

The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

30 - INDIANA CHAPTER ONE [IN]

Chapter member Dale Parish has now extended our Tell America program. He was asked by our local access TV station to produce a show honoring all American veterans. The new title for this TV series will be "The American Veteran."

Dale had his first program on 13 January 2010, with Bud Mendenhall acting as co-host. He has many more interesting guests and programs planned. Dale plans

to cover many topics about all veterans and their experiences.

We are proud that Dale has taken on this endeavor and we wish him well.

Lynn Shady is still working on our original Tell America program. Members have visited many schools and shared numerous stories with the students.

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Dale Parish, Bud Mendenhall, Carl Fowler (2nd VP), Ken Roemke (Commander) of Ch 30 (L-R) at "The American Veteran" show

54 - THOMAS W. DALEY, JR. [NJ]

We receive many letters from students to whom we have presented "Tell America" lectures. Here are just three out of hundreds.

These are from students at Pennsauken High School,

New Jersey. We talked to about 800 students that day. Apparently, we left quite an impression on these students.

Andy Jackson, captjack71@comcast.net

Dear Captain Jackson, and group of Vets

I just wanted to thank you for coming in and speaking to us on Tuesday. I really enjoyed listening to all of your stories. You showed how much you love your country and how much you care about the people that you helped and how the North Koreans did not give up anything because you made what we now truly love, and we love to have the military and the National Guard.

Thank you again for your time, we really appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Bob Crawford

Dear Korean War Veterans

My name is Zane McClain and I am currently a junior at Pennsauken High School. I would like to thank you and everyone that took time out of their schedule to be here today. I was very thankful of you and I wish you all the best of luck. When I hear about war it is often glorified, or told without any of the hardships. People tend to ignore the fact that war is very real and on almost all of the bad boys have someone to go to for help. However, today you told us about all of the bad boys, how someone of us, and especially us, lived like this. I believe that there is a lot of courage to tell us about what a time when you were afraid and vulnerable. I remember how you also said that you didn't want to go to war, but instead felt like you had no choice. Children to enjoy their country and the greatest veterans before them. I appreciate how you protected your life and put everything on yourself to make sure the safety of your nation. I intend to let you know that your gratitude will never be forgotten.

Sincerely, Zane McClain

Dear Korean War Vets

Thank you for taking time out of your day to visit with us and share your experiences. I will never forget the story about the little girl with long black hair in the village. The video was extremely educational and gave me a real insight on how the war really was. Your detail accounts and information truly provided me with something special that I will remember for the rest of my life. You truly did your job then, and continue to do it now by providing first hand knowledge of the Korean War to future generations. I am thankful and grateful that I was able to meet you. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Roshelle Hockel
Mrs. Snyder's 2nd Period
US History Class

Letters of appreciation from students

138 - AKRON REGIONAL [OH]

We are preparing for the 2011 Tell America Season. William Niebuhr, chapter President, has contacted nine high schools in the Akron area for permission to present Tell America to their students. A favorable response has been received from seven of the high schools contacted.

In 2010, we presented Tell

America to over 1,636 students in seven high schools participating in the program. The Chapter members presenting the program are Bill Niebuhr, Sonny Cool, Dick Hudak, Frank Thomas, John Stiles and Don George.

Carl L. Canon, 4512 Conestoga Trl., Copley, OH 44321



Members of Ch 138 at TA presentation (L-R) John Stiles, Sonny Cool, Bill Niebuhr and Dick Hudak. The other men are school personnel.



Don George, John Stiles and Dick Hudak of Ch 138 (L-R) at TA presentation with school personnel

169 - KWVA OF LAKE COUNTY [FL]

When I became President of our chapter two years ago, I began looking for areas where we could make a difference in our chapter and in our community. That turned out to be Tell America, which our chapter had never implemented.

Getting started was difficult, as

was making that first school contact. Member Ted Morford arranged for us to visit Holy Trinity School, Fruitland Park, FL, in October 2009. It went very well, although only three members participated.

Our next venture was in response to an invitation from a local AmVets

Chapter to go with them to Carver Middle School in November 2009. That went even better; our member participation grew to six. Each of us met with an individual class, a format that we all liked.

Our 2010 effort remained limited. We began in February by going to St. Paul Catholic School in Leesburg, where we met the combined 6th through 8th grades as a single entity. That worked well, too. We received sixteen neatly written thank you notes.

We followed that by joining with one of our members who had been involved with the creation of the Adopt a Kid/Adopt a Vet program at The Village's FL Veteran's Memorial. In November 2010, we made our second visit to Carver Middle School, again at the invitation of our friends in AmVets.

We began our 2011 TA program by again visiting St. Paul's Catholic School. Our Chapter's TA Team grew to seven; we had lost some of the original members, who were quickly replaced with new ones. We tried something new (to us) at St. Paul's; we offered prize money to students for their essays answering: "How has the Korean War affected your rights and freedoms as an American, and how did the KWVA presenters today help you in your understanding of the Korean War?"

The following week we did our

first high school presentation to three classes at the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Leesburg High School. That was outstanding!

We have encouraged our members who conduct chapter fund drives to emphasize Tell America at their tables; this has met with mixed success. That brings us to the present. We have some more schools and a boys and girls club in line; these will be new to us, which means we are still expanding our scope. We are trying to entice more of our members to participate.

In general, students seem to be very interested; I believe that most of their teachers are as well. I have no idea how many students we have reached. In early 2010, I began creating a Chapter 169 website, <http://cid169.kwva.org> (which is hosted on the KWVA server).

When I visited Carver School in 2009, I noticed that as I was describing Korean War era aircraft to her class, the teacher almost immediately projected a picture of it on the screen! This led me to recognize the advanced technologies in our schools, and to think of using our chapter's website for making presentations. I did this at my next presentation at Carver, and I also projected my story at this year's St. Paul appearance. Both were well received.

Also a part of Tell America Program was our "Guardians of

Freedom Celebration" held November 2010. Here we had 18+ feet of table exhibit space, with a good complement of mostly Korean War era exhibits. We need to utilize some of that exhibit with our classroom TA effort.

One other thing I have done is to appear on LakeFrontTV, Channel 22, during which I talked about Korea and what it meant and means, and publicized our chapter and its activities, especially, Tell America. I did not utilize the Association's assistance in our efforts, although I watched what was being reported. But, I prepared our own tri-fold brochure about the Korean War, which we sometimes hand out, and which some other KWVA units have downloaded and borrowed.

What I want to do next is to develop a series of "electronic brochures" reflecting different perspectives of the Korean War. The

advantage of the electronic brochures is that they can be viewed online, used for presentation directly from the site, downloaded and printed as needed, and can be updated as the need may warrant. We have not used videos, other than to link them to our website.

What is unique about CID 169's Tell America Program is the use of the Internet and our chapter's website as integral components of our presentation. That is still evolving and a lot of content development and training of our Tell America team will be needed before it really begins to be effective.

What else do we need? We always need money. And God knows, we need more time!

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Members of Ch 169 conduct fund drive

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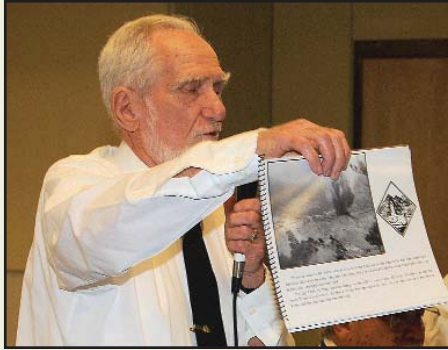


Ch 169 and TA presenter at Carver Middle School in November 2010



(LEFT) A student from St. Paul's Catholic School, Leesburg, FL. asks Chapter 169's Tell America team a question

(RIGHT) Dick Pfahler of Ch 169 telling his story about the Orphans of Fushi-to Island near Inchon, South Korea, and the USS. St. Paul to 6th through 8th grade students at St. Paul's Catholic School, Leesburg, FL



Members of Ch 169 meet with individual class as part of Tell America program

313 – H. EDWARD REEVES [AZ]

We gave a presentation at the Mile High School in Prescott, AZ as part of its 2010 Veterans Day observation.

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Presenters from Ch 313 (L-R) Jim Johnston, Pete Buscaino, Ben Allen, Chuck Stohr



Ben Allen and Chuck Stohr provide background of Korean War as they stand in background at Mile High Middle School in Prescott, AZ



Tell America presentation at St. Paul's Catholic School in 2011 by Ch 169