



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

from Franklin "Jack" Chapman

I want to thank all of you wonderful people who helped to make our 29th Reunion at the San Antonio Omni Hotel a huge success. We had an excellent turn out considering Hurricane Katrina which caused several of our families and friends to cancel their reservations.

Tibor Rubin Awarded the Medal of Honor

Rubin was first incarcerated at age 13 during World War II. He was forced from his Hungarian Jewish community to a concentration camp in Austria. Both parents and his two sisters perished in the Holocaust. Rubin survived until the camp was liberated two years later by American troops. Being liberated by the U.S. Army, Tibor felt that if he ever made it to the United States of America, he would join the Army.

Rubin immigrated to the United States in 1948 and answered the call to duty by volunteering for Army service. During numerous battles in Korea, Rubin's actions with the 1st Cavalry Division, engaging the enemy and tending to the wounded, were what officials described as "careless disregard for his own safety." In one such battle, Rubin single-handedly defended a hill, manning a machine gun for 24 hours, throughout the night and next morning, allowing the 8th Cavalry Regiment to successfully withdraw.

Ruben was severely wounded before being captured along with other soldiers. On November 2, 1950, Chinese troops captured Cpl. Rubin and other soldiers and he became a prisoner of war. For the next two and half years, Rubin risked his life daily to keep his fellow soldiers alive. He was nominated four times for the Medal, the nation's highest recognition for bravery in battle. On September 23, 2005, in Washington D.C., President Bush presented Ruben the Medal of Honor.

Congratulations, it is about time!

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Sick Call

Our good friend Jose Hinojosa was in the hospital and talked his doctor into releasing him for the week so he could attend the reunion. *Nice going Jose.*

Taps

BARNHART, Clarence - died, 8/22/2005, at the home of his daughter. He is survived by three daughters and a brother. *He served with A. Co. 19th, 2 Div. Camps 5 & 4.*

BLACKBURN, Otis G. - Died 9/29/2005. *He served with I Co, 23 Inf, 2 Div, Camp 1.*

CARRICK, Thomas A. - died, 6/23/2005. Survivors include a son and two daughters. *He served with K. Co. 8th Cav. 1 Cav. Camps 5, 3, 2 and 1.*

CUTSHAW, Mrs. Cleo died in September 2003. She was predeceased by her husband, Worley Cutshaw. Information received from her son, Dale Cutshaw.

ENFINGER, Billy W., Sr. - died 2/21/2004. Survived by his son Billy W. Enfinger Jr. *He served with 23 Inf. 2 Div.*

FORT, Charles N. Sr. - Died 12/2/2002. He is survived his wife, Wanda and son Charles Jr. *He served with Hq. Btry. 38th FA. BN. 2 Div. Camps 5 & 3.*

GHYERS, ROBERT H. - Died 10/5/2005. Information received from his son, Randall J. Ghyers. *He served with Hq. Btry. 63 FA BN 24 Div. Camps 5, 7, & 12.*

Chaplain's Corner

Norman Hale, Chaplain

Hello, my friends and family. It was a joy to see you all this year and to visit with you once more. My daughter and son-in-law, Kipp and Tammy Merritt sure enjoyed visiting with everyone. Thanks for making them feel so welcome.

We all should be thankful that we were able to make it this year with the situation as it was. I just thank God for that. I hope you all made it back home safe and feeling fine. I am looking forward to seeing you again next year. God says "what ever you ask in My Name I will do, so as to glorify the Father in the Son". John 14:13. So I am asking God to lead and direct you all through the coming year and keep you in hollow of His hand. You can be just as close to God as you choose to be, so keep that in your mind. I pray too for the ones who could not make it this year that they will have good health and the means to be with you us next year. May God bless you all.

Korean War MIA Remains Identified

July 21, 2005, the Department of Defense POW/MIA Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is Cpl. Leslie R. Heath, of Bridgeport, Illinois. His interment was scheduled for August 20 in Bridgeport.

On the morning of April 23, 1951, Heath and more than 80 members of the A Company, 1st Battalion, 5th RCT were captured by the Chinese Communist forces. They were held in a temporary POW camp known as Suan Camp Complex, in the North Hwanghae Province, North Korea. A former American POW who was returned to the U.S. through Operation Little Switch recounted that Heath died in June 1951 while imprisoned.

On May 24, 2005, the Defense POW/MIA Personnel Office announced that specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) came out of North Korea with an unknown number of remains of US servicemen lost in two major battles during November-December 1950. Two of the remains have been identified. One was identified as Cpl. John O. Strom, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, a member of the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, 1 Cavalry Division, who was reported missing in the early days of November 1950 near Unsan.

The second set was identified as PFC Lowell W. Bellar of Gray, Indiana, a member of Company M, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, who was killed on December 1, 1950, near Hagaru-ri. PFC Bellar was buried on July 15, the date of his birth in 1931.

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.

News from the Reunion

• \$1000 was donated to the Hurricane Relief Fund in the name of our Association. Our daughter, Debbie DeMarais, arranged with Child Protective Services to reunite missing children with their families, providing airfare with our donation. Debbie and Tim Casey's wife, Nita, volunteered 56 hours helping at Kelly USA. Tim Casey gave two weeks of his time helping with Hurricane Relief.

• I want to thank Dixon Poole for arranging with Mary Willis of Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. for the donation of Tootsie Rolls. Several of you asked what the story was behind the Tootsie Rolls. In fact and perhaps in fantasy, Tootsie Rolls are a historical footnote in the story of the Chosin campaign. By most accounts, Tootsie Rolls and other candy products were airdropped to the breakout column at Hagru-ri. They provided a quick energy source in the deathly cold of the 1950 winter, when regular rations were too frozen to consume.

• I would like to say "thank you" to all the generous people who donated items for the raffle.

• Clifford (Pete) and Louise Petrey had the winning ticket for the five free nights stay at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville, TN, for our 2006 reunion.

*Thanks Tim, Nita, Debbie and Dixon!
Congratulations Pete and Louise!*

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Patrick Quinn and Ray Unger attended the National POW/MIA Recognition at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago on September 16, 2005. They were the only Korean POW's in attendance and were invited to detail their experience, which they shared.

Distinguished Service Cross

PFC Florentino Gonzales was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with Company B, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, on July 5, 1950, near Chonan, Korea.

During an enemy attack which had been in progress for seven hours against overwhelming odds, his unit was ordered to withdraw as their ammunition was almost depleted. With no regard for his own personal safety, he volunteered to stay at his position and continue to fire his machine-gun to cover the withdrawal of his unit and to protect his assistant machine-gunner, who had been seriously wounded. Undaunted, he continued to deliver effective fire on the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties.

He was last seen when his position was overrun by the enemy. Congratulations.

Taps, cont.

LaPOINTE, Lawrence - died 9/1/2004. He is survived by his wife and brother. *He served with Co. K. 19th Inf. 24 Div. Camp 1.*

LUDWIG, Anthony R. - died 6/7/2005. He is survived by his wife Elaine. *He served with Co. D, 38th Inf. 2 Div. Camp 1.*

SHIPES, Darling P. - Date of death unknown. *G. Co. 179th Inf, 45 Div. Camp 3.*

SIEBERT, Arnold - died 7/2005. He is survived by his wife. *He served with Hq. Brty, 38 FA BN, 2 Div. Camps 5 & 3.*

SIGNORILE, Louis - Died 7/5/2005. He is survived by his wife Katherine. *He served with Hq. Co. 38 Inf. 2 Div. Camp 1.*

SNYDER, Jesse M. - Died, 7/2005. He is survived by his wife. *He served with C Co. 7 Cav. 1 Cav. Camps 1 & 4.*

SOURBEER, Albert L. - Died 9/10/2004. He is survived by his wife. *C. Co. 7 Cav. 1 Cav. Camp 1.*

STEVENSON, William C. - Died 4/24/2005. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Susan Spencer. *He served with B. Co. 9th Inf. 2 Div. Camps 5 & 3.*

WAGNER, Alvin Clay - is wife. He served with B Co, 38 Inf, 2 Div. Camps 1 & 4.

Veterans Day National Committee

August 1, 2005, the Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee informed me that the VDNC did not approve the Korean War Ex-POW Association application for associate membership.

Financial Report

William "Bill" Norwood, Treasurer

Thanks to the many long hours and hard work by Donald Denny, Bo Bolinsky and the many others much too numerous to mention, the Hospitality room and the refreshment bar were well stocked during the duration of the event. After expenses, \$689.31 was added to the hospitality fund account.

Thanks to Audrey, Doris, Marie and the many other dedicated and hard working individuals who participated in this activity, the raffle project was once again a huge success, even exceeding last years amount. Proceeds from donated items, \$1,945.00 and proceeds from the Free Hotel Room at Nashville, TN. \$1,446.00 for a total of \$3,391.00.

The 50-50 drawing is always a winner, and this year was no exception. Thanks to Donald Denny, Cindy and the other pretty girls, this year the 50-50 established a new record of \$828.00. Total funds generated at the reunion: membership donations (\$5,178.00) and Hospitality Room activity (\$4,908.31) for a total \$10,086.31.

I personally want to thank each one for your generous donations. I cannot say enough about all of you who worked so hard behind the scenes to make our reunion a great one for everyone. Thank You.

Reunion First Timers

BURTON, Allie B. Jr.
GONZALES, Florentino*
GUTIERREZ, Gayle,
SANCHEZ, Antonio
SMITH, Edward T

Thank you for attending and we hope to see you next year in Nashville!

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This and That

At the reunion, Sandy Strait, who compiled the book *What Happen to American Prisoners of War in Korea*, presented me with more than 20 emails which she had received regarding our reunion. There isn't any way that I could include all in this newsletter, but here are some excerpts: "You represent everything good and great about our country and are true heros."; "My family and I thank you for the sacrifices you have made for us and our country."; "I want to thank you for your service and dedication."; "I thank God everyday for blessing us with men like you." Many wished us a successful reunion. Our family friend wrote: "Paula and I just want to express our total appreciation of you and Claudette for the week we spent with you and your friends. We have never seen so much love between a group of men that it is so inspirational. We really enjoyed meeting and talking to them."

Please address all your concerns about the association including sick call, members passing, etc. to me.

POW Trivia

Do you know this POW?

On April 24, 1951, he fought off waves of attacking Communist Chinese troops on an anonymous jagged mountain during the war. While he was a Corporal and squad leader in the 3rd Infantry Division, his men were required to hold a defensive position while Allied units withdrew from overwhelming enemy force. After ordering his men to safety while he staved off the waves of enemy troops killing 50 with his machine gun and bayonet, he was eventually wounded and captured.

On Thursday, August 20, 1953, this POW was released at Freedom Village along with 59 other prisoners of war (including yours truly). On Friday, August 21, 1953, we left the Port of Inchon on the Marine Adder.

On board was this POW who upon being released, learned that he had been awarded his nations' highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor. There was no band, no ceremony as he was told that he had been awarded the Medal of Honor. His winning of the Medal of Honor had borne a classification of secret until his release. On Saturday, September 5, 1953, the Navy Transport Marine Adder sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge for the Port of Embarkation, Fort Mason, Ca; with 367 repatriated prisoners of war including the Medal of Honor Winner. (Answer on page 5)

Contributions

Ronald Parks, Ruben Townsend, Manuel Moreno, Tom Caroland, Ralph Liles, Floyd Espinoza, Mrs. Elaine Ludwig in memory of Tony Ludwig, Phil O'Brien, Arden Rowley donated proceeds from the sale of books, and John Jacobs thanks for the donations collected from the following organizations; American Legion Post 701, American EX-POW NW NY Chapter, and MOPH, Chapter 18, Hudson, NY.

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REMOVAL OF ADDRESSES.*

Defense Family Briefing

Shorty Estabrook attended a Defense Family Briefing on September 24, 2005, in San Diego and found it very interesting though much of the information he had already known. There was a lady there who was related to a man who was with Shorty. Shorty reports that there was much brass there from all services, Congressional and Senatorial Aides as well as many from Hawaii JPAC, and our buddy Phil O'Brien. Phil O'Brien announced that Shorty was there and was related to a man who never came home. All those around Shorty started to ask him a lot of questions and were glad he attended. *Nice going Shorty.*

Veterans Report

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently activated a new website aimed directly at surviving spouses of military members who died on active duty and surviving spouses of veterans who died after serving their country. The website at <http://www.vba.va.gov/survivors> not only has links to the VA pages describing survivor benefits but also to other government sites that may offer valuable information and assistance. There is also a link to Frequently Asked Questions that answer most questions surviving spouses may have, for more specific questions the site tells how to contact the VA directly. The main VA website is at <http://www.va.gov>.

Honor Our Fallen POWs Act: House Resolution 2369

Just a reminder that the battle to get Purple Hearts for all our buddies who died in POW camp has not yet been won. Your continued support is still needed. Please contact your Representatives and Senators and ask them to support

this long overdue legislation. We owe this to those we had to leave behind.

Answer to POW trivia:
Hiroshi H. (Mike) Miyamura

Reunion Guest Speaker

Steven Thompson, Chief Korean War Analyst, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, was our guest speaker. Steve has been involved in the search for unaccounted for Americans servicemen since 1989 when he was assigned to the Joint Casualty Resolution Center in Hawaii. From 1989 to 1996, he served as an investigation team leader traveling to all areas of Vietnam while searching for unaccounted U.S. Servicemen as a result of the war in Vietnam.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Rita Richardson and her ladies, from Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Rita and her ladies were on site Wednesday, 9/7 and Thursday 9/8/2005, to spread the word about Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC).

Virginia (Ginger) Raney, Coordinator POW, VA Regional Office, Waco, Texas was kept busy Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. Ginger mentioned, "there isn't a greater honor than meeting and serving the Ex-POWs."

Thank you ladies.

Update from June Newsletter

I received an e-mail from Dan and Joyce Ann McKinney, "our grandson Tate came through his transplant in good shape except for high-blood pressure but they are controlling that with medicine so everything is cool. Best regards."

2005 Ex-POW Reunion Guest Roster

POW / MIA / NOK	Last Name	First Name	POW / MIA / NOK	Last Name	First Name
AGUILERA, VINCENT	REYES	DANIEL YOLAND LARENDA AMANDA	FENTON, DANIEL (ED) (cont.)	ROBESON CAPIE	DANNY DONALD
	AGUILERA VILLASNOR AKERS	CARMEN CHRISTIN HOPE	GONZALES, FLORENTINO	GONZALES	CARLOS
BADKE, KENNETH	BADKE	KENNY	HALE, NORMAN	MERRITT MERRITT	KIPP TAMMY
BAKER, WILLIAM	LISAUCKIS	MARY ANJELIC JERRY	HALL, JAMES	HARPER	DEBBIE
BARBER, JAMES	LALK	LAWANDA	HARDESTY, JESS	SAUNDERS SAUNDERS	SANDY BOB
BRIERE, ESTHER	MONREAL	LISA	HARGISS, ZELMA	HARGISS	DENNIS
CARTER, ELIZABETH	KOHLER	SCARLETT	IANNANTUONO, FRANK	MILLER	BOB
CARTER, LOIS	HAMM	JOSEPH	JOHNSON, EUGENE	JOHNSON JOHNSON HIBBITT HIBBITT	GARY SALLY JESSE SHARON
CHAPMAN, JACK	CHAPMAN DALLES DEMARAIS GUAJARDO WILSON WILSON	CINDY DANIELE DEBBIE DELIA RODNEY PAULA	LEGAY, DONALD	LEGAY	CHAD
COLBERT, JAMES	ORR	PATRICIA	MARKS, DELBERT	GRAY	GEORGE
COLE, WILLIAM	COLE COLE	BENNY VIVAN	McMILLEN, JAMES	McMILLEN HEMPE	MELINDA ERIC
CORTEZ, RICARDO	BARTLETT BARTLETT	ERNEST LINDA	MERWORTH, LEE	GILBERT GILBERT PHILLIPS PHILLIPS	DAVID TAWANA DAVID JEAN
DeLONG, JAMES	LOMBARDO LOMBARDO	DAVID ELAINE	NICKELLS, WALTER	NICKELLS NICKELLS NICKELLS	WALTER, JR. PATTI WALTER, III
DONATELLI, RICHARD SR.	DONATELLI DONATELLI ONEILL ONEILL	RICHARD JR. SUSAN DAWN HAILLEY	NORWOOD, BILL	NORWOOD	PAULA
FARLEY, ROY & DIANE	ZELINSKI ZELINSKI BOYD BOYD	PETER ELLEN BILL BETTY	PATCHOSKI, MARIE	LOTT	BETTY
FENTON, DANIEL (ED)	BRUEASU BRUEASU ROBESON ROBESON	GREGORY LINDA ANGELA PAUL	PATTON, SUELLEN	REID ROSEKRANS ENGSTAD	BARBARA JOYCE ALICIA
			PERKINS, EVELLYN	RICE	TOM
			RANSIER, CAROLYN	KEESHAM	JESSICA
			RODRIGUEZ, JOSE	RODRIGUEZ RODRIGUEZ RODRIGUEZ RODRIGUEZ	RANDY ADRIANNA RANDY, JR. CELINE

2005 Ex-POW Reunion Guest Roster, cont.

POW / MIA / NOK	Last Name	First Name	POW / MIA / NOK	Last Name	First Name
RODRIGUEZ, JOSE (cont.)	RODRIGUEZ GUERRA GUERRA GUERRA GUERRA	MARISA ROGER CINDY RYAN CHRISTINA	WAGNER, MARY (cont.)	WAGNER	DARIA
ROOK, RICHARD	ROOK ROOK ROOK	ROB CAL MATT	WEBER, IRVIN	SCHUPBACH SCHUPBACH SCHUPBACH SCHUPBACH SYDNEY MCGONEGETE ETRINGER ETRINGER ETRINGER ETRINGER WEBER WEBER	ANDREA CHUCK JANET MICHELLE HOGAN MIKE JEAN ASHLEY EMILY AMY JULIE CHERYL
SMITH, CLYDE	SMITH SMITH	MIKE JENNIFER	YORK, EDMUND	MCCRAY	RUTH
SORTILLO, ELLIOTT	JONES JONES JONES JONES	GARY SHERRY LINDSEY LAUREN			
STEELE, VIRGIL	ROBERTSON ROBERTSON	TRINA ALEX			
SULLIVAN, PEGGY	MUENCH	RITA			
WAGNER, MARY	WAGNER	JOHN			

New Officers Installed

New officers installed at our reunion:
 President, F. Jack Chapman
 1st Vice Charles Elder
 2nd Vice Fred Liddell

Board members:
 James DeLong
 Dick Raby
 Vernon Ray

Ed Reel elected to retire as Nomination Chairman and Donald Denny will be the new Nomination Chairman.

50th Wedding Anniversaries

ALLEN, Bill and Helen
 BALES, James and Janice
 BRAMANTI, Joe and Lucy
 DELONG, James and Audrey
 DENNY, Donald and Jean
 MERWORTH, Lee and Mary Jo
 NORWOOD, Bill and Liz
 PHIPPS, Cecil and Joyce
 QUINN, Patrick and Ann
 STOLLS, Glenn and Pat
 WHITAKER, Charles and Joyce
 WHITE, James and Joan

Congratulations, that's a hard act to follow nowdays.

Ex-POW Kids Yahoo Group

Diane Cicak (daughter of John Cicak) started an Ex-POW Kids Yahoo group after the most recent Louisville Reunion. Several of us kids have joined and we'd like to extend an invitation to all the kids, grandkids, friends, spouses and POWs.

For those of you not familiar with online groups, this is a place where we send messages to all members of the group. There is also an area where we upload pictures. This is a great way to keep in touch with each other during the year.

Messages go to everyone who has joined the group, so you do want to make sure that what you are emailing is something you'd like everyone in the group to know.

You can join the group by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com>. If you are not a member of Yahoo, you will have to create a user name and password. After logging in, use the search window and enter expowkids. Your results will be our group. Click on the name and join! We can't wait to hear from you!

submitted by Diane C. & Cindy C.

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Appreciation

During our banquet Certificates of Appreciation were presented to: Phil O'Brien, Steven Thompson, Stasi Holzhauser, Tim Casey, Donald Denny, Walter (BO) Bolinsky, Elliott Sortillo, Edmund Reel, Daniel (Ed) Fenton, Gordon Madson, Audrey DeLong, Doris Flath, Marie Patchoski, Peggy Sullivan, Carlos Lugo, Diane Cicak, Cindy Chapman, Paula Norwood and William K. Norwood.

Thank you for all your work toward the Korean War Ex-POW Association.

Mayoral Proclamation

"I, Phil Hardberger, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, in recognition thereof, do hereby Proclaim, September 8, 2005, to be KOREAN WAR VETERANS', POW'S, and MIA'S DAY in San Antonio, Texas."

This proclamation was presented to the Association on September 8, 2005, at the San Antonio City

Council Meeting and also at our General Meeting.

Thank you Delia A. Guajardo, President, U.S. Military Veterans Parade Association, for arranging our meeting with Mayor Hardberger and the San Antonio City Council for the presentation of the Proclamation.

2006 Reunion of the Korean War Ex-POW Association

Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee • Sunday, July 23, 2006 - Monday, July 31, 2006
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