

The Schuttlebutt

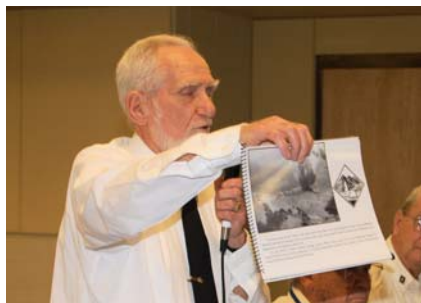
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Tell America at St. Paul's School

February 2 saw the Chapter's Tell America team at St. Paul's Catholic School on Sunshine Avenue, Leesburg. We engaged in lively dialog with a large assemblage of very sharp St. Paul's students, some of whom are shown in the group photo below.



Dick Pfahler (left) told the students his story of the USS St. Paul and the Korean orphans of Fushi-to island. Ron Regan (right)



told of his experiences on Okinawa.



Students had many, from the heart, questions that lasted for some 45 minutes or more. One of

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Tell America at St. Paul's Catholic School, 1320 Sunshine Avenue, Leesburg, (352) 787-4657, February 2, 2010. Front from left: Dick Pfahler, Tom Thiel, Ron Regan, and Charlie White with some of the students from St. Paul's.

Coffee Clutch-Mar 23

Don Lynch has been organizing and sponsoring Coffee Clutches to try to inform the public of the KWVA. The first was at Bob Evans and two at Perkins in the Villages area. So far the results are somewhat discouraging as only the Bob Evans produced any significant result.

But this has not dissuaded Don as he has organized yet another on March 23 at 27811 US Highway 27, South of Leesburg near Publix. This one is from 8:30 to 9:30 as they have reservations after that.

It is important that as many members come to this event as possible so that our guests that do come will be impressed with the Chapter. **Call Don at (352) 748-7009 to let him know that you will be there.**

We sincerely appreciate Don's great contributions in his Coffee Clutch efforts, and have partially credited him for his personal funding of this effort in our Boosters list which will appear in the next newsletter.

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these asked: "would you serve again?" Our collective answers were: "yes if we



he arrived in Korea.

We were most happy to receive sixteen neatly hand written letters thanking us for coming and telling what impressed them the most. Many expressed surprise that the Korean War has never ended and that only a cease-fire still exists. They were surprised also that we still have a large number of U.S. troops stationed in Korea and that there is a demilitarized zone separating North and South Korea. All-in-all this was one great experience for us I am sure, and I believe also for the students of St. Paul's! I hope we can go back again.



were fit and if our country asked us." Charlie White (above) told about his narrow escape as a marine in Korea shortly after the cease fire was implemented, and Tom Thiel (left) told about his first realization that an enemy sharpshooter had him specifically in his rifle sights shortly after

Dutch Treat at the Golden Coral

Joe Gruber and I invited about 80 known fellow Korean Veterans, and their spouses or significant others to join with us on January 13, 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. And we welcomed two new members from that effort.

We wanted to do it again in early

March at a location near the Villages, but we ran into difficulties finding a place to accommodate us.

Don Lynch and Joe Gruber are continuing this effort, and we are hopeful that one can be arranged for April.

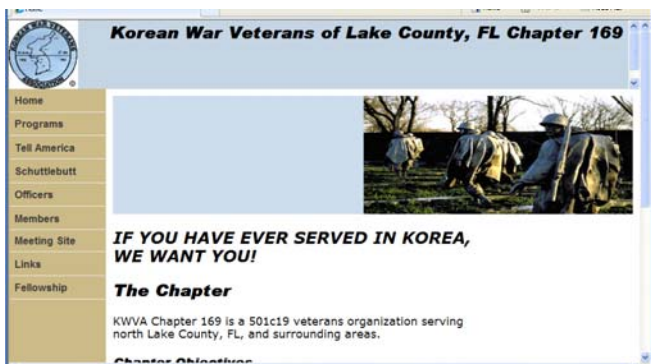
Also, we are thinking of using these Dutch Treats as a Chapter Social Activity and invite our wives and significant others.

Canned Food & Clothing

Clean & folded in bags.

Bring to the next meeting.

Dick Pfahler will accept and deliver your donations to the Leesburg Food Bank or other bona fide charity.



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We are modifying the original Chapter web site and hope to greatly improve it, so please visit the site and let us know what you want to see changed.

Fund Raising (VP Charlie White et al)

Feb 5 and 6 Fund Drive at Palm Plaza Publix. Charlie White and Don Van Beck et al took in approximately \$500, which was shared equally between the Chapter and the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park. There was discussion that it may be better in the future for each to hold their own fund raisers as identities were not clear.

Since 2010 is 60th Anniv of start of the Korean War, we should plan to have shared Tell America/Fund Raiser events scheduled for June and July. This is an action item to be planned as soon as possible.

Members; your time and presence is needed. There is not much to do. Wear your cap and a uniform if you have one.

Help carry your load; call Charlie now! 787-1885!

Department of Florida (DFL):

We paid our Chapter Department of Florida assessment of \$90 for 45 "billable" members. There was a long discussion of role and function of DFL. States with more than three Chapters are required to have a Department; Departments are funded by the Chapters. Our assessment is presently \$2.00/member.

The Convention will be May 7-8, 2010 at Bradenton (Courtyard of Marriott). **All Chapter members are urged to attend.** This is one of the primary functions of the DFL—a Korean Vet Reunion. The Council meets on Friday, and the Convention is Saturday.

Thiel and Bernat are consulting with the Department on the DFL web site.

Lake Montessori

At the invitation of Harold Sievers, Charlie, Dick and Thiel joined Harold and several of his Adopt-a-kid/ Adopt-a-Vet partners at the Lake Montessori school in Leesburg on Tuesday February 23. At this writing we are still waiting for photos from the Daily Sun and will report on this effort in the next newsletter. There is one photo on page 8.

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**Korean War Veterans Assoc., Chapter 169
2010 Fund Raiser**

Win a laptop computer valued at \$500.00 or more
With windows 7 operating system.

\$5.00 Donation drawing to be held 7/21/2010

Winner need not be present; responsible for picking
up or shipping. **436**

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WIN A LAPTOP COMPUTER

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Laptop Drawing – Ted Jansen with Joan Bernat making the tickets. Tickets were ready for pick up. They are numbered and with stubs to meet some of the objections raised last time. Drawing to be held at the July member meeting. Some members picked up tickets after Wednesday’s meeting; all other members will be sent five tickets. Ted urged members actively seek donations. We plan to make them available to the public at our regular fund raisers. Our 2009 laptop raffle netted us over \$700; lets try to achieve more this year. Funds are needed to support our current and expanded Chapter activities. Promote these tickets, please!

Membership and Funds! Sick Call

	Jan	Feb
Total	49	49
Honorary	1	1
POW/MIA	3	3
Chapter Life	6	6
Regular pay dues	39	39
Association	50	47

ITEM	AMT
Starting	\$1,866
Deposits	\$ 301
Checks	\$ 155
Balance	\$2,013
Money Mkt	\$3,031
Scholarship	\$ 475

John Yohn called to say that his medical condition has affected him to the extent that he does not anticipate being able to participate for at least six months. We wish John and Mrs. Yohn well.

If you know of anyone ill please inform:

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

Tom Thiel

Next Tell America

We do not have a Tell America program date established. Dick Pfahler has suggested and is working toward one at First Baptist Church, North 13th Street, Leesburg. Be on the lookout. Also, suggest or make arrangements in your area. And, we would like you to join with us and Tell America.

KWVA CHAPTER 169 SCHEDULE

DATE	ITEM	COMMENTS	TIME
Tuesday, March 23, 2010	Coffee Clutch	Perkins, Rt 27 S Leesburg	8:30 AM
Wednesday, March 24, 2010	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Saturday, March 27, 2010	Fund raiser and Tell America	Umatilla Bear Fest	8 to 8
Friday, April 09, 2010	Ex-POW Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 28, 2010	Member annual picnic	Hickery Point, Tavares	PM
Friday, May 07, 2010	DFL Council Meeting	Bradenton	PM
Saturday, May 08, 2010	DFL Convention	Bradenton	10 to 9
Saturday, May 15, 2010	Peace Officers Memorial	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Saturday, May 22, 2010	VMFP Ground Breaking	Leesburg	11:00 AM
Wednesday, May 26, 2010	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Monday, May 31, 2010	Memorial Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM

Last Minute Addition

Fund Raiser

March 27

Umatilla Bear Fest

All Day

Call Charlie or Tom
if you can help.



February Member Meeting Highlights

There were a total of 25 at our February 24 member meeting: 20 members and 5 guests. Officers and Directors present were Thiel, Gruber, Jansen, Pfahler, Van Beck, Sievers, and Gleason.

We welcomed guests: Tim Eicher, Nick Merlino, Carl Russell and Jim Edminston all of Leesburg, and David Lavery of The Villages. Carl and Jim have visited us before. They will all receive copies of this *Schuttlebutt* as well as a sign-up sheet.

We hope to welcome them as members at our March meeting. Four members paid their dues.

We passed no new motions at this meeting. Motions passed last month were read.

- We sent \$100 to the Salvation Army in response to the Haiti relief effort.
- Changed the Chapter dues date to correspond to Association dues date, and eliminated Chapter Life Membership.
- Nominated and sent in our nominee for the DFL Eddie Ko Award, and
- Approved a \$30.00 advertisement in the 2010 Department of Florida Convention Program, which also has been sent.

Membership Report

- Membership 49: 1 HON, 1 GSS, 3 POW, 5 Life, and 39 Regular.
- Twelve members as of now have not renewed: Carl and Mary Cain, Tom Gavura, Bob Grebe, Don Hathaway, Phil Hollenbeck, David Lucas, Murray McMahon, Phil Paden, Paul Russell, Gene Vollmer, and Joe Williams. All have been contacted.
- Your Dues payable date will regularly be listed on the next to last page in *Schuttlebutt*.

Fund Raising/Tell America displays. Consensus was that we need to have display panels. Joe Gruber to call Association Tell America chair to ask how to obtain. Thiel also developing ideas for a custom one for our Chapter.

Sergeant at Arms—Ed Pilarski. Per Chapter Bylaws, the Sgt at Arms is responsible for the Color Guard. Ed along with Charlie White will provide leadership for our Color Guard. Ed will obtain our flags. Ed appealed for new Color Guard members.

Chaplain – Harold Sievers is responsible for the Sunshine and Assistance and Aid Committees. Harold needs members to help him.

- Sunshine Committee, sends get well cards—member needed to assist with this.
- Assistance and Aid Committee, which handles members, veterans, etc.; for the Leesburg Food Bank and other charities. Dick Pfahler volunteered to collect and dispense food and clothing.
- Leesburg Senior Center—Jansen and Thiel met with Center personnel and delivered a \$100 donation check. Note: we do not pay for our meeting room.

Historian – Carol Becker—Photographer. We need to write a narrative historical document soon to use with the Chapter's new web site. Joan Bernat said she would collect and compile Chapter historical information.

Quartermaster – Gleason

- Chapter Caps on hand (6). Note that caps are given with all new memberships
- Medallions (small) on hand (4). Note that medallions are awarded as recognition for Chapter efforts.
- Medallions (larger) to recognize anniversary of the Korean War. Thiel to call Eddie Ko and Jim Bradford regarding

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any upcoming opportunities to obtain these.

Newsletter Editor—Thiel—wants material from members, deadline is Tuesday after meeting.

Public Relations Committee – Ron Regan.

- Current effort to get an article in the Daily Commercial. Note: the photo of Thiel with Jackie Gleason’s plaque with brief by-line about Eddie Ko Award appeared in Daily-Commercial on Friday, Feb. 26.
- Thiel writes and sends the regular monthly meeting announcements to the press. He asks that someone provide him with copies that appear in papers.
- Joan Bernat mentioned the need for us to obtain good quality photographs of Chapter activities to be used with our publicity and other efforts.

By Laws and Procedures Committee and Judge Advocate – per our bylaws they are to be reviewed every 5 yrs.

Activities Committee – Chair Needed

- Picnic Committee—Charlie White, Ed Pilarski and Jackie Gleason will serve as committee and proceed with the fourth Wed in April. April 28.

- Other Activities—Dutch Treat Social Luncheon—want to do this.

- Christmas Committee—McGinty—Becker Co Chairs.

Audit Committee – when needed

Veterans Affairs Service Committee – Bob McGinty

Scholarship Committee – Ted Jansen, Chair.

- Extensive discussion of how to proceed. AFROTC Leesburg (Sievers), Civil Air Patrol (Regan), Eustis, Tavares and Bellevue High Schools also mentioned.
- Want the Chapter to be recognized.
- Pres Thiel wants to tie scholarship with our Tell America program. Proposal: develop a Scholarship or Classroom award amount, publicize and ask for invitations to come to their school and do a Tell America presentation. Students submit essays and we select winners and make awards.

Veterans Memorial Fountain Park – VanBeck

- Has obtained insurance. Participating in a Eustis Days booth 84 on Feb. 26.
- Ground breaking Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Chapter Color guard and all members should attend.

- Don Van Beck and Thiel appeared on the Veterans Salutes on Lake TV program.

Chapter Awards Committee: Gleason, Yohn, White, and Gruber.

- Pre-Approve Chapter awards, BOD confirm.
- Eddie Ko Award submission has been sent to Joan Arcand. (Note: in an announcement from DFL received Feb. 26, Secretary Arcand says “This is the final year for this Award...”)
- Should establish Chapter Eddie Ko award (December or January meetings), motion – action item for next meeting.

Nominations & Installations Committee: Gleason, Sievers, Lynch.

Old Business:

169 Web Site: Under revision—added Fushi-to, etc. Also want to add key words to enhance Google finding us. One of our guests said they used the web site to find where we met.

New Business: none

Good of the Chapter:

Next Mtg: March 24 at Sr. Center.

Fifty-Fifty: \$30 total, \$15 to guest Carl Russell

Salute

Prayer

Adjourn

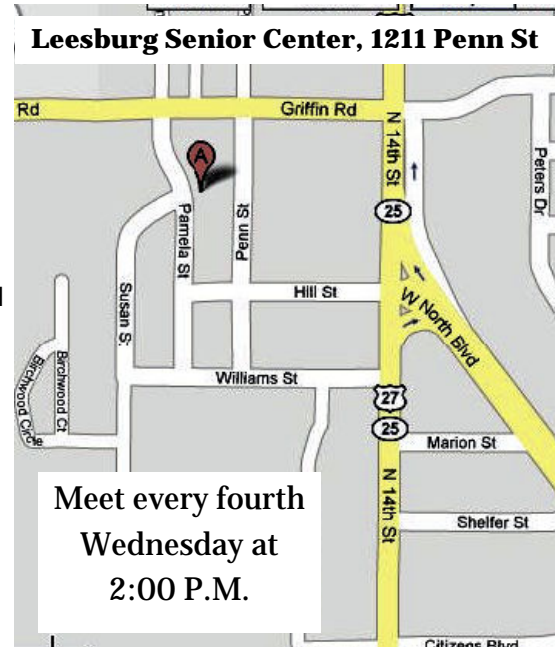
Korean Veterans Helping Veterans

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: Tom Thiel at Lake Montessori School on Feb. 23 with his two students, Caylee (in red) and Amani (in green). Pfahler in background.

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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