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The Newsletter of the Korean War & Korea Defense Veterans of Lake County (FL), Inc., CID169, Chartered 1998

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We meet the every 3rd Saturday at 2:00 PM in the Silver Oaks Room, Saddlebrook Recreation Center, 3010 Saddlebrook Lane, The Villages, FL, and every 4th Wednesday at 2:00 PM at the Leesburg Senior Center, 1211 Penn St., Leesburg.



BILL SIMUNEK, R007055



William C. "Bill" Simunek, 88, of Mt. Dora, FL, died suddenly at Waterman Hospital, Tavares, FL, June 14, 2016.

He was 88.

Bill was a true American; a hero to his late wife of 60 years, Janet (nee Griswold), his daughter Nancy, sons William and Charles and daughter-in-law, Regina. Bill grew

up in New York City, attended Xavier high School then Fordham University with a degree in History.

Bill served in Kokoro, Japan, with the 24th Infantry Division's 3rd Engineers, HQ Company, in 1946-47. He then served as a 1st Lt. with the 501

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William Daniel Shumaker, R041142



June 15, 1933 in Ottawa, IL to Raymond and Kathleen Shumaker. He attended Illinois Wesleyan on an Athletic Scholarship.

William moved to Florida from Ada, Ohio in 1976. He worked with Lake County as a Public Road Inspector where he served as District Supervisor for Lake County Public Works. He also

worked for the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Bill was a Veteran of the US Navy and served during the Korean

War in Naval Aviation.

He was a member, past Treasurer, Board of Directors and Color Guard member of the Korean War and Korea Defense Services Veterans of America Chapter 169 of Lake County, the Korean War Veterans Association, and of American Legion Post 41 of Eustis. Bill was the past president of the Lake County Gator Club.

He is survived by his son, Ronald (Helen) Shumaker;

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William Daniel Shumaker, 83, of Leesburg, FL passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2016. He was born

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HC CO 7 TMP, in the Korean War from Sept. 1951 to July 1955.

In 1956, he married his sweetheart, the love of his life, Janet Griswold, and raised three children in Garden City, Long Island, NY. He worked as a Lithographer at Kipe Offset Printing in Manhattan and later with Meehan, Tooker web and sheet printing in New Jersey.

He was a member of the Korean War and Korea Defense Service Veterans of Lake County (FL) Chapter 169, Inc., serving in the Color Guard and on the Board; the Korean War Veterans Association, American Legion Post #41 Eustis, the 24th Infantry Division Association, and the Florida 24th IDA Group.

Bill was a good husband, father, and provider. He was able to enjoy over 20 years with his wife in retirement in Mount Dora, where he continued his work with the VA. He was preceded in death by his wife Janet on November 30, 2015.

Bill left us on Flag Day, June 14, 2016. How appropriate. He will be sorely missed by his children, nieces, nephews and fellow veterans. Bill Simunek was a true American Patriot!

Condolences may be sent to his daughter and sons, Nancy and William and Charlie Simunek, 5024 Greenbriar Trail, Mt. Dora, FL, 32757-9102.

(The cover photo was extracted from a photo taken Apr. 15, 2016, at the DoF Convention.)

We need Color Guard members.

If you would like to join please contact Frank Keaser, Captain of the Color Guard, 352-314-9351

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grandchildren, Aaron (Andrea) Shumaker, Jacob (Adrienne) Shumaker, Zach (Cheryl) Shumaker, and Courtney (Nathan) Curtis; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruby in 2010.

Interment including Military Honors by his former fellow members of the KWVA Chapter 169 Color Guard was July 5, 2016, at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Leesburg. Sympathies may be sent to family at: 35038 Silver Oak Dr. Leesburg, FL 34788-3150.



Bill Simunek (l) and Bill Shumaker at Ferran Park Eustis Veterans Day, 2015; this was, I believe, the last time they carried the wreath together. Bill Shumaker was instrumental in having Chapter 169 appear at Ferran Park.

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Future Programs & Activities—please help me keep it current

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME	DESCRIPTION, SPEAKER, etc.
4-Jul	Independence Day	The Villages, VMP	10:00 AM	One Guard, All Members
4-Jul	Honorary Color Guard	Pat Thomas Stadium, Lsbj.	6:00 PM	Chapter Color Guard, All members
13-Jul	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
16-Jul	Member Meeting	Saddlebrook Center	2:00 PM	Bryan Lifsey -- Seniors Vs Crime, A Special Project- Florida Attorney Generals Office
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	Dr. Jeffrey Brabham....Advances In Radiation Treatment of Prostate Cancer
1-Aug				
10-Aug	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
20-Aug	Member Meeting	Saddlebrook Center	2:00 PM	John McWaters, Our Revisit Korea Trip
24-Aug	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	SPEAKER TBD
1-Sep				
11-Sep	Remembrance Day	The Villages, Fire Sta.	6:00 PM	One Guard, All Members
14-Sep	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
16-Sep	POW/MIA Day	The Villages, VMP	10:00 AM	One Guard, All Members
16-Sep	POW/MIA Day	Leesburg VMP		AMVETS 2006 Lead, But 169 participate w/full Guard
17-Sep	Member Meeting	Saddlebrook Center	2:00 PM	SPEAKER TBD
28-Sep	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	SPEAKER TBD
1-Oct				
12-Oct	BOD	Senior Center	1:30 PM	
15-Oct	Member Meeting	Saddlebrook Center	2:00 PM	SPEAKER TBD
26-Oct	Member Meeting	Senior Center	2:00 PM	SPEAKER TBD

On Membership by Thiel

As of July 1, Association is showing us at **109 Active members**. We have no Inactive members; our policy is to remove those who do not pay. But if you have medical or financial problems please let us know.

At right is a listing of members with chapter due dates in June-July-August. **Every name in Bold is payable now! Each was listed in the last Scuttlebutt!** So this is your second notice. Please send your dues to Gloria as soon as possible.

Questions; call Gloria at 352-483-0570

Thanks!

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

Name Here? Pay DUES NOW!!!

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
BENDON P. O'HANLON	06/06/16	\$ 37.00
JACK KENNEDY	06/30/16	\$ 37.00
SHARON L. WERNLI	06/30/16	\$ 26.00
ANDREW L. WHIPPLE	06/30/16	\$ 37.00
WALLACE R. 'WALLY' JONES	07/05/16	\$ 37.00
WILLIAM N. 'BILL' TENCH	07/05/16	\$ 37.00
DAMON S. BARKOW	07/21/16	\$ 37.00
JOHN P. SHANNON	07/21/16	\$ 37.00
JOHN W. TURNER	07/21/16	\$ 37.00
EDWIN DOMENECH	07/29/16	\$ 37.00
HERBERT M. GOEBEL	08/01/16	\$ 37.00
JOEL B. BRIGGS	08/11/16	\$ 37.00
HENRY G. RIVER JR.	08/18/16	\$ 37.00
HAROLD W. HUFF SR.	08/31/16	\$ 37.00
JASON G. LEAVITT	08/31/16	\$ 37.00
MARVIN R. SMILEY	08/31/16	\$ 37.00
GEORGE D. WIKANE	08/31/16	\$ 37.00

The names above from Association Membership DB; if you have paid it is likely they are still in transit. Question Call Gloria.

July 27th; 63rd Anniv, New Memorial; MIA Thomas

July 27 will be a special day in the activities of your chapter, truly special. Yes, I am setting you up, trying to induce you to struggle against all your pains, and make a special effort.

First, it is the **63rd Anniversary of the signing of the Cease Fire in Korea** ending (supposedly) hostilities of the Korean War.

We will be involved in two (2) ceremonies recognizing this event.

10:00 AM, at Veterans Memorial Park in The Villages, where Chapter 169 is the Guard of Honor; however, Richard Simpson is in control of the program, i.e., it is not our program.

12:00 Noon, Veterans Park, Leesburg, where the program is our program under the leadership of **VP Brian Welke**. But not only will we remember the Cease Fire, we will also dedicate our new Chapter 169 Korean Memorial (thanks to **Don Van Beck**) and we will specially-recognize a Lake County MIA whose remains have not yet been identified, Charles Wesley Thomas (shown above, circa 1952), thanks to special effort by Brian.

So, the Leesburg noon program is our program, a special program in that we will invite media, press and TV, and we want to look good. We are asking all members from both Saddlebrook and the Senior Center, to attend.

Now to some specifics:

New member, **Tim Sullivan, MG Ret'd. US Army Reserves, Lake County Commissioner**, will be our featured speaker at the event.

The **new Chapter 169 Korea Memorial** (above right) is here, although we do not have a photo. However, we have a photo of its model that was installed at Gainesville; that is what is shown herein. It is about seven 7 feet tall, with the



waving contours on the top representing the “mountains” of Korea. Don Van Beck ramrodded this effort, although the chapter paid the \$3,100 cost.

As you know the chapter has been carrying an effort to return the more than 7,800 MIA's yet in Korea, and getting a POW/MIA Forever Stamp.

Thanks to Brian Welke, we have identified a Lake County man among those still missing. He is **Charles Wesley Thomas**, who was with the 3rd Infantry Division's 65th Infantry Regiment, and was lost July 6, 1953. There was a lot on Cpl. Thomas in the May Scuttlebutt.

Brian tells me he has found family, some locally and some in North Carolina, who will be in attendance on July 27. *So, we want to be there for them.*

Color Guard members, please respond positively when Frank Keaser calls you. All members please come as well.

Finally, since July 27 is the third Wednesday, we will meet at 2:00PM at Senior Center, where **Dr. Jeffrey Brabham** will tell us about Advances In Radiation Treatment of Prostate Cancer

Color Guard by Frank Keaser

June Events

On June 4th, Winn Dixie in Tavares had a Grand Reopening Event. They had a pulled pork lunch set up outside the store and gave all the proceeds of the sales to Chapter 169. A chapter table was set up and many people wanted to donate directly to us, so we accepted. At day's end we got \$400 from the store and about \$100 from direct donations. Thank you to Brian Welke and the store manager Steve Bahr and everyone who came to enjoy the meal.

The June 14th, 2 PM Flag Day Ceremony at VMP in the Villages was served by Guard Members John Turner, Gene Zender, Joel Briggs and Frank Keaser. We were the Host Guard.

On June 27th at St Patrick Catholic Church in Mt Dora, a Memorial Mass was read for **Bill Simunek**. Bill served on the Color Guard since 1998. We will miss him! Members attending

were: Keaser, Pfahler, Briggs, Gloria Corbet, Brian & Teresa Welke, and Zender.

July Events coming up.

July 4th - Joel Briggs will carry our chapter flag at the Villages Memorial Park at 10 AM.

July 4th - The full Guard is expected at 5:45 PM at Pat Thomas Stadium in Leesburg in Venetian Gardens for a Colors Presentation at a Ball Game. Lightning will play Winter Park. Free Admission. Please come to represent Chapter 169.

July 27th –

- 1) Full guard at Villages Memoria Park at 10 AM.
- 2) Full guard at Leesburg Veteran's Park at 12 Noon for the dedication of the KWVA Monument provided by our Chapter. All chapter members try to attend. Need Color Guard Members.

We have a need for Color Guard members. If you would like to join please contact Frank Keaser, Captain of the Color Guard, 352-314-9351

New Member—Sidney Seward



We welcome Sid Seward to our chapter. Sid served in Korea with the 3rd Div 39th Field Artillery; Sid and Shirley

live on Castano Pl, Lady Lake. Not sure how Sid found us, Welcome!

Member Photo—Peter Prosper



And meet Peter Prosper who has been a member since last December. He and Marion live on Mystic Way, The Villages. Peter served in Ko-

rea from 1951-52, in the Army's 7th ID, 707 MM Org

Our Legacies

In November 2016, UCF declared a “Lake County Veterans Day,” and assembled several interview teams and began interviewing 169 members at the Leesburg and Lady Lake Florida Libraries.

Twenty veterans have been interviewed so far. Every one of them was elated with the experience; I am elated by the collective content of their interviews! I hope you are too.

And in an effort to make them more easily accessed I created the associated webpage that I hope facilitates your access to the interviews. Just go to cid169.kwva.org/ and select the link “Our Korea Legacy (UCF Interviews)” from the Home Page.

Click on that and you will be directed to the page

The stories told are worth your time I think. They all start with where and when we were born, and rapidly escalate to our experiences. At least two state that they have never mentioned what they were about to say ever before.

We are continuing to facilitate our member interviews; however, the latest list has been reduced by two, who took their legacies with them as they

passed too quickly last week!

So, why did I write this article? Because time is of the essence! Your stories are unique. They are significant! There has never been one like yours. Someday someone will find your story incredibly valuable.

I do not know why so many Veterans are so reluctant to leave their legacy to their future generations—I cannot count the number of family members alone who contacted me and are agonizing over not knowing

what daddy did in Korea!

If you are in Central Florida do it with UCF! If you can, do it with The Korean War Legacy Foundation. I would like to see the Foundation incorporate our interviews into their resource base. I would encourage KWVA to do more to enable the Foundation to expand to areas away from the northeast!

But however you do it, just do it—now! ### (Excerpted from article submitted to Graybeards.)

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?
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	see below	Olson	see below
02/27/16	Publix at Lake Harris, 27615 US 27 & SR48	\$ 1,285.34	Olson	Olson, Keaser, Briggs, Furrie, Peters, DeRosa
04/09/16	Walmart #4262, at 4085 Wedgewood Ln (off 466) (2 doors)	\$ 1,800.00	Briggs	Briggs, Corscadden, Lynch, Schuetz, Keaser, Talbot, Gruber, Monahan, Zender, Doreen Z, Laura Brown, and Turner
04/23/16	Sam's Club	\$ 72.00	Briggs	Briggs, Corscadden, Monahan, Zender, Talbot, Gruber
05/06/16	Publix Palm Plaza Leesburg	see below	White-Shumaker	White, Shumaker, Keaser, Lynch, Zender, Gloria and Jimmy Corbet, Vi Pfahler.
05/07/16	Publix Palm Plaza Leesburg	\$ 1,405.45	White-Shumaker	see above
06/04/16	Winn-Dixie Tavares Pulled-pork	\$ 508.95	Welke	Brian and Teresa Welke, Briggs, Keaser, Jimmy and Gloria Corbet, Simunek, Thiel
06/25/16	Publix Brownwood, The Villages	\$ 626.24	Zender	Zender, Briggs, Lynch, Turner, Pfahler, Dick Zettlemoyer, Gloria and Jim Corbet, Keaser, and Art Powell
07/15/16	Publix at Southern Trace Plaza, 3475 Wedgewood Ln, The Villages		Lynch	Contact DJ Lynch at dlynch62@cfl.rr.com, or 352-748-7009
09/10/16	Publix at Southern Trace Plaza, 3475 Wedgewood Ln, The Villages		Lynch	Contact DJ Lynch at dlynch62@cfl.rr.com, or 352-748-7009
	Subtotal	\$ 7,050.26		
	2016 goal	\$ 12,000.00		
	Standing against goal	\$ (4,949.74)		



Tell America Fund Drive at Publix—Brownwood on June 25. Early shift workers from left, Joel Briggs, DJ Lynch and Gene Zender. Others working at the drive were: Turner, Pfahler, Dick Zettlemoyer, Gloria and Jim Corbet, Keaser, and Art Powell

Speaker Lt. Robert Siemer from Sumter County Sheriff Office



Winn Dixie Tavares Pulled Pork event, Saturday, June 4.



Excellent event! Store Manager Steve Bahr and Regional Mkt. Mgr. Maria Lang were very hospitable. WD donated meat, buns etc. Other donors: Carter's BBQ (Baked beans, drinks etc.), and Long and Scott Zellwood (corn). CID169 received all proceeds, which were \$400.00, which is what Mr. Bahr gave to the chapter. Members participating were: Brian and Teresa Welke, Briggs, Keaser, Jimmy and Gloria Corbet, Simunek, and Thiel. Brian organized. Joel and Frank decided early on to place a "casual" donation bucket on our information

table; this took in \$108.95 for a grand total of \$508.95! Thiel spoke with Ms. Lang about WD solicitation policy, which is in a complete shut-down she said until this fall; she suggested they will be going with events similar to the pulled pork one on June 4. Maybe we should volunteer to do one or two in the Villages area. We can always do a fund drive at the WD Tavares store. From left in photo: Joel Briggs, unknown from BBQ, Store manager Steve Bahr, Bill Simunek, Frank Keaser, Tom Thiel, and Brian Welke.

Joel and Barbara Hambright from Villages Honor Flight



Flag Day at Mount Dora

Right, from left. Brian Wenke, Tom Thiel, and Bob Peters participate in a Flag Day Ceremony arranged by Rozann Abato of the Patriot Cruise; about a dozen veterans and a total of 25 participated.



Treasurers Report:


Gloria Corbet

As of **July 2:**


- In W-F Checking **\$6,241.69**
- In Savings **\$3,501.**

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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 be 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*

Chapter Shirts/Lapel Pins

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.

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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 .

Gene also is now handling our Chapter Lapel Pins—see AD on last page.

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.

See **Gene Zender**, genezender@hotmail.com, 600 Spanish Moss Dr, Wildwood FL 34785-5352, 352-748-0112

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