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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.



DoF Convention in the rear view mirror!

Left: Chapter 169 Color Guard opens DoF Convention. From left: DJ Lynch, Gene Zender, Bill Simunek, John Turner and Joel Briggs.

Yes, the Convention is in the rear-view mirror! We survived! Actually we did very well financially. As near as I can tell, we realized a net value of

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Nine Ambassador for Peace Medals Awarded at April 20 Eisenhower Ceremony



Turnout at our April 20 Ambassador for Peace ceremony was outstanding—outstanding if we do not consider the awardees themselves!

Only 9 of the 22 attended! Of the remaining 13 for whom medals were obtained, only five had the courtesy to let me know they could not be there.

Who was there?

The nine awardees shown in the photo, of course.

And HooJung and Don Kenne-

From left: John Turner, Marv Ummel, Packwood, and Marv Smiley; Mr. Tom DiGiovanna, Ed Domenech, Packwood is from Umatilla, all the others are from The Villages. Chuck Fulcher, HooJung Jones Kennedy, Ed O'Toole, Harold Huff, Gene

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(Convention *Continued from page 1)* plete overview. See dof.kwva.org/

\$3,437 from the Souvenir Book!
That's enough to more than cover the new Chapter 169 Korean Memorial in Leesburg that will be unveiled at our July 27 Anniversary of the Cease Fire.

A detailed listing is shown below.

Item	Act Exp
Kinard travel & car	\$ 442.85
Kinard Room	\$ 194.02
Kinard regist & meals	\$ 99.00
Subtotal	\$ 735.87
Produce layout book	
Print book	\$ 1,435.75
Reg for 17-169 att	\$ 255.00
Highlighters	\$ 47.03
Copies Off Dpt	\$ 79.60
Lunch @ 12/3 pln mtg	\$ 104.78
Subtotal	\$ 486.41
Total Conv Cost	\$ 2,658.03
Total Income fr book	\$ 6,095.00
Net from book	\$ 3,436.97

A lot of members contributed greatly to our total Convention effort. At the expense of overlooking some members, here is my list: Art Iversen, all members who cared enough to purchase their own Ads, Al Monahan, Jack Corscadden, Bill Shumaker, Gordy Talbot, Gloria Corbet, The Color Guard, Frank Keaser, Doreen Zettlemoyer, Laura Brown, Patricia and Joe Gruber, Vi Pfahler, Bob Peters; I'm sure there were more.

I'll add a few photos; those that received the electronic copy of the DoF News received a com-



KQVA President, Larry Kinard, above standing, addresses the Convention. He focused on two main points: maintaining membership and preserving our Legacy. (see www.kqvdm.org)



Frank Keaser slow salutes the POW/MIA empty chair cover (lower right hand corner of photo) while VP Al Monahan (not in photo) reads POW/MIA remembrance statement.



The photo at bottom of previous column is of Doreen Zettlemoyer, Laura Brown, and Vi Pfahler. The first two were instrumental in registration, while Vi took all these photos.



And this of course is Gloria Corbet who led the registration team, plus.



DoF President Parker who was outgoing DoF President as well as incoming 2016-17 DoF President.

Yours truly with Pres Kinard!



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

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	DESCRIPTION, SPEAKER, etc.
1-May				
11-May	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 AM	
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
30-May	Memorial Day	Ferran Park, Eustis	11:00 AM	Min of 2 Color Guard, All Members
1-Jun				
8-Jun	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
14-Jun	FLAG DAY	The Villages, VMP	2:00 PM	Full Guard, All Members
18-Jun	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:00 PM	SPEAKER NEEDED
22-Jun	KWV Honors Banquet	Hilton Tuscany Village	4:00 PM	KW Vets Formal Dinner
22-Jun	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	Barb Cooksey Honor Flight
1-Jul				
4-Jul	Independence Day	The Villages, VMP	10:00 AM	One Guard, All Members
13-Jul	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
16-Jul	Member Meeting	Eisenhower Center	2:00 PM	SPEAKER NEEDED
27-Jul	Kor. War Armistice	The Villages, VMP	10:00 AM	Full Guard, All Members
27-Jul	Kor. War Armistice	Leesburg VMP	12 Noon	Full Guard, All Members
27-Jul	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	George Waters.... My recent trip to Cuba

On Membership by Thiel

We appear to be through the turbulent times of the last couple of months, but not without some damage.

As I write this on Apr 30, Association is showing us at **109 Active members**; this includes Mr. Powell. Two of these will become Inactive by mid May.

At right is a listing of members with *chapter due dates* in May-June. The dues payable for all members shown at right is \$37.00, except for Ms. Brown and Ms. Wernli, which is \$26.00. I would appreciate your paying your dues as shown in the block below so that I do not have to send letters. Thanks!

Pay to: KWVA Chapter 169.
Mail to: Gloria Corbet, Treas,
16035 Umatilla Place,
Umatilla FL 32784.

New Member—Art Powell

We welcome **Art Powell**, who served in Korea 1951-52, with the 7th Infantry Division's 707 MM Org. Art and Judy live on Black Duck Road, in Altoona. Art, please have Vi Pfahler take your photo next time you come to a meeting. Also you will want to be sworn-in and receive your KWVA Cap. Welcome Art!

Member Due Dates-May-June

Member	ChDueDt
STOVER, ALLAN C.	05/10/16
WELKE, BRIAN J.	05/27/16
CORBET, JIMMY A.	05/29/16
KEASER, FRANK W.	06/01/16
O'HANLON, BENDON P.	06/06/16
ZETTLEMOYER, RICHARD P.	06/07/16
IVERSEN, ARTHUR P.	06/13/16
VELIKY, DONALD J.	06/17/16
ZENDER, RICHARD E. 'GENE'	06/29/16
WHIPPLE, ANDREW L.	06/30/16
KENNEDY, JACK	06/30/16
BROWN, LAURA P.	06/30/16
WERNLI, SHARON L.	06/30/16

(Medals *Continued from page 1)*

LakeFrontTV was also present.



I should also add that **Vi Pfahler**, our still photographer was also present and provided all the photos for this article.

I do not know what was reported on

dy from Canada via Lakeland;

VNN.

Larry Metz, member of the Florida House of Representatives, 32nd District.

But the Thursday April 21 edition of the Daily Sun had a front-page article by Brittany Van Heyningen on our medals ceremony with John Turner, Harold Huff and Marv Ummel featured.

H. Marlene O'Toole, member of the Florida House of Representatives, 33rd District.



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

Pam Jones, Community Relations Representative, U.S. Representative **Daniel Webster** (FL-10).

and sea from Jun. 25, 1950 through 1955.

Al Harrison, Constituent Services Representative, U.S. Representative **Richard Nugent** (FL-11).

We requested these medals from:

*The South Korea Consulate
229 Peachtree St NE #2100
Atlanta, GA 30303.
(404) 522-1611 ,*

Patricia West, koreanconsulateatl@gmail.com

Carol Eagleman also from Representative Nugent's Office. (no photo)

Please each medal recipient send Patricia West an email or letter thanking the Republic of Korea and Patricia West personally for the Medal.

The Press was also well represented;

Brittany Van Heyningen of the **Daily Sun**, who in turn invited a Sun Photographer Geo Horsford and TV Cameraman from VNN.

In addition to the medals, recipients also received a copy of Korea Reborn signed by Ms. HooJung

Bob Peters, Salute to Veterans,

Jones Kennedy, and a personally-addressed letter from Congressman Webster.

HooJung presented the medals on



behalf of the Republic of Korea as I read the member's names, where they live, and when and with whom they served.

I have medals for: **Atkinson, Briscoe, Creekmur, Davie, Freedman, J. Kennedy, McWaters, Miller, Prosper, Shelby, Vanas, Vaream and Whipple**. They will be awarded at the next regular chapter meeting you attend. Should you not wish to receive your medal, please let me (Thiel) know.



KEURIG-K-CUP Coffee makers to SC Staff.



At the April 13 BoD meeting, we resented the Senior Center staff two K-Cup coffee makers. From left: **Mary Stahl**, Quality Assistance Specialist; **Julie Copenhaver**, Case Manager; **Geneva Harris**, Services Coordinator; **Brian Welke**, CID169 VP; **Rennie Biest**, File Clerk; and **Pamela Colmenero**, Service Coordinator. Photo by Vi Pfahler, who also procured the coffee makers.

Treasurers Report: Gloria Corbet

As of April 30:

- In W-F Checking **\$7,821.53.**
- In Savings **\$3,400+.**



7,839
Call now!

Norval 'Gene' Packwood, Jr.

We finally have a photo of Gene Packwood. Gene has been a member for nearly a year now, so we are happy to obtain his photo at the Medal ceremony. To refresh, Gene served with the 1st Marine Division in Korea 1951-52. He lives on Beach Dr., Umatilla. Hope to see you at some of our meetings, Gene!



We still need photos of: *Mary Asch-Peski, James Atkinson, Ray Babcock, George Thompson, Jason Leavitt, John McWaters, Art Powell, Peter Prosper, and Nick Vaream.* See Vi Pfahler at next meeting or send one to Vi. vpfahler@embarqmail.com

Tell America Fund Drive, April 4, Walmart.

Total \$1,800, left: Gene Zender, Gor-

don Talbot and Frank Keaser. Right: who said this was work? Seated, DJ Lynch with new friend while Frank Keaser looks on.



April 4 Tell America Program at Leesburg High School



ROTTC student. Middle, Al Schuetz makes a point. And mid-right: Gloria Corbet gives Leesburg High ROTC close-up lesson on a map of the Korean War.

Our Tell America Program at Leesburg High School was one of our earlier involvements with students, especially ROTC students.

The earliest photos I could find of Tell America at Leesburg High were taken on June 1, 2010, when Ted Jansen and I presented our first check in our Tell America program.

That was our first association with Chief Dixon and Sgt. Morris. See "Leesburg High School ROTC program recognized by local vets group," pg 1, Scuttlebutt, Vol. 13, No. 6 June 2010.

Much has changed since then. Our Tell America team has evolved;

e.g., I no longer go to Leesburg. Chief Dixon has retired; he has been replaced by Maj. Chris Honeycutt. And we began to make our donations at the program's Annual Awards Banquet.

We are very appreciative of Leesburg High's allowing us to continue coming to their students.

Top: One of the six classes our team met with on April 4. We estimate that we presented to a total of 150 students. If you look closely at middle of photo you can see our TA team that day—**Ron Psonak, Al Schuetz, and Gloria Corbet; Vi Pfahler** took the photos.

Middle left, Ron Psonak with young

For each session, Gloria Corbet begins the class-long period with a brief overview of the Korean War.

Then several TA team members give a five-minute overview of their experiences in Korea.

Those normally are followed up with Joel wrapping up a class session by telling a bit about his three tours of duty as an engineer helping to rebuild Korea after the war.

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

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 Zettlemyer, 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)	\$ 1,800.00	Briggs	Contact Joel Briggs, briggs.joel@aol.com, 352-233-9320 to offer your assistance.
04/23/16	Sam's Club	\$ 72.00	Briggs	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
		\$ 4,509.62		

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

So far this year we have taken in \$4,510, thanks to the Team Members listed above.

There is bad news, and there is good news;

The bad. Joel's Sam's club was an abysmal failure. Sam's manager moved us to a totally dead spot where no shoppers passed. So where we collected \$2,000 last time, this time it was an unbelievable \$72.00. No, that is not a typo!

The good news; Bill Shumak-

er advised ne that he has sufficient workers for the Publix Palm Plaza drive on May 6 and 7!

I have not checked but think we are somewhat behind where we were last year.

TJT

Color Guard by Joel Briggs

Had a good an busy month. Glad to be back.

On April 16th we covered The DoF Convention in The Villages. F Keaser handled the POW/MIA flag ceremony and DJ Lynch, Gene Zender, Bill Simunek, John Turner carried the Colors.

April 18th, Ambassador for Peace Medal Ceremony again at The Villages, with Lynch, Keaser, Zender, Turner, Simunek, and Gordon Talbot. Again, an out-

standing job. Thanks to all.

Coming up in May, Peace Officers Mem, The Villages, one Guard May 15th 2:00PM.

On May 21st, Armed Forces Day This is on Sat 10:00 The Villages, One Guard

Then on May 30th, Monday, Memorial Day This to is at 10:00, One Guard.

There also will be a ceremony at Ferran Park, Eustis, at 11:00 AM, minimum of two to carry wreath.

Welcome your new Alternate Sec./Treas. Ed O'Toole



Ed volunteered to be our Alternate Secretary Treasurer; he was at the last BoD meeting. Ed will report on chapter activities and funds, record actions for minutes and

the *Scuttlebutt*, accept new members and member dues, may pay expenses, and generally aids in managing the Chapter. Ed is a full member of the Board of Directors.

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

So if you have any dues questions, or general questions Ed will be happy to assist you. His contact info is in the Officers-Directors Table on page 8.

Save your Legacy; get a Free Banquet: **Who:** all Korean War Veterans

(KWV's); **What:** Korean War Legacy Foundation, Inc., 2016 Conference; **When:** June 22, beginning at 4:00 p.m.; **Where:** Hilton Grand Vacations Club at Tuscany Village, 8122 Arrezzo Way, Orlando, FL 32821 (I-Drive area).

That's four of the 5 W's. The last one, **Why**, I'll try to explain now.

KWVA has enthusiastically supported the KWLF, financially and by recording Vets oral histories. President Kinard spoke about this at the DoF Convention, and asked me to support it.

I have been in contact with Foundation Pres. Dr. Jongwoo Han, relative to the conference, and to possible follow-up Legacy Foundation activities recording Chapter Members' memories.

If you are interested at all in the June 22 Banquet please email or call me ASAP. More on this at next meeting, but *that will be too late for Banquet*. Thiel

DJ Lynch Activity Report

I sent cards to Harold Seivers on the loss of an in-law and Andy Whipple for a hip replacement and about 4 others that I lost the paper that I had names. I do this as the chaplain and don't charge the Chapter for the expense.

I am worried about a few who are still members but haven't been coming to meetings. Yet, when I knock on their door, they are not home or just don't answer the door. Can't make phone contact either.

I also got two loads of flags for Doreen Zettlemoyer to cut out and mount to be used at fundraisers. She desperately needs someone to help in the cutting out of the stars and packaging them.

I sent 105 to a Naval Officer for his Retirement Party in New Market, VA. He is to make a donation. A Publix Patron got a star and sent it to him and he was so impressed that he called me for the order—my phone number is on the packet the star is in.

POW/MIA Forever Stamp

Last September I gave you copies of "A Call to Action" to try to get you to write to get the Post Office to issue a POW/MIA Forever Stamp.

I wrote a lot of letters; only reply was from Congressman Ron DeSantis of Ponte Verde. He said the original bill was reintroduced last September. It has a new number, H.R. 3558, and of course it provides for the issuance of a POW/MIA Forever Stamp.

I have updated the Brochure to incorporate these changes; I will have copies at our meetings.

Please write again; ask Congress to approve H.R. 3558.

We asked the Association to join with us in our POW/MIA Forever Stamp effort as it needs a nationwide scope.

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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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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 Zettlemoyer at doreenmpeever@aol.com, 352-748-0549; 352-568-5239.

Your Help Needed Here

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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