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## Past President John Yohn



Past Chapter President, and Director, John A. Yohn, 81, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 24, 2010, in Tavares. John also served as a member of our Color Guard (photo at left), and was active in the Adopt a Kid/Adopt a Vet program, with several of his students having been selected with the winning essay.

John was born Nov. 18, 1928, in Canton, OH; his parents were Wilson and Isabella Yohn, who preceded him in death. John graduated from Lincoln High

School in Canton, and lived and worked in that area until 1974, when he moved permanently to Lakeland FL, where he owned and operated a Pack and Ship store. In 1995, he retired and he and his wife Myrna moved to Leesburg.

John served as a gunnery Sgt. in Korea 1950-52 with Company A of the 987 AFA BN, seeing heavy hand to hand combat after the Chinese intervention.

The deceased was married in

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## Florida Carriage Museum

Florida Carriage Museum Event, November 5-10, 2010, 3000 Marion County Road, Wiersdale, 32195. 352-750-5500, [www.femr.org](http://www.femr.org)

Harold Sievers told us about this event which is to "... celebrate the men and women who gave so much for our freedom."

Dwight Brown volunteered to research more fully, and on Thursday, August 26, reported to President that he had arranged for a KWVA Chapter 169 exhibit and memorabilia space that includes two, eight foot

tables inside a building.

He also cleared the showing of properly fitted weapons and other such display items.

Admission will be \$5.00 per car, but we will be given free admission. The events hours are 08:00AM till 18:00PM. We should be there during the full event Nov 5-10.

Dwight will need individuals to bring items for display to the September 22 meeting so that he can make display cards for them on the

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## Membership

No new members this month; the Association's Membership database has 54 at start of today's meeting (John Yohn had been removed); with our Honorary Assoc and GS Spouse members, Chapter total members stand at 56. Goal is to complete this year with 60 members on the Association DB.

**Residential Associations Members Drive:** Jack Reynolds and Joe Lewis are undertaking a project to contact mobile home residential associations 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 over 50 such residential communities where he plans to make personal contacts to try to arrange. A motion was offered, seconded and passed at July meeting to authorize up to \$150 to cover these activities.

Further plans; need participants and literature were discussed. Considerable number available. (Note: *we want to make this a Tell America activity as well.* TJT)

Please contact Jack at 630 Misti Dr, Leesburg, FL, 34788-2447, (352) 728-3928, jreynolds1@comcast.net

## Chapter Funds/Fund raising

Chapter Treasurer reported that our Wells-Fargo/Wachovia accounts as follows: Checking, \$2,442; and CD Savings, \$3,533. Our obligated amount to Scholarship, etc., stands at \$646, which is included in the above accounts.

### FUND RAISING:

We should still use the 60th Anniv of start of the Korean War, June 25, to leverage and plan multiple Tell America/Fund Raising events.

We had planned for (6) simultaneous displays at several stores in July. This plan fell a bit short due to lack of member support.

But our five fund raising events this year have done fairly well. They are: Charlie White et al at Publix Palm Plaza in -- \$251; Jackie Gleason et al at Publix in Belleview in Jul -- \$360; Dwight Brown at Publix and at Villages, Jun-Jul -- \$260 in tickets and \$182 in cash for a total of

\$442; and Charlie White, et al Palm Plaza, July 30-31 -- \$300.

This is a total of \$1,353, which when the laptop drawing of \$970 is added gives a grand total of \$2,063!

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way in these efforts.

We are planning on at least one more such event in October or November. Lets try to do them all on the same days—coordinate at the September Meeting.

Charlie White at Publix at Palm Plaza

Joe Gruber and Art Canale at Publix on 466A

Dwight Brown again at Publix in The Villages—Dwight needs helpers

Gleason et al at Publix Bellevue

Thiel at Publix in Mount Dora.

**Member support is needed for all!**

## Sick Call

At present we are not aware of any member under the weather.

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





## Department of Florida (DFL)

**Council meeting**, Saturday September 25, 2010, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ocala Hilton 3600 SW 36th Ave Ocala; We would like as many members as possible attend this one day Saturday session to learn more about our FL KWVA. Each person attending should complete and mail the Reservation form in May Schuttlebutt NOW. Sit down meal is \$18.

**Mission** of the DFL is to “provide a venue for leaders and members of the KWVA in the state of Florida, to periodically meet for the common good of each Chapter and each individual member, to support the mission of the KWVA and to promote reunion, fellowship and recruitment.”

To aid the DFL in carrying out this mission, they have developed an email address list of all Florida KWVA members and are, and will be, sending out periodic messages to those of you who have email addresses. Please accept them in the spirit in which they are being sent. At present they are coming from Jake Feaster. Thank you!

Which brings me back to Council meeting. Please attend. Call me 357-3943!

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table. Anything during the Korean War will be appreciated.

If the members agree to go through with this function, Dwight will maintain the items until the show.

We also need speakers. Harvey Lagasse, event coordinator, will be at the our Sept 22 meeting to talk to the

members on speaking. More detail next meeting. Should we undertake this event we will need to have an overall instruction sheet and assign teams of two to man the display at all times open.

Also, Mr. Lagasse said the Veterans park at the Carriage Museum is a go. They have the land, the drawing is at the architect, they have the money and the contractor.

### 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
Sievers	Harold E	\$28
Strausbaugh	Harvey E	\$8
Thiel	Tom J	\$13
White	Charles W	\$5
SUM		\$517
* In-kind		

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January 26, 2005, Swearing in John on right.



September 6, 2005.  
Wishing Mary Lum well.

1950 to Myrna Barstow who preceded him in death. His second marriage was to Alta Bonk in 2004. He was a member of Lake Square Presbyterian Church in Leesburg, the American Legion and the Korean War Veterans Association. He is survived by his wife, Alta; and cousins in Ohio. His body will be cremated and buried at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell on Thursday, September 2. Memorials may be made to: Cornerstone Hospice in Tavares, FL. Portions extracted from the Daily Commercial, Leesburg, FL,

8/27/2010.

Members attending service were: Carol Becker, Bill Simunek, Jack Reynolds, Ted Janson, Dick Pfahler, Don Lynch, Harold Sievers, Art Canale, Charlie White, Gunther Noder, Joe Gruber, Dwight Brown, Bob and Chris McGinty, and Tom Thiel.

Email from Nary Lum: "My condolences to Chapter 169 on the loss of John Yohn, a fine outstanding gentleman." /S/ Mary Lum

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

Current issue of *Graybeards* has photo and article on page 37 about our awarding a scholarship at Leesburg HS on and two-page article on VMFP groundbreaking on pp. 46-47. These were submitted by Thiel with photo input from Carol Becker.

Joan Klawunn submitted an article about Ray Baumbach presentation at the Villages July 27 ceremony and Thiel wrote one about the Laptop drawing; neither made the most recent issue.

Dwight Brown also submitted the Laptop Photos and news articles to papers but none carried the article.

## BY LAWS AND PROCEDURES

Our Bylaws state that they are to be reviewed every 5 yrs.

Thiel has done that and prepared a proposed revised draft bylaws that brought our Bylaws more in line with the Association's Bylaws as well as incorporating Chapter motions and real duties of the officers, etc. This draft was given to all members at the August Member meeting and sent by email. A vote to adopt them will be taken Sep. 22.

We have done similarly with the Procedures Manual but recent changes to Association will dictate more changes to our manual.

If you have any comments, additions etc., please have to Thiel by Sept 8 so that we can have for review and vote at the September 22 meeting.



## 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 the August newsletter and mail to the address shown.***

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## Christmas Party- Thurs. Dec 16

Carol Becker and Bob McGinty are Co-chairs.

This year we asked the committee to expand to incorporate Chapter 188 to make the affair a truly joint activity.

The Mission Inn has been contacted and our preferred date of Dec. 15 was unavailable. So we took **Thursday, December 16** instead.

Like last year there will NOT be swearing-in of officers. Other details are being firmed. Additional detail will be provided in future newsletters.

Thanks Carol and Bob.

## "Thank You USA" 60th Anniversary Certificates.

Twelve framed certificates were received from the Korean Consulate in Atlanta. At the July meeting we awarded one each to: Ray Baumbach, our only POW Chapter member; to Chapter co-founder Jackie Gleason; and to Charlie White for his service and to display on his fund raising table (it was). The remaining nine will be awarded sometime in the year; those conducting Tell America/Fund Raising/Membership will be given preference.

## 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.*

**Harold Sievers** purchased a large number of the **pins above left**, which were struck by the Department of Florida for the 60th Anniversary of the Start of the Korean War. He has given a significant number to the Chapter at no cost but with the stipulation that anyone desiring one donate \$2.00 each which is to go half to the Chapter and the other half to the Chapter's Booster fund in Harold's name. Twenty-eight dollars was realized at Wednesday's meeting; they will continue to be available—see Jackie Gleason.

New Chapter 188 Web Site:

<http://www.kwva188.org>

**November Meeting  
Nov. 17.**

## What I should have said.



*Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL, Sept. 2, 2010.*

We were gathered at this

beautiful cemetery today to honor and reflect on our departed brother, John Yohn, who passed away on August 24. John's wife Alta, several relatives, friends and neighbors, a goodly contingent from our Korean War Veterans chapter, and a team assembled locally to conduct the ceremony had come together to pay final respects to John.

After completing his brief remarks, the official conducting the ceremony, a man dressed in an impeccable Navy dress white uniform, asked "would anyone like to offer any additional remarks?"

Everyone was silent, me included.

But afterward, my silence troubled me greatly. I had trouble sleeping that night, all the while thinking about "what I should have said."

Although I didn't know John very well, I should have said a lot. Like for example that he and I were born 43 days apart—both in Ohio—he in Canton and me in a small town 123 miles west on U.S. Highway 30—Upper Sandusky. And that some 75 years later we came to know each other here in Lake County, FL.

And that in 1950, we both were

thrust into our Nation's "police action affair" thousands of miles around the world in a place neither of us had heard of, Korea. Since John was in the National Guard, he arrived there a bit before me, and experienced the onslaught of the Communist Chinese Peoples Volunteers a few months before I, who was invited by President Truman to "represent my friends and neighbors in the armed forces of the United States," i.e., I was drafted!

But John and I, and several of our fellow Chapter members here today as well, heard the same sounds of the attacking CPV—the bugles and whistles in the pitch black of the night, the red and green tracers, and then the wave after wave of human attackers! And the stack of their dead often piled several deep just where they fell. And we experienced the loss of many buddies and friends too, especially when we became the attackers in this seemingly endless, senseless affair!

And I should have said that we each went on to do what we were called upon to bring that three-year conflict now legally named the "Korean War" to a successful cessation of hostilities in 1953. We came home and for the most part without fan-

fare blended back into the "normal" life of working, raising families, and being productive American citizens.

We didn't tell many if any, including our families and children, where we had been and what we did. Then little by little we began to realize that what we had done almost 60 years ago was one of the most significant undertakings in our nation's history, for it was one of the first nails in the coffin of a major effort then underway to capture the minds, bodies and souls of free men—communism!



Chapter 169 Color Guard at John Yohn Services. From left, Charlie White, Don Lynch, Art Canale, and Bill Simunek.

But later on we began to look for and find our friends and buddies who had experienced the same event—sometimes even extended to finding some of those 36,000 Americans that left their blood and lives on the Korean soil—and together began to tell America our

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story!

Sadly, we found many historians and educators and journalists and even political leaders, routinely ignored our contributions to Freedom and to "... the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

But we continued our efforts and shall do so as long as we are able.



Other Chapter members there from left: Gunther, Dwight, ?, Harold, Tom, Jack, Joe and Ted.

John did this through his Adopt a Kid/Adopt a Vet participation in The Villages with his "adopted kid" having been selected as a winner and being awarded a program

scholarship.

So, I thank John for his contributions to our efforts—both 60 years ago and much more recently as well.

And I thank all of you here today as well. To Alta and family, I thank you for sharing John's precious time with us and for supporting our cause. And to those of you conducting this ceremony today, I

thank you for sharing your time in remembering John. And I want to thank our nation and the Veterans Administration for enabling John to rest eternally in this most hallowed and beautiful place. And finally I want to thank my fel-

low Korean Vets for coming today and for sharing your time and I ask those of you who remain to carry on this effort to rightfully place our Korean War contributions forever in their proper perspective in our



Navy chaplain presents flag to Alta Yohn, center.

nation's minds and hearts and histories!

Thank you all very much!

Tom J. Thiel

### Reserve October 7 for Special Event.

Received at very last minute—phone call from Harold Sievers who had just been called by Eddie Ko. There will be an "Event" sponsored by the South Korean Government at the Doubletree Hotel in Tampa. The words luncheon and medal or medallion were mentioned. More detail when we have it. But put Oct. 7 on your calendar!

## Chapter Future Schedule

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
Wednesday, November 17, 2010	Member meeting	Leesburg Senior Center	2:00 PM
Tuesday, December 07, 2010	Pearl Harbor Day	Veterans Memorial The Villages	10:00 AM
Thursday, December 16, 2010	Annual Christmas Dinner	Mission Inn	TBD

<http://cid169.kwva.org>

**H**ave you been going to the Chapter web site?

If not you should be as it contains a lot of material many of you have been asking for—Chapter, Department, Association Bylaws and Procedures Manuals, *Schuttlebutts* and *Graybeards*, TAPS, and a ton of other stuff of importance to the Chapter. I have not had much feedback so I don't know if you have been going there or not.

This was a learning experience for me as I had never built a web site before. That may be bad, or it may be good too, as I was not encumbered by "old knowledge."



This is a modern, standards compliant web site with a ton of information, but there are no waving flags and too full pages, I think.

I built it from an Expressions Web 4 business template; EW is from Microsoft and it lets the user make the screens and it writes the html code. And it works!

The domain name and the hosting site are both provided to us by the KWVA Association—it is free or rather a benefit of our Association dues!

I have also been working on another such site for the 24th Infantry Division Association, named simply: [www.24thida.com](http://www.24thida.com). Go there also and tell me what you think of that one.

## Veterans Affairs Services

Following are but a few of many items presented by Bob McGinty, our Veterans Affairs Service Chair.

### Events at KW Memorial—July 27.

The South Korean government and Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) held a wreath-laying ceremonies at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and in Arlington National Cemetery to thank American veterans for serving in Korea. For further information, visit [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)

### National Museum— U. S. Army

The Army Historical Foundation • 2425 Wilson Boulevard • Arlington, Virginia 22201- [www.armyhistory.org](http://www.armyhistory.org)

### Congress Honors Korean Vets

H.R. 4234—Korean War 60th Anniversary Commemoration Act of 2009—was introduced by Rep. Samuel Johnson (R-Texas) on Dec. 8, 2009, and has been referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.

"It is vital that America as a nation remember the sacrifices made by American troops during the Korean War," Rep. Johnson said "For some, this may be one of the last public opportunities to pay respect or be honored while a large number of Korean War veterans are still living."

### New VA Regulation Helps Veterans Suffering from PTSD

A new Veterans Affairs (VA) regulation will ease the burden of proof for veterans suffering from PTSD.

The new regulation requires the VA to

accept a service member's account of an in-service combat stressor (traumatic event). If you feel you may be suffering from PTSD, or know someone who might, please contact a VFW service officer near you. A complete listing can be found at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

### Honoring Cold War Veterans

The House unanimously approved H.R. 900 on March 21, 2010 recognizing the "sacrifices and contributions" made by U.S. troops who served during the Cold War,

The Cold War lasted from Sept. 2, 1945—the date of the formal Japanese surrender ending World War II—to Dec. 26, 1991—the day the Soviet Union ceased to exist.

The Cold War's purpose was "defeating communism and promoting world peace and stability."

## Membership Dues Dates—Chapter, Department & Association

LNAME	FNAME	ASSOC	C DUE DT
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
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
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
LaJeunesse	Eugene C	R041623	01/05/11
Noder	Guenther F	R041624	01/05/11

**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.

### 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.

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

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

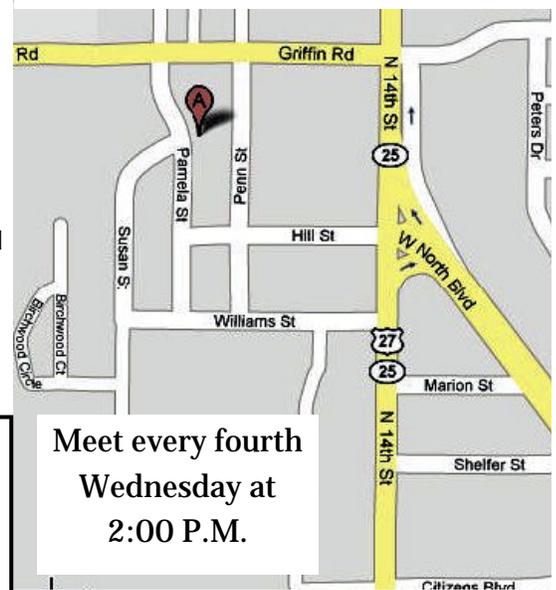
- ◆ Promote recognition of the Korean War, and its Veterans.
- ◆ Educate the public, especially our youth, about the Korean War and the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the war. Tell America!
- ◆ Provide a venue for the fellowship and comradeship of all veterans who ever served in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