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May they rest in peace

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Joe Martin  
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### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 26th, 2 p.m.  
Membership Meeting &  
Elections of Officers  
Leesburg Sr. Citizens Cntr.

Nov. 27th  
Thanksgiving Day

Dec 7, 2003  
Peral Harbor Day  
Flags half staff sunup to sundown.

Dec. 10th, 2 p.m.  
Board of Directors  
Leesburg Sr. Citizens Cntr.

Dec. 17th  
X-mas party &  
Installation of Officers  
International Super Buffet  
Hwy 27-441

Please bring non-perishable  
food during Sept, Oct. & Nov  
Meetings. Our annual food drive.

Trying to find Rod  
Mary had the pedal to the metal.  
Harold navigated Daytona Beach  
instead of Eustis.  
Joan's hair was standing on end,

## **ALERT – ALERT - MEETING CHANGE**

The November meeting has been changed back to Wednesday, November 26, at 2 p.m. at the Leesburg Senior Center. Our annual election of officers will be at this meeting; it is imperative that you be there to cast your vote.

**THANKS ARE IN ORDER - Many** thanks to J. J. Williams for his donation for this month's postage of this newsletter.

**OUR THANKS TO SEARS** – for their recognition of their employees called on active duty by contributing the difference in their military paycheck and their Sears check. .

**ROSE OF SHARON SALE** – The recent Rose of Sharon sale netted \$226.46 at the recent sale at the Wal-Mart in Summerfield. Thanks to all who worked the sale.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Please be sure to contact Mary at 352-750-1033 if you are planning to attend the Christmas Party on December 17, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. Place will be the International Buffet at Hwy 27/441 just south of and

next to Wal-Mart in Leesburg. Cost will be \$10.75 per person and will be paid at the restaurant. This will also be the installation of our officers. Joe Madeline, First VP of the Department of Florida, will be the installing officer.

**VETERANS PARTY** – Bill Taylor reported on a new political party that has been formed and has been accepted by the voter registration officers throughout the country. This certainly sounds like an opportunity of all Veterans to have a say so in Veterans programs via the election of persons more favorable to our needs. See your local supervisor of elections for further information.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS** – The Board of Directors and Officers wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**FLAG TO CASSELBERRY** – On November 20, 2003 our chapter will present the Korean War Chapter Flag to the Casselberry KWVA Chapter 173. Purchased by Lake County KWVA Chapter 169. President Harold Sievers and Second Vice President Paul Russell will present the flag.

**SENIOR CITIZEN ANNUAL DONATION** – The membership voted

to donate \$150.00 to the center for the use of the facilities. This is above and beyond the annual food drive that we are now in the middle of.

### **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD**

**DONATION** – Don't forget to bring your donation to the November membership meeting on the 26th. We need to collect as much as we can which is then turned over to the Leesburg Senior Citizens Center for distribution to those in need. This is part of our annual contribution to the Center for the free use of the facilities each month.

**GUEST SPEAKER** – Many thanks to Marie Marchi, RMC Reverse Mortgage Company for her wonderful presentation about reverse mortgages. Even though this was a second presentation on this subject there was still a lot of information that was well received. See advertisement for additional information concerning this issue.

**NAME THE NEWSLETTER** – Don't forget to think up a name for the newsletter. The selection will be held at the Christmas Party on December 17, 2003.

### **HUMOR**

### **Andy Rooney on Oil**

There are a lot of folks who can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in the USA.

Well there is a very simple answer: Nobody bothered to check the oil. We just didn't know that we were getting low. The reason for this is purely geographical.

All the oil is in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Alaska, etc.

All the dipsticks are in Washington, DC. Smile and have a nice day!!

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(broken arm)

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Installation of Officers  
International Super Buffet  
Hwy 27-441

Jan ?  
VA Clinic  
711 W. Main St  
Leesburg

Jan 14, 2004  
Board of Directors  
Leesburg Sr. Citizens Cntr.

Sat., Jan 24th  
State KWVA Meeting  
Spring Hill

Jan 28th  
Membership Meeting  
2 P.M.  
Leesburg Sr. Citizens Cntr

May  
State Convention  
TBA

**GUEST** – We were honored to have Bill Shabler, President of Chapter 188, Clermont, as a guest at our meeting. He presented our Chapter with a plaque for assisting in the Classic Vehicle Benefit Shows. Bill holds a DFC and has quite a military dossier. Thanks for your attendance, Bill. You are always welcomed.

**ELECTIONS** – The first order of business were the elections held at the November meeting. President: Harold Sievers; 1st V.P: John Yohn; 2nd V.P: Paul Russell; Secretary: Mary Lum; Treasurer: Romeo Caillouette; Board of Directors will be: Bill Taylor; Charles White and Brooks Guseman. Installation will be at the December Christmas Party to be held at the International Buffet, Hwy 441/27, just south of and next to Wal-Mart in Leesburg. Mr. Joe Madeline, First VP of the FL Dept KWVA will be the installing officer.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Still on “go” at the International Buffet from 6 P.M. till 8 P.M. (?) on Wednesday, December 17th. Plan on attending as we would like to see all of our friends together at least once a year. Door prizes will be awarded. We are so few in number and may not be here next year, so we would like to see all of you again.

**VETERANS PARTY** – is gaining strength throughout the Nation and Florida as more veterans are switching their party affiliation to the new Veterans Party. The Party is being established the same as the other parties with an organizational structure providing for local precepts, etc. and offices. For more information, go to: [WWW.VETERANS.PARTY](http://WWW.VETERANS.PARTY) on the Web. As reported in the Veterans Post News, “check it out, you have nothing to lose and you could possibly gain back your dignity, self-respect and control of your very own destiny”.

**APPOINTMENTS** – President Harold Sievers appointed Joan Klawunn to the position of Public Relations. Joan is also working on a Web Site for the Chapter, which would make us the 4th in the State to

have a Site. Jackie Gleason was re-appointed to the position of Sgt-of-Arms and Sgt. Elmo as the Chapter mascot. Charles Marcelle has been re-appointed as the Chapter’s Chaplain and Art Dube as the Quartermaster.

**FLAG TO CASSELBERRY** – President Harold Sievers and 2nd VP Paul Russell presented the Korean War flag to Chapter 173, Casselberry for their initial flag as a new Chapter. In return, we received a Plaque of Appreciation from Chapter 173 for our presentation of the flag.

**DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS** – Dues and newsletter subscription are due on January 1st and delinquent on January 31st. Chapter dues are \$10.00 per year and the newsletter subscription is \$12.00 or \$1.00 per month. If you have paid your newsletter subscription at the rate of \$12.00, which pays you into 2004, you will be billed only for the difference between the \$12.00 and balance to the end year. This way, for the year 2005, the amount of the subscription will be an even amount and due when the Chapter dues are due. If you have paid \$12.00 for your subscription and are invoiced for another 12.00 and the amount is not prorated, please see the Treasurer about the discrepancy. The yearly 12.00 amount is easier for the Treasurer to keep track of. And remember, subscriptions are voluntary. If you want to receive the newsletter, you must subscribe to it. At present, all but two people subscribed to the newsletter. Thanks for your participation.

**COMPUTERS** – The Editor is in the process of making arrangements with a Computer Company in Metro-Orlando to obtain new computers at a discount price. These will be up-gradable but with the lowest number of “gadgets” for the beginner. All will be Internet capable, but with the power to get things done. Naturally, any level of computer is available, but at this time, the offer is mainly to assist those of you who have a desire to learn a little about computers or are interested in getting on the “Internet” with the ability to do so without spending a small fortune. Seems like

everything relates to the Internet these days and it is very easy to surf the Net. Some preliminary training will be included, but not a complete course. For this, we have a person in the Chapter that specializes in this sort of thing. Call me if you think that you may be interested in this arrangement.

**NAME THE NEWSLETTER** – We have received some names to be considered but are looking for more during the Christmas Party on the 17th. So come prepared to input your suggestion(s) for a name. The majority of the members present will select the name that appeals to them.

**RUMMORS** – The V. A. is looking very seriously at the old Navy hospital at the old NTDC for a veteran's hospital. Sure would be nice not to have to go to Gainesville or St. Petersburg to get medical attention for our vets. And speaking of the VA, please be aware that the VA Clinic is moving into facilities located at 711 W. Main St, Leesburg, on the 5th of January, 2004.

**HOSPICE** – Veteran Partnership of Florida will be handing out a medallion to all that attend the Christmas Party on December 17th. No rain checks, so you must be there to get your medallion.

**KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL** – is in the need of donations to help in the maintenance of the memorial. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, mail your donations to: Gen. R. G. Stilwell Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc., 920 East Capitol Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20003. John Yohn spoke about the memorial at the meeting. See what you miss when you don't attend the meetings. Call John at 352-323-1896 for more information.

**TID-BITS** – Did you know that the Navy WAVE name stands for Acceptance for Volunteer Emergency Service? Don't scold me, see Paul Russell about this.

**ICC** – Many in our Congress are opposing the

International Criminal Court. Good thing, as the last thing that we Americans want is to have to answer to a Court not made up of our own kind. Established in 1998 and ratified in 2002 as part of the Rome Treaty authorizes the Court to investigate and prosecute, if appropriate, those individuals accused of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. This Court threatens the sovereignty of nations. We all believe that crimes against mankind should be punished, but this Court appears to go too far with its members. Nations opposed to our way of life are members of this Court and would you want to have to go before them to stand trial?

**SUCCESSION** - At the recent Board of Directors meeting a discussion pursued concerning succeeding from the National KWVA. Bill Taylor advised the Board that National is not sanctioned by Congress and with all of the problems currently evident at National, it may be to our better interest if our Chapter removed itself from any contact with the folks up there. A lot of "maybes" exist at this time, but this is an issue that we will be hearing a lot more about in the coming months.

**LOST RECORDS** – Need a new Form 180 to get a copy of your DD214 and Service Records, go to <http://pvlive+necs.archives.gov>

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