

# Chapter 169 Minutes

January 26, 2011 2:00 pm, Leesburg Senior Center

**Call To Order:** 2:05 p.m.

**Pedge and Prayer:**

## Attendance

Guests: **Jack Spearman** and **David Devine** were guests of Dwight Brown; they were both from the Blue Parrot Community. David served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav in Korea 1950 and Jack with the USAF in 1967-68 also in Korea. They heard about us from Dwight when he visited the Blue Parrot as an extension of Jack Reynold's program. **Rob Roy** from Leesburg CR 33 area served in the Army in Korea in 1950. **George Maxin** of Mount Dora found out about us from the newspaper; George served with the 24<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> in Korea 1953-54. Last but not least **Carl Russell**, who came with Harry Olson. Both live in the same community in Leesburg in the winter. We had the pleasure of Carl's attendance before, in January and February 2009, the latter meeting where he was the lucky winner of our 50:50. And, guess what, he won the 50:50 today! Welcome one and all!

New Members: Gordon Talbot (spouse Marjorie) The Villages, was introduced; he found us at the Carriage House affair. Gordon served with the 24<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>.

Total Attendance: Twenty-four members; five guests; total 29. Officers and Directors: Pres Thiel, VP1 Brown, VP2 Reynolds, Sec White, Treas Gruber, Alt Sec/Treas Shumaker, Dir and Founder Gleason, Dir & Sgt at Arms Jansen, Dirs Pfahler, ~~Van Beek~~ excused, Chap Sievers, Imm PP ~~Canale~~, PhotoHist Becker. The quorum requirement was satisfied. See attached attendance sheet.

The agenda as had been distributed by email prior to the meeting and in hard copy at the meeting was approved.

A new Chapter Roster was distributed to all present.

**Swearing in New Officers and members:** Chaplain Harold Sievers then swore in the new Chapter Officers and immediately thereafter swore in all members; this was done because many of our more recent members had not been sworn in.

**Board of Directors:** President Thiel then discussed the appointments for the Board of Directors, stating that those appearing in the above Officers and Directors

entry are the current appointees. He also said he can only appoint paid members.

He then talked about his recent email showing committee assignments of all chapter members to one or more committees. He said this was his attempt to help each member to find a place in the chapter where he might be able to contribute in accordance with his ability, desires and time constraints. This was his best guess, and he would welcome feedback from all members on this idea. Responses he has had have been generally good, some say though that they do not have time for all of his "assignments." Perhaps a better word might have been "suggestions!"

**Secretary Report:** A motion was approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the last member meeting, November 18, 2010.

**Funds:** Treasurer Gruber then gave the Treasurer's Report, which indicates that we have a total of \$5,549.63 in our Wachovia account (the savings and checking were combined to simplify matters). Of this amount \$1,146 is earmarked for our Scholarship and Charities purposes. (Detailed Report attached.)

President Thiel then presented a "tentative 2011 budget" and his plans for tracking income and expenses. A motion approving this budget as an annual working tool was offered by VP Brown. It was seconded and approved.

**Membership:** The Association's Membership database shows Chapter 169 with 54 active and 4 Inactive (actually delinquent) members. (One of these paid today). President Thiel who maintains both the Association and a personal membership file on his own computer for the many purposes the Association base does not meet, said that we have two more members, one Honorary Associate member and one Gold Star Spouse Members.

He reported that the Association system only meets the Association needs; a number more members are actually delinquent. These may be Association Life

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members but Regular Chapter members, all of whom have a January 1 due date. He stated there seems to be more problems with year-end renewals and asked Secretary White to read our list, which he did.

These persons will be notified one more time via a hand written note in the January *Schuttlebutt*, and if they do not renew then they will need to be dropped from the roster.

Our membership goal was to complete 2010 with 60 members on the Association DB; we fell two short before renewals caught up with us. We need to set a goal for 2011; we think that 65 should be reachable.

### **Efforts to get new members:**

VP Reynolds then discussed his efforts contacting mobile home residential associations to try to arrange for us to come to their recreation centers, and over coffee and donuts tell them about the Chapter and KWVA. Joe Lewis is helping Jack as are some other members, Dwight Brown visited the Blue Parrot. But Jack has asked again for additional teams to help.

Harry Olson is one of those who is helping by planning one of these events for Thursday, Feb. 10, from 9:30-11:00 a.m., at the Activity Center, Holiday Travel Resort, CR33 — ½ mi W of U.S. 27, Leesburg. The following was sent to the Daily Commercial and to the Lake Sentinel: "Korean Veterans of Lake County Chapter 169 officials will be present to describe what its 60 members do to promote Fellowship, Tell America about Korea, and its Color Guard, Youth Education, Parades, Ceremonies and Social Programs. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served. For information: <http://cid169.kwva.org>, or call Harry Olson 787-2563 or Tom Thiel 357-3943."

Don Van Beck would like to dovetail the VMFP on these efforts, which seems like an appropriate marriage as the Memorial emanated from our Chapter.

### **Fund Raising/Tell America:**

Dwight Brown then discussed the 2011 Chapter Drawing /Fund Raising/Tell America Event he is planning. Dwight and Joe Gruber purchased the prizes ap-

proved by the Board, two 24-in flat panel Televisions. Dwight planned a program oriented to twelve Publix stores in our general area from Bellevue to Mount Dora. The effort Dwight put into this is most evident in the packet he prepared for each of the twelve teams he arranged according to where the members lived in relation to the store location. However, after some discussion it became evident that we could not get all twelve teams populated from the 24 members present at the meeting. Five teams were organized with the following team leaders: Jack Gleason in Bellevue, Tony Falco in the Villages, Jack Reynolds in the Leesburg Mall area, Charlie White at the Palm Plaza, and Tom Thiel at Mount Dora. We will continue working with other paradigms to make this effort successful. It was quite obvious that Dwight put a lot of work into this, including getting the tickets, preparing all the paperwork needed to approach the Publix manager, and more, for which we are truly grateful.

**Memorial Bricks for deceased members:** At our Nov 18 meeting, a motion was offered and seconded to purchase bricks for all deceased Chapter members. That motion was then placed on the table until more information could be obtained about bricks already at Villages Memorial, and who paid for them. The motion was then again placed on the floor for action today.

This was originally suggested by Ted Morford to honor John Yohn; Ted commented that we might also want to do the same for other members who have passed away (Billy Gaston and Denny Young in addition to John) in 2010. Questions: (1) How much for a brick? Villages \$55; VMFP \$50; (2) At the Villages or at VMFP? (3) What about past members? (4) And will this become our policy?

Harold Sievers had researched bricks at the Villages and determined that eight former 169 deceased members had bricks at the Villages, only one of which is known to have been paid for by the Chapter (Marcelle). One other, Ray Wilkensen, has a memorial in Marion County.

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Discussion then ensued about the motion on the floor, some of which addressed that the Chapter should not recognize a single member but should develop a policy for all its members. It was also pointed out that all Chapter 169 members who so wish will have, a priori, their names engraved on the wall at VMFP.

The motion question was then called; there were 5 yea's and 13 nay's. Motion failed. Also see attached.

**Tell America**, Pfahler and Thiel: Tell America is a major program of the Korean War Veteran's Association, see their website or the Graybeards. Thiel said that he examined all the minutes of the Chapter from the beginning and could find no mention of Tell America. Therefore, Tell America is a new Chapter Program. He then talked about the programs and its goals, and some of the joys of working with youth.

Events planned are as follows: St. Paul's Catholic School, February 3. We will be meeting with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Others being planned are: the Boys and Girls Club of Leesburg, Thiel to call 787-1937, Priscilla Parks to arrange time and place; Leesburg High, Jansen to arrange in association with the Scholarship there this year; First Academy, which Pfahler is working on; Holy Trinity, which is to be contacted by Thiel, and Carver School in November 2011, which we share with the AmVets. See the website <http://cid169.kwva.org> or past Schuttlebutts (also on website) or Graybeards to see more about these programs.

Our Tell America members: Harold Sievers, Dick Pfahler, Don Van Beck, Jack Geisinger, Charlie White, Al Schuetz and Tom Thiel. All members are welcome.

President Thiel then offered the following motion: "That the Chapter earmark a portion of its Scholarship reserves not exceeding \$1,000 per annum, to the Tell America program; set as a goal a certain amount per event that may vary depending on the school and/or ages of the students; and finally to permit making a monetary award to the 3 students at a program (\$75, \$50 and \$25 were suggested) who provide

the best essay answer to the following question: "How has the Korean War affected your rights and freedoms as an American, and how did the KWVA presenters today help your understanding of the Korean War?" This is to begin at our next Tell America event—February 3. Evaluation will be by the presenters and perhaps one or two additional Chapter members. The motion was seconded and approved with one dissenting vote.

**Color Guard:** Charlie White then spoke of the color guard and the need for additional members, including for tomorrow, Jan 27 at the Villages.

**Sunshine, and Assistance & Aid** – This committee under the leadership of Harold Sievers, needs help—membership help and information help.

It has several components, Sunshine, which is taking care of our members: at present, we know of **Arthur Burke** ailing. Are there others? Keep us informed, including family members.

Another component of this activity is Nursing Homes, etc, we need someone(s) to look for veterans and send cards on birthdays, etc. Charlie White may be interested. Thirdly, there is actual Assistance and Aid—we are not doing anything here and have not generally.

Finally, there is the Food Bank & Other Charities where members are encouraged to bring food and clothing items to meeting, and perhaps other miscellaneous items to the meetings – Dick Pfahler will pick these up.

**Photo—Historian** – Carol Becker said she had a large number of photos of members on the back table for members to pick up. Carol does a lot with photos, banners, tabletops and other activities and we greatly appreciate her in our chapter even though she still calls Ch. 188 her "home."

**Quartermaster**– Jackie Gleason. Chapter Caps were given to Duane Hall and Gordon Talbot today, are due to Bob Hackett. Thiel ordered 10 new caps. ~\$120. Medallions (small). Thiel has three. Medallions are

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awarded as recognition for making personal effort for the Chapter, Scholarship and Tell America.

**American Flag For Sale:** 4' X 6' Nylon Flags. \$23.00 ea. to members. Two sold; one left. See Thiel.

**Newsletter**—Thiel—wants material from YOU! Deadline is Tuesday after meeting.

**Public Relations and Press** – Thiel regularly places announcements of Regular and Special Meetings in several media outlets. The Sun and the Sentinel are good at placing them, the Daily Commercial is not! We need more articles in the press.

### **Chapter Activities:**

The Social Event at Golden Corral on Friday, Feb 18, 2011, was cancelled due to lack of sufficient member participants to meet the Golden Corral's room requirement of 40.

Picnic Tentative April 27 at Hickory Point and Christmas Party Tentative for December 14.

**Chapter Web Site:** <http://cid169.kwva.org/> Go to the site often as it is constantly changing. Remember to include as a chapter resource with anything you write, etc.

**Veterans Memorial Fountain Park** –Ted Jansen announced that construction to begin Feb. 15 and dedication will be on Nov 13.

If you have become a KWVA member after June 1, 2009, please send a copy of your DD-214, or equivalent documentation, to Don Van Beck, Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, 411 Main Street, Leesburg, 34748. Mark on it that you are a member of KWVA Chapter 169 and to have it marked to the attention of Mr. Van Beck.

**Chapter Awards:** Joe Gruber, Gleason, Reynolds, and White. Joe Gruber presented Chapter Award for 2010 to Carol Becker who was not at the Christmas party. Yea Carol!

### **Dept of Florida (DFL):**

Council meeting, Saturday January 15, 2011. Members who attended felt program might have benefited from more substance. Annual Convention, May 6-8, Ocala Hilton, 3600 SW 36th Ave, Ocala; large member turnout desired. See Chapter Website, Links and Dept of Florida. Thiel is on Web Committee

### **KWV Association:**

Our goal is to get frequent articles in Graybeards: Chapter news, Tell America, Mini reunions. In past Editor Sharp has been quite receptive. Thiel consults with the KWVA Web Master Doppelhammer relative to Chapter and Department web sites, and on Membership Database.

### **Old Business:**

60th Anniversary Medallions. Thiel received email late Friday 1/21/2011 from Korean Consulate in Atlanta asking for names of those members who have not received said medallion and certificate; list supplied half-hour after request received. Atlanta does not have the medallions on hand, but we are quite confident that all members will receive theirs soon.

### **New Business:** None

**Future Schedule:** Copy attached. Please help keep current.

**Good of the Chapter:** Claus Tiesmann of the Lakewood Carvers announced that their free Canes for disabled Veterans project no longer requires the applicant to have been wounded in combat, and urged members needing canes to apply. See: [http://cid169.kwva.org/chapter\\_official\\_activities/documents/Tieswman%20Cane%20Project.pdf](http://cid169.kwva.org/chapter_official_activities/documents/Tieswman%20Cane%20Project.pdf)

**Next Mtg:** February 23, at Senior Center. Fred Harrop from the Sumter County Veterans Affairs Office.

**Fifty-Fifty:** \$21 won by guest Carl Russell.

### **Salute and Prayer.**

**Adjourn:** Approximately 4:00 p.m.

/S/ Shumaker and Thiel

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MEETING ATTENDANCE

L NAME	F NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	L NAME	F NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Back	William E					McBroom	John B				
Baumbach	Ray					McGinty	Robert A				
Becker	Carol M	CB				McMahon	Murray D				
Brown	Dwight E	DB				Morford	Ted				
Burke	Arthur L					Noder	Guenther F	GF			
Canale	Art					Olson	Harry	HO			
Carli	Armando "Pat"					Pfahler	Richard N				
Christie	Richard C					Pilarski	Edward				
Corriveau	Ben					Regan	Ronald				
Dasilva	Almar J					Reynolds	Jack D				
Deeley	Paul					Rodgers	John R				
Falo	Anthony R					Schuetz	Al				
Geisinger	John					Seidelman	Leonard				
Gleason	Martin J					Sell	Warren J				
Good	Donald N					Shumaker	William D	ALL			
Gruber	Joseph J					Sievers	Harold E	HE			
Hackett	Robert A					Simunek	William C				
Hall	Duane					Slusher	Clarence B	DA			
Hanold	Audley W					Strasser	John N				
Horvath	Bert					Strausbaugh	Harvey E				
Houp	James					Stumborg	Max				
Hungerford	William D					Talbot	Gordon				
Jansen	Ted S					Thiel	Tom J				
Klawunn	Joan					Tiesman	Claus J.				
Laasko	Olavi T					Van Beck	Donald L				
LaJeunesse	Eugene C					Veliky	Donald J				
Laten	Harold N.					White	Charles W				
Layer	Rodney L					Wiggelsworth	Ernest				
Lewis	Joseph G					Zettlemoyer	Richard P				
Lum	Mary L										
Lynch	Donald J										

24 + 5 counts

KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF LAKE COUNTY

DATE 1-26-2011

OPENING BALANCE 2657.95

2657.95 - Jan 2, 2011

~~DEPOSITS~~ Money Transfer

DATE            AMOUNT

1-4-2011    3533.64 (CD)

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TOTAL ~~DEPOSITS~~

3533.64 =  
~~6191.59~~

CHECKS

DATE	NUMBER	AMOUNT
<u>1-6-</u>	<u>Cr. Card</u>	<u># 70</u>
<u>1-7</u>	<u>1060</u>	<u># 25</u>
<u>1-11</u>	<u>1063</u>	<u># 112</u>
<u>1-13</u>	<u>1064</u>	<u># 399.98</u>
<u>1-18</u>	<u>1065</u>	<u># 34.98</u>
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- SNOW
- Florida
- KWVA Charlie's Mem.
- DFL
- Best Buy 3TV's
- Rappel Tickets

TOTAL CHECKS WRITTEN

# 641.96

BALANCE ON HAND WACHOVIA CHECKING ACCOUNT

5549.63

DATE 1-26-2011

~~CD DEPOSIT BALANCE~~

- 1146.00 Scholarship fund  
# 4403.63 cash in accounts

On the matter of the Chapter voting No to the following motion: "to purchase bricks for all deceased Chapter members." The first two emails are not relevant to this issue but are here to track the logic of emails between Life Honorary Member Ted Morford and President Thiel.

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On Tue, Jan 25, 2011 at 12:50 PM, Ted <tedmorford@att.net> wrote:

Dear Mr. Reiter:

I thoroughly enjoyed your article relative to the "destruction" of Centennial Park by the Metropolitan Nashville Government. However; I believe you might have missed a point that is very close to me. The point is namely how are disabled people going to get into the park to enjoy it? I am a disabled Korean Veteran and I do not see how I could get around in the park as I do now. This brings me to another point that I hope you will consider. Being a Korean War Veteran (combat engineers) I have wanted to visit the Korean War Memorial at the downtown bridge. It is dangerous to do so due to the lack of any parking at the monument. I did put flags out on November 11 but it was dangerous. Why couldn't the monument be moved down the hill so it would be close to the parking area? I contacted someone in the Mayors office but have heard nothing further. Thanks for your consideration in this matter. Ted Morford, Capt. USAR RetUnit 424 5031 Hillsboro Rd.Nashville, TN 37215Phone: 292-2977

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On Wed, Jan 26, 2011 at 9:31 AM, Ted <tedmorford@att.net> wrote:

From: Steve [mailto:parkadvocate99@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 1:52 AM

To: Ted

Subject: Re: Centennial Park Mr Morford: I appreciate your comments. Your concerns about access are a big issue, especially for the disabled, and accomodations must be made. On your concern about access to the Korean Veterans Memorial, I will contact Billy Fields with the Office of Neighborhoods at the Mayor's Office on Wednesday. Someone from their office should contact you and I will also follow up with you to see that your concerns have been addressed. Thank you again for your support. Steve Reiter

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From: KWVA Chapter 169 [mailto:kwva169@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 10:26 AM

To: Ted

Subject: Re: FW: Centennial Park

Horay Ted! On another matter, suppose you saw the item in the Schuttlebutt relative to Memorial Bricks. While we (I) wanted to recognize John Yohn, I nevertheless did not feel that our Chapter down the road some 5 or so years would be in a position to maintain such a policy for all members, half of us will be on bricks by then. Kind of like social security! Tom

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From Ted Morford 11-01-31

Appreciate your support on the memorial here in Nashville. Yes I did see about the action on John Yohn. Are you telling me the Chapter did nothing to recognize a past president and a board member. I really don't see a policy being established. If a man is entitled to a brick, so be it. If he is entitled to flowers so be it. I am now sorry I did not send you \$50.00 for a brick at the Villages. Oh well, like you say Who will know in a thousand years.

Best Regards, Ted

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[kwva169@gmail.com](mailto:kwva169@gmail.com)<http://cid169.kwva.org>

Reply | KWVA Chapter 169 to Ted

show details 7:05 AM (12 minutes ago)

Ted

Almost 20 members including our Color Guard attended John's memorial service at Bushnell. I was at the Hospice to see John on the day that he died, and spent a couple of hours with Alta; that was the first time I met her. There was no opportunity to send flowers as there was no local memorial service. However, Alta and John's family were very gratified; collectively they sent \$600 to the Chapter. We will this spring recognize John by presenting a Scholarship in his name to be awarded to Leesburg High. We will invite Alta to that ceremony, and we will try to gain some press coverage for the event and for John. Additionally, John is recognized on our web site and also on the KWV Association's web site under Memorials. If you place the following search terms in Google, "John Yohn Korean War" John's online memorial comes up as No 1 out of 5,100 hits!

We viewed the question not so much as for John but as for all members, that is that the Chapter should establish a policy on bricks for its deceased members, and not act on individuals. In investigating the Chapter's past actions on Bricks, we determined that probably the only Brick the Chapter had procured was for Charles Marcelle, and none for past presidents (I personally read all our Chapter's minutes that were in the files). Hence, a policy had sort of been set to not recognize our members with memorial bricks, the minutes did not say why we recognized Marcelle.

The question we acted on was "shall the Chapter commit itself to a Brick for all deceased members," and that was what was turned down by the membership last meeting. There were two main reasons why we took this action: all our members are going to be on the VMFP wall (minus opt outs of course) and what will be the Chapter's ability to support recognizing members with bricks say 5-10 years hence.

That was our logic on this Ted. It was not done lightly. Tom-

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## KWVA CHAPTER 169 SCHEDULE

DATE	ITEM	COMMENTS	TIME
Saturday, January 15, 2011	DFL Council Meeting	Ocala Hilton	10:00 AM
Wednesday, January 26, 2011	Member meeting/ New Officers	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Thursday, January 27, 2011	Vietnam Peace Treaty	Veterans Memorial The Villages	1:00 PM
Thursday, February 03, 2011	Tell America	St. Paul's Catholic School	7:45 AM
Wednesday, February 23, 2011	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Wednesday, March 23, 2011	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Saturday, April 09, 2011	Ex-POW Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 27, 2011	Chapter Picnic	Hickery Point, Tavares	PM
Sunday, May 15, 2011	Peace Officers Memorial	Veterans Memorial The Villages	2:00 PM
Wednesday, May 25, 2011	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Monday, May 30, 2011	Memorial Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Tuesday, June 14, 2011	Flag Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Thursday, June 23, 2011	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Monday, July 04, 2011	Independence Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	2:00 PM
Wednesday, July 27, 2011	Korean War Armistice	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Wednesday, July 27, 2011	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Wednesday, August 24, 2011	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Sunday, September 11, 2011	Remembrance Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 28, 2011	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Wednesday, October 26, 2011	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Friday, November 11, 2011	Veterans Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Sunday, November 13, 2011	VMFP Dedication	VMFP	TBD
Wednesday, November 23, 2011	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Wednesday, December 07, 2011	Pearl Harbor Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Wednesday, December 14, 2011	Annual Christmas Dinner	Mission Inn Howy in the Hills	11:30 AM