

# The Schuttlebutt

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## Memorial Day 2010 by Joan Bernat

Memorial Day is the time for Americans to reconnect with their history and core values by honoring those who gave their lives for the ideals we cherish.



Bill Simunek, 169 Color Guard

More than a million American service members died in the wars and conflicts this nation fought since the first colonial soldiers took up arms in 1775 to fight for independence. Each person who died

during those conflicts was a loved one cherished by family and friends. Each was a loss to the community and the nation.

For decades, Memorial Day was a day when stores closed and communities gathered together for a day of parades and other celebrations with a patriotic theme. Memorial Day meant ceremonies at cemeteries around the

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## Veterans Memorial Groundbreaking

LEESBURG, FLORIDA, May 22, 2010 -- Lake County veterans' names to be engraved in stone "so that they will never be forgotten" was the vision of some KWVA Chapter 169 veterans a few years back.

On Saturday, Don Van Beck, Art Canale and Dick Pfahler broke ground on the future site of Veterans Me-



From left: Don Van Beck, Dick Pfahler, and Art Canale stand before the first section of the wall that has been completed. After the ceremony, the wall segment was moved to the main street in Leesburg where it will be on display while the remainder of the site is built.

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morial at Fountain Lake Park in Leesburg.

The large crowd cheered as the three veterans removed the cover from one small center segment of the granite memorial.

"Remember these in thy glory that are being remembered by us this day and at this occasion, our heavenly father. Bless us who remain here on Earth so that we might continue

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## Membership

We welcome **Duane Hall** and **Robert Hacket** as our newest chapter members.

Duane served with the 24th Division's 26th AAA in Korea in 1953-54. Duane and Eleanor live at 1637 Blackfoot Court, Leesburg in the winter and at Pinckney, MI in the summer. Ph:734-878-1189.

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.

Duane and 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 make up eight new members so far this year.

Eight new members is great, of course, but unfortunately we continue to lose members, too. We're sorry to report that Denny Young passed away on April 28, 2010. And 12 did not renew for 2010, several were as a result of the new Association membership requirement. And we lost several due to various other reasons, including not being able to locate them anymore.

Our goal is to complete this year with 60 members, and when we do reach 60 we likely will be the largest chapter in the state of Florida.

The Association's Membership database shows 53; it excludes our Honorary Assoc and our GS Spouse members. This marks the first time that all eligible Chapter members are paid up Association members, and we have no (0) Inactive Members! Thank you all!

## Chapter Funding

Treasurer Jansen reported our funding levels as follows:

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Checking	\$2,013	\$2,206	\$2,338	\$1,557
CD	\$3,531	\$3,532	\$3,532	\$3,532
Scholarship	\$475	\$475	\$475	\$505

An Acer Laptop Computer with Intel i3-330M processor has been procured at a cost of \$499.99. The Intel i-series is the latest processor that Intel offers, so this is a very good laptop computer. .

If you have not yet "sold" all your tickets yet please do so now; it you didn't receive any also please do that now.

Treasurer Jansen stated that while he had been a bit concerned about lack of ticket sales before last Wednesday's meeting, quite a few returned then. Additionally, new member Dwight Brown has sold and has plans for many more sales.

*Now is the time for each of us to really get behind this drawing—ask a friend, neighbor or someone at one of our other meetings to contribute the \$5.00 for the ticket so that we can realize more donated monies from the drawing.*

<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. 436</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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## Department of Florida (DFL)

Joan Arcand was chosen to represent the KWVA in the Honor Detail at the Memorial Day Resolution at Tallahassee on May 25. She was one of only eight veterans so selected. CONGRATULATIONS, JOAN!

Convention, May 7-8, 2010 at Bradenton (Courtyard of Marriott). Sievers, Gleason, Van Beck and Thiel attended. Convention was good, but there is very little actual participation by Chapters; Thiel is a member of the council by virtue of his being 169 president but he knew of no DFL Board actions prior to the meeting.

DFL Eddie Ko Veteran of Year award was won by Bill McCraney.

DFL has discontinued Ko award due to "lack of funds and lack of interest." Thiel used the Orlando

Sentinel article as the basis of an appeal for them to reconsider this decision. DFL President Bradford said they would. Thiel wrote to all Chapter Presidents explaining his reasons for appealing and presented arguments to overcome funds and lack of interest.

Thiel, Richard Arcand and Jake Feaster appointed to DFL Web Site Committee.

Council meeting, Saturday September 25, 2010, The Ocala Hilton 3600 SW 36th Ave Ocala.

Registration deadline is September 1; would like more members to go; no registration fee; sit down meal is \$18.

Registration form is page 8 of this Schuttlebutt.

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### Boosters

LNAME	FNAME	BST10	
Becker	Carol M	\$15	
Burke	Arthur L	\$13	
Canale	Art	\$63	
Falo	Anthony R	\$10	
Houp	James	\$10	
Lynch	Donald J	\$120	*
McGinty	Robert A	\$3	
Morford	Ted	\$100	
Olson	Harry	\$100	*
Pilarski	Edward	\$13	
Rodgers	John R	\$13	
Shumaker	William D	\$3	
Strausbaugh	Harvey E	\$8	
Thiel	Tom J	\$13	
White	Charles W	\$5	
SUM		\$489	
* In kind			

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# TAPS

**RUBY W. SHUMAKER**, 77, of



Leesburg, wife of Chapter 169 member, William D. "Bill" Shumaker, died Friday May 28, 2010. Bill has been her caregiver for all

these months. You may mail condolences to William D Shumaker, 35038 Silver Oak Dr, Leesburg, FL, 34788, Ph:(352) 323-0807, email: shuy352@earthlink.net , or online at: <http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com/leesburg/obituaries.php>

**DENNY B. YOUNG**, 77, of Eustis,



husband, father, papaw, brother, proud Veteran, Korean War POW, and Chapter 169 member, passed away April 28, 2010. He joined the Marine Corps at fourteen

years of age, and then enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was a canoneer with the 555th Field Artillery in Korea where he was captured in 1951 and held Prisoner of War for 28 months. The Patriot Guard Riders escorted Denny to Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. Denny is survived by his wife Mrs. Nelda Young, 610 Briarcliff Rd, Eustis, FL, 32726, Ph: (352) 589-0855, where condolences may be sent by regular mail, or on line at: <http://www.hamlinhildish.com/obituary/user/guestbook?id=3802>

# Meeting Highlights

There were 19 members and three guests in attendance.

The guests were: **George Pechka**; **Paul Deeley**, and **Joe Lewis**, all of Leesburg. We were very happy that **Warren Sell**, our Jacksonville member, was with us too; Warren spoke to us about Hospice Care.

Bob Erickson and Lance Pauli of the Hardin-Pauli Funeral Home in Eustis, 357-8128, gave a brief short presentation on planning ahead for veterans. That's Lance on the left and Bob on right, with President Thiel.



President Thiel appointed **Jack Strasser** of 154 Malayan Way, Leesburg to the Secretary office for the remainder of 2010. He also appointed **Jack Reynolds**, who lives on Misti Drive Leesburg, to fill a position on the Board of Directors. Motion made and approved to confirm both appointments.

We planned for multiple Tell America/Fund Raising events. Membership has been sorted by

zip code and Publix store locations have been determined. We plan simultaneous displays at several stores. These will be Tell America and fund raising. Our goal will be to raise \$2,500. We provided several fund raising teams with special letters to Publix managers to help get our members permission. Several more are still available—please call Tom Thiel if you can lead one.

We need new Color Guard members.

Christmas Committee—McGinty—Becker Co-Chairs. Invite 188 and expand committee to include 188 members. Carol and Bob to begin planning.

Jack Reynolds suggested we contact residential associations to try to arrange for us to come to their recreation centers, and over coffee and donuts tell them about the Chapter and KWVA. We need to compile a list of these residential communities and make contacts. Would everyone who knows of such communities please send them and their Recreation Director to either Jack at 630 Misti Dr, Leesburg, FL, 34788-2447, (352) 728-3928, [mjreynolds1@comcast.net](mailto:mjreynolds1@comcast.net) or to President Thiel [kwva169@gmail.com](mailto:kwva169@gmail.com)



**(Memorial Day** *Continued from page 1)*

country, speeches honoring those who gave their lives, the laying of wreaths, the playing of Taps.

Today I had the opportunity to participate in the memorial service in the Villages. As we stood for the Pledge of Allegiance I thought about how many of these veterans brothers and friends had made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may all enjoy the freedom of this country. Our nation is free because of brave Americans like these, who step forward to confront our adversaries. In truth everyday is Memorial Day. Each day provides us with an opportunity to honor, remember and respect our fallen heroes. This is my way of saying thanks to all who served. Thanks to KWVA Chapter 169 for taking part in this event. JB

**(Veterans Memorial** *Continued from page 1)*

the plans, dreams and hopes of those who have gone on before us," Harold Sievers, 169 Chaplain said, giving the invocation.

Some 37,000 Lake County residents are military veterans. To date, Van Beck said, 7,000 names have been registered. He encourages more veterans to come forward to be included on the wall.

The memorial was an idea of Dick Pfahler that languished for a time, but Dick persisted with his fellow KWVA Chapter members. Then president, Art Canale then developed the idea into a plan of action and when his health became a factor Don Van Beck came forward and formed a committee and as well as a 501c3 non-profit corporation to pursue the idea.

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

## 60th Anniversary of Korean War

2010 marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. The Republic of Korea plans various ways of thanking and honoring Korean War Veterans. One of the most meaningful is a letter from the President of the Republic of Korea to those Veterans still living expressing profound gratitude for their service and sacrifice in laying the foundation of the peace and freedom South Koreans enjoy today. Korean Veterans and their families are invited to download and submit an application for this letter at <http://eng.koreanwar60.go.kr/apply.asp> (Form is on page 7 of this newsltr.)

## Sick Call

**John Yohn** continues to deal with his pain issues. He is now going to a Doctor who is planning a special new procedure. We're all pulling for you John.

We were glad to have **Ed Pilarski** sprouting two new knee replacements back and ably performing his duties at the last member meeting.

**Bill Simunek** says he will be undergoing multiple bypass surgery soon, Bill, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

If you know of anyone ill please inform: Chaplain Harold Sievers, 352-753-4929 [colsievers2@aol.com](mailto:colsievers2@aol.com) or Tom Thiel 357-3943 or [kwva169@gmail.com](mailto:kwva169@gmail.com)



# Scholarship

At last Wednesday's meeting, a motion made by Ted Jansen was approved to award \$500 to the Leesburg High School ROTC program, so long as appropriate press recognition be received.

At 11:00 a.m. on June 1, Jansen and Thiel met with program leaders at Leesburg HS to make the award. A press article has been developed for submission to several news outlets. Although an opportunity existed to actually have the Daily-Commercial present, the fact that we were so late in making the award defeated this possibility.

The money will be used to support all 200 members in the program by adding to the resources available for academics, a drill team meet competition or a field



trip. Above: from left: Ted Jansen, KWVA Treasurer; Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Dixon; Jr. Cadet Lt. Col. Michael Kissner; Cadet 2nd Lt Nicholas Schwarz, and Master Sergeant Craig Morris.



## President's Views *by Tom Thiel*

There are many issues I want to discuss with you here but unfortunately for you there is limited space.

I want to begin by talking about what I call Chapter Spirit. In this I include not only what we do but who we are. This latter is changing, and needs to change even more as we must strive to build younger members among our ranks.

Spirit itself also needs to change; we must build visibility throughout our total community.

I believe the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park will help in this regard as it will gradually become our chief place for Veteran's recognitions.

And we also need to seek other ven-

ues throughout our communities. Our Tell America and Scholarship programs can help us in this regard. We must maintain and build these programs every way we can. This takes a concerted effort by all of us, not just the usual 10 percent!

To begin with, it takes a concerted fund raising effort. We cannot do anything without funds.

We are linking our fund raising to the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War as well as to our Tell America program. And we want to have simultaneous fund drives at up to six or so Publix stores. Please volunteer to lead one of these; I have assembled supporting documents to aid you. Please call me now at 357-3943.

And it also take other efforts too,

such as developing materials for hand outs, materials for getting new members, press releases and news articles, and a whole host of general publicity items. This is more than a one or two-person job, I can assure you.

Regarding our Tell America program, I plan to contact the schools we met with last year, Holy Trinity Episcopal, Carver, and St Paul Catholic, as well as Lake Montessori with Harold Sievers' Adopt a Kid/Adopt a Vet. And we have been told by Leesburg High that we will be accepted there as well. But we need to contact even more.

Well I see the end line approaching but you get the idea, don't you? You need to get out and make your commitment now!

**U.S. VETERANS ONLY**

You may apply online at: <http://eng.koreanwar60.go.kr/apply.asp> (or fill out this form)

**Application Form for an Appreciation Letter  
From the Republic of Korea President to Korean War Veterans**

**Section I - Veteran's Personal Information**

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		
Address	Street	City		State	
Zip Code(9 digits)	Country		Email Address		
Phone Number (include area code)	Home:			Cellular:	

**Section II - Veteran's Korean War Service Information**

Military Service Number		Branch of Service	
Period of Service in the Korean War(mm/yyyy)	from	through	
Member of the US Korean War Veterans Association	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

**Section III - Veteran's Certification**

I verify that I am a Korean War Veteran. *(It is not necessary to belong to a Korean War Veterans Association to receive the President's Letter. A family member can sign for an incapacitated Veteran).*  
I authorize the Government of Korea and/ or US Korean War Veterans Association to use this information to provide me with the Letter of Appreciation from the President of the Republic of Korea. The information will not be used for any other purpose.

**Veteran's (or family member) signature & date**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

By Internet: click here to apply online or visit at <http://eng.koreanwar60.go.kr/apply.asp>

**Mail Application Form to:**

US Branch ROK  
60th AKW Commemoration Committee  
2450 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20008, USA

Note: Your name and address has already been submitted to the Korean Consulate in Atlanta; but you may also submit this form if you wish to be certain that you are included.

**DOF FALL COUNCIL MEETING 2010**  
**Saturday September 25, 2010**  
**The Ocala Hilton 3600 SW 36<sup>th</sup> Ave Ocala, FL 34474**  
**Phone 352-854-1400 or 877-602-4023 (toll free)**

**RESERVATION FORM**

Mail this form and your check to:  
 KWVA DoF c/o Richard Arcand, Treasurer  
 5674 Bay Pine Lakes Blvd, St Petersburg, Florida 33708

**Deadline for Reservations is September 20, 2010**  
 Sorry, we are unable to make any refunds if cancelled after September 15  
 \*Please PRINT information

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter# **169**

Title \_\_\_\_\_ (As you would like it on your ID badge)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

\*My Association dues are current \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel KWVA room rate is \$99 +tax and includes a complimentary breakfast.

Saturday noon lunch: number of persons \_\_\_\_ X \$18 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Order:**

*All lunches come with salad, vegetable, rolls, coffee, tea and dessert.*

# Old Fashion Meat loaf/mushrooms topping with mashed potatoes \_\_\_\_\_

# Teriyaki Chicken breasts with steamed white rice \_\_\_\_\_

**For DOF Office use only:**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date received \_\_\_\_\_ database confirms dues status \_\_\_\_\_



## Future Schedule

DATE	ITEM	COMMENTS	TIME
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
Saturday, July 24, 2010	Association Convention	Arlington, Virginia	4 days
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
Wednesday, July 28, 2010	Fund drive	Laptop Computer drawing	3:00 PM
Wednesday, August 25, 2010	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Saturday, September 11, 2010	Remembrance Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 22, 2010	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Saturday, September 25, 2010	DFL Council Meeting	Ocala Hilton	10:00 AM
Wednesday, October 27, 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
<del>McCinty</del>	<del>Robert A</del>	<del>LR10362</del>	<del>01/01/10</del>
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:

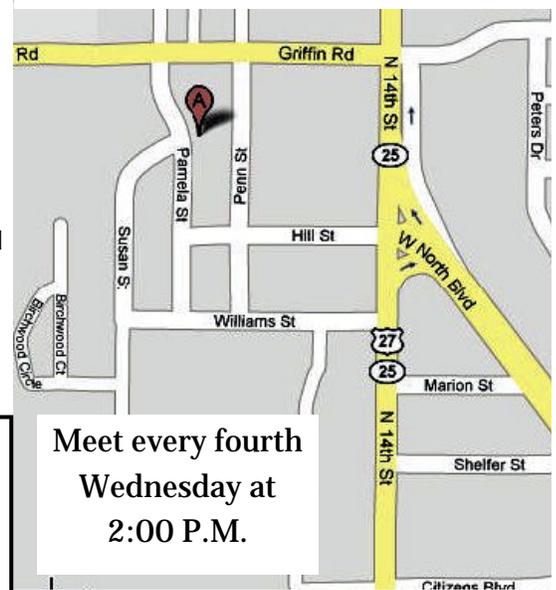
- ◆ Promote recognition of the Korean War, and its Veterans.
- ◆ Educate the public, especially our youth, about the Korean War and the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the war. Tell America!
- ◆ Provide a venue for the fellowship and comradeship of all veterans who ever served in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

#### ***The Schuttlebutt***

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