

The Schuttlebutt

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Klawunn Steps Down as Editor

Joan Klawunn, who has so wonderfully served as *Schuttlebutt* Editor for the last six years, has decided to step down. Joan said: "I have given a lot of thought to my position as newsletter editor... and feel it is time for me to step down ... I plan to do some traveling, and will not have the time to put into the newsletter."

We noted her mentioning travel this summer, and so agreed to try to do the *Schuttlebutt* until we find someone to replace her.

We can't say enough to thank Joan for the dedicated effort she has given to the newsletter, including giving it a name, The *Schuttlebutt*!

I was happy to present Joan with a certificate, card and gift (see right, photo by Carol Becker).

Please join with me in wishing Joan the very best in her travels, and her future. We are happy she will continue her membership!

Thank you Joan! TJT



A Special Invitation to Our Fellow Korean Vets

This issue of the *Schuttlebutt* is being mailed to a number of our fellow Korean War Vets who are not now members of the KWVA, and of Chapter 169.

We invite you to come to our May 27 meeting as our guest, listen to what our speaker General Tim Sullivan has to say, and stay for our business meeting.

We hope you will join with your fellow Korean Vets!

Thank you. Tom Thiel, President

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Returning member, Ron Regan, speaking at the 2009 Picnic. (Becker)

New / Renewing Members

We want to welcome back former member Ron Regan as a regular Chapter 169 member. Ron was a member in the Chapter's earlier years, but had let his membership lapse. Welcome back Ron! (That's Ron at left at the Picnic.)

And we want to extend a warm welcome to Al Schuetz, who joined both the Chapter and National at our March meeting. Originally a Wisconsin Badger, Al served with the 1st Calvary Division in Korea. We're sorry we didn't obtain a photo of Al but plan to rectify that at the May meeting. Welcome Al!

"The *Schuttlebutt* was my way of giving something back to the people who fought for this country to be free!" Joan Klawuun

Thank you from Joan

I would like to thank all the members of Chapter 169 for the great card and the generous gift; it has been a great six years as editor of the *Schuttlebutt*. I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge about the Korean War, and I have met a great group of people.

When I was asked to do the newsletter, it was my way of giving something

back to the people who fought for this country to be free. The bitter cold and the horrible conditions that they faced for a word called freedom. The *Schuttlebutt* was my small way of saying thanks for the blue skies in the morning, the red sunsets at night, and the freedom I use everyday to make my life easier. I salute all of you who fought to make life easier. The old saying is freedom is not free; perhaps in a little corner of this world it is free. Thank you all!. Joan Klawuun

Chapter Picnic a Big Success!

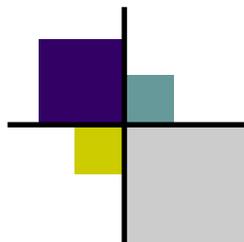
Seventeen members and their wives participated in our 2009 Annual Picnic held Wednesday, April 22 at the Hickory Park Pavilion south of Tavares.

After a pot luck-hamburgers and hot dogs off the grill dinner, we held a short (for us) business meeting and returning member Ron Regan (above left) did a short presentation on how to find the right person to help one receive Veterans Benefits.

Thanks to the Picnic Committee of Charlie White, Paul Russell, and Jackie Gleason, a good time was

had by all.





Chapter Funds and 2009 Boosters!

Of our Chapter members, about 5% are Honorary, 9% are Life, and another 5% are POW. Just a tad over 73% pay annual dues.

It has been costing us about \$9.00 a year to produce and mail the *Schuttlebutt*, although we have now reduced that significantly by sending it via email. We distribute about sixty copies of the *Schuttlebutt*, which costs about \$900 annually.

Only about 40 members pay annual dues of \$10.00 each, which of course amounts to about \$400 annually.

Per KWVA Bylaws, we are obligated to contribute \$2.00 for each Regular and Life member to the Department of Florida. This was about \$90 this year.

Our *Schuttlebutt* alone has been costing us about \$500 more than what we get from member dues.

A large portion of our finances come in the form of Booster contributions, for which we are most grateful.

This year's Booster contributors and their amounts are in the next column.

Thank you all very much.

2009 Boosters

Art Canale \$65.00,
 Ted Morford \$53.00,
 Carl Cain \$50.00,
 Robert McGinty \$24.00
 Arthur Burke \$20.00,
 Warren Sell \$15.00,
 Carol Becker \$10.00
 Frank Hardy \$10.00
 Donald Hathaway \$10.00
 James Houp \$10.00
 William Hungerford \$10.00
 Ted Jansen \$10.00
 Rodney Layer \$10.00
 Donald Lynch \$10.00
 Richard Pfahler \$10.00
 Paul Russell \$10.00
 Tom Thiel \$10.00
 Ernest Wiggelsworth \$10.00
 John Yohn \$10.00

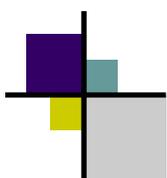
 Grand total: \$357.00

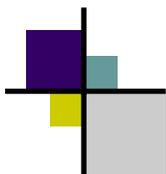
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Art Canale, Don Van Beck and Tom Thiel helped man the VMFP fund drive table at Gator Harley-Davidson on April 25-26.

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Highlights of April 22, 2009, Hickory Point Meeting

There was a short member meeting held at the April 22 Annual Picnic. Some of the more salient points discussed were:

Treasurer Morford

- ◆ We have approximately \$1,300 in our checking account and about \$3,500 in our CD.
- ◆ A large portion of our expenses relate to travel; it was suggested that we reexamine our travel policy.

Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park

On The Wall Report—List of Chapter Members who will be included to go on the Leesburg wall as a Chapter group—is in final assembly stages. Will be sent electronically to Executive Director Van Beck.

We do not have a DD-214 for most members; if you are not certain that we have yours, please bring or mail a copy to the President now.

Department of Florida Convention

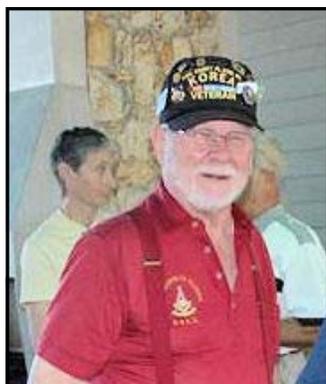
- ◆ May 8-10 at the Plantation Inn at Crystal River.

Fifty-fifty

\$14 to winner; \$13 to chapter. Won by Bob McGinty who donated his winnings to the Chapter. Thank you Bob!



Our Co-Founder
Jackie Gleason



Ted Jansen

Membership

- ◆ Our total current membership is 56.

Fund Raising

- ◆ Dates are May 29-30; Charlie White needs your help. Please call if you can assist.
- ◆ It was suggested we focus on the 2010 Bikefest for fund raising.

Mark Your Calendars

May 4 - Deadline for Registration for DoF Convention

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

May 27 - Member Meeting, 2:00 at Sr. Center, BG Tim Sullivan, FL Nat'l Guard (Photo at left), speaker

June 24 - Member Meeting, 2:00 at Sr. Center, Speaker from Angel Flight Southeast.

July 22—Member Meeting, 2:00 at Sr. Center, Speaker TBD



BG Tim Sullivan



A Few Words from Your President



It is hard to believe that we have now gone through a quarter of 2009!

What do we have to show for it? Certainly not as much as I'd hoped for.

We have developed a series of great presentations at our meetings, but still less than 20 on average come to the meetings!

DoF extended to us a special invitation to host their 2010 Convention, but we did not want to undertake the work necessary to complete the task.

I've been inviting someone(s) to join with me in a Tell America program, but no one has!

We have formed all the committees specified in our bylaws, but

none of these has really become very active.

We set a goal to raise our membership by 50 percent, but we have scarcely maintained last year's level.

We need to raise funds, but it will be the end of May before we do—and Charlie White says he only has himself and Paul to do the work! **[Call Charlie now!]**

We are not a very active group! I know we are all getting there in age, but are we so old we don't want to do anything?

We have no program that brings members and our spouses together to further a noble cause.

Our Color Guard mostly participates in someone else's programs, and reports to their leaders. Until recently, they did-

n't even wear our Chapter ID.

We raise a few monies under the auspices of a 501c19 non-profit veterans charitable organization and then we want to spend those monies—on ourselves. We are not a charity; it is morally wrong for us to expend the bulk of our monies on ourselves! Our picnics! Our Christmas parties!

"It's our job to tell America what we did 50+ years ago, why we did it, what it meant then, and what it means now."

We responded when asked back there in the early 50's; surely we still have it in us to respond now.

We know what to do and how to do it. Let's get going! Thank you! Tom



Historian Needed

Joan also (gleefully) unloaded her accumulated materials as Chapter Historian (above). So, we also need an Historian!

Schuttlebutt

Editor Needed

While I will fill as your Editor for the time being, we need to begin looking to the future for a permanent *Schuttlebutt* Editor.

Please consider giving it a try!



Captain Deanna Chapman, of the Lake Sumter EMS speaks at our March 25 meeting.

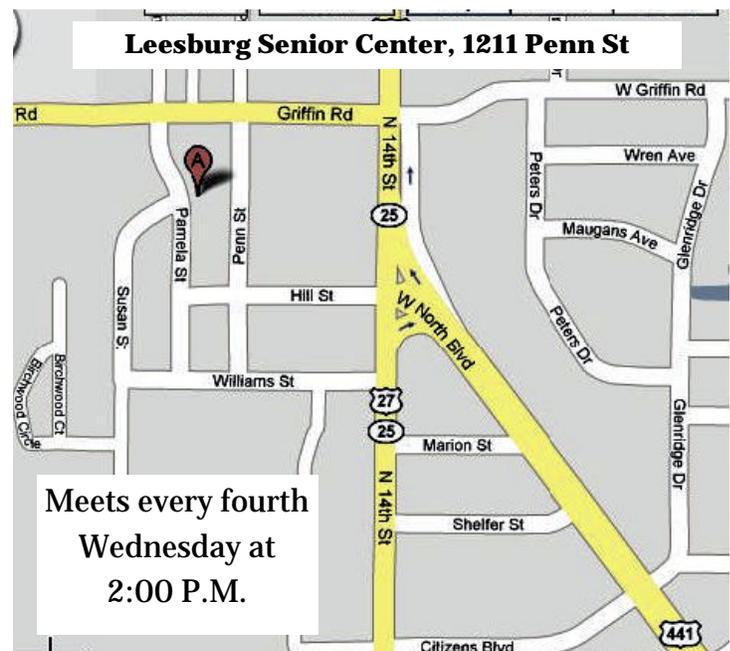
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Korean War Veterans Helping Veterans

Founded in 1999 by Martin "Jackie" Gleason and Joseph Turner (deceased), The KWVA of Lake County, Chapter 169 strives to:

- ◆ Promote recognition of the Korean War, and its Veterans.
- ◆ Educate the public, especially our youth, about the Korean War and the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the war (June 1950 – January 1955) and as well as seek out the truth about our MIA's and POW's.
- ◆ Do whatever may be necessary and proper for the attainment of Chapter objectives.



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