

# The Schuttlebutt

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Inc, Chapter 169, Chartered 1998 <http://cid169.kwvachapters.org>



## Annual Picnic was great!



We were very pleased to have 30 members, spouses and significant others, and guests at this year's Annual Picnic, which was held on Wednesday, April 28, at Hickory Point pavilion in Tavares.

We thank Charlie White, Jackie Gleason and Joe Gruber for serving as the organizing committee.

We also thank Carol Becker for her special efforts with capturing attendance, conducting the 50:50 (which was won by Don Lynch), and for taking photos. We also thank Harold Sievers for the prayers.

Those attending were: Carol Becker, Ralph Bessette\*, Jack Bouhall\*, Dwight and Kim Brown, Arthur

Burke, Richard and Judy Christie, Martin "Jackie" and Monique Gleason, Joe and Lorene Gruber, Ted and Marilyn Jansen, Don Lynch, Bob and Chris McGinty, Dick and Vi+ Pfahler, Harold Sievers, Clarence and Carolyn Slusher, Jack and Dottie Strasser, Tom Thiel, Don Van Beck+, and Charlie White and Dee Adams.

Joan and Paul Klawunn also came but didn't stay because they brought their doggy, which is not permitted by the park.

\*Ralph and Jack were invited guests; + Don left before photo taken, and Vi Pfahler took the above group photo.

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A cake helped remind us it is the 60th Anniversary of the Korean war.

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## Membership

We welcome **Robert Hacket** as the newest member of Chapter 169. Bob served in Korean waters with the US Navy from March to July 1953, and again from May of 1955 to July 1957. Bob and Shirley live at 16834 SE 77th Northridge Ct, The Villages, 32162-8362. Welcome!! Robert, we'll want to take your photo at the next meeting.

Robert, along with Dwight Brown, Dick Christie, Clarence Slusher, and Harvey Strausbaugh from our April group, and Jack Reynolds and Almar Dasilva who joined in January of make up seven new members so far this year.

This is great, of course, but unfortunately we continue to lose members who have not paid from the roster at the same time.

This leaves us with the membership as follows: 6 Life, 45 Regular, 2 POW, and 1 Special Honorary for a total of 54, the same as last month.

The Association's Membership database shows 52; it excludes our Honorary and our GS Spouse members.

This marks the first time I'm aware of in our Chapter's existence that all Chapter members are paid up Association members! Thank you all!

## Chapter Funding

### Current Funds

Ted Jansen reports that our funds in Checking as of Mar. 1, 2010 were \$2,074.46 and our ending balance on March 27 was \$2,338.41. The scholarship account remains at \$475, and the amount in our CD \$3,532.29.

### Laptop Drawing

*someone at one of our other meetings to contribute the \$5.00 for the ticket so that we can realize more donated moneys from the drawing.*

### Fund Raising

Since 2010 is 60th Anniversary of start of the Korean War, we should plan to have several shared Tell America/Fund Raiser events scheduled for June and

July. I'm thinking that maybe we could plan for several over the two months—Belvedere Publix, in the Villages area, Publix in Leesburg, Publix in Lake Square Mall area, Publix in Eustis, and perhaps others. Our goal ought to be at least \$2,500 total.

<p><b>Korean War Veterans Assoc., Chapter 169</b> <b>2010 Fund Raiser</b></p> <p>Win a laptop computer valued at \$500.00 or more With windows 7 operating system.</p> <p>\$5.00 Donation drawing to be held 7/21/2010</p> <p>Winner need not be present; responsible for picking up or shipping. <span style="float: right;">436</span></p>	<p>436 <b>WIN A LAPTOP COMPUTER</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p>
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Funds received in response to our Laptop Drawing effort was \$435.00. Since then he has received additional contributions but has not tallied these. As this was being written, Ted and I decided to purchase the laptop computer, an Acer Laptop Computer with Intel i3-330M processor. The Intel i-series is the latest processor that Intel offers, so this will be an excellent laptop computer.

*Ted says that now is the time for each of us to really get behind this drawing—ask a friend, neighbor or*

This is an action item to be planned at our next meeting; each session will need to be outlined as to a date, leaders and helpers, and materials. We also need the cooperation of the State of Florida as our permit has not yet been received.

We need all members to help; 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 me, 357-3943, to help.

Help carry your share of the load; call Charlie now!



## Association Ballots

The green voting postal card in the center of the latest *Graybeards* has an incorrect PO Box address.

The correct one is **PO Box 14948**.

If you have not yet cast your ballot, please cross out the one printed there and mark the correct one in its place.

If you have mailed it to the incorrect address and it is returned, please place the correct address and place another stamp (sorry) and send again.

I have received appeals from members prominent in KWVA asking me to ask you vote for certain candidates; I feel this highly inappropriate, and am not repeating them here.

Please read the resumes in *Graybeards* and VOTE. Like all our opportunities, KWVA voting is very important.

## Department of Florida (DFL):

The Convention will be May 7-8, 2010 at Bradenton (Courtyard of Marriott).

**All Chapter members were urged to attend** as this is one of the primary functions of the DFL—a Korean Vet Reunion.

Unfortunately not many of you did. Perhaps next year we will be able to convince more of you to attend as it will be in Ocala.

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

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## Boosters

FNAME	LNAME	BST10	
Arthur L	Burke	\$13	
Art	Canale	\$63	
Lou	Dechert	\$25	
Anthony R	Falo	\$10	
James	Houp	\$10	
Donald J	Lynch	\$120	*
Ted	Morford	\$100	
Harry	Olson	\$100	*
Edward	Pilarski	\$13	
John R	Rodgers	\$13	
William D	Shumaker	\$3	
Harvey E	Strausbaugh	\$8	
Tom J	Thiel	\$13	
Charles W	White	\$5	
Total		\$496	
* Contribution in kind			

## Public Affairs

### Ron Regan

☐ Ron's effort so far has resulted in items in the Daily Commercial, Triangle Shopping Guide, and the Orlando Sentinel. These resulted in many calls and several new members.

Ron would like to have an item from each meeting to use in the future so please keep Ron in the loop.

787-7298

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## Veterans Memorial Fountain Park Groundbreaking May 22



Congratulations are due Don Van Beck, and all the members of the VMFP Committee, on the groundbreaking of the VMFP, Leesburg, on Sat. May 22.

Congratulations are also due to Dick Pfahler and Art Canale of Chapter 169 who also played unique and key roles in the Memorial's evolution; Dick conceived the idea of a memorial, and Art took it from an idea to a real concept!

The groundbreaking ceremony will be in Fountain Park, Leesburg, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 22. See map at the right.

**ALL CHAPTER 169 MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND.**

**CHAPTER 169 COLOR GUARD SHOULD BE THERE BY 10:30 a.m.** with flags. The Bagpipers will lead the parade followed by Leesburg ROTC. After that will come the various other Color Guards so the earlier we are ready the better our position.

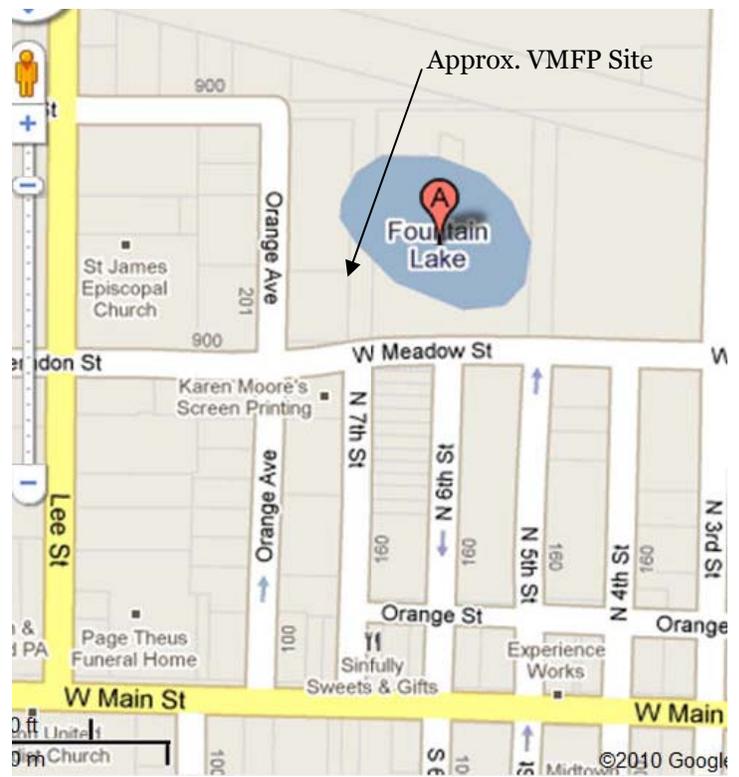
In case some of you may not know about the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, you should be aware that the idea was spawned in our Chapter by Dick Pfahler, then carried forward to a plan by Art Canale, the president of Chapter 169, and then carried on to what it is today by Don Van Beck and the VMFP Committee.

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

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 so that your name may be also engraved on the memorial. 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.

Many dignitaries have been invited. State Senator Carrey Baker, will make the feature presentation. General Tim Sullivan, FNG Ret, will also offer a few comments. Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite and others have been invited.

Parking will be sort of catch as catch can. Some may be available at St. James, but most will be on the nearby streets. Additionally, you may want to bring a folding chair.





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We especially appreciate everyone who brought a covered dish, dessert or, yes Ice Cream!



And we especially thank Charlie White who again served as the most able "chef."

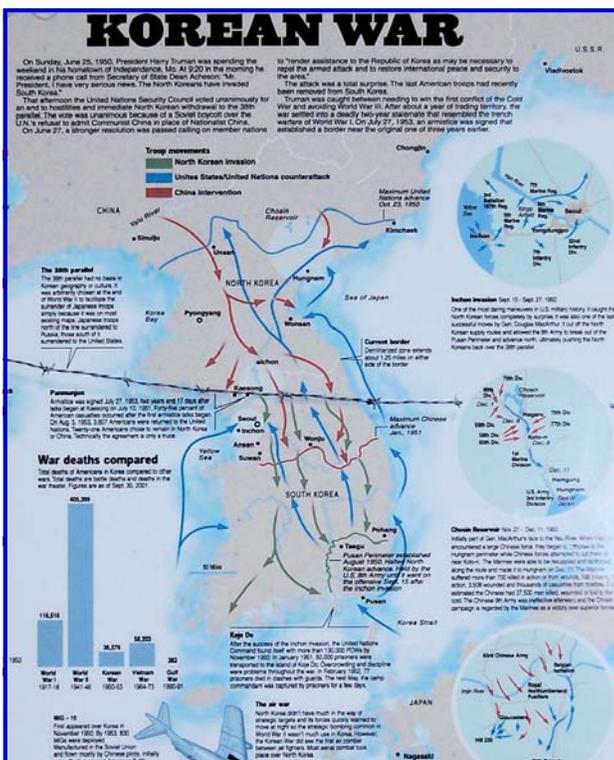
That's Charlie above serving up a burger.



And before going home, there was the GI cleanup to be done. At right, that's Dwight Brown, Dick Christie, and Don Lynch on the scoop.

Picnic photos by Carol Becker and Tom Thiel.

Below left, display poster contributed to the Chapter by Dwight Brown. Poster shows the various campaigns of the Korean War.



# Sick Call

I talked to **John Yohn** who, when I said how are you doing, replied about 50 percent. He said that Mrs. Yohn was in hospital for two weeks but is home now and doing better. John continues to deal with severe pain and with Doctors who are so far have been unable to rectify it. I told him we were all pulling for him.

I also talked to Ed Pilarski, who now has had both knees replaced. Ed says he is doing well and walks with a cane. He said he will likely be at the next meeting.

If you know of anyone ill please inform: Chaplain Harold Sievers, 352-753-4929 colsievers2@aol.com or

Tom Thiel 357-3943 or kwva169@gmail.com



## President's Views *by Tom Thiel*



I am going to take some space here to try to fill you in on some recent activities.

### Lou Dechert

Many if not all of you know that Lou Dechert is our Association immediate past president, having for four somewhat tumultuous years served the 18K or so members of KWVA.

I have only met Lou once in person, that at a DFL Convention in the St. Petersburg area a couple years ago. And that only for 10 or so minutes over a roll and coffee. Since then we have kept in touch once in a while by email.

Recently this exchange became more active, but I cannot recall the thought that initiated my sending Lou copies of the last *Schuttlebutt* and of the article about KWVA in the Sentinel, the one with my photo.

Next I know, I receive a *very* nice snail mail card thanking me for what I do. And in that card, Lou enclosed a nice contribution to our Chapter, and a request to be on our mailing list. Thank you Lou, and you have been added to our mailing list!

### Revisit Korea

I received both email and snail mail

correspondence from Deborah L. Parker of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Atlanta telling about the added emphasis the South Korean Government is placing on the Revisit Korea program to recognize the 60th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

They will pay 50% of veteran travel and 35% of family member traveling with the veteran, plus all costs in Korea. Please call me if you would like to know more 357-3943. Time is of essence, however.

Ms. Parker also requested names and addresses of our members so that the South Korean President, Lee Myung-Bak, can write a letter thanking them for their Korean service. I provided our roster to Ms. Parker by email.

I also asked her about medallions but she has not answered me.

### KWV Association Election

Elsewhere herein I have advised you that the ballot in *Graybeards* is incorrect and told you how to correct it.

Here I want to respond to some of you who asked me who they should vote for. This is my column and some latitude for my opinion is included.

A few days ago I received a personal letter from **John Wasyluk**, who is a candidate for Association Presi-

dent. I wish I had gotten this earlier as it has much information not in *Graybeards*. He organized his Sandusky, OH (note; I am from Upper Sandusky, that's up the river three counties from Sandusky) KWVA Chapter, and has "served in every position in my local VFW Post, as VFW State Commander, and as VFW National Commander in 1977-78."

He says: "My experience in veterans organizations will enable me to further the efforts of the Korean Veterans to obtain the entitlements and recognition that we have not received."

I decided to give John my personal vote as KWVA needs more energy.

### Our Chapter

I believe that Chapter 169 has weathered the "storm" of new membership requirements; and I believe that as a result we are more viable than ever.

We have reinitiated the Chapter's Tell America program, we have a committee looking at Scholarship programs, we can watch with pride the groundbreaking of the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, we have had and are planning more Tell America fund drives, and we have (I believe) our first ever post Korean War service time member. All of these are struggling a bit but with your help we will make them GO! Thank you very much!



### Future Schedule

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

### Membership Dues Dates—Chapter, Department & Association

Chapter dues renewal dates now correspond with Association Due date. Those with one or more of these dues payable any-time in 2010 are shown at the right.

**This is the only notice you will receive** from the Chapter asking for your dues as we do not wish to incur the cost of a separate mailing.

Thank you for renewing promptly. Please use form below.

LNAME	FNAME	ASSOC	C DUE DT
McGinty	Robert A	LR10362	01/01/10
Zettlemoyer	Richard P	R041226	07/07/10
Hanold	Audley W	R041292	07/29/10
Carli	Armando "Pat"	R017082	09/25/10
Olson	Harry	R041430	10/05/10
Strasser	John N	R041471	11/03/10
Burke	Arthur L	R040747	11/24/10
Sell	Warren J	R027577	11/24/10
Wiggelsworth	Ernest	R041541	12/07/10
Gruber	Joseph J	R040778	12/09/10
Pfahler	Richard N	R040780	12/09/10
Corriveau	Ben	R040801	12/16/10

### KWVA CHAPTER 169 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

**Please renew promptly!**

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 Veterans Helping Veterans***

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

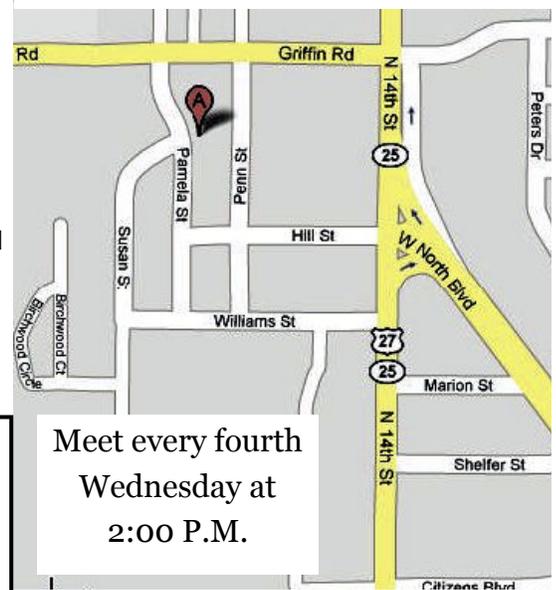
- ◆ Promote recognition of the Korean War, and its Veterans.
- ◆ Educate the public, especially our youth, about the Korean War and the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the war. Tell America!
- ◆ Provide a venue for the fellowship and comradeship of all veterans who ever served in 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 labor. 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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