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Members 114. We meet the every 3rd Saturday at 2:00 PM in the Admiral King Room of The Eisenhower Center, 3560 Buena Vista Blvd, The Villages, and every 4th Wednesday at 2:00 PM at the Leesburg Senior Center, 1211 Penn St., Leesburg.

Membership Tanks! Active

Members now 95! TJT

It has always been front page news when we added many members in a month.

This morning (Mar 5) I sent “final notices” to 19 members who have not renewed. This included seven Association Life Members who were asked to re-

new their Chapter 169 membership on December 2, 2015!

It also included 12 Regular members with due dates January 1 through February 29 who also have not renewed.

So, there you have it: 114 minus 19 equals 95! I do not know

where that places us nationally as I could not find that table on my desktop.

Also this morning I sent letters to an additional 11 members whose dues are payable in March.

I did this because our current

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Chapter thanks Publix, Southern Trace TJT



Korea Veteran **Jack Corscadden** (from right to left) presents a certificate expressing Korean Veterans Chapter 169's

appreciation to Publix Super Market at Southern Trace Plaza, 3475 Wedgewood Ln, The Villages, Store Manager, Kerry Teems, and to As-

sistant Customer Service Manager, Jon Gibson, for providing a venue for the Chapter to “Tell America about the Korean War.” Chapter 169's Tell America Fund Drive Chairman **Gene Zender** is at left.

The Korea Veterans use exhibits, pamphlets, flag star packets and flowers to tell Publix shoppers about the Korean War and its impact on our Freedom today. They cover not only the War Years of June 1950 through the Cease Fire signed on July 23, 1953, but all the years since then when nearly 30,000 U.S. Troops have been and still are deployed in South Korea.

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system of notifying members of their dues dates, publishing in every *Scuttlebutt*, is not working.

So, about the first of every month we will be sending you a letter reminding you that your dues are payable in that month.

More work and cost, but necessary it seems.

This suggests that you are either not receiving the *Scuttlebutt* or are not reading it! Maybe we should stop doing the *Scuttlebutt*? ###.

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The Chapter also accepts donations in support of its middle and high school Tell America Program, and for assistance to veterans and others needing assistance in Lake and surrounding areas of adjoining counties. Last year they awarded \$3,450 to local middle and high schools, and an additional \$3,370 to local area charities.

Chapter 169 serves northern Lake and adjoining portions of Sumter and Marion Counties, and The Villages; it meets every third Saturday at 2:00 p.m., in the Admiral King Room of the Eisenhower Center, 3560 Buena Vista Blvd, The Villages, and every fourth Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Leesburg Senior Center, 1211 Penn St. All Korea Veterans are welcome. ###

UCF Veterans History Project

According to Tiffany Rivera, UCF-VHP has completed interviews of its current list of Chapter members expressing interest in the program. The 20 members listed below were interviewed; all reports rated them "outstanding." If you wish to be interviewed, call Jack Corscadden 352-753-9286 or me, TJT, 352-408-6612. ###

Joel Briggs	Harold Sievers
Gloria Corbet	Marv Smiley
Jim Corbet	Allan Stover
Jack Corscadden	Gordon Talbot
Don Leitstein	Tom Thiel
DJ Lynch	Bob Vanas
Sue Mason	Charlie White
Bob Peters	George Wikane
Jack Reynolds	Woodie Wood, Jr.
Al Schuetz	Gene Zender

Alternate Secretary Treasurer

We are still seeking someone to serve as our Alternate Secretary Treasurer.

The Alt Sec/Treas. reports on chapter activities and funds, records actions for minutes and the *Scuttlebutt*, accepts new members and member dues, may pay expenses, and generally aids in managing the Chapter. The incumbent is a full member of the Board of Directors and may be either an Active Member or an appointed Associate Member, with dues paid by the Chapter.

We especially need someone for the Eisenhower Center Meetings. This position is vital in view of our dual meeting framework and expanded chapter membership.

If you have some MS Office Word and Excel skills, and are even the slightest bit interested, please contact Tom Thiel, 352-408-6612.

February Speakers

At the Eisenhower Center, on Feb. 20, **Don Miller**, left, gave members a good overview of the Villages Honor Flights program.

Then at the Senior Center on Feb. 27, Col. **Danny McKnight** told about his experiences at Mogadishu, as in the book and movie "Black Hawk Down."



March-April Programs & Activities—please help me keep it current

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	DESCRIPTION, SPEAKER, etc.
9-Mar	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
19-Mar	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:00 PM	Sumter County Sherriffs Office Area Commander And Asst.
19-Mar	Veterans Tribute	Via/Port Mall Leesburg	11:30 AM	AMVETS 2006 in parking lot.
23-Mar	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	Rozann Abato, Patriot Cruise and Salute, Inc., Mount Dora Unit.
30-Mar	Vietnam Veterans	The Villages, VMP	10:00 AM	One Guard, All Members
1-Apr				
9-Apr	TA Fund Drive	Walmart #4262, at 4085 Wedgewood Ln (off 466)	Briggs	Contact Joel Briggs, briggs.joel@aol.com, 352-233-9320 to offer your assistance.
13-Apr	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
16-Apr	DOF Convention	Waterfront Inn	9:00 AM	All Day meeting.
16-Apr	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:00 PM	Possibly Veterans Village
27-Apr	Annual Picnic	Hickory Point, Tavares	11:30 AM	
27-Apr	Member Meeting	Senior Center		NO CHAPTER MEETING--PICNIC.



George Wanberg (right) presents pin to Jimmy and Gloria Corbet (center) at Saturday's (March 5) Habitat for Humanity's American Heroes Walk at Leesburg's Veterans Memorial Park benefiting Veterans Village.

The pin recognized Jimmy's service as a Captain with the US Marines in WWII, Korean War and the Vietnam War; Gloria retired from the US Army as a Colonel. (submitted to Daily Commercial)



Meet **Marv Ummel**, well Marv joined the chapter several months ago, but we didn't get his photo until this month. Marv served in 1952-53, with the Army 304th Signal Corps. Marc lives on Amaya Ave., The Villages,

Thanks to **Char and Jack Corscadden, Carol Becker, and HooJung and Don Kennedy** for bringing goodies to the Senior Center Member Meeting.

The photo at right is of HooJung's layout Thanks again.



DoF Convention—A time for our chapter to look great!

The DoF Convention

The DoF Convention is April 16, 2016, at the Waterfront Inn, Summer Landing, The Villages.

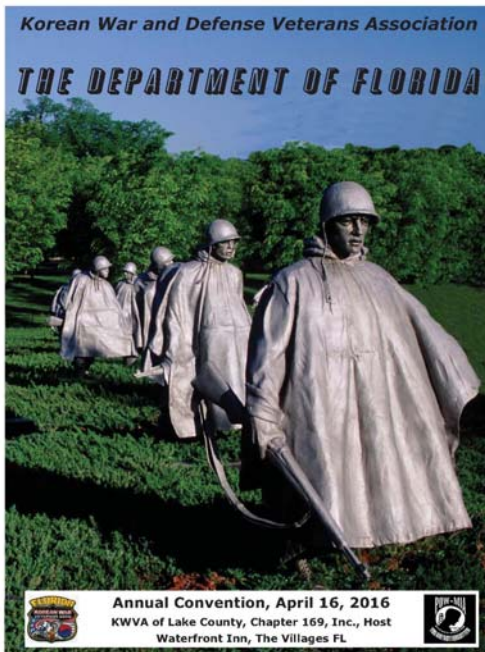
This is a Convention bringing together the 20 or so individual KWVA chapters in Florida.

It will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude with the 6:00 PM Banquet and the installation of new DoF officers.

The Agenda will not be released prior to the Convention, but generally the morning will consist of a DoF Council meeting and the afternoon is the Annual Member Meeting.

Only Chapter delegates, usually the Chapter Presidents, have a voice and vote in the Council while all members may speak and vote in the Member Meeting. You all are members.

You must register for the Conven-



tion. We have distributed Registration Forms to all members on email and to members at our meetings.

If you wish to register and do not have a registration form, they are available at cid169.kwvca.org or call Thiel at 352-408-6612.

We are the Host Chapter.

That means we share the effort to make the Meeting and Convention successful.

It means we also share the costs of the Convention with DoF. We found the site, DoF signed the contract for the site. There are meeting room costs, table costs, audio costs, bartender costs, etc. There also is the cost to bring the Association President, Larry Kinard, here from Mansfield, TX. We share all these costs with DoF.

Top: Front Cover, left, Prestige Ford, and right, Plaza Lincoln rear cover.

Convention Souvenir Book.

We have been assembling a Convention Souvenir Book to help defray the Chapter's costs to Host the Convention,

Thanks to many of you, to local businesses, and to our fellow Chapters and their Members, our 48-page book was completely laid out with the receipt of the 76th AD last Friday.

There are still several AD payments yet to come in, but I expect them soon.

The book brought in **\$6,020.00.**

Printing and Convention costs are projected at \$2,590.00 leaving a balance of \$3,330.00, more than enough to pay for the new Chapter 169 Memorial! We will make enough copies for all Advertisers and all members. I hope you will be pleased and proud of your Convention Souvenir Book! Tom Thiel.

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SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER.

Our request for Ambassador for Peace Medals to be honored!

As we reported previously, Ambassador for Peace Medals were requested for our new members who have not received one before. They were requested from the Korean Consul General office in Atlanta via the procedure defined by the South Korean Government.



I copied HooJung Kennedy on this latest submission.

On Feb. 20 I received a copy of an email

from HooJung to Patricia West of the Korea Consulate office pleading as only HooJung can plead for the medals to be sent in time to be included in the DoF Convention Banquet activities.

The original request for 12 medals went in last fall; I was advised that we would receive them, but at some future undefined date.

On Feb. 8, I sent a second request for 10 additional medals for those who had joined since last fall, bringing the total to twenty-two.

On Mar. 8, I received the following from HooJung: "I have spoken with Patricia West from Atlanta Consul General office and she will send me 22 Ambassador for Peace Medals by early April. Once I receive them, we can discuss the possible Ambassador for Peace Medal

presentation ceremony possibly at the convention banquet."

Members included in this request are: Atkinson, Briscoe, Creekmur, Davie, DeGiovanna, Domenech, Freedman, Fulcher, Huff, J. Kennedy, McWaters, Miller, O'Toole, Packwood, Jr, Prosper, Shelby, Smiley, Turner, Ummel, Vanas, Vaream and Whipple.

At this time we do not know whether they will be awarded at the 6:00 p.m. Banquet at the Waterfront Inn Saturday, April 16, or at a separate event on a different day at the Veterans Memorial in The Villages.

TJT (see pp 4 & 5 Jan Scuttlebutt for Registration Instructions)



Left: **Frank Keaser** "captures" young Chris Welke with one of his Korean era "yarns" at our February Senior Center Meeting.



Right: **HooJung and Don Kennedy** present a Korea Flag and also items they obtained for our DoF Convention "goodie bags." HooJung also brought the beautiful spread of goodies shown previously.



Tell America Program at St. Paul's School, Leesburg, Feb. 1



Tell America program at St. Paul's Catholic School continues to be a resounding success. Top: Group photo showing CID169's Tell America Team at St. Paul's—Joel Briggs, Gene Zender, Frank Keaser, Sue Mason and Gloria Corbet. Sue showing where she was stationed in Korea. Joel and Gloria showing the contrast between North and South Korea in a night satellite photo. Frank with his Morse Code device. Gene at mike. Gloria meeting with students one to one. Fifth grade class "Thank You." St. Paul's has 5th thru 8th grades participate. A more recent Tell America at Eustis saw a shortage of Team Members, please contact Gloria to join.

Tell America Fund Drives—Members, we really need your help!

DATE	LOCATION	AMOUNT	CAPTAIN	TEAM MEMBERS
01/29/16	Winn Dixie Leesburg (S) 27405 US Hwy 27	\$ 352.28	Olson	Olson, Corbet, Other Workers?
01/30/16	Winn Dixie Leesburg (S) 27405 US Hwy 27	\$ -	Olson	Cancelled by W-D Hdq. Girl Scouts there
02/06/16	Publix Grand Traverse Plaza, 925 Village Harbor Dr, Brownwood	\$ 1,000.00	Zender	Zender . Briggs Gruber, Davie, Keaser, Leitstein, Turner, Doreen & Dick Zettlemoyer, Lynch and Cohen.
02/26/16	Publix at Lake Harris, 27615 US 27 & SR48		Olson	Contact Harry Olson, 989-348-8640, harry2olson@gmail.com to offer your help.
02/27/16	Publix at Lake Harris, 27615 US 27 & SR48	\$ 1,285.34	Olson	Harry Olson, Keaser, Briggs, Furrie, Peters, DeRosa
04/09/16	Walmart #4262, at 4085 Wedgewood Ln (off 466) (2 doors)		Briggs	Contact Joel Briggs, briggs.joel@aol.com, 352-233-9320 to offer your assistance.
07/15/16	Publix at Southern Trace Plaza, 3475 Wedgewood Ln, The Villages		needed	Contact Gene Zender genezender@hotmail.com, 352-748-0112
09/10/16	Publix at Southern Trace Plaza, 3475 Wedgewood Ln, The Villages		needed	Zender
05/06/16	Publix Palm Plaza Leesburg		WhiteShumaker	Contact Bill Shumaker shuy352@centurylink.net, 352-323-0807, or Charley White 352-787-1885 to offer your assistance.
05/07/16	Publix Palm Plaza Leesburg	\$ 2,637.62	White	White Shumaker

Above table shows the status of our Tell America Fund Drives.

So far this year we have taken in \$2,637.62.

This thanks to the Team Members listed above.

We especially appreciate Harry Olson's effort; he not only arranged for the Publix drive, but spent a huge amount of time there. It did quite well. .

The next drive will be April 9

at Walmart. Joel Briggs is the captain. It will be a two-door event which means he needs 16 Members to help. Please call Joel 352-233-9320, briggs.joel@aol.com to offer your services. Thank you,

Color Guard by Joel Briggs

We did not have any activities for February,

In March, we have been invited to join AMVETS Post 2006 on the 19th at Via Port Florida Mall (Lake Square) from 11:00 to 2:00. This will more or less be a meet and greet for us but everyone who can, should come by. We also have the Eisenhower member meeting same day.

On July 27th, we will be at the Leesburg Memorial Park and The Village Memorial with Five Guards at each. I will be calling all Guard Members.

We also have a new Guard member—Don (Moose) Leitstein. Welcome aboard!



Sick Call:

- ⇒ Don Van Beck
- ⇒ Bill Shumaker
- ⇒ Dick Zettlemoyer
- ⇒ DJ Lynch

Treasurer Report: Gloria Corbet

As of Mar. 12: In Checking **\$9,168.63**, and in Savings **\$3,200+**. Note that this is after we have paid the \$3,100.00 Chapter 169 Korean Memorial.

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Your work and dedication
is so appreciated!



Love
Rhonda

Congrats Doreen!

Sometimes,
God answers
our prayers
through special people
like you.

Thank you so much.

Thank you Dee for
thinking of me and All
of the Vets out there
and our Military.



Attention

Members — if you still have not had your name inscribed on the **Veterans Memorial** in Leesburg's Veterans Memorial Park (photo) please see or contact Don Van Beck, who is offering all new 169 members a special offer. 352-343-1529

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Find us on 

Dues Dates—Assoc., DoF, & Chapter—Mar. thru May 31.

Members whose dues—Association, Department and/or Chapter—that are payable in April and May are shown at right in due date (CRENEW) (Month/Date) order. (Separate snail mail letters have been sent to the 19 whose membership has lapsed, and 11 payable in March.)

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

The Chapter Due date (CRENEW) is 30 days prior to Association date.

Questions about your membership—contact Tom Thiel, Membership Manager, at 352-408-6612 or kwvathiel@gmail.com.

If you cannot maintain your membership due to

NAME	CRENEW	MBRNO	AMOUNT
NORVAL E. PACKWOOD JR.	04/11/16	R038191	\$37.00
MURRAY D. MCMAHON	04/12/16	R024785	\$37.00
WAYNE W. SJOBERG	04/12/16	R043715	\$37.00
ARTHUR G. BOUCHER	04/13/16	R042107	\$37.00
NICHOLAS E. VAREAM	04/14/16	R046656	\$37.00
WILLIAM D. SHUMAKER	04/27/16	R041142	\$37.00
GENE T. ELLIOTT	05/05/16	R042552	\$37.00
ALLAN C. STOVER	05/10/16	R043212	\$37.00
BRIAN J. WELKE	05/27/16	R041970	\$37.00
JIMMY A. CORBET	05/29/16	R043241	\$37.00

economic or personal difficulties, please contact Sec. Thiel before letting your membership lapse.

Pay to: KWVA Chapter 169.

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QM Chapter Shirts:

Shirts in Navy Blue with pocket S/ M/ L/ XL/ \$28 each XXL / \$30.

Ultra Marine with is light blue with pocket S/M/L/XL/ \$28 each XXL/ \$30.

Women's Navy Blue without pocket S/M/L/XL/ \$28 each XXL/ \$30.

Women's Ultramarine without pocket S/M/L/XL/ \$28 each XXL/ \$30.

Replacement Korean War and Korean Service Caps are \$15 each; replacement Name tags are \$6.00 each (you receive one of each with your membership). See QM Gene Zender Phone 352-748-0112



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The mission of the *Scuttlebutt* is to publish all information that is of relevance to all members of CID 169. Our goal is to published on the last day of the month it shows. Deadline for receipt of material submitted is the Friday following the last Member Meeting of the Month. We welcome member non-political letters and emails for publishing in *Scuttlebutt*

Can Pop Tops



Frank Keaser would like you to save the pop tops of all your aluminum drink cans and bring them to our meetings.

He will collect and submit to Ronald McDonald House in our name where we can receive some recognition. Thanks

Flag Stars Needed



Doreen Z and several others are making handouts to give to shoppers at Fund Drives. They consist of a star from a worn flag on one side, and a poem on the other. These are enclosed in small plastic poly sealable bags.

The group needs your old tattered flags. They will carefully cut the stars out of the flags, and have the flag remains ceremoniously burned. Please bring your old flags to Chapter meetings, or contact Doreen Zettlemyer at doreenmpeever@aol.com, 352-748-0549; 352-568-5239.

Chapter Lapel

Pins



The Chapter has a very nice 3/4-inch lapel pin designed by Don Struhar specifically for CID169, but suitable for every KWVA member!

Pins are \$4.00 each.

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

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