

# The Schuttlebutt

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## General Tim Sullivan addresses KWVA!



General Tim Sullivan, Florida National Guard (Ret) (left) addresses the May 27th Chapter Meeting. He briefly talked about what Memorial Day truly means, and also talked about his service in

Iraq and Kuwait. He freely entertained questions after the presentation. Right, member Bill Back raises a question about the political influences over military readiness. The Chapter truly appreciates General Sullivan contributing his time and talent to the KWVA. He was recognized with a KWVA Medallion.



## Carol Becker Recognized by DoF!



Our own Carol Becker was recognized by Department of Florida President Bob Balzer at the annual convention in Crystal River.

Carol, shown above right with Balzer, was recognized for her

special contributions to the Department.

Harold Sievers, Department Chaplain, also was recognized, as was Art Canale, our Chapter's nominee for the Eddie Ko Veteran of the year award.

Others attending from the Chapter were Founder Jackie Gleason, Ted Morford and Tom Thiel.

An article about their attendance written by Azia Forrest appeared in the Village's *Daily Sun* on Sat-

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## Sievers' Adopt a Kid, Adopt a Vet

THE VILLAGES — Fourth-graders at The Villages Charter Elementary School are accustomed to seeing action heroes such as Spider-Man and Batman on the big screen.

On Tuesday, the students had a chance to spend some time with their real-life heroes: local veterans.

"There's Batman, Superman and the Hulk," student Kyle Fox read aloud from his essay about

meeting local veteran Harold Sievers. "But these heroes are all fake. On March 24, 2009, I had the opportunity to meet a real hero."

"Fourth-graders read essays at Adopt-a-Kid, Adopt-a-Vet ceremony," by APRIL TOLER, DAILY SUN, May 13, 2009.



## New Members

We warmly welcome **Bill Shumaker** to our ranks. Bill's name was on the special list I used to mail the last *Schuttlebutt*. Bill's service dates were March 1952 to February 1956. He was originally from IL, and now lives at 35038 Silver Oak Dr, Leesburg. Bill says that he will not be able to come to many meetings until his wife is finished with some serious medical treatment. We wish your wife much success, and look forward to meeting you soon, Bill!

## Guests

We were also most pleased that **Karl Hummer** of Leesburg visited us at our May meeting. Karl's name was also on the list I mentioned above. Karl served in Korea from 1952-56 with the US Navy. We hope you will join with us Karl!

## The National Cemetery on Memorial Day

By Bob McGinty

My visit to the VA National Cemetery at Bushnell on Memorial Day 2009 began at 9 A.M. in Tavares. The trip took almost an hour because we had to wait for a line of 378 motorcycles and cars that were going to the cemetery.

The designated parking area was only a short distance from the ceremony rotunda. There were about 150 there then and that quickly grew to over 1,000 by 45 minutes before the ceremony.

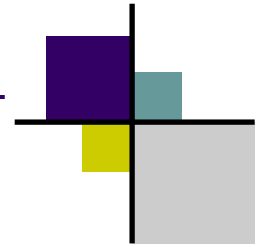
The ceremony was well organized with patriotic music, the introduction of the Colors by the Florida National Guard, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, God Bless the USA, Amazing Grace by Bagpipes, a Gun Salute,



Echo taps, Rider less horse and the main speaker, Thomas Bowman (served 34 years in the military) who is the senior advisor of the VISA Unit 8 of the Veterans Administration.

The cemetery is impressive in its design and the varied locations of the burial sites. I recommend a visit to the cemetery to see the ceremony and again at another time for a leisurely tour of it.

Bob



# Chapter Membership and Funds!

Total	56
Honorary	3
POW/MIA	3
Chapter Life	9
Regular pay dues	41
National	42

I set a goal of growing our membership by 50 percent by the end of this year. That was based on a

membership of 53, so you can see we have a long way to go!

Please help to get new members.

Checking	\$ 810
Cert of Dep	\$3,572
Cash	\$ 0
Total	\$4,382

Our funds are gradually falling a bit, but hopefully, that will rise. On May 30, Ted Jansen and Dick Pfahler will be man-

ning a fund-raising table at Winn-Dixie, 1103 W North Blvd, Leesburg. On Sunday May 31, the same table will be handled by Joe Gruber, Jackie Gleason and Carl Cain. Jackie plans to have a Bellevue table in June and July; please help him. TJT

***"Congratulations Harold Sievers—on being named Commander, Chapter 150, Disabled American Veterans!"***

## 2009 Boosters

- Art Canale \$65.00,
- Ted Morford \$53.00,
- Carl Cain \$50.00,
- Anonymous \$40.00,
- John Rogers \$25.00
- Robert McGinty \$24.00
- Arthur Burke \$20.00,
- Joe Gruber \$15.00,
- 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: **\$447.00**

## Becker (from page 1)

urday, May 16. The same article without the picture appeared in the Ocala *Star-Banner* on May 20. And the *Daily Commercial* said it would also appear there.

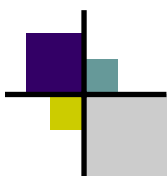
Chapter 169 Delegation at the DoF Convention.

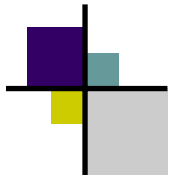


Thiel, Gleason, Morford, Canale, Sievers, and Becker.

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## Sick Call

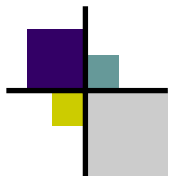
We are sad to report that **Art Canale** has undergone lung surgery. Art is home and I'm sure would like to hear from you. Address: 684 Ellsworth Way, The Villages, FL 32162. 750-2505, jcanale1@aol.com.

We were glad to welcome **Don Lynch** back to our meeting; Don has had a knee replacement and an hemorrhoidectomy.

If you know of anyone ill please inform:

### Paul Russell

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## Highlights of May 27, 2009, Member Meeting, by TJT

About 20 members were in attendance at our May 27 meeting, which was the first combining the BoD and the Member meeting, and also when General Sullivan spoke.

A number of items are included in separate columns throughout this *Schuttlebutt* and will not be repeated in this column.

The following motions were offered:

09-05-27-01. Chapter to cover President's travel to DoF and other functions to include a maximum of one over-night stay; Amended to cover all other member's similar travel registration and mileage costs only. Amendment and Motion Approved.

09-05-27-02. Chapter to provide Chapter 169 KWVA Caps to new members at no cost. Approved.

09-05-27-03. Chapter Awards Committee: Gleason chair, Yohn, Morford. All Chapter Awards, Medallions, etc., are to be recommended by Chapter Awards Committee and presented to the BoD before award is made to

the individual. Approved.

We decided to reorder Medallions, and instructed Sec/Treas Morford to obtain a supply of American Flags.

We activated the Christmas Committee of Bob McGinty, Dick Pfahler, Carol Becker, and Paul Russell.

Ted Morford and I reported on the Dept of Florida Convention. While we thought the Convention well done, Ted was concerned about the large number of awards, and I was concerned that the Reception for KWVA President McSwain, was not well conducted.

I reported a number of initiatives adopted by KWVA National that resulted from my suggestions, such as: several on the web site and a study on Chapter Insurance.

Gene Vollmer is converting the Korean War tapes to DVDs, and will make them available on loan.

The fifty-fifty of \$30.00 was won by Joe Gruber, who donated his \$15.00 to the Chapter Boosters. Thanks Joe!

## Mark Your Calendars

June 19-21 & June 26-28, Fund Drive, Bellevue, Jackie (needs your help—please call 352-245-9691)

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

July 10-12 & July 17-19, Fund Drive, Bellevue, Jackie (needs your help—please call him at 352-245-9691)

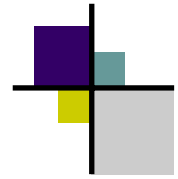
July 22 & Aug 26—Member Meeting, 2:00 at Sr. Center, No Speakers.

Sept 2009 DoF Council Mtg: Chapter 173, Altamonte Springs

Oct. 24-26, KWVA National Convention, Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport

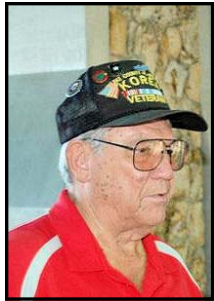
Jan 2010 DoF Council Mtg: Chapter 267, Gainesville

May 2010 DoF Convention: Chapter 199, Bradenton



## A Few Words from Your President

By now, you undoubtedly are aware that most of this *Schuttlebutt* is “Words from Your President!” So, I promise to be brief.



I was pleased with the Member Meeting format we followed at our May meeting; we were not occu-

ried prior to the meeting and we got a lot of business done! We got through the whole busy agenda!

Last *Schuttlebutt* I was a bit down I guess on our Chapter and our lack of activities. Please accept my apologies for that.

What I would like to address here is the need for us to come together more as a unit, and to try

to keep each other informed of what is happening. I suspect each of you realizes some areas where we can all improve. So, I promise to work harder to make this come to fruition. Won't each of you take a similar step? The Chapter will benefit if we all do.

Thanks everyone for all you do to help make 169 better!



Above: Charlie White makes front page of *The Village Sun* on Tuesday, May 26, in Memorial Day article. Thanks to Sun Photo Department.



Above: Jackie Gleason and Joe Gruber at May 31 Fund Drive; Carl Cain and Tom Thiel were also there. Ted Jansen, Dick Pfahler, Charlie White, and Ted Morford did their stint on May 30. Thank you guys, and thank you Winn-Dixie!

Right: We urge our members to patronize Winn-Dixie, 1103 W North Blvd, Leesburg, FL 34748



### Historian Needed

We need a Chapter Historian. Joan Klawunn has compiled an impressive array of photo, story and other materials of historical importance to the Chapter. We need someone to begin compiling our historical information.

~~Consider it Please~~

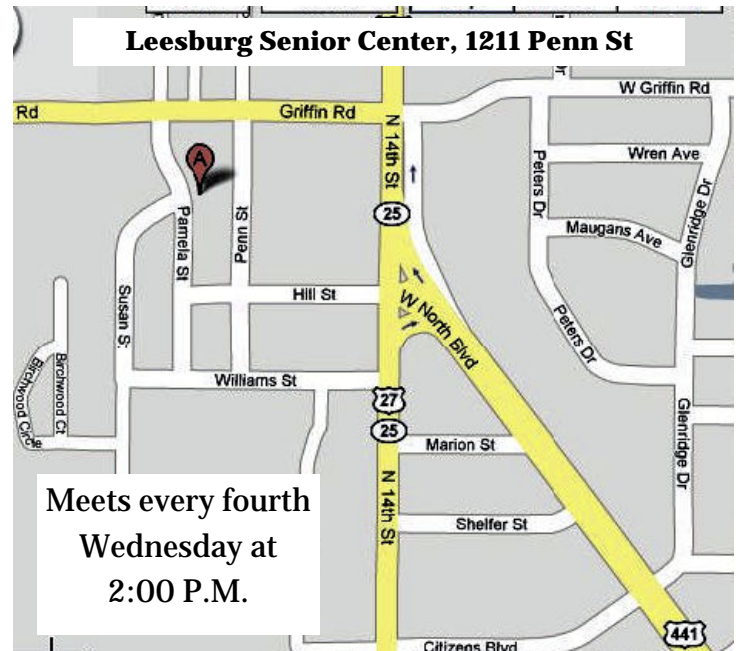
### ***Wanted—Canned Goods & Clothing.***

Clean and folded in bags; Please. Starting with the August 26 meeting, Carl Cain will pick up and take to the Leesburg Food Bank.

# ***Korean War Veterans Helping Veterans***

Founded in 1998 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.
- ◆ Provide a venue for the fellowship and comradeship of all veterans who ever served in Korea!



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***Schuttlebutt* Deadline, Tuesday following Member Meeting.**

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