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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.



Mount Dora Patriot Cruise Contact Brian now if you want to go!

Rozann Abato, right, was our guest speaker at the Wednesday March 23 Member Meeting at the Senior Center.

Our Villages members will remember that Rozann was our featured speaker at the Eisenhower Center on Saturday January 16.

Rozann told us about her efforts to honor veterans with a local cruise that leaves from Griffin Park in Mount Dora on Veterans Day. (See Jan. Butt!)

CID169 Vets in 2016!

Rozann said that a number of

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Twenty-two Ambassador for Peace Medals to be awarded at April 20 Eisenhower Ceremony; All Welcome!



The Republic of Korea presents the "Ambassador for Peace" medal as an expression of appreciation from the Korean people to those who served in Korea's land, air and sea from Jun. 25, 1950 through Oct. 25, 1954.

Ms. Patricia West, Research, Veteran and Education Affairs, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, Atlanta will mail 22 Ambassador for Peace Medals on

April 6. Members for whom medals were requested are: **Atkinson, Briscoe, Creekmur, Davie, DeGiovanna, Domenech, Freedman, Fulcher, Huff, Jeager, J. Kennedy, McWaters, Miller, O'Toole, Packwood, Jr, Prosper, Shelby, Smiley, Turner, Ummel, Vanas, Vaream and Whipple.**



March 17, 2015 Medal Ceremony

The medals will be presented in the **King Room of the Eisenhower Center from 2:30-4:30 pm on Wednesday, April 20.**

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169 members will be honored in this year's event. The chapter will provide her with a list of candidates for the event.

If you are interested in being one of those Vets, please email or call VP Brian Welke no later than April 8 (see pg 8); give him your name, date of birth, and dates you served in Korea.

Twenty-one indicated an interest at the Wednesday meeting, so Brian will need to assemble all and prioritize.

When he has done that he will then contact those with highest priority to provide additional information like the number of guests and family members you wish to include, shirt size, etc.

Contact Brian no later than April 8 if you wish to be included.

Alternate Sec./Treas. Needed!

We'd like you to be 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.

Our Flag Project

Doreen Zettlemoyer

Our Flag Project salvages embroidered stars from old flags headed for disposal, and places them along with an appropriate verse, some Korean War statistics, and a chapter phone number in a small sealable poly bag. We use these to inform the public at chapter Tell America Fund Drives and at other events.

Over 3,000 have been dispensed; they have been very well received, resulting in many, many donations and very favorable comments.

Don Lynch has provided almost all of all the flags but we always could use more.

But my main purpose in writing this is to ask for your help as the project requires a great deal of time and effort!

Steps involved to produce star packets include:

- ◇ Wash and dry all flags
- ◇ Cut stars from the flags**
- ◇ Print the verses, 20 to a page and then cut to size
- ◇ Obtain poly envelopes at JoAnn's Fabrics
- ◇ Insert stars and verses into the poly envelopes

The Star packets are then ready for the Fund Raisers or other destinations.

As a rule, I do all the above tasks except cutting out the stars; severe arthritis makes this too painful. A number of members have been helping with that.

We really need help in all aspects of this project, especially cutting the stars out of the flags. I will bring project work to all meetings so that anyone can work on cutting or stuffing during the meeting.

This project has brought in much needed funds for the Chapter, I ask you to please help. Many hands make the work lighter. Please come to a meeting and help us out! Thank you.

** the remaining portion of the flags are disposed of by burning following appropriate ceremonial procedures

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

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	DESCRIPTION, SPEAKER, etc.
4-Apr	Tell America	Leesburg High School		Contact Gloria Corbet 352-483-0570
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	NO CHAPTER MEETING--DoF Convention
18-Apr	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:30 PM	Ambassador for Peace Ceremony; full Guard
27-Apr	Annual Picnic	Hickory Point, Tavares	11:30 AM	See Scuttlebutt article
27-Apr	Member Meeting	Senior Center		NO CHAPTER MEETING--Chapter Ann Picnic
1-May				
11-May	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
15-May	Peace Officer Mem.	The Villages, VMP	2:00PM	One Guard, All Members
21-May	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:00 PM	Danielle Stroud, Habitat for Humanity, Veterans Village
21-May	Armed Forces Day	The Villages, VMP	10:00 AM	One Guard, All Members
25-May	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	Scott Bruinsma Korea 1996-7 Ranger duty and what was happening
30-May	Memorial Day	The Villages, VMP	10:00 AM	One Guard, All Members

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We chose this venue because most recipients are from our Villages' component. But **we urge all our members to attend.**

HooJung and Don Kennedy (our Canadian members) have very kindly delayed their return to accommodate our presentation; because they were recently rear-ended in a traffic accident, we delayed our starting time so that they could receive medical treatment and still drive up from Lakeland.

This will be a more formal ceremony; therefore, we ask that you wear more formal attire than at our regular meetings. May I suggest a dress shirt and dark trousers. No shorts please.

This was a last moment addition to the Scuttlebutt; I hope it reaches everyone. I know some of you will not be able to attend; please let me know and we can make other arrangements. ### TJT

Thanks to **Char and Jack Corscadden and Doreen Zettlemoyer** for bringing sandwiches and Hot Cross Buns to the Senior Center Member Meeting.

New Member

Meet new 169 member **Elmer 'Bud' Jaeger**, who was previously a member of CID168 in Quad Cities IL, and asked to change his chapter linkage to 169.



Bud served with the First Marine Division, Fifth Regiment, Second BN in the WPNS section; he lives on Hibiscus Way in Leesburg.

Welcome to 169, Bud!

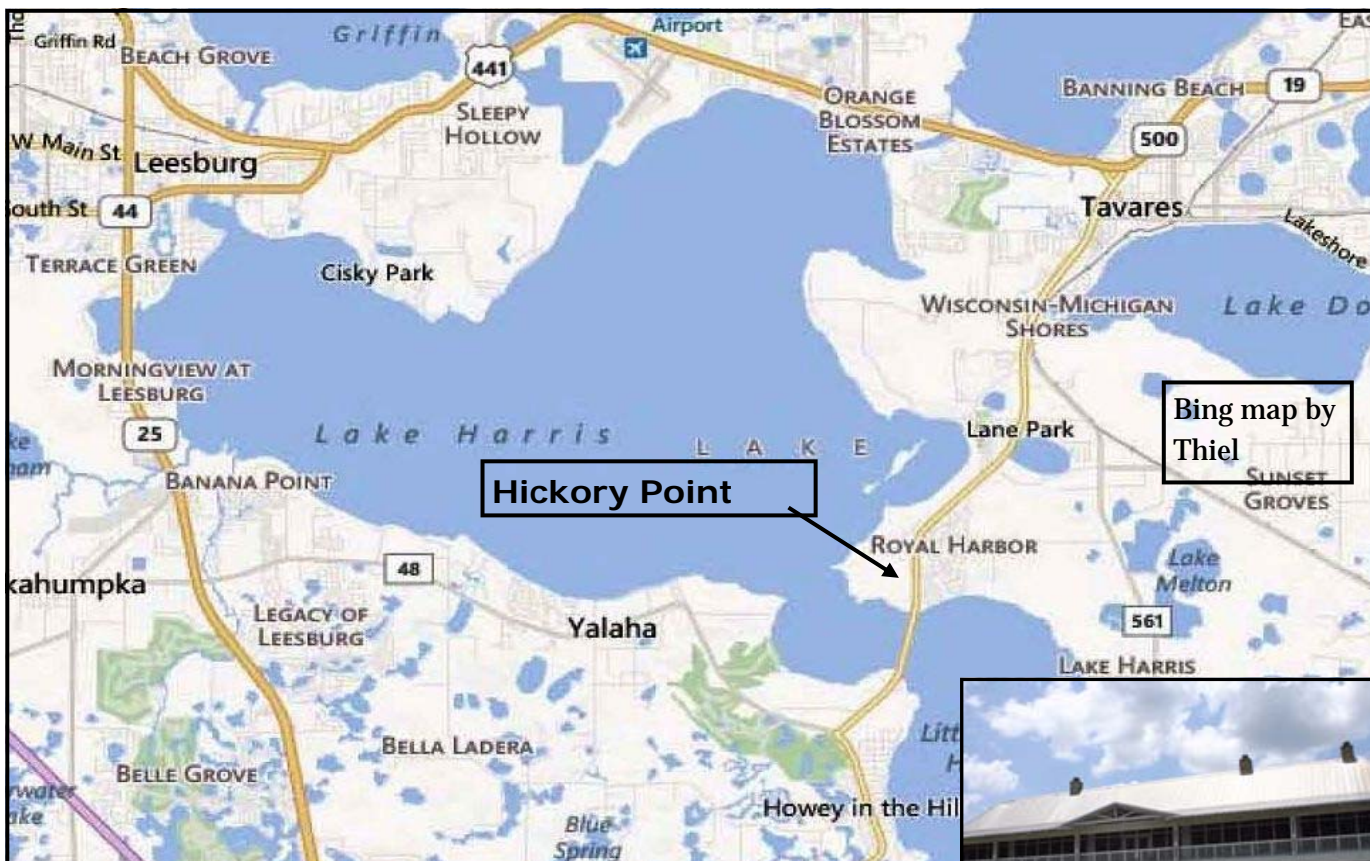
UCF Veterans History Project

UCF-VHP has completed interviews of twenty Chapter members who wanted to be interviewed by UCF Students. All reports rated them "outstanding."

We are now compiling a list of members who would also like to be interviewed in the future. If you wish to be included please call either Jack Corscadden 352-753-9286, or me, TJT, 352-408-6612. ###

New List: Frank Keaser,

Picnic April 27-Hickory Point-9 until 2



Members and spouses, significant others—please come to our Annual Picnic from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the **Hickory Point Recreational Park** pavilion off SR19 south of Tavares (for GPSers, the address **IS NOT** 21341 Ste Rd 19).

Burgers, hot dogs, buns, soft drinks, etc., will be provided by the chapter; Char and Jack Corscadden bring the relishes, etc.

Members are asked to please bring a covered dish.

Lunch will be served promptly at 11:30, but please stay and visit with your fellow members.

Those coming from Leesburg and The Villages or other points north or west should consider taking

US 27 south to CH 48 at Okahumpka.

Turn left or East on 48 and thence to Howey-in-the-Hills (caution speed trap) to SR19. Turn left (North) and cross the Harris Lake Bridge to the park, the first left turn after the bridge.

Those from points east of Leesburg should go to SR19 in Tavares; turn south on SR19 and proceed south for about 5 miles to park entrance on your right.

This is indoors with full screen enclosed eating area. Very clean and very comfortable. We get a refund of our \$35.00 fee depending upon how clean we leave it when we go. **The park does not allow dogs (canines).**

352-323-0807

shuy352@centurylink.net

Murray D. McMahon, 85 years, passed away on *December 17, 2015* in Mt. Dora, Florida from heart failure.



Murray was born August 3, 1930 and educated in Greenwood, MS.

Mr. McMahon is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn M. Mitchell McMahon of Mt. Dora, Florida.

Murray was a charter member of the Korean War and Korea Defense Service Veterans Association of Lake County (FL), Chapter 169, Inc., having joined the chapter in 1998. The photo was of Murray receiving the South Korea Ambassador for Peace Medal on March 17, 2015.

Memorial services were Saturday, January 30 at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Greenwood, MS.

Condolences may be sent to: Ms. Marilyn McMahon, 2820 York Lane, Mt Dora FL, 32757.

Also see: http://cid169.kwva.org/taps/00_taps.htm

Sam P. Leanza, passed away in his home in



Summerfield, FL on *March 18, 2016*, surrounded by Sheila, his childhood sweetheart and wife of 56 years and sons Paul, Dan, and Tony.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1931, to Paul and Antonia Leanza, Sam was the oldest

of three children; brother Paul and sister Vivian both live in Cleveland.

Sam proudly served as a Lieutenant in the US Army's 24th ID, 2nd BN HQ Company in 1955-56

Sam was a member of the Korean War and Korea Defense Service Veterans Association of Lake County (FL) Chapter 169, and the Florida 24th Infantry Division Association. Interment will be at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Sheila Leanza, 12200 SE 175th Loop, Summerfield, FL 34491-1850.

Also see: http://cid169.kwva.org/taps/00_taps.htm

DJ Lynch Activity Report

Sympathy cards were sent to Mrs. Marilyn McMahon and Mrs. Sheila Leanza. And also to Harold Sievers (death of an in-law). When I called about Murray's dues I learned he had passed Dec 17th, 2015. Mrs. McMahon also lost her daughter a few months earlier.

Sick cards sent to: Don Van Beck, Bill Shumaker, Art Boucher, Dick Zettlemyer and others whose names I forgot.

Called several who's dues were overdue. (Don did yeoman work in contacting members on dues. ED)

I have had a back operation, teeth extraction and

have some other things facing me that are seriously affecting my ability to participate as I'd like. ...DJ



DJ Lynch and Joel Briggs, deliver \$300.00 donation to April Jedziniak General Manager, Camp Corral.

March 7 Tell America Program at Eutis High School



these classes 4 or 5 times a day.

Left center, team members Joel Briggs (l) and Frank Keaser awaiting their turns.

by flags and Morse Code.

Lower right Team Members Frank Keaser, and Jimmy and Gloria Corbet with one of their classes.

Our Tell America Program at Eutis High School remains one of our very best, thanks to our friend, Col. Cangelosi, photo top right.

Top left, Gloria Corbet begins a class-long period with a brief overview of the Korean War. We repeat

Joel normally wraps up a class session by telling a bit about his three tours of duty as an engineer helping to rebuild Korea after the war, and Frank shows the students how he helped the Navy communicate

Gloria reported that our team could have made good use of a couple more Tell America team members, If you are interested in doing Tell America, please contact Gloria.

(Note: despite what the date in the photo shows, these were taken March 7, 2016!)

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.
04/23/16	Sam's Club		Zender	Contact Gene Zender genezender@hotmail.com, 352-748-0112
05/06/16	Publix Palm Plaza Leesburg		White-Shumaker	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		White-Shumaker	White Shumaker
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
		\$ 2,637.62		

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

So far this year we have taken in \$2,637.62, thanks to the Team Members listed above.

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,

There is another on April 23 at Sam's Club. Please help Gene Zender with this drive as he too is in desperate need of support.

And there are some coming up in May too—see table.

Color Guard by Joel Briggs

We have several major events in April.

On Apr 9, I am captain of our TA Fund Drive at Walmart #4262, at 4085 Wedgewood Ln (off 466). I need your help; please call me 352-233-9320.

On Apr 16, we will be the official Color Guard at the DOF Convention, at the Waterfront Inn. All Guard members should be there around 8:00 for the 9:00 AM official opening. Full uniform.

Then on Apr 18 we have the Ambassador for Peace Ceremony at the Eisenhower Center at 2:30 PM. Full Guard, Full Uniform.

And on Apr 27, be sure to all come to the Annual Pic-

nic at Hickory Point, Tavares, 9 to 2. See page 4.

We also have several May and June events; please see April-May Programs & Activities on page 3.

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.

Joel Briggs. ###.

Treasurers Report: Gloria Corbet

As of Mar. 31:

- In W-F Checking **\$8,675.13.**
- In Savings **\$3,300+.**

Canceled Saturday Meeting

Your officers and directors sincerely apologize to especially our Villages members to have not have appropriate arrangements so that the Saturday, March 19th Eisenhower Center meeting had to be cancelled.

As I told you in my March 17 email, and as Al Monahan told all of the Villages members by phone, we were advised by Harold Sievers that his sister-in-law had passed away and that he had cancelled the Saturday Eisenhower Center Meeting Room assignment.

This then meant that the room was not available to the Chapter and we had to cancel the meeting even though Al was advised by Eisenhower management that if Harrold would "uncancel" we could the still hold our meeting. But, I was unable to reach Harrold.

We apologize to you for allowing us to be exposed to this unsuitable situation where the room assignment is solely in the name of "All Veterans" and Harold, and not also include the Korean War and Korean Defense Service Veterans, Chapter 169.

It is our intention to either have the above dual registration, or to have our own Chapter 169 assignment, with my preference being the latter. With "The Villages" addresses amounting to at least half of our total membership, there should be enough members from the Villages to obtain our own room assignment.

This also suggests we develop a much larger leadership team for the Villages member component of our Chapter.

For example, I think we not only need Al's position but essentially a full component of Board positions for the Saturday group.

What do you think?

Are you willing to join with Al? Please give me a call if you can join with Al. ### TJT

On Membership TJT

Last issue suggested an alarming loss in membership mostly due to member non-renewal. Although we have undergone significant decline, I am happy to say that we have had generally good response to our dues notices sent by U.S. Mail. A lot of our members just didn't realize they had been placed on Inactive status.

I normally report precise membership numbers; however this month I will decline and say that as of this moment, March 31, the Association reports our membership at 110, with three of these listed as Inactive. Two of that three have sent in renewals and the third is leaving our area. And I know of at least a couple of others who are not renewing or have already moved and will not retain membership. So I expect to report accurate figures next month, and guesstimate that number will be about 105! Sorry. ### TJT

The Department of Florida Convention

will be Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m., until the 6:00 p.m., Banquet and Installation of Officers has been completed.


Registrations were lower than I had hoped for; we did not reach twenty! Our chapter assignments are well covered. We are registering the attendees, performing the color guard function, greeting guests, and a few more items. The meeting is billed as: "Executive Council and General Membership Meeting combined, 9:00am to 4pm." So all registered members may speak and vote. **Dress is business, no shorts, please.**

Convention Book. With special thanks to many members, the 48-page Convention Book is complete! I received several ads after the deadline and since they were all paying ADs removed some non-paying pages you may have seen. All members are to get a copy.

The total gross take from the Book was \$6,095.00, less of course \$ \$1,435.75 for printing. ### TJT

Officers and Directors — April 1, 2016

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

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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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