



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

Franklin "Jack" Chapman

Oh, what a great time and turn out in Nashville! My thanks to everyone that worked hard to make this reunion a huge success. This was one of the largest turnouts we've had in recent years, I was informed that we had well over 500 registered and over 400 for the banquet. I want to thank all of the ladies who worked hard at the raffle table (they established a new record in ticket sales) and also those who donated items for the raffle. Oh yes, the "young people" who have taken an interest in our association and worked the 50/50 (setting a new record of collection for our reunion funds). I also want to express my appreciation to all the volunteers that helped staff the hospitality bar. A big thank you goes to our event planner from the Armed Forces Reunion, Inc., Stasi Hotzhauser, who I have had the pleasure of working with throughout this past year and at Nashville. Stasi has done an outstanding job in handling the reservations, registration desk, tours and most of all seeing that our members were able to get rooms at the hotel.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to our Board of Directors and Membership for their trust and faith in me by electing me as your President for a third year. Thank you!

I want to thank my daughter Cindy Chapman for assisting me in doing the newsletter. She is responsible for the design, layout, and editing of the Association Newsletter. *Thank you Cindy for doing a great job. Love Dad.*

Korean War POW/MIA Report (JPAC)

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

At Nashville, some of you had questions about Camp 5 on the south bank of the Yalu River at Old Pyoktong. (In recent years, the North Koreans have moved the "name" several miles west, to create New Pyoktong, so the site of Camp 5 is now known as Tongju-ri. Up to their usual tricks...) How many men died at Camp 5? We have a tradition, based on best memory and best estimation, of 1600. But we can come up with only about 1100 names. Here's why: many of the men who died in February and March of 1951 took with them the names and memories of others who had already passed. But at least we know this much: when the North Koreans and Chinese returned some of the Korean War burials during Operation Glory in September 1954, they marked 556 as coming from Camp 5. We were able to identify and sent home all but 75 of them. These 75 are now among the Unknowns individually

Sick Call

Betty Bailey
Bill Bailey
Jack Browning
Donald Denny
Helen Hanbaum

Taps

ASHPOLE, Robert died 7/8/06. *C Btry, 38FA Bn, 2 Div. Cp 5, 3, & 4.* He is survived by two daughters, one son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

AUSTIN, Julian H. Jr. died 2/26/06. *1 Co., 38 Inf. 2 Div. CP 1.* He is survived by his wife, three daughters and one son.

BROMSER, Paul F. died 9/8/05. *L Co. 8 Cav, 1 Cav. Cp 2 & 5.*

COON, Sylvia . She is survived by her husband, Harley, and children. Attending the funeral were William and Liz Norwood, Paula Norwood, Jack Perry, and Elliott Sortillo.

DAVIS, Lavange "Ed" died 6/22/06. *1 Co, 21 Inf. 24 Div. Cp 3 & 7.* He was also a POW during WW2. He is survived by his wife.

DEL BOSQUE, Aniceto. Joe Ramirez, Joe Rodriguez, Jose Hinojosa, Marin Guerrero, Reynaldo Armendariz, Oscar and Yolanda Cortez attended his funeral service on 8/30/06. He was given a military funeral by members of the local VFW.

GALLEGOS, Max died 6/20/06. *Co. 38 Inf. 2 Div. Cp 5 & N3.* He is survived by his wife.

HANSEN, William C. died 7/19/06. *B Co. 2 Chem. Mtr Bn, IX Cps. Cp 5.* He is survived by his wife, 3 sons, 1 daughter and 7 grandchildren.

HARBOURT, Olaf W.B., died 6/22/1999. *Hq. 3Bn. 5 Mar, 1 Mar Div. Cp 6.* He is survived by his wife.

Chaplain's Corner

Norman Hale, Chaplain

Hello to all my buddies and families, just a little note to say that it was good to see all of you! I hope that you enjoyed the reunion as much as I did.

My prayer is that this year will be the best and asking the Lord to answer every need that we all have... Lord, keep us alive, O' Lord, to the beauties of the world, to the joy of friendship, and to the wonders of Thy grace each day that we live. May we spend all our years in the sunshine of Thy presence. Verify in our experience the wonderful promise of scripture. That the path of righteous is as the dawning light, which shines more brightly unto the perfect day. Whatever our outward condition may be, or become, may our lives be a blessing to our fellow men.

For Jesus sake,
Amen

This and That

PURPLE HEART HR 2369 IN CONGRESS 5/12/06: It is a great pleasure to announce that HR2369 was passed by the House and has been included as a provision in the House of Representative's version of the Defense Authorization Act. S2157 was introduced into the US Senate and the Senate chose instead to ask for a presidential study of this issue, and that provision is what is included in the Senate's version of the Defense Authorization Act. Selected members of both houses will be meeting soon as a conference committee to work out the differences in the two versions and come up with a final bill. If the Senate's version is included, there could be a delay in the awarding of Purple Heart Medals, or it could remain stuck in the final bill.

Please call and write to the chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Armed Service Committee and tell them that you want the House Version HR 2369, included in the final bill.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION: Anita Mills is interested in finding someone who knew her uncle, John Angelo Tricomo, who died May 18, 1951, as a POW. He was with 23 INF, PEF E3.

Contributions

- Wesley Costom, Bobbie Grape, Fred and Frances Liddell, SRA Monica Master, Phil O'Brien, Morris Prince, and John Toth for our operating funds
- Gordon Madson in memory of Lilburn McCardle
- Tom Ingram, Lance Inc. Charlotte, NC; Cristy Harvey, McKee Foods, Collegedale, TN; David Galvin, CG Roxane Water Company, Benton, TN; Ellen R. Gordon President, Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. for snacks and beverages for the reunion
- John A. Jacobs for our operating funds from his location Veteran's organizations

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buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl Crater in Honolulu. More recently, during 1990-94, the North Korean returned 208 caskets from several locations. They marked 21 of these caskets as coming from Tongju-ri, their present name for Camp 5. The quality of the work here is interesting. 75 Unknowns from 1954 have pretty good integrity as individual men, and most were likely exhumed from up on the slope beyond the back water arm. But the 21 caskets from Tongju-ri have mixed skeletal remains, which we are trying to sort out. Perhaps 50 men are present. These may have come from lower down by the edge of water across from Camp 5. So we have about 125 unidentified men from Camp 5 in possession right now. The earlier 75 are buried, and the more recent 50 are in respectful storage above ground. Friends at the lab at Hickam AFB are cutting many of the bones from the 50 to try for DNA matches that lead to identifications. Later, they would like to exhume some of the 75 as well, but first things first, since several of the other men are already in the works.

You might find one bit of news to be surprising, remember Camp 5: stand near the pagoda sick house and look down toward the two toes of the peninsula. You are looking almost due west, over your right shoulder, to the north, is the back water arm. Men were carried across the ice or around the edge to be buried, as well as could be done, in the winter of 1950-51. Then came springtime, and many of these shallow burials washed away. But what happened next? Only a small creek flows into the back water arm; this is not the main course of the Yalu River. Many years later, the North Koreans built a dike about half way down and drained the upper portion. This is now an area for small crops and such. If we ever get back to Camp 5, we'll look at this drained area very closely, and probably begin digging near the edges.

Many of the human remains that once washed down are probably still there, they will be skeletal, and mixed, and incomplete. But very likely, we can still do some recoveries. We would hope to find a few, then tens, then well over a hundred. Once again, putting back together and cutting bones for DNA samples will be the core of the process. Don't get discouraged, there are still some good men to find. I just hope that all of this can begin in our lifetimes. We are not working in North Korea this year... Let's see how 2007 unfolds!

Best to all! Phil O'Brien

Hawaii Reunion

Hawaii POW week will run April 3-10, 2007. Friday, April 6 is the banquet night and Monday, April 9 is the POW Recognition Day Ceremony at the Punchbowl National Cemetery. For reservations call Hale Koa 1-800-367-6027. Aloha, Nick.

Taps, cont.

IRISH, Bradley, B. died 7/26/06. 4FIW, USAF, Cp 2. He is survived by his family.

KAWANA, Masao died 6/17/06. Co 5 Rct, 24 Div. Cp 1. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

KEENE, Walter J. died 1/29/05. C Btry, 503 FABN 2 Div. Cp 5. He is survived by his wife Hattie, a son, 2 daughters, and 2 granddaughters.

NIELSEN, Henry L. died 8/1/06. 8FBW, 36FBG, USAF, Cp 2. He is survived by his wife Nora.

PARKS, Joseph C.H. died 8/21/06. B Co. 38 Inf. 2 Div. Cp 1. Information sent by his nephew, John M.W. Park, Jr.

POLK, Ellis F. died 9/5/06. B Co, 31 INF 7 INF Div. Mia 11/30/50, rel'd 8/23/53. He is survived by his wife, Maureen, two daughters, and a son.

REEDY, Doyle "Rockin R" died 8/9/06. Hq, 2Bn. 5 Rct. 24 Div. Cp 1. He is survived by his wife, sons, daughter and grandchildren.

WALL, Anna L. died 5/26/06. She is survived by her husband, Lester Wall.

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Taps, cont.

Korean POWs deceased not previously listed:

BAGWELL, Ralph M. died

11/12/01, 35 Attack Sqdn USNAF, Cp 2a & 5

COOK, Jessie B. died 02/11/03, L Co. 8 Cav. 1 Cav. Cp 5

GAUTHIER, Gaston C. died 02/04/06. C Co. 7 Mar. 1 Mar. Cp 3a & 6

HONEYCUTT, Charles died 01/26/06. 300 Ar FNABN, IX Cps, Cp 6

MONTOYA, Victor L. died 12/27/96. Med Co. 9 Inf. 2 Div. Cp 5 & 3

MORROW, Samuel S. died 01/25/06. H & S Co. 2 Engr C BN, 2 Div. Cp 5 & 3

NICHOLS, Joseph D. M. died 06/10/05. D BTRY, 82 AAA BN, 2 Div Cp 5

REEDY, John Dewey, died 1/22/88. B Co. 35 Inf. 25 Div. Cp 5

SCHROEDER, Edwin J. died 06/14/05. 1 Rngr Co (Abn) 2 Div. Returned

SHORES, Kenneth E. died 12/02/96. Med Co. 23 Inf. 2 Div. Returned

SMITH, John L. died 07/23/04, WA. M Co. 31 Inf. 7 Div. Cp 3

WILLIAMS, Kenneth E. died 10/14/05. E Co. 21 Inf. 24 Div. Cp 1

Keep us in the Loop

If you move or are going away for a while, please notify Tim Casey or me.

We would like to thank those who have provided us with their address changes or temporary addresses.

POW TRIVIA

Do you know this person?

She was born in Conway, Arkansas, and died on January 23, 2000, at the age of 97. She was prisoner of the North Koreans on June 29, 1950. She was among the first imprisoned by the North Korean.

She was a Methodist missionary and first arrived in Seoul, South Korea in 1927. Later she was transferred to the Holston Girls School at Kaesong (Myung Duik Girls School).

When World War Two came, she left Korea and became a teacher in the Philippines Islands. When the Japanese took over the Philippines, she was arrested by the Japanese and spent the next three years at prison camps like the Los Banos.

In 1948, she was back at her old job in Korea. Her home was just two miles from the 38th parallel. From 1948 to 1950, she observed the many attacks that North Korea made into South Korea.

Upon capture she was taken to Pyongyang where she endured two weeks in a "death cell" where she was repeatedly accused of being a U.S. spy. She endured the Tiger Survivor Death March and witnessed the death of over 100 American servicemen and several civilian prisoners.

She came home in 1953 to Conway, Arkansas and returned to her teaching career. This great lady died in a nursing home in Joplin, Missouri.

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POW Fact Sheet (August 31, 2006)

Compensation:

Spouses of veterans who die as a result of service-connected disabilities are eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation. Spouses of former POWs who were rated 100 percent disabled and who died of a condition unrelated to their service also may be eligible, depending on the date of death and how long the veteran held the 100 percent disability rating. Those non-service-connected deaths prior to October 1999 are covered if the former POW had been 100 percent disabled for at least 10 years. More recent non-service-connected deaths are covered under a law that provided the benefits when the former POWs was 100 percent disabled for a year or more.

Additional information for former POWs also is available from the VA's web site at <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW/>

Reunion News

REUNION FIRST TIMERS: Chester Gorski, Wesley Coston, Ira Carter, E. Leon Ritter, and Kenneth Phillips.

TIGER SURVIVORS: 100 attended the Chop Chop on Friday evening.

RECOGNITION: *Awards Presented:* Jack Chapman, Wilbert (Shorty) Estabrook, Norman Hale; *Certificates Of Appreciation:* Carol Bolinsky, Andrew Channell, Claudette Chapman, Jean Denny, Marti Estabrook, Winona Hale, Helen Hewitt, Elizabeth Norwood, Connie Ramsey, Carolyn Ransier, Cal Rook, Rob Rook, Sandy Sortillo, Shirley Williams

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

President, Franklin "Jack" Chapman; First Vice-President, Fred Liddell; Second Vice-President, John R. Worley; Board Members: Roy Farley, Ed Fenton, Dennis Pavik, Eugene Johnson, Lloyd Pate

TREASURER'S REPORT:

"Good friends, old friends, new friends," that's what makes it exciting, and this year was certainly no exception. Once again our "point teams" made this one of the most successful and enjoyable reunions to date.

The refreshment bar was well stocked and manned throughout the entire week. After expenses, a record amount of \$1,210.00 from the hospitality bar was added to the future reunion fund account.

Once again we are most grateful to Audrey Delong and the dedicated individuals who organized and staffed the raffle tables throughout the entire week. As a result of the valuable items donated this year, plus the hard work of the raffle crew, another record was broken. For many years a goal of \$1,000.00 seemed impossible to attain. The \$5,230.00 collected from the raffle this year is by far a record amount. While it is impossible to mention each prize that was donated, the three prizes that generated the most funds were the three free nights at Charleston, WV for next year's reunion, the digital camera set, and the \$300.00 cash donation. We do greatly appreciate all those who donated to the cause.

Well, the 50/50 crew did it again. Last year I stated that the record amount of some \$1,600.00 collected by the 50/50 would probably stand as the record amount for awhile, but through the efforts of Carlos, Cindy, Diane, and the others that "hustled" the activity, a whopping \$2,166.00 was collected for the 50/50 drawing--\$1,083.00 for the future reunion fund and an equal amount for the lucky winners. These young people amaze me by their interest and support of our Association.

A total of \$3,861.41 was deposited in the Association General Account. This represents the membership donation before, during and after the General Membership meeting at Nashville.

Bill Norwood

Anniversaries

The following couples are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year. Congratulations!

Walter "Bo" & Carol Bolinsky
April 28, 1956

Wallace & Sandra Dunham
June 14, 1956

Charles & Judy Egresitz
February 14, 1956

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gray
no date given

Dennis & Luella Pavlik
September 1

Richard & Treva Raby
August 15

Vernon & Delorise Ray
May 21

Clifford & Kazuyo Sanpei
no date given

Ralph & Polly Thrush
August 4

The following couples are celebrating other milestone anniversaries this year. Congratulations!

Joe & Virginia Moreland, 65 years
George & Helen Snipon, 60 years
Richard & Joan Rook, 57 years

We apologize for any omissions!

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Answer to POW trivia:
Nellie Dyer
Ex-POW, Japanese and
North Koreans

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2007 Reunion of the Korean War Ex-POW Association

Charleston Marriott Town Center
200 Lee Street East
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Sunday, July 29 - Sunday, August 6, 2007

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See you there!

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public spaces and employee work areas.*