

The Schuttlebutt

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Our First Tell-America Program by Tom Thiel

Friday October 2: Harold Sievers, Dick Pfahler and I spent over an hour telling the students at Holy Trinity Episcopal School in Fruitland Park some of our experiences in the Korean War, and about the War itself.

Our very first KWVA Tell America Program went well (see pho-



tos). Now that we've made a start, we are planning on continuing. We first need to work on details of how to contact schools.



September 23 meeting highlights

Laptop Computer

Drawing to be held at our December Meeting (Christmas Party).

The Chapter, at Ted Jansen's suggestion, is holding a drawing for a laptop computer of at least \$500 in value. We will procure the laptop in late Oct. because we want Windows 7 on it and we want it to have maximum warranty. Winner does not need to be at the party, but is responsible for its delivery if not at the drawing.

We are asking for a \$5.00 per ticket donation. Be certain that your name is on the back of the ticket as the member responsible for obtaining



the donation with the winning ticket will receive \$50.00 for their efforts.

Ted Morford is already headed for Tennessee, so instead send your tickets to Ted Jansen.

Please Use & Return Your Drawing Tickets ASAP

Send to: Ted Jansen, 1507 W Lancaster Ave, Leesburg, FL, 34748

We have a new supply of tickets, which you can ask Ted J. or the President to mail you should you need more.

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Meet your new Chapter members!



We welcomed **Ron "Ole Sarg" Regan** (left) back to membership; Ron has paid both his Chapter and Association dues, but still is to complete the application. Welcome back Ron!

And we warmly welcome another new member, **Harry O. Olson**. Harry served in the 1st Cav. from Sept. 1950 to Oct. 1951. Harry, be sure to have your photo taken.

Speaker
October Meeting
Ron "Ole Sarg" Regan
"Things that Vets don't know about"



From Left: Sievers, Regan, Gleason, Morford, Pilarski, Falo, McGinty, Thiel, Back, Russell, Hanold, White, Gruber, Volmer, Lynch, Seidelman, Noder, ?, ?, Gaston, Cain, Pfahler, Simunek, Wigglesworth, and McBroom. The two "?" are Harry Olson and Olavi Laakso, I think in that order, but am not sure! tj

Ted Morford off to Tennessee.

Ted and Marie Morford are off to Tennessee.

President Thiel read a reso-



lution and offered a motion naming Ted Morford "Honorary Lifetime Member of Chapter 169!" Motion seconded and approved with a standing ovation!



He then presented Ted with a plaque expressing sincere appreciation for his contributions.

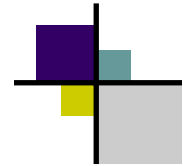
This was followed by Har-

old Sievers presenting a decorated flat cake recognizing especially Ted's "Flags" contributions. All helped Ted "enjoy" his cake!

TAPS

We received a note from Carol Cunningham, care-giver for life member **Joseph J. Martin**, that he had passed away August 10, 2009. He was buried in NY.

His last local address was: Joseph J Martin, 17420 SE 14th St, Silver Springs, FL, 34488.



Membership and Funds!

	LAST	CURR
Total	61	62
Honorary	3	3
POW/MIA	3	3
Chapter Life	8	8
Honorary Life	1	2
Regular pay dues	46	47
Association	47	49

ITEM	LAST	CURR
Checking	\$ 732	\$ 1,317
Cert of Dep	\$3,572	\$3,572
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$4,204	\$4,889

Boosters

LNAME	FNAME	AMT
Anonymous		\$40
Becker	Carrol	\$10
Burke	Arthur	\$20
Cain	Carl	\$63
Cali	Armando	\$10
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
Lynch	Donald	\$168
McGinty	Bob	\$24
Morford	Ted	\$53
Pfahler	Dick	\$15
Rogers	John	\$25
Russell	Carl	\$10
Russell	Paul	\$10
Schuetz	Al	\$5
Seivers	Harold	\$18
Sell	Warren	\$15
Simumek	Bill	\$10
Thiel	Tom	\$10
Vollmer	Eigene	\$10
Wiggelsworth	Earnest	\$10
Yohn	John	\$10
TOTAL		\$698

Jake Feaster Recognized Chapter 169 for 45 Association Members, 2nd in DoF!

Korean War DVDs

Gene Vollmer offering for a \$5.00 Chapter donation.

MORFORD's LEFT!!!! Secretary Urgently Needed

**Please give me a call now
357-3943.**

**Bring to Next Meeting
Canned Food**

**Clothing—Clean and folded
in bags.**

**Carl Cain will pick up at
our meetings and take to
the Leesburg Food Bank.**

Chapter Officers and Directors

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Sick Call

Art Canale — Great news; last call on Art is that he is cancer and infection free. We know it has been a long haul, Art, and are looking for you back at meetings when you can.

John Yohn — John talked to me briefly before the Member meeting, and told me he has had a series of health problems that have had him in the hospital. Our best wishes are with you John.

Ms. Bill Shumaker — “We are struggling right now ... there has been a recurrence , so Monday she starts a different type of chemo treatment ... all we can do right now is pray and wait and see ... thanks for asking ... Bill.” Our thoughts and prayers are with you Bill.

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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50:50 Drawing: Fifty-Fifty: Total of \$29.00 contributed; won by Carl Cain, who took \$2.00 and donated \$13.00 to Boosters.

Paul Russell urged veterans to be aware of, and express their displeasure with, incidents such as: “When a South Carolina woman tried to honor her next door neighbor, a Marine who was recently killed in Afghanistan, by planting flags along the route the casket would follow, a Bank of America branch manager pulled the flags from the bank's property, citing ‘corporate policy.’”

Insurance? Thiel has a quote for \$135/year for 60 members from Polk-Murphy Insurance Agency in Brooksville, who was recommended by Maxine Parker, Chapter 188. Motion made to accept. Amended to effect that President to request a “straw” copy of the actual policy (request submitted), and if after reading and accepting, President to

go ahead and obtain prior to next meeting. Bill Back recommended calling the Merrill Agency in Mount Dora. I have; they quoted a similar policy for \$128. Expect to have insurance by next meeting.

Fall Fund Raisers. Charlie White was asked to develop definite plans based on assumption that will have insurance. McGinty suggested we write Publix about their policy.

Tell America Program: Morford got us an opening at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church School, 2201 Spring Lake Rd, Fruitland Park, FL 34731-5256. (See Report, Pg. 1)

November meeting changed from Nov 25, the day before Thanksgiving, to Nov. 18. Need to contact Sr. Center.

Audit Committee: McGinty, Gruber, White and Sievers audited books since Ted Morford leaving; Committee approved and accepted the books.

Mark Your Calendars

October 7, Tell America at St. Episcopal Church School, Fruitland Park.

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

Oct. 27, Coffee Clutch, Perkins (see article).

October 28—Member Meeting, 2:00 at Sr. Center.

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

November mid: VMFP Ground Breaking, Leesburg, All Chapter and Color Guard attend.

December 16—Chapter Christmas Party, Mission Inn, Howey in the Hills, 11:15 a.m. SHARP!

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

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



President's Thoughts *by Tom J. Thiel*

My how time evades us. Here we are mentioning the Christmas luncheon, which signals that 2010 is near. Too near? Perhaps, as there was so much we wanted to get done and didn't.

But I am encouraged, immensely encouraged. JFK said something to the effect that every voyage begins with the first step, and indeed

169 had to begin with a first step.

Probably most significant is the addition of nine new members; we anticipate even more by year's end. We need their ideas and their commitments to improving 169.

And there are "first steps" elsewhere. Thanks to Ted Morford, we took one just this Friday in our "Tell America" effort.

Ted Jansen has stepped forward as Treasurer, and Carol as Historian. Thank you both so much.

We of course need, desperately need, a Secretary. And we also need to look to other ways to make 169 visible to the whole of Lake County. Thanks Don Lynch for your commitment with the Coffee Clutch idea—and your \$ to do it!

Coffee Clutch!



With Don Lynch's suggestion, initiative, and financing, we held our first Coffee Clutch on Tuesday, September 22 at Bob Evans. This

was Don's effort to try to make Chapter 169 more visible, and to get new members. This one was experimental and limited.

Five members came; Don, Harold Sievers, Charlie White, Don Van Beck, and Tom Thiel. Three guests came; former member Jack Strasser, Don Beissel, and Bob Peters of AmVets, a Vietnam Vet, who wants to develop some veteran visibility in Leesburg. He has invited us to participate with him. Strasser and Biessel both indicated they will become members.

We thank Don Lynch who paid a total of \$158 for a Daily Commercial ad and the buns and coffee.

Everyone thought the effort worthwhile. So, Don has arranged a second one. Next is the press release we issued.

"Chapter 169 of the Korean Veterans of Lake County Florida cordially invites all veterans who have ever served in Korea at any time to come to their Chapter's Coffee Clutch at the Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 905 Bichara Blvd, Lady Lake, FL on Tuesday, October 27, at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and a roll or muffin are free for nonmembers. Seating limited; for reservations, call: Harold Sievers 753-4929, Don Lynch (352) 748-7009, or Tom Thiel 357-3943. "

Note: seating is limited to 30 so you will have to make a reservation. Note also that members will be Dutch Treat.

If this goes well, we might next consider Perkins in Mount Dora and maybe a joint one with Chapter 188.

Christmas 2009!

Bob McGinty, Chair of the Christmas Committee, has again obtained the Mission Inn at Howey-in-the-Hills for our annual get together. It will be Wednesday, December 16; all be there no later than 11:15 a.m. The costs this year will be the same as last year: \$17 for the hot buffet, and \$14 for the cold. And it is time now to begin to compile our attendee list. Paul Russell, Carol Becker and Dick Pfahler are also on the committee.

Becker accepts Historian Role

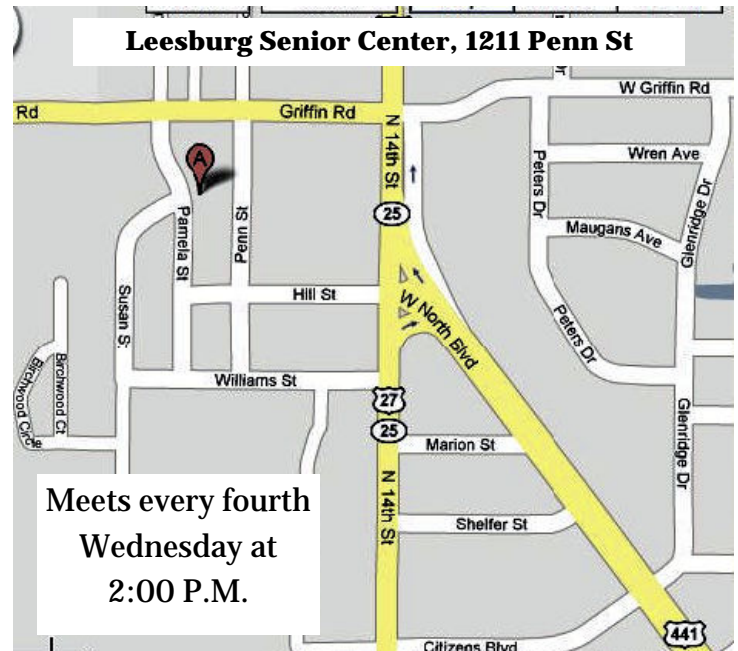
We are pleased to report that Carol Becker's most recent email is signed "Your Historian!" Thanks and welcome Carol.

One of our projects is to compile a complete file of current member photos; we have quite a few already. Carol is doing a book, so have your photo taken!

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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