

The *Schuttlebutt*

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



Tell America at St. Paul's



February 3, 2011, saw the Chapter's Tell America team again at St. Paul's Catholic School on Sunshine Avenue, Leesburg this year. Members from the left are: Tom Thiel, Dick Pfahler, Don Van Beck and Al Schuetz (1st time). We were most happy to have had another opportunity to take our Tell America program to St. Paul's School, and the warm welcome we received. We look forward to receiving their essays, and hope that we can come again next year. Thank you. (Photos by Vi Pfahler with TJT's D50 Nikon).

and also at Leesburg AFROTC



And the following Wednesday, February 9, our Tell America team spent from 9:00 a.m. to about 2:00 p.m. with three AFROTC classes from the Leesburg Yellow Jackets High School. Members, from left, Don Van Beck, Al Schuetz, Charlie White, Harold Sievers, Tom Thiel and Dick Pfahler. This too was a very rewarding experience. Photo by Cadet Captain Cathryn Pierce, LH AFROTC.

Next Meeting:

March 23, 2:00 p.m.,
at Senior Center.

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On Member Recruiting



On Thursday, Feb. 10, Harry Olson sponsored a member recruiting meeting at the Activity Center, Holiday Travel Resort, Leesburg. Attending were from left: Harry Olson*, Keith Wood, John Whiting, Don Lynch*, Dwight Brown*, Jack Reynolds*, Ron Rich, Don Campbell, Harvey Strausbaugh*, Carl Russell, and Jess Meado. Photo by Tom Thiel*. Mr. Rich and Mr. Campbell were from the Plantation, where Harry would like to arrange a like event. Jack Reynolds is holding similar events but we do not have photos. * Chapter members.



And on Funds

Treasurer Gruber reported that we have a total of \$5,449.72 in the bank. Of this \$1,146 is reserved for our Scholarship and Charities efforts.

On Membership

Welcome New Member:

George Maxin, and his wife Jean, of Mount Dora as new members of the Chapter. George, who was a guest at our January meeting, found us in the Sentinel Lake paper; he served with the 24th Division/19th Regiment in Korea 1953-54. George called before the Feb. meeting saying he would not be able to attend because of complications from his chemotherapy treatment. We welcome you George and Jean, our thoughts are with you as you deal with your current trials.

Membership now 54.

While the Association's Membership database shows we have 58

Active and 1 Inactive members, the Chapter database shows only 54. This is because Ray Bambauch has moved to Iowa, and four have not paid their dues. In addition one more will be moved from the active roster on March 1. While we are confident they will all renew, we cannot maintain them in the Chapter's Active Roster.

Efforts to get new members:

VP Jack Reynolds told of his efforts contacting 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. Joe Lewis is helping. But Jack has asked for additional teams to help.

John "JD" Lawson of Leesburg was our guest at the February meeting, thanks to Jack's and Joe's efforts.

Dwight Brown visited the Blue Parrot Community near him and brought several guests in January.

And Harry Olson held one of those in his community (see photo above).

Jess Meado of Leesburg and Jacksonville, IL, was at the February meeting, thanks to Harry's effort. Harry also is attempting to arrange a similar event at the Plantation south of Leesburg.

And I just learned that Don Lynch placed an ad in his Continental Country Club newsletter with a similar effort there. Thanks all!

Our Chapter 2011 Drawing

As reported last month, the Chapter is again conducting a drawing in 2011.

But this year instead of a laptop computer, we decided on **two** 24" flat panel Televisions. The Board at several early January meetings agreed to purchase the prizes, and we now have them.

The drive is to extend from March through our July 27, 2011 Member Meeting when the drawing will be held.

As we reported last month, Dwight Brown, VP for Fund Raising, planned for the Chapter to have exhibit-funds tables at each of 12 Publix stores in our general area from Bellevue to Mount Dora. He developed a packet containing all materials that members would need to approach store managers, including a letter explaining who we are and what we do.

But, after some extensive discussion at our January meeting we could not get all twelve teams populated from the 24 members present at the meeting. Five teams were organized but by the time of our February meeting two of these opted out leaving only three.

These three are being led by: Jack Reynolds in the Leesburg Mall area, Charlie White at the Palm Plaza, and Tom Thiel at Mount Dora Loch Leven Landing. Mr. White has firmed his plans to set up at the Publix at Palm Plaza in Leesburg on Mar. 25-26, and July 8-9. Thiel and Reynolds do not yet have dates established. Thiel reported he has donations for 11 tickets, most to his 24th Division colleagues.

So, what we decided was to distribute the remaining tickets to each member; these were presented in-person to those at the February meeting, and by mail to those members who were not at that meeting.

This is similar to last year's laptop drawing effort, which you will recall that all members received a certain number of tickets.



TWO Dynex 24" Flat Screen, LED, 1080 HDTVs

Donation \$5.00/ticket; you get two chances

Drawings July 27, 2011, at member meeting

Do not need to be present to win, but you will be responsible for pick-up if you do

Please ask your friends and neighbors to consider donating \$5.00 to the KWVA Chapter 169 so that we can continue our Fellowship, Tell America, Color Guard, Youth Education, Scholarship, Parades, Ceremonies and other missions.

And please consider donating for as many tickets as you feel you can afford. We need to receive donations for all our tickets.

We need to stress donations to Chapter 169 KWVA rather than about "selling raffle tickets." Note that one ticket has two chances of winning as there will be two drawings for two identical TVs. Remember also that the Drawing will be held at our July 27, 2011, regular member meeting. Send or hand your tickets and monies to:

Dwight Brown (352) 205-8536
566 Dowling Circle kaydees[at]embarqmail.com
Lady Lake, FL, 32159

We can make this a success if everyone pitches in!

Thank you very much. TJT



Construction begins on VMFP. Feb. 15, 2011. Construction began on the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, Leesburg, From left: Don Lynch, Dick Pfahler, Gunther Noder, Don Van Beck, Bill Shumaker, Tom Thiel, Harold Sievers, and Harry Olson.

60th Anniversary Medallions. We are still waiting to receive the medallions from the Korean Consulate in Atlanta.

Picnic April 27 at Hickory Point— Charlie White will lead this effort. Jackie Gleason, Bill Shumaker and maybe Joe Gruber

Thiel & Rock on Channel 22 TV

Bob Rock was also one of our guests at our February meeting. Bob heard about us from Bob Peters, AmVets Leesburg Post and Host of the "Salute" TV shows on LakeFront TV, Channel 22. Bob and Tom Thiel will be on Salute the week of Mar. 6 or Mar. 12.

Department of Florida

Council meeting, Friday May 6, 2011; Annual Convention, May 7-8, Ocala Hilton, 3600 SW 36th Ave, Ocala; large member turnout desired. The Department is urging us to register now; form is on the web site under Links and Dept of Florida. Form is also in this newsletter.

The Chapter made a \$50.00 contribution to DoF for the 2011 Convention.

In Memory of

Robert E. Harvey, Sr.

January 16, 2011

35704 E. Silver Oak Dr.

Leesburg

U.S. Army 1948-52, Korea

U. S. Navy 1952-1956,

by

William D. Shumaker

KWVA Chapter 169

\$25.00 to the Chapter 169 Boosters



Your 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

Chapter Web Site:

<http://cid169.kwva.org/> Go to the site often as it is constantly changing. Remember to include as a chapter resource with anything you write, etc.

Award to Leesburg High ROTC

Motion made, seconded and approved to award \$500.00 to Leesburg High AFROTC in time for their spring trip. This award will be presented in memory of our recently-departed brother, John Yohn.

Jansen and Thiel will present the award, and invite the Daily Commercial to come and write a story.

(See Boosters, Yohn, Mrs. Alta, right).

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.

Construction to began on Feb. 15; dedication will be on Nov 13.

Sick Call

We are aware of the following members who are ailing:

- **Arthur Burke** emailed me to let me know he has been saddled with "seven months of Hell."
- **Harvey Strausbaugh** is also dealing with a serious health challenge.
- New Member, **George Maxin**, complications from his chemotherapy treatment.
- Are there others; Including family members?
- Let us know please!

If you know of anyone ill please inform: Secretary Charlie White, 352-787-1885 or Tom Thiel 357-3943, kwva169@gmail.com

2010-11 Boosters

LNAME	FNAME	BST10	BST11
Becker	Carol M	\$15	
Beyerly	Lillian L		\$100
Burke	Arthur L	\$13	
Canale	Art	\$63	\$63
Falo	Anthony R	\$10	
Gaston	Mrs. Zillah		\$50
Houp	James	\$10	\$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	\$0	\$38
Shumaker	William D	\$3	\$25
Sievers	Harold E	\$44	\$3
Simunek	William C	\$3	
Strausbaugh	Harvey E	\$8	\$5
Thiel	Tom J	\$13	
White	Charles W	\$15	
Yohn	Mrs. Alta	\$500	
SUM		\$1,046	\$309

DoF 2011 CONVENTION INFORMATION SHEET

MEMORIES

Hosted by The Department of Florida May 6, 7 and 8

The Ocala Hilton, Right off I-75

352-854-1400 or 877-602-4023 (toll free) 3600 SW 36th Ave, Ocala, Florida

Hotel Reservation Deadline For KWVA Special Rate is April 15

ROOM RATE Mention KWVA for a special rate of \$99+ breakfast

Hilton deadline for this rate is April 15

CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND ALL MEAL RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED NO LATER THAN MAY 3.

FRIDAY MEETING 1:30 PM –4PM Council Meeting

1. Bring your Chapter flag and flag stand. **2. Proper attire** is your KWVA uniform or business casual.

****Friday after the meeting why not visit Veteran's Park before Dinner at the Ocala Elks Club. It is one of the most beautiful Veteran's Parks you will ever see. The Elks Club and the Park are just a very short drive apart.**

FRIDAY NITE AT THE OCALA ELKS CLUB *Memories of Wearing the Uniform*

5:30 PM Cash bar **6:30 PM** Dinner

Attire: "Nice" casual (**Elks does not allow jeans, shorts or tee shirts on Fri**)

Don't miss the "Best Military Story Contest." Dinner Reservations required.

SATURDAY MEETING 10:30 AM-4PM General Membership Meeting

1. Bring your Chapter flag and flag stand, your Chapter's Charter and your Activity report/ *SUMMARIZE* your projects and events, which occurred between January 2011 and April 2011

2. Proper attire is your KWVA uniform or business casual.

SATURDAY LUNCH-*Memories of the Drive Inn* Noon till 1 PM

Only 5 bucks/person for FL KWVA members and spouse! \$14 all others.

The Hilton requires that we have Reservations for lunch and dinner.

SATURDAY GALA - *Memories of the Way We Were*

6PM Cocktails (cash bar) *Honoring Chapter Presidents/Commanders*

7PM Dinner and Entertainment

Suggested Attire: Gentlemen, *coat and tie* or KWVA Blue Blazer uniform/ Ladies, "dressy"

SUNDAY MORNING- Memorial Service 8 AM Come dressed to travel, casual.

MEMORIES

**KWVA DOF CONVENTION AND REUNION 2011
MAY 6, 7 AND 8 AT THE OCALA HILTON**

MEETING REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATIONS FORM

Mail the information below and your check to:

KWVA DOF c/o Richard Arcand, Treasurer

5674 Bay Pine Lakes Blvd, St Petersburg, Florida 33708

DEADLINE TO HAVE FORM IN IS MAY 2, 2011

Sorry, we are unable to make any refunds if cancelled after May 2, 2011

***Please PRINT information**

Call the Hilton for Room Reservations

KWVA room rates are \$99 + complimentary breakfast

Phone 352-854-1400 or 877-602-4023 (toll free) address 3600 SW 36th Ave, Ocala, FL 34474

DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL KWVA ROOM RATE IS APRIL 15, 2011

Friday night at the Ocala Elks Club /Memories of Wearing the Uniform /Best Story Contest

Roast Beef and Ham have one or both, salad, new potatoes, green beans with almonds, assorted desserts, rolls and butter, tea coffee water

Saturday lunch/Memories of the Drive In

50ties Drive In buffet of Hamburger, fries, hot dogs, cold slaw, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, buns, brownies, cherry cokes and other drinks

***\$5 per person for FL KWVA members and spouse, \$14 all others**

Saturday Night Gala /Memories of the Way We Were

Choose Pork Loin Milanese with fresh lemon sauce or Herb crusted chicken with wild rice.

Both include vegetable du jour, garden salad, chef's specialty dessert, rolls and butter, coffee, tea and water



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Member Name _____ Chapter # _____

Title *as you would like it on your ID badge* _____

Phone _____ email _____ Nat Assoc. number _____

Guest name _____

Meeting Registration fee for Regular members only	\$20
Friday night dinner \$14/Person X # _____ Persons	\$ _____
Saturday Noon lunch \$ 5/Person X # _____ Persons	\$ _____
*Saturday Noon lunch \$14/Person X # _____ Persons	\$ _____
Saturday Gala Dinner \$35/Person X # _____ Persons	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Please order your dinner for the Gala on Saturday night

of Pork Loin Milanese _____ # of Herb Crusted Chicken _____

For DOF Office use only:

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

LakeWood Carvers Cane Project



Member Claus Tiesman presents Tom Thiel with the beautiful Eagle Cane given to Tom by LakeWood Carvers on Thursday evening, February 17, at the Training Room of Lowe's in Leesburg. Claus carved the Eagle head, and made the presentation.

Contact Claus at (352) 742-0110 or [cjtiesman \[at\]embarqmail.com](mailto:cjtiesman[at]embarqmail.com) or go to the Chapter's Web site, click on Our Chapter and then Official to get the actual application form.

GUEST SPEAKER: Fred Harrop,

Manager, Veterans Services Department, Board of Sumter County Commissioners gave an overview of benefits available to veterans.

Some of the topics covered were burial, death benefits, ALS, and others. This was one of the best ever guest presentations on benefits.

Several visited with Mr Harrop after his presentation.

Mr. Harrop's card is replicated below; he invited anyone to call him no matter where they live in Central Florida.



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COMMISSIONERS**

VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Dir	Vaccant			
Dir	Vaccant			
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**Membership Dues Dates
Association, DoF, Chapter**

**Member Dues Payable Dates
through 6-30-2011**

Members whose dues—Association, Department and/or Chapter—are payable now or soon are shown at the right. The total amount due for Assoc, Dept, and Chapter is \$37.00.

Unless we have your dues in hand by the end of the month shown you will be removed from the membership roster.

This is the only notice you will receive as we do not wish to incur the costs of separate mailings. Please use form below. Thank you for your consideration.
Chapter Membership Committee.

LNAME	FNAME	C DUE DT	ASSOC
Pilarski	Edward	01/12/11	R040924
Brown	Dwight E	03/03/11	R041953
Christie	Richard C	03/03/11	R041950
Slusher	Clarence B	03/03/11	R041952
Schuetz	Al	03/07/11	R041059
Jansen	Ted S	03/29/11	R021544
Van Beck	Donald L	03/31/11	R039333
Rodgers	John R	04/11/11	R041121
Shumaker	William D	04/27/11	R041142
Deeley	Paul	06/07/11	R042245
Lewis	Joseph G	06/07/11	R042246
Zettlemoyer	Richard P	06/07/11	R041226
Hanold	Audley W	06/29/11	R041292

KWVA CHAPTER 169 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NOT TO BE USED FOR NEW APPLICATIONS

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY: DATE: _____ / _____ / 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 Chapter Regular and Life Members

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

Chapter Boosters: Amt Enclosed: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Check _____ Cash _____

Signature: _____

Using this form for all re-
newals will help us. Thanks

I understand that by paying my 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. I also hereby swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and the Bylaws of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., and the Lake County KWVA Chapter # 169, so help me God.

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:

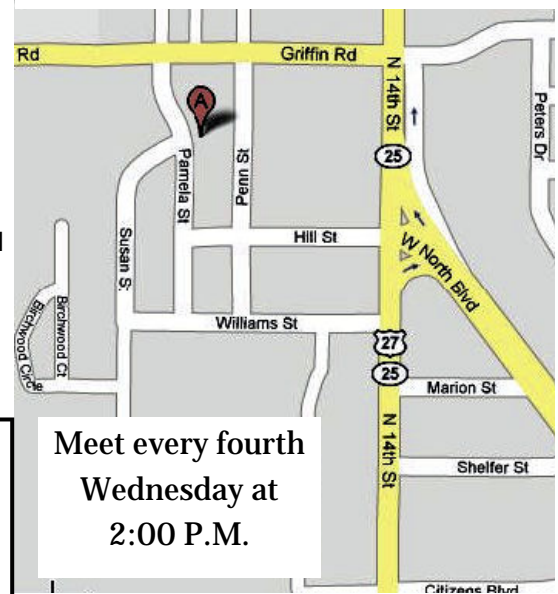
- ◆ Promote recognition of the Korean War, and its Veterans.
- ◆ Educate the public, especially our youth, about the Korean War and the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the war. Tell America!
- ◆ Provide a venue for the fellowship and comradeship of all veterans who ever served in 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 if you have an email address, and are receiving this by US Mail.
Schuttlebutt Deadline, Tuesday following Member Meeting.**

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