



Korean War Ex-POW

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The Forgotten War June 1950 - July 1953

Died: 36,568

Wounded: 103,284

MIA: 8,177

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President's Message

Fred Liddell

Here it is, time for another Bulletin and there is so much to pass on to you. Where to begin...

We need information on a possible plaque, marker or what ever we can arrange with Andersonville for our organization. Bill Norwood is hot to trot on this, send him your thoughts, ideas, sketches or what ever.

Next and a very important matter: Dr. Shadish has written a book, don't know the title, he's sending me a copy. They are \$29.95. I have no more info except it talks about the diseases and etc. we have, had, and hope not to have again. I heard Dr. Shadish talk at a meeting at a V.A. Hospital, the advisory group to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs met there. The V.A. doctors, I'm sorry to say, were exposed for their failure to diagnose our diseases. So I'm sure this book will really detail things out and be worth getting to your doctor, V.A. or otherwise. Hopefully we can make arrangements to have them available at the reunion.

As you know, Dixon Poole has passed on and I was just informed his son has given up the business, so if you know of a Quartermaster, we have an opening.

I realize we are all getting older and that there's a time for living and a time for dying, but the phone calls/letters telling of someone's passing are sure hard to take. Norman Hale has been our Chaplain for years and years and sent our regrets to the families of our deceased. Thanks, Norman, it's a tough job and you are appreciated.

See you in Denver.

p.s. Oscar Cortez gave us some good tips on gasoline. Buy in the morning when the ground is cold and pump slowly. Check with Oscar for more details.

Korean War POW/MIA Report (JPAC)

Our friend, Phillip A. O'Brien, OSD-DOMO submitted the following update on recovery and identification work.

These are interesting times. We do not have, just yet, an invitation from North Korea to do recovery work during 2008. It might come a little later, or not. I can't speak to any specifics, but I haven't given up on the possibility of "going North" later this year. Meanwhile preparations

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Sick Call

Rose HUNT
Johnny JOHNSON
Red SITLER
Bill CREWS
Floyd ESPINOZA
George BINGHAM
Charlie FRONAPFELL
Wayman SIMPSON
Jack BROWNING
Charlie FROST
Ernest CHARLES
French KENNEDY
David VILLAFANA
Carol TULLIO,
Violet GOODWIN
Donald DONNER
Betty SHINAGAWA
Rubin DELA CRUZ
Oscar CORTEZ
Alex VOROSOFF
Masaria VOROSOFF

Taps

COL BERNARD, Carl F., died 3/4/08. He is survived by his wife, Edith, 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 sister and 5 brothers. *He served with L Co, 21 Inf. He is a honorary Tiger Survivor.*

CODE, Ella died 10/13/07. She is survived by her husband Charles. **DELUCA**, Louis B. died 12/20/2007. He is survived by his wife Barbara and three-step daughters. *He served with D Co 38 Inf 2 Div.*

DURANT, Frank C. died 2/22/2008. He is survived by his wife, Socorro, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. *He served with Hq Co 2 Bttn 19 Inf.*

GALVAN, Gilberto D. died 01/02/08. He is survived by his wife, Rosa, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. *He served with K Co 38 Inf 2 Div Camp 1.*

Chaplain's Corner

Norman Hale, Chaplain

Hello to our Korean EX-POW'S and families. We hope you are all doing as well as we are. We had an upset last week, when our daughter Tammy and her husband, Kipp, lost their home in a fire. Along with their home, they lost two of their beloved pets, Simon and Tide. The Lord was merciful in letting them get out without injury. Please remember to pray for them.

In Philippians 4:13 it says, "We are laborers together." My prayer is this: God, Our Father, we beseech Thee for wisdom and discernment as we face the problems of our day; for grace and strength as we take up our task, and for courage and perseverance as we discharge our duties. May we have a vision of world needs, as well as needs that are close at hand, and a confident assurance that Christ and His gospel can meet every need. Use our talents, our time, and our possessions, in the supplying of these needs, we pray.

May we help encourage one another, each day, under the guidance of Thy Holy Spirit.

In Jesus Name, Amen

Medal News

The Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously to Master Sgt. Woodrow Wilson Keeble. He is the first full-blooded Sioux Indian to receive the Medal of Honor. It was presented to his stepson, Russell Hawkins on March 3, 2008.

Purple Hearts were awarded to Lupe Rodriguez and Ray Yoss. Both of these Tigers are from the 34/24 with Lupe from Med Company and Ray from K Company.

Purple Heart for DIC POWs (Update) I have been reliably informed by Senator Barbara Boxer of California that the Department of Defense Manual of Military Awards and Decorations (1348.33-M), is now being revised for publication by mid-2008. The manual will now include eligibility for a Posthumous Purple Heart Medal, to include those who perished in POW facilities from causes such as starvation, torture, lack of medical care, death from disease and exposure, etc. -- H. Rick Tavares

Contributions

Sheri Ellis, in memory of father, Walter Spivey.

Wesley Coston, Roland W. Parks, Jerry & Dawn Francois, Raymond Radke, William Farnes, Morris Price for Association operating funds.

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Korean War POW/MIA Report (JPAC)

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continue for work in South Korea. Our friends at the Joint POW Accounting Command (JPAC) hope to visit several areas, including the POW march routes leading north into the present Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Work there looks really promising. In just a first “road recon” last year, our JPAC team was able to recover two sets of likely remains, and this year, they’ll be able to get into some of the planting areas before new crops go in. That gives us a lot more room to work, and it gives local villagers a lot more time to talk. This is one of the things we’d hoped for, and it is proving true. Very often, we are dealing with members of the same Korean families and they still remember events from during the war. At least some of the second and third generations are not far from the original villages. True, most of these areas evacuated as enemy forces moved forward. But there were people who could not get out, and their stories are pretty well known, family by family. So we’ll have a lot to listen to and look for.

Picking up, now, on a previous story, we’re also looking much more closely at some of the Unknown burials at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP) in Hawaii, “the Punchbowl.” There were a total of 867 burials from the Korean War. One went on to Arlington. Ten others have already been exhumed, and six of them have now been identified. The bad news is that we still cannot use DNA on bone cuts from the early Punchbowl burials to do identifications. The bone material was effectively scrubbed by the preservatives used prior to burial. But we are getting limited results with new methods, so we haven’t given up there, either.

The good news is that we’ve gotten to know these Unknowns a lot better than ever before. Some examples... Two of the burials are from the United Nations Military Cemetery (UNMC) at Inchon. We know the exact dates of original burial for both men, and we have locations and approximate dates of death. One man was likely a POW en route north, early war, from the group that followed Tiger Group in September 1950. We are trying to sort out names. The other man’s remains were pretty badly destroyed in combat, but even that gives us a “window of possibility” to work with.

Twenty-one others are from the UNMC at Masan, deep within South Korea. It was set up by the 25th Infantry Division, opened in July 1950, and had its last Unknown burials early in 1951. Now consider the numbers: early war, far south, and many of the missing men from nearby were either known or suspected POWs who worked northward before they died or disappeared. Many names can be excluded very quickly. We’re not ready to exhume anyone returned from UNMC Inchon or UNMC Masan just yet,

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Keep us in the Loop

If you move, no longer wish to receive the newsletter, or if you are going away for the winter, **please** notify Tim Casey or Fred

Liddell.

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Taps, cont.

GEHRING, Dean Edward, died 11/17/2007. He is survived by his wife, 4 children, 4 step-children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. *He served with M Co 38 Inf 2 Div.*

GOODBURLET, Raymond F. *He served with I Co 5 RCT 24 Div Camps 1 & 5.*

GORNOWICZ, Carl E. died 2/25/08. Reported by his son, Jim. *He served with C Co 5 Cav 1 Cav Camps 1 & 4.*

HAMMOND, Glen D. died 7/22/2007. He is survived by wife, Shirley, 4 sons, 1 daughter, 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. *He served with C Co 38 Inf 2 Div Camp 5.*

HOLLIFIELD, Jack T. died 01/07/08. He is survived by his wife, Veronica.

JONES, Kenneth L. died 12/31/07. He is survived by his wife, Wanda, 2 sons, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. *He served with B Co 38 Inf 2 Div Camps 1 & 4.*

KUTY, Joseph J. *He served with C Co 7 Cav 1 Cav Camp 2b.*

LeBLANC, Rose, died 12/16/2007. She was the widow of Randsdall LeBlanc.

McGREGOR, Bobby J. died 12/2007. *He served with B Co 38 Inf 2 Div.*

ROGERS, Clayton V. died 12/3/2007. He is survived by his children. *He served with Svc Btry 37 FA 2 Div Camp 5.*

ROTEN, Ancil A. died 7/21/2006. *He served with A Co 5 Cav 1 Cav Camps 3 & 7. Suncheon Tunnel Massacre survivor.*

SIRK, Kenneth L. died 1994. *He served with H Co 7 Inf 3 Div Camp 1.*

STIVENSON, Robert A. died 1/27/08. He is survived by his wife Joyce. *He served with 25 Recon, 25 Div. Camp 5.*

Taps, cont.

SWANTON, Lyke G. , died 02/11/08. He is survived by his wife, Diane, a daughter, 2 sons and grandchildren.

He served with Med Co 27 Inf 25 Div Camps 5 & 3.

TANIGAWA, Toshiko. She is survived by her husband, MSG Katsuki Tanigawa.

TROILO, Anthony, died 1/12/2008. Survived by 2 sons, 4 daughters and 9 grandchildren. *He served with C Btry 99 FABN 1 Cav.*

VAUGHN, Lloyd died 2/12/07.

He was survived by his wife, Beatrice who passed away on 9/19/07. *He served with L Co 21 Inf 24 Div Camps 3 & 7.*

WOOD, Robert L. died in 1984. *He served with 12 FBS 51 FIW Camp 2. USAF.*

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Looking for Information

Rev. James A. Vaillancourt, son of **MSGT Albert W. Vaillancourt**, is seeking information on his father who served in Co. L. 3rd Bn. 8th Cav., captured with his company during the battle at Unsan and died in Camp 5. He is looking for information as to how exactly his father died in Camp 5. His mother has requested that we have his cause of death changed from "malnutrition" to "died of wounds" and that he had his foot amputated due to wounds and gangrene. Need someone from Camp 5 who can verify this in writing. Email info@koreanwarexpov.org or F. Jack Chapman with any info you may have.

If you remember any of these men, please contact Shorty Estabrook: Raymond Reed, B/34/24; Neil Scott, Med/34/24; David O. Brown, H/19/24; Charles Skero, B/34/24; Dale Demmin Hvy Mtr/34/24.

Tigers are searching for Helen Spaulding. Her last known address was 5047 Olivewood, Riverside CA 92506-1310. If you have any information, please contact Shorty Estabrook.

Harvey M. Barnhart, is seeking information on members of his squad on the night of April 23rd, 1951. 24th Div. 19th Inf. Co K. 1st Platoon, 3rd Squad, MIA 4/23/1951.

Denver Reunion News

TIGER CHOP CHOP will be at 5:30 PM on 1 August 2008 at the host hotel. Cost is \$38.00 per adult, \$19.00 under 12, payable in advance to Shorty Estabrook. Five and under are free. We will dine on the "Southern Comfort Buffet" with coffee and tea, soup, salad and coleslaw, cornbread and honey butter, pork, fried chicken, top round of beef, squished spuds, veggies, and apple and cherry cobblers.

HOTEL/AIRPORT SHUTTLE: We have a contract with ABC Transportation Inc. which will provide shuttle service for the Korean War Ex-POW Association Group to and from Denver International Airport (DIA) and the Doubletree Hotel. For the dates of July 27, 2008 through August 3, 2008 service will be at the rate of \$25.00 round trip per person. You will need to let them know that you are with the Korean War EX-POW Group. You can call the ABC shuttle from baggage claim at the airport (303) 696-9559, or if you are going to be arriving after 10pm, call in advance at 1-800-288-0668. Their normal hours of operation are 5am - 10pm.

Remains Identified 1/23/2008

Pfc. Billy M. MacLeod, U.S. Army, of Cheboygan, Michigan. MacLeod was a member of Company B, 32nd Infantry Regiment, then making up part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division, operating along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea.

Regimental records compiled after the battle indicate that MacLeod was killed in action on Nov. 28, 1950.

KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSN. ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to **ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.** in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. **You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.armedforcesreunions.com/koreanexpow.** All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **JUNE 27, 2008**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
PO Box 11327
Norfolk, VA 23517
ATTN: KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSN

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

CUT-OFF DATE IS 6/27/08

	Price Per	# of People	Total
TOURS			
WEDNESDAY: CLEAR CREEK COUNTY TOUR	\$ 66		\$
THURSDAY: AIR FORCE ACADEMY/GARDEN OF THE GODS	\$ 47		\$
THURSDAY: FLYING W RANCH	\$ 58		
FRIDAY: CITY TOUR	\$ 42		
MEALS			
<i>SATURDAY BANQUET (Please select your entrée)</i>			
Marinated Flank Steak	\$30		\$
Chicken Florentine	\$30		\$
Child's Plate (Chicken Fingers and French Fries)	\$12		\$
Mandatory Per Person Reunion Planning Fee (non-refundable)	\$5		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT

NAME (for nametags) _____ FIRST TIMER? (YES___) OR (NO___)

SPOUSE NAME _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

GUEST NAMES _____

ARE YOU THE EX-POW? (YES___) OR (NO___)

IF YOU ARE NOT THE POW, PLEASE LIST YOUR RELATIONSHIP _____

ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2008? (YES___) OR (NO___) DATE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (_____) _____ - _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES NO ARE YOU FLYING? DRIVING? RV?

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 or to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY TOUR

Wednesday, July 30

"All Aboard" for a beautiful trip to Clear Creek County and the Georgetown Loop Railroad. Experience train travel through the mountains as it might have been like a hundred years ago, surrounded by the beauty of the Rocky Mountains. We'll begin our trip in the town of Silver Plume and board the train that was completed in 1884, an engineering marvel for its time. We'll go along a corkscrew route gaining 600 feet in elevation, and cross Devil's Gate High Bridge. After the train journey, enjoy free time in the Victorian-style historic town of Georgetown for lunch and shopping.

8:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel

\$ /Person includes bus, guide, and train. Lunch on your own.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY / GARDEN OF THE GODS

Thursday, July 31

Board bus for Colorado Springs and the Air Force Academy. Upon arrival, begin a self-guided tour of the Academy Visitor Center, with exhibits on cadet life and academy history, a theater, and gift shop. Visit the Cadet Chapel and tour the Protestant and Catholic sections of the Chapel. After departing the Academy, we'll proceed to Garden of the Gods, a 1,350 acre park with magnificent redstone formations that date back 300 million years. There will be several photo opportunities amidst this magnificent scenery. Lunch on your own and shopping time at the Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center, where the finest in authentic Indian arts, crafts, and jewelry are featured.

8:30am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel.

\$ /Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

FLYING W RANCH

Thursday, July 31

Board bus for the Flying W Ranch. Upon arrival, browse around this authentic old western town with twenty-four different museums and gift shops. There is an Indian Pueblo designed after the great pueblos of Taos, a blacksmith shop, an underground Indian Kiva, an adobe jail, post office and much more. There is also a small mine tunnel available for touring, as well as an old-fashioned drug store, complete with soda fountain and antique pharmacy. Round'em up for a real Chuckwagon Dinner at the Ranch in a unique, heated barn, or outdoors, weather permitting. The wranglers dish up a delicious supper of BBQ beef and BBQ Chicken, baked potatoes, chunky applesauce, homemade biscuits with honey and butter, famous Flying W beans, old-fashioned spice cake, and coffee, lemonade, or iced tea. Alcoholic beverages are not available. Dress is casual. After supper, be entertained "western-style." Sit back and enjoy a root-en, toot-en stage show with real cowboys singing old songs of the West with slap-stick comedy thrown in for your enjoyment. It's just good, clean fun.

5:15pm board bus, 10:45pm back at hotel.

\$ /Person includes bus, escort, and dinner show.

CITY TOUR

Friday, August 1

Board bus for lunch on your own at Park Meadows Shopping Center. Inspired by Colorado's great mountain lodges, this retail "resort" boasts 120 acres of shopping, dining, and entertainment enclosed in a multilevel complex. Burnished copper rooftops, timber ceilings, and majestic waterfalls all contribute to the ambiance, designed to emulate a Rocky Mountain lodge. Dining options include a food court as well as full-service restaurants. Afterwards, travel westward to the foothills. Continuing up the canyon, drive to the top of Lookout Mountain, the site of Buffalo Bill's Grave. The view of the Eastern Plains is spectacular from this point. Next, take a look at what's brewing in the Rockies. Coors Brewery, the largest brewery in the United States, uses 13,640-gallon kettles to brew their famous beer to perfection. Enjoy a thirty minute walking tour of the facility, followed by refreshing samples of Coors products in the hospitality lounge and free time to browse in the Coors & Co. gift shop. Next, tour the heart of the city, downtown Denver. Rich in frontier heritage, and coupled with modern growth, you will see both the old and the new in this "mile high city." Your guide will share exciting narrative as you drive by the Molly Brown House, home of "Unsinkable Molly;" Larimer Square, Denver's historic district; 16th Street Mall; Tivoli; Victorian-style mansions, many of which were built by successful gold miners; 9th Street Park; and the beautiful State Capitol building. This impressive edifice, a replica of our nation's capitol, was constructed from Colorado granite rock, marble, rose quartz, and twenty-four carat gold. Catch glimpses of Denver's past, present, and future on this informative and entertaining tour.

10:30am board bus, 4:30pm back at hotel.

\$/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

*Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.
Please plan to be at the bus boarding area 5 minutes prior to departure.
All tours are required a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.*

New for 2008!! Register online at www.armedforcesreunions.com/koreanexpow

DOUBLETREE HOTEL DENVER TECH - DENVER, CO
(303) 779-6161

The Doubletree Hotel Denver Tech is located at 7801 East Orchard Rd, Denver, CO 80111. The Doubletree is located in the heart of the prestigious Denver Technological Center and just minutes from downtown Denver. For more detailed directions, please call the hotel directly. All guest rooms have hair dryers, iron and ironing boards, in-room coffee makers, high speed internet access and valet/self laundry service. An exercise facility is on site as well as an indoor pool. The hotel also offers local transportation to nearby shopping and other attractions, as well as a coffee shop. Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are available. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservation. There is ample complimentary parking. Check-in time is 3:00pm; check-out is 12:00pm. Zinc Grill & Bar offers a unique dining experience in an elegant, yet relaxed atmosphere, serving American cuisine with a Mediterranean influence for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Room service is also available.

The Doubletree Hotel does not provide airport shuttle service. ABC Shuttle offers transportation to and from the Denver International Airport, at a discounted rate of \$25 roundtrip for reunion attendees. Please call (800) 569-1876 or (303) 353-5000 for more information or to make reservations. Please mention that you are with the Korean War Ex-POWs.

The hotel does have complimentary RV parking for guests staying at the hotel, however they do not have any RV hook-ups. Should you need full hookup service, Denver Meadows RV Park, 2075 Potomac Street, Aurora, CO, 80011 is located approximately 15 minutes from the Doubletree Hotel. Please call 303-364-9483 to make a reservation and to obtain directions.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL -----

KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSOCIATION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
REUNION DATES: JULY 28-AUGUST 3, 2008

NAME _____ TEL. NUMBER (____) _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ APPROX. TIME _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

OF ROOMS ____ # OF PEOPLE IN RM. ____ HANDICAP ACCESS ____ SMOKING ____ NONSMOKING ____
KING BED ____ 2 DOUBLE BEDS ____ If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$99 + tax (currently 10.35%). Rate will be honored 3 days before and after reunion dates, based on availability.

CUT OFF DATE: 06/27/08. Reservation received after the cut-off date will be on a space available basis.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled by 4:00 pm the day prior to arrival dates. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit, enclosed.

____ AMEX ____ DINERS ____ VISA ____ MASTER CARD ____ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

MAIL TO: Doubletree Hotel Denver Tech, 7801 East Orchard Rd, Denver, CO 80111, **Attn: Reservations**

**KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSOCIATION
JULY 27– AUGUST 3, 2007
DOUBLETREE HOTEL, DENVER**

Monday, July 28

Early bird reunion arrivals
Hospitality room opens.

Tuesday, July 29

2:00pm - 7:00pm **Reunion Registration open**
Hospitality Room open

Wednesday, July 30

7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast items available (cash sales).
8:00am - 11:00am **Registration open**
8:00am - 3:00pm CLEAR CREEK COUNTY TOUR (description follows)
Hospitality Room open
2:00pm - 7:00pm **Reunion Registration open**

Thursday, July 31

7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast items available (cash sales).
8:00am - 8:30am **Reunion Registration open**
8:00am - 9:00am Nominating Committee Meeting
8:00am - 9:00am Site Selection Committee Meeting
8:30am - 3:30pm AIR FORCE ACADEMY/GARDEN OF THE GODS
(description follows)
Hospitality Room open
2:00pm - 4:30pm **Reunion Registration open** (additional hours will be
posted at the reunion, if necessary)
5:15pm - 10:45pm FLYING W RANCH (description follows)

Friday, August 1

7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast items available (cash sales).
7:30am - 10:30am Surviving Spouses Breakfast in the hotel restaurant
9:00am - 10:30am Board Meeting
10:30am - 4:30pm CITY TOUR (description follows)
4:30pm - 5:30pm Banquet seating assigned for Saturday night
(Instructions will be in your registration packet)
5:30pm - 9:00pm Tiger Banquet
8:00pm - 12:00am Dancing to a live band in the hospitality room.

Saturday, August 2

7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast items available (cash sales)
10:00am - 11:30am General Business Meeting
2:00pm - 4:00pm Memorial Service
6:00pm - 7:00pm Cash Bar
7:00pm - 11:00pm Banquet

Sunday, August 3

8:00am - 9:00am Non-denominational Church Service
Farewells and departures

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$5 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

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but we are trying to “fine down” the names that are still possible. Can’t promise, but I am expecting good progress from both sites. Once again, we have a real advantage in working with Unknowns from South Korea, originally recovered by our own people, for we know exactly where and when they were found.

Now consider the other side of the coin. For those returned from North Korea during Operation Glory, it’s a lot less exact. The Chinese and North Koreans did provide location information for the human remains they passed back. We know from experience, meaning previous identifications, that sometimes they were quite truthful and accurate. And sometimes they were not. Remains coming from Camp 1, Camp 5, and the Chosin Reservoir battle zone, including the temporary cemeteries that we left behind, were typically “pretty close.” The Chinese and North Koreans often got individual names wrong, but they weren’t too concerned with that. At least they got the locations right.

But there’s another case where the Chinese and North Koreans just about “got it all wrong.” We opened a large, temporary cemetery at Pyongyang, North Korea. Then we had to leave the burials behind in December 1950 as allied forces fell back. UNMC Pyongyang contained around 650 U.S. and allied burials. When the Chinese and North Koreans returned human remains during Operation Glory, in September and November 1954, they claimed that 439 of the caskets held remains from Pyongyang. Our people at Kokura, Japan, worked on these remains, and identified many of them. So far, so good. But they were also able to positively identify dozens of others, reported from field burials around western North Korea, who were actually from the Pyongyang cemetery. We know, because we had buried them by name, and these remains “matched up.” So, at a given point, it was very obvious that someone among the Chinese and North Koreans was playing an ugly little game.

Our best belief, right now, is that UNMC Pyongyang was exhumed completely, except perhaps for one isolated plot containing six graves. It had been part of the main cemetery, but was separated from the other rows by an open area reserved for those still falling in daily combat. Most of the open area was not used, and, quite plausibly, the Chinese and North Koreans never discovered the final six men. We can say this reasonably because there were identifications from every other plot and row within the cemetery. Our task now is to reconstruct which Americans, originally buried at Pyongyang but later wrongly cited from elsewhere, are among the Unknowns at NMCP in Hawaii. We believe that 52 of 58 by-name burials from Pyongyang are now in the Punchbowl. The other six are from that isolated row, and were likely missed, but we’re checking for them, as well. This is “needle in a haystack” work, because we’re having to go over the burial records for every one of the North Korean returns. But it’s worth doing, and the process is very rewarding. Here again, we’re not yet ready to start exhuming, but as lists of possible names get shorter and shorter, we will be.

-- Phil O'Brien

Combat Pay

During the Korean War the U.S. Army paid Prisoners of War for 3 months of Combat Pay at \$45.00 a month. For example if you were a POW for 30 months the government still owes you 27 months of Combat Pay. The Army was the only branch to do this to its people.

Tom Lyke has tried for years to right this wrong and finally a U.S. Senator has showed some interest in this issue.

The finance center is saying that we were paid as were all the services.

Five people have provided copies of their Army Pay Record for that period showing that they were paid for only 3 months. More records are needed. Do you still have your pay records for that period?

It is **urgent** that you send a copy to Tom Lyke or Shorty Estabrook as soon as possible:

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CONTACT INFORMATION

If you do not have such papers you are urged to request your records from:

National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis MO 63132-5100

Include a copy of your DD 214 and retirement orders if retired from the Army.

--Shorty Estabrook

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