



Korean War Ex-POW

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The Forgotten War June 1950 - July 1953

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President's Message

"The reunion has past, but the memories will last". I have said this before and this year was no exception. Memories of the Omaha reunion will last a lifetime. Although we had less attendance than we had hoped, the enthusiasm among friends was just as evident as if we had a much larger crowd.

Actually, we did have one more EX-POW in attendance this year than last. Last year we had 64 in attendance. This year we had 65. That must have been due to our one first timer, Bob Nehring. Welcome aboard Bob

Those who worked and helped make the reunion a success are far too numerous to mention, so I will just say THANK YOU. You know who you are and you are greatly appreciated.

A big THANK YOU goes out to those who contributed so generously monetarily to our cause. I am utterly amazed at the generosity of our members. I won't mention names but I want you to know that your generosity is not taken for granted.

I greatly appreciate your confidence by re-electing me as President for the coming year. I will serve to the best of my ability in hopes of keeping alive the cause of our brotherhood. After this year I will throw in the towel and turn over the reins to someone with more organizing skills and new ideas, which hopefully will add to our attendance roster.

Next year we will meet in Washington DC for the 60th anniversary of the cease-fire in Korea. Plans are being made for a huge celebration at that time. There are some bugs that must be worked out relating to our attending the host banquet as a group, but hopefully it will work out in our favor.

The host hotel has not been selected yet, but more details will follow in future newsletters. In the meantime, I urge you to plan and attend our reunion next year. We have a planning committee in place that would like ideas to make our reunion more interesting and enjoyable. Send your ideas to chairperson, Judy Egresitz. Her address is listed on the attendance roster.

Rolling Thunder will be sponsoring the "Ride Home" event at Andersonville, GA. again this year. The dates are September 20-22, 2012. Contact yours truly for further info.

Be sure and take notice of the enclosed survey relating to future newsletters. Far too many copies are being returned for various reasons and it is evident that many are being trashed. Hopefully this survey will eliminate some of the waste. If you receive your newsletter electronically this will not affect you, unless you change your email address and do not notify us. All change of address should be sent to our co-editor Jack Chapman,

Keep our sick and bereaved in your thoughts and prayers. "A true friend is a treasure sent from above, do not forsake them" Your Association President – Bill Norwood.

Chaplain's Corner : Hello to all my buddies and families! It was so good seeing all of you this year. I hope each of you had a safe trip home. As for us, we are doing well and got home safe. I am praying that God will watch over everyone that is sick and everyone that needs just a touch from Him. This is my prayer for the coming year. May our country come back to God so that we again can be blessed? May we get our country back on track and we can once again say "God Bless America." Amen . Your chaplain, Norman Hale

PHIL O, BRIEN : As things stand now, we don't know whether our recovery teams will be going into North Korea next year. Arrangements begun last autumn seemed workable, but the North Koreans did not grant permission for the first logistics "set up" people, already in China, to enter North Korea this year. So let's see how things unfold next year.

Something else, of very great interest, has also happened. The lab at Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) recently identified MSG Elwood Green and SFC Richard Louis Harris. Both men died at the big holding camp in the Pukchin-Tarigol Valley in January or February 1951. Hundreds of men, captured around Kunu-ri and Ipsok and Kujang in November or December 1950, passed through Pukchin-Tarigol en route to Camp 5 at Pyoktong on the south bank of the Yalu River. Many of these men arrived at Pukchin-Tarigol on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, walking through a cold, windy pass in the last ridgeline along the way.

Our recovery teams have never visited Pukchin-Tarigol, and the North Koreans have never returned human remains from there, in 1954, in 1990-1994, or in 2007. One of our JPAC teams recovered these two men from a burial site on the Unsan battlefield, about 20 miles farther south, in 2005. Neither man had been captured at Unsan, and we have no doubts about their deaths at Pukchin-Tarigol. Dr. Bill Shadish remembered both men, as did other friends.

Simply put, the North Koreans reburied these remains at Unsan, allowing our JPAC team to find them. The reasoning is a little hard to understand. They did not want our teams working at Pukchin-Tarigol, which still has an active mining site. The North Koreans may even have thought that they were doing us a favor. In a sense, they did. We had no immediate hope of visiting Pukchin-Tarigol, but now we have remains and identifications.

It took a long time to make these identifications. But the good news is that other men were recovered from the same site at Unsan. So we suspect that there will be others from Pukchin-Tarigol. We cannot speak to numbers, let's just take it one man at a time. But we are hopeful. Mixed feelings, of course, but I am very happy that we can do anything for those who died at Pukchin-Tarigol. Say a prayer, hold a good thought, and hope for the best. Phil O'B CIV,OSD.DPMO

DONATIONS: Helen Hewitt in memory of Red Sitler and Sammy Granger. A contribution from friends of **June Bounds**, Donors are: Dough & Janie Hall Family, Richard & Dolores McHargue, Family, Don & Margie Hall. The Moorefield Veterans Honor Guard, Commander Edward Reel, made a donation in the memory of Francis Durham. .

SICK CALL: Donald Denny. Our good friend and long time supporter, Donald Denny, is suffering from the effects of Parkinson's, which is progressing rapidly. It has now been determined that he also has a malignant tumor on his lung and in the lymph nodes. After spending some time in the VA hospital he was transferred to a rehab facility which was totally unsuitable and, with the help of his family members, he was taken home. Donald has no real pain and his sense of humor is still intact. He is being cared for by Hospice and Health Care, plus an angel in disguise, his wife Jean.

Jean has requested no phone calls, but cards and emails of encouragement are welcomed. His address and email are as follows:

John and Fran Harrison, members of the Rolling Thunder, have been faithful to visit Donald almost daily and keep us up to date on his condition. A card or message of appreciation to John and Fran would be in order. Their address is as follows;

TAPS: BAILEY, Margaret (Widow, of James V. Bailey. Newsletter returned, indicated deceased. No further information.

BOUNDS, June, who passed away on July 19, 2012. She was the wife of Ex-POW L.B. Bounds who passed away exactly 17 years to the day of his wife's passing. No further information.

CARVER, Roy L. died, April 12, 2012. He Served with I. Company. 38th Infantry. 2th Division. He was captured on Nov 27, 1950 and returned during Big Switch, on September 9, 1953. Camps 5 & 4. He is survived by 3 sons, one daughter and grandchildren. Cards can be send to, Mrs. L. Lynn,

CASH, Homer E. (Information received from Mrs. Cash. No date given. He served with "B" Company, 31st Infantry, Reg. 7 Div. He was captured on November 30th, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on August 14, 1953, Camp 1. No further information.

CLINE, Mary, (Widow of Oliver J. Cline. Newsletter returned, indicated Deceased, No further information.

COCHRAN, Hubert J, died. He served with A Btry, 82AAA Bn, 2 Division. He was captured on, 1 December 1950 and was returned during Big Switch, on September 3, 1953. Camps 5, 3 and 4. Newsletter returned, indicating deceased. No further information.

DeARMOND, Michael E. Brig. Gen. Died, Friday, May 18, 2012. His memorial service and funeral was held at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 10:45 a.m. followed by a reception at Ft. Myer Officers Club from 12:00-3:00 p.m. He was captured on April 21, 1952 and returned during Big Switch on September 3, 1953, Camp 2. This information originated from his daughter Theresa Wittenschlaeger NFI.

DURHAM Francis L (Bull) died June 15, 2012. He served with L. Company. 8 Cav.1st Cav. He was captured on November 02, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on August 30, 1953. Camps 5 & 4. Information received from Eugene Johnson who attended the Service and represent our association. No further information.

GRANGER, John (Sammy) died June 18, 2012. He served with I. Company, 23 Infantry, 2nd Division. He was captured on May 18, 1951 and was returned during Big Switch on August 19, 1953. Camp1. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, 2 sons, and 1 daughter. Donald and Jean Denny, and Fran and John Harrison, (Rolling Thunders members), attended his wake.

HANBACK, John William, was promoted to Glory on February 27, 2011. He was 89 years young. John was a Sergeant when captured and was a member of the 24th Division Medical Detachment assigned to 24th Infantry Division and went with them to Korea from Japan. He was captured on 14 July 1950 and became a free man on August 29th, 1953. He also served in World War 2. His beloved wife, Deela, was called to Glory on April 3, 2012

HARR, Vernon E. died April 15, 2012 he's survived by his wife of 57 years, Deloris and daughter and grandchildren. Information was in the local paper on June 12, 2012. He was captured on November 30, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on August 25th, 1953. Camps 5 & 3. He was with Hq Battery of the 38th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division..

KENNEMER, Dorothy, wife of Otis Kennemer, died March 26, 2012. She is survived by her husband, 2 children and 3 step children. No further information.

LYMAN, Henry M. died May 31, 2012. He served with Tank Co. 9 Infantry. 2nd Division. He was captured on February 11, 1951 and returned during Big Switch, on August 31, 1953. Camps 1 & 4. Information received by his brother. No other details available.

McKALIP, Kenneth A. died August 11, 2012. He served with Tank Co. 38th Infantry. 2 Division. He was captured on November .28, 1950 and returned during Big Switch, on August 25, 1953. Camps 5 & 3. He is survived by his children.

McNABB, Everett (Ebb) , died Thursday, August 9, 2012. He served with with B.Btry 37716. FABN, 3rd Infantry Division. He was captured November 2, 1951 and was returned during Big Switch on August 18, 1953. Camp 1. He is survived by his son, along with his three grandchildren. Emmitt Harrison, Bill and Liz Norwood attended the Service.

Bill was called upon to do the Eulogy. Everett McNabb was one the original 12 members that attended the Associations first reunion in 1976. His son's Everett McNabb Jr. address is

OAKLEY, Jerry, of Washington, State. Died, May 1, 2012. He served with the D. Btry, 82AAA, 2nd Infantry, Division. He was captured February 13, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 10, 1953. Camp 5. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, 2 daughters and they families. No further Information.

PATRICK, William J. from Brinkley, Arkansas passed away on July 18, 2012 as reported by his daughter. She says that she has all his newsletters and she would like to continue receiving future letters. Her name is Dicky Mullen ,

QUINN, Patrick V. died August 7, 2012. Patrick served with L. Company, 38th Infantry. 2 Division. He was captured on February 13, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 19, 1953. Funeral was on Thursday, July 12, at 9:15 a.m. Pat was a faithful member of The Korean War EX-POW Association along with various other service organizations.

Korean War Ex POW's Association members Ray; and Elsie Unger, Andy and Lovey Channell, Elliott and Sandy Sortillo along with Irving Weber's widow Rita, and 17 members of her family were in attendance. Ray, Andy and Elliott, accompanied by their wives were Honorary Pallbearers. Some members of the "Weber Family" participated in the Mass, all 18 of them followed the Honorary Pallbearers. Patrick was a soldier's, soldier, a man's, man, a true friend and a gentleman.

When he greeted you, you knew you were in for a firm handshake, a smile and a kiss for the ladies. Patrick will be greatly missed by all those fortunate enough to have known him. In lieu of flowers, donations be made to, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL. 60607 or Misericordia Heart of Mercy, Attn: Sister Rosemary Connelly, 6300 No. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660. Phone (708) 857-7878, www.sheehyfh.com.

RUFF, Patricia A of Pell Lake, WI, died May 29, 2012, widow of Wilfred Ruff (Korean War EXPOW) who died in 2005. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. No further information.

SALAY, Gene C. of Newsletter was returned, indicating deceased. No further information. He served with 8202 AU ROK Cap. Division. KMAG. He was captured on July 7, 1953 and returned during Big Switch on August 25, 1953. Camp 6.

SCHLUSSER, Harrison J. died June 115, 2012. He served with Headquarters .Company. 2nd Eng. Bn. 2 Infantry Division. No further information.

SHAFFER, Lloyd F.

died March 1, 2012. He served with Dog Company. 38th Infantry. 2nd Division. He was captured on February 12, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 21, 1953, Camp 1. No further information.

SIFFORD, Daniel J.

Died June 13, 2012. He served with E. Co. 21st Infantry. 24th Division. He was captured on April 27, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 8, 1953. Camp 1. No further information.

SPROUSE, Ted R.

died, January 13, 2012. He served with Charlie. Btry, 38FA. Bn. 2 Division. He was captured on Nov 30, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on September 2, 1953. Camps 4 & 5. No further information.

TODD, Richard Lester,

died July 3, 2012 from a massive heart attack. Information received from his son Richard. He served with Fox Company, 38th Infantry. 2nd Division. He was captured on May 31, 1951 and returned during Little Switch on April 21, 1953. Camp 3. He is survived by his wife and son.

WILSON, Mary Rose, widow of James R. Wilson, information available.

No further

STEVE THOMPSON. JPAC. Hello, friends, old and new, oh wait... that's Phil's line. Aloha everyone! Jack Chapman, asked me to write a short article to provide an update on what's happening at JPAC. Well, there's a lot going on. I'll stick to the highlights on which I can expand in future newsletters.

Let's start with the bad news, North Korea. We reached an agreement with Pyongyang in October of last year. The agreement provided for the return of JPAC teams to areas we've worked before, Unsan and the east side of the Chosin Reservoir. At JPAC we spent many months preparing for the first deployment to North Korea since the spring of 2005. After certain provocative actions by North Korea, senior government officials in Washington D.C. called off the deployment of our teams.

At this point we have no idea when we might get the opportunity to re-engage the North Koreans. Hopefully after Kim Jong-un, the new leader, is in power for a while things will settle down and we can get back to work.

Frustrated by these events, JPAC looked for other ways to continue our search for men missing from the Korean War. We formed and deployed the KFE (Korean Forward Element). The KFE is a small team which will provide for a sustained presence in South Korea. We hope the KFE will bring us more leads to investigate and a closer working relationship with members of a South Korean JPAC-like organization called MAKRI (the Defense Agency for Killed in Action Recovery and Identification).

While the KFE has only been there a few months, we are already seeing some positive results. We are going to evaluate the effectiveness of the KFE later this year, but if all goes well we will deploy the KFE through most of 2013. Also, having a full-time presence on the Korean Peninsula will also give us a strong logistic and administrative advantage if things in the North improve and we are allowed to operate there again.

Work on the Korean War Unknowns buried at Punchbowl Cemetery in Honolulu continues. Many of you met two of JPAC's historians in Omaha, (Reunion) Doctors Jim Rose and Becky Dutton. Their hard work has helped us identify twenty five of the roughly 866 Korean War Unknowns buried in the Punchbowl and we just disinterred three more men. We are very excited about the work Jim and Becky are doing and feel confident we'll see many more men identified out of the Punchbowl.

I promised this article to Jack a few days ago so I'll stop here. I'm currently at the American Legion Convention in Indianapolis and this made me miss my deadline. I hope this find all of you doing well. Steve Thompson

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