

The Monthly Newsletter of the Korean War Veterans of Lake County Florida, Inc, Chapter 169

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Some Words from Your President

February's Board and Member meeting produced some interesting discussions and results. I want to discuss just a couple of them with you.

Host the 2010 DoF Convention:

We were pleased to have Jim Bradford, current 1st VP of the Department of Florida, and nominee for the President position in May of this year, visit with us on February 25.

Jim invited our Chapter to submit a proposal to host the 2010 DoF Convention. (Two others had also invited us as well.)

Jim discussed what duties and responsibilities we would assume, and answered numerous questions. I asked all BoD members to research hotels, and other associated Convention items. We agreed to make a decision at the March 25 meeting.

This may be an opportunity for Chapter 169 to do something big together—a project. But it will require something from each of you too!

Are you willing to commit?

The following are some extracts from the DoF Convention Guidelines.

The DoF Convention—is held annually, usually in May. Required convention events are a meeting of

Veterans Memorial at FP: On the VMFP, we did as was discussed in the January Schuttlebutt, namely reviewed all official actions by our Chapter. We reiterated that we are on record as being in full support of the project, and that the names of all members of Chapter 169 will be engraved on the wall, except for those who opt out. Art Canale, Ted Jansen and Dick Pfahler were appointed to the Chapter's VMFP Committee.

Chapter Funds & Liability Ins:

As all of you know, our \$10 annual member dues are not sufficient to enable us to do our normal activities, and we have had daisy solicitation days. But When Charlie White approached Publix, the usual place where he sets up a table, he was advised by letter from their Lakeland office that we had to show proof of liability insurance.

Our chapter has never had liability insurance! But from my exposure at DoF, most Florida KWVA Chapters do. Ted Morford and Ted Jansen researched and found AutoOwners offered satisfactory level of insurance for \$546. The Board agreed to obtain the insurance.

*Call Charlie White at 787-1885 to help the Chapter raise needed monies. **We need your help now!***

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Jim Bradford, 1st VP DoF Addressing Member Meeting

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February Meeting Highlights, Etc.



Hal Urban, who served with Patton's 11th Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge was guest speaker at our Member Meeting on February 25. Hal briefly described his experiences in the battle, and throughout Europe,

which, among many other decorations, saw him receiving a Purple Heart. He then led a very active discussion with our members on the realities of battle, both as a very young man thrust into the situation, and from a perspective of some 60 years later. President Thiel presented Hal with one of our Medallions in recognition for his presentation.



Jackie Gleason presents Medallion to **Joe Gruber (R)** for his contributions as Vice President and Membership Committee Chair at the February 25 Member meeting.

February 25 Member meeting.

Guest:

We were happy to welcome **Arthur G. Boucher** to our Chapter meeting. Welcome Arthur; we hope to see you again at our March meeting.

Future Programs:

March 25, Deanna Chapman, Captain, Lake-Sumter EMS, Community Relations Department, will speak about their service and community involvement.

April 22. Annual Picnic—You All Come!

May 27, BG Tim Sullivan, Deputy Commander, Joint Forces Headquarters of Florida, Florida Army National Guard

169 Boosters

F NAME	L NAME
Carol	Becker
Arthur	Burke
Carl	Cain
Art	Canale
Frank	Hardy
Donald	Hathaway
James	Houp
William	Hungerford
Ted	Jansen
Rodney	Layer
Donald	Lynch
Robert	McGinty
Ted	Morford
Richard	Pfahler
Paul	Russell
Warren	Sell
Tom	Thiel
Ernest	Wiggelsworth
John	Yohn

Won't You "Tell America!"

One of the primary missions of the KWVA is to inform the public at large about the Korean War, and our role in it. After all, not much is being done in our schools and by the media, so it is up to us.

Although Harold Sievers has a very active Adopt a Kid—Adopt a Vet program, that is not being reported under the KWVA Program Activity.

So, one of my goals is to develop a Chapter Tell America program. I researched on the National Web site and in Graybeards, and discovered that what seems to be vogue today are U-Tube presentations. That does not seem appropriate to our Chapter.

What I have in mind is making a PowerPoint program from our own pictures and stories (I can do PowerPoint), and then approach schools and local civic groups to make our presentations. These would be color and B&W pictures woven into "our story" that we would tell to classes etc.

I want this to be a Chapter project, so am looking for our members to participate. You would need to have some pictures, and outline your story. We would put our programs together, and then Tell America! If you are interested in this effort, please call: 357-3943 or email at tthiel5@comcast.net.

Synopsis of Chapter 169 February Business

◆ **Special Guests:**

- ◇ **Jim Bradford**, Vice President, Department of Florida KWVA, and nominee for President starting in May 2009.
- ◇ **Hal Urban**, Speaker (see page 2)

◆ **Treasurers Report:**

- ◇ Sec-Treas Morford reported \$705 in checking and \$4,528 in a CD.
- ◇ Budget Committee (Morford, White, Yohn, and Gleason) appointed, to develop a 2009 budget, including a list of total projected needs for 2009, against which all expenditures will be compared. Everyone anticipating a need should advise committee prior to the next meeting.
- ◇ Our CD matures on February 27, 2009. Jackie Gleason moved to transfer \$1,000 from the CD to checking to allow operational levels of funds in checking. John Yohn seconded. Passed unanimously.

- ◆ **Fund Raising:** Charlie White. Publix now requires evidence of \$3 million liability coverage in order to solicit. Most Florida Chapters have this insurance. Alternatives were discussed. White moved with second by Yohn to purchase AutoOwners Liability Insurance from Merrill Insurance in Leesburg at a cost of \$546 per year. Motion passed unanimously.

- ◆ **Membership:** Sec. Morford reported that membership is 54; one member did not renew. Membership Committee Chair Gruber reported that Jake Feaster of the National provided us with a list of about 60 KWVA National Members without Chapter affiliations; Committee is going to call and invite to a Chapter meeting.

- ◆ **The TriFold Brochure** approved at last meeting has been placed on hold due to funding.

- ◆ **Meeting Procedures:** Harold Sievers was asked to be our “Official Greeter “ at our regular

member meetings. His job is to direct members to register, and to welcome all guests and record their names, addresses, and phone numbers.

- ◆ **Schuttlebutt:** Email delivery worked OK. A member had written expressing his view that the newsletter had strayed from its original purpose of keeping the membership apprised of actions at member meetings. Editor Joan will not be able to do the February Schuttlebutt, so President Thiel will do.

- ◆ **Chaplains Report:** Sievers—Ed Pilarski has advised that he is to have surgery at Mayo, and does not wish to receive any emails. Question was raised as to who is sending “get well” cards? No one responded at BoD meeting but at Regular Meeting later on Paul Russell indicated that Mrs. Pilarski has agreed to do. We all need to make a special effort to keep Chapter apprised of illnesses, etc.

- ◆ **Quartermaster Report:** QM Gleason had nothing to report and recommended the position be abolished. This will be addressed next meeting. He also provided the President with an inventory of items currently on hand.

◆ **COMMITTEES:**

- ◇ **Color Guard**—Paul Russell Chair. Color Guard was asked to compile list of events it will perform at from Feb-May 2009, and also those it expects to participate in for remainder of year.

- ◇ **Assistance and Aid Committee and Chapter charity efforts:** appointed Dick Pfahler and Ted Jansen.

- ◇ **Public Relations and Chapter Publicity:** Thiel and Morford--press releases go to five or six media outlets each meeting. Will print brochure.

- ◇ **Bylaws and Procedures Committee** (TBD as needed)

- ◇ **Activities:** Van Beck, Gleason, McGinty.

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- * **Program.** Van Beck, Thiel: Scheduled—
March, Deanna Chapman, Captain, Lake-Sumter EMS; April, TBD or Picnic; May BG Tom Sullivan, FL National Guard.
 - * **Picnic:** Gleason Chair, White and Russell. Gleason would like to have picnic in April.
 - * **Christmas:** McGinty chair, Pfahler, Becker
- ◇ **Veterans Affairs Service:** McGinty and Pfahler were appointed.
 - ◇ **Audit Committee:** TBD when needed
 - ◇ **Chapter History:** Klawunn, Gleason, Thiel, Morford. Goal is to have one historical file that is updated and reviewed each year.
 - ◇ **Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park:** Canale, Jansen, and Pfahler appointed to the VMFP Special Committee. The BoD confirmed that the position outlined by President Thiel in January Schuttlebutt properly expressed Chapter's position.
 - ◇ **Tell America Program:** Thiel lead, is seeking members (see page 2).
 - ◇ **DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA:**
 - ◇ Assessment has been paid, Department notified that we are unable to locate Rifle Raffle tickets, and 2009 Eddie Ko Award Nomination submitted (Art Canale).
 - ◇ The DoF convention May 8, 9, and 10, 2009, at Plantation Inn in Crystal River. *All Chapter members are invited.* Must register by May 4. Submit activities report to Thiel no later than April BoD meeting.
 - ◇ DoF Vice President Bradford then invited our Chapter to consider hosting the 2010 convention. Our Chapter could make money on the programs, raffles, chances, etc. But some work also involved. We must submit proposal at 2009 Convention. Board studying options.
 - ◇ **Korean Medallion and Ginny Brown-Waite :** Gene Vollmer to provide oversight.

- ◆ **Flags at VA, Leesburg** have been replaced as reported by Pfahler.
- ◆ **Combat Action Badge.** Authorized in 2005 and recognizes U.S. Soldiers who engage the enemy in battle. this is bill H.R.2267.introduced by Congresswoman Jenny Brown-Waite. McGinty.
- ◆ **Chapter Dues:** 1st VP Gruber suggested that we raise dues next year to \$12; this will be an agenda item at a future meeting. There is also a proposal at National to raise National dues to \$30 annually, and return \$5 of that to the Chapters; should this latter happen, we would likely consider a two-tiered Chapter dues schedule.
- ◆ **Combining BoD and Regular Meetings:** Thiel suggested combining BoD and Regular meetings since most of those attending regular meetings are the BoD members, e.g., there were 23 at the regular meeting that included three guests and 13 BoD members.

Mark Your Calendar

March 25, Board Meeting 12:30 Sr Center

March 25, Member Meeting 2:00 Sr. Center
Deanna Chapman, Lake-Sumter EMS

April 22, Annual Picnic (Tentative) Brief Board Meeting

May 4, Deadline for Registration for DoF Convention

May 8, 9, 10, DoF Convention, Plantation Inn, Crystal River (All Chapter Members invited)

May 27, Board Meeting, 12:30 at Sr. Center

May 27, Member Meeting, 2:00 at Sr. Center, BG
Tim Sullivan, FL Nat'l Guard

Editor's Note:

Due to other commitments, our regular editor, Joan, was not able to do this Schuttlebutt issue, so I did it.

On the next page there is a letter commenting about Schuttlebutt content. This should in no way be construed as being a negative comment on our regular Editor, but rather directed to those of us whose duty it is to provide content for the Schuttlebutt. I promise to do better in the future, Joan. TJThiel

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Letter: Tom - When the Newsletter was started back many years ago, the intention was to publish the events of the meetings and not a lot of the very general unrelated items that are now published. Granted, over the past couple of months, it has improved from what it had been, but it was to be for enlightening the members about the events currently taking place in and at the meetings. A few articles from National or about Korean War Veterans was included, but mainly to let the members know what was going on in their organization. I continue to support the Newsletter, but somewhere back down the line, we had gotten away from the original intent. Good luck. Rod Layer.

William D. Hungerford is one of our more remote members; he lives in Lehigh Acres, FL.



Thanks for joining up with Chapter 169 Bill, and please come to a meeting when you are in the area.

Convention—(Continued from page 1)

the Council, a meeting of the General Membership, and a banquet. Other activities may be planned by the host for the Convention, including special programs for ladies, evening events and memorial services.

Who May Host the Convention—any duly authorized DoF Chapter, or the DoF itself. They must make their intention known to the DoF President prior to the Convention in May and make a presentation at the Convention Council meeting. The Council will make the selection by vote.

Presentation Protocol—The Chapter requesting to host the Convention the following year is to make a verbal presentation to the Convention Council. The following are to be covered:

1. The name, location, address, and phone number of the facility.
2. The Chapter contact person for Convention planning.
3. Planned dates of the Convention.
4. Room rates and facilities available: for example, restaurants, shops, pool, and parking.
5. Meeting room costs.

6. Meeting refreshments costs.
 7. Banquet meal choices and costs, including gratuity and setup charges.
 8. Availability of room for President, (and for the banquet guest speaker if appropriate) provided by the facility at no charge.
 9. Chapter tax free number if applicable.
 10. Name of the host chapter contact person.
- This information also must be presented to the DoF President in writing.

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Convention—(Continued from page 5)

Convention Host Selection

Process—Selection of the host Chapter's proposal is made by the Convention Council membership by vote either at the Council Meeting or at the General Membership Meeting (only Council may vote).

Host Chapter Contact Person

—The Host Chapter must appoint a primary Contact Person, preferably one with decision making authority, who will have overall responsibility for the Convention. This person is the liaison between the Chapter, DoF, and the facility.

Financial Arrangements—

1. DoF will loan host Chapter \$500, which must be repaid prior to start of the Convention.
2. All monies generated by the Host for Convention Program/Journal, hospitality room, raffles, and other Host fund raising activities accrue to the Host.
3. All moneys raised for registration, banquet, DoF fund raising activity and 50:50 accrue to the DoF.
4. All costs for the Convention must receive approval by the DoF President *prior* to Host

making a commitment.

Banquet Program and Memorial Services—are to be developed by the Host Chapter in consultation with DoF President.

Fund raising at Convention—The Host Chapter may provide a hospitality room, a Convention Program/Journal, hold raffles, sell tickets for door prizes, etc., with all funds raised by these activities going to the Chapter. The DoF will conduct 50:50 at meetings, and may hold fund raising activities and QM sales with proceeds going to the Department.

There is much more in the guide but these items were, I felt, the most relevant! TJT

Please let us have your email address if you have one and are receiving this by snail mail.

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