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We Remembered the 60th Anniversary!



The 60th Anniversary Celebration at the Korean Memorial in Washington, D.C. was a fitting tribute to Korean Vets. President Obama said that Korean Veterans "deserved better" than to be remembered for a "forgotten war," and all Americans should salute them for "shining deeds" that promoted freedom and democracy.

Keynote speaker, **Tom Thiel** (right above) used a 2008 night satellite image of the Korean Pen-

insula (being held by **Jack Reynolds**) to illustrate one of the great benefits resulting from the Korean

War—a stark contrast in economic vitality between communist North

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Left: **Art Canale** leads **The Villages' Twirlers and Drum Corps** into the Auditorium. Right: A portion of The Twirlers' performance before the Ceremony. We thank Art for bringing them to our Ceremony; they added a great deal to our program. All 60th Photos by **Vi Pfahler**.



Early in this year, we were in a quandary over what we should do to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice Signing.

A huge event was planned for Washington, D.C., but very few in our Chapter were interested in going. (Harold Sievers and Audley Hanold attended).

It was therefore up to us, and time was of the essence. We decided to use The Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park in much the same manner as our 59th Anniversary Celebration last year.

Art Canale was chosen to be the Chairman. He proceeded with the material I had used last year.

One major decision was to find a suitable speaker. After due consideration, Past President Tom Thiel agreed to fill this role. After all, he had been the life and breath of our Chapter for the four preceding years.

And, he had served in combat! With that "hell" experience he could well relate to the seesaw battle between the North and South Korean Nations.

As our 60th Anniversary Celebration proved out, Tom did a terrific job.

Tom also issued press releases for the event, and these were featured by both the Orlando Sentinel and the Daily Commercial. As a result, we had 200 plus people in attendance, including FL Rep. Larry Metz, Rev. Joseph Ryu, DOF 3rd VP Maxine Parker, Bob Peters of LakeFrontTV, KWVA Chapter

President's Column

188 and many people who had not associated with us in the past.

A last minute glitch we ran into because of the continuous rain, VMFP was too wet to use and we decided to use The Leesburg Armory instead. In fact, it has been so hot, the air conditioned Armory was much more comfortable.

Art Canale enlisted the appearance of "The Village Twirlers and Drum Corps." Wow, they added such terrific atmosphere to our event with their marching skits led by Anne Pelle.

The Drummers headed by Jerry Peacock backed up our Color Guard with Leader, Joel Briggs, Don Lynch, Bill Shumaker, and Bill Simunek. Accompanying our Color Guard were Continental Color Guard Ladies, Karen Higgins, Maureen Tansley, Charlotte Kallas, Merche Meier, and Carol Maagoon. Don Baron sang The National Anthem.

Don Van Beck described how Dick Pfahler and Art Canale were the fore-runners of the VFMP and his finishing the project. He proudly announced that the Memorial is now paid for - all by contributions. The Memorial is for ~ Veterans and there is ample room for considerably more names.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a wonderful "Poem of a Veteran" were presented by Ret. Navy Captain, Jerry Sexsmith. Invocation and Benediction were given by our Chapter Chaplain, Jack Reynolds.

We could not fire rifles indoors, so the drummers gave a "Drum" salute—a great assimilation of the real thing.

John Higgins and Ken Van De North, also of Continental, supplied the sound system and recordings for the "Twirlers" marching music and Taps.

I want to thank Sec. Doreen Peever for her substantial help in coordinating our event activities in conjunction with participants from Continental.

After the event, I had three veterans ask me how to join our Chapter. I have emailed applications to them along with meeting time and address

While our Celebration was being presented in Leesburg, other members of our Chapter Color Guard including Leader, Art Iversen, Dave Lavery, Guenther Noder, and Gordon Talbot were presenting The Colors at The Villages Memorial Park.

The continued policy of having speakers at our monthly meetings has definitely been a plus. Gary Kadow leader of "Support Our Soldiers" who spoke to us this month certainly enlightened us to what is going on with homeless veterans. I had no idea about the difficulty these "groups" of veterans face while living in the woods with nasty insects, rodents, wild animals, etc.

We will discuss how we may add assistance to them during our next Board meeting.

I could continue going on and on with what is happening in our Chapter. I do want to stress the need to encourage younger veterans to join us. I request all of you to consider ways of reaching out to them.

Wally

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Korea, and a free, elected republic in South Korea. (A similar b&w image taken in 2012 confirmed this).

Tom also used a quote from Norm Fosness who, on July 5, 1950, was with Task Force Smith, the first U.S. ground troops to battle the Reds.

Norm said “I started to count the tanks—I quit at 16! I knew we were in big trouble! I knew then that this

was not just a few bandits crossing the 38th parallel! And they didn’t run when they saw American uniforms!”

You may read Fosness’ full story at: www.24thida.com/stories/fosness.html

Tom departed from his prepared text, and used a Korean Map to illustrate the torturous chain of events that we all experienced when we served in Korea.

Of his presentation he says “There was so much I wanted to cover, so many I wanted to thank. My memory is not that good anymore...”

He recommends you read

his prepared text at www.cid169.kwva.org and click on the “60th Anniv of Cease-Fire in Korea” link on the main page.

And he thanks all our Chapter family, and our many friends outside the Chapter—Chapter 188, DoF 3rd VP Maxine Parker, The Villages Twirlers and Drum Corps, members of the Continental Country Club Honor Guard, folks from the FL 24th IDA, LSCS, Am Legion 41, Florida Congressman Larry Metz, Bob Peters of LakeFrontTV, the folks at the Leesburg Armory, and the many others that we missed who came Saturday to memorialize our 60th Anniversary. TJT



Above: Pres. Wally addresses the audience.
Right: Tom Thiel addresses attendees about Korean War.



From left: Jerry Sexsmith, Art Canale, two marines from Marine Corps League. Right: Don Van Beck, Wally Jones and Jerry Sexsmith place Chapter wreath.



Chapter Color Guard



Above Joel Briggs leads the Chapter Color Guard at The 60th Celebration in the Armory; with him were Bill Shumaker, Don Lynch, and Bill Simunek.

They were joined by Karen Higgins, her husband John who helped Ken Van DeNorth with the music, Maureen Tansley, Carol Magoon, Merche Meier, and Charlotte Kallas of the Continental Country Club Color Guard. We very much appreciate their joining us to reflect on the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice.

In addition to our Color Guard appearance at the Armory, four members of our Color Guard very ably represented us at the Veterans Memorial Park in The Villages. See photo to right, from left: Gordon Talbot, Dave Lavery, Art Iversen, and Gunther Noder. We sincerely appreciate them posting the colors. However, the program, which

Art says was down somewhat in attendance, was presented by a Village's Korean War Veteran resident. Why were we not asked to present the program?

Chapter Color Guard Director, Joel Briggs, reported that on July 4, B. Simunek, B. Shumaker, A. Iversen, D.J. Lynch, D. Lavery and Joel posted colors at The Villages Veterans Memorial.

He also says that as far as he knows, the next Flag ceremony will be at The Villages on Sept.11th at 6 P.M. We will only be posting our Chapter Flag.

He also asks each member to consider joining our unit; and he thanks all the members of the Color Guard for their services.



Left: Art Canale with The Village Twirlers Drum Corps, lead by Master Drummer Jerry Peacock. Right, Dick Pfahler being recognized for his VMFP idea. Art and Dick were both recognized for their roles in the VMFP.



Two New Members; membership 86/92!

Our membership continues strong despite the loss of several members. In July we added two more new members.



The first of these is Charles "Nick" Wilson who served with the 24th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division 1950-51. Nick and Doris live on Prince Charles Ln, Leesburg. We welcome Nick and Doris, and their

daughter Karen.



Our second new member is Richard "Gene" Zender of Spanish Moss Dr, Wildwood. Gene served in Korea in 1953, and was Army assigned to 480 Engineer Air Bn.

Gene and I may have mutual genealogy as my aunt Marie Zender came from the same Seneca County area of OH (tjt). Welcome Gene!

We forgot that we needed to take **Joe Ruseski's** photo. Please see us at our August meeting Joe!

Welcome to all! Please become involved with your Chapter's activities and programs!

Finances

Starting balance July 1	\$4,867.10
We have had income of	\$ 377.00
And incurred expenses of	\$ 948.75
Leaving us a balance of	\$4,295.35

Gloria Corbet, Treasurer

Tell America Program—new leader needed

Last Scuttlebutt, we reported on the Interview DVDs made by Eustis High School.

We are still calling for a member to find someone, perhaps a family member, who would be able and willing to take the four DVDs of our interviews and make one suitable for distributing. If you know of someone please let me know.

Eustis HS has accepted our offer to do TA in Fall, Leesburg said no for ROTC but maybe yes for History. And I received no reply from Mount Dora.

Finally, the time has come for me to pass the "Tell America Torch" to another member or perhaps two members.

The job is not all that difficult. You need to 1) contact schools and make arrangements for the team to visit the schools and make their presentations,



2) manage the team so that there are the right number of presenters (not too few or too many), 3) represent the TA program as a Director on the Chapter Board, 4) report on TA activities to Scuttlebutt and Graybeards, and 5) ensure someone attends the ROTC Awards Banquets and present our donation to their programs.

The rewards are GREAT! TJT



Walk-a-thon Tell America Fund Drive—your help will be essential!

by Art Iversen, 1st VP, (352) 753-0139



With the Board's encouragement, we have started planning a new idea for Chapter 169 to raise funds to support our programs.

Chapter 169 will host a **walk-a-thon** with the funds split equally

three ways—Support our Soldiers, Inc. (see article page 8), The Villages Honor Flight and KWVA Chapter 169. Both VHF and SOS have been contacted and are willing to work with us.

Mr. Miller, Leesburg High School Principal, and I agreed that Saturday, **March 15, 2014**, would be the date. We will use track around their football stadium. And since the AF Jr ROTC will be working with us there will be no facility cost.

Leesburg High will supply a P.A. System, and a CD player, but I will need some different music than the Lawrence Welk CD's I have.

The Schools where we do our The Tell America programs will be contacted to ask them to do the walking and getting people to pledge money.

We **will not** ask our members to walk. But, members will be needed before, during and after the event. Walkers will only need to make at least one lap around the football field. Next month I will be asking members to do specific jobs

Regarding our several Publix TA Fund Raising events for this fall, I have asked last year's captains to reserve dates at their respective Publix stores.

Art Iversen 753 0139

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Above: Please note the several vacancies on the BoD, and consider accepting one. Additionally, we are looking for members or spouses or their children to consider assisting with and being trained to take over the Website and Scuttlebutt.



Chaplain Jack Reynolds (352) 728-3928



Please keep our ailing members in your prayers and thoughts, and also inform your Chaplain when either of you has a health issue.

Jack Strasser has been released from Waterman

Hospital to Rm. 238, Ruleme Center, 2810 Ruleme St Eustis, FL 32726, (352) 357-1990.

Please give Jack a call or drop him a line.

If either of you are experiencing health problems, please let me know.

JACK REYNOLDS

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Bob, an Honorary Chapter and KWVA Associate Member, advises us that we can now view our Salute videos as YouTube's.

If you have a story and would like to appear on Salute, call Bob.

Salute and other You Tube Programs

Wally Jones & Tom Thiel

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHyT7GYhd9w>

Jack Reynolds

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2jPCBVhpQw>

Korean War Veterans Memorial

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byGdY4F4Xzc>



A.R. (Pat) Carli of The Villages, FL and Everett, MA passed away peacefully on July 12, 2013. Born in Buffalo, NY to Evelyn (Kenealey) and Armando Carli.

Proud US Marine. Member Charlie Company, First Marines, Fifth Battalion. Decorated veteran and purple heart recipient of the Korean War. Member of the Marine Corp League of The Villages, and the Korean War and Korean Service Veterans of Lake County, FL, Chapter 169. Burial will be private at Arlington National Cemetery.

Quartermaster

Art Iversen, 1st VP, (352) 753-0139



**Chapter 169 Shirts—
\$28.00**

Lyrics to THE ARMY SONG. It is played to the music of the Caissons go Marching Along. Go to chapter website to hear it to music.

Verse: March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

Chorus: First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Refrain: Then it's hi! hi! hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong;
For where'er we go,
You will always know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.

TOM

*Enclosing a check for \$100⁰⁰
to assist the Chapter ...
possibly with the 60th Anniversary
program.*

*Our most sincere "Thank You"
for your dedicated service.*

*We will attend the VMFP
Saturday.*

*All good wishes,
DON & DONNA STRUHAR*

Department of Florida



Harold Sievers is the DoF Chaplain

Tom Thiel is the [DoF News](#) Editor,
Historian, and Webmaster. www.dfl.kwva.org.

Fall Council Meeting will be September 28, at Gainesville, place TBD.



Gary H. Kadow
Executive Director

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Korean Peace Medallions — Final Notice

**Contact Thiel immediately if you have not
picked up yours.**

Support our Soldiers, Inc By Doreen

Peever.

Gary Kadow, an ordained minister, spoke to our Chapter on July 24th about SOS (Support our Soldiers, Inc.), a Rotary International sponsored 501c3



corporation operating in Central Florida. Gary started this effort in 2009 at the request of his son Ronnie, a Ranger in Iraq, who reported that lives could be saved if more medical supplies were available.

Local hospitals were asked to donate unused medical supplies that were being discarded because of health laws. Mr. Kadow said that eighteen million pounds of brand new, unused medical and surgical supplies are sent to landfills every year. To be reused they must be sanitized, disinfected and repackaged.

Rotary Club members, 128 strong, volunteered to follow the necessary protocol to make 160,000 pounds of these supplies ready for our troops overseas.

SOS' current mission is helping the homeless veterans living in the Ocala National Forest and other areas of Central Florida. These veterans are not alone; very often their families live with them. SOS provides food, comfort and support to these veterans who fought for their country.

If you wish to help in this mission bring or send donations to Art Iversen he will make sure that SOS receives them.

American Legion Post 18 located on Hwy 44 just east of Hwy 301 in Wildwood, is having a luncheon open to the Public on Friday August 9th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Donation \$6.50. For more info call 461-6673 or 748-7009.

Membership—Dues Dates—Assoc, DoF, Chapter—thru Dec. 31

Members whose dues—Association, Department and/or Chapter—that are payable anytime **up to December 31, 2013** are shown below right.

Dues are: Total \$37.00; That covers \$10 to Chapter, \$2 for DoF, and \$25 to the Association.

Unless we have your dues in hand by the end of the month shown you will be removed from the membership roster. Association Life Members must still pay Chapter and Department dues.

The Chapter Due Date is 30-days prior to the Association Renewal date to allow us time to process your payment.

DO NOT wait for your Association notice as that is too late!

All questions about your membership status should be addressed to Gloria Corbet.

Please use Renewal Form on last page.

Pay to: KWVA Chapter 169. Mail to: KWVA Chapter 169, 16035 Umatilla Pl, Umatilla, FL, 32784.

If you are having problems with maintaining your membership with all the economic difficulties, please call me before letting your membership lapse. Wally Jones (904) 716-3360

* 2013 Boosters *

Name	Amount
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Briggs, Joel	\$ 3.00
Corbet, Jim	\$ 13.00
Falo, Tony	\$ 5.00
Friedman, Jack	\$ 16.00
Gaston, Zillah	\$ 25.00
Hanold, Audley	\$ 28.75
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Houp, Jim	\$ 10.00
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Pfahler, Vi & Dick	\$ 9.00
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Tench, William N.	\$ 50.00
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unknown	\$ 2.00
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	\$ 470.75

Deadline for receipt of material submitted to the Scuttlebutt is Friday following each Member Meeting.

We welcome member letters and emails for publishing in Scuttlebutt. (non-political)

Board Meeting, August 14 — 2:00 p.m. Senior Center.

Member Meeting, August 28 — 2:00 p.m. Senior Center. Joe Strype VA Long Term Care Benefits

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Boucher	Art	R042107	04/13/13	\$ 37.00
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Horvath	Bert	R042556	09/19/13	\$ 37.00
Tiesman	Claus	R042616	10/10/13	\$ 37.00
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LaJeunesse	Gene	R041623	12/06/13	\$ 37.00
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Sinai	David	R044568	12/30/13	\$ 37.00

MEMBER RENEWAL & CODE OF CONDUCT ONLY (new members use New Member Application)

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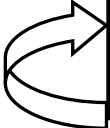
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

 *My signature below and checking the box at left 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. (TJT 2/25/2013)

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