

# The Schuttlebutt

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## Ray Baumbach speaks at Vet Memorial Korean War Armistice event

by Tom Thiel

Ray Baumbach, our only POW Chapter member, spoke on Tuesday, July 27 at the Korean War Armistice Day celebration at the Village's Memorial Park.



Ray, a member of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, told of being captured when the Chinese overpowered their positions in North Korea in February 1951.

own artillery and planes.

These disruptive events offered Ray a chance to escape, which he took advantage of twice only to be recaptured and beaten.

But Ray tried a third time, this time his escape being interrupted by the sound of a fellow prisoner, who was shot in both legs and needed help to escape.

As Ray and his fellow POWs were being marched north, there were instances of being attacked by our

Ray responded to his cries for help and carried him

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## Laptop Fund Raiser ≈ \$970 net!



quite successful raising just under \$1,000 for our Chapter programs.

Roy A Mauerman of Lady Lake was the lucky winner. Dwight Brown, arranged a brief photo op in front of the Publix on Saturday to give the computer to Mr. Mauerman.

Above photo: From left, Shawna Hall, Manager Publix, The Villages; Tom Thiel; Roy Mauerman; and Lee and Dwight Brown.

Thanks to everyone who worked to obtain ticket donations for our laptop computer drawing. It was

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## Membership



Welcome new member, Max Stumburg (left) of Wildwood. Max served with the Navy from 1950-53, and was a guest of Don Lynch. Welcome Max.

Max, along with Paul Deeley and Joe Lewis from our June meeting and Duane Hall and Robert Hackett from May;

Dwight Brown, Dick Christie, Clarence Slusher, and Harvey Strausbaugh from our April group; and Jack

Reynolds and Almar Dasilva who joined in January make eleven (11) new members so far this year! We're doing very well and sincerely thank all our new members for joining with the KWVA!

Our goal is to complete this year with 60 members on the Association Roster. We now will have 55 so we cannot let down our efforts.

Again we thank our new members and urge you to become involved in our fund-raising, Tell America and other activities. Photo by Becker.

## Chapter Funds/Fund raising

Treasurer Jansen reported Checking: \$2,161.97, CD: \$3,532.74, Scholarship:\$646.00



Laptop Drawing: Judy Christie drawing the winning ticket while Ted Jansen holds the box. Roy A Maurer, Lady Lake, was the winner. See related article on page 1.

### FUND RAISING:

June 25 was the 60th Anniv of the start of the Korean War,. We wanted to leverage on this to plan multiple Tell America/Fund Raising events.



Above: Ted Jansen, Laptop Drawing Chairperson, reads winning ticket. Note the very nice Korean War Flag (blue), which we received from Ted Morford. Thank you Ted for your most gracious gift. We appreciate it.

We had planned for six (6) simultaneous displays at several stores in July. These were to have been Tell America jointly with fund raising. Our goal was to raise \$2,500. This plan fell quite short due to lack of member support.

However, two fund-raising efforts were conducted: Jackie Gleason et al at Publix in Belleview (\$360), and Dwight Brown alone at Publix and at Villages. (\$260 in tickets and \$182 in cash contributions). Thanks All.

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# Membership drive in HOA's



Jack Reynolds has suggested that we contact mobile home 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.

Jack has compiled a list of some 57 such mobile home residential communities. I think this might be extended beyond mobile home communities so would everyone who knows of a community association please send the name and recreation director or other contact to Jack at 630 Misti Dr, Leesburg, FL, 34788-2447, (352) 728-3928, mjreynolds1@comcast.net or to President Thiel. Jack offered an announcement/signup sheet idea.

Motion offered, seconded and passed to authorize up to \$150 to cover membership efforts in mobile home communities (Jack Reynolds).

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## Department of Florida (DFL)

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 was page 8 of the May Schuttlebutt.

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Two are planned: Charlie White et al at Publix at Palm Plaza July 30-31, and Tom Thiel et al at Publix at Loc Leven new store at corner of US441 and SR44 Mount Dora-Eustis. Still trying to obtain permission.

We should plan for multiple events this fall.

Daisies: 1,000 obtained for \$100 from VFW in Kansas City.

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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			

## Chapter Officers and Directors

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out as best he could. This, Ray believes, enabled him to successfully reach friendly French troops, who took them in with open arms. Ray was quickly evacuated to first Japan and then to Walter Reed in DC.

Ray wondered out loud what his life after Korea might have been had he left his fellow GI there leaning on that tree.

Ray's presentation was emotional at times, both for Ray and for many of those in the audience.

He spoke about being lined up with 15 of his 75 to 100 fellow prisoners and the Chinese officer who had gone to school at Washington State University, casually shooting every third man in the back of the head, including the one standing next to Ray!

After his presentation, I was happy to present Ray with a new Chapter 169 cap, and on Wednesday I pre-



sented him with the framed Korean Government's Thank you USA certificate.

Ray earned Silver and Bronze Stars as well as three Purple Hearts for his Korean War service.

We indeed were most pleased that he was able to come to our July meeting.

## Thank You United States of America! *By Tom Thiel*

**I**n response to a request from the Korean Consulate in Atlanta, I asked for 56 Korean Government "Thank You USA" 60th Anniversary framed certificates; 12 were received.



Since Board suggestions relative to distribution were limited, using my President's prerogative, I decided to offer to the Chapter members I think most deserve these.

On Wednesday, July 28, I awarded one each to: Ray Baumbach who is our only POW Chapter member (see page one article), to Chapter co-founder Jackie

Gleason (above), and to Charlie White (right) for his service as well as well as to suggest that it be displayed on Charlie's fund raising table this week, which it was. The remaining nine will be awarded yet this year.





## South Korean President's letter of appreciation

Some members, as well as new members joining after our membership list was submitted, did not receive the South Korean President's letter of appreciation recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

***If you are one of those who did not receive a letter, please complete the form on page 9 of this newsletter and mail to the address shown.***

**The Korean War Veterans Chapter 16 in Ocala** is trying to rejuvenate. Bernard Fisher is President, 352-368-1872, BernardJFisher2@msn.com. Jake Feaster is the Sec/Treas. They have 17 active paid members.

New Chapter 188 Web Site: <http://www.kwva188.org>

## VETERANS MEMORIAL at FOUNTAIN PARK

*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.*

## Sick Call

Lorene Gruber – Joe reported that Lorene is doing better.

Marilyn Jansen – Ted reported Marilyn also is better and that no chemo will be required.

John Yohn has been relocated to Lake Harris Health Center, 701 Lake Port Blvd Leesburg. Room 405, no phone. Harold had visited earlier this day and reported John was doing therapy.

Don Good has had coronary surgery.

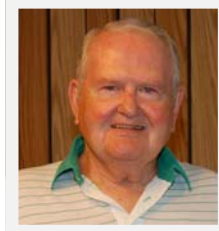
Len Seidelman has a fractured knee.

Others? Keep us informed.

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)

## TAPS

### Billy Clinton Gaston



Bill Gaston, 80, of Summerfield, FL passed away July 21, 2010. He was born at Windsor, Ill., March 13, 1930.

After his service in Korea, he worked 30 years as a Teamster Local #957, in Dayton, Ohio. He was a member of Masonic Lodge # 39 AF&AM in Quincy, IL.; Scottish Rite Body ACCR Valley of Quincy, Ill.; American Legion Post #347 and V.F.W. Post # 10126 both in Lady Lake, FL.; 24th INF. Div. Association, and the KWVA (2009), and CF 24th Ida Vets, both in Leesburg.

Billy enjoyed playing in a country band in Ohio for several early years.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Zillah Gaston, 17738 SE 119th Ave Rd, Summerfield, FL, 34491-8000, ph:352-347-4257.

Memorial services were 11:00 AM Thursday, July 29, 2010 at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL with Military Honors. Dwight and Lee Brown, Jack Strasser, and Tom Thiel attended the Bushnell services.

# July 28 Meeting Highlights (not elsewhere included)

**ATTENDANCE:** Members: twenty.  
Total: twenty-three

Officers and Directors: Thiel, Gruber, White, Jansen, Strasser, ~~Pilarski~~, Sievers, Pfahler, Van Beck, ~~McGinty~~, Gleason, ~~Yohn~~, Reynolds, ~~Canale~~, Becker, ~~Regan~~.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Medal of the Purple Heart recognizing Korean Vets at a function on August 13 at Gaylord Palms in Orlando. No one expressed interest in attending.

**COLOR GUARD:** The need for new Color Guard members was discussed. Don Lynch has joined and mentioned that he has not been notified. Harvey Strausbaugh will join in the fall. Still need more members so that we have adequate coverage for all events.

There was extensive discussion about the fact that we have been having non-members participating in our color guard.

*Motion made, seconded and passed that only bona fide KWVA members shall henceforth be permitted to serve in the Chapter 169 Color Guard, that letters be written to any such non-members who wish to be a part of the Chapter Color Guard informing them of this requirement, and that all Chapter 169 members are hereby requested to honor this requirement.*

**SUNSHINE, and ASSISTANCE & AID** – Harold Sievers (also needs members to help).

Nursing homes, etc., veterans???. Someone needed here.

Leesburg Senior Center—\$100 donation in February 2010; should make another in August.

Assistance and Aid Committee, handles members, veterans, etc.; Bring food and clothing items for the Food Bank & other charities on meeting dates --Dick Pfahler

**HISTORIAN** – Carol Becker and Joan Bernat are working on a narrative historical document to use with the Chapter's web site.

**QUARTERMASTER** – Gleason

Chapter Caps: Caps are due to Bob Hackett and Duane Hall.

Medallions (small). Supply on hand 6. Medallions are awarded as recognition for making personal effort for the Chapter. Scholarship and Tell America.

**NEWSLETTER**—Ed Thiel—wants material from members, deadline is Tuesday after meeting.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** –

Joan Klawunn wrote and submitted to *Graybeards* an article about Ray Baumbach presentation at the Vilages July 27 ceremony. Thiel submitted one for the laptop drawing.

**TELL AMERICA**—Thiel, Pfahler, White, Van Beck, Regan, Sievers

Thiel will contact the three schools that we visited last year to see if they would like us to come again.

Contacted Leesburg High ROTC, arrangements are to be made.

Want to develop a program that encourages schools to invite us into their classrooms for Tell America. Need help on this idea.

**SCHOLARSHIP**—Ted Jansen, Chair. Leesburg AFROTC awarded \$500 on June 1. Consider Bellevue Schools--Jackie— and Chapter Tell America program. (See Above)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

169 Web Site: <http://cid169.kwva.org>, NOTE NAME CHANGE.

Revisit Korea – Browns going in Sept; Dwight is scheduled for Oct to tell us about his visit. Ask Olson to also tell us about his trip.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Room availability for Wednesday, November 17 was verified with the Sr. Center. Therefore we will meet the third Wed in November.

**GOOD OF THE CHAPTER:**

Dwight and Lee Brown attended the Korean Government's Little Angels Concert in Atlanta's Cobb Center on June 29, 2010; reported that it was outstanding.

Congratulations to Leonard and Jane Seidelman— photo in Sentinel.

## President's Views *by Tom Thiel*



Well, I am finally getting the pages of the *Schuttlebutt* together

again.

There was quite a lot to put in this issue, especially since we are including again the form for you to submit your name to the Korean Government to enable you to request your very nice letter from the Korean President.

The reason for including this is because some said they didn't receive letter, and also because we have new members since I sent our roster to the Korean Consulate in Atlanta at their request.

I want to thank Ted Jansen for originally suggesting the laptop computer drawing, and he and Joan for doing most of it this time. This, as reported elsewhere, netted

the Chapter nearly \$1,000. I think we need to do it again, and think of it more as an outside our own ranks effort. Clearly, Dwight Brown illustrated how effective this can be both to fund raising and to getting out our message.

Sort of buried in the minutes on the previous page is an item of special interest—namely our Chapter Color Guard.

Or more specifically, who may be in our Chapter Color Guard.

And that is, by approved motion without dissent at the last meeting, that only bona-fide paid up Chapter members may serve.

They also directed me to write a letter to any non-members informing them specifically of the Chapter member's desires, which I will do shortly.

We have been pleased at our continuing steady membership growth—ten new members last

year, and eleven new members so far this year! That is terrific and shows what some effort can yield. The Chapter, and I personally, thank every new member!

Which leads to another area of some concern, the expression that the Association or national is not worth the dues. I was told that at the Village's on July 27 by one of those not renewing for 2010.

I don't understand that feeling at all—the *Graybeards* alone coming six time a year is well worth the \$25! And we get national representation at the DC level, we have a most worthy web site, and the Association's database, which I use extensively, is also top drawer!

I think Dwight Brown summarized it best at our last meeting by saying *it is not what you get, but rather what you give that is important!*

So, I am convinced that those criticizing the Association have some other axe to grind! tjt

## Chapter Future Schedule

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
TBD	Tell Am/Fund drives	Several	TBD
Thursday, November 11, 2010	Veterans Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Thursday, November 11, 2010	VMFP Dedication	Tentative	11:00 AM
<b>Wednesday, November 17, 2010</b>	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Tuesday, December 07, 2010	Pearl Harbor Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Wednesday, December 22, 2010	Member meeting		2:00 PM



## Membership Dues Dates—Chapter, Department & Association

**C**hapter dues renewal dates now correspond with the Association renewal date. Members with one or more of these dues payable anytime from now until the end of January 2011 are shown at the right.

A number of those listed with a 1/1/2011 due date are Life Members of the Association, but Chapter dues are still payable on the C DUE Date shown.

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

Thank you for renewing promptly. Please use form below.

LNAME	FNAME	ASSOC	C DUE DT
Carli	Armando "Pat"	R017082	09/25/10
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
Canale	Art	R038775	01/01/11
Hall	Duane	R024656	01/01/11
Hungerford	William D	LR24774	01/01/11
Laten	Harold N.	LR08406	01/01/11
Layer	Rodney L	LO40781	01/01/11
McBroom	John B	LR34827	01/01/11
McGinty	Robert A	LR10362	01/01/11
McMahon	Murray D	R024785	01/01/11
Seidelman	Leonard	R024568	01/01/11
Sievers	Harold E	R027799	01/01/11
Simunek	William C	R007055	01/01/11
Thiel	Tom J	R032530	01/01/11
White	Charles W	R033792	01/01/11
Yohn	John	R022353	01/01/11
LaJeunesse	Eugene C	R041623	01/05/11
Noder	Guenther F	R041624	01/05/11

### KWVA CHAPTER 169 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NOT TO BE USED FOR NEW APPLICATIONS

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY:                                  DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2010 [2011]

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

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

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

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

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

Chapter 169 Dues: \$10.00, Amt Enclosed:\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Assoc. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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.



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Form to:

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

## ***Korean Veterans Helping Veterans***

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

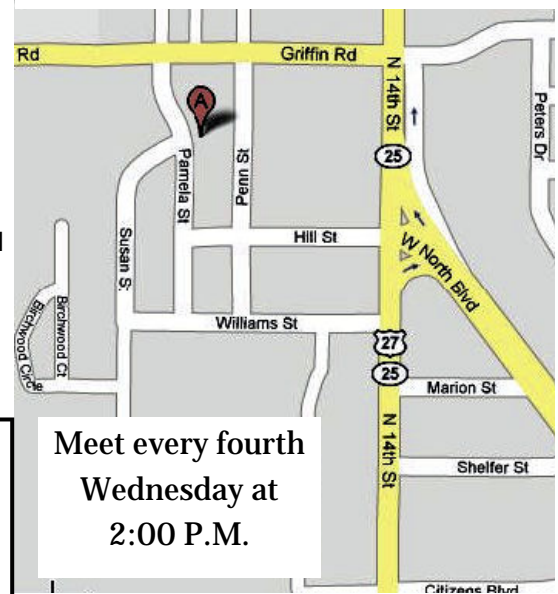
- ◆ Promote recognition of the Korean War, and its Veterans.
- ◆ Educate the public, especially our youth, about the Korean War and the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the war. Tell America!
- ◆ Provide a venue for the fellowship and comradeship of all veterans who ever served in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