

The Scuttlebutt

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Greatest picnic turnout ever!

Greatest turnout ever were the words one long-time member used to describe our annual spring picnic at Hickory Point Park, Tavares, on Wed. April 25.



Dan Crossman honor's his father with a song.

Claus Tiesman did an attendance log and came up with a total of 51 members and spouses; there were seven guests as well giving us a grand total of 58!

One of our guests was Dan Crossman, left, a good friend of Harry Olson. Dan sung several songs for us including

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Two Tell America Programs

We also held two outstanding Tell America Programs in April; our second such visit to Mount Dora AF Jr ROTC, and our first ever trip to Eustis High to a combined audience of AF Jr ROTC and History Class students.



Tom Thiel talks one-on-one with MD Cadet

Our team visiting Mount Dora on April 17, consisted of Carol Becker, Claus Tiesman, Dwight Brown, and me, Tom Thiel. Our Mount Dora School contacts were Col. Richards and MSGT West.

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Rod Layer



We are very sad to report that Rod Layer, a member since very early in the

Chapter's life, was found dead by his cleaning lady on the morning of April 23. We last saw Rod at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, when we folded up our Fund Drive table at Publix. Services are pending.

Membership remains at 89



We welcome **Sue Mason**, who joined our Chapter at the Picnic on April 25. Several of us know Sue from American Legion Post #41 in Eustis.

Sue had let her membership with Chapter 188 lapse, but has renewed with our chapter. Sue lives in Sorrento in

East Lake County, and served in Korea with the 38th ADA Brig; I-44 BN; HHB Co in 1979-80.

Welcome to Chapter 169, Sue; we hope you will be a regular at our monthly meetings.

The Association Membership Database shows 86 active and one inactive (members whose dues have not been recorded at the Charleston IL Membership office). This gives us a total of 87, plus our two Chapter Honorary members thus giving us a total of 89 members overall.

CHAPTER 169 INCOME & EXPENSES Mar. 28, 2012

	2011 Actual	2012 Planned	04/28/12 To Date
INCOME			
Dues	\$2,084.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,412.00
FundDrive	\$5,185.50	\$7,000.00	\$1,253.00
FundDrivePrj	\$1,270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OtherInc	\$2,474.00	\$1,500.00	\$220.00
Total	\$11,013.50	\$10,800.00	\$2,885.00
EXPENSES			
CGeneral	\$1,747.04	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
CScholarship	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$235.00
DOF	\$112.00	\$200.00	\$150.00
Insurance	\$127.22	\$140.00	\$0.00
KWVA	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,230.00
MemBen	\$1,467.06	\$1,000.00	\$272.24
Mtg&Con	\$160.60	\$250.00	\$249.00
Postage	\$238.00	\$250.00	\$112.40
Printing	\$470.31	\$500.00	\$407.34
ProjExp	\$434.96	\$0.00	\$0.00
STATE	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$71.25
Supplies	\$3,133.35	\$3,500.00	\$734.79
Total Expenses	\$10,970.54	\$12,140.00	\$5,462.02
Net for Year	\$42.96	-\$1,340.00	-\$2,577.02

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one he wrote recently and hopes to be able to sell. It is about Dan's father's service, and was very well received by all.



Above, we were most pleased to welcome two Korean-American families: front table-rear couple, Dong Nack, and Kae Ryunk Kim, and front couple, Sang and Choong Kim, both of The Villages. They were guests of Dwight and Kum Brown.



There was a bit of business to discuss.



And plenty of great food!

Was this a Great picnic, or what!

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Dwight brought his exhibit to both schools, which seems to garner major student interest.

Our visit to Eustis High School was a first in a couple of additional ways: a) it was the first time we ever addressed History Class students in addition to AF Jr. ROTC students, and b) we conducted four sessions lasting from 7:30 a.m. to nearly 3:00 p.m.!

Eustis TA team members were: Jack Reyn-

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Mount Dora class two (of a total of three).



Eustis 7:30 class.



Carol Becker GSS.



Jim Corbet makes a point.



Exhibits: MD left and Eustis.



VMFP Dedication on May 19

Dedication of the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park will begin at 12 noon on Saturday May 19.

All Chapter 169 members who can should participate in this event, which we have been looking forward to in Chapter 169 for over five years.

This dedication ceremony is scheduled between a large Armed Forces Day parade in the morning, and a large Rolling Thunder POW/MIA event in the afternoon.

Dwight Brown has arranged for the Chapter to be in the parade; we have a Humvee and a large trailer capable of carrying about 50 persons seated on chairs.

The parade will travel through downtown Leesburg and end at VMFP.

All members that wish to ride in the parade need to bring their own chairs, and along with their wives, be at the Leesburg Armory by 08:30 a.m.

Wally Jones, Robert Moore, Jack Corscadden, Jim and Gloria Corbet, and any other Chapter member who wants to help decorate the trailer should be at the Leesburg Armory at 03:00 p.m. on May 18.

The Armory is located on the East side of Fountain Park, on West Meadow Street. Parking is available in front of the Armory and in the City Hall parking lot.

If you want to be in the parade and have NOT yet advised Dwight, please call him at (352) 205-8536.

The Memorial Dedication itself will begin at 12 noon at the Memorial.

There will be seating provided for all members, probably under the tent. Parking is available across the street in the church lot and also in the small lot behind the Memorial it-

self. On-street parking will be on one side only. This should last approximately one hour. A band will begin playing on the stage at City Hall at 1:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. Rolling Thunder will begin its POW/MIA presentation, also from the stage in front of City Hall. We are of course invited to this event, but at this time do not know the actual schedule. We think it will last about an hour and a half.

My good friend, POW Bill Allen, of Tierra Verde is to be a guest speaker, but I do not know the schedule. He will have a display and be selling his book: *My old box of memories*.

There will be a number of display tents set up on the Leesburg Town Square. Chapter 169 will have one of these tents. All members are encouraged to help man the tent after the Memorial Dedication. This will give you a chance to tell the public about the Korean War and Chapter 169, and also to accept donations. Bring your display items.

Although the Memorial is nearing completion, approximately \$48,000 is still needed to pay all bills.

All members should know that your Chapter membership entitles you to have your name submitted to be on the wall. All member names and DD214s (that we have) have been so submitted.



If you HAVE NOT sent me your DD214, please send me a copy now (Thiel, see back page for address).

For directions to The Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, Leesburg, please go to: <http://cid169.kwva.org>. On the bottom of main page click on Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, and then on the map.

It is best reached off of US 441 (North Street) at Lee Street. Go South on Lee Street to West Line St. Turn left or East. The Memorial is one block.

Commentary: I want to take this opportunity to express Chapter 169's appreciation to several Chapter members for their roles in this wonderful Veterans' Memorial.

To Dick Pfahler who originally suggested a Korean memorial five years ago,

To Art Canale who took it from a suggestion to a real plan involving the City and others, and for his major personal contributions,

To Ted Jansen who has diligently participated as Chapter 169's rep,

And finally, and with great gratitude and appreciation, to Don (and Julia) Van Beck, who has billowed the original plans to successful fruition.

Thank you all very much! TJT

Tell America—Mount Dora and Eustis (Continued)



Claus, Thiel, Col. Richards and Brown—MD.

MSGT Young, Col. Cangelosi arranged to bring the History and ROTC students together, an idea we really liked as there was a good bit of interest from these students.



Thiel's new photo exhibit.

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olds, Dwight Brown, Jim and Gloria Corbet, and Tom Thiel. Our school contacts were Col. Cangelosi and

A first at both schools was our ability to obtain a student photographer; we simply asked a student in each case. Well there were two at Eustis, Haley Baker and Jenna

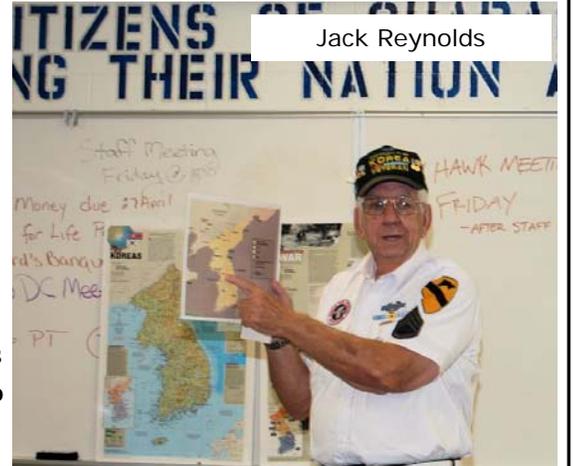
events, ones to foster and build upon into the future. All of our TA programs have been outstanding!

Jones, who provided 292 total pictures; and with Gerry's aid, Carol had 80 photos from Mount Dora!

The assessment of our Tell America team members was that these were two outstanding



Claus Tiesman



Jack Reynolds

Tell-America Programs schedule

The following are under consideration as this goes to press.

- Leesburg HS AF JROTC, Contacted, Date and time TBD
- Leesburg First Academy, Contacted, Date and time TBD
- Leesburg Boys and Girls Club, to be contacted.

Please feel free to suggest and arrange for visits to other schools.

The goals of the program are to tell America, especially our youth, the when, where, why and so-what of the Korean War.

All members are welcome to our Chapter's TA team; please call Tom Thiel 408-6612 or kwva169@gmail.com if you are interested.

Everyone—please complete the **Member Skills and Interests Survey** on page 9 March Scuttlebutt. We are now making this a part of our membership application and would like to have for all members.

The Chapter will participate with American Legion Post #41 in a **Memorial Day, May 28, 11:30 a.m.**, wreath laying ceremony at Ferrin Park, Eustis. Members welcome.

Board Vacancy: With Bob McGinty's resignation (see page 8) there is a vacancy on the Chapter's Board of Directors. If you would like to be considered for appointment to this position, please let me know. While Bob addressed items of concern to Veterans, your area of emphasis will be mutually-agreed upon. Please contact Tom Thiel 408-6612

Tell America-Fund Drives \$1,253 in, \$5,747 yet to go

Without funding, there can be no Tell America, no picnics, no scholarship and program awards, no caps, no name badges, no Color Guard gear, no parades, no Scuttlebutt...

So, we raise funds by soliciting at mainly Publix stores; they have been very supportive and we should respond in kind.

Our 2012 fund raising goal is \$7,000, please see table on page 2.

We are now scheduling our 2012 TA Fund Drives. So far, these include:

April 20-21. Publix at Loch Leven Landing in Mount Dora. Fortunately, we were able to set up both Friday and Saturday. Tables were manned by Claus Tiesman (all day both days), Rod Layer (afternoons both days), Gene LaJeness and Marty Rowland, Dick and Vi Pfahler, Al DaSilva, Jack Kelly, and Tom Thiel, both days both shifts. Although this sounds like plenty of help, we ought to have had a couple more. But, we managed to collect

\$1,253.00! I really want to thank everyone who helped.

May 4-5. Publix - Shoppes of Lake Village, 10601 US Highway 441 Ste D, Leesburg. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Leader: Jack Reynolds, 352-728-3928, Two doors, two tables. Jack needs 16 members for full strength;

May 5. Publix at Lake Harris, 27615 Us Highway 27 U, Leesburg, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Leader Harry Olson/Carol Becker, 352-394-5451 (Harry cannot be there on the date the store dictated). One table, two doors. Volunteers—Carol Becker, Wally Jones, Ozzie Schreiber, Herb Goebel, Al Schuetz.

June 15-16, Publix Palm Plaza, 717 N 14th St Leesburg 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (also October 12-13). Please call Charlie White, 352-787-1885, to schedule your time to help. Number on board maybe 4.

June 23, Publix-Colony Plaza in The Villages, 327 Colony Blvd., Leader, Dwight Brown (352) 205-8536, (352) 638-0514 cell, to schedule your time to help. Number volunteering Zillah Gaston, Art Canale, Harold Sievers, Al Stover, Jimmy and Gloria Corbet. A few more are needed; please call Dwight.

Others are in planning for especially this fall.

I want to thank all the members and spouses who have volunteered, especially our newer members. Please refer to page 4 of the February Scuttlebutt for thoughts and suggestions about effective fund raising tactics.

We urgently need you to come forward if you are able to help us with this effort. We ought to be having more tables set up at more stores.

This is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with your fellow members, and I guarantee that you will enjoy your 3 hours of duty! TJT

Sick Call

Sam Leanza became a new member a short time ago, but has not been able to attend any events. Since Jan, he has been in the hospital, and is now on breathing support. He says he will definitely try to make some of the meetings. Sam (and Sheila) Leanza, 12200 SE 175 Loop, Summerfield, FL, 34491, Ph:(352) 307-7209, leanzasam@yahoo.com

Lorene Gruber still is recuperating also at home; Joe is care giver. Lorene (Joe) Gruber, 420 Thistle-

down Way, The Villages, FL, 32162, (352) 750-0286, jlnancy@embarqmail.com

Olavi Laakso is home now and says he is doing OK, but Delores fell and required surgery. Olavi and Delores Laakso, 25409 Waterbrook Ct., Leesburg, FL, 34748, (352) 460-0661

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

Everyone—please complete the **Member Skills and Interests Survey** on page 9 of the March Scuttlebutt.

We are now making this a part of our membership application, and would like to have for all members. Please note that this once was the membership application.

All members are invited to attend a **Memorial Day, May 28, 11:30 a.m.**, wreath laying ceremony at Ferrin Park, Eustis. American Legion Post #41 invited us to share this event with them.

We will commemorate the Start and Cease Fire of the Korean War on June 25 and July 27

This is to alert you that our Chapter has plans underway to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the start of the Korean war on June 25, 1950, and the 59th anniversary of the Cease Fire ending the hostilities on July 27, 1953.

June 25, 2012 and July 27, 2012, have been reserved for Chapter 169 at the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, Leesburg.

Please reserve these dates now, and plan to be with us on these dates. Plans for these events have been underway since January, and have been mentioned in all newsletters since then.

We anticipate relatively simple events, and will post notices to all major press outlets. We will invite other veterans groups to participate with us, and will also invite the public.

This will commit our Color Guard to these events, as well as commit our total membership.

Department of Florida

The DoF Council and Convention will be May 11-13, 2012 at the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, Crystal River, FL.

President Charlie First has set the theme of this Convention as the POW/MIA Convention.

Dwight Brown will be the Chapter 169 Delegate and will be reporting for the Chapter, and also for me as DoF webmaster and editor. I think the item at the right, especially new membership, will command a major portion of my report.

Dwight has submitted registration information and payments.

The Council meets afternoon of May 11.

The Convention will be held on May 12. All members and spouses are invited to attend.

Hello! I waited until the very end to allocate space to your president; there are a few things yet to say.

Rod Layer

Yesterday I received the following email from Rod's funeral director "Good Afternoon Tom, good news! Rod's nephew has found his DD214. I will move along with plans for interment at Florida National!" So, I anticipate that happening very soon.

But note the reference to "finding Rod's DD214." That is what has been delaying his services. Rod had told me that he did not have

his 214. That he gave it to the Chapter.

Folks, make sure you have your DD214; if you do not, let us help you get it.

Ladies

There has been significant interest expressed in forming a ladies component of Chapter 169.

This may or may not be a Chapter 169 Ladies Auxiliary.

So, what I need now is a group of persons, members and ladies, to form an organizing group, and lets get going.

Thank you all. TJT

Have you sent your Members Skills and Interests Survey? If you have not, please do it now. The form is in the last Scuttlebutt.

Thank you! tjt

KWVA Association

The Chapter has a very nice article entitled "Pentagon Officials Honor Chapter 169 Korean Vets; Membership Increased by 25 percent!" on pages 40-41 and the back cover of the March-April Graybeards.

Our chapter had 13 of the 38 new members listed on page 58 of this same Graybeards; this is 43 percent of the Florida total!

I am trying to submit more as I find the time to do so. We have a good one on Tell America at Mount Dora and Eustis, and anticipate having a good article from the VMFP Dedication. tjt

Next Meeting: May 23 at Senior Center

The next Board Meeting will be May 23 at 12:00 noon at Bob Evans. The next Member Meeting will be May 23, at 2:00 p.m., at the Senior Center. Any member wishing to make a presentation please contact Dwight Brown (352) 205-8536 to schedule.

DVD & photos 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.

Pictures taken by DoD KW60 are posted on the internet at: <http://koreanwar.defense.gov/photos.html> Scroll down about 1/3 of the way and find Leesburg. Click on the photo. You can download these, but please keep in mind they are only 72 dpi resolution, too low for printing. The originals are believed to have been lost.



* Boosters *

LNAME	NNAME	BST12
Anonymous		\$3
Gaston	Zillah	\$25
Hanold	Audley	\$25
Houp	Jim	\$10
Jansen	Ted	\$10
Peters	Bob	\$20
Sell	Warren	\$13
Shumaker	Bill	\$20
Stover	Allan	\$50
Strausbaugh	Harvey	\$3
SUM		\$126

Financial Report

Treasurer Shumaker reported balance available as of April 25, but I cannot find it, and he is in travel status.

Bank balance May 1, 2012—
\$3,510.53



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Resignation

Tom, after considerable thought about my obligations to my family, my commitments, and the time needed for my own needs and desires, I have decided to resign as a director for KWVA-169. When possible, I will attend the chapter meetings and will also send you information that I believe to be pertinent to the membership.

Bob McGinty

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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.

Next Member Meeting 2:00 p.m., at the Leesburg Senior Center. Your attendance is desired.

Leesburg Senior Center



Meet every 4th Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. except Dec & Apr.

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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