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The Scuttlebutt

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Great picnic, but attendance down



ur picnic o April 22, was excellent in every way, except attendance was somewhat lower than previous years. Charlie White, Bill Shumaker, Don Lynch, Margaret Talbot, and Jack and Char Corscadden made it excellent!

Not sure why nearly everyone left so quickly; Char and Jack, and Al Monahan and I used all the time we paid for getting to know each other better, seems like everyone left when the photo was taken; next time maybe we ought to take the photo before we partake!



At left, President Art presents Rev. Park of the Korean Baptist Church in Ocala with an American Flag and a check for \$250 in appreciation for them inviting us to their church last November. Rev. Park said to look for an invitation again this fall.

It was a really great day, and Hickory Point Park was just perfect! Tom Thiel

(Photos: above T. Thiel, left C. Becker, both edited by Thiel.)

President's Column by Art Iversen



e have had a very good increase in our membership numbers, and I appreciate your joining Chapter 169. I'd like to encourage the new members to get active in our programs like Tell America, fund raising efforts at the stores, the Color Guard, and others.

I received a call from Bob McGuire, Department of Florida President, congratulating us on being the largest chapter in the State and tied with Indiana #1 for 12th in the nation!

I think he was buttering us up, because then he told me he was asked by the DOF Board to ask Chapter 169 to host the 2016 Convention. I'm looking into this and will discuss my findings with our Board to see if we want to do this. We have to give them our answer at the May 16 Convention.

May 8 will find Joel Briggs and me at the Leesburg H.S. Jr.ROTC Awards night to present them with \$500.00, and notify Master Chief Dixon that we are honoring him by placing a brick at the Veterans Memorial in Leesburg for his Military and R.O.T.C. service.

See Gene Zender about ordering the Chapter shirts. His phone number is 352-748-0112. Gene also has Chapter Caps should you want a new "Made in the USA" one.

The picnic was a huge success, many thanks to Charlie White, Bill Shumaker, Don Lynch, Margaret Talbot and Char and Jack Corscadden for their great efforts.

We are looking for a Chapter Photographer. The duties are to take and maintain a photographic record of the Chapter's activities. Need a digital camera and email. (Contact Tom Thiel)

I urge you to sign up for the U.C.F. Veterans History Project. They would like to interview all our members about our experiences in Korea, during and after the war. They will come here to do the interviews in Leesburg and/or the Villages. Contact Tom who is compiling a list of Chapter 169 members willing to be interviewed..

The next Board Meeting will be May 13 and will be in the Senior Center Conference Room at 1:30.

Art

What your Color Guard contributes.

I attended Ollie Laakso's services at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Joe Gruber and I were the only members of our Chapter attending, other than the Color GuardFrank Keaser, DJ Lynch, Bill Shumaker, Gene Zender, Wally Jones, Art Iversen and Joel Briggs on that day.

They looked Sharp! Really sharp!

Not only did I think so, but a member of another Guard from

AMVETS and American Legion told me so!

The Color Guard gives a lot for you. In your place as you weren't there!

Yes indeed, they looked sharp—representing you! *Tom Thiel*

Chapter Membership still 92, and "about as high as ever"

ast issue we said we had 92 members. We now have three more new members in the mill so, why does it still say 92?

First of all, we included HooJung and Don Kennedy in that 92 and probably should not have because Association will not let us count them as they are Members of Chapter 158 already.

And, sadly we removed Mary Lum and Ollie Laakso, and that took us down to 88.

Since then Anthony Peters, Bob's uncle in a Long Island VA Care Center has been added bringing us back to 89.



Then at the April 20 Eisenhower Center meeting President Iversen (above, left) installed two new members, **Tom DiGiovanna** (above, center) and **Chuck Fulcher** (above, right).

And Don Van Beck signed up **Gene Packwood**, opinion cartoonist with the Daily Commercial, whose application is in the mill now. Gene brings us back to the 92 figure, without counting our Canadian Member friends.

And that will be good enough to place us in a tie with CID30, Indiana Chapter #1 for 12th largest membership in KWVA!



At left is **Chuck Fulcher**, Westchester Way, The Villages. Chuck was with the Army in Korea from 1953-55, where he was attached to 101st Airborne Division.

And at right is

Tom DeGiovanna, who served with the Army in Korea from 1951-53 with HQ CO, 157th Artillery BN. Tom and Andrea live on Pine Hills Place, The Villages.



We do not have a photo of **Gene Packwood**, Editorial Cartoonist for the Daily Commercial, but see page 8 for example of his work. Gene served with 1st Marine HQ 1951-52, and lives on Beach Drive in Umatilla.

And, after I sent the Scuttlebutt, I realized I had completely overlooked Dan Morford and Tony Peters, our new members who are outside our area.

Dan and Beth Morford live on Honeyflower Loop in Bradenton; Dan served in Korea with the Navy from 1981-84 with Pac Flt, Faireconron One (VQ-1). We thank Dan's father, Ted, for bringing his son into the Chapter!

Tony Peters is in the Northport VA Medical Center Home in New York. Tony served with the Army's 7th Infantry Division in 1950. We thank Bob Peters, Tony's nephew, for signing his Uncle Tony with the Chapter.

My sincere apologies to: Ted and Dan, and Bob and Tony! (We will include in next issue as well.)

Welcome Everyone to Chapter 169!

Tell America Program Co-chairs: Gloria Corbet and Joel Briggs.

ur Tell America team went to
Leesburg High School on April 15.
Every Jr ROTC program class attended, as
well as two other classes that I think were
English. Every session was about an hour
long with some shorter due to reporting requirements. Joel Briggs, Jim & Gloria Corbet, Frank Keaser, Al Schuetz, and Gene
Zender were presenters.

Since I am the introducer and Joel is the wrap-up person, we present to every class.

This school, however, had enough team members that we could give a break to the member that had to leave early since President Iversen came in for the retirement ceremony for Chief Master Sergeant Dixon and offered to present. Wally Jones came later in the day to honor Chief Dixon, so I thank him.

We had a grand time, and great pizza for lunch. When our presentations were done, we gave Chief Dixon a copy of "Korea Reborn," and we all thanked him for the great work he had done for the kids in all the years he spent at Leesburg High. He said a Major with a bit of experience in ROTC would be replacing him. Hope he can fill the big hole being left by the Chief.

Attendees at the Eustis High School Dining Out Awards Banquet were Jim and Gloria Corbet and Tom Thiel. We always have a terrific time at the ceremonies, but at the end of a very long evening, LTC Cangelosi forgot to call us up for the donation we planned to present.

He made up by telling the audience of over 400 (the largest ever) how vital our monies are as government support has dwindled in allowing



Gloria Corbet, right, presents check to Col. Cangelosi (not pictured) at Eustis High Jr ROTC Awards Banquet. From left: SGT Young, Col. Smith (speaker) and Cadet.

the cadets to go on various trips like going out West for a mini marathon to honor Battle of the Bulge Veterans and going to DC to visit the monuments. Sounds like the perfect way to use some of the money donated to the Jr ROTC Unit.

We have two more High School awards banquets to go to, Leesburg and Mount Dora, where we will be presenting checks at as well. And we have a presentation at St Paul's School in Leesburg. Otherwise the program is over for this school year. We will start up in the fall.

I invite all of our members, especially our new members, to join with us in telling upcoming generations about the Korean War and its aftermath. Call me, Gloria Corbet, at 352-483-0570, or Joel Briggs at 352-233-9320. We'd be glad to get you started when the program resumes in the next school year.

Gloria Corbet

TELL-AMERICA FUND RAISING: Gene Zender, 1st VP

DATE	Day2	LOCATION	P	MOUNT	CAPTAIN	TEAM MEMBERS
Sat, Jan, 10, 15		Sam's Club (2:00 to 5:00 only)	\$	356.42	Briggs	Gruber, Keaser, & Iversen,
Sat, Jan, 24, 15		Brownwood Publix	\$	828.35	Zender	Briggs, Jones, Keaser, Lynch, Gruber,
						D_Zettlemoyer, Corscadden, & Iversen.
Sat, Feb, 07, 15		Southern Trace 466 Villages	\$	1,284.67	Corscadden	Briggs, Lynch, Wikane, Markle, Gruber & Iversen
Sat, Feb, 28, 15		Winn-Dixie Okahumpka	\$	557.25	Olson	Peters, Lynch, Furrie & Zender
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Sat, Mar, 28, 15		Winn-Dixie 466A Wildwood	\$	846.31	Lynch	Briggs, Olson, Schuetz, Keaser & Furrie
Sat, Mar, 28, 15		Rural King Leesburg	\$	21.00	Iversen	Van Beck, Lynch, Briggs, Keaser & Furrie
Sat, Apr, 11, 15		Walmart (2 doors) the Villages	\$	2,119.98	Briggs	Needed
Sat, Apr, 25, 15		Winn-Dixie Sumter Landing	\$	1,403.38	Corscadden	Lynch, Stover, Gruber, Keaser, Zender, Furrie,
-		_				Wikane, Monahan & Iversen.
Fri, May, 08, 15	& 9th	Publix Palm Plaza, Leesburg	\$	-	Shumaker	White, Jansen[?], Lynch, Jim Corbet, Gloria
						Corbet, Zender, Schuetz, Briggs & Keaser
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Sat, May, 16, 15		Publix Lake Harris	\$	-	Olson	?? Olson is not here
Sat, Jun, 13, 15		Publix Brownwood, The Villages	\$	-	Zender	
Sat, Jun, 27, 15		Winn-Dixie LA Plaza Grande	\$	-	Jones	
Sat, Jul, 11, 15		Publix Colony Plaza 466A	\$	-	Stover	
Sat, Sep, 19, 15		Winn-Dixie LA Plaza Grande	\$	-	Jones	
Sat, Oct, 17, 15		Walmart (2 doors) 466	\$	-	Briggs	
Total			\$	7,417.36		

If you can help at one of these future drives, please see The Captain of that Drive or call me. We need some new faces and all the help we can get.

Please see or call me, Gene Zender at 352-748-0112

These are *Tell America Fund Drives* because our mission is to Tell America about the Korean War. The daisies we pass out have information, So do the TA Trifold brochures. To the extent we can and it is appropriate we should tell the shoppers about the Korean War. It meets our mission, and improves contributions!

Website Report by Tom J. Thiel

I have added three new pages to our website, www.cid169.kwva.org

The first is a 57-minute very well done Lake-FrontTV production featuring an interview by Bob Peters of HooJung Jones Kennedy followed by an excellent video of the ceremony itself. Ambassador Peace Medal Event (You-tube) We are encouraging our members to participate in the UCF Veterans History Project. That is at: UCF Veterans History Project

The third is also a Veterans interview site that is featured by KWVA itself. Please look at it too.

Korean War Legacy Foundation

I have turned my 24th Division website over to another 24th IDA member. That should free up a lot of my time. www.24thida.com

UCF Veterans History

Project is compiling the memories of Central Florida Veterans for posterity, and for history. And also for the Library of Congress.

My March 9 interview lasted for about two hours. It was very casual and enjoyable.

Why am I championing the UCF VHP? Because I believe you should be interviewed. I know there are many stories to tell. Stories that the public should be able to access. Something for future historians across FL and the Nation to be able to access. And also because UCF wants to interview us. They will do the interviews in Leesburg or The Villages. I am compiling a list of Chapter 169 members desiring/willing to be in-



terviewed. Eight of you have responded so far. Please contact me to be added; you will not be sorry.

Please contact me now: Tom Thiel kwvathiel@gmail.com, 352-408-6612

http://riches.cah.ucf.edu/veterans/

The Coast Guard

Armed Forces of the United States. The Army, Navy, Marine Corp, Air Force and the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard was formed by Act of Congress in 1759. Its mission was to prevent smuggling, fight pirates and collect tariffs and taxes from vessels using American ports.

In the Spanish American war in 1898, they escorted troop ships and supply vessels to and from Cuba.

During the American Civil War, the Coast Guard blockaded Southern Ports preventing weapons and troops from landing.

In World War One, they escorted convoys from U.S Ports to France and Great Briton, and hunted Ger-

Color Guard by Joel Briggs

ot much going on this month for a change.

The only service we conducted was Olavi Laakso's services at the Leesburg Lutheran Church and the Flag presentation at Florida National at Bushnell.

Ten members attended the Church service: Don Lynch, Joel Briggs, Frank Keaser, Bill Shu-

man U Boats, even sinking the U41 off the coast of Ireland in 1917.

In World War (2) two, the Coast Guard manned landing craft during the Invasion of Europe, and numerous island in the Pacific.

During the Korean War, it provided

maker, Gene Zender, Wally Jones, Art Iversen, Tom Thiel and Joe Gruber. Tom didn't go to Florida National.

We still could use more Color Guard members, both throughout Lake County, and at the Villages. I'd like to invite especially our new members, to consider serving with your Chapter's Color Guard.

weather forecasting at Ocean Stations in northern Japan, the Sea Of Japan and the Bering Sea.

And, during Desert Storm, it patrolled the Arabian coast, the Gulf of Hormuz searching for Saddam Hussain who fled Iraq after the American Victory. **DICK MILLER**

Chapter Program Activity Schedule						
DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	DESCRIPTION, SPEAKER, etc.		
13-May	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM			
16-May	DOF Convention	Port Orange VFW	10:00 AM	All day meeting, 5810 S. Williamson Blvd ,		
				Orange City		
16-May	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center		NO CHAPTER MEETING due to DoF Conv.		
25-May	Memorial Day	Ferran Pk, Eustis	11:00 AM	All Members, Wreath, Read names		
25-May	Memorial Day	VMP, The Villages	10:00 AM	All Members		
27-May	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	George Wanberg, "Hospice for Veterans."		
10-Jun	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM			
14-Jun	FLAG DAY	VMP, The Villages	10:00 PM			
20-Jun	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:00 PM	TBD		
24-Jun	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	Col. Selph (Ret), "Caught in the Crossfire."		
8-Jul	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM			
18-Jul	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:00 PM	TBD		
22-Jul	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	Chantel Buck, New Vision for Independence.		
27-Jul	62nd Anniversary	Vet Mem Leesburg	10:00 AM	Color Guard, All Members		
27-Jul	Kor. War Armistice	VMP, The Villages	10:00 AM	Color Guard, All Members		
12-Aug	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM			
15-Aug	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:00 PM	TBD		
26-Aug	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00PM	Scott Bruinsma, Experiences as a Ranger in		
				Korea 1996-97		

Chapter Financial Activity Report, G. Corbet, Treas.

Wells-Fargo Accounts

Checking 4-27-2015 \$8,006.97

Money Market \$2,300.17

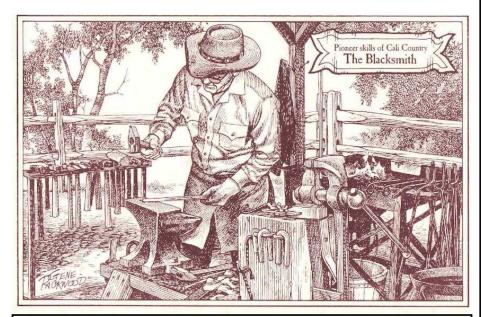
Table at right shows where we stand financially as of 27 Mar 2015 compared to what we budgeted in January.

We are starting to use some of the projected Charity General and Scholarship monies now that the Tell America program is at the end of a school year. We have three more schools to make donations to in the next few weeks.

		2015	
	BUDGET	Ō	Comp w/Budg
INCOME	Approved Jan/15	04/27/15 n	eeded
FundDriveTA	\$9,000.00	\$7,417.37	\$1,582.63
Dues	\$2,700.00	\$1,580.00	\$1,120.00
Inc-other	\$2,000.00	\$333.00	\$1,667.00
X clude	\$1,000.00	\$314.00	\$686.00
Total	\$14,700.00	\$9,644.37	\$14,386.00
EXPENSES		-t-	o be spent
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CScholarship	\$3,500.00 \$2,000.00	\$900.00	\$2,600.00
CScholarship KWVA Operating Expens	\$3,500.00 \$2,000.00	\$900.00 \$1,248.00	\$2,600.00 \$752.00
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Gene Packood drawing "The Blacksmith." One of our members was the model; can you name him? Answer is in this issue.

The Department of Florida

Convention will be May 16 at VFW Post 3282, 5810 S Williamson Blvd., Port Orange, FL.

It will be a one-day business meeting and culminates with an evening banquet. Because you are a KWVA 169 member you also are automatically a member of DoF. The Department wants all KWVA members to attend, and we also encourage you to go to the Convention.

Contact Art Iversen if you are interested in going.

Membership—Dues Dates—Assoc., DoF, & Chapter—to Oct. 31, 2015

embers whose dues—Association, Department and/or Chapter—that are payable anytime up to **October 31**, **2015**, are shown at right.

Dues Total \$37.00; that covers \$10 for Chapter, \$2 for DOF, and \$25 to the Association.

Association Life Members: Chapter and DoF Dues, or a total of \$12.00, due on December 1.

Unless we have your dues in-hand by the end of the month shown, you will be removed from the membership roster.

The Chapter Due date is 30 days prior to the Association RENEW date. PLEASE

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

LNAME	FNAME	CRENEW	A۱	TNUON
BOUCHER	ARTHUR G.	04/13/15	\$	37.00
ELLIOTT	GENE T.	05/05/15	\$	37.00
KEASER	FRANK W.	06/01/15	\$	37.00
ZETTLEMOYER	RICHARD P.	06/07/15	\$	37.00
IVERSEN	ARTHUR P.	06/13/15	\$	37.00
VELIKY	DONALD J.	06/17/15	\$	37.00
TENCH	WILLIAM N.	07/05/15	\$	37.00
JONES	WALLACE R. 'WALLY'	07/05/15	\$	37.00
STUMBORG	MAX	07/10/15	\$	37.00
RIVER JR.	HENRY G.	07/27/15	\$	31.00
GOEBEL	HERBERT M.	08/01/15	\$	37.00
BRIGGS	JOEL B.	08/11/15	\$	37.00
WIKANE	GEORGE D.	08/31/15	\$	37.00
OLSON	HARRY O.	09/05/15	\$	37.00
HORVATH	BERT A.	09/19/15	\$	37.00

Questions about your membership—contact Tom Thiel, Membership Manager, at 352-408-6612 or kwvathiel@gmail.com. Please use the *Renewal Form on the last page*.

If you cannot maintain your membership with all the economic difficulties, please call me before letting your membership lapse. Art Iversen, 352-753-0139.

Pay to: KWVA Chapter 169.

Mail to: Gloria Corbet, Treas, 16035 Umatilla Place, Umatilla FL 32784.



If you have a story to tell, call Bob!

The mission of the *Scuttlebutt* is to publish all information that is of relevance to all members of CID 169.

It is published on the last day of the month it shows. Deadline for receipt of material submitted is Friday following each Member Meeting.

Wanted—Chapter Photographer.

Must have email, and be able to transmit photos electronically. Need to attend meetings and most Chapter Functions such as burials, Tell America, TA Fund Drives, etc. Call 352-408-6612.

Blacksmith model: Jimmy Corbet, late '80's

QUARTERMASTER: New "Made in Amer-

ica" Chapter 169 Korean War caps are now in stock for \$15.00. The Chapter Korean Service Made in America caps are not ready; they are looking for a ribbon.

Chapter 169 Golf shirts in navy blue or ultra marine with pockets in S-M-L-XL are \$28; XXL \$30.00. Women's without pockets same color and price.

See me, Gene Zender, QM 352-748-0112.

Chapter Lapel Pins The Chapter has a

very nice 3/4ths-inch pin designed by Don Struhar, they are suitable for every KWVA member!

Pins are \$4.00 each.

They are available at every meeting from Joel Briggs, 6560 S.E. 173rd Place, Summerfield, FL, 34491, (352) 233-9320, briggs.joel[at]aol.com.

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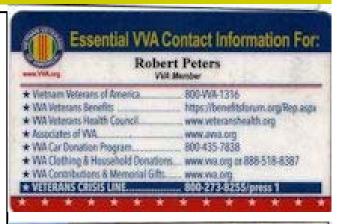


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Support Resources

FLARNG Family Programs (24/7):	(800) 226-0360
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (24/7):	(904) 482-2347
Director(s) of Psychological Health (24/7):	(904) 315-4491
	(904) 495-5820
Full-time Support Chaplain (24/7):	(904) 315-7870
Legal Assistance (24/7)	(904) 823-0132
MilitaryOneSource 24/7 Hotline:	1-800-342-9647
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (24/7):	1-800-273-8255