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Dick Pfahler on the Orphans of Fushi-To

The U.S.S. St. Paul and the Korean Orphanage, August 1950-May 1951

We were most pleased that Dick Pfahler offered to do his short presentation on experiences he had personally during the Korean war at our August Member Meeting .

You will recall that in September 1950, General MacArthur's 8th Army troops successfully invaded at Inchon South Korea cutting off the North Korean troops.

So, in August 1950, the U.S.S. St. Paul, with Dick on board, found itself in Inchon Harbor shelling Red-held road and rail networks in preparation for the upcoming invasion. They

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Dick Pfahler

August 26 meeting highlights

Win a Laptop Computer

Complete ticket and return to Chapter 169 Sec/Treas

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: sample _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Laptop Drawing

Ted Jansen gave a very encouraging report on the laptop computer raffle. We have already collected \$710, well beyond the \$550 we had set as the minimum for going ahead with the project. We will procure a good laptop computer after October 22, when Microsoft will release Windows 7. Ted Jansen,

drawing chair, encourages you to be sure to utilize and return the tickets you received, either by getting a friend or colleague to contribute, or to take them yourself. The drawing will be held at our December meeting; the winner need not be at the drawing. Also remember that the member whose name is on the back of the winning ticket gets \$50! If you need more tickets please call Ted Jansen at 352-787-7818 or email: tedj29@aol.com. Let's move that total up!

Please Use & Return Your Drawing Tickets ASAP
Send to: Ted Jansen 1507 W Lancaster Ave, Leesburg, FL, 34748 **NOT TO TED MORFORD**

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Meet your new Chapter members!

And "Guest"



Harold N. Laten, Lady Lake. Harold served with the 79th Army Eng, Korea 1950-1951, and the Air Force also in Korea 1952-1953. Welcome Harold!



Richard Zettlemoyer of Wildwood. Dick served In Korea Oct 1951 to May 1952. Medical Detachment 213 AAA ANG. Welcome Richard!

Photos by Carol Becker



We also welcomed our "Guest" **Ron "Ole Sarg" Regan**; well we cannot call you a member Ron until your Chapter and Association dues are current. Ron will be presenting to us on Sept 23.

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were near the tiny island of Fushi-To, which was supposed to have a lighthouse, but didn't. So, the St. Paul sent a party to investigate.

What they found was an orphanage with 45 children ranging in age up to 14 years, desperate for food, shelter, warmth, clothing, and medical care.

When the party returned to the ship and told of the orphanage, a collection was immediately taken and the next morning the ship's whale boat, with Pfahler on board, headed to shore with clothing,

rice, and a whole assortment of other items collected from the sailors.

One of the St. Paul's doctors also went. What he found was pneumonia, malnutrition, rickets and beriberi. Soon the orphans were washing with Navy soap, dressed in cut-down Navy dungarees, wrapped in Navy wool blankets, eating a Navy meal, and laughing at Navy songs.

Later ship carpenters repaired the damaged buildings; and the ship's tailors measured the children so that they could be fitted with real clothing and shoes made from

Navy supplies. After Inchon was secured, they found a pot-bellied stove for warmth. A well was reclaimed so they would have clean drinking water. And they purchased some vegetable seeds for them to begin to grow their own food.

Soon boxes for the orphanage began arriving from the sailor's families in the states. And, the parish of the Cathedral in St. Paul, MN, became involved in the case of the Fushi-To orphanage.

Thanks Dick, for an outstanding overview of an "unusual" experience from the Korean War!



Membership and Funds!

	LAST	CURR
Total	61	61
Honorary	3	3
POW/MIA	3	3
Chapter Life	9	9
Regular pay dues	46	46
Association	47	47

ITEM	LAST	CURR
Checking	\$ 732	\$ 785
Cert of Dep	\$3,572	\$3,572
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$4,204	\$4,357

Secretary Needed
Treasurer Needed
URGENT
TED MORFORD
IS LEAVING NOW!!!!

Please give me a call now;
357-3943.

Rapid City, SD. Sat. Aug. 29, 2009. The 24th
 Infantry Division Association today recog-
 nized **Tom J. Thiel**, with its prestigious
 Verbeck Award for his contributions as *Taro*
Leaf Editor.

Historian Needed

We need a Chapter His-
 torian. Joan Klawunn
 has compiled an impres-
 sive array of photo, story
 and other materials of
 historical importance to
 the Chapter. We need
 someone to begin com-
 piling our current infor-
 mation.

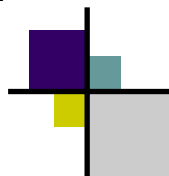
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 Please ~~

Boosters

LNAME	FNAME	AMT
Anonymous		\$40
Becker	Carrol	\$10
Burke	Arthur	\$20
Cain	Carl	\$50
Canale	Art	\$65
Fallo	Tony	\$10
Gruber	Joe	\$15
Hardy	Frank	\$10
Hathaway	Donald	\$10
Houp	James	\$10
Hungerford	William	\$10
Jansen	Ted	\$10
LaJeunesse	Eugene	\$15
Layer	Rodney	\$10
Lynch	Donald	\$10
McGinty	Bob	\$24
Morford	Ted	\$53
Pfahler	Dick	\$15
Rogers	John	\$25
Russell	Carl	\$10
Russell	Paul	\$10
Seivers	Harold	\$18
Sell	Warren	\$15
Simumek	Bill	\$10
Thiel	Tom	\$10
Wiggelsworth	Earnest	\$10
Yohn	John	\$10
Total		\$505

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Sick Call

Art Canale had his second lung surgery at Moffitt in Tampa, followed closely with another at The Villages Hospital for mersa. He is home now but still quarantined, and goes to hospital twice a a day for treatment. I talked to him today for a relatively long time and we talked of a lot of Chapter items so he is coming along. Art's address: 684 Ellsworth Way, The Villages, FL 32162. 750-2505.

Jackie Gleason had a pacemaker implanted on Wednesday August 26. I also talked to him and he is doing well.

Ed Pilarski had his scheduled Mayo Clinic JAX surgery and all went well; Ed was at Wednesday's meeting.

If you know of anyone ill please inform:

Paul Russell, 2710 Grand Isle Shores Rd. Eustis, FL, 32711, Ph: 357-4569

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“What our Chapter members want the Chapter to be or to do?” The following thoughts were suggested:

- ◆ Wear our KWVA caps to identify ourselves to the public,
- ◆ Participate in a tell America type of program,
- ◆ More social activities, especially get ladies involved (Auxiliary),
- ◆ Have a Kaffee Klatch at Perkins to tell America, and
- ◆ Get Chapter, including color guard, more visibly involved with community activities.

These are to be fleshed out.

TAPS for Specialist Alexander Miller

Becker, Russell, Sievers, Ted and Marie Morford, and Thiel attended the funeral for Specialist Alexander Miller who was killed July 31, in Afghanistan. A little more organization might have increased our Chapter's

representation. We thank the American Legion Auxiliary for lunch.

Volunteer Hours

We would like to report the Chapter's total volunteer hours at the DoF Council Meeting in late September. So far only six have given their hours totaling about 4,500 yearly hours. Please let Thiel or Morford know your time spent in any volunteer effort.

Etcetera

- ◆ Harold Sievers won the 50-50; he donated his \$18 share to the Boosters. Thanks Harold!
- ◆ Korean War DVD's are available from Gene Vollmer.
- ◆ Chapter Historian needed; a Chapter narrative and photo history.
- ◆ Fund Raising: Are looking to conduct some store-front solicitations starting in October. Still looking for missing posters, table covers, etc. And still investigating liability insurance.

Mark Your Calendars

September 23—Member Meeting, 2:00 at Sr. Center. Speaker the Old Sarg Ron Regan.

September 26, 2009 DoF Council Mtg: Chapter 173, Altamonte Springs.

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

October 28—Member Meeting, 2:00

at Sr. Center.

November 18?—Member Meeting, 2:00 at Sr. Center.

December TBD—Chapter Christmas Party

January 23, 2010 DoF Council Mtg: Chapter 267, Gainesville

May 7-8, 2010 DoF Convention: Chapter 199, Bradenton



Age...Memory...Agony *by Tom J. Thiel*

At the July meeting, Don Lynch showed me some photos of himself from back when he was in Korea. I offered to convert them to digital pictures for him, and put them in my brief case, the one that I only use for KWVA business.

At the August meeting, Don asked me about the pictures.

My mind was a total blank! So also was my briefcase, at least as far as finding Don's photos. And subsequent searching of every file and folder I maintain at home did not reveal their presence either. I do not remember seeing the pictures at home!

My agony beyond belief goes out to Don. There is nothing to replace those treasures! I know that.

Don, I am sorry beyond most eve-

rything I have ever felt before. But nothing I can do now can replace those treasured photos.

Should I not offer to do such a "favor" again—for anyone? I do this constantly with my fellow 24th Infantry Division Association comrades for the *Taro Leaf*.

Should I stop? I know that my memory now is not what it once was. Life's little events tell me that. Sometimes I become aware of them; how often they go unnoticed in the vapor of the things I do I do not know.

I make presentations to our computer user group on ensuring that the "stuff" on their computers is always safe. Backups that is called.

Employing some of those lessons here might have prevented me

from losing Don's photos.

Here they are for you to ponder:

- ◆ Do not give anyone your important stuff. But that begs the issue of what it is that you wish to have done to the item.
- ◆ If you do give them to anyone, then have them in a folder or envelope that clearly marks or screams "this is important!"
- ◆ Call to remind them that they have some of your very important stuff and ask "How are you doing with it?"
- ◆ In short watch them like a hawk!

And there are converse ones that I might also have followed!

Oh, but for the hindsight capabilities that a computer backup would do for me now, but in the real physical analog world there are few hindsight's provided!

Great Cookies!



We thank **Bob Grebe** (left) for bringing us those terrific cookies to share at our meetings of late. Bob I'm not sure who baked the cookies as the message I got was Mrs. Grebe, but my records don't have a Mrs. Grebe. So, Bob, and everyone, please give me your mate's name.



Congratulations **Harold Sievers** upon becoming President of The Villages Veterans Memorial!

Everyone's current photo—Carol Becker and I are taking. Carol doing a book. Have yours taken!

Wanted

Canned Food

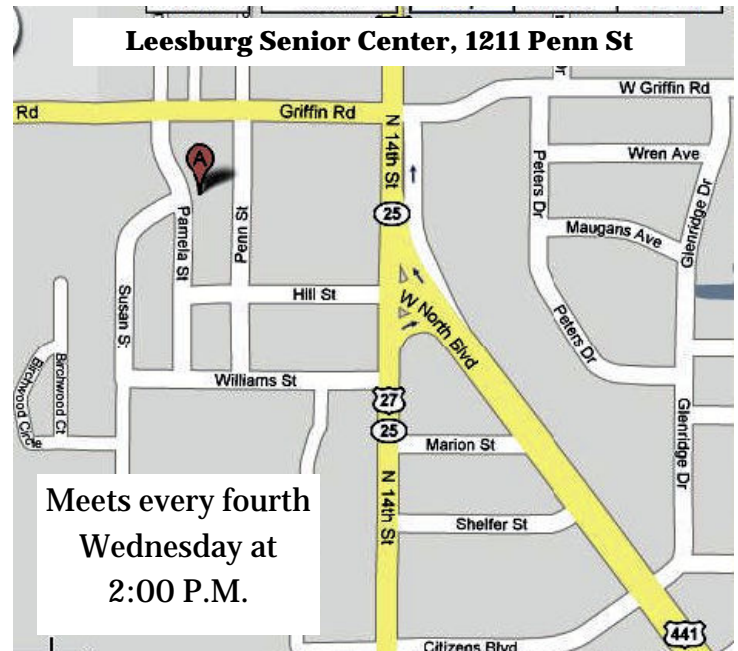
Clothing—Clean and folded in bags.

Carl Cain will pick up at our meetings 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!



Please help us cut mailing costs and efforts. Send an email to kwva169@gmail.com if you have an email address, and are receiving this by US Mail.

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

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