TWO (CVG-2), all hands who served in CVG-2 with VF-23, VF-24, VF-63, VF-64, VA-65 or VC/VT/HU Detachments during the Korean War (1950-1952), Sept. 24-28, in Orlando, FL. Contact Ray Slanda, 47 Davis Road, East Hartford, CT 06118. Tel: 860-569-2683 or Tim Timidaiski, P.O. Box 337, Issaquah, WA 98027. Tel: 425-392-7787, or Email: <timedna@worldnet.att.net>.

98th Bomb Group Veterans Assn., Sept. 24-28 in Dayton Ohio at Crown Plaza Hotel. Contact Ken Lanigna at 616-751-8231 or Dennis Posey at 770-509-7734 or e-mail <dennisposey@mindspring.com>

4th Infantry (IVY) Division Assn. National Reunion, Sept. 25-29. Contact: Roger Barton, 2 Spring Drive (R-1), Walkersville, MD 21793, Toll Free 1-888-845-4040. Web Page <www.4thininfantry.org>

Tenth Corps (X) and attached Units Korean War 1950-53, Sept. 26-28 at Quincy, IL. Contact Norbert Bentele, 711 S. 16th St., Quincy, IL 62301. Tel: 217-222-1525 or e-mail <koreavetsqcyil@webtv.net>.

7th F. A. Regt. (all battalions, all members), Sept. 26-28 at Howard Johnson Motel in Lawton, OK. Contact Stanley C. Stankiewicz, 112 Bremer Street, Fayetteville, NC 28303-3602. Tel: 910-822-0703.

Army Security Agency - Korea - All years, Reunion Sept. 26-28 in Frankenmuth, Michigan. (Frankenmuth has been designated as a "Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Community") Contact Cathy Strite, All-In-One-Tours & Cruises, toll free at 1-888-681-5333, 1530 Commerce Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601. P.O.C Host Bob Rudolph Tel: 616-789-2860.

2nd Chemical Mortar Bn. & 461st Inf. Bn., Sept. 26-29 at the Holiday Inn in London, CT. Contact William R. Thomas, 7418 Overdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75254. Tel: 972-387

568th Ordnance HM Co., 1950-53, Sept. 26-29, Norfolk, VA. Contact Herb Peppers, 612, Weatherbeaten Place, Hermitage, TN 37076. Tel: 615-883-1417, e-mail <hpeppers@aol.com>

U.S.S. John R Craig DD885, Sept. 26-29, Fort Worth, Texas. Contact James E. Barrett, 7 Hickory Court, Bamegat, N.J. 08005-2226, Tel: 609-698-2109 or E-Mail: <JirnBarDD885@aol.com>.

8221st Army Unit Assn. (Korean War Service 1950-1954), Sept. 26-30 at the Hilton Suites in Oak Brook Terrace, IL. Contact Michael C.J. and Irene Kaminski, 2912 South 10th Ave. Broadview, IL 60155-4830. Tel: 708-345-8244. E-mail <michael0642@ameritech.net>

11th Engineer (C) Bn. Assn. Sept. 26-30 in Las Vegas, NV. Contact Fred Boelsche, 54 Edstan Dr. Moonachie, NJ 07074-1239. Tel: 201-641-5828.

26th Inf. Scout Dog Plt., Sept. 27-29, Contact Robert E. Fickbohm, RR 1, Box 119, Newell, SD 57760-9620

Baker Co., 15th Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. Sept. 29 to Oct. 3 at Fort Bragg, NC. Contact Dr. Don Sonalla, Tel: 651-429-1634, e-mail <donsonalla@aol.com> or Bill Fortier, Tel: 845-758-2240.

Heavy Mortar Co., 224th Regt., 40th Inf. Div. Sept. 29-Oct. 3 in Las Vegas NV at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino. Room rates are \$45.00, Sunday through Thursday. Bring the entire family and enjoy fabulous Las Vegas and visit nearby Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon. The reunion is for all veterans that served anytime from 1950-1953. Contact Bob Humble, 305 Cedar Drive, Covina, CA 91723, Phone 626-966-6897, e-mail rih1930@aol.com.

430th Engineer Construction Battalion. Sept. 29-Oct. 2 at The Atrium Inn in Branson, MO. Contact: Buster Wright 1705 39th St. Columbus, GA 31904-7942. Tel: 706-323-8636 or e-mail at <genbuster@aol.com> or Eugene Hills 3719 High Bank Place W. Lafayette, IN 47906-8842. Tel: 765-463-5214 or e-mail: <ehills3719@aol.com>

USS SATYR ASSN. ARL 23, World War II - Korea - Vietnam, Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, in San Antonio, TX, at the Howard Johnson Inn & Suites. For further information call Bill Janosco, President, AZ - Tel: 928-453-6755, e-mail: <foojanosco@msn.com>. or Mel Bennett, Secretary, CA. Tel: 210-326-5091 email <mbennett3@social.rr.com>

USS ESSEX CV, CVA, CVS-9, LHD-2 Sept. 30 - Oct. 6 in Metairie, LA (New Orleans). Contact C. Leonard Schlamp, 2911 Rugby Ave., Evansville, IN 47711-3653. Tel: 1-812-437-9485, Web Site: <http://www.ussexscv9.org> or E-mail <clschlamp@Juno.com>

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1st Ordnance MM Co., 328 Ord, 60th Ord Gp., All members, Oct. 2-4, in Perryville, MD. Contact Bill Bourque, Tel: 508-822-6965.

USS VALLEY FORGE CV45,CVA45, CVS45, LPH8,CG50 All hands including air groups and Marines, Oct. 2-6 in Las Vegas, NV. Contact Gordon Wilcher, 1241 N. El Prado Dr. Ridgecrest Ca. 93555

C-1-7 1st. Mar. Div. Korea 50-53, Oct. 3-7 in Pittsburgh Pa. Contact Bill Farrell, 19 Centre Village Dr., Madison, Ct. 06443. Tel: 203-318-1889 or e-mail <willydoro@aol.com>

To all **Division Artillery Battalion** Members (Korea, 1950-1954), October 3-7. Join Corps Artillery Alliance reunion in New Jersey at the Saddle Brook Marriott. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Tel: 973-538-7189 or e-mail: <vanderhave@usa.net.

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187 FA, 300 FA, 424 FA, 623 FA, 780 FA, 937 FA, 976 FA, 948 FA (Korea, 1950-1954), October 3-7 reunion in New Jersey at the Saddle Brook Marriott. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Tel: 973-538-7189 or e-mail: <vanderhave@usa.net.

17 FA, 50 AAA AW BN, 92 FA, 96 FA, 159 FA, 461 HVY MTR BN, 555 FA, 625 FA (Korea, 1950-1954), October 3-7. reunion in New Jersey at the Saddle Brook Marriott. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Tel: 973-538-7189 or e-mail: <vanderhave@usa.net.

1st FA OB BN, 2d CHEM MTR BN, 5th FA Group, 75 FA, 88 HVT MTR BN, 987 FA, 999 FA, 8221 FA (Korea, 1950-1954), October 3-7 reunion in New Jersey at the Saddle Brook Marriott. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Tel: 973-538-7189 or e-mail: <vanderhave@usa.net.

145 FA, 176 FA, 196 FA, 204 FA, 213 FA, 936 FA, 955 FA (Korea, 1950-1954), October 3-7 reunion in New Jersey at the Saddle Brook Marriott. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Tel: 973-538-7189 or e-mail: <vanderhave@usa.net.

11th Evac. Hospital - Won-Ju, Korea 1950-53, Oct. 4-6 at the Morings Hotel in Palatka, FL. Contact Ed Elliott, 86 Malone Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306-4100. Tel: 1-718-987-3557.

8226 Army Unit, Co. S 1,2, Detachment 3, 518th Radio Relay Co. of GHQ,FEC, and KCOMZ Long Line Signal Group. Oct. 7-9 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Contact Wm. Martin Dill, 127 Midstate Road, Felton, DE 19943. Tel: 302-284-4359.

5th Comm Grp/934th Sig. Bn. Oct. 9-13 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn, Kissimmee, FL. We invite all who served in these units from 1950-1954 to join us for our 14th reunion. For information contact Don Colthart 1290 Walton Av. Deltona, FL 32738. Tel: 386-574-0409.

Heavy Mortar Company, 5th Regimental Combat Team, Oct. 10-12, at Executive Inn, Louisville, Ky. Contact Bill Conley. Tel: 412-885-2053 or e-mail <Copconley@aol.com>.

USS Saratoga CV3/CVA/CV60 Ships Company./Air Wings/All Officers USMC/ TAD/ Magic Carpet. Oct 10-13 in Branson, MO. Contact John D. Brandman, Sect/Treas 1-877-360-(SARA) 7272. E-Mail <cva360@aol.com>. Web page www.uss-saratoga.com or www.usssaratoga.org

U.S. S. Oglethorpe AKA 100, October 10-13 in San Antonio, Texas. Contact Ron Williamson 639 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ 07823. Tel: 908-475-4435 or E-mail at <mistyl@epix.net>

The 28th General Hospital Service, 1951- 1954 Croix Chapeau, France, Oct. 10-13 in Taos, New Mexico at the Kachina Lodge, 413 Paseo del Pueblo Norte Taos, New Mexico. Contact Vernon N. Kerr, P.O. Box 1228, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Tel: 505-661-6123 or E-mail <Kerrisma@msn.com>

Navy Fighter Squadron VF-54 Oct. 10-13 at Norfolk Best Western Center Inn (1-800-237-5517), Norfolk, Virginia. Contact: Glenn W. Ward, 2240 N. Trenton, Arlington, VA 22207-4039, Tel: 703-527-7315, or e-mail <wardgw@erols.com>.

44th INF. DIV. IL GUARD, (Active duty 1952-1954 Korean War). All units Division former members. Oct. 11-13 in Peoria, IL. Contact Duane F. Heward, 505 W Merle Ln. Peoria, IL. 61604. Tel: 1-309-682-6519. Or e-mail <dfheward1@aol.com

1st Field Artillery Observation Bn. Assn., Oct. 11-13, at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville, NC. All veterans who served in the Battalion are invited. Contact Warren Rehfeldt, 509 Mary Knoll Lane, Watertown, WI 53098. Tel: 920-262-2955. E-mail: <jarwrr@execpc.com>.

New Zealand Korea Veterans Assn. We invite you and all other Korean Veterans to share in our Reunion in Oct. 11-13. Why not plan a holiday in New Zealand. See Hawke's Bay and Napier. Hawke's Bay is on the East Coast of the North Island. Napier is on the sea coast with a port and an airport with link lines to main international airports. Napier is a small city. It is Wine Country, an Art Deco World, the largest Gannet Colony in the world, the fruit Bowl of New Zealand, Timber Exports, a vast Processing Plant for fruit and vegetables, a National Aquarium in the making, and an Equable Climate. We would love to have you visit and share not only in our Korean celebrations, but in the beauty and vigor of our community. If there is any further information that you need, contact NZ Korea Veterans Assn. 55 Tanner Street, Havelock North, Hawkes Bay, NZ or call Ray Perry at (06) 878 6942 or Peter Grover at (06) 877 4060 Fax: (06) 877 0391 or e-mail at <petergrover@xtra.co.nz>. See Website: www.rsanapier.co.nz.

USS Winston AKA-94, All hands, Oct. 11-13 in St. Louis, MO. Contact Joe Buckles, 10634 E. US 40 Hwy, Terre Haute, IN 47803 or Tel: 812-877-3113.

Engineer Officer Candidate School Alumni (All Classes), Oct. 11-14 at Arlington and Ft. Belvoir, VA. Contact E. T. Mealing. Tel: 404-231-3402 or e-mail at <ENOCSA@earthlink.net.

92nd AFA Bn. (Red Devils), Oct. 13-15 in Ashville, NC. Contact Guy McMenemy, 12027 Westover Dr., Cypress, TX 77429. Tel: 281-469-2819.

Baker Co., 279th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div. (Korea), Oct. 15 & 16 at Clifton, TX, (near Waco). Contact John A. Harshbarger, 1204 South Fern St., Stillwater, OK 74074. Tel: 405-377-6150.

The USS Furse Association DD/DDR 882 is looking for shipmates who served between 1945 and 1972 for a reunion to be held Oct. 16-20 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Contact Maurice C. "TUT" Tuttle at e-mail <ussfurse@aol.com> or tel 631-749-0274 or P. O. Box 890, Shelter Island, NY 11964.

224th Inf. Regt. Assn., (Korea), Oct. 16-20 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. San Antonio, TX, 1-800-288-3927. Contact Arnold Muniz, 214 Vivian Ln., San Antonio TX 78201. Tel: 1-210-736-4770.

279th Inf. Regt. Assn. of the 45th Inf. Div. Oct. 18-20 at Western Hills Guest Ranch near Wagoner, OK. Contact Lee E. Fry, 804 N. Main St., Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Tel: 918-251 8842. Transportation from Tulsa IAirport to Western Hills furnished by 279th Assn.

86th Ordnance Company Association, Oct. 22-24 at the Holiday Inn in Denver, PA. Contact: Richard Schildbach, 101 So. Whiting Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. Tel: 703-370-2707.

Veterans of the Korean War, Oct. 23-26 at VA. Beach, VA. All branches welcome. Contact, Floyd Newkirk, 608 Kingston Dr. VA. Beach, VA. 23452. Tel: 757-340-9801 or e-mail <fnewkirk1@cox.net> Web Site, VKWR.org

75th F.I.S. (early 50's), Presque Isle, Maine and Suffolk County, NY Oct. 23-27 in Jekyll Island, GA. Contact Richard Joppne. Tel: 301-662-0752 or Bo Green. Tel: 912-264-2721

72nd Engineers Combat Co., Korea, Oct. 28-31 at the Hershey Farm Inn, Strausburg, PA. Contact Bob Mount, 6518 Fish hatchery Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788. Tel: 301-898-7952, Fax: 301-898-5549.

H-3-1 Korea New Orleans Oct. 30-Nov. 2 Contact Jack Dedrick, 10 Donna St. Peabody, MA 01960-1208. Tel: 978-535-5451 or e-mail <jdedrick@aol.com>

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40th Inf. Div, 160th Regt., Co. E 1950 1953 Cal., Japan, Korea Nov. 3-5 in Laughlin, Nev. Contract: Jim Bork, Tel: 928-567 6334 or e mail <jbork@msn.com>

The **USS WASP CV/CVA/ CVS-18** Association is seeking any members of Ship's Company, Air Groups and Marines who served aboard the ship between 1943 and 1972, for both membership and information about it's Cruise Reunion which is scheduled for Nov. 9 - 15, 2002 out of Miami, FL. Contact PH1 Richard G. VanOver, USNR (Ret), 6584 Bunting Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127-3635 Tel: 716-649-905.



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Date	Event	Location	Lead
4 September	17th/452nd Bomb Wing Reunion	Kansas City, KS	MSgt Valerie Phelps, 703-617-0867/8
5 September	Korean War Veterans Association of Canada National Convention	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	COL Anita Minniefield, 703-604-0818
11 September	AARP National Convention	San Diego, CA	LTC Diane Varhola, 703-604-0822
14 September	Air Power Commemoration	Osan AFB, Korea	7th Air Force
18 September	Full Honor Wreath Laying Ceremony with Ambassador of Belgium	Arlington National Cemetery, Washington DC	Mr. Rolf Bergmann, 703-602-6828
20 September	POW/MIA Commemoration Ceremony	Punchbowl Cemetery, Honolulu, HI	LTC Diane Varhola, 703-604-0822 or Lt Gary Jones, 703-602-6713
28 September	Boshers Fly-In Salute to Korean War Veterans	Augusta, GA	COL Anita Minniefield, 703-604-0818 or Maj Trish Welch, 703-604-0819
12 October	Fleet Week San Francisco/ Korean War Commemoration Ceremony	San Francisco, CA	LTC Diane Waters, 703-604-0822, diane.waters@hqda.army.mil
11 November	Veterans Day Memorial Service	Seoul, Korea	Eighth U.S. Army (EUSA)
11 November	Veterans Day Breakfast and Wreath Laying	White House and Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC	Veterans Administration (VA)

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Images of Korea



Cpl. Cole and Bobby Kirby. Love Co., 7th Div., 32nd Regt., Motor Pool.



Cpl. Cole, Bobby Kirby & Robert Linck.



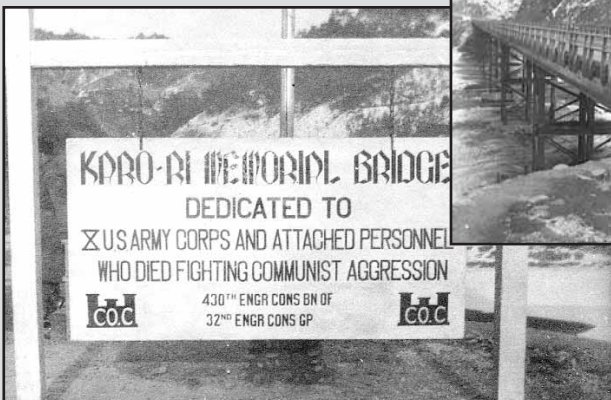
Sgt. Madox and Bobby Kirby.



Cpl. Bob Linck, L Co., 7th Div., 32nd Regt.

Photos by Robert Linck, 636 Atlantic Drive, Belleville, IL 62220. (Thank you Bob for the great photos.)

Photos by Wayne R. Howe, 1970 W. Harvard #323, Riverview Terrace, Roseburg, OR 97470



The sign at bridge says it all.



Standing left to right are Lt. Col. Rhoades, Bn Co., Capt. Ed. Hall, Bn S2, Capt. Mike Chewing H/S Co. C.O., Major Fred Millican, Bn Exec., WOJG Stanley Talbot, Bn. (Motor Officer). Seated are 1st Lt. Ray Seewar, Bn. S1, Capt. Tom Blair, Bn. S3, 1st Lt. Wayne Howe, Bn. (Asst. Maint. Officer), Cap. Louis Russell Bn. (Maint. Officer), WOJG "Mac" McCauley, Bn. Asst S1, and GWO Barr, Bn. Asst. S4 on Thanksgiving Day Nov. 22, 1951, in Korea. (Thank you Wayne for the super photos. We hope some will contact you.)



Sgt. Waters, and Sgt. Pete Vowell



Sgt. Waters, Cpl. Hammond, and Cpl. Eggerton



Sgt. Vowell



Morey



Tex



Sgt. Vowell, and Cpl. Rodrigues



Tracey



Cpl. Hammond and Cpl. Eggerton

Photos by Lewis Wright, 14528 Wiley Street, San Leandro, CA 94579 Tel: 510-351- 5893

I have had these pictures for over fifty years. I enjoy looking at them. Now maybe some of their grandchildren might want to see them. I put their names on the back of each picture. These pictures were taken in the Spring of 1951 in South Korea. All these men were in the M Co, 19th Regt., 24th Division Recoilless Rifle Section.

(Thank you Lewis for the great photos and letter. I hope many of these men will contact you. It would also be special if children and grandchildren would see them also.)

Korea – 50 years Ago



Bridge blown up - had to ford stream. Korea August 1952 - 2nd Infantry Division.



Men of the 38th Regt. 2nd Infantry Division. August 1952 atop "Old Baldy".



Frontal view of 'Old Baldy' taken from smaller hill that D Co. were giving supporting fire during attack, August 31, 1951, 17th Inf. Reg., 7th Div. View to North. Right half of picture is main area taken by 1st Bn. (This unit part of all photos.)

Many thanks to Bernard Young and Peter Doyle, Jr. for photos and letters. I will print more on this page in future issues. — V. Krepps, Editor.



Korean Service Corps men bringing up 75 m/m recoilless rifle ammo up "Old Baldy". Section was captured on August 31, 1951. View to Northwest. KSC formerly (Civilian Transportation Corps)



Reserve Area. Taken inside the 'Punchbowl,' Dec. 1951. The front lines are at the mountain tops. The Highest peak, Hill 1249 (meters), is in the clouds just under the flag. View is to the North.

" I was a medic and was sent to pick up some men from 38th Regt, 2nd. I.D. I was lost and foolishly wandered into an area controlled by the Chinese! They knocked out 2 small bridges.."
— Bernard L. Young

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