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Florida National — George Maxin



Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Thursday, October 27.

A National Guard SGT presents folded flag to Mrs. Jean

Maxin, spouse of member, George Maxin. Jean is flanked on her right in the photo by her son, James, and her daughter, Kathy Zalman and her husband Barry on her left.

Nine of us represented you: Harold Sievers, Charlie White, Art Canale, Clarence Slusher, Don Lynch, Claus Tiesman, Don Van Beck, Jim Corbet, and Tom Thiel.

George came to our January meeting and then phoned to say that he wanted to become a member but that he was starting chemotherapy and felt he would not be able to help us out. I explained that was not what we were about; that we were there to help him. I don't feel we did a very good job of helping him, and so was pleased that nine of us were willing to say goodbye.

Welcome Bob Peters



We were most happy to welcome Bob Peters as an Hon-

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Membership 64!

We were very pleased to welcome **Joseph Laliberte** and **Darryl Watson** as new Chapter members at last Wednesday's meeting.

Joe served in Korea in 1953 with Battery C of the 987th FA BN and resides in Leesburg; he has been an Association member since 1996. Last week we sent Joe, and 27 other Association members without Chapter affiliations, the Schuttlebutt and an invitation to come to our meeting. Thanks for responding Joe!

Darryl served in Korea in 1964-65 with the 600 Combat Engineers; he lives in Continental Country Club, Wildwood. Don Lynch convinced him to become a KWVA member (thanks again, Don).

But we also were sorry to lose two of our members; Ron Regan and Jack Geisinger, who did not renew.

Thank you to **Bert Horvath**, **George Talbot** and **Joe Gruber** for renewing promptly.

We continue to appeal to all our members whose dues are payable now to renew (see pg. 9). Your membership is very important to us; we hope it is also important to you and that you renew on time.



Joseph Laliberte

Darryl Watson



Chapter Funds

Balance available as of September 29 was \$6,083.58. Income this period was \$650.50. Expenditures were \$1,326.90. Balance available as of October 26 was \$5,407.18.

As reported last issue, we had twelve fraudulent checks totaling \$2,716.37 drawn against our account; the full \$2,716.37 was covered by Wells Fargo. Our old account was closed and a new one opened. We have no idea how the thieves obtained our information. We appreciate Wells-Fargo's assistance and covering our losses.

Sick Call

We have learned that **Jackie Gleason** is on sick leave for a while, and wish him speedy and complete recovery.

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

Please tell your spouses to inform your Chapter when either of you is confronted with a threatening health problem. We need more diligence in this area; maybe what we really ought to be doing is calling those members NOT coming to meetings. Might you volunteer?

(Bob Peters *Continued from page 1)*

orary Chapter 169 member with all the privileges of Associate Membership. Bob, a Vietnam era veteran, has been a good friend of Chapter 169 through his invitations for our members to appear on his **Salute** program honoring Lake area veterans on LakeTV, and also to appear with him on local radio. Bob also was instrumental in our becoming involved with Tell America at Carver School. Welcome Bob, to full participation in Chapter 169's many programs!

TELL-AMERICA, SCHOLARSHIP, and AWARDS

Tell America, as well as scholarship and awards, are one of our Chapter's major charitable activities. Don Lynch, Dick Pfahler, Jack Reynolds, Al Schuetz, Harold Sievers, Tom Thiel, Don Van Beck, and Charlie White have participated so far; Dwight Brown, Claus Tiesman and Wally Jones are coming aboard. Also, Charlie White has committed our Color Guard to participate, such as do flag folding.



Tell America at Mount Dora AF Jr. ROTC April 25, 2011

Our current schedule is as follows:

1. November 2, at 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. (be there about 8:00), at Liberty Christian Academy, Tavares. This is our first time there; Jack Reynolds is making arrangements. Directions: take US441 to David Walker Drive, Eustis. Turn south on David Walker to CR 19A. Turn Left. Should be immediately on left. We plan to make \$100.00 donation. Members indicating they are coming are: Brown, Reynolds, Tiesman, Pfahler, Van Beck, White and Thiel.

2. November 9, at 9:00 a.m., at Carver Middle School, Leesburg. From US27/441 take Griffin Road west. Enter on East side of fenced-in yard and parking lot. We have always teamed with Am Vets 2006 Bob Peters on this.

A new faculty member has taken over this program this year, and the format will change greatly. No

breakfast with the students and no breaking down to individual classrooms as in the past. One group session where the good results from soldiers at war will be emphasized. There will be an outside speaker. Veterans will be introduced. Our chapter has been asked to participate in the "missing Man" ceremony. Chapter members saying they will attend are: Dwight Brown, Carol Becker, Dick Pfahler, Charlie White, Harold Sievers, Wally Jones, and Tom Thiel. (It is appropriate to mention that I do not believe this will be a typical Tell America school event.

We have no more scheduled at this time.

Clearly our Tell America program is advancing; managing that advancement will be a challenge.

Our past Tell America efforts, and those projected for the current year are shown in the two tables below.

DATE	SCHOOL	PARTICIPANTS, COMMENTS	FUNDS	PLANNED UPCOMING TA NEXT SCHOOL YEAR
10/02/09	Holy Trinity	Sievers, Pfahler, Thiel, first Tell America		Carver Middle
11/10/09	Carver Middle	Sievers, Pfahler, Regan, Van Beck, White, Thiel. With AmVets and Bob Peters		St. Paul's
02/02/10	St. Paul's	Pfahler, Regan, White, Thiel.		LSBG ROTC
02/23/10	LK Mont	Sievers, Pfahler, White, Thiel. Adopt a Kid/Adopt a Vet		MDHS ROTC
06/01/10	LSBG ROTC	Scholarship Awarded by Jansen and Thiel. \$500 Article in DC		EUST
11/08/10	Carver Middle	Sievers, Pfahler, Geisinger, Van Beck, White, Thiel. With AmVets and Bob Peters		TAVA
02/03/11	St. Paul's	Pfahler, Schuetz, White, Thiel. Initiated essay contest.		FST ACAD
02/09/11	LSBG ROTC	Sievers, Pfahler, Schuetz, Van Beck, White, Thiel.		Extra
03/19/11	LSBG ROTC	Scholarship Awarded by Jansen and Thiel. John Yohn Awd. Article in DC		
04/25/11	MTDH ROTC	Lynch, Reynolds, White, Thiel.		
05/04/11	B&G LSBG	Sievers, Shumaker, Simunek, Canale, Pfahler, White, Thiel. Flag folding, don flag		
05/06/11	MTDH ROTC	Scholarship awarded by Thiel at their annual Awards Banquet		
05/11/11	FST ACAD	Pfahler, Reynolds, White, Thiel.		
07/11/11	CITIDEL	Austin Rambly		
			\$2,400.00	\$2,600.00



Your Chapter Color Guard—A Huge Chapter Asset

Our Chapter Color Guard is our Chapter's most vital resource—a 169 publicity billboard!

Led by Charlie White, the members are Bill Simunek, Don Lynch, Bill Shumaker, Art Canale, Gunther Noder, Claus Tiesman, Paul Deeley, and Wally Jones.

Over the past several months we have expanded our Color Guard to enable us to simultaneously meet both our long-standing commitment to The Villages' Veterans Memorial, as well as any new opportunities throughout the remainder of Lake County.

We have added a second set of flags, including a new Chapter Flag, thanks to Carol Becker.

Art Canale is heading our Villages 169 Color Guard component. He has a set of our flags.

What he does not have is sufficient members from The Villages area to complete that component.

Art and we are asking MEMBERS FROM THE VILLAGES to join with Art to bolster our Color Guard. PLEASE CALL ART AT 750-2505 TO LET HIM KNOW YOU CAN HELP HIM IN THE VILLAGES.

The Chapter provides most apparel needed for the Color Guard.

All Color Guard members must be Chapter 169 members. But sometimes we may be unable to fill a Color Guard need. Non-members



White, Canale, Tiesman, and Lynch at Maxin Memorial.

may be used to complete our Color Guard to fulfill these immediate needs; however, all such persons selected who are eligible for KWVA membership may not serve more than two times unless they become Chapter 169 members.

If you are interested, please call Charlie White, (352) 787-1885, or Art Canale, (352) 750-2505.

An Honor Guard instead?

But wouldn't we be better served with an Honor Guard instead of just a Color Guard? That is to have rifles, fold flags, and conduct more advanced formal activities.

To take us from a Color to an Honor Guard we need rifles. Our need for rifles was never greater than Oct 27 at George Maxin's memorial. Three members of the FL National Guard were there at the request of the family, and they pro-

vided a very sparse ceremony. (The family had asked us to do this.)

Dwight Brown has researched obtaining rifles thoroughly. Rifles and ammo are available from Army at no cost. We must secure them in a certified facility. Am Vets Post 2006* volunteered to let us use their facility, but we would need to construct a rack.

We are not making a decision now, but will look to bolstering our CG and will consider this in the future.

Thanks to Dwight for a thorough investigation. (Jim Corbet is also investigating borrowing rifles from Eustis VFW.)

*Dwight became a Life and Thiel a Regular Am Vets 2006 Member; you ought to consider Am Vets 2006 membership.

FUND-RAISING/TELL-AMERICA — PLEASE HELP!

But in order to sustain our Chapter programs, we need to raise moneys. We do this with fund drives, mainly at Publix stores in our area.

We also treat these as Tell America events by passing out Korean War Daisies and using Posters and Brochures. We also talk to folks about Korea. We have 2,000 daisies, and a large number of brochures.

On Oct 7-8 – Charlie White et al, held on at the Publix in Palm Plaza, Leesburg. They took in \$355.50 even with rain both days. Thank you Charlie et al!

Drives will also occur on Nov. 11 and 12, and again on Nov. 18-19. Each store has two doors and we will have a table at each door. We would like to have two members at each table. Tables will be up for two shifts, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. So, we need members for 3-hour terms of duty. BRING A LAWN CHAIR!

Nov 11-12 – Loch Leven Mount Dora Publix at intersection of U.S. 441 and Donnelly St./S.R. 44 in Mount Dora. The following have volunteered for this event: Friday a.m., Dick and Vi Pfahler and Bill Tench; Friday p.m., Rod Layer and Jack and Marjorie Reynolds. Saturday a.m., Joe Gruber, Saturday p.m., Joe Gruber and Claus Tiesman. Thiel will also be present most of both days. BRING A CHAIR! But more are needed; please call Thiel at 357-3943 to help.

Nov 18-19—Publix Super Market at Shoppes of Lake Village, 10601 US Highway 441 Ste D, Members who have volunteered for this event are: Friday a.m., Jim and Gloria Corbet and Joe Laliberte. Friday p.m. Carol Becker. Saturday a.m., Wally Jones, and Saturday p.m. Claus Tiesman. Jack and Marjorie Reynolds will be there for most of the time as well. Tom Thiel and Charlie White also indicated they will be available as well. BRING A CHAIR! If you are available please call Jack Reynolds at 728-3928.

This is your Chapter. It needs you to meet its objectives. Some of these monies go directly to your benefit, such as a portion of the cost of your Christmas dinner, name tag, cap, etc. So, do your share, please.



Photo: Tom Thiel Telling America at Publix in Mount

Next Member Mtg: The next Member Meeting will be **November 16**, 2:10-3:40, at the Senior Center. Jim Corbet will present his Korean and Vietnam era knife collection.

January 25 Speaker, Frances Antal, President, Tri-County Women's Veterans Group, The Villages.

Any member wishing to make a presentation please contact Dwight Brown to schedule.

Next Board Mtg: will be November 16, at 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Coffee Klatch, To get New Members. Perkins Restaurant, 27811 Route 27, Leesburg, Dec. 13, 9:00 a.m. Don Lynch sponsor. Members encouraged to attend, but to pay for their own breakfast. Total needed by Perkins for the room is \$75.00. Call Don at (352) 748-7009 to reserve your spot.



Van Beck—Comm. Serv. Awd.

Don Van Beck recently received the coveted 2011 Leesburg Partnership's Community Service Award. In making the award, Master of Ceremonies Greg Padgett thanked Van Beck for his tireless work to make the memorial located near Fountain Lake directly across from City Hall a reality.

Don (at right) with Wylie Hamilton, past (left) and Phil Braun, current President of the Leesburg Partnership. There were about 150 people attending awards banquet.



Of his award, Van Beck said "I was surprised that I received the award; I thought it was for the Veterans Memorial!"

VETERANS MEMORIAL at FOUNTAIN PARK

Four name-bearing walls have been placed at the Memorial. All additional name bearing walls will be placed in December.

Dedication, will now be the last weekend in February. More veterans need to provide their names. The Chapter has been asked to pass out VMFP leaflets at our events. Around \$125,000 more funds are needed yet for full completion.

For our newer members information, VMFP originated in our Chapter. Go to <http://cid169.kwva.org>

On Nov 12, there is a **Rotary Club event at Hanger 16 Leesburg Airport**. The Chapter Color Guard is to handle the colors; they are to report at 5:00 p.m. Tickets have been obtained for four Color Guard members; see Charlie White. All Members invited to attend the \$30.00 admission event, which is to have USO type of entertainment and a dinner. One-third of the proceeds to go the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park.

DEPT OF FLORIDA (DoF):



All Chapter 169 members are *a priori* members of the Department of Florida. As such, we should fully participate in DoF activities, which include three Council sessions, a Convention and related fund-raising and other activities.

The DoF Winter Council Meeting will be January 28, 2012, at the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, Crystal River, FL. The Council consists of Department Officers and Staff, and the President or Commander of all Florida Chapters.

President Thiel has been asked to do a one hour training session on Association and Department online electronic information resources at the January meeting.

Members, especially Board members, are encouraged to attend. We will compile a list of our members and submit one Registration request along with a chapter check to cover the fee. **We will do this on November 16.**

You might also mark your calendars for the DoF Council and Convention on May 11-13, 2012 also at the Plantation.

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

Congratulations go to DoF President Charlie First and Gloria Morgan, who were wed in a ceremony last week.

Photo by Maxine Parker.





CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be Friday December 16 at the Mission Inn. Wives and significant others are invited.

Be there by 11:15 a.m. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

The cost of the dinner for both members and spouses will be \$10.00 ea.; the Chapter will underwrite the difference between \$10.00 and the actual cost.

We urge you to make your reservations now with Claus Tiesman, 33927 Clara Drive, Leesburg 34748, (352) 742-0110, cjtiesman@embarqmail.com; he asks that he have all in to him by November 16, the date of our last member meeting prior to the event.

I would like to urge all of our members to attend.

FUTURE EVENTS

Nov 2, TA at Liberty Christian Academy

Nov 9, TA at Carver Middle School

Nov 11-12 Fund Drive. Mount Dora Loch Leven Publix, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Help Needed.**

Nov 11, Eustis Ferrin Park. With VFW. 11:00. Shumaker and Tiesman to place wreath.

Nov 11. Veterans Memorial Park, The Villages 10:00 a.m.

Nov 12, Rotary event at Hanger 16 Leesburg Airport Color Guard to report at 5:00 p.m. Authorized purchasing four tickets for \$120.00 for Color Guard members. Charlie White to select the CG members. All Members asked to attend \$30.00 admission.

Nov 16. Member and Board Meeting.

Nov. 18-29, Fund Drive, Publix Super Market at Shoppes of Lake Village, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Help Needed.**

Dec 13. Coffee Klatch.

Dec. 16. Christmas Party

Jan. 21. KWVA 169 Awareness Date at Villages.

Jan 25, 2012. Member and Board Meeting

Jan. 28, 2012 DoF Council Winter, - 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 25, 2012. VMFP Dedication.



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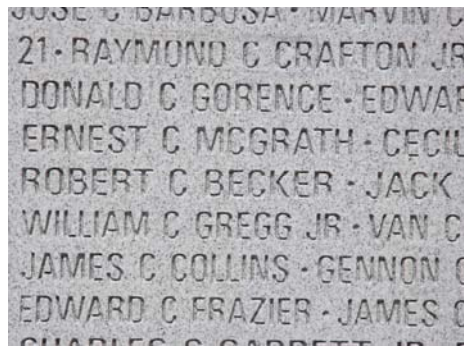
Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park Chapter 169 — On the Wall List

About June 1, 2009, the Chapter provided VMFP with a list of its then members who wished for their name to be engraved on the wall. These were without specific charge or payment, however, the Chapter donated a total of \$1,000 to VMFP prior to that time.

A current check discloses that we have added 30 members to our Chapter Roster since then.

The purpose of this item is to ensure that these 30 persons either have already submitted their names to the Memorial, or to now so submit them to be included on the Wall if they so wish.

If you have become a member after June 1, 2009, we need to know whether



or not you have submitted your name for engraving on the wall at VMFP.

If you have we assume that you paid the I think \$25.00 fee. For those who have not submitted your name, we are planning on submitting an updated listing. We will need your DD-214 or equivalent to do this.

2011 Boosters

LNAME	FNAME	BST11
Anonymous		\$10
Becker	Carol M	\$100
Beyerly	Lillian L	\$100
Burke	Arthur L	\$250
Canale	Art	\$63
Corriveau	Ben	\$13
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
Talbot	Gordon	\$10
Yohn	Mrs. Alta M	\$500
Zettlemoyer	Richard P	\$15
SUM		\$1,247

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 in this newsletter. Thank you.



KWVA 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.*

You may now indicate your subscribing to the above CoC by checking the box on the renewal form, pg. 9.

Korean Veterans Helping Veterans

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

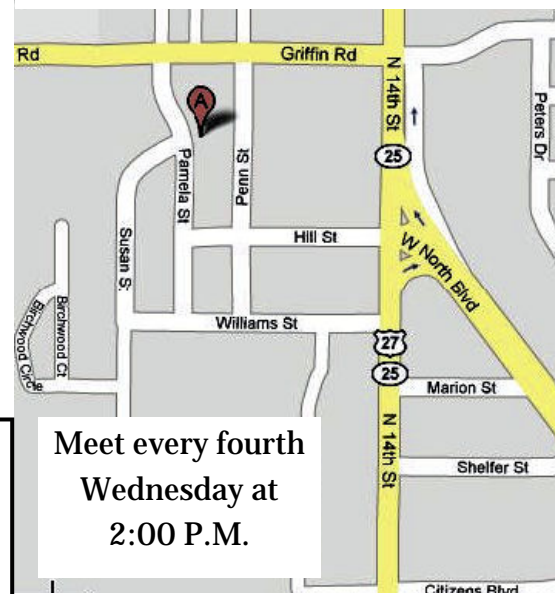
- ◆ Promote recognition of the Korean War, and its Veterans.
- ◆ Educate the public, especially our youth, about the Korean War, and about our troops who have served in Korea from the end of the war in 1953 to the present time!
- ◆ Provide a venue for the fellowship and comradeship of all veterans who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