

# The Schuttlebutt

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## Chapter 169 as we start 2010

The major story of this issue is the status of our chapter after January 1, 2010, and the new requirement that in order to be a Chapter member one must first or simultaneously be a member of the Association.

Some question the Association action; in reality it was our fellow members at the National Convention in Dallas last summer who expressed their view, not the Association leaders themselves. Had I been at the Dallas meeting I would have voted "yea." I believe that the KWVA is an association of Korean veterans and not individuals or Chapters acting alone. By being an Association we are able to do more for our cause than as individuals.

We get a lot for our Association dues: representation at the national and international levels, the Graybeards magazine six times a year, an excellent national web site, a national database, free web site hosting, and many other benefits.

Because of this new requirement, Chapter 169 has lost some long-time loyal and active members. We are truly sorry for their loss and will miss them.

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**Dutch Treat Luncheon**, from left: Paul Quillen\*, Charles Winegard\*, Don and Julie Van Beck, Dick Pfahler, Ed and Darleen Pilarski, Bill and Norma Butchart\*, Bill Sibler, Carol Becker, Joe and Nancy Gruber, Gene LaJunesse and Marti Rowland, Jack and Marjorie Reynolds\*, Jack and Dorothy Strasser, Bill Simunek, Tom Thiel, Ted and Marilyn Jansen, Almar Dasilvea, and John Yohn. Reynolds and Dasilva became our newest members on January 27! \* Guests. See Dutch Treat story on page 2.

## Dutch Treat at the Golden Corral

Joe Gruber and I invited about 80 of our fellow Korean Veterans, and their spouses or significant others to join with us on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the Golden Corral, Leesburg for a Dutch Treat Luncheon and social get together. We introduced our guests to Chapter 169, and its various programs.

Only five came, but that was fairly good as two of them have already become members!

But perhaps even better was the turnout of our Chapter members and spouses and significant others who unanimously said that they wanted to do it again.

So, we plan to do just that. Keep tuned for more information on the next one that we are tentatively planning for March or April.

## Meet Your New Members



Jack D. Reynolds of Leesburg who served with the 1st Calvary Division 1951-52. Jack and his wife, Marjorie attended the Dutch Treat at the Golden Corral. Welcome Jack!



Almar J. Dasilva also of Leesburg who also served with the 1st Calvary as well as the 3rd. Almar also attended the Dutch Treat Luncheon at the Golden Corral. Welcome Almar!

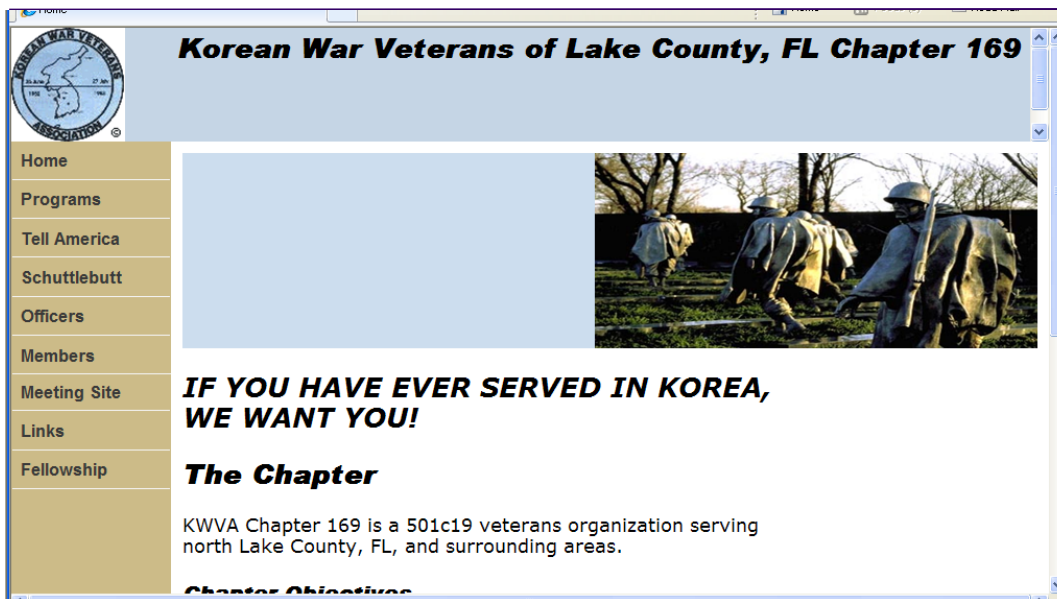
## Coffee Clutch

Don Lynch organized and sponsored a Coffee Clutch at Perkins in the Villages on Jan 26. Nine had called him to make reservations; two of those persons actually attended. But two others came without reservations. Joe Gruber who lives very nearby helped Don represent the Chapter.

Don has made a great contributions in his Coffee Clutch efforts (\$100 for this one alone for which we will show as a Booster in kind contribution). We sincerely appreciate Don's effort; maybe we can try to combine our Dutch Treat and Coffee Clutch ideas.

**Member's Dues Dates**—At the Member meeting on January 27, we unanimously approved changing Chapter dues renewal dates to correspond to the Association Dues date. Members with dates prior to July 1, 2010 are listed below. Please use the form on page 5 to renew. Thank you.

LNAME	FNAME	ASSOC	A DUE DT
Grebe	Robert P	R040748	11/24/09
McMahon	Murray D	R024785	01/01/10
Back	William E	R024207	02/11/10
Veliky	Donald J	R041034	03/25/10
Schuetz	Al	R041059	04/06/10
McGinty	Robert A	LR10362	05/15/10
Shumaker	William D	R041142	05/27/10



dated, and I would be most pleased to have your comments and suggestions. Joan Klawunn is helping.

To those of you who are not too up to speed on computers, I urge you also to support this effort.

All younger people today live and communicate in the digital computer world.

If we want to touch them, then we must also be in that same world.

If we do not, who will fold our flags at Bushnell? Tom Thiel

<http://cid169.kwvachapters.org>

Between Christmas and New Years, a varying number of circumstances led me to develop a new chapter web site, the front page of which is shown above. This is my first effort at placing a site on the web. I did it with a web site writing program, Microsoft's

Expressions Web, that allowed me to take a template and replace its content with our content. It is on the Association's server and costs us nothing to keep up on the Internet.

It is already being revised and up-

**Canned Food**

**Clothing**

**Clean & folded in bags.**

**We need a member to handle this program. Need to pick up at our meetings and take to the Leesburg Food Bank.**

**Last minute:** Don Van Beck and Tom Thiel will appear on **Salute!** Channel 22 (Comcast) on Feb 9 (Tentative), also 199, and one more that I forgot.

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January 4, 2010

Mr. President, Board Members, and Members:

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I've decided not to renew my membership for 2010.

My philosophy on political correctness concerning 169 protocol with State and National dues is taking the wrong road. This is my opinion.

Respectfully,

*Paul D. Russell*  
Paul D. Russell

*Note: I found an envelope with note asking that contents be read at Chapter Meeting; unfortunately, I didn't find until two days after the meeting. So am printing instead. Hope OK. TJJ*

# Sick Call

**Jackie Gleason** is back after a nearly five week battle to correct his chemical levels; we were most pleased that he was at the January meeting.

And we've learned that **Art Canale** held a flag at the Villages Memorial on Jan 27; glad to hear that Art!

**John Yohn** was at our January meeting but is still struggling to get back to normal.

If you know of anyone ill please inform:

Chaplain Harold Sievers  
352-753-4929, colsievers2@aol.com

## Membership and Funds!

	Dec	Jan	ITEM	AMT
Total	63	49	Starting	\$2,017
Honorary	2	1	Deposits	\$ 282
POW/MIA	3	3	Checks	\$ 262
Chapter Life	11	6	Balance	\$2,037
Regular pay dues	47	39	Money Mkt	\$3,620
Association	48	50	Scholarship	\$ 450

## Next Tell America Presentation

St. Paul's Catholic School, 1320 Sunshine Avenue, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 787-4657 (see map below)

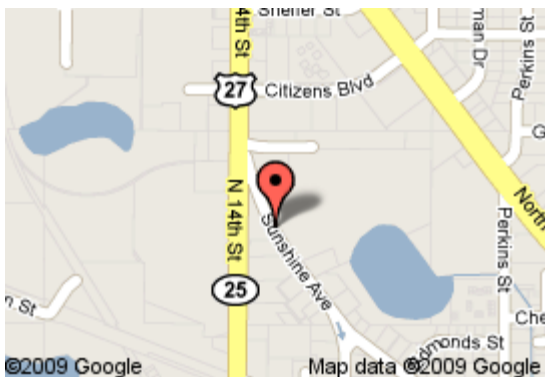
We need to be there by 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2. Call Dick Pfahler, 352-787-4681, to let him know if you will be there.



"This certificate of Excellence awarded to Tom Thiel for outstanding performance as President and Newsletter Editor." Signed and presented by Jackie Gleason, Founder.

## Mark Your Calendars

- Feb. 2 Tell America at St. Paul's Catholic School, 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 24 Member Meeting, 2:00 at Sr. Center.
- Mar. 24 Member meeting, 2:00 at Leesburg Senior Center
- Apr. 28 Member meeting, 2:00 at Leesburg Senior Center
- May 7-8 DoF Convention: Chapter 199, Bradenton



But our mission continues and we will go on. There is no other option; rules are rules.

Membership at end of 2009 was 63 total; 2 Hon, 3 POW, 11 Life, and 47 Regular. We had ten new or renewing members or about a 20 percent increase in 2009: Strasser, Regan, Olson, Hanold, Laten, Carli, Gaston, Zettlemoyer, Shumaker, and Schuetz.

Death claimed two members-- Frank M. Hardy, and Joseph J Martin. Association membership nearly doubled with the addition of 24 "new" for the 2009 extended

year to a total of 54 Association members. At year end we removed from our roster: Robert Johnson (moved to Chapter 173), James Ralston (life member but unable to locate), and Celia Marcelle. Twenty-three had not paid their dues, while thirty-four had completed all requirements for 2010 membership.

At Wednesday's meeting we changed our bylaws so that Chapter dues and Association dues are now both due on the same date.

Based upon this new membership criterion, membership after Wednesday's meeting now stands at 47 total; that consists of 37 regu-

lar, 3 POW, 6 chapter life, and one honorary. To that we added two new members, Reynolds and Dasilva bringing us to 49 total.

We have asked Association to remove four members who have been listed as inactive for a long time (Gavura, Lucas, Russell and Williams), and one listed as active who stated his intention to not renew (Vollmer). This therefore means that as of this date all Chapter members are also paid members of the Association.

We are hopeful that some of the members who have not paid their dues will indeed do so and that we will grow back rather quickly. TJT

## KWVA CHAPTER 169 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2010

**If Your Membership Has Expired, Please renew now!**

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY: DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2010

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (if changed): \_\_\_\_\_ (APT/SUITE/LOT # \_\_\_\_\_)

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ +4 \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 169 Dues: \$10.00, Amt Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dept of FL Dues: \$2.00, Amt Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Requested of all Regular and Life Members

Assoc. (Nat'l) Dues: \$25.00, Amt Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Assoc. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Boosters: Amt Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that by paying my Chapter dues I am entitled to participate in membership meetings and activities, receive the *Schuttlebutt* either by email or snail mail, vote, and serve as a chapter officer, director, committee or color guard member.

Make Check Payable to KWVA Chapter 169; mail to: KWVA, Chapter 169, P.O. Box 491428, Leesburg, FL 34849-1428.

## ***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!

<— Left: At the Jan. 23 DFL Council meeting in Gainesville. From left: Van Beck, Gruber, Sievers, Thiel, Becker and Jansen.



**Meet every fourth  
Wednesday at  
2:00 P.M.**

**Please help us cut mailing costs and efforts. Send an email to [kwva169@gmail.com](mailto: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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