

The *Schuttlebutt*

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Tell America at First Academy



year (photo by Vi Pfahler).

This was the first time we showed our Tell America brochure and other stories directly from our web site, <http://cid169.kwva.org> to the students. It went well and we are expanding our presentation materials.

As a part of this effort we made a direct contribution to the First Academy Library Fund.

First Academy Administrator Greg Frescoln also participated in the program.

On Wednesday, May 11, Jack Reynolds (from left), Dick Pfahler, Charlie White and Tom Thiel, met with the middle and high school students of The First Academy for an excellent Tell America program, our last of the current

Mount Dora High AFJROTC Receives Chapter Grant



On the evening of May 6, I had the distinct honor of representing you at the Awards Banquet of the Mount Dora High School Air Force Junior ROTC.

More than two-dozen other organizations were there also making awards to the ROTC program.

Our general award to the program was right in line with most of the awards presented that evening. It was made possible with the April 1 and 2 Tell America/Fund Drive tables at Publix wherein we took in \$1,100.00 in donations. TJT

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On Membership

New Members:



We welcome **Al-ian Stover** as our 61st Chapter 169 member. Al served in the Coast Guard from 1953-65 during the Korean War; he and his wife Jean Ann live

in The Villages. Our friend at AmVets, Bob Peters, guided Al to our Chapter.

With our Honorary Member, our total Chapter membership now rests at 62, and we expect to sign at least one other member next meeting.

I fully expect to gain several more new members yet this year. Our goal of 70 by year's end may be in view.

Please, everyone wear your Chapter 169 caps and carry our Chapter tri-fold membership brochure when you go out. Let's everyone get one new member!



And on Funds

Treasurer Gruber reported that we had \$7,162.87 in the bank as of May 24th.

Your Chapter Color Guard needs you, NOW!

Your Chapter 169 Color Guard continues to grow. Team members now are: Charlie White (leader), Bill Simunek, Don Lynch, Bill Shumaker, Art Canale, and Gunther Noder. And Claus Tiesman joined with the team at the Memorial Day celebration at The Villages; welcome and thanks Claus!

Yet we urgently need more members for our Color Guard!

Why do we need more? Because we need to cover all of Northern Lake County like our Charter states.

But having our Color Guard obligated to The Villages for every holiday shoots down any realistic effort to realize this.

Additionally, our Color Guard members have expressed a desire for a change from the current practice of always going to The Villages for every major holiday.

With respect to opportunities to participate away from The Villages, we currently have requests/



Art Canale (back to camera) chats with fellow members from left, Charlie White, Claus Tiesman, Bill Simunek and Bill Shumaker (photos by Joan Klawunn).

opportunities for July 4 at Mount Dora, November 11 at Eustis with Am Legion, and November 13 in Leesburg at the VMFP

We do not want to sever our relationship with The Vil-

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Where will you be on Independence Day?

At the Mount Dora High School AFJROTC Awards Banquet, a Chamber of Commerce representative invited our Chapter to participate in the Mount Dora 4th of July



festivities. There will be a parade at 10:00 a.m.; this is to be followed by an exhibit program from 3 to 6:00 p.m.

Several members have expressed the view that if our Chapter is to serve its full mission to serve all of northern Lake County, it must be visible well beyond just Leesburg

and The Villages. Ted Jansen said he had walked the Mount Dora parade route many times and strongly recommended we participate.

At the May Board Meeting, a motion was made and approved for the Chapter to participate in both of the 4th of July events. This included enabling the Chapter to obtain a canopy to cover the exhibit.

When the Board first was asked to consider the July 4 Mount Dora events, Bill Shumaker contacted

Prestige Ford about them providing us with parade vehicles as we are getting too old to walk the parade route. Dwight Brown also contacted the Bill Bryan dealership in Lady Lake. Prestige offered us a convertible, and Bill Bryan has offered us a Korean War era Jeep and trailer. We anticipate using both vehicles



so that part is coming along well.

So far, approximately 14 persons have indicated they will participate in the parade, and a smaller number in the exhibit.

More detail to be obtained and provided.

So, in answer to the question posed in the headline of this article, why don't you spend July 4 with your Chapter? Please give Dwight a call at (352) 205-8536 or (352) 638-0514, or me at 357-3943 or 408-6612.

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lages, but we also want to participate elsewhere throughout Lake County so that we gain exposure there.



So, this is an appeal for more of you to participate with your Color Guard, especially those of you living in The Villages or Lady Lake.

Unless more of you are willing to participate, we will be faced with a very difficult decision, and very soon

too! July 4 is only one month in the future, and we are committed to going there for the 4th of July parade.

So give Guard Leader, Charlie White a call NOW at 787-1885 to find out more about your opportunity to serve in the Color Guard. Art Canale would serve as our leader for the 169 team in The Villages; his phone is 750-2520.



Charlie is at upper left and Art is above with members of the Color Guard behind him.



May 25, 2011, Board meeting minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 12:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Officers and Directors: Thiel, Brown, Reynolds, White, Gruber, Shumaker, Gleason, Sievers, Jansen, Pfahler, Van Beck, Tiesman, Lynch, McGinty, Becker, and Canale.

Quorum requirement satisfied.

Don Van Beck hospitalized (LRMC) with symptoms of a heart attack.

SECRETARY REPORT: Motion to waive reading approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Gruber reported our total funds at beginning of today's meeting are \$7,162.87 with \$1,100 obligated to the Scholarship/TA Fund, and \$955.04 profit from drawing tickets.

Report on TV Drawing Ticket Status: VP Brown reported 290 of the 500 tickets printed have been utilized to date. (Approx. 22 more were returned at today's meeting.)

MEMBERSHIP:

We have 60 members in both the Chapter and Association file.

FUND RAISING/TELL AMERICA/SCHOLARSHIP/AWARDS:

Fund/Tell America Efforts

Tom Thiel et al were at Publix Mount Dora, May 20-21; \$1,054.

Charlie White et al Publix Palm Plaza; July 8-9. This was delayed until this fall.

We plan to conduct three additional fund raisers this fall.

FUNDING, ETC., TA, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS: There was extensive discussion of how to manage the funding of our primary non-profit mission programs, which were defined as follows: to educate, to fund education, and to aid needy Chapter members and others.

Thiel moved, with a second, that the bylaws be changed to read as follows: "to place in a separate ledger at least one-half of all Chapter funds received (excluding all Association and Department dues, and any direct pass-through payments), which shall be used specifically to support the Chapter's Primary Mission (as defined above); the remaining Chapter monies may be used to fund Chapter expenses, pay approved expenses to attend meetings and/or conferences, contribute to general charities, and such similar items as may be provided for under our operating guidelines."

Gruber moved "that all Primary Mission expenditures be limited to \$250.00."

No vote was taken on either motion; topic was tabled indefinitely.

VETERANS MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN PARK – Van Beck

From VMFP Minutes: "A motion was made to change the areas of eligibility to Lake, Sumter and Marion counties. The motion passed."

POKER RUN & FUND RAISER SATURDAY JUNE 4, 2011

To Benefit the Veteran's Memorial at Fountain Park in Leesburg.

\$10.00 Rider; \$5.00 Passenger

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial at Fountain Park in Leesburg. Receive route maps and card hands. 1st bike out at 10 a.m. Breakfast will be available at the new AmVets on Canal Street in Leesburg.

- AmVets Leesburg
 - County Line Bar
 - Dallas Inn
 - Roadside Inn
 - Shamrock Lounge Food will be provided for all participants
- 50/50 Raffles

Auction

ALL Proceeds and Donations will go to the Veteran's Memorial at Fountain Park

BANNER STATUS. Carol Becker showed the second banner she has had made. Motion made and seconded to repay \$180.00 to Carol for these banners. Motion passed.

ADJOURN: 1:45 p.m.



MD AFJROTC "Thank you"

Aaron Thompson, Mount Dora High School Sophomore, and Sr. Airman with the AFJROTC, called your president to thank the Chapter for bringing Tell America to MD and for contributing to their program.

Richard Wooten, also of the Mount Dora AFJROTC sent a thank you card for our attending the Awards Banquet and for making a contribution to their program.

Sick Call

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

Next Board Mtg:

June 22, 12:30 to 1:45 at Senior Center Conference

Next Member Mtg:

June 22, 2:10 p.m. at the Senior Center, 1211 Penn Street, Leesburg.



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Go to the site often as it is constantly changing. Remember to include as a chapter resource with anything you write, Business Cards, etc.

VETERANS MEMORIAL at FOUNTAIN PARK

Expanded area of eligibility as follows: who may be on wall—any veteran with an Honorable, Medical or even some General discharge, and open to include Lake, Sumter and Marion Counties.

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. Link from our web site to VMFP construction photos.

Don Van Beck is the prime fund raiser, still about \$175,000 short of enough for full completion.

2011 Boosters

LNAME	FNAME	BST11
Anonymous		\$10
Becker	Carol M	\$100
Beyerly	Lillian L	\$100
Burke	Arthur L	\$250
Canale	Art	\$63
Gaston	Mrs. Zillah	\$50
Hall	Duane	\$10
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		\$719



2nd Mount Dora Publix Tell America/Fund Drive nets Chapter \$1,054!

On May 20 and 21, we held our second Tell America/Fund Drive at the new Mount Dora Publix at the corner of U.S. 441 and S.R. 44/Donnelly Street, Mount Dora.

The kind Publix customers were very generous again giving us \$1,054.00, about 1/3 on Friday and 2/3 on Saturday.



Claus Tiesman mans table at Publix entrance. The photo poster standing along wall in middle of photo was very effective in responding to the question: "What are you using these monies for?"

So, that is a combined total of \$2,154.00 for the April and May efforts at Mount Dora Publix!

Additionally, we distributed about 200 of our Tell America tri-fold brochures and about 400 of our Korean War Daisies, which also contain a message about the Korean War.

On May 23, I received the following email:

"Greetings from Sorrento. My wife gave me one of your brochures, which was given to her at a store front in Mt Dora Saturday. I am glad you are putting the word out on the Korean War. Although I did not serve in the military, my

Dad fought in WWII in the Royal Navy, my Father-in-law served in Korea, and my oldest brother served in the Army Rangers and 82nd Airborne.

"I have the utmost respect and appreciation for your service, esp. in the "forgotten war" in Korea. I know that was brutal. It was vital to our national interests though, and we saved millions in S. Korea



Charlie White, Don Lynch and Bill Shumaker at Publix exit door. Note photo posters, one at end of the table and another at center.

from a life of misery and subjugation. Phil Leadbeater, Sorrento, FL."

I want to especially thank Bob Rock*, Dick and Vi Pfahler, Claus Tiesman**, Joe Lewis*, Jack and Margie* Reynolds, Joe Gruber**, Al Dasilva*, Bill Shumaker, Charlie White and Don Lynch for helping with this drive (* first time on a fund drive, ** did double shifts).

Charlie White had planned a fund drive at Publix Palm Plaza, Leesburg, for July 8 & 9, but at the last Board meeting we decided to delay that until fall when it is cooler.

We are planning on more fund drives this fall, especially the Palm Plaza one and at several other Publix stores in Lady Lake and Leesburg.



Al Dasilva manning the entrance table on Saturday Afternoon.

Stay tuned. TJT



Gruber resigns, Shumaker appointed Treasurer



It was with much sadness that I accepted the resignation of Joe Gruber (left) as Chapter Treasurer. Joe had brought much to the Chapter and we sincerely hope that he will be able to remain with the Chapter in the future.

At the same time, I am very pleased to report that Bill Shumaker (right) has agreed to replace Joe as Treasurer, and I hereby appoint Bill to that position effective immediately (such appointment is subject to rati-

fication by the full Board).

Bill has been serving as Alternate Secretary/Treasurer, which I would very much like to fill. The position's duties are to assist in whatever way needed either the Secretary or the Treasurer.



Bill has been taking notes of the Board and Member Meetings, and that need still exists. Please call 357-3943 to serve. TJT

Member Meeting Notes & Speakers



On May 25, member Al Schuetz presented "My Story, an account of my experiences during the Korea War from letters mailed to my mother."

Al, who served in the 45th Oklahoma National Guard Division in Korea,

said that in 21 months he had sent over 300 letters to his mother, which he now has and is using to write his story.

He mentioned that he left the line company to attend radio school where he learned Morse code in 5 weeks.

One other action taken at the meeting was to ask members to sign the KWVA Code of Conduct pledge.

Future Speakers

June 23. Dwight Brown will tell us about much of the Korean War era collectable items he has.

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

AS you can see, Member meeting format has been shortened and simplified to take less time.

Memorial Day Chapter 173 Awards Ceremony.

Senator Bill Nelson presented medals and ribbons to about a half-dozen Chapter 173 members who did not have their medals & ribbons.

This was a most impressive ceremony; space does not permit me to post any photos or details. However, I am interested in bringing this to our Chapter.

So, this is an appeal for you to let me know if you are seeking your medals and ribbons, and if we ought to proceed. Contact Pres. Thiel

Department of Florida

Council meeting was Friday May 6, 2011; I was not present because I needed to attend the Mount Dora AFJROTC Awards Banquet.

The DoF 2011 Annual Convention, was May 7-8, at the Hilton, Ocala. Ted and Marilyn Jansen, Harold Sievers, Art Canale, Carol Becker and I attended from our chapter.

Jim Bradford completed his term as President and Charlie First was sworn in as the new DoF President. Yours truly gave a brief DoF Website report; members then voted to replace the old site with the new one: <http://dof.kwva.org>, which is now operational. Yours truly was also requested to be the Newsletter editor. TJT

Sound Off: On MIA/POW

Dear Folks:

Most or all I will say in this communication will deal with the Korean War.

Following is a breakdown of Military Personnel unaccounted for:

- World War II 73,792
- Korea 8,001 (now 7,995)
- Vietnam 1,689
- Iraq 0
- Afghanistan 0

There are presently remains of 200 of our heroes in the United States waiting to be processed. Due to a shortage of manpower on the part of our government they are unable to process these remains.

We are no longer allowed to enter North Korea to search for remains.

You probably think this is due to the North Korean government. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our search teams are not allowed to enter North Korea because of our government! This started with the Bush administration and continues into the Obama administration. Evidently we have broken all ties to the North Korean government until they will negotiate a nuclear treaty. Why can Reverend Graham, Billy Carter, and that news reporter Greta something or other be allowed to enter North Korea?

Here is the kicker: The North Koreans have begged us to send in our search teams. They are starting their spring planting at which time they unearth many remains and artifacts. Their gov-

ernment has told them to place the items in boxes and hold them.

In addition there are civilians that remember battles and they could guide us; however, these people, like us, are dying off. There are fewer and fewer left to help.

Much of this information comes from The Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAS.

Thanks for reading this, I appreciate it.

Ted Morford, 169 Hon. Life Mbr.
tedmorford@att.net
615-292-2977

Written in Memory of Corporal Bobby Manier, MIA, POW, KIA

60th Anniversary Medallions.

We are still waiting to receive the medallions from the Korean Consulate in Atlanta. I supplied them with new member names; they have not replied. TJT

Link for Florida Veterans Newsletter

<http://www.floridavets.org/first.asp>

Open the link. You will see a blue bar on the left side saying "FDVA Newsletter" and below that it says Sign up for the efloridavets newsletter and the a box for your email address. That is where you put your email address and then click sign Up. That is all you have to do.

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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 10-31-2011**

LNAME	FNAME	C DUE DT
Zettlemoyer	Richard P	06/07/11
Hanold	Audley W	06/29/11
Carli	Armando "Pat"	08/26/11
Regan	Ronald	08/26/11
Olson	Harry	09/05/11
Geisinger	John	09/06/11
Horvath	Bert	09/19/11
Strasser	John N	10/04/11
Tiesman	Claus J.	10/10/11
Sell	Warren J	10/25/11

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: _____

**Please use this form for
your renewal. Thank You**

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:

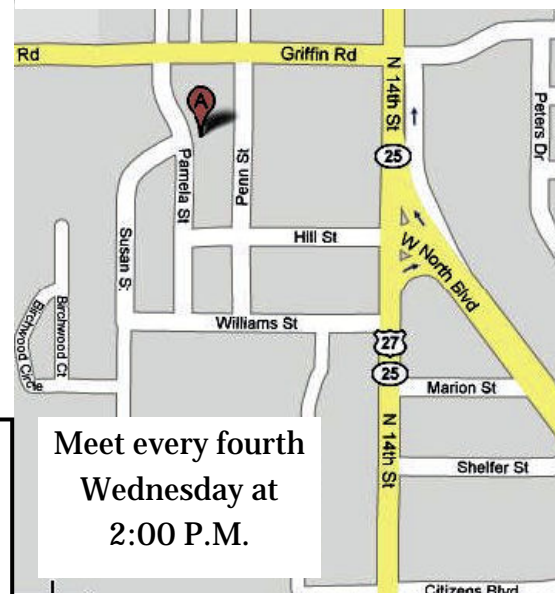
- ◆ Promote recognition of the Korean War, and its Veterans.
- ◆ Educate the public, especially our youth, about the Korean War, and about our troops who have served in Korea from the end of the war in 1953 to the present time!
- ◆ Provide a venue for the fellowship and comradeship of all veterans who 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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