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VMFP, here at last!



Don Van Beck, Executive Director Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, addresses a crowd of over a thousand at the May 19, 2012, dedication ceremony (note the Chapter 169 flag in the foreground).

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Chapter's Tell America builds momentum



Charlie White and Tom Thiel present Leesburg HS AF Jr. ROTC's Chief Dixon with \$500.00 check to be used where needed by the squadron.

May also saw us heavily involved with our Tell America program, and indeed taking it to a new dimension.

On May 12, Jack and Margie Reynolds and Jim and Gloria Corbet attended the Eustis HS AF Jr. ROTC program annual Awards Banquet where Jack presented them with \$500.00 to be used where needed by the program.

Then on the 16th Charlie White, Harold Sievers, Don Lynch, Gunther Noder, Dwight Brown and Tom Thiel presented our program to three classes at Leesburg Jr. ROTC program. Cadet Gayler developed a stirring tribute to our visit with a Windows Media Video that may be viewed at the Tell America button on the chapter website.

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Membership remains at 89

We welcome **Brian Welke**, who joined our Chapter at the May meeting. Brian, a Korean Service Veteran, is already a member of the Association; he



served in Korea in 1980 with the 2nd Infantry Division, 61st Regiment, 2nd Bn, D Co, Brian lives in Eustis.

We had failed to bring the supply of Chapter caps and therefore did not obtain Brian's official photograph; Carol did, however, manage to grab one while he was telling us about his Battle of the Bulge project, which we plan to have him tell us about this fall. Welcome Brian!

The reason membership remained stable at 89 is that Bob Rock did not renew even after several reminders including a phone call in which he promised to renew; he has, therefore, been removed from our roster.



We keep getting new contacts asking about membership and hope to reach 100 by year's end.

Also visiting us at our May 23, meeting was Paul Johnson of Leesburg, who served with the 1st Marine Division in Korea 1950. This is Paul's second visit; why don't you sign up and come regularly, Paul.



Dwight Brown, right, presents Certificate of Appreciation to Fruitland Park Trailers for donating trailer we used in parade.

CHAPTER 169 2012 INCOME & EXPENSES to May 25

	Actual	Planned	To Date	DELTA
INCOME				
Dues	\$2,084.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,486.00	\$814.00
FundDrive	\$5,185.50	\$7,000.00	\$2,429.81	\$4,570.19
FundDrivePrj	\$1,270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OtherInc	\$2,474.00	\$1,500.00	\$315.00	\$1,185.00
Total	\$11,013.50	\$10,800.00	\$4,230.81	\$6,569.19
EXPENSES				
CGeneral	\$1,747.04	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
CScholarship	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,735.00	\$765.00
DOF	\$112.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
Insurance	\$127.22	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
KWVA	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,330.00	(\$130.00)
MemBen	\$1,467.06	\$1,000.00	\$272.24	\$727.76
Mtg&Con	\$160.60	\$250.00	\$551.00	(\$301.00)
Postage	\$238.00	\$250.00	\$112.40	\$137.60
Printing	\$470.31	\$500.00	\$464.78	\$35.22
ProjExp	\$434.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STATE	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$71.25	\$28.75
Supplies	\$3,133.35	\$3,500.00	\$922.68	\$2,577.32
Total Expenses	\$10,970.54	\$12,140.00	\$7,609.35	\$4,530.65
Net for Year	\$42.96	(\$1,340.00)	(\$3,378.54)	
Start 2011	\$6,192.00	\$6,234.96		
Start 2012 - 13	\$6,234.96	\$4,894.96		

Financial Report

Treasurer Shumaker reported balance available as of April 25, \$3,089.42

Income	\$1,352.34
Expenditures	\$1,744.33
Balance available as of May 23,	\$2,698.01
Balance shown by W-F on-line May 26	\$2,806.01
Projected Bank Balance June 30	\$3,700.00

Wally Jones

has been appointed to fill the term vacated when Bob McGinty resigned from the Board of Directors.

Wally joined us last September, and is active in the Color Guard, Tell America, Fund Drives, and regularly attends meetings. He also does our name tags. Welcome to the Board, Wally!



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On May 18, Charlie White and Tom Thiel attended the Leesburg Awards Banquet where they presented the Leesburg ROTC program with \$500.00 to be used where needed (see photo front page).

You will recall that last month's Scuttlebutt reported on our first ever trip to Eustis High to a combined audience of AF Jr ROTC and History Class stu-

and will be produced in both DVD and web site formats.

Members participating in these interviews in order interviewed were: May 22, Jim Corbet, Tom Thiel, Jack Reynolds, Gloria Corbet, and



Eustis HS students (from left) Amber Winter, Lindsay McGrath, Tyreque Tom Linsen, Marcus Mitchell (red shirt) and Keegan Connolly interview Tom Thiel. Marcus and Keegan were the video crew.



Dick Pfahler and Eustis interviewer.

dents. Meeting with History classes was also a first for us.

We made such an impression that Eustis HS English, History, Video Production as well as ROTC programs invited us to come for individual interviews by their students.

The interviews were video recorded

Claus Tiesman; May 25, Don Lynch, Art Canale, Jim Corbet (replaced Harold Sievers), Bill Shumaker, Charlie White, and Dick Pfahler; and on May 30, Don Van Beck, Gene Vollmer, Wally Jones, Ozzie

Schreiber, Carol Becker and Al Schuetz (substituting for Ted Jansen).

All who participated in the interviews were really pumped-up after they were completed; terrific students!

Below: Sievers, White, Lynch, Noder, and Dwight with "friend," at Leesburg AF Jr. ROTC.



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The dedication took place at noon after an Armed Forces Parade through Leesburg at 10:00 AM. Thanks to Dwight Brown's special efforts, our Chapter had a trailer pulled by a National Guard Humvee in the parade.

Above, waiting on Main Street for the parade to start, from left: Max Stomburg, Ted Jansen, Art Burke, Dwayne Hall, Tom Thiel and Jack Reynolds. The lady in blue behind Jack is Florida State Representative H. Marlene O'Toole, who rode with us on the parade through downtown Leesburg.

I wonder if anyone besides me felt shivers as the folks on the street waved and saluted us as we rode by.

And in the afternoon Ted and Marilyn Jansen and I attended the Rolling Thunder ceremony next to City Hall, which I'm sad to say was very poorly attended by local citizens.

Rolling Thunder had one of the most impressive POW/MIA ceremonies I have ever seen.



I must admit that had not my good friend and Korean War POW for 31 months, Bill Allen of Terra Verde, FL, not been an invited speaker at the event, I might not have gone. Bill, author of *My old box of memories*, had a difficult time telling the audience about his return from Korea in 1953. If you have not yet done so be sure to read Bill's book, or at least a bit of a review of it on <http://cid169.kwva.org>. That's Bill on left below and of course me on the right last Saturday.



That's Bill Shumaker above pointing at his name on the memorial wall. If you examine the photo carefully you will note numerous Chapter 169 members, both above and below Bill's, including Thiel just seven rows above, and John Yohn's six lines below. White's and Volmer's are in the upper left hand corner; I believe the panel is #54.

That's Art Burke below left and Art Canale below right on the trailer. ### TJT



Memorial Day 2012



Chapter 169 Color Guard at Veterans Memorial in The Villages. From left: Guenther Noder, Gordon Talbot, Art Canale, Wally Jones, and Dave Lavery. We do not know the other members attending, except that Dwight Brown sent us the photo.



Chapter 169 Color Guard at Eustis' Ferrin Park. Bill Shumaker and Charlie White carry new chapter wreath. Also present: Bill Simunek, Carol Becker (photos), Sue Mason, Gloria and Jim Corbet, and Tom Thiel, who read names of deceased members.



Chapter 169 Deceased Members.

NAME	CITY	ST	DEATH	SPOUSE
Aronica, Joseph M			07/13/05	
Baumbach, Raymond**	Lady Lake	FL	08/18/11	Patricia
Caillouette, Romeo				
Dube, Arthur J.	Ocala	FL	02/03/05	
Fox, Gene K.	Tavares	FL	08/04/08	
Gaston, Billy C.	Summerfield	FL	07/21/10	Zillah
Guseman, G. Brooks	Clermont	FL	12/25/07	Alma
Hardy, Frank M.	Lady Lake	FL	03/03/09	
Hatcher, Isaiah W.	Clermont	FL	12/10/06	
Jackson, Marvin E.	Lady Lake	FL	05/01/02	
Layer, Rodney F. *	Eustis	FL	05/23/12	Diana
Madeline, Joseph	Clermont	FL	04/24/11	Marcella
Marcelle, Charles E	Rockledge	FL	08/12/04	Celia
Martin, Joseph J.	Silver Springs	FL	08/10/09	
Maxin, George A. *	Mount Dora	FL	09/22/11	Jean
Rodgers, Charles J.	Lady Lake	FL	11/09/09	Helen
Sloan, Gibson P.	Groveland	FL	05/01/05	
Taylor, William F.	Tavares	FL	11/27/08	Beverley
Turner, Joseph P.	Leesburg	FL	03/10/07	
Vierra, Thomas K.	Wildwood	FL		
Wilkinson, Ray	Ocala	FL	06/18/03	
Yohn, John A.	Leesburg	FL	08/21/10	Alta
Young, Denny B.**	Eustis	FL	04/28/10	Nelda

Names read: * Deceased last year. ** POW Deceased.

Source: <http://cid169.kwva.org>

Chapter 169's Color Guard and other members participated formally in at least three places simultaneously for 2012 Memorial Day Ceremonies.

We were happy to note that our presence in Veterans Memorial Park in the Villages was provided by all five guard members being 169 members. At almost the same time, three of our Color Guard were representing the Chapter at Eustis' Ferrin Park.

We also know that Don Lynch was participating in similar activities at Centennial Country Club, Wildwood.

This is something we have been trying to achieve for some time now— represent all of Lake County!

At present, we have the following as Color Guard members: Art Canale, Dave Lavery, Don Lynch, Bob Moore, Guenther Noder, Bill Shumaker, Bill Simunek, Gordon Talbot, Claus Tiesman, and Charlie White.

We will commemorate the Start of the Korean War on June 25

The Korean War and Service Veterans
Association of Lake County, Chapter 169

Remembers

The 62nd Anniversary of the beginning
of the Korean War, June 25, 1950



June 25, 2012

Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, Leesburg, FL

Sequence of Events

June 25, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park

Call to Order, Dwight Brown, KWVA Chapter 169 1st Vice

Posting of the Colors, 169 Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance, Dwight Brown

National Anthem, Don Baron

Prayer, Chaplain Harold Sievers

Opening Statement, Dwight Brown

Introduction of Guest speaker, Dwight Brown

Brigadier General Timothy I. Sullivan
Retired, Florida National Guard

POW / MIA, Tom Thiel

Placing of Wreath at the Memorial

Silent Prayer

TAPS, Anthony Bobo & Howard Lin, Leesburg HS Band

Retrieving of Colors, 169 Color Guard

Draft

All members are urged to attend this, our first scheduled commemoration of the Korean War at the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park. We are also planning on holding one on July 27, the 59th anniversary of the cease fire.

Dept. of Florida

Dwight Brown was the Chapter 169 Delegate to the DoF Council and Convention on May 11-13, 2012, at Crystal River, FL.

President Charlie First set the theme of this Convention as the POW/MIA Convention. A "POW/MIA Ceremony" was conducted.

We reported on the loss of Rod Layer, membership at an all-time high, benefits of the KW60 January 25 affair at VMFP, the Dedication of VMFP, our

Tell America Programs, and on our Color Guard and picnic. You may view our full report at: http://dfl.kwva.org/meetings/0_meetings.html

Dwight also presented my DoF Editor and Web site reports.

And as a result of our initiative, LTC Rob Ruffolo (USA) from the KW60 office in the Pentagon, attended the meeting. He briefed attendees on: a) The Year of the Korean War Veteran program, b) Congressman Rangel's resolution, c) Future commemorations in Florida, and d) support KW60 may

need from DoF.

This was well received; Dwight volunteered to be the liaison between DoF and KW60. In a later discussion with President First, KW60 will be the DoF theme for 2012-2013.

Others attending were Wally Jones, Harold Sievers (DoF Chaplain), Jackie Gleason, Art Canale, and Carol Becker (DoF Photographer).

Dwight said there were a lot of good actions at the session, and there has been some increase in information flow too. TJJ

Tell America-Fund Drives

2012 Goal: \$7,000--\$2,430 in bank, \$4,570 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 TA Fund Drive Schedule.

April 20-21. \$1,253.00. Publix at Loch Leven Landing in Mount Dora. Volunteers: 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 more.

May 4-5. \$825.81. Publix - Shoppes of Lake Village, 10601 US Highway 441 Ste D, Leesburg. Jack and Margie Reynolds (all day both days), Dick and Vi Pfahler, Jim and Gloria Corbet, Claus Tiesman, Joe Lewis, Ernest Wigglesworth, and Tom Thiel.

May 5. \$351.00. Publix at Lake Harris, 27615 Us Highway 27 U, Leesburg. Organized by Harry Olson (was not able to be there on the date the store dictated). Volunteers: Carol Becker, Wally Jones, Ozzie Schreiber, Herb

Goebel, Al Schuetz, and Charlie White.

June 15-16, Publix Palm Plaza, 717 N 14th St Leesburg 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I'm not sure who Charlie has lined up; if you can help him please call him at 352-787-1885.

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.

We need to plan for this fall. So far, Mount Dora Nov. 9-10, and Palm Plaza Leesburg Oct. 19-20.

Sick Call

John Carollo wrote to say that "the stint that they put in just a month ago is causing me some problems. Dr. is going again, so you won't see me at any meetings for awhile. My wife Rita had a heart attack. I have her paper work to send to you; remember we both are Korean Vets." Giovanni (John) and Rita Carollo, 33227 Pennbrooke Parkway, Leesburg, 34748, Ph: (352) 728-2280

Sam Leanza has been in the hospital. But 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.

Lorene Gruber still is still experiencing some bad days; Joe is only care giver. Lorene (Joe) Gruber, 420 Thistledown Way, The Villages, FL, 32162, (352) 750-0286, jlnancy@embarqmail.com

Olavi Laakso and Delores are still recovering from separate surgeries; I hope all is well with them. Olavi and Delores Laakso, 25409 Waterbrook Ct., Leesburg, FL, 34748, (352) 460-0661.

I know of some others we ought to keep in our prayers, and so ask you to remember these treasures among us.

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

Bob McGinty's VA Information

Bob McGinty has been compiling and sending information of importance to veterans for some time now, but we have not been able to effectively use this in the Scuttlebutt. This is because it generally is too large to be copied directly, and for several reasons, I have not been able to abstract the articles.

Enter the Internet and our website: <http://cid169.kwva.org>

We have added a page on the website where we will be able to display all of the items Bob provides us in their original form!

This currently is accessible by clicking **McGinty VA** at the bottom of the main page, or on the Chapter page.

Listed this month: "Emergency Care in Non-VA Facilities."

Those not on the Internet may note titles of interest and request a copy at Member Meetings.

Next Meeting: June 27 at Senior Center

Next Board Meeting: June 27 at 12:00 noon at Bob Evans; however, this may change.

Jan. 25 Ceremony: Photos & Certificates

Pictures taken by DoD KW60 at the special January 25, 2012 Ceremony 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.**

I have a lot of **Certificates** that have not yet been picked up. I will bring them to Member Meetings. Mailing them is expensive.

A DVD of the January 25 ceremony is available from LakeFrontTV.com Archives for \$12.00 plus \$4.00 shipping. An order form may be downloaded. The DVD is identified as: ST 2012-02-21 Korean War Memorial 28-56.

Member Renewals

When you renew your membership, please use the form at the bottom of the next page, page 9. We ask this for two reasons: 1) it will help us ensure that we properly log your dues payment, and 2) you may indicate your willingness to add your signature to the KWVA Code of Conduct by checking the box *My signature below and checking this box indicates I subscribe to the KWVA Code of Conduct.* See: <http://www.kwva.org/> "Code of Conduct"

* Boosters *

LNAME	NNAME	BST12
Anonymous		\$3
Becker	Carol	\$26
Corbet	Jim	\$3
Corscadden	Jack	\$100
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	SUM	\$308

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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 June 27 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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