

# The Scuttlebutt

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## Remembering 60 years ago!



**C**ol. David J. Clark, Executive Director, DoD 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee in The Pentagon, addressing the over 250 Chapter 169 members, spouses and guests Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park.



Leesburg Mayor, Sanna Henderson, left, welcomed our KW60 guests, and talked knowledgeably about KWVA Chapter 169 and her recollection of the Korean War.

One of the most memorial events in Chapter 169's history, this meeting was held to remember the Korean War of 60 years ago by placing a beautiful living wreath on the center granite slab of the VMFP (see wall dark center panel above right). KW60 also presented all current and deceased Chapter 169 members a specially-printed farmable certifi-

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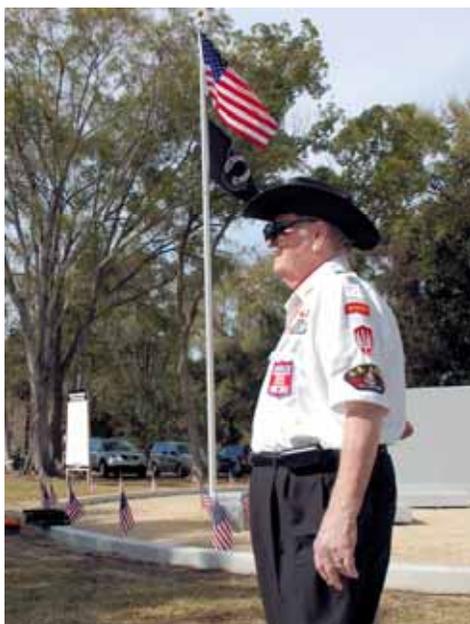
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cate signed by Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta, thanking the member for their service.

VP Dwight Brown was largely responsible for creating this special event; we thank Dwight for his effort, which resulted in one of the most outstanding Chapter 169 events of all time.

We made a concerted effort to provide press awareness of our special meet-



ing. Articles appeared in the Daily Commercial on the front page of the Sunday, Jan. 8 edition, and again on the day after the ceremony.

Similar articles appeared in the Jan.



There were three widows present. Carol Becker above with Col Clark, and Zillah Gaston and Alma Gausman.

13, Daily Sun, and another on the front page of the Jan. 25, Orlando Sentinel Lake Edition.

Dwight and I appeared on Bob Peters' "Salute" TV program on LakeFrontTV that ran three times a day for at least a week.

And Orlando Channel 9 showed a lengthy segment on its 5 and 6 p.m., Eyewitness News.

All that publicity enabled us to sign up 14 new Chapter 169 members (see pg. 4).

Members came from great distances: Alma Guseman, spouse of deceased member G. Brooks Guseman, came from Alabama, and members Ted and Marie Morford came from Nashville, TN.

Ted placed all the smaller U.S. and South Korean flags ringing the memorial (see photo at left); we urgently need a member or two to place these flags as Ted will not be able to come to many events.

Member turnout was quite good, there were relatively few certificates not presented. Some of these have been mailed to those distant from here; the remaining certificates will be available for pickup at Member Meetings.

We thank Don Van Beck



From left: Mr. Mark Ballesteros (LTC, USA Ret) - Program Manager; Ms. Erin Payne - Committee Events Manager; Dwight Brown, 169 Program Manager; COL David J. Clark, Executive Director; and Major John "Buck" Buchanan-USAF. (photos this page by Becker)



Col. Clark, right, presents special plaque to President Thiel as representative of Chapter 169.



Widows, from left: Zillah (Billy) Gaston and Alma (G. Brooks) Gausman.

who contributed so much to ensure that the Memorial was so presentable, and for the flags, and chairs.

We thank the Leesburg City employees for the sound system, the first 100 chairs, and the rush order for another

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All of the photos on this

page, and on the cover page, were provided most graciously by Keri Rasmussen, photographer with the Daily Commercial—thank you Keri!

We should point out that we also expect to get all the photographs taken by Ms. Payne of DoD soon as well.

Photo captions this page: top left, 169 Color Guard posting our flags. Next two on left, Major Buchanan hanging wreath on memorial, followed by Col. Clark, Mayor Henderson, and Tom Thiel presenting honors while TAPS was being rendered by Anthony Bobo & Howard Lin, Leesburg HS Band. Left bottom, Bill Simunek salutes when his name is called.

Right top two are of Bob Young, who is a new Chapter 169 member.



load for the overflow crowd.

And we are very sorry if we failed to acknowledge everyone that ought to have been recognized.

Folks inspecting memorial slabs awaiting being mounted on the memorial base. Photo of wreath, which was live and very nice. TJThiel



## Membership 83!!!! Welcome all!

| Type    | LNAME      | NNAME | Spouse          | Address                  | City         | ST | Zip   | Phone          | E-Mail                  |
|---------|------------|-------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|----|-------|----------------|-------------------------|
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| New     | Schreiber  | Ozzie | Nancy           | 125 Bougainvillea Dr     | Leesburg     | FL | 34748 | (352) 315-9995 | oz1376@embarqmail.com   |
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| New 169 | Young      | Bob   | Yvette          | P.O. Box 1111            | Tavares      | FL | 34778 | (352) 343-2711 | yayoung1111@netzero.net |

Eighty-three? Yes, 83 counting our two Honorary Members.

A total of 17 memberships have been received at the Membership Office in Charlestown, IL, and an additional Life Association member, Bob Young, joined the Chapter.

There were two reinstatements, Gene Vollmer and John Kelly; both were shown as Inactive by Membership. Gene was a 169 member a couple of years ago; Jack was not.

Then there were the eleven new membership applications listed above. Sorry to lump you all in a table but that seemed to me to be the best way to introduce you to our Chapter.

Please, all be sure to come to the February 22 Member Meeting, and to those that follow. And while there please have Carol Becker take your photo so that we can have it in our Photo History Book that she keeps, and also on the Chapter's Web site.

To the best of my knowledge nearly all of you became

members largely because of our special January 25 meeting at VMFP.

We hope to have Chapter Caps available for all on Feb. 22, and name tags soon thereafter.

Chapter 169 has 81 Active Members, the next largest in Florida has 56 as of January 29!

Thank you all for becoming members; I sincerely hope you will find a home in "Your Chapter!"

Thanks also to Bill Back, Al DaSilva, Tony Faló, John McBroom, Murray McMahon, Jack Reynolds, and Harold Sievers for renewing, we appreciate that a lot.

Please also note that the Chapter does not have Life membership, and it does not derive any revenues from Association Life dues.

Hence, we ask *all members to pay Chapter and Department Dues.*

### Sick Call

**Bill Tench** went to the hospital on Jan 24 with what appeared to be a heart problem, but he has not suffered a heart attack. He is now undergoing a battery of tests. Bill Tench, 6230 Wilander St. Leesburg, FL, 34748, (352) 728-8259

**Jim Houpp**, underwent triple bypass

heart surgery on November 3, and is in recovery now. You may contact Jim at : Jim Houpp, 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 408-6612, kwva169@gmail.com.

Please inform your Chapter when ei-

### Chapter Funds

Balance available at the beginning of 2012 was \$6,234.55. We began 2011 with \$6,191.60, so finished with a slight surplus, but several checks had not been cashed.

ther of you is confronted with a threatening health problem.

# Income and Expenses By Category

| CHAPTER 169 INCOME AND EXPENSES |             |             |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|
|                                 | ACTUAL      | BUDGETED    |  |
|                                 | 2011        | 2012        |  |
| <b>INCOME</b>                   |             |             |  |
| Dues                            | \$2,104.00  | 2,200.00    |  |
| FundDrive                       | \$5,185.50  | 7,000.00    |  |
| FundDrivePrj                    | \$1,270.00  | 0.00        |  |
| OtherInc                        | \$2,454.00  | 1,500.00    |  |
| Total                           | \$11,013.50 | \$10,700.00 |  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                 |             |             |  |
| CDirExp                         | \$965.92    | 900.00      |  |
| CGeneral                        | \$1,747.04  | 500.00      |  |
| CScholarship                    | \$2,000.00  | 2,500.00    |  |
| DOF                             | \$112.00    | 120.00      |  |
| Insurance                       | \$127.22    | 130.00      |  |
| KWVA                            | \$1,000.00  | 1,100.00    |  |
| MemBen                          | \$240.05    | 250.00      |  |
| Mtg&Con                         | \$160.60    | 550.00      |  |
| Postage                         | \$182.00    | 200.00      |  |
| Printing                        | \$366.82    | 500.00      |  |
| ProjExp                         | \$434.96    | 0.00        |  |
| STATE                           | \$80.00     | 80.00       |  |
| Supplies                        | \$1,764.42  | 2,000.00    |  |
| Uniforms                        | \$397.50    | 500.00      |  |
| OtherExp                        | \$1,392.01  | 1,300.00    |  |
| Total Expenses                  | \$10,970.54 | \$10,630.00 |  |
| Net for Year                    | \$42.96     | \$70.00     |  |

At left is a table showing our actual income and expenses by categories that are mostly defined by the State of Florida.

Most of the information at left is self-explanatory; we will comment on a few though.

On the income side, Dues includes all dues we collected, Chapter, Department, and Association.

Fund Drive is what we took in with our TA/Fund Drives at Publix stores, and the other is from the drawings for the two TVs. Other Inc. is from Boosters, 50:50 and all other income.

On the expense side, those first three listings beginning with a "C" are our charitable contributions in keeping with our 501c17 commitment; KWVA is what we sent to Association for members national dues.

That should do it for explanation of our Chapter's financial activities for 2011.

Before May we need to file with the State of Florida based on these values.

The right column is our projection for 2012.

## Some thoughts from your President

**M**y term as your president will end in December of this year.

According to our Bylaws, I cannot run again. In all sincerity, I do not feel secure enough of my own abilities to serve again as your president.

I have assumed too much of Chapter 169's operational activities—Scuttlebutt, Tell America, the Secretarial activities except for handling the Association Dues process, the detailed financial activities such as that resulting in the table above, TA/Fund Drive leadership, and many more.

It is time we begin planning on how



these activities can be more effectively distributed among the members.

In my own mind, it is impossible to effectively handle most of these without a computer. I have integrated all these with a few computer files. For example, the table above came from a file I maintain called KWVA 169 Main Funds Database.

I also maintain a Main Member Database which is our membership file. I use this not only for recording membership status, but also in writing the

Scuttlebutt—tables like Officers, New Members, Due Dates, and Boosters, Scuttlebutt mailing labels and email addresses, and others all come from that file.

May I suggest you all read the duties part of the bylaws to see what responsibilities go with what positions, and see what part you may want to fulfill.

It is time for us all to begin planning for the future.

The balance of this newsletter is devoted to our activities, the duties they entail, and opportunities for members to become more involved.

## Our Chapter Color Guard—A vital resource!



Art Canale, Gunther Noder, Bill Simunek and Charlie White form the 169 Color Guard at the 2011 Veterans Day Ceremony at The Villages' Veterans Memorial. (Photo by Klawuun)

**O**ur 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, and Wally Jones, with Boob Moore likely. More members are needed.

And more training is needed to make our unit even more presentable. This may include special training, the addition of rifles, and other such efforts.

For nearly the last decade, Chapter 169's Color Guard has posted the colors at The Veterans Memorial in The Villages. While we were happy to serve in this role, doing so caused us to lose opportunities elsewhere in Lake County, and thereby lose potential new members.

Therefore, in 2011 we expanded our guard to enable us to have our Color Guard appear at other venues simultaneously. We added a second set of flags, including a new Chapter Flag, thanks to Carol Becker (see photo at right).

For example, on the same day as depicted in the photo at beginning of this article, two other Color Guard members, Bill Shumaker and Claus Tiesman, placed a wreath at Fernin Park in Eustis. (And also on that date, we held a TA/Fund Drive at the Loch Leven Publix in Mount Dora.)

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 our Color Guard in The Villages.

The Chapter provides most apparel needed for the Color Guard. See Charlie for this.

All Color Guard members must be Chapter 169 members. But sometimes we may be unable to fill a Color Guard need. Non-members 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 in serving our Color Guard, please call Charlie White, (352) 787-1885, or Art Canale, (352) 750-2505.



Above: Don Lynch carrying new Chapter 169 flag created by Carol Becker at the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park on January 25, 2012. (Photo by Rasmussen)

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# Chapter 169's Tell America 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 Leesburg for an excellent Tell America program (photo by Vi Pfahler).

Why of the Korean War.” (We have added “The So What” too.)

At a Tell America planning meeting on Dec. 13, we 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 last year be continued into 2012.

We also addressed the need to better design our presentations, both in content and in delivery. We didn't really do the design, however, but each presenter needs to have multiple presentations ready to “fit” the time available, which generally is 5-8 minutes.

Over the last few years, Tell America has become a major Chapter 169 program. It is through Tell America that we dispense most of our scholarship and charitable contributions.

Members of our Chapter 169 Tell America Team are: Carol Becker, Charlie White, Dick and Vi Pfahler, Don Van Beck, Jack and Margie Reynolds,

Wally Jones, Claus Tiesman, Dwight Brown, Don Lynch, Joe Gruber, Tom Thiel, Harold Sievers, Al Schuetz, Guenther Noder, and Jim and Gloria Corbet. We invite all new members to consider joining with our TA program.

Tell America, as defined by the KWVA Association, is telling people, especially young people, “The Where, When and

Schools we have visited to date are shown in the table lower left. Those we plan to approach in 2012 include, but are not limited to: St. Paul's (Feb. 2); the ROTC programs at Leesburg, Mount Dora, and Eustis High Schools; First Academy, Holy Trinity, Christian Academy and Carver. The Boys and Girls Club desires us to return there this year also.

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

As of this writing no contacts have been made with any additional schools.

This is an area where a group of Chapter members needs to become involved immediately to contact schools and to set dates and programs.

| Contributions and Scholarship Fund |                              |   |            |            |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|------------|------------|
| DATE                               | DESCRIPTION                  | CREDIT  | DEBIT      | BALANCE    |
| 12/31/10                           | Balance forward to 2011      | \$1,146.00  |            | \$1,146.00 |
| 12/31/11                           | One-half subject 2011 income | \$4,454.75  |            | \$5,600.75 |
| 12/31/11                           | Used to 1/1 to 12/31/2011    |   | \$5,712.96 | (\$112.21) |
| DATE                               | SCHOOL                       | PARTICIPANTS, COMMENTS  |            | FUNDS      |
| 10/02/09                           | Holy Trinity                 | Sievers, Pfahler, Thiel, first Tell America                                       |            |            |
| 11/10/09                           | Carver Middle                | Sievers, Pfahler, Regan, Van Beck, White, Thiel. With AmVets and Bob Peters       |            |            |
| 02/02/10                           | St. Paul's                   | Pfahler, Regan, White, Thiel.   |            |            |
| 02/23/10                           | LK Mont                      | Sievers, Pfahler, White, Thiel. Adopt a Kid/Adopt a Vet                           |            |            |
| 06/01/10                           | LSBG ROTC                    | Scholarship Awarded by Jansen and Thiel. \$500 Article in DC                      |            | \$500.00   |
| 11/08/10                           | Carver Middle                | Sievers, Pfahler, Geisinger, Van Beck, White, Thiel. With AmVets and Bob Peters   |            |            |
| 02/03/11                           | St. Paul's                   | Pfahler, Schuetz, White, Thiel. Initiated essay contest.                          |            | \$150.00   |
| 02/09/11                           | LSBG ROTC                    | Sievers, Pfahler, Schuetz, Van Beck, White, Thiel.                                |            |            |
| 03/19/11                           | LSBG ROTC                    | Scholarship Awarded by Jansen and Thiel. John Yohn Awd. Article in DC             |            | \$500.00   |
| 04/25/11                           | MTDH ROTC                    | Lynch, Reynolds, White, Thiel.  |            |            |
| 05/04/11                           | Boys & Girls LSBG            | Sievers, Shumaker, Simunek, Canale, Pfahler, White, Thiel. Flag folding, don flag |            | \$100.00   |
| 05/06/11                           | MTDH ROTC                    | Scholarship awarded by Thiel at their annual Awards Banquet                       |            | \$500.00   |
| 05/11/11                           | FST ACAD                     | Pfahler, Reynolds, White, Thiel.  |            | \$150.00   |
| 07/11/11                           | CITIDEL                      | Austin Rumbley  |            | \$500.00   |
| 11/02/11                           | CHRISTIAN ACADEMY            | Reynolds, Pfahler, Tiesman, Brown and Thiel.                                      |            | \$100.00   |
| 11/09/11                           | Carver Middle                | White, Thiel, Jones, Becker, Pfahler, Rock and Sievers.                           |            | \$0.00     |
|                                    |                              |   |            | \$2,500.00 |

## TELL-AMERICA/FUND-RAISING!



That's Joe Gruber (right) greeting a Publix shopper at our Veterans weekend Tell America/Fund Drive at the Mount Dora Loch Leven Publix store. Note that the table is small, and also how close it is to the store entrance—items critical to the success of the drive. Also note the table at the other entrance. That's Jack and Marjorie Reynolds there. We netted \$1,665.00!

### Some guidelines learned last year

- Situate ourselves within arms-length from the store entrance.
- Limit ourselves to two persons manning the table. This is not a sit and they will donate, we must establish contact with shoppers
- 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 people, again without regard to whether they contribute.

**F**unds 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 ASAP contact our Publix friends at the Shoppes of Lake Village (Jack Reynolds); Publix Super Market at Lake Harris, 27615 U.S. 27, Leesburg, (352) 787-0440 (HELP); one in the Villages (Dwight Brown and Joe Gruber), and perhaps Palm Plaza in Leesburg.

We urgently need all members to join in with these fund-raising activities.

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

### 2011 TA/Drives total \$5,185.50!

We held two-day events, Fridays and Saturdays, at the following Publix stores: two or three times at Palm Plaza in Leesburg, three times at Loch Leven in Mount Dora (including Veterans weekend), and one at The Shoppes of Lake Village. I think we ought to begin to focus on those stores with better yields to make better use of our time, and to increase our take.

I will not try to name the persons helping out as invariably I would miss some. Several people worked whole day shifts—from 10:00 a.m., to 4:00 p.m.

I do want to ask our members to voluntarily offer their help; it takes time for the organizer to call each of you.

This is definitely a place where our members need to take charge, and get plans and permissions rolling. Our budgeted goal this year is \$7,000!

## Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park by TJT



**T**he Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park (VMFP) in Leesburg, although a separate entity from Chapter 169, has a special place in the Chapter's heart.

The idea for a Korean War Memorial at Fountain Park was spawned in our Chapter by Dick Pfahler. It was then hatched into a specific plan with specific features by our then president Art Canale. When Art became embroiled with health issues, it was then nurtured to fruition by its current CEO, Don Van Beck. We are proud to claim Dick, Art and Don among our current Chapter members.

I think most of our Chapter members had the opportunity on January 25 to see and appreciate the beauty and grandeur of the memorial.

To acknowledge Chapter 169's unique role, it has been assured that all its members names shall have a place on the wall as a part of their Chapter Membership.

### The Wall and Your DD214

Many members and widows have received a communication from me asking them to send me your DD-214 for the VMFP (or your husband's DD214).

The reason VMFP asks us to submit a DD-214 is to enable them to populate an entry for you in their on-site computer database. This touch-screen computer not only serves as a means to locate a specific veteran's name on the memorial wall, it also will display rank, awards, service dates, etc., of each veteran. I will soon be writing you again for those who have not yet

provided me with your DD214.

The Chapter supplied VMFP with a list of its members and DD214s in 2009. We did the same again just last week. And we will be updating that as warranted by the addition of new members to our Chapter ranks.

### 10,000 BRICKS

VMFP needs your help—they still need to raise \$89,500 to complete the Monument. The floor of the Veterans Memorial (the red part at left) is to be covered with 10,000 engraved bricks.

How can you help? By purchasing a brick for \$60.00 and having it engraved with the name of a loved one, your business or anyone else that you may wish to honor or memorialize.

You can also help by selling these bricks to your friends and neighbors. Help Don et al finalize VMFP. Call 352-314-2100 to obtain "brick forms," or go to <http://www.lakeveterans.com/Forms.html>

### VMFP Dedication to be May 19

Dedication of the Memorial is planned for Armed Forces Day, May 19, at noon. Also on that same day, Rolling Thunder will visit Leesburg and the VMFP on their way from California to the District of Columbia. It is projected that as many as 5,000 cycles and up to 10,000 people will be here that day. They will be honoring POWs and MIAs. Kathy McLaughlin, FL Rolling Thunder President, has asked me to help her locate POWs.

There is to be a parade in honor of this event, and Chapter 169 has been invited. Dwight Brown is trying to locate a means to transport members in the parade. We hope that 169 can have a good representation in that parade and at the Dedication event.

*Don has told me that Dedication seating on the speaking platform will be by special invitation only.*

## Department of Florida



DoF Elected officers: from left: Maxine Parker, Sec/188; Joan Ar-cand, Treas/014; Charlie First, Pres/173; Bill Shibler, First VP/188; Bob Hebner, Second VP/155; John Stelling, Third VP/173; and Harold Sievers, Chaplain/169. Photos by Becker

All Chapter 169 members are also members of the Department of Florida. Two dollars of your membership fee goes to support the DoF.

Chapter 169 participates rather fully in DoF activities, which include three Council sessions, a Convention and related fund-raising and other activities. That's a photo of us



Chapter 169 Attendees: from left: Don Lynch, Carol Becker, Joe Gruber, Jackie Gleason, Charlie White, Tom Thiel, Claus Tiesman, Dwight Brown, Don Van Beck, Jack Reynolds, Art Canale, and Harold Sievers.

at the Winter Council Meeting on January 28, 2012, at the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, Crystal River, FL.

The DoF Council consists of Department Officers and Staff, and the President or Commander of all Florida Chapters.

Other members are encouraged to attend, but they may not cast a vote.

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://dfi.kwva.org>. You can find much DoF information there.

Email from Mary Lum, Thursday January 31, 2012:

"Tom, I received the certificate yesterday Jan. 30, and was thrilled to receive it and am delighted at your thoughtfulness to send it to me...it means a lot to me, thank you (even if they did spell USMC as Army).

Hope everyone enjoyed the ceremony. Saw Jackie Gleason in the pictures ...he looks great."

Mary Lum, [wongdail@aol.com](mailto:wongdail@aol.com)

Ed Note: We will order you a corrected certificate, Mary.



Last minute addition, Tell America team at St. Paul's Catholic School on February 2: From left: Tom Thiel, Dick Pfahler, Carol Becker, Gunther Noder, Al Schuetz, and Dwight Brown. Victoria Aldrich, photographer from the Daily Commercial, took extensive still and video interviews, which she said may be shown on their web site. We will do a more complete report next month. This was the model we need to follow for all our TA programs!

**FLASH****Revisit Korea News****FLASH**

Fellow Korean War veterans, families and friends,

The 2012 Revisit Korea dates have been received. They are:

**May 19-25, June 22-28, Sept 12-18 and Nov 8-14**

July 7-14 Peace Camp for Youth (Grandchildren's program)

For new KWVA members, the eligibility requirements are on the KWVA web site: [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) or below the "Revisit" application form in the Graybeards magazine.

Please be reminded that these sponsored tours are subsidized. All expense's in Korea (minus incidental's) are paid for by the ROK government. Additionally, 50 percent of the veteran's airfare and 30 percent of the spouse/companion's air, will be reimbursed to you, upon completion of the tour. This includes both your domestic and international airfare, from your hometown to Seoul, and return.

These quotas go very fast, so if you're interested, don't hesitate to register. You can always cancel for health reasons, but when the space is gone, it's gone! Please call our office at 800-722-9501 or 703-590-1295. You can also email us at: [JWiedhahn@miltours.com](mailto:JWiedhahn@miltours.com).

New for 2012: Military Historical Tours will be offering optional pre tours to the Chorwon Valley in the North, along the DMZ, or the Pusan Perimeter in the South. The other option's are a post tour to Beijing and Xian, China, or Vietnam. (The optional tours are at your expense).

A question often asked: Can we take an additional son/daughter/friend with us to see where I fought during the war? Answer: Absolutely! However, the additional person's air, meals and hotel will be at your expense. They can ride the tour bus, visit the DMZ and attend the award banquet with you, gratis.

Sincerely and fraternally, Warren Wiedhahn, Revisit Korea Coordinator, Military Historical Tours, Woodbridge, Virginia, 1950 Korean War Veteran - Pusan, Inchon, Seoul and "Chosin"

**\* Boosters \***

**American Legion Post 18** on Hwy 44 east of Hwy 301 in Wildwood will host a luncheon on Friday, February 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is open to the Public. The Menu is: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, salad, bread, desert & drink. The donation is \$6.00. Come enjoy good food & fellowship. Call (352) 446-1137 for additional information. D J Lynch (352) 748-7009

**Next Meeting:** The next **Board Meeting** will be **Feb. 22** at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center Conference Room.

The next **Member Meeting** will be **February 22**, at 2:00 p.m., at the Senior Center. Dwight brown will be showing a special DVD created by Korean War Veteran, Don Anderson.

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

## Revisit Korea

Just a brief note about Revisit Korea; Al and Jan Schuetz are signed up for the September Revisit Korea trip. You might want to give Al a call at (352) 728-5783 to see what their experience has been so far. Also, Dwight (352) 205-8536, and Harry Olson (352) 787-2563 went in 2010 and would be willing to talk to you.



| LNAME        | NNAME   | BST12   | BST11   |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Anonymous    |         | \$3.00  | \$10    |
| Becker       | Carol   |         | \$100   |
| Beyerly      | Lillian |         | \$100   |
| Burke        | Art     |         | \$300   |
| Canale       | Art     |         | \$63    |
| Corriveau    | Ben     |         | \$13    |
| Gaston       | Zillah  |         | \$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    |
| Peters       | Bob     | \$20.00 |         |
| 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    |
| Wigglesworth | Ernest  |         | \$3     |
| Yohn         | Alta    |         | \$500   |
| Zettlemoyer  | Dick    |         | \$15    |
| SUM          | SUM     | \$23    | \$1,627 |

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### Member Dues Payable Dates

## Membership Dues Dates Association, DoF, Chapter

**M**embers whose dues—Association, Department and/or Chapter—are payable from now to May 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. Assoc. Life Members must still pay Chapter and Department. **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.

| LNAME       | NNAME    | C DUE DT | ASSOC   | AMT     |
|-------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Sell        | Warren   | 11/24/11 | R027577 | \$12.00 |
| Canale      | Art      | 12/23/11 | LR38775 | \$12.00 |
| Good        | Don      | 01/12/12 | R040923 | \$37.00 |
| Houp        | Jim      | 02/06/12 | R040133 | \$37.00 |
| Burke       | Art      | 02/09/12 | R040747 | \$37.00 |
| Brown       | Dwight   | 03/03/12 | R041953 | \$37.00 |
| Christie    | Dick     | 03/03/12 | R041950 | \$37.00 |
| Slusher     | Clarence | 03/03/12 | R041952 | \$37.00 |
| Strausbaugh | Harvey   | 03/03/12 | R041951 | \$37.00 |
| Schuetz     | Al       | 03/07/12 | R041059 | \$37.00 |
| Rock        | Bob      | 03/15/12 | R043046 | \$37.00 |
| Royal       | Ray      | 03/15/12 | R043045 | \$37.00 |
| Hackett     | Bob      | 03/28/12 | R042040 | \$37.00 |
| Jansen      | Ted      | 03/29/12 | R021544 | \$37.00 |
| Van Beck    | Don      | 03/31/12 | R039333 | \$37.00 |
| Rodgers     | John     | 04/11/12 | R041121 | \$37.00 |
| Baron       | Don      | 04/13/12 | R043136 | \$37.00 |
| Shumaker    | Bill     | 04/27/12 | R041142 | \$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 *Scuttlebutt* 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.**

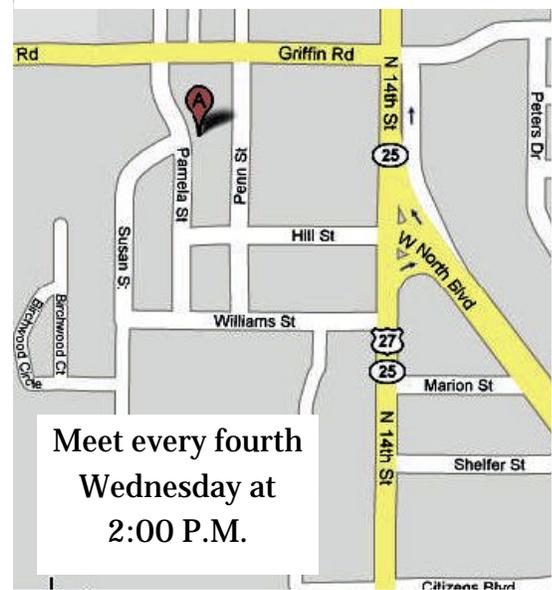
**Mail to: KWVA Chapter 169, P.O. Box 491428, Leesburg, FL 34849-1428.**

## ***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!

### **Leesburg Senior Center, 1211 Penn St**



***Canned Food & Clothing*** Bring to the next meeting. Clean & folded in bags.

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***Scuttlebutt*** Deadline, Date of the Member Meeting.

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