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Membership now 83!

Membership is the big Chapter 169 news for this issue, although it is tempting to linger more on our January 25th 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Perhaps we will do more on that in later pages.

Actually, our membership high and the Celebration are related, so far we have 15 new Chapter members

directly related to the Celebration!

Our two newest Chapter members are Bob Peters (left) who is



an Honorary Chapter member and an Associate Member of the KWVA, and David Lavery, right, who served from 1953-54 in the Army's 23/26th Sig BN.

Bob and Deb Peters live on Belle Mede Dr, Leesburg, while David and Charlotte Lavery live on Varnville Way in The Villages.

Welcome Bob and David!



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Three young men at Tell America at St. Paul's looking really sharp in

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Membership at 83!! *Continued from page 1)*

We will continue presenting our new members in photographs in the remainder of this column.



The first is Don Beissel, left, who served 1951-52, with the 25th Infantry Division, 21st AAA, "B" Battery. Don and Cathy live on Washington Ave in Leesburg.

Next we would like to present Jim Burwell, right, who served 1953-54 as an Air Force policeman. Jim and Sandra live on Amberleaf Court in Leesburg.



Next meet Chet Coker, who served in 1950-51 with the 1st Cav Division's, 7th Rgt, Co "C". Chet and Maria live on Alibrandi Road in Leesburg. Those of you at the February 22 Member Meeting may recall that Chet very capably served as our Chaplain at that session.

Now meet Jack Corscadden who served 1952-53 with the Army's 366th Eng Av BN. Jack and Charlotte live Midira Drive in Lady Lake.



At right is John B (Jack) Kelly who served 1951-52 with the 3rd Infantry Div, 3rd Recon Co. Jack lives on Kiley Ct. in The Villages.



And this is Frank Markel, Jr., who served in 1953-54 with the 101st Airborne Division. Frank and Mary live on Timber Trail in Wildwood.

At right is Bob Moore who served 1951-52 with the Army Artillery. Bob and Janice live on North Shore Drive, Leesburg.



Left is Milt Sable who served 1951-53 with the Eighth Army. Milt and Beverly live on Beach View Drive in Leesburg.

And last but not least is Wayne Sjoberg who served 1950-52 with the 2nd Infantry Division. Wayne and Elizabeth live on Scenic Hills Drive in Mount Dora.



Chapter 169's Tell America Program



Photos by Vi Pfahler

Thiel, Pfahler, Becker, Noder, Schuetz and Brown with St. Paul students.

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assorted headgear from Dwight Brown's several tables of Tell America exhibits.

Carol Becker, Dick Pfahler, Gunther Noder, Al Schuetz, Dwight Brown and Tom Thiel participated in the Feb. 2 St. Paul TA Program. That's us above in a group photo with the students.

The school required students to write an essay on our visit to their school; fourteen have been selected by the teachers to be evaluated by us to have the top three selected to receive, respectively, \$25, \$15 and \$10. We will also donate \$150 to St. Paul's

Tell America, as defined by the KWVA Association, is telling people, especially young people, "The Where, When and Why of the Korean War." (We have added "The So What" too.)

Over the last few years, Tell America

Dwight's exhibit materials fascinated students.



has become a major Chapter 169 program. It is through Tell America that we dispense most of our scholarship and charitable contributions.

We invite all new members to consider joining with our TA program. Each presenter needs to have multiple presentations ready to "fit" the time available, which generally is 5-8 minutes. They should address the Where, When, Why and So What of the Korean War.

Schools we planned 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 of these schools.

At the Board meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22, President Thiel asked for a member to lead the Tell America program; no one offered.

This appeal is now extended to members to become involved immediately to contact schools and to set dates and programs. Gloria Corbet has agreed to assist with Eustis High.

Please call Thiel 408-6612 to help.

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. And they provide us with a unique opportunity to tell people about the Korean War. This is through the use of Korean War daisies, posters and brochures, and personal contacts.

2012 TA/Fund Drives

We are now organizing and scheduling our 2012 TA Fund Drives. These are:

Publix - Loch Leven Landing in Mount Dora, April 20-21, and

again on November 9-10. Please call Tom Thiel, 352-498-6612 to schedule your time to help.

Publix - Colony Plaza in The Villages, 327 Colony Blvd., June 23.

Please call Dwight Brown, (352) 205-8536, (352) 638-0514 cell, to schedule your time to help.

Publix Super Market At Lake Harris, 27615 Us Highway 27 U, Leesburg. TBD.

Please call Harry Olson, 352-787-2563, to schedule your time to help.

Publix - Shoppes of Lake Village, 10601 US Highway 441 Ste D, Leesburg. TBD.

Please call Jack Reynolds, 352-728-3928, to schedule your time to help.

Publix Palm Plaza, 717 N 14th St Leesburg. June 15-16 and October 12-13.

Please call Charlie White, 352-787-1885, to schedule your time to help.



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!

Every member should be willing to help!

Remember the Christmas Party at the Mission Inn? Or the April Picnic at Hickory Point? Or caps and name tags? Or uniforms for our color guard?

These were well in excess of \$1,500.00 last year. Direct Member Benefits.

Or did you appreciate receiving the Special Certificates commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War?

What about Tell America and the other programs that gain us notoriety, and make you proud to be a member of 169?

Folks, these do not happen by themselves. So far the 80:20 rule has generally applied—20 percent do the fund raising, 80 percent let them, yet take the benefits.

Please find a fund drive near you and call to volunteer for a 3 hour stint, don't make the leader call you.

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

- Gain 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.

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; 2012 goal—\$7,000!

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



About our February 22 meetings, by tjt

Since I also record all meetings, I'd like to take a little space here to discuss some happenings at our two Feb. 22, meetings.

Board of Directors Meeting

While there was a great deal of business planned, discussed and conducted at the BoD meeting, the following are the new items

Motion offered by Brown approved for "Chapter to sponsor Associate Membership for Bob Peters at \$16.00/year, renewable after five years, total of \$80.00."

Charlie White does not want to have Board meeting on same day as member meeting; Joe Gruber says he will only make one trip to Sr. Center; what do we do? Ted Jansen spoke about duplication of content between the BoD and Member meeting, and suggested we arrange a Dutch Treat luncheon meeting for March 28.

There was extensive discussion of how to relieve me of the excessive Chapter

169 work load. But it went no further than discussion; when I asked for someone to lead the T/A program, the discussion ended. So, I will continue. But my term ends 12/31!

The Regular Member Meeting

Attendance at Feb. 22 Member Meeting was largest it has ever been since I have come to a 169 meeting (I think 2002). I estimate somewhere around 65. We generally have somewhere between 20 and 30 in attendance.

An exact count, however, was not obtained due to our failure to record all attendees! We will address this before the next meeting.

Mostly the large attendance was due to the many new members, and especially to a large number of spouses.

There also were more guests present than was reported. At least three, only one was reported.

Mostly, we attempted to cover the Chapter's several excellent programs, and urged new members to become associated with these programs. Some of these are: color guard, Tell America,

help ailing veterans, Tell America/Fund Drives, etc.

Now, I feel it necessary to raise a couple of points in a little more detail.

The first of these is **Current Members get off your cans and welcome Newer Members**. For the most part, you sat with each other and left New Member unwelcomed. (There was at least one notable exception.)

The second deals with **our need to welcome spouses into our community**. This though has been in the rear recesses of my mind for some time now, but, perhaps because of my personal situation, I have not pursued it.

We once had a **Ladies Axillary**; I'm not sure why, but it dissolved. Should we consider creating another one now? How much interest might there be? On page 9 of this issue is a questionnaire; please fill it out completely and especially address whether or not your spouse/significant other would be interested. I am aware of some talent available to us from other Florida Chapter Ladies Axillaries that we might draw upon.###

Sick Call

Olavi Laakso has been in and out of Waterman and Leesburg Regional at least twice. Olavi T Laakso, and Delores, 25409 Waterbrook Ct., Leesburg, FL, 34748, (352) 460-0661

Lorene Gruber has been similarly in Leesburg Regional. Lorene (Joe) Gruber, 420 Thistledown Way, The Villages, FL, 32162, (352) 750-0286, jlnancy@embarqmail.com

Wilma Jean Tiesman also has been in the hospital. Wilma Jeanne (Claus) Tiesman, 33927 Clara Drive, Leesburg, FL, 34788, (352) 742-0110, cjtiesman@embarqmail.com

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 either of you is confronted with a threatening health problem.

Chapter Funds

The balance available as of 2/20 was \$5,821.49.
Ending balance on 2/29 \$5,408.62

ARTHUR L BURKE
9555 SILVER LAKE DRIVE
LEESBURG, FL 34788-3406

FEBRUARY 22, 2012

PRESIDENT TOM:

THIS MAY OR MAY NOT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU, BUT I MADE A \$1,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE MEMORIAL, AND PURCHASED 6 BRICKS FOR MY FAMILY.

I HOPE MY CONTRIBUTION WILL BE HELPFUL IN COMPLETING THE NECESSARY FUNDING OF THE MEMORIAL.

I UNDERSTAND MY NAME WILL BE PLACE IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE MEMORIAL AREA ALONG WITH OTHERS WHO HAVE DONE THE SAME AS I HAVE.

IT WILL BE OUR LOSS WHEN YOU HAVE RESIGNED FROM YOUR POSITION AND LEFT US TO CHOOSE ANOTHER. I JUST HOPE WE CAN FIND ONE WHO HAS BEEN TO THE UNIT AS YOU HAVE. I BELIEVE MOST OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE UNIT HAVE BEEN BECAUSE OF YOUR PRESIDENCY.

BEST WISHES FOR YOUR FUTURE.

A MILITARY BROTHER,
Arthur L. Burke
ARTHUR L. BURKE
CAPTAIN, TRANS CORPS
US ARMY RESERVE

And Still a bit more on Membership

The photographs on the front and page 2 only represents those photos that Carol Becker took on Feb. 22.

We know that there were other new members at that meeting but whose photo we did not get. Please have Carol take it next time.

Also, new members

who have not gotten their Chapter caps, please see Thiel at next meeting.

And any member for whom we have 60th Certificates, you will need to come to a meeting to pick them up.

For those new members without a certificate or who have asked for changes, I have

send some to the 60th Committee, and will send another batch soon.

We thank Carol Becker for delivering Certificates to the daughters of Gibson P Sloan (his widow died about 3 weeks ago), and to Marilyn (Mrs. Isaiah) Hatcher. Both were submitted to VMFP.

VMFP

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have submitted the names and DD214s (that we have) of all members to the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park for inclusion on the wall.

If you have a DD214 and HAVE NOT submitted it to me, Thiel (see back page for address), please do so NOW. VMFP needs this information to populate the onsite look up computer database.

Dedication will be May 19. Chapter 169 should plan on a

large attendance. There will be a large parade. Rolling Thunder will be here—5,000 bikes? Dwight Brown has arranged for the Chapter to have a Humvee and a large trailer with approximately 40 chairs. More details as soon as we have them.

At least \$62,000 is still needed to fully complete the memorial. Note Art Burke's contribution above. Ought the Chapter consider another significant contribution? Why do we need to keep \$5,000 in the bank?

Department of Florida

Council & Convention, May 11-13, 2012 at the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, Crystal River, FL.


Dwight Brown will be the Chapter 169 Delegate, and be provided with overnight accommodations for he and Lee. Dwight will be reporting for the Chapter and also for me as webmaster and editor. I would like Dwight to handle all registration details.

The Convention will be held on May 12-13. All members and spouses are invited to attend. There will be more detail on this as well.

Association

The Chapter has articles on pages 20-21 and 37 of the current Graybeards.

I am trying to submit more as I find the time to do so.



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William Toth was a registered visitor at the Feb 22 meeting; he came with Ray Royal.

Please complete and return Page 9

*** Boosters ***

American Legion Post 18, located on Hwy 44 east of Hwy 301 in Wildwood, will host a luncheon on Friday, March 9th from 11:00am to 1:00 p.m., that is open to the public. The Menu will be: baked ham, sweet potatoes, baked beans, potato salad, bread, desert and drink. Donation \$6,00. Come to enjoy good food and fellowship. Phone (352)-446-1137 for more info. Don Lynch

Next Meeting: The next **Board Meeting** will be **Mar. 28 at 12:00 noon at Bob Evans.**

The next **Member Meeting** will be **March 28**, 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.

DVD of Jan. 25 Ceremony

A DVD of the January 25 ceremony is available from LakeFrontTV.com Archives section. (I have security problems and find I can get around that by putting the above in Google, and then click on it from there.)

The DVD is \$12.00 plus \$4.00 shipping for as many DVDs as you wish. An order form may be downloaded.

The DVD is identified as: ST 2012-02-21 Korean War Memorial 28-56.

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	\$25.00	\$25
Houp	Jim	\$10.00	\$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	\$13.00	\$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	\$68.00	\$1,617

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Member Dues Payable Dates

Membership Dues Dates Association, DoF, Chapter

Members whose dues—Association, Department and/or Chapter—are payable from now to June 30, 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	ASSOC	C DUE DT	AMOUNT
Brown	Dwight	R041953	03/03/12	\$37.00
Christie	Dick	R041950	03/03/12	\$37.00
Strausbaugh	Harvey	R041951	03/03/12	\$37.00
Schuetz	Al	R041059	03/07/12	\$37.00
Rock	Bob	R043046	03/15/12	\$37.00
Hackett	Bob	R042040	03/28/12	\$37.00
Jansen	Ted	R021544	03/29/12	\$37.00
Rodgers	John	R041121	04/11/12	\$37.00
Baron	Don	R043136	04/13/12	\$37.00
Shumaker	Bill	R041142	04/27/12	\$37.00
Veliky	Don	R041034	05/03/12	\$37.00
Stover	Allan	R043212	05/10/12	\$37.00
Corbet	Jim	R043241	05/29/12	\$37.00
Deeley	Paul	R042245	06/07/12	\$37.00
Lewis	Joe	R042246	06/07/12	\$37.00
Hanold	Audley	R041292	06/29/12	\$37.00

Those in red are payable NOW!

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.

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Member Skills and Interest Questionnaire

Your Name: _____ Short or Nickname: _____

Birth Date _____ Spouse or Significant Other Name: _____

Phone Home _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____@_____

Your life's occupation(s): _____

Education & training: School(s) attended, graduation, area of emphasis: _____

Your Computer Skills: _____

Your Spouse's Computer Skills: _____

Hobbies: _____

The Chapter is in serious need of members to help it achieve its goals: Please check all that you might

be able to help us: Color Guard; Flag placing; Fund Raising; Writing, such as
Scuttlebutt, Graybeards, Press Releases; etc.; Officer, Board member or Committee member;

Telling students and other Americans about the Korean War; Final Rest services;

Meeting and talking to Veterans, especially Alzheimer's patients; Lady's Auxiliary;

Other, elaborate: _____

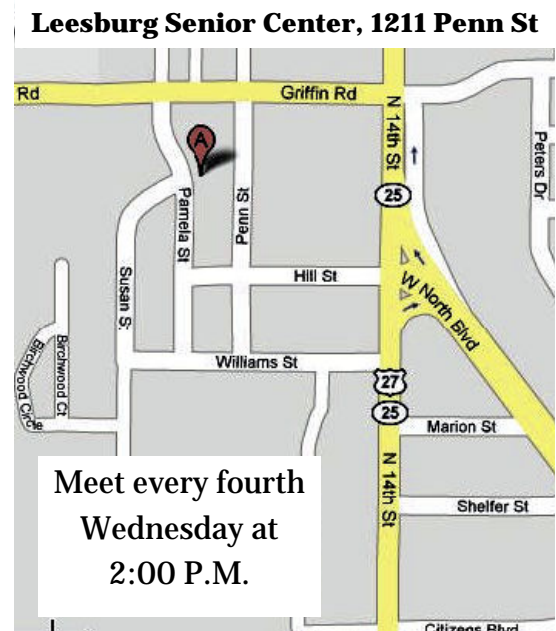
What ought we do the enhance Chapter 169: _____

Your Signature: _____

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.

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.

Scuttlebutt Deadline, Date of the Member Meeting.

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