

The Schuttlebutt

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Korean War Veterans of Lake County Florida, Inc, Chapter 169, Chartered 1998



What Veterans Don't Know by Ron Regan

Ron Regan presented a brief program aimed at providing veterans information on how to contact their various representatives and organizations to help them get answers to their questions.



Regan New Chapter Secretary

And we are happy to report that Ron also agreed to be Chapter 169 Secretary. Ron will be the one collecting 2010 dues.

**Your 2010
Dues are
Payable Now
Chapter \$10.
Dept of FL \$2.
Assoc. \$25.
See Ron Regan**

Laptop Computer Drawing

Jansen and Thiel obtained the laptop computer on October 30 from Office Depot for \$585 total; we have filed for the \$50 rebate and also hope to recover the sales tax (our card was no longer valid), which will then mean that its total cost was \$500.



at Office Depot.

The drawing will be held at our December 16 Christmas Party this year. The winner does not need to be present, but why not

come as the party this year promises to be better than ever.

We had received over 220 donations prior to our Oct. 28 meeting, so, Ted's drawing idea has come to fruition and any more donations are free and clear to the Chapter.

If you haven't sent us your tickets please do so right away.

It is a hp Pavilion dm3-1030us AMD Athlon Neo X2 13" Notebook Computer that has the new Windows 7 operating system.

Amazon.com lists it for \$610 today, so we got a good deal

Please Use & Return Your Drawing Tickets ASAP
Send to: Ted Jansen, 1507 W Lancaster Ave, Leesburg, FL, 34748

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Meet your new Chapter members!

Get reacquainted with Jack Strasser (right) who has renewed his membership in 169. Jack made me first aware of KWVA 169 quite a few years ago. We were in the same high school together, in the same draft pool, took basic with the same company at Camp Breckinridge and took the same ship to Japan. Jack served with the 1st Cav. 1951-52. tjt



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Guests, Jim Edmiston (left) of Leesburg, and Paul LaForme (right) of Fruitland Park. Jim served from 1955 to 57 on the USS Boxer, and Paul with the Air Force in 1951. Welcome Jim and Paul; we hope you will join with us.



Historian: Carol Becker has agreed to serve as Chapter Photographer and Historian, with some support from Gleason and Thiel to try to develop a narrative Chapter History. I was pleased to appoint Carol; a motion to approve the appointment was made, seconded and approved. Carol is building a new member photo and news article book, so any you note please pass to Carol. (Above photo: Carol with Bob Balzer past DoF President at Spring Convention.)

Pay your 2010 Dues now please.

\$10 Chapter; DoF \$2, and \$25 to the National Association.

Pay to Secretary Ron Regan either at the next meeting or mail to:

Ron Regan

28944-39 Hubbard St.

Leesburg FL 34748

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Membership and Funds!

	CURR
Total	63
Honorary	3
POW/MIA	3
Chapter Life	8
Honorary Life	2
Regular pay dues	47
Association	47

ITEM	CURR
Checking	\$ 700
Cert of Dep	\$3,557
Cash	\$ 0
Total	\$4,257



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.

Korean War DVDs
Gene Vollmer offering for a \$5.00 Chapter donation.

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

2010 Dues. The question was raised about dues in general, and especially for the Department of Florida assessment of \$2.00 per regular and Chapter life members. Motion made and approved to ask all regular and Chapter life members to contribute \$2.00 for the DoF annual assessment. Hence dues are now \$10.00 for annual members, and \$2.00 for DoF assessment for all regular and all life members. Association membership is \$25.00.

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Sick Call

Don Lynch had been released from hospital on Tuesday and was in attendance at Wednesday's meeting.

Bill Shumaker is still caring for Mrs. Shumaker; he thanked us for the card for Mrs, Shumaker.

Seivers reported that Art Canale doing well.

Seivers will check on Mr. Yohn on Thursday.

Are there any others in Chapter?

If you know of anyone ill please inform:

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**NEXT
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Christmas Party, Dec. 16

Our goal for this Christmas Party is to better integrate Chapters 188 and 169. That is why I asked Carol Becker to serve on the committee of McGinty & Becker, as co-chairs, Dick Pfahler, and Paul Russell.

We are again going to meet at the Mission Inn at the lower level. Meal charges are the same as last year, \$17 for the hot buffet, and \$14 for the cold. Beverage, gratuity and tax are included.

Please, everyone be there by 11:15 a.m. at the very latest.

Speaker, agenda and some other details remain to be developed.

We plan to have member recognitions, a 50:50 drawing that will encompass both chapters, and of course the drawing for the laptop computer.

There will be no color guard or installation of officers.

You must register and pay for your Luncheon by Dec 1. Pay Dick Pfahler or Secretary Ron Regan at Nov meeting or send check made out to KWVA Chapter 169 to Ron Regan (address on page 2). In the For line enter Christmas party.

We will have a registration table manned by Dick Pfahler and a 188 member. We will also ask Paul Russell to man a 50:50 table at registration area again with a fellow member from 188. We are suggesting: \$1/ticket, 3 for \$2, 8 for \$5. And finally, we want to allow guests to make last minute donations for entry into the laptop drawing.

Mark Your Calendars

November 8: The Villages Military Unit Softball...Tony Falo

November 10: Tell America at Carver School, 8 a.m., Tom Thiel

November 11: Veterans Day, The Villages Memorial, Color Guard & Members. 10 a.m. Harold Sievers

November 12 & 15: Publix at Bellevue, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Jackie Gleason to offer your help!

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

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

January fund raiser, Publix Lsbg.

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*

I do this column last because I want other items to come first, and we have a lot of other items this month.

Our chapter is finally beginning to revive after a long sleep. Not all if it is reviving yet, and we need to continue working on that. But there are great signs everywhere in this *Schuttlebutt!*

Yet there is so much more to do! We have taken but just the first step. And the journey is so long.

We have added 10 new members this year.

But these are all from our age group. We need to reach those who served in Korea after we did to the present! We need them to carry us onward on our journey, which is not infinite.

So, take a deep breath, and find the energy to make the way to keep us viable on into the future!

Time is of essence!

Fund Drive—Help!

Jackie Gleason has approval to raise funds at Publix in Bellevue on Thursday Nov 12 and Sunday Nov 15, from 10-4. **He needs your help.** New members, all members, get to know the Chapter better and help Jackie Gleason 352-245-9691.

Paul Russell and Ed Pilarski did daisy fund raisers at the Lake County Fairgrounds \$104, and at the Eustis Post office \$77, or a to-

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Coffee Clutch!



Last Schuttlebutt discussed Don Lynch's suggestion that we use a Coffee Clutch idea to make Chapter 169 more visible, and to grow

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

Again with Don's initiative, we held a second Coffee Clutch on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at Perkins in the Villages. This time it was Dutch Treat and we relied on free press coverage in about five outlets. So far as we know, only the Daily Commercial carried our release and no visitors came, but we did meet one prospect who was in Perkins.

Although this was disheartening, we discussed another effort under the Coffee Clutch idea. This is to invite by mail the 190 prospective members we have on three lists to a Dutch Treat (everyone pays their own way) at the Golden Coral in Leesburg at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13. Thiel will draft and have the post cards printed, and Joe Gruber will mail the post cards at chapter expense and handle responses and questions. Members are also urged to come to show a vibrant chapter to our guests. This first effort will be limited to Leesburg area prospects; depending on its result, we may do one or two more in the Villages and in the Triangle Area.

Don Lynch said he wants to do another Coffee Clutch; he is to do after first of the year and will keep us advised of his plans.

Tell America on Tues., Nov 10!

Bob Peters of AmVets invited us to participate in a November 10 **Breakfast with the Students at Carver School, 1200 Beecher St, Leesburg.**

White, Sievers, Pfahler, Van Beck, Regan, and Thiel are to participate; they are to be in uniform at school at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at school is at 8:30 a.m., and a flag-folding ceremony follows that. We are then to meet informally with the 8th grade students.

This is a major objective of the KWWA, telling America about the Korean War. And I am pleased that we are contributing to this activity. tjt

Korean War Veterans Helping Veterans

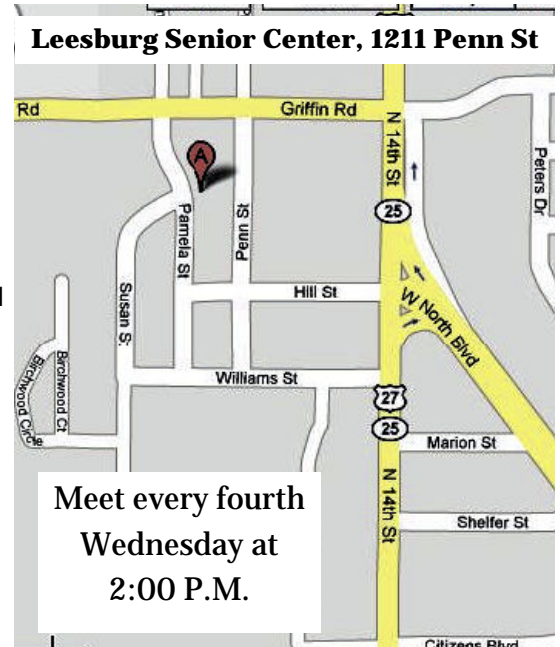
Founded in 1998 by Martin "Jackie" Gleason and Joseph Turner (deceased), The KWVA of Lake County, Chapter 169 strives to:

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

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tal of \$181.

Charlie White received approval from the Leesburg Publix for a January fund raiser, January because Nov and Dec have been taken by Salvation Army.



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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