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John Yohn Award to Leesburg High's AF JROTC



Above left: Tim Parrish, Jr., who plans to enter the U.S. Marines after he graduates from Leesburg High School in the spring, accepts \$500.00 Chapter check on behalf of the Leesburg High AF JROTC program from Ted Jansen and Tom Thiel. Above right: Senior Aerospace Instructor (SASI) Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Dixon greets Alta Yohn, John's spouse. The award was named the John Yohn Award in recognition of our Past President, Director, Color Guard member and participant in The Villages' Adopt-a-kid/Adopt-a-vet program, who passed away last fall. Photos by Keri Rasmussen-Bekier, Daily-Commercial.



Bob Rock, left, and Tom Thiel, center, appear on LakeFrontTV's Salute TV program with host, Bob Peters. Mr. Rock is our newest Chapter member. Photos from DVD.



Thiel



Rock

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On Membership

Welcome New Members: In the last *Schuttlebutt* we told of our then newest member, **George Maxin**, and his wife Jean, of Mount Dora.



That's Carol's photo of George taken at our last meeting. Welcome George and Jean.

Our now newest member is **Bob Rock**, whose photo is on page one of this *Schuttlebutt*. Bob Peters, our friend from the local AmVets, introduced Bob to our Chap-

ter. Thanks again Bob (Peters). I'll need to defer to a future *Schuttlebutt* for details on Bob Rock, but I know that he is a very near neighbor of Jack and Dottie Strasser. Welcome Bob!

Membership now 57.

Carol Becker changed her membership back to Chapter 169 (welcome back Carol!). Carol and Bob Rock brings our Chapter roster to 56 Association members and one Honorary Member; this despite several losses. With all the membership efforts underway I have no doubt we will reach the low to mid 60's by year's end. Thanks everyone.



And on Funds

Treasurer Gruber reported that we have a total of \$4,984.27 in the bank.

Of this \$646 is reserved for our Scholarship and Awards efforts.

Excerpts from the Minutes of our March 23 Member Meeting

Our guests were: Gordon A Cauley of Tangerine (Lake Sentinel); Raymond G. Royal of Leesburg (Plantation Times article); Allan C Stover, The Villages (w/Bob Peters); and of course Bob Peters of AmVets.

Total attendance at the meeting was twenty-seven.

Approved a motion to donate \$100 to the Senior Center. (Right photo: Gruber and Thiel giving check to Betty Schleifer at Sr. Center.)

Approved a motion to increase our original 2011 Tell America Program Commitment of \$500.00 to \$900.00 to cover additional schools.

Approved a motion to donate \$100.00 to the local Salvation Army.

Also approved a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Red Cross for the Japanese disaster.

Claus Tiesman and Don Lynch were appointed to Board of Directors, hence filling all BoD vacancies.

Announcements of Regular Meetings, of Special Meetings, other events regularly go to several papers.

Daily-Commercial article on John A. Yohn Award to Leesburg High AF Jr ROTC.

Thiel and Bob Rock appeared on Salute program on LakeFrontTV.



Our Chapter 2011 Drawing

This year our Chapter is again holding a drawing; the prizes this year are **two** 24" flat panel TVs.

The drive runs from now until our July 27, 2011 Member Meeting when the drawing will be held.

By now you should have received a small number of tickets. A \$5.00 donation per ticket is requested.

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.



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

As of March 23, we have received donations for 151 tickets or \$755.00! Since this is more than the cost of the prizes, additional donations go totally to our charitable accounts.

Please turn in your ticket stubs and donations, and any unused tickets, as soon as possible.

You may bring to the picnic on April 27, or mail them 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

A Celebration of Freedom, The Korean War "We Remember"

Calvary Assembly (1199 Clay St, Winter Park, FL 32789, (407) 644-1199) is proud to announce that it will be hosting this year's A Celebration of Freedom event focusing on The Korean War, entitled "We Remember."

This amazing event on Sunday, June 5, 2011 will honor all our Military Veterans, but it will give special attention to those who fought in the Korean War. You will not want to miss the moving stories, music and memorabilia.

If you would like to be honored by this service please fill out the form on page 7 of this newsletter and

mail it to:

A Celebration of Freedom
c/o Angelo Intravaia
8511 Lake Bosse Drive
Orlando, FL 32810

or you can also complete it online at: <http://www.calvaryorlando.org/pages/celebrationOfFreedom>

To All Chapter 169 Members

The folks at Calvary are putting on a Celebration for us!

We are, therefore, obligated to go. Plans are to carpool from several places in Chapter 169.

Veterans who fill out this form will receive a packet in the mail that will

include the times, a VIP parking tag and a few other materials.

We have received preliminary information that sign-in is at 9:00 a.m. The Hall of Heroes, a museum featuring a quality weapons display and memorabilia from the Korean War, will also open at 9 a.m. with a private showing for all veterans who are there then. The Celebration of Freedom Event starts at 10:30 a.m. and ends 12:00 noon.

The Assembly folks are still working on this so stay tuned.

Send in a form now whether you are planning on going or not! Or fill it out online. Thanks TJT



KWVA 2011 Elections:

The Mar/Apr issue of *The Graybeards* will ask you to vote for one Association Second VP and four Association Directors. Former Association President, **Louis T Dechert**, is one of the six candidates for Director.

What follows is my personal commentary/endorsement.

Lou served as our Association President at a critical time when KWVA was reeling from questionable past leadership, and while a significant number of subliminal currents were trying to undermine Lou's efforts to wright the "KWVA ship of state."

GUEST SPEAKERS.

May 25: Al Schuetz will present "My Story, an account of my experiences during the Korea War from letters mailed to my mother."

July 27: Fred Harrot will be speak on "Veterans assigning a Power of Attorney to represent them."

Yet he preserved and led us to our National Charter and in many other stabilizing directions.

After being president, why would Lou want to now be a Director?

Could it be that "our ship" is again drifting in the doldrums? I think so, and I believe Lou does likewise.

So, I will cast but one vote for Director, and that will be for **Louis T. Dechert!** Tom J. Thiel, Ch 169 President.

Picnic April 27 at Hickory Point—

Members and spouses or significant others—please come to our Annual Picnic from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Hickory Point Park on SR19 south of Tavares.

Burgers, hot dogs, buns, relishes, soft drinks, etc., will be provided; but please bring a covered dish.



We urge all members to come. If you are coming and were not counted at the March meeting, please give Charlie White a call (352) 787-1885 so that he can plan.

We plan to issue a press release inviting all Korean Vets; we will request they RSVP with Dwight Brown as the phone contact. He will mention that it is a potluck, and will also keep Charlie informed. Charlie has mentioned that he still needs more people to help him, cooks, supplies like condiments, etc.





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

3:00 p.m. on Wed. Apr. 6. 400 Executive Blvd. Boys and Girls Club. Fold Flag. November 13, 2011 at VMFP

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

Sick Call

Last month we included Arthur Burke and George Maxin here; fortunately, both were at the 23rd meeting. We keep pulling for you!

Jack Strasser is having back problems that prevents him from coming to the meetings, Pat Gruber had surgery on Mar 24, Jackie Gleason will be going into surgery.

We wish them all well. Please let us know if you know of anyone ill.

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



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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.

Construction began on Feb. 15; dedication will be on Nov 13. There is a link from our Chapter web site to VMFP site showing construction photos.

Expanded area of eligibility to include Sumter County and The Villages to get more names and funds.

Don Van Beck is the prime fund raiser, still needs over \$200,000, for full completion.

Flag pole – Boy Scout program at 3:30 p.m. April 6.

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.

2011 Boosters

LNAME	FNAME	BST11
Anonymous		\$10
Beyerly	Lillian L	\$100
Canale	Art	\$63
Gaston	Mrs. Zillah	\$50
Houp	James	\$10
Jansen	Ted S	\$10
LaJeunesse	Eugene C	\$15
Pfahler	Richard N	\$17
Rodgers	John R	\$13
Sell	Warren J	\$38
Shumaker	William D	\$25
Sievers	Harold E	\$3
Strausbaugh	Harvey E	\$5
SUM		\$359



CHAPTER JACKETS



Florida KWVA Chapter Jacket Patch

(Please Print Clearly)

I am requesting a Florida KWVA Jacket with Patch.

Florida KWVA Chapter and City: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Jacket and Patch: _____

Jacket Color

White: _____

Columbia blue: _____

Royal Blue: _____

Black: _____

Name embroidered on Front: _____

Second Line embroidery Front: _____

I am requesting a Florida KWVA Jacket Patch only.

Florida KWVA Chapter and City: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Patch Quantity: _____

Dwight Brown showed a very nice white jacket with a new

logo on the back at our Member

meeting. The logo is based on the

Dept. of Florida's (DFL) Struhar Eagle Logo patch. Dwight requested permission to use this copyrighted patch; permission was granted to the Chapter in a letter from DFL President Bradford to Thiel.

If you would like to order either a jacket with a patch, or the patch alone, please complete the form at the right and send to

Dwight Brown, 566 Dowling Circle, Lady Lake, Florida 32159.

Along with the application you need to send a check made out to Dwight Brown for \$100 for the jacket and patch, or \$60 for just the patch alone. Questions: Contact Dwight at kaydees@embarqmail.com or 352-205-8536. Ed Note: KWVA Chapter 169 is in Lake County, FL, not in Leesburg. TJJ

60th Anniversary Medallions.

We are still waiting to receive the medallions from the Korean Consulate in Atlanta. They said they would be shipped last week but were not.

Department of Florida

Council meeting, Friday May 6, 2011 in afternoon.

Annual Convention, May 7-8, Ocala Hilton, 3600 SW 36th Ave, Ocala.

The Department is urging us to register now; form is on the web site under Links and Dept. of Florida. Form is also in the February *Schuttlebutt*.



**A Celebration of Freedom The Korean War "We Remember"
KOREAN WAR VETERANS
MILITARY INFORMATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: **FL** Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Will you and your Family be attending our Church Event: **Yes/No** _____

Special Assistance Needed, Wheelchair access: _____ Help Walking: _____

The Korean War Veterans Information

Branch of Service: _____ Rank: _____ Number Years of Service: _____

Combat Service: **Yes/No** _____ Combat Unit: _____

Combat Location: _____ Dates: **19** to **19** _____

Special Recognition

Honored Recipient of: _____

If asked, are you willing to do a Video Interview: **Yes/No** _____

Korean War widow or widower, please complete the information above concerning your spouse.

Widows Name: _____

Information about combat experience:

Veterans who fill out this form will receive a packet in the mail that will include the times, a VIP parking tag and a few other materials. If you complete this paper form please send to:
A Celebration of Freedom, c/o Angelo Intravaia, 8511 Lake Bosse Drive, Orlando, FL 32810,
or fill out online at Calvary's website. <http://www.calvaryorlando.org/pages/celebrationOfFreedom>

TELL AMERICA

Members of the Chapter's Tell America Team are: Harold Sievers, Dick Pfahler, Don Van Beck, Jack Geisinger, Charlie White, Al Schuetz, Dwight Brown (with displays) and Tom Thiel.

Thiel wrote a summary of the Chapter's two-year Tell America effort, including our exhibit at the Carriage Museum. He has been advised that portions of this will appear in Graybeards.

We need a Chapter Tell America exhibit to take to the schools we visit. We might consider materials that Dwight Brown developed for the Carriage Museum (e.g., John Yohn's uniform, etc.) and Jack Reynolds has a case of his memoirs. We also need a Korean War Tell America web program.

Dwight Brown is going to develop a

photo program of the Korean War using our photos so that each presenter could develop a unique presentation program using these photos.

So, everyone please bring your Korean photos to Dwight.

We have increased the amount of 2011 set aside for Tell America from \$500.00 to \$900.00.

We did a TA program at Leesburg High AF JROTC on Feb.9, and on Mar. 16, Jansen and Thiel presented \$500.00 to the Program as a grant in honor of John A. Yohn (see page 1).

Van Beck, Schuetz, Pfahler and Thiel went to St. Paul's Catholic School on Feb. 3. We received 33 student essays. Pfahler, Schuetz and Thiel have evaluated and ranked these, and we will present checks to the three top authors at the School Assembly on April 5.

Will try to get the press to this event also.

We are to go to the Boys and Girls Club of Leesburg at 3:00 p.m. on Wed. Apr. 6. It is at 400 Executive Blvd, Leesburg. They want a TA and a Flag program about 20 minutes total. There will be about 40 children ages 5 to 15 in attendance. Charlie will be bringing some of the Color Guard to do a flag folding ceremony. We will donate a flag and \$100 to the club. The Club said they would invite the press; we may do likewise.

First Academy – We are scheduled to go there on May 11, from 8:20-9:15 a.m. There will be about 185 students. Would you TA members provide some input for planning how to do this one.

Tell America is a very rewarding effort; we would like more members to become involved.

Chapter Officers and Directors

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Membership Dues Dates Association, DoF, Chapter

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.

Member Dues Payable Dates through 7-31-2011

LNAME	FNAME	ASSOC	C DUE DT
Christie	Richard C	R041950	03/03/11
Slusher	Clarence B	R041952	03/03/11
Jansen	Ted S	R021544	03/29/11
Deeley	Paul	R042245	06/07/11
Lewis	Joseph G	R042246	06/07/11
Zettlemoyer	Richard P	R041226	06/07/11
Hanold	Audley W	R041292	06/29/11
Stumborg	Max	R042360	07/10/11

Next Meeting:

April 27, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Picnic at Hickory Point, Tavares.

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: _____

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.

Using this form for all renewals will help us. Thanks

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 about our troops who have served in Korea from the end of the war in 1953 to the present time!
- ◆ 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, Date of the Member Meeting.**

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