

The Schuttlebutt

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



Christmas 2011



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Charles White receives Ko Award



Charlie White is this years Chapter's Eddie Ko Member of the Year award recipient.

Charlie's award read: "For sustained outstanding service to Chapter 169 as Vice President, Secretary, Color Guard Member and Leader, Tell America team member, and Fund Drive Leader."

Charlie (left) and Pres. Thiel

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Membership 70!!!! We reached our goal!

Accurately determining membership is a bit of a challenge this month as: a) there has been a lot of recent activity, and b) national membership office is undergoing the crunch of year-end dues renewal and the membership database is not current even from our mailings last month.

Nevertheless, I am confident that we reached our goal of 70 members by year's end (note that we will use the Assoc. DB on 12/31 to determine our DoF Assessment).

This month we are happy to welcome **Herb and Alma Goebel**, **Bob and Janice Moore**, and **George and Donna Sullivan** have said they are becoming members so I am counting them as well.

Herb and Alma saw Don Lynch's notice about the Perkins Breakfast in the Shopper News, and came for breakfast. Herb already was an Association member, so it was easy to add him to our rolls. They live in on Dogwood Cr., Wildwood, and Herb served as a BAR man in the 25 ID/27th Wolfhound Regiment in 1953-54. And we welcomed Herb and Alma at the Christmas affair.

Bob Moore was at the Senior Center at our October meeting and remained for both the Board and the Member meeting. Bob and Janice live on North Shore Dr., Leesburg. Bob served in Korea with the FA in 1951-52, and is becoming a Life Member.

Finally, while at the Perkins event, I went to the car to pick up a couple of items from my car, and a gentleman came up and said "hey, I'm a Korean Vet!" So, that is how I met **George Sullivan**. I gave him a booklet, and

he called back to say he was joining. George and Donna live on Eastwood Lane in Leesburg. George served with the 2nd Inf. Div., from 1950-53, has Bronze and Silver stars and has six Purple Hearts!

Welcome Herb, Bob and George! You enabled us to meet our goal of 70 members by year's end. I think it is the largest in Florida!

That is if everyone renews! If your dues are payable now (see list on pg. 9) please renew promptly. Your membership is very important to us; we hope it is also important to you, and that you renew on time.

We thank **Gene La Junesse** and **Ernest Wiggelsworth** for renewing this month.

We reached our 2011 goal of 70 members, thanks to efforts by members like *Don Lynch*, and others. Lets keep it going—what, 80 by Dec 2012? Everyone please wear your Chapter 169 caps and carry our Chapter tri-fold membership brochure when you go out. Let's everyone get one new member! TJT

Chapter Funds

Balance available as of Nov. 16 start of meeting was \$6,753.66. *We estimate* it will be about \$6,161.76 on Dec. 31, the date we will report for Dec. On Jan 1, 2011, we had a balance of \$6,191.59, hence our net balance for the year will be about **-\$29.83**. A full accounting will be in January's *Scuttlebutt*.

Sick Call

Jim Houp, underwent triple bypass heart surgery on November 3, and is in recovery now. You may contact Jim at : Jim Houp, 608 Enconto St, The Villages FL 32159, (352) 750-1718

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

Please inform your Chapter when either of you is confronted with a threatening health problem.



DoD Pentagon Officials here on Jan. 25 Members and Widows Your Presence is Crucial

Yes, the headline is correct. Thanks to efforts by Dwight Brown, members from the Department of Defense's, 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee in the Pentagon are coming to Leesburg to specifically meet with KWVA of Lake County, Chapter 169.

They will be coming to our Chapter's January 25 meeting, which, to accommodate some specific DoD requests, will be held in Leesburg at the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park. It will be at our regular meeting time, 2:00 p.m. A tent and seating will be provided.

These DoD officials will: a) place a wreath at the Veterans memorial at Fountain Park, and b) pre-



sent a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War "to the Korean War Veterans of the Korean War Veterans Association of Lake County, Chapter 169, and to the Widows and deceased Korean War Veterans that were former Chapter 169 members."

So it is imperative that as many members and widows of former members as possible attend this meeting. Spouses and other family members are also encouraged to attend.

We will inform you as more details about this meeting are known. TJT

Your DD214 and VMFP, more detail by TJT

Many members and widows have received a communication from me asking them to send me by **January 2, 2012**, your DD-214 for the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park (or your former husband's DD214).

Don Van Beck called recently advising me that VMFP only has a hand full of DD214's for our members. They need this information for their computer look-up system at the Memorial which provides detail about all the veterans military experience.

All members of Chapter 169 (except for those who opt to not do so) are to have their names engraved on the main wall of VMFP at no cost to the member. This is because the original proposal came from Chapter 169.

About 2 years ago, we submitted our list of members (minus a couple of opt-outs); this also included all deceased KWVA Chapter 169 members. I have been advised that all these names have been or will be engraved. We also sent the documentation we had in the

files at that time; unfortunately we did not have very many DD214's. We then left this lie there until now, when we contributed another \$1,000 to VMFP, and also submitted a supplemental list of new Chapter members since we submitted the first list.

So, what do I need from you now? If I contacted you, I need a copy of your DD214 (or your deceased husband's 214). I will scan these and then submit them to the VMFP. If you were not contacted, then I have your 214 and you need do nothing.

To have our names on the blocks that are to go up soon we need to do this right away. We are scheduling a meeting with Don for Jan. 5 or 6, and I will have a list to him then. (I will return your 214 if you wish.)

If you separately sent your DD214 and your money to VMFP, you should have your money returned.

Send to: TJT, 19147 Park Place Blvd, Eustis FL 32736.

Seventy-two attend Christmas 2011 at Mission Inn

A total of 72 attended this year's Christmas Luncheon at the beautiful Mission Inn at Howey-in-the-Hills; 68 were members, spouses and guests. The other four were entertainers. Note that Chapter 169 held its own Christmas event this year.

The photo on the front cover shows 55 of us; I do not know where the other 13 were, but they were at the Luncheon as everyone introduced themselves and the



The buffet luncheon was again very good, with roast pork and fish as the primary entrées with a lot of side accompaniments.



person accompanying them. Photo (above) of room prior to food buffet, and right of Harold's prayer.

Of course, one of these, or rather the desert, was ice cream, including Hot Fudge, and Harold had a serious sized bowl of same (right).



And we again held a 50:50 drawing, with Carol and Wally doing the "heavy lifting," (right).

There were two prizes, the normal 50:50 cash prize, and one of Carol's handy works as the other.



The cash amounted to a nice drawing of \$70 to the winner with \$69 going to the Chapter. [Thank you

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Bob McGinty (left) again arranged for everything at the Mission Inn, and did, as usual—outstanding!!



That included three entertainers from his community, Royal Harbor, two of whom are shown at right.





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everyone!] I know that Art Burke (right) won the \$70 of which he donated \$50 back to the Chapter— Thank you Art!



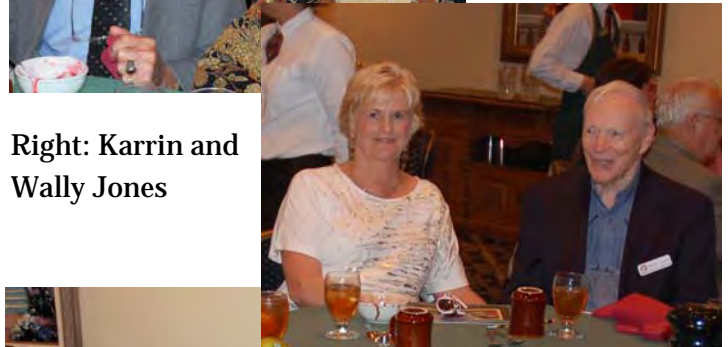
Dwight Brown (right -far right), on behalf of the Korean Service Veterans of the Chapter, recognized again on right from left: Gruber, Reynolds, Tiesman, Thiel, Sievers, Gleason, La-Junesse, White, Lynch, Jansen, Shumaker, and Van Beck for outstanding service to the Chapter—the gift presented was a beautiful United States Korean War Memorial Coin. The coin box may be seen in Carol Becker's hand right-top, who Dwight also included in the list of awardees. (Thank you personally, Dwight).



Right: Jackie and Monique Gleason



Left: Gene La-Junesse and Marti Rowland



Right: Karrin and Wally Jones



Left: Jane and Len Seidelman



Additional recognition was also presented to Dick Pfahler and Ted Jansen by Joe Gruber on behalf of the Awards Committee. And Pres. Thiel also so



recognized Joe Gruber as well.

We will attempt to show as many additional photographs as possible; I should say that as usual most photos were taken by Carol Becker.

Chapter Color Guard visits Pearl Harbor survivor by TJT



From left: Don Lynch, Charlie White and Bill Shumaker visit with dementia patient, Major Edward Browne at Arbor Village in Wildwood on Dec. 7.

On Dec. 2, Lois G. Herbst of Wyoming, wrote me: "I receive this newsletter* for Major Edward J. Browne, Ret. who is now in Arbor Village at Wildwood.... Ed started his military career at age 16 in Jan. 1941 when he joined the U.S. Army, was with the 24th [Infantry Division] at Pearl Harbor (Schofield Barracks). He served in South Pacific. The Leyte battle helped him be assigned to Gen. MacArthur's Honor Guard during the occupation of Japan. He then went to Korea with the First Cavalry (wounded twice)...he has commendations and medals from three wars. He has no family in Florida. I am trying to

get someone ... to visit him on Dec. 7th. Ed has dementia, but I think he would enjoy a visit from a fellow military man."

Since Don Lynch is from Wildwood, and also in the Color Guard, I asked Don if he might be able to contact "Major Ed."

The end result was that Don, Charlie White and Bill Shumaker visited Ed early afternoon on Dec. 7, after they had done their color guard duties at the Villages Veterans Memorial that morning.

Don reported "... that Ed has advanced Alzheimer's disease. He looked alert and healthy, but he couldn't put things together. When we mentioned Pearl Harbor, he replied: 'I was at breakfast.' But that is about the most that we could get from him. I saluted him and shook his hand right off the bat and he saluted back. His sister should know that he is well cared for and likes the people he is with. It was a good visit, I told him we would visit him again."

Thank you Don, Charlie and Bill!

Our Chapter Color Guard is our Chapter's most vital resource—a 169 publicity billboard! Led by Charlie White, members now include: Don Lynch, Bill Shumaker, Art Canale, Gunther Noder, Claus Tiesman, Paul Deeley, and Wally Jones. More members are needed; call Charlie at (787-1885)

Tell America Program

We held our Tell America planning meeting in the Leesburg Public Library on Dec. 13; members attending were: White, Dick and Vi Pfahler, Van Beck, Reynolds, Jones, Tiesman, Brown, Lynch, Gruber and Thiel. Sievers and Schuetz are also members.

We defined Tell America the same

as the Association does, namely, "The Where, When and Why of the Korean War." (Actually in retrospect, I think we ought to have added "The So What" too.)

We all agreed that we need to be selective in defining our program so that we decide what our program is rather than the school (such as

happened this year at Carver).

We also agreed that the level of financial resources given to the schools, \$500 for ROTC Programs and a lesser amount for the private schools, be continued into 2012.

We also addressed the need to better design our presentations, both

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in content and in presentation. We didn't really do the design, however, but each presenter needs to have multiple presentations ready to "fit" the time available.

Schools we currently plan to approach in 2012 include, but is not limited to: St. Paul's (end of Jan or first of Feb—Dick Pfahler to coordinate); the ROTC programs at Leesburg, Mount Dora, and Eustis High Schools; First Academy, Holy Trinity, and Carver.

Our tentative planned 2012 budget for these total \$2,500—note we spent \$2,000 this year.

Next Meet-

ings: The next **Board**

Meeting will be **Jan. 11** at 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The next **Member Meeting** will be **January 25**, 2:00 at the VMFP (See Page 3).

Any member wishing to make a presentation please contact Dwight Brown (352) 205-8536 to schedule.

Coffee Klatch, at Perkins organized by Don Lynch to get new members on Dec 13, came off very well. Turnout was fair. Herb Goebel signed up then and there; George Sullivan says he is joining (see pg2). Chapter paid \$70 for guests breakfasts. Thank you, Don.

TELL-AMERICA/FUND-RAISING!

Funds are necessary to maintain the level of activity we have underway. Fund drives, mainly at Publix Supermarkets, have been our main source of income.

Unique Tell America opportunity

Fund Drives provide us with a unique opportunity to tell people about the Korean War, so we treat our Fund Drive events as Tell America events. This is through the use of Korean War daisies, posters and brochures, and personal contacts.

2012 TA/Fund Drives

We need to begin now to plan our 2012 TA Fund Drives. As a part of our thank you letter to Publix managers at Mount Dora, we already asked them to reserve the dates of March 9-10, and November 11-12, 2012. We will need to follow-up on those. We also need to in January contact our Publix friends at the Shoppes of Lake Village, the one south

of Leesburg, one in the Villages, and perhaps Palm Plaza in Leesburg. I urgently need someone to help arrange these events.

Some guidelines learned

- Situate ourselves within arms-length from the store entrance.
- Limit ourselves to two or three persons manning the table.
- Capture eye contact with shoppers as they enter or leave the store. A friendly "hello" is also useful.
- Give a daisy to especially children and ladies irrespective to whether or not they contribute. Give tri-fold brochures to especially teenagers or young Americans, again without regard to whether they contribute.

This is our Tell America effort. It is fun but it also is a challenge. You will feel good after spending three hours doing

Revisit Korea?

Thiel email to KWVA Revisit Korea Office: I was in Korea in 1951-52 and have never revisited. What tours will you likely have in 2012?... in 2013?

Response: Sir. We should have about 3 or 4 tours in 2012 & 2013. We have already been receiving applications for 2012, so the program is filling up fast for next year. We usually receive the dates in early February so at this point they're TBD. Please check out our website and pass along any info to your fellow veterans. Thank you for your inquiry and we hope you can travel back to Korea with us next year!

I've been thinking a bit more seriously about going back and wonder if anyone from Chapter would like to also go. Dwight also is interested. Let me know. TJT 408-6612

Department of Florida

All Chapter 169 members are also 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. Other members are en-

couraged to attend, but they may not cast a vote.

This time we will complete registration forms for all attendees, and attach one Chapter check to cover the registration fee.

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.

* Boosters *

LNAME	NNAME	BST11
Anonymous		\$10
Becker	Carol	\$100
Beyerly	Lillian	\$100
Burke	Art	\$300
Canale	Art	\$63
Corriveau	Ben	\$13
Gaston	Zella	\$50
Hall	Duane	\$16
Hanold	Audley	\$25
Houp	Jim	\$10
Jansen	Ted	\$10
Lajeunesse	Gene	\$15
Lynch	Don	\$3
Maxin	Jean	\$250
McGinty	Bob	\$10
Pfahler	Dick	\$17
Reynolds	Jack	\$13
Rodgers	John	\$13
Sell	Warren	\$38
Shumaker	Bill	\$25
Sievers	Harold	\$3
Strausbaugh	Harvey	\$5
Talbot	Gordon	\$10
Thiel	Tom	\$10
Wiggelsworth	Ernest	\$3
Yohn	Alma	\$500
Zettlemoyer	Dick	\$15
SUM		\$1,517



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Membership Dues Dates Association, DoF, Chapter

Members whose dues—Association, Department and/or Chapter—are payable from now to Mar 1, 2012 are shown at the right. Dues are: Chapter \$10; DoF \$2; and Assoc. \$25; Total \$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.

We very much thank you for your retaining your membership. Chapter Membership Committee.

Member Dues Payable Dates

LNAME	NNAME	C DUE DT	ASSOC	AMT
Sell	Warren	10/25/11	R027577	\$ 12.00
Canale	Art	12/02/11	R038775	\$ 37.00
McMahon	Murray	12/02/11	R024785	\$ 37.00
Sievers	Harold	12/02/11	R027799	\$ 37.00
Simunek	Bill	12/02/11	R007055	\$ 37.00
Noder	Guenther	12/06/11	R041624	\$ 37.00
McBroom	John	01/01/12	LR34827	\$ 12.00
Dasilva	Al	01/05/12	R041705	\$ 37.00
Reynolds	Jack	01/05/12	R041706	\$ 37.00
Back	Bill	01/12/12	R024207	\$ 37.00
Falo	Tony	01/12/12	R040925	\$ 37.00
Good	Don	01/12/12	R040923	\$ 37.00
Houp	Jim	02/06/12	R040133	\$ 37.00
Burke	Art	02/09/12	R040747	\$ 37.00

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: \$ _____

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

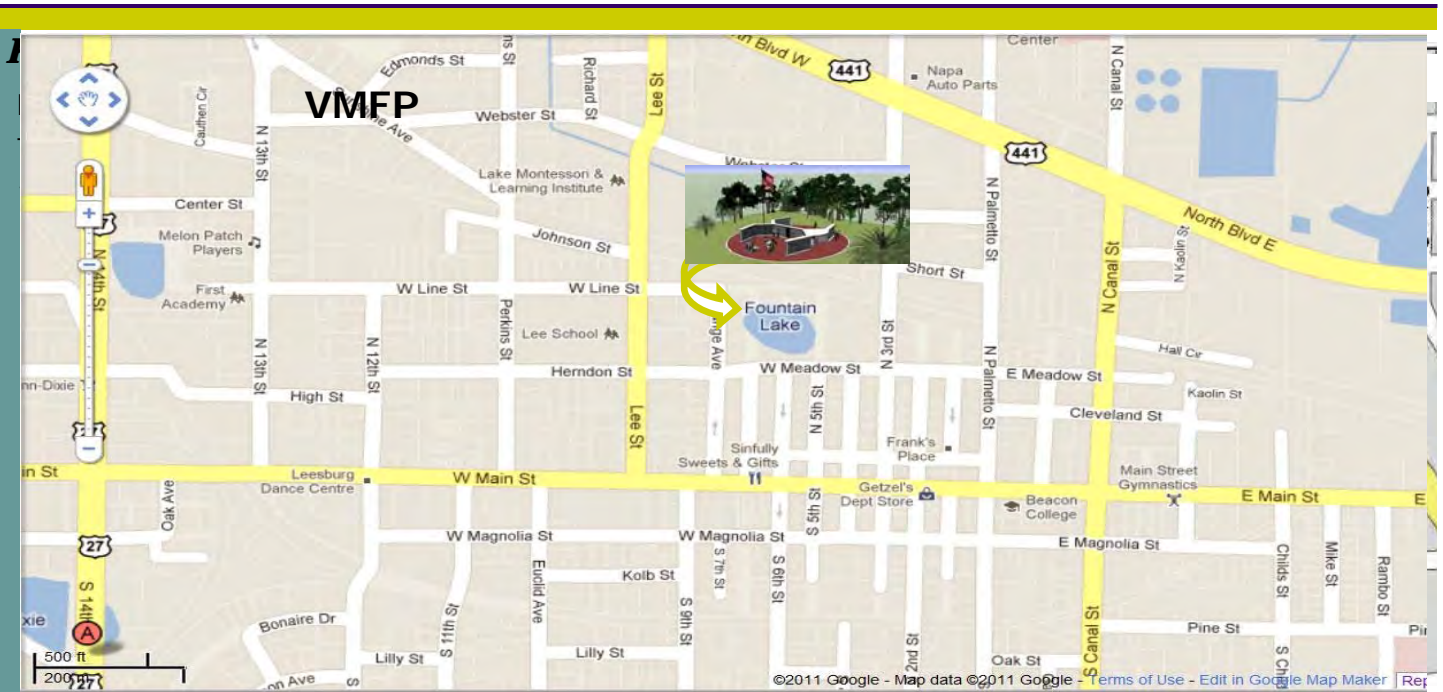
My signature below and checking this box indicates I subscribe to the KWVA Code of Conduct.

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.



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Schuttlebutt Deadline, Date of the Member Meeting.

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