



# Korean War Ex-POW

## ASSOCIATION®



*The Forgotten War June 1950 - July 1953*

**Died: 36,568**

**Wounded: 103,284**

**MIA: 8,177**

Founded in 1976 by William K. Norwood

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### President's Message

*Fred Liddell*

Our reunion is just around the corner and I am anxious to get there. I don't know about you but I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Some strange things have happened since our last newsletter. The celebration at the Punch Bowl and the Banquet at the Hale Koa is past and were they ever special this year. The tour of the new Pacific Aviation Museum at Pearl Harbor was outstanding and the launch trip around Ford Island was narrated by a very knowledgeable young man who had great trivia to throw-in. The best I have ever been on. Nick and his crew, especially Francis Yasutake, out-did themselves this year. If you have never made this trip, it is something really worth the time, effort and money to go. Nick and the Hawaii Chapter of the KWVA do an awfully good job of hosting this event. The entertainment at the banquet is well worth the time and cost.

I received a letter after returning from Hawaii chewing me out for changing a widow's address after she had sent it to me. "I won't thank you for that." I also got the same response on her husband's obituary. "I also won't thank you for that." She seems to forget we knew her husband before she did and some of us served with him before and after capture. I'll post the letter in Denver. Another bunch of mail I received was regarding Joe Hammond. I won't make any comments here but will post this also in Denver. I know my opinion of Hammond. I still remember the incident at Fort Bragg during the Olson trial, when Hammond came into the NCO Club. The man sitting next to me jumped up with a .45 in his hand. I think "Duke" expressed everyone's disgust at that moment.

Joe Ramirez' son, Joe Ramirez Jr., is on his way to Europe according to the Stars and Stripes. Remember (then) Col Ramirez. He was our guest speaker at the reunion in Nashville, TN. 2006. He is now Brigade General. Congratulations to Joe and Maria.

Come to Hawaii next year, the food after the Punch Bowl Ceremony was by the Jesus Christ Mission Church (excellent Korean food). It was a week with many many very good memories.

### **Hoping to see you in Denver.**

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## Sick Call

George Bingham  
Jack Browning  
Ernest Charles  
James Colbert  
Oscar Cortez  
Bill Crews  
Donald Donner  
Floyd Espinoza  
Morris Estess  
Charlie Ferguson  
Charlie Fronapell  
Charlie Frost  
Violet Goodwin  
Johnny Johnson  
Bill Jolliff  
French Kennedy  
Wayman Simposon  
Robert Sitler  
Elliott Sortillo  
Carl Tullio  
David Villafana  
Alex and Masaria Vorosoff

## Taps

**BALES**, James C. He is survived by his wife, Janice.

**COL BERNARD**, Carl, died 3/4/2008.

**JONES**, Seth Jr. died 5/2/2008. He is survived by his wife, June, and children. *Camp 1*

**LIVESAY**, Carl E. . He is survived by his wife, Betty.

**LOGAN**, John A. died 5/ 28/2008. *Hq Btry 57 Fa Bn 7 Div, Camps 5 & 4.*

**McCoy**, Donald K., *C,Co. 5 Marines, 1 Marine Div. Camp 6.*

**OSBORN**, John A., *69 FBS, 58 FBG, Camp 2.*

**PERRY**, Glacel E. died on 6/9/2007. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou. *Hq Co 3rd 34 24, Camps 3 & 7.*

**SPENCE**, Kenneth L., *1 MAW, USAF, Camp 2.* is survived by his wife, Mary Lou. *Hq Co 3rd 34 24, Camps 3 & 7.*

## Chaplain's Corner

*Norman Hale, Chaplain*

Hello to all our buddies and families!! We hope you are doing well. We are fine. Well, it is almost time to meet again and I am praying for our security. Psalm 23:4,

My prayer for all of us:

Our father, surely the multiplying tragedies of our day should impress us with the slight hold we have upon the thread of life. So, teach us to number our days so that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Apart from Thee, we have no security, no confidence, and no hope. Through faith in Thee may we lie down and sleep, assured that if we awake on earth, God is with us, and if we awake in heaven, we are with God. Thank God for Christian faith at such a time as this. God keep us safe as we travel to Denver, and will forever praise your name.

In Jesus Name, Amen

### This and That

**TRIBUTE FOR NEWTON DUKE:** On June 7, 2008, a tribute was held at Gardendale First Baptist located in Gardendale, AL for Newton Duke, in honor of his service and sacrifice during the Korean War. Mr. Duke was a POW for 28 months (May 51-Aug 53), during which, he was wounded on eight different occasions. Mr. Duke was not awarded his POW medal until 1988, 35 years after his release. In 2003, 50 years after his release, he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received while captive but the award has never been formally presented. LTG Kevin T. Campbell, the Commanding General of Army Space and Missile Defense Command located on Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL, presented Mr. Duke with his Purple Heart at this tribute.

**VETERANS BENEFIT FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES:** Veterans Benefit Improvement Act of 1996 allows the Surviving spouse an entire month of compensation for the month in which the veterans dies. If you receive a letter stating that you must return his check/deposit, that is not true.

**ARMED FORCES REUNION, INC.** We use Armed Forces Reunion, Inc. to organize our reunions. They handle all the details including, name tags, registration, banquet, tours and contracts. The Reunion Planner's Fee (non-refundable) is **mandatory**. Please don't forget to include this fee with your payment (\$5.00 per person, including guests).

To make reservations for our 2008 Reunion, contact *Armed Forces Reunion at 757-625-6401 or Doubletree Denver Tech, 303-253-3993 or 800-327-2242.*

### 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 me.

email Tim at [csmcasey@charter.net](mailto:csmcasey@charter.net).

## 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 iffy times, a lot is happening, not all of it is obvious, but we seem to be moving to good purpose. A little bad news first, it's not very likely that we'll be going into North Korea this year. It is still barely possibly, but the North Koreans have not been "playing us" in that direction. I say this because their whole world is one of hints and signals and indications. They seldom "speak" until they're ready to "do." Surprisingly, a couple of outside factors may be working against an invitation this year, things that have nothing to do with our recovery work in North Korea.

First, the Olympics in Beijing. Mainland China is hosting the world, China is North Korea's "elder brother," and there is a special relationship. North Korea will be at the Olympics, no great fanfare, just there. Sometimes North Korea feels comfortable playing on the world stage, and sometimes it doesn't. It's hard to play up your relative importance when you're simply a guest, just one of 200 or so.

Second, continuing news coverage and scientific commentary on the Israeli raid that destroyed the nuclear reactor in Syria back in September 2007. No kidding! Here I'm speaking only in terms of public, academic information, but North Korean involvement in the design and construction is very widely understood. This did not go as planned. Quite beyond any U.S. interest, the World scientific community has had a great deal to say, none of it very nice. When things go wrong, as here, seniors in the North Korea government usually "tighten up" a bit on their juniors. That means that some projects, even those enjoying a lot of favor, are put on the back burner. Not for too long, just for a while. But all of that likely means a delay for us, in other words, "next year."

Now, let's try some good news. Our recovery teams have been working in South Korea. There are three areas of interest, and a really good chance that different teams will be working in all three. We've already had men walking along the so-called "Trail of Tears," the main POW march routes (mainly from 1951) north and west across the upper end of South Korea. Even as I write, interviews and trial digs are being done. One village (we know it was a POW holding point) is of special interest. Two sets of remains were recovered from nearby in 1953, and a third set in 1993: now we're building interview leads that, we hope, will take us to the main burials. Work in progress, I have to respect "site integrity," so I can't say much more than that right now. But things are happening, as we speak...

A second team will be working in South Korea along and near the Naktong Perimeter, looking for losses from August-September 1950. Battle zones along the river front have been pretty well covered, but more and more the question is one of short-term POWs, who may have died within two or three days and 10 or 20 miles. We don't always have surviving witnesses, but we do have surviving memories, coming down to the second and third generations in families that have returned to the

## Taps, cont.

**SPENCE**, Kenneth L., 1 MAW, USAF, Camp 2.

## Reunion directions

### From Denver International Airport:

Take Pena Blvd to I-70 West, merge onto I-225 South, merge onto I-25 South. Take Exit # 198 (Orchard Road). Turn right (west), the hotel is the 2nd building on the right

OR

Take Pena Blvd and merge onto E-470 South (\$5 toll), merge onto I-25 North. Take Exit 198 (Orchard Road). Take a left (west), the hotel is the 2nd buiding on the right.

### From Centennial Airport:

Take Peoria Street North, take a left onto Arapahoe Road (west) and merge onto I-25 North. Take I-25 North to Exit 198 (Orchard Road). Take a left (west) the hotel is the 2nd building on the right.

### From Downtown Denver:

Take I-25 South to Exit 198 (Orchard Road). Take a right (west), hotel is the 2nd building on the right.

### From Colorado Springs:

Take I-25 North to Exit 198 (Orchard Rd). Take a left (west), hotel is the 2nd building on the right.

## Reunion Raffle

In Denver, we will have the raffle as usual and would appreciate new items for the raffle.

Francis Liddell will be handling the raffle, please contact her to donate.

## Memorial Day

James and Peggy Ball represented our association and placed a wreath at Arlington for us.

Bill Norwood took part in Memorial Day activities in his hometown of Cleveland, TN. Bill was featured in an article in the Cleveland Daily Banner.

*Thanks to everyone who participated in Memorial Day ceremonies across the nation.*

## Reunion Info

**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.

### **AIRPORT SHUTTLE:**

We have a contract with ABC Transportation Inc. which will provide shuttle service for our Association members 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.

## Identified Remains

**March 26, 2008:** The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is U.S. Army Sgt. Harry J. Laurence of Cleveland, Ohio. He will be buried April 9 in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. Representatives from the Army met with Laurence's next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process, and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

Laurence was a member of L Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, then making up the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT), 7th Infantry Division. The team was engaged against the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea from Nov. 27-Dec. 11, 1950. The unit was forced to retreat to the south due to intense enemy fire. Laurence was among many soldiers reported missing in action.

In 2001, joint U.S. and Democratic People's Republic of Korea teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), conducted two excavations of a mass grave near the Chosin Reservoir. The site correlates closely with defensive positions held by the 31st RCT at the time of the Chinese attacks. The teams recovered remains believed to be those of 11 U.S. servicemen. Analysis of the remains subsequently led to the identifications of three individuals, including Laurence.

**April 3, 2008:** The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of two U.S. servicemen, missing from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors. They are Capt. Edward B. Scullion of Norfolk, Va; and Pfc. Elwood D. Reynolds of Schoolfield, Va.; both U.S. Army. Reynolds will be buried April 18 in Danville, Va., and Scullion will be buried this summer in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. Representatives from the Army met with Scullion's and Reynolds' next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process, and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

Both men were members of A Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, then attached to the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT), 7th Infantry Division. The team was engaged against the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea from Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 1950. Both soldiers died in late November as result of intense enemy fire, but their bodies were not recovered at the time.

Between 2002 and 2005, joint U.S. and Democratic People's Republic of Korea teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), conducted excavations of three burial sites near the Chosin Reservoir. The sites correlate closely with defensive positions held by the 31st RCT



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area. All of this is iffy, but we know that many of the men are still there, nearby, and we're out to find them.

Finally, on recovery work, another team will be looking at some river and harbor crash sites where aircraft went down. It may still be possible to find wreckage, the searching technology has gotten a lot better. And if we do find "metal," there is a good chance of recovering remains. It all varies, case by case, but not without hope.

Meanwhile, laboratory work continues. Of special interest to all of us, identification of SFC George Walter Koon [POW 1 December 1950, Medical/9th Infantry] and SFC Jack O.Tye [POW 27 November 1950, L/38th Infantry] has just been announced. Both men were captured during the extended battle around Kujang and Kunu-ri. But their recoveries were made just north of the Unsan battle zone, where the 8th Cavalry had fought on 2 November 1950. Here's the story: many of the POWs from Kujang and Kunu-ri crossed through the area, just north of Unsan, en route to Pukchin-Tarigol, where they were at Christmas time, before going on to Camp 5 in 1951. Many years later, while our recovery teams were working at Unsan, our North Korean escorts allowed them to go off the edge of the battle field to do remains searches at nearby villages. The teams knew immediately that these recoveries were POWs, because they were not on the battlefield. They also knew that the men were not from the Unsan battle, because they were in different villages, not along the route that the Unsan POWs had used. From there, it all became a case of reconstructing who these men might be. Between site work, lab work, and DNA sampling, we finally settled on who two of the men were. Several companions are still in work, and all are from the Kujang and Kunu-ri battle zone.

*I'm really proud of what the lab did here, it was a lot of very difficult work. But they got to the answers and they "did it right". That's the whole idea... best to all!*

*– Phil O'B*

## Identified Remains, cont.

at the time of the Chinese attacks. The teams recovered remains there believed to be those of several other U.S. servicemen. Analysis of the remains recovered from the sites led to the identification of 10 individuals, including Scullion and Reynolds.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory and JPAC also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in both Scullion's and Reynolds' identification.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.

## Happy Endings

As I stood on the deck of the USS Arizona Memorial on the 8th of April this year I thought of all those men entombed inside her since December 7, 1941. Each year those who survived and die are cremated and brought to the Arizona Memorial and Navy divers take those remains and place them inside the hold of that gallant ship to join their shipmates forever.

While deep in my thoughts, Doris Usorac was standing beside me and told me of an July 24, 1934, incident involving the USS Arizona. It was on that day that her someday to-be father-in-law drowned in the hold of a fishing vessel off Cape Flattery in the Strait of Juan de Fuca just off the coast of Washington State. The fishing vessel Umatilla, a purse seiner, was going out with the fishing fleet early in the morning when it was rammed from behind by the Arizona, breaking her in two. The Arizona was heading toward open seas and California. Two of the crew of the Umatilla lost their lives and one of them, John Usorac, would have become Doris's father-in-law had he lived.

And now for the rest of the story: Tiger Survivor Hank Leerkamp married Doris in 1943. But they parted because Hank was being stationed overseas. Hank became a POW with the Tiger Survivors in Korea for more than 37 months.

They may have parted but their love for each other continued over the years. They have a daughter, Christine. This wonderful couple was reunited a few years ago. They are so happy now. It is a dream come true, said Hank. You can see the love between them.

*– Shorty Estabrook*

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) \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

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

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 50<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.armedforcesreunions.com/koreanexpow)***

## Combat Pay

During the Korean War Army POW's were paid for only 4 months of Combat Pay at \$45.00 a month. Only the Army did this, as far as can be determined. POW's from the other services may have been paid some sort of hazardous duty pay, flight pay, jump pay etc in lieu of Combat Pay.

If this applies to you, did you continue to receive such pay after and during your imprisonment? If this is the case, I would appreciate input from you in the form of a statement or a copy of your finance records when you were a POW.

Please mail this information to:  
Shorty Estabrook

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## USS Utah Trivia

While on a tour of Pearl Harbor, viewing the USS Utah memorial, Shorty Estabrook learned an interesting fact.

As you may know, the USS Utah was sunk on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor. An unknown number of sailors are entombed in the hold of that ship.

One of the Chiefs assigned to the Utah had brought the cremated remains of his young daughter on board hoping to cast them into the sea when the ship sailed. But before that could happen the ship was sunk. The Chief, the remains of his daughter, along with other sailors, are forever entombed inside the Utah.

## Information/Help Needed

George Korankye is researching war time humour from World War I to the present from all events (military, religious, political, social, business). He is looking for cartoons/stories/speeches that are funny, satirical, ironic, anecdotal, "pithy" sayings, etc. for his research and possible publication in a book. Contact him at [korankye@btinternet.com](mailto:korankye@btinternet.com)

Dick Shover is trying to track down **Sgt. Donald E. Rose**, a fellow 4.2 FO during 1952 Korea. Email him at [webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org](mailto:webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org).

Scott Shilling is trying to research information in reference to his uncle, **Arthur Macon Jones**. He was in the Army, 21 Inf Reg C Co, 24 Inf Div. Little is known about how he died and any information would be greatly appreciated. Email him at [webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org](mailto:webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org).

Walter Diaz is searching for information about his cousin, **Richard D. Gallardo**, RA28-092-162, who served in Co I, 31st Inf RCT, 7th Div, Korea in 1950. Richard was captured and held prisoner for almost 3 years and survived. He is researching Richard's service in Korea for his own information and also for a son Richard had that he is also looking for. He always understood Richard was captured at Chosin Res. on Dec 12, 1950, and released in 1954. Email him at [webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org](mailto:webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org).

Douglas Rice is in the process of doing research for a book on the Korean War. The basis of the book will be using personal stories from those who served in the war. His father was there in 1951, with the 1st Cav Div. His father's cousin was there with the 2nd Inf Div and was KIA on May 18, 1951. Contact him at [doug0555@yahoo.com](mailto:doug0555@yahoo.com)

John Powers, a historian with North China Marines, is trying to locate aerial photos taken of North Korean POW camps. Not the ground shot like the one seen on many sites of Camp 5, aerial photos taken of the camps. Contact him at [webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org](mailto:webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org).

Fancie Smith is looking for any one who knew **William Dean Smith**, he died in Camp 5 on 14 Feb 1951. He and 4 others was ambushed along a hill side on 24 November 1950, taken prisoner marched and finalized in Camp 5. The only survivor of the 4 was a PFC Laurence Buzbee, who died in 2002. Contact her at [webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org](mailto:webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org).

Michelle Cobalis is looking for information about her grandfather, **Vincent J. Cobalis**. He was a POW in the Korean War. She found his name on our website and wanted to know if our association or membership has any pictures that might have her grandfather in them. The only pictures she had of her grandfather were destroyed by water damage. It would be greatly appreciated by Michelle and her family if you had any pictures you would be willing to share. Contact her at [webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org](mailto:webmaster@koreanwarexpow.org).

## Hawaii Reunion report

The Ex-POWs, Korean War, held their annual reunion in Honolulu, Hawaii earlier this month. Over 160 attendees gathered to honor the POW/MIA survivors and those who perished while defending our country during the Korean War. This reunion was organized by Nick Nishimoto, and assisted by Francis Yasutake and Tommy Tahara to commemorate and recognize the POW/MIA soldiers and veterans.

Nishimoto, along with retired Colonel Al Streck (master of ceremony), hosted the opening banquet on April 3, 2008 at the Hale Koa Hotel. The Consul General to South Korea and various military personnel welcomed all of the ex-POWs. During the banquet, ex-POWs described their individual stories; some of the stories were shared with a sense of humor. However the severity and cruelty of being a prisoner was never misplaced. Clarence Pang described one moment when he told his captors, "The best thing my grandmother ever did was leave your country!" This defiant comment earned him a brutal beating and had him literally thrown out the door. Shorty Estabrook had pogs made that read "Tiger's Survivors" across them; Tiger was one of their most cruel punishers during captivity. Most of the ex-POWs knew "Tiger." Tiger had a reputation for tormenting his prisoners on long marches; many did not survive.

President Bush signed a proclamation declaring April 9 as POW/MIA National Recognition Day.

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO KWVA HAWAII CHAPTER # 1**

Tommy & Mae Tahara, David & Patsy Higa, Lucio Sanico, Mike Inouye, Al Streck (master of ceremonies), Francis Yasutake ( Nick Nishimoto's right hand man), Susumu Shinagawa

A good time was had by all. Fantastic banquet with singing and dancing and the food was out of this world. Fred Liddell presented a plaque to Nick Nishimoto for his dedication and hard work as chairman of the many annual POW/MIA weeks in Hawaii.

On the 7th of April we had a great BBQ picnic on the beach by Fort DuBussey. On the 8th of April we toured Pearl Harbor and paid respects at the Arizona Memorial. We also went to the Air Museum on Ford Island. Then we went to Hickam Air Force Base to have lunch at the Sea Breeze. After lunch we went to JPAC for a tour and briefing.

On the 9th of April we were up early to catch the bus to the Punch Bowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Keynote speaker was Rear Admiral Donna L. Crisp USN Commander of JPAC. Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Kang Dae-hyun, was a feature speaker. There was a hulu dancer and vocals. USMC Forces Pacific Band played and the rifle salute was rendered by the USAF firing detail. Colors were presented by a joint color guard and echo taps by the USMC buglers. Korean War Ex-POW Joe Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance. Several wreaths were placed by former Prisoners of War and other Veterans Groups.

## Hawaii Attendees

The annual POW/MIA Recognition week took place April 2nd to April 10th, 2008. The following Ex-Prisoners of war were in attendance:

### **WW 2**

Hermann Molen and Charlott Norm and Melanie Bussel  
Bill and Janet Randolph  
Bill and Cookie Roberts

### **KOREAN WAR**

Fred & Frances Liddell  
Shorty & Marti Estabrook  
Oscar & Yolanda Cortez  
Clif and Helen Benoit  
Ed and Betty Smith  
Lester & Shirley Todd  
Susumu Shinagawa  
Tomio Tadaki  
Goichi Tamaye  
Hank & Doris Leerkamp  
Hartwell & Frances Champagne  
Nick Nishimoto  
Louis Patterson  
Joe & Maria Ramiraz  
Olie Wickersham  
Clarence & Ann Young  
Henry Stokes  
Rocky & Alice Ramos  
Blackie & Margie Yonamine  
M/M Frank Velligas  
Ray Hikida + 2

### **WIDOWS**

Helen Wright  
Bella Verano  
Yasuko Kawana

### **KOREAN COLD WAR FAMILIES**

Irene Mandra (Founder & President)  
Charlotte Mitnik (Director)  
Margie Griswold  
Betty Bradshaw + 2  
Benjamine Arriola

*Thanks to Shorty Estabrook & Susan Uyemura for their reports.*

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## **2008 Reunion of the Korean War Ex-POW Association**

Doubletree Hotel (Denver Tech)  
7801 E. Orchard Rd.  
Greenwood Village, CO. 80111

Sunday, July 27 – Sunday, August 3, 2008

*For reservations, call 303-253-3993 or  
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**Rates are \$99.00 plus tax**

We are starting to put together our program for the upcoming Reunion in Denver, and hope that you are making plans to attend. The Armed Forces Reunions will be handling our reunion as in the past.