

# The Schuttlebutt

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## Tell America at Carver Middle School



Tom Thiel with Jamie Covington's 7th grade class at Carver Middle

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**"Celebrating America's Veterans."**

Carol Becker and Dwight Brown at the Chapter exhibit Guardians of Free-

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## Meet Gordon Talbot Our 58th Member



Meet our newest member, Gordon Talbot. Gordon served with HQ Company, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division in Korea from 1955-56.

He and his wife Marjorie live in the The Villages. We met Gordon on Tuesday at the Carriage House function.

Welcome Gordon and Marjorie!

## On Membership

With the addition of Gordon Talbot this month and Bert Horvath and Claus Tiesman last month, the Association's Membership database shows 58 members. Our goal was to complete this year with 60 members. It looks like we will fall short.

In last two years we have welcomed 23 new members; 8 last year and 15 this year.

Twelve new members are from Leesburg, three from The Villages, two each, Lady Lake and Wildwood; and one each Yalaha, Tavares, Summerfield, and Mount Dora. Sadly, one of these, Billy Gaston, passed away just this year.

It takes everyone to help build

membership. Bob McGinty was responsible for both Bert and Claus. Don Van Beck is providing a lot of new leads.

Currently our Color Guard frequently participates in various Village's functions. Yet I am not aware that any of the 23 new members mentioned herein came as a result of those efforts.

Rarely are we even mentioned in the news articles on these functions, and often we are lacking having our Membership Brochure at them either.

We should try to do better!

***Everyone must be a salesperson—everyone must sell the Chapter!***

## RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS



Jack Reynolds and Joe Lewis are giving membership their best shot!

They have begun contacting 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 reported a couple of things at the last meeting: that he held his first meeting at his own community, and that Joe is slowly recovering from shoulder surgery.

The turnout at Jack's session in his own community was rather large, I think he said about 100. Simon Yoder was one of those; he came to the November meeting with Jack.

Jack also made an appeal for assistance with this effort; for other teams to contact these communities. Dwight Brown offered to go to the Blue Parrot community near where he lives.

Please help Jack and Joe on this. Contact Jack at 630 Misti Dr, Leesburg, FL, 34788-2447, (352) 728-3928, jreynolds1@comcast.net or to tthiel9@gmail.com



## Chapter Funds/Fund raising

Treasurer Jansen reported that we have the following funds:

Checking: \$2,777.60; Savings CD: \$3,533; Of that reserved for Scholarship etc., approximately: \$1,146.

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

It was deemed not feasible to do one more event this year because too much competition with other charities. So, we will look to the first quarter of 2011. Among these the following will be explored:

- Charlie White at Publix at Palm Plaza
- Dwight Brown again at Publix in The Villages—Publix has declined until after 1st of next year.
- Gleason et al at Publix Bellevue
- Thiel at Publix, Mount Dora.

- Joe Gruber suggested one at the Walmart on west 466 near where he lives. If one can be arranged we will get the needed help.

**Bob Evans/Friendly's fundraiser:** Judy Christie has contacted Bob Evans about a fundraiser with their locations in Leesburg and the Villages. She had previously contacted Friendly's in Eustis for the same question.

Members were asked if they thought we ought to proceed; they overwhelmingly did.

We have deferred these until early 2011, But Judy asked that we begin by selecting a place and date and then make plans to proceed. All members will need to promote this event and actually come to the dinners. (We all especially thank Judy for her efforts with this!)

## 2010 Chapter Officers & Directors

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## Boosters

LNAME	FNAME	BST10	BST11
Becker	Carol M	\$15	
Burke	Arthur L	\$13	
Canale	Art	\$63	\$63
Falo	Anthony R	\$10	
Houp	James	\$10	
LaJeunesse	Eugene C		\$15
Lynch	Donald J	\$120	
McGinty	Robert A	\$3	
Morford	Ted	\$100	
Olson	Harry	\$100	
Pilarski	Edward	\$13	
Rodgers	John R	\$13	
Sell	Warren J		\$38
Shumaker	William D	\$3	
Sievers	Harold E	\$44	\$3
Simunek	William C	\$3	
Strausbaugh	Harvey E	\$8	
Thiel	Tom J	\$13	
White	Charles W	\$15	
Gaston	Mrs. Zillah		\$50
Yohn	Mrs. Alta	\$500	
SUM		\$1,046	\$169

## DoF

**Council meeting**, Saturday January 15, 2011, The Ocala Hilton 3600 SW 36th Ave Ocala.

Large member turnout desired. Receiving communications from DFL urging us to register now; form is on the web site under Links and Dept of Florida.

The Department is **looking for KWVA members to fill important positions.** Among them are members of the Board of Directors, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you would like to run for one of these positions, or run for any position, please see our web site, <http://cid169.kwva.org> or contact Pres.

Thiel



*(Tell America Continued from page 1)*

School on November 9. This was an enormous treat for me to be able to talk to these beautiful young ladies and gentlemen. Eight of our chapter participated this year, from left, Don Van Beck, Jack Geisinger, Harold Sievers, Tom Thiel, Charlie White, and Dick Pfahler. We met at the school about 8 a.m., and were treated to a school breakfast. We then had a brief program in the auditorium, and then were each assigned to a young student to be escorted to our classroom where we each presented our own program.

I used my own story that I have posted on our web site, <http://cid169.kwva.org> Tell America button. It worked even better than I had hoped—I used the classroom computer and projector to show my slides. Now I must revise and extend my story. Each of those at the November meeting told a bit about what they did in their classrooms. I know that Dick told about his Fushi-do Island orphans, and that Don used a poster from the VMFP to more or less gave a history lesson about the various wars. Sorry but I do not remember the specifics of what the others mentioned.

After we returned from the classrooms, we were met by members of the journalism class (how I wish I had those possibilities when I was in school). I met with Hailey Hadden and Erica Hipp, and our hour went by much too quickly because they did not finish their questioning. I since have answered many more questions by email.

Unfortunately, like last year, the only photos I have are those with my camera—we really must have more pictures! I will try to get some from the journalism class as they were taking photos too.

We were accompanied by the AmVets post; Bob Peters of that post has been the main contact for our chapter in participating at Carver School on Veterans Day. Bob, we thank you very much. In all, I believe there were seventeen veterans who participated this year.

**(Carriage Museum** *Continued from page 1)*

dom celebration at the Carriage Museum, November 5-9.

Joe Gruber, Bob McGinty, Don Van Beck, Charlie White, Bill Simunek, Jack Reynolds, Bill Shumaker, Carol Becker, Ted Jansen, Jack Geisinger, Art Canale and Tom Thiel, in addition to Dwight manned the exhibit, which in the photo extends to John Yohn's uniform that Dwight had mounted on a mannequin. In total it was 18 linear feet of table space; Don Van Beck had the table at the end for the VMFP.

Most everyone who participated was enthusiastic about us being there. We only obtained \$19.00 total, which was not good.

But we did get Gordon Talbot as a new member, and that is terrific. Next year the celebration will only be 3 days. Dwight is enthusiastic about us going again.

Dwight says that one belongs to organization in order to give of himself, not to see what he can get from it. Certainly, this exhibit is living proof of Dwight living his philosophy! Thank you Dwight, and all the others who volunteered their time to man the exhibit.



Thiel chats with Afgan U.S. war veteran Lawrence at the show.

## Nashville had at least 190 Veterans Day flags

Ted and Marie Morford report that there were at least 190 flags posted in Nashville, TN for Veterans Day, 2010. That's because that's how many they personally posted.



my, a boys preparatory school. We put out 190 total."

When I asked Ted who the "we posted" was in his email, he replied: "The 'we' is Marie and me; I have had few offers to help, but I will not accept them. This is my project and I love it! But when I collected the flags on the 16th it seemed to take much longer."

Ted says that Marie and I put out 140 flags at St. Paul (left); I like to call it "the home," and we also put out several flags on the Korean Veterans Bridge (below); no flags have ever been placed there before.

We also placed flags at the Teachers Retirement home, where the response from the residents was great, and also at the Montgomery Bell Academy, a boys preparatory school. We put out 190 total."



## Annual Christmas Party-Friday, December 17!

Everyone please come to our combined Chapter 169-188 annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 17, at the Mission Inn, 10400 County Rd 48, Howey-in-the-Hills.

Spouses, significant others, guests—all are cordially invited.

The cost will be \$17 per person, which includes gratuities and taxes. You will have access to the entire buffet offerings.

Please make your checks payable to KWVA and put Christmas Party in the memo block. Get them to Joe Gruber, 420 Thistledown Way, The Villages, FL 32162, (352) 750-0286, jlnancy@embarqmail.com

DEADLINE for receipt DECEMBER 1, PLEASE!

We have invited Eddie and Joann Ko, and they have accepted our invitation!

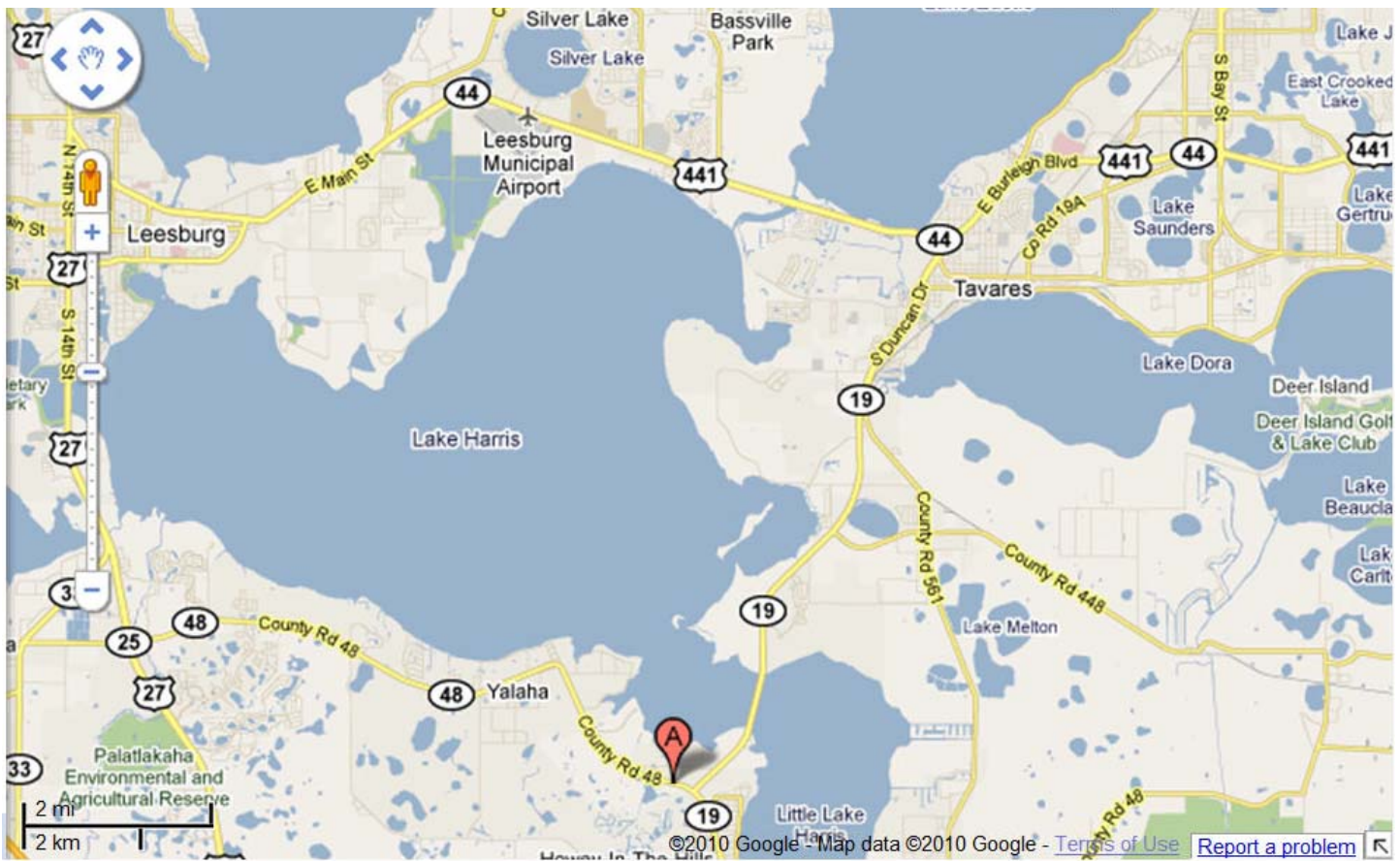
Al Leslie will provide music. Entertainment will be 10 lovely lady hula-dancers at 1:00 p.m. We will have a speaker from the VA for a very short presentation.

Those working on the various functions should be there at 10:30 a.m.; all others by 11:15 a.m. The meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. There will be a fifty-fifty by and for both Chapters. Chapter awards may be made, but there will be no installation of officers.

You may wear your uniforms if you wish, but the dress of the day will be apparel appropriate for the place and time of the year.

Much thanks Co-chairs Carol and Bob; everyone please come.

### Map to Mission Inn (A at bottom center of map)



## A few more meeting minutes excerpts

GUEST: Jack Reynolds brought one of his neighbors, Simon Yoder, Misti Drive, Leesburg, 2nd Infantry Division, 1950-51.

TELL AMERICA is a major effort of the Chapter; our trip to Carver Middle School has been covered before. Here are some of our efforts toward future TA Programs:

- Boys and Girls Club Leesburg, Jansen
- Leesburg High – Jansen has contacted Leesburg High ROTC, Chief going to contact Principal, Miller, coincide with ROTC Awards. (Thiel would like to present to whole school.)
- St. Paul's—Pfahler. Will be last week of January.
- First Academy—Pfahler. Still contacting.
- Holy Trinity—Thiel still to contact

- Charter School—Sievers and White—very good report—requested they write a report for Chapter to be used in Schuttlebutt and also reported to Association and Graybeards.

MEMORIAL BRICKS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS: Motion offered and seconded to purchase bricks for all deceased Chapter members. Motion tabled until the January meeting to enable Harold Sievers to research who has already received a brick at the Villages Memorial and who paid for them.

CHAPTER CAPS are due to Bob Hackett, Duane Hall, and Gordon Talbot.

SCHOLARSHIP—Ted Jansen, Chair. We now have \$1,146 obligated to our Scholarship account.

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## Officers for 2011-12.

The following slate of officers was nominated: President Tom Thiel, 1st Vice President Dwight Brown, 2nd Vice President Jack Reynolds, Secretary Charlie White with Bill Shumaker serving as an assistant/alternate, and Treasurer Joe Gruber with Charlie White agreeing to fill in for him when he is away in the summertime.

The call for any other nominations from the floor was made, and hearing none, a motion was then made and approved to close the nominations.

Since there was no opposition, Treasurer Jansen then cast one vote for the entire slate.

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## Our Color Guard needs You

Our Color Guard is our showcase; it is special. But we have been one or more short on several occasions.

We urgently need one or two new members

Please give Charlie White a call at 787-1885 if you might be interested in serving. Or call me, tjt

## Sick Call

We are aware of the following members who are ailing:

- Joe Lewis is in nursing home recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Al Scheutz is recovering from a gall bladder infection and subsequent surgery.
- Rod Layer says his heart is still not strong enough to enable him to participate in activities.
- Leonard Seidelman says "I am doing a little better having a special brace made for my leg. I am using a walker but still having problems getting out of low chairs. Going to try and make the Nov. meeting." But he didn't.

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

**Letter:** Circa November 27

Hi Tom:

Here is a check for the Chapter dues and the Association and Department as well.

I am doing my work for the Chapter my way as I see it. I have completed eight shows for the Veteran's Shoe Box, Wounded Warrior's College, Polo Grounds, Market Square, Spanish Springs, Carriage House 25 How's, and now I will be going to Orlando for the Citrus Bowl Dec. 30.

I used your list of our members. The ones I called did not answer. The ones that called back turned me down. The only one that showed up was Gunther Noder. At Show Time I was short one person that I got out of the crowd. NO HELP from our Chapter. But I understand "Senior Citizens." I do not take this personal.

Let all the Chapter in this area support the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, even if it is only a \$1.00 bill!

Your Past President,

Art Canale, Chapter 169

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## Next Meeting Jan. 26. Installation of Officers

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### 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.*

## President's Message

I've salvaged a little space for some thoughts from your president as we are approaching the end of our two-year term. We haven't achieved all our goals, but we made a lot of progress.

I'm most pleased at our results with membership; eight new members last year, and 15 this year.

And I am very pleased at our reviving our Tell America program of making especially young folks more aware of the Korean War, and its importance to their freedoms.

There were many more as well; the outstanding success of our two laptop computer drawings, the enthusiasm of many of our especially new members, the fabulous exhibit at the Carriage Museum, The Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, the Coffee Klatches, our picnics and Christmas Dinners, the creation of our own Chapter website and many more.

Disappointments? A few. But the positives far outweighed the negatives.

I want to thank everyone who contributed in any way to these and all of our successes these past two years, and welcome your continued support as we go ahead.

Finally, I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, and a most Merry and peaceful Christmas!

Tom Thiel





## Membership Dues Dates—Chapter, Department & Association



Chapter 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 date shown. The total amount is also 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.

### Member Dues Payable Dates through 1-31-2011

LNAME	FNAME	ASSOC	C DUE DT	AMT
<del>Strasser</del>	<del>John N</del>	<del>R041471</del>	<del>11/03/10</del>	<del>\$37.00</del>
Burke	Arthur L	R040747	11/24/10	\$37.00
Wiggelsworth	Ernest	R041541	12/07/10	\$37.00
Corriveau	Ben	R040801	12/16/10	\$37.00
Hall	Duane	R024656	01/01/11	\$37.00
Hungerford	William D	LR24774	01/01/11	\$12.00
Laten	Harold N.	LR08406	01/01/11	\$12.00
McBroom	John B	LR34827	01/01/11	\$12.00
McGinty	Robert A	LR10362	01/01/11	\$12.00
McMahon	Murray D	R024785	01/01/11	\$37.00
White	Charles W	R033792	01/01/11	\$37.00
Noder	Guenther F	R041624	01/05/11	\$37.00

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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 Chapter 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.

Make Check Payable to KWVA Chapter 169; mail to: KWVA, Chapter 169, 19147 Park Place Blvd, Eustis, FL 32736-7262.

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

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

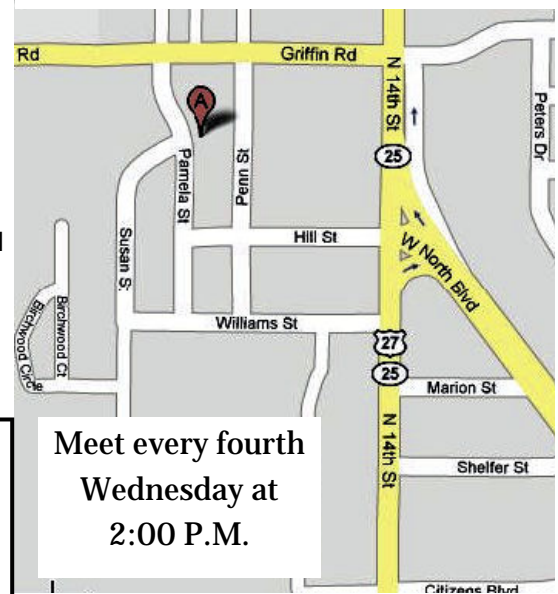
- ◆ Promote recognition of the Korean War, and its Veterans.
- ◆ Educate the public, especially our youth, about the Korean War and the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the war. Tell America!
- ◆ Provide a venue for the fellowship and comradeship of all veterans who ever served in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