

# The Schuttlebutt

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## Lake Montessori School

We were most pleased to have been invited by Harold Sievers to participate with the Adopt a Kid/Adopt a Vet Program on Feb. 23 at Lake Montessori in Leesburg.



Mrs. Grimes' sixth grade Lake Montessori Class at Memorial

Charlie White, Dick Pfahler and Tom Thiel participated along of course with Harold who is one of the program's developers. There was a large contingent from The Villages too.

A little different than our past Tell America school efforts, AK/AV is a more

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## We welcome four new members; plus five guests!

We welcomed four new members at March's Member Meeting, thanks to a couple of members' special efforts.

Ron Regan's publicity effort culminated in Lori Carter, Special reporter with the Orlando Sentinel interviewing President Thiel for an article that appeared on Page J9 of the March 21, 2010 Sunday Sentinel under "One of us: Tom Thiel, Eustis vet teaches Korean War to kids."

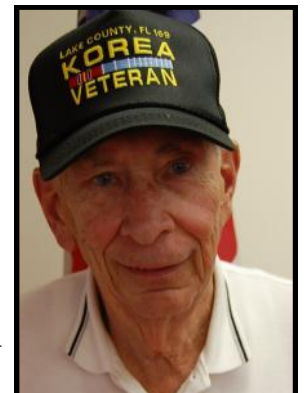
Don Lynch's effort revolved around his Coffee Clutch idea; while only three guests and one spouse came, all three became members the following day! And thanks to Harry Olson for funding the Clutch!



Meet our youngest member, **Dwight Brown** (left). Dwight served with the 2nd ID in Korea from 1974 to 1977. Dwight is a numismatist (coin and money collector) specializing in Korean currency with one of the

largest collections known; Dwight lives in Lady Lake.

Next meet **Richard Christie**, of Mount Dora. Richard served



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with the Army in Korea in 1952-53. He didn't indicate his Division but served with HQ.

Next meet **Clarence Slusher**. Clarence who lives in Tavares, served two tours in Korea, in 1961-62 with the 633rd Engineers, and in 1964-65 with I Corps, Eighth Army. Clarence also served a tour in Vietnam.



All of the above photos were by Carol Becker, and she took others as well, including the one right of **Arthur Burke**. A long time member, Mr. Burke is in travel status a lot and recently underwent a difficult dual knee replacement. We hope to see you more regularly, Arthur.



Last but not least meet **Harvey Strausbaugh**, who is a snowbird from St. Clairesville, OH. Harvey served in the 24th Infantry's 34th Regiment from May to Nov. of 1953. Harvey, who is interested in joining our color guard, will be back this fall. He didn't leave a local address.

We also had five guests visit us at our last meeting: **Dan Drake, Duane Hall, and Tom Biltz**, all of



Leesburg; **Ken Cook** of Tavares; and **Jess Meado** of Illinois. We will try to see that each of these folks receive a *Schuttlebutt*. Carol didn't get a photo of all of them, but those



she did take are Ken Cook (left above) and Daniel Drake (right).

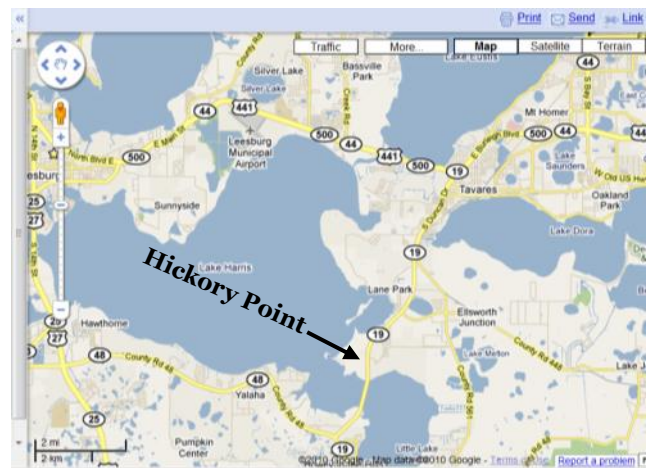
**Welcome Dwight, Richard, Clarence and Harvey! We are most appreciative of your choice to join with Chapter 169!**

Unfortunately, there is a bit of sad news to come our way; Audley Hanold will be heading back to Pennsylvania. Best wishes, Audley!

## Annual Picnic – April 28th – Hickory Point



Members and spouses or significant others—please come to our Annual Picnic from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Hickory Point Park on SR19 south of Tavares. Burgers, hot dogs, buns, relishes, soft drinks, etc., will be provided; but members please bring a covered dish.



We counted about 23 planning on coming at the March meeting; but we urge all members to come. If you are coming and were not counted at the March meeting, please give Charlie White a call (352) 787-1885 so that he can plan.



## Vets Mem. Fountain Park

Ground breaking Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Chapter Color Guard and all members should attend.

All Chapter 169 members are eligible to have their name on the VMFP because the idea originated in Chapter 169.

Everyone who has become a KWVA member after June 1, 2009, please send a copy of your DD-214, or equivalent documentation, to Don Van Beck, Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, 411 Main Street, Leesburg, 34748.

Be certain to mark on it that you are a member of KWVA Chapter 169 and to have it marked to the attention of Mr. Van Beck.

## Public Affairs Ron Regan

Ron's effort resulted in items in the Daily Commercial, Triangle Shopping Guide, and most recently in the Orlando Sentinel Lake Sunday Mar. 21. Feature article. This resulted in many calls.

Ron gave toll free number for reaching congress persons and senators 877-762-8762, but you need to know who you are calling. He also gave number of Lake County VA 352-742-6585.

## Fund Raising (VP Charlie White et al)

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. Call Charlie White 352-787-1885 or Joe Gruber 352-750-0286 to help.

## Department of Florida (DFL):

We paid our Chapter Department of Florida assessment of \$90 for 45 "billable" members. Departments are funded by the Chapters. Our assessment is presently \$2.00/member-year.

Council Meeting Report—DFL wants us to print and distribute but that is a large print job. Thiel to send by email but not snail mail. This report changed positively to carry most Chapter Reports.

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.

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<b>Korean War Veterans Assoc., Chapter 169</b> <b>2010 Fund Raiser</b>  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.	<b>436</b>  <b><u>WIN A LAPTOP COMPUTER</u></b>  Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
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Laptop Drawing – Ted Jansen with Joan Bernat making the tickets. Tickets were ready for pick up. Drawing to be held at the July member meeting. Tickets are numbered and with stubs to meet some of the objections raised last time. All members should now have tickets; we urge you to sell tickets to your friends and associates, or obtain them yourselves. 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!

## Foster Care for Veterans

For two months last spring Jack, a 79-year-old former Air Force sergeant, lived in a nursing facility that he found to be sterile and lonely. In May, Jack grabbed an op-opportunity to move in with Geraldine Carr, 53, and her family in Memphis, Tenn. He now has his own room and receives 24-hour care as part of the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Medical Foster Care Program. Vets pay between \$1,500 and \$4,000 a month to their caregivers. Jack, whose last name is withheld due to privacy concerns, is among the more than 600 veterans nationwide to be placed in private homes since 2000. The program now operates in 25 cities and serves vets who need nursing home level care. “It’s one million times better [than the nursing facility],” says Jack of the Carrs’ home. For information, call 202-461-6786 or e-mail [thomas.edes@va.gov](mailto:thomas.edes@va.gov). —Michelle Diamant (AARP Mag.) (Sub. by Don Lynch.)

<b>Boosters</b>		
LNAME	FNAME	BST10
Burke	Arthur L	\$13
Canale	Art	\$63
Falo	Anthony R	\$10
Houp	James	\$10
Lynch	Donald J	\$120
Morford	Ted	\$100
Olson	Harry	\$100
Pilarski	Edward	\$13
Rodgers	John R	\$13
Strausbaugh	Harvey E	\$8
Thiel	Tom J	\$13
White	Charles W	\$5

## Future Schedule

DATE	ITEM	COMMENTS	TIME
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
Monday, June 14, 2010	Flag Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 23, 2010	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Sunday, July 04, 2010	Independence Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	2:00 PM
Tuesday, July 27, 2010	Korean War Armistice	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Wednesday, July 28, 2010	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM



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one-to-one program. Although the Village Sun was there in strength taking video and still photographs, all email requests to date for copies have been ignored. So we will do with the few we obtained.



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

Dick Pfahler is in the background with the two students he met with.

On Tuesday, Mar. 16, Mrs. Grimes, brought her entire class to The Villages Veterans Memorial for a ceremony and an on the grass picnic lunch of the Veterans with their student or students.



Left: Dick Pfahler with one of his students, Brendon Perkins, who won one of the best essay awards.

Right are Caylee (left) and Amani with Tom Thiel.



Left, Harold Sievers, moderator, with the second essay award winner.

Last but not least, below are Charlie White with his student and two of her friends.

This was another great event!



## Membership and Funds!

	Feb	Mar
Total	49	55
Honorary	1	1
POW/MIA	3	3
Chapter Life	6	6
Regular pay dues	39	45
Association	47	49

ITEM	AMT
Starting	\$1,924
Deposits	\$ 659
Checks	\$ 376
Balance	\$2,206
CD	\$3,532
Scholarship	\$ 475

## Sick Call

Mrs. Yohn has been admitted to hospital.

If you know of anyone ill please inform:

Chaplain Harold Sievers, 352-753-4929

colsievers2@aol.com or

Tom Thiel



# Where art thou?



I hate to be a continual beggar! But that is what I have had to become. And I might say with

only limited success!

Ted Morford went to Tennessee over eight months ago, and we still do not have a Secretary. So, I am forced to beg at each meeting. And it nets me near zero!

Joe Gruber has volunteered to be Acting Sec., and takes some notes, but we still have no Secretary. And our bylaws prevent me from being both President and Secretary.

Fund Raising.

Fund raising is another display of member apathy.

Only a very few of our members have helped with raising funds. All members should!

The Umatilla Bear Fest Fund Raiser on March 27 is the latest example of member apathy.

My email to all members with

email addresses asking for members to support fund raising and Tell America at the Bear Fest event received no (o) email replies, and only one (negative) phone reply.

(Actually, I receive very few emails from our members thereby leaving me in a quandary as to whether anyone even receives my emails!)

Initially, six members had agreed to help at the Fest; of those, two canceled at the very end because of illness, and two others for personal reasons.

Joe Gruber and Charlie White manned the table for about three hours (I was there for some of that time, but left because of illness).

They netted a grand total of \$1.00! Hence the Fest was disappointing from two perspectives: 1) the venue was not favorable, and 2) the members showed lack of support. (I do not accept that item 1 above in any way justifies item 2.)

Why Fund Raisers in the first place, after all most of you paid your dues! (And I do mean most, not all.)

What do we do with our money? Well, lets examine that. None of our honorary, POW, and Life members pay dues. Then, we are required to pay \$2.00 for each Chapter member to the Department for their support.

And each of you receives the *Schuttlebutt*. It costs about \$1.00 to copy and mail a single copy! Hence, if you get your *Schuttlebutt* mailed by USPS, that more than eats up your dues! So, for those in this group, we have expended \$14 for this item alone! Those of you getting the *Schuttlebutt* by email helps us a lot!

This leaves us very little to support our activities like Tell America, the Color Guard, efforts to obtain new members, scholarships, operations, Department of Florida, etc.

So, members, we need Fund Raisers, and we need you to help with them!

We want to have several in the June-July time frame to highlight the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War. Won't you help, Please.

Tom Thiel, President

## Coffee Clutch-Mar 23 Don Lynch contin-

ues organizing and sponsoring Coffee Clutches to try to inform the public of the KWVA, and to obtain new members. Early results were somewhat discouraging but the March 23 one at Perkins at 27811 US Highway 27, South of Leesburg was the most fruitful, yielding three new members. We thank Harry Olson for paying for this one too!

## Elder Affairs

Elder Affairs is a State of Florida guide to Senior Citizens. Ron Regan points out that you may request your free subscription at <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us> or from the Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-7000, ph: 850-414-2000.





## ***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!

### ***Canned Food & Clothing***

**Bring to the next meeting. Clean & folded in bags.**

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

**Leesburg Senior Center, 1211 Penn St**



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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