

Chapter and Department Search and Retrieval Capabilities

This is a discussion of what information Chapters and Departments can now access from the KWVA DB, and some areas where enhancements ought to be made.

Chapter Access

I'll start with Chapters first by saying they have extremely limited capability to ask (query) the DB at the present time; this has been defined for them (the screen snippet below lists the several search screens that are provided with Chapter access).

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to the Korean War Veterans Association' website. The header includes the organization's name, charter date (June 30, 2008), and a motto: '*Korean War and Korea Service Veterans... A Continuity of Service in the Defense of Freedom'. A navigation bar contains links for Messages, List of Officials, List of Chapters, In Memoriam, Graybeards Magazine, How to Join, Bylaws, and SPM. The main content area is titled 'Welcome Arthur Iversen To the Secure Administrative Section of the KWVA Website' and includes a 'Log Out' link. Below this, a prompt asks the user to 'Please select from the following menu choices...'. The menu items are: 'Membership List Searchable Database for Chapter 169 (Alphabetical Sort by Last Name) (1+)', 'Membership List Searchable Database for Chapter 169 (Dues-Due-Date Sort) (1+)', 'Chapter Information Summary With Member Counts - Chapter 169 (1+)', 'Documents Available Online - Chapter 169 (1+)' (with a note: 'NOTE: This will give a NOT FOUND message until we have documents available'), 'Submit Member Info Changes to Membership Office (1+)', 'Dept/Chapter Searchable DETAILED Summary List w/Member Counts (1+)', and 'Dept/Chapter Searchable BRIEF Summary List w/Member Counts (1+)'. Each item is a clickable link.

The snippet at the top of the next page shows what the first selection, "Membership List Searchable Database for Chapter 169 (Alphabetical Sort by Last Name) (1+)," enables Chapter 169 to search on.

Clearly, it is totally inadequate to meet the Chapter's requirements.

For example, I was writing Sonny Edwards an email recently thanking him for his service to KWVA in his recruitment efforts. I wanted to tell Sonny how many new members our Chapter had signed during his two-years of leadership.

There is absolutely no way to get that from the Chapter level access now. Yet the data is in the DB, and Chapters certainly have a legitimate right and need to access it.



**Welcome to the
Korean War Veterans Association**

Chartered by Congress June 30, 2008
*Korean War and Korea Service Veterans...
A Continuity of Service in the Defense of Freedom



**Welcome Arthur Iversen
To the Secure KWVA Membership List
Printer Friendly Listing for Chapter 169
(Alphabetical Sort by Last Name)**

**Viewing of this list is restricted to authorized personnel...
ONLY logged in users can view this page.**

NOTE: Mailing and email addresses listed here are to be used for official KWVA correspondence only.

	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
Status:	All	Active	Inactive (all)*	Inactive (resign)	Inactive (expel)	Deceased	Click for Member Type Code Definitions

*(Includes resigned & expelled but not Deceased)

Search

[NOTE: To see lists of members of a specific "Status" assigned to your chapter, click on the "bubble" above the status designation that you wish to see and THEN click on "Search."]

Note: Data Current as of 10/20/2015

Mailing List Output of the current search:
[Display in CSV Format for exporting](#)
(Use to Copy/Paste to Notepad; save as .CSV file to open with Excel or a Database Program.
NOTE: ALL names matching the search criteria will be displayed on one page. Questions, need assistance: Email webmaster@kwva.org)

[Print this page](#) [Back to Search](#) [Close this window](#)

[NOTE: This webpage display lists up to 250 members per page... if there are more than 250 names selected you will see a set of buttons at the bottom of this page - click the ">" button to view additional groups of 250.]

Mr No	Member	Status/ Renewal/ ...	Chapter/ Unit Served
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There is a plethora of such similar questions that Chapters would pose should the DB allow them to do so; I am certain fellow Chapter officers have questions I had not encountered.

At present Chapters only have the ability to select a subcomponent of total Chapter membership shown in the form above.

There is, for example, no way for a Chapter to download a list of its Life members, or its Associate Members, or its Non-Voting members, or members for a certain City or Zip Code, or get a list of members joining in a certain period of time, etc.

This is why I say Chapter access, as it is now implemented, *makes the DB totally incapable of meeting Chapter management needs.*

Department Access

Departments do have the ability to submit queries (see Department Menu below).



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL http://www.kwva.org/secure/fowa_secure.asp. The page header includes the KWVA logo and the text "Welcome to the Korean War Veterans Association Chartered by Congress June 30, 2008 *Korean War and Korea Service Veterans... A Continuity of Service in the Defense of Freedom". The main content area is titled "Welcome Bob McGuire To the Secure Administrative Section of the KWVA Website" and includes a "Log Out" link. Below this, a section titled "Please select from the following menu choices..." lists several search options for the Department of Florida (DFL):

- [Membership List Searchable Database for Department DFL \(Alphabetical Sort by Last Name\) \(1+\)](#)
- [Membership List Searchable Database for Department DFL \(Sorted by City then Last Name\) \(1+\)](#)
- [Membership List Searchable Database for Department DFL \(Sorted by Chapter then Last Name\) \(1+\)](#)
- [Membership List Searchable Database for Department DFL \(Sorted by Zip Code then Last Name\) \(1+\)](#)
- [Department/Chapter Searchable List with Member Counts - Department DFL \(1+\)](#)
- [Documents Available Online - Department DFL \(1+\)](#)

A note below the list states: "NOTE: This will give a NOT FOUND message until we have documents available". There are also links for "Submit Member Info Changes to Membership Office (1+)" and "Dept/Chapter Searchable DETAILED Summary List w/Member Counts (1+)" and "Dept/Chapter Searchable BRIEF Summary List w/Member Counts (1+)".

However, all of the first five Department Retrievals are worthless because they always give false information, at least for the Department of Florida (DFL) and for CID169.

Our Chapter has permanent members who live in other states; it also has many seasonal members who live in the north long enough to have their addresses changed back and forth.

Department access illustrated above is limited to the state. For example, DFL access is limited to only those members whose Graybeards is delivered to a FL address.

Many Chapters have out of state members. Hence, Department access as it is subjected to the constraint of the search only "seeing" their state code in the scope of their search reach renders most ***Department searches worthless.***

Enabling Chapter and Department Search Capabilities to meet their needs

If Chapter access is “incapable” of meeting Chapter needs, and Department access is “worthless” because it provides inaccurate results, what can be done to enable the DB to meet the needs of both Chapters and Departments?

The answer is really very simple; enable Chapters and Departments to have the ability to conduct the searches currently offered with the search identified as: “Membership List Searchable Database (Lastname, Firstname) (2+)” (see retrieval screen below).

To view the **COMPLETE** membership list, just click the "Search" button NOW.
However, this list contains over 14,000 Active names...
 Over 39,000 Active, Deceased and Inactive names total.
 So we suggest you narrow your search by at least selecting a State or specific Chapter ID.
 You may search for a specific Member ID, Last Name, Chapter Name, City, State and/or Zip Code.

Member ID:

Last Name:
 (or any part of the last name)

Member Type:
 (Check at least one)
[Click for Member Type Code Definitions](#)

RO PO CO MH LA AO LR
 LP LC GS HO TO FO
 (Comp) (Expel)

[Check Voting Members ONLY](#)
[Check ALL](#) [Un-Check ALL](#)

Status:

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>				
All	Active	Inactive (all)*	Inactive (resign)	Inactive (expel)	Deceased

*(Includes resigned & expelled but not Deceased)

Resign Start: Resign End:
 Renew Start: Renew End:
 Join Start: Join End:

Chapter Member:

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yes	No	All	Yes - but Chapt is Invalid or Inactive

CID: (Hint: use CID OR Chapt. Name)

Chapter Name:

Unit: (Hint: use just numbers)

City: **Zip Code:** **Mail Ret:**

State/Province/Country: (Select "Non-US" for Countries other than US or Canada)

Phone: (Must use dashes)

Email:

Search

[NOTE: Make your selections (if any), then click "Search"]

First, this search report already exists, and secondly, it *provides correct answers* to all the query needs I have ever encountered from my activities at both the Chapter and DFL levels.

And since the query already exists, there would be very minimal implementation effort required, and *therefore little cost*.

But, it must be implemented with 2+ access at both the Chapter and Department levels to provide the needed information.

This says that Chapters and Departments will, through access to “Membership List Searchable Database (Lastname, Firstname) (2+),” have access to all of their records in the KWVA DB.

This query enabled me to very quickly say with certainty that the KWVA DB showed that CID169 increased its membership by 27 during Sonny’s tour! (And it also said that as of October 21, CID169 has added 62 new members since the beginning of Sonny’s tour of duty!)

We have often been told and there has been numerous such statements in Grabears that questions like these should be referred to the Membership Records Management & Management Information System Supervisor, who then would do the retrieval and provide the information—by telephone!

By phone? Really? In an era when the real world demands responses in seconds! By phone? Is this how KWVA Chapter and Department Managers are to manage?

This concludes this discussion of what search and retrieval capabilities the KWVA DB now provides, and what should be done to better enable it to serve Chapter and Department needs to manage their operations.

Very simple. Enable both to have full access to “Membership List Searchable Database (Lastname, Firstname) (2+)!” And it should not cost one red cent.

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