

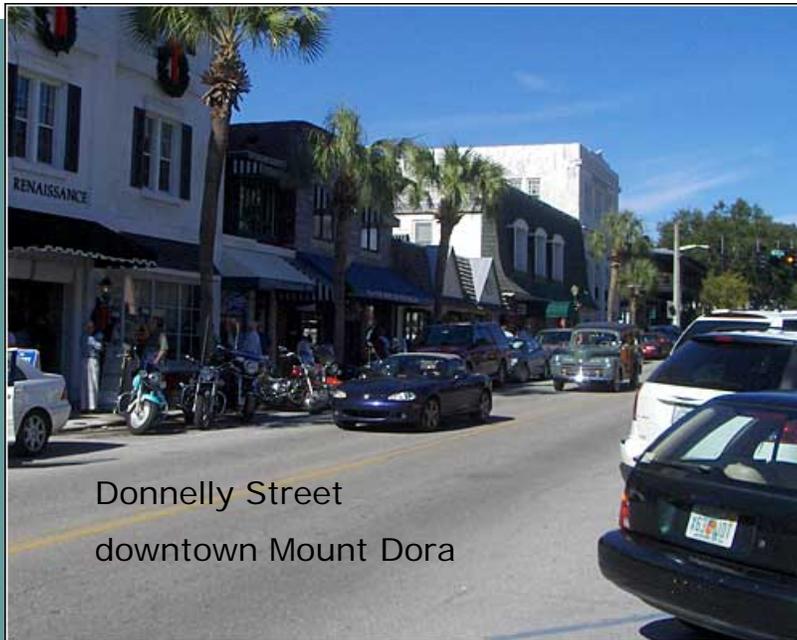
# The Schuttlebutt

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The Newsletter of the Korean War Veterans of Lake County (FL),  
Inc., Chapter 169, Chartered 1998 <http://cid169.kwva.org>



## Celebrate July 4 with your Chapter



Donnelly Street  
downtown Mount Dora

Celebrate Independence Day with your fellow Chapter members in beautiful downtown Mount Dora.

We are participating in the old-fashioned Mount Dora July Celebration beginning with a parade on Donnelly Street through downtown Mount Dora at 10:00 a.m.

This is followed from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. by festivities at Gilbert Park with music, vendor displays and children's activities.

Come out to support your chapter and participate in our Tell America/Fund Drive ex-

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## Dwight's Korean era collection

Dwight Brown showed us items in his ever-growing collection of Korean War era items.



Dwight asked members to think of items that they remembered using when they were in Korea, items that they now have, or items that they would like him to look for on eBay for them.

Among the items Dwight showed were:

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## On Membership

### New Members:

We welcome **Jim Corbet** as our 62nd Chapter 169 member. Jim served in WWII and subsequently in the Korean War. He



and his wife Gloria (see photo herein) live in Umatilla. Jim began his military career as an EM but completed as a Major. Bill Shumaker brought Jim to our Chapter.

We are aware of several other potential new members. 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!

We thank **Audley Hanold** of Erie, PA for renewing his membership!



## And on Funds

Treasurer Shumaker reported that we had \$7,442.39 in the bank as of June 22nd.

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first of all the uniform he was wearing, including the insignias, and other apparel items, a Marine Corps footlocker, bayonets, canteens, mess kits, manuals, etc. He has obtained most of these items from eBay.

One of his real treasures is an original accounting of the excruciating Tiger Death March in which American POWs and a large number of civilians were marched nearly the entire length of Korea north and south. What Dwight has is the original document written by a Carmelite Nun who had been captured by the North Koreans.

To read about the Tiger March: <http://24thida.com/>

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tabrook\_tiger\_survivors.html

This is a personal project of Dwight's to collect materials of this nature to be used by the Chapter for various uses, among which may be our Tell America in schools and elsewhere.

So, this is an appeal for you to advise Dwight of any materials that you have that we might utilize in a future display, or any item that you might like Dwight to attempt to locate via eBay.

Thanks Dwight, it was most interesting and informative.

## FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next Member Meeting will be July 27, 2:10-3:40.

Fred Harrot, Sumter County Veterans Services Office will speak on: "Veterans assigning a Power of Attorney to represent them."

On Aug. 27, Thiel will demonstrate Chapter and DoF Websites.



**Don Lynch**, at left-front leads the Honor Guard at the Continental Country Club where he lives, in a Memorial-Day Ceremony. Don also serves as a member of our Color Guard. Congratulations Don! (Source: *The Echo*)

## We are the KWVA of Lake County

Our Charter says we are the Korean War Veterans Association of Lake County. (That has recently been expanded to say Korean War and Service Veterans.)

But events have whittled away at that scope of our coverage, starting first when our members who lived in the Clermont area split off and formed Chapter 188 more than 10 years ago.

That soon was followed by our Chapter Color Guard being committed to serve every major holiday at the Veterans Memorial Park at the Villages.

This left no chapter resources available to serve the rest of Lake County and the surrounding area of Sumter and Marion counties.

This need to serve all of our member area has been festering for some time just under the surface.

But it quickly boiled over when our Chapter was invited to participate in the old-fashioned Mount Dora July 4 festivities.

At our Board and Member meetings on June 22, we agreed that henceforth KWVA Chapter 169 shall strive to fulfill its total mission as expressed in its Charter, namely, to cover all appropriate events in Lake County and surrounding areas.

This does not mean we abandon our long-term commitment to the Village's Memorial, but that we fit all needs and opportunities within the scope of our mission and our resources.

### **Chapter Color Guard is Critical**

This need is most apparent in the assignment of our Color Guard.

Currently, our Color Guard team consists of: Charlie White (leader), Bill Simunek, Don Lynch, Bill Shumaker, Claus Tiesman, Art Canale, and Gunther Noder.

*If we are to address more than just the Villages on major holidays, we need more Color Guard members—essentially two complete Color Guards!*

So we have arranged membership rosters in zip code order and have encouraged Charlie White and Harold Sievers to contact, especially, members in the Villages and Lady Lake to get more Guard members.

But we desperately need you to

consider becoming a Color Guard member irrespective of where you live.

The one unequivocal requirement to be a member of the Chapter 169 Color Guard is that of being a Chapter member. No exceptions will be allowed.

Otherwise, there are relatively few requirements other than to show up when the Guard is needed.

The Chapter will reimburse you for any costs you may incur, such as: shirts, caps, braids, belts, etc.

At the June Board meeting we agreed to purchase a second set of chapter flags. This is easy for U.S., Korean, and POW flags; however, a second Chapter 169 Flag will have to be crafted.

It is important that you know that we were able to work out arrangements for portions of our Color Guard to be at both The Villages and at Mount Dora on July 4.

**But, we urgently need a few more Color Guard members!**

So, this is an appeal for you to participate with your Color Guard.

*Please give Guard Leader, Charlie White, a call NOW at 787-1885 to find out more about your opportunity to serve in your Color Guard.*

That is Charlie in the photo at the left





**(July 4—Continued from page 1)**



Korean War era vintage Jeep being supplied by Bill Bryan dealership in Lady Lake.

hibit. Tell America about your service 60 years ago.

In the parade, we will be riding in a Korean War vintage Jeep that will be pulling a trailer that we will decorate prior to the parade.

Here are the details. On Monday July 4, all members riding in the parade are to assemble at Tom Thiel's house (19147 Park Place Blvd, Eustis), at 8:00 a.m. to decorate the trailer. After it is decorated we will move to the parade staging area about 2.5 miles straight south, the Mount Dora Post office at 711 N. Donnelly St. We will travel together from Thiel's home to the Post Office; we need to be there by 9:00 a.m.

The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. and wind its way from the Post Office through downtown Mount Dora to Gilbert Park. That should be over by noon.

Note that some of our color guard will be going to the Villages; others

not specifically asked to be at the Villages are asked to be at the Parade. (This is a part of our efforts to diversify our holiday efforts to cover all of Lake County.)

Be sure to bring your chair so that you can be seated on the trailer. Wear your "chapter uniform," especially 169 caps.

**NOTE THAT OUR DAY IS NOT OVER!**

We are next going to have a **Tell America/Fund Drive Exhibit** starting at 3:00 p.m. at Gilbert Park where we will have two 12x12 tents and three tables. (Note that Dwight was able to get the planners to waive the normal fee for us to have a display table.)



Dwight Brown has assembled a significant array of Korean War era exhibit materials, and members are also asked to bring what each of us has.

Remember that this is a Tell America and Fund Raising effort.



Trailer also being provided by Bill Bryan dealership in Lady Lake.

Again be sure to bring your chairs. Parking is nearby area. Bring items from your Korean experience.

We urgently need members to come and man this exhibit, which we will collapse well before fireworks.

Remember, our goal is to Tell America, accept donations and to get new members.

Please come. Please help.

Call Dwight Brown. (352) 205-8536, (352) 638-0514 if you have any questions. ###

**ALTA YOHN** (Mrs. John) is moving to Washington state to be with family.

Before leaving, however, she phoned to say that she wished to contribute \$500.00 to our scholarship program in remembrance of her husband, John.

Alta's new address is: Mrs. Alta M. Yohn, 17502 102th Ave, NE, #214, Bothell, WA, 98011.



## DEPT OF FLORIDA (DFL): Pres-

ident Thiel reminded attendees that all chapter members are a priori members of the Department of Florida. And that they ought to consider participating and improving on DoF rather than criticizing.

The Fall Council Meeting will be Sept. 24, at the Plantation Golf Rsrt & Spa, Crystal River; members, especially Board members are encouraged to attend.

The Department of Florida web site is operating <http://dfl.kwva.org>. You can find much DoF information there.

## Sick Call

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

Arthur Burke told us that his daughter passed away recently; we extend our heart-felt sympathies, Arthur.

## Next Board Mtg:

July 27, 12:30 to 1:45 at Senior Center Conference Room.

## Chapter Web Site: [http://](http://cid169.kwva.org/)

[cid169.kwva.org/](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, Business Cards, etc.



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## VETERANS MEMORIAL at FOUNTAIN PARK

The central panel is in place with more panels containing names to be placed very soon. Dedication to be Nov. 13. They need more veterans to respond and asked the Chapter to pass out their leaflets at our fund drive events.

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.

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
Yohn	Mrs. Alta M	\$500
<b>SUM</b>		<b>\$1,219</b>



# Senator Nelson presents medals at Chapter 173 Memorial Day Awards Ceremony

President First very capably represented the Department of Florida at a Medals Awards Ceremony held by KWVA Chapter 173, on Memorial Day evening in Orlando.

1st LT Ronald York who received the Bronze Star Medal,

PFC James Montgomery who received the Purple Heart,

SGT John Sorrentino, US Army who received medals for his service in the cause of freedom and democracy during WWII,

Robert Crossman who received The National Defense Service Medal, and

Charles Travers who received the Korean Defense Service and Cold war Victory Commemorative Medals.

The event was held at the American Legion on Lee Road in Orlando; a very nice pick up lunch was provided by the Legion Axillary.

This was an outstanding ceremony; one of the reasons for carrying this in the *Schuttlebutt* is to see if we might be able to entice Senator Nelson to come to our Chapter.

So, if you feel you have been awarded medals that you do not have, please let President Thiel know right away.



DeToma at podium, President First, Ron York, and Senator Nelson. York served with the 5th RCT/24th Inf Div in Korea.



DeToma left with Senator Bill Nelson, and display of all medals presented.

Frank DeToma, Senior Constituent Advocate in Senator Bill Nelson's Orlando office compiled the information, obtained the medals and read the citations; Senator Nelson made the presentations.

Among those Chapter 173 members recognized were:



Senator Nelson, right, pinning medal on Charles Travers' shirt.



Carol Becker and Tom Thiel at ceremony.



Carol Becker brought quilts for each awardee to select.

Photos by Carol Becker.



**CODE OF CONDUCT**, Steve Szekely, KWVA CoC Chair wrote the Chapter thanking us for collecting 24 signatures at our May meeting. Steve said this was the largest single group he has ever received. This month we passed a new sheet and gained four new signees. Our Chapter goal is to have 100 percent sign-up. If you have not yet signed the Code of Conduct, please print or tear out the sheet below, fill it in at the bottom and send it to Steve at the address on the form below. At the bottom of page is a list of Chapter 169 members who have not yet signed the Code of Conduct. We'd like our Chapter to be 100%!

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

**CODE OF CONDUCT (COC)**

- *I will uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.*
- *I will adhere to the Bylaws of the KWVA, my Department, and my Chapter.*
- *I will not engage in any unlawful or unethical conduct, or attempt to deceive in any manner, my Chapter, my Department, or the National KWVA.*
- *I will fulfill my obligations and will be responsible for my actions to the Chapter, Department, and National Organization of the KWVA.*
- *I will render service and comfort to bereaved families of fellow Veterans, in time of need, to the best of my ability.*
- *I will respect the rights of others in regard to politics, sex, race, religion and ethnic background.*
- *I will hold an open mind to the thoughts and opinions of others in any discussion or problem.*
- *I will at all times conduct myself with proper decorum and dignity, and, while a member of the KWVA, will commit no act or actions that would dishonor the KWVA, our Flag or our Country.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

IF YOU HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY SIGNED THE CODE OF CONDUCT , please print or detach this page, sign your name, include your Membership number (see number below), and send to:  
 Stephen Szekely, 1516 Laclede Rd., South Euclid, Ohio, 44121-3012

According to Chapter records, the following have not yet signed the COC: Back-R024207, Baron-R043136, Canale-R038775, Carli-R017082, Christie-R041950, Corriveau-R040801, Faló-R040925, Geisinger-R042522, Gruber-R040778, Hackett-R042040, Hall-R024656, Hanold-R041292, Horvath-R042556, Houpp-R040133, LaJeunesse-R041623, Layer-L040781, Maxin-042903, McBroom-LR34827, McMahan-R024785, Morford-LC00394, Olson-R041430, Regan-R028079, Rodgers-R041121, Seidelman-R024568, Sell-R027577, Simunek-R007055, Slusher-R041952, Strasser-R041471, Strausbaugh-R041951, VanBeck-R039333, Veliky-R041034, Wiggelsworth-R041541, and Zettlemoyer-R041226.

## A few words from your president

I have been recording all income and expenses on my computer as we go along. I'm doing this to analyze funds status regularly as we proceed through the year.

Additionally, this will help us to do our Solicitation Report to the State of Florida, and it is an especially good way to look at our non-profit corporation funds status regularly.

Total income through first five months was \$5,451, and total disbursements were \$4,242.

One-half of our income to be used for Scholarships, Tell America, etc. (S/TA) was \$2,332, of which we have spent \$1,400 total so far.

This leaves a balance of \$932 presently available for these activities.

I also have projected that for the balance of the year, we will conduct Funds/Tell America drives that will net us \$3,300 total or \$1,650 for S/TA, which when added to the previous balance would be a total of \$2,580 for S/TA.

The operational portion of our income, the other half, seems to be much more than necessary to maintain the Chapter.

This leads me to say that I am very pleased to report that the financial status of the Chapter is excellent!

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As reported last issue, I have appointed Bill Shumaker as our Treasurer. Members on Wednesday approved this appointment.

We were fortunate to have had Bill serving as Assistant Sec/Treas so that he was well prepared to take over.

But that leaves a vacancy at Bill's old position, which I'd very much like to fill.

Why don't you consider it? Give me a call at 357-3943 now to discuss whether you might want to fill it.

Thank you all very much. TJT

## 60th Anniversary Medallions.

Still no new information on the medallions from the Korean Consulate in Atlanta. I supplied them with new member names; they have not replied. TJT

Secretary White and Treasurer Shumaker ask that any of you making payments or otherwise giving them money add a slip of paper giving your name and a few details. If renewing please use the form on the next page. Thank you.

## Chapter Officers and Directors

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

**M**embers 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
<del>Hanold</del>	<del>Audley W</del>	<del>06/29/11</del>
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:

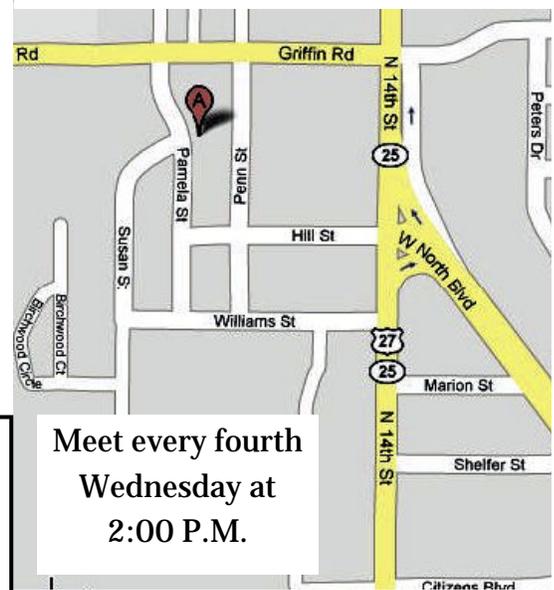
- ◆ Promote recognition of the Korean War, and its Veterans.
- ◆ Educate the public, especially our youth, about the Korean War, and about our troops who have served in Korea from the end of the war in 1953 to the present time!
- ◆ Provide a venue for the fellowship and comradeship of all veterans who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