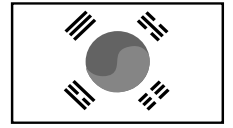


Korean War Ex-POW

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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

My family and I would like to wish everyone a Joyous Holiday Season and a New Year filled with good health and happiness. May the smallest joy of Christmas bring you peace and happiness throughout the New Year.

Resolution

On behalf of our Association, a resolution was proudly submitted to the Senior U.S. Army Decorations Board, asking their consideration for the posthumous award of the Medal of Honor for Chaplain Emil J. Kapaun, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. We received a reply from the Chief, Military Awards Branch, acknowledging our support, on November 23, 2005.

Proclamation from the State of Texas

This Proclamation was sent to me by Oscar Cortez. It is from the Texas State Senate. Thanks, Oscar.

SENATE PROCLAMATION NO.107

PROCLAIMED, That the Senate of the State of Texas hereby commend the former prisoners of war from the Korean War for their courage and strength when confronting adversity and welcome them to San Antonio for their 2005 reunion; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this Proclamation be prepared in honor of these valorous veterans.

Van de Putte,
Member, Texas Senate

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TIGER CHOP CHOP will be held Friday evening 28 July, 2006 5:30 PM in the Host Hotel. Cost will be \$35.00 per adult and \$17.00 for children 12 and under.

2007 REUNION: The Marriott Hotel, Charleston, WV, was selected. Dates: July 29, 2007 through August 5, 2007.

Sick Call

James Hall

Taps

BADKE, Kenneth died October 2005. *He served with Med.Co. 9 Inf, 2 Div. Camps 4 & 5.* He is survived by his wife, Phyllis.

BLEY, Roy H. Lt. Co. died 11/3/04. *He joined the Marine Corp in 1935 and retired in August 31, 1956. He was a POW for about 18 months, never in a regular POW Camp.* He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret H. Bley.

BOLTON, Curtis died 4/20/05. *He served with G. Co. 24 Inf. 25 Div. Camp 5.* He is survived by his wife, Dollie.

EVANS, Loretta Hannah died 11/29/05. She is survived by her husband, Howard of 54 years, 4 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

HILL, Robert A. died 11/23/05. *He served with Hq 3 Bn, 8 Cav. 1 Cav.* He is survived by his wife, Blanche and daughter.

KING, Guy Owen died, 7/12/05. *6153 ABS, USAF. Camps 2 & 5.* He is survived by his wife, Nell.

LOVE, James M. died 5/24/05. *He served with Med Co. 38 Inf. 2 Div. Released.* He is survived by his wife, Noreen.

McNEIL, Alfred W. died, 7/02/05. *He served with M. Co, 38 Inf. 2 Div, Camp 5.*

Chaplain's Corner

Norman Hale, Chaplain

Hello to my buddies and families. Hope all are doing fine, we are doing well. I want to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I am so thankful that God watches over us even when we do not deserve it.

The Bible says in Psalms 33:1, "Rejoice in the Lord, O'Ye righteous. For praise is comely for the upright. My Prayer for this time of the year is this: In the quietness of midnight or in the early dawning Hour I can feel His mighty presence and His all sufficient power. Whether in a midlife crisis or when life's Sunset is near, I am assured that He is beside me and I have No cause to fear. Oh, I glory in His presence and I marvel That He came as a Saviour to our planet. I praise His Holy Name! By Luther Elvis Albright. In Jesus' name, Your Chaplain, Norman Hale

Korean War POW/MIA Report

The following information was provided by Philip O'Brien OSD/DPMP.

Questions of status: to be a KIA or a known POW death, or an NBD (non-battle death) someone had to see the death and report it; a lot of men were simply lost on the battlefield. Unless someone reliable reported them as KIA or something else, they became MIA instead. Most are likely KIA, with some short-term POWs (and early Camp 5 deaths) mixed in.

After the Korean War, in September- November 1954, the Chinese/North Koreans returned 4175 caskets containing a total of 4219 bodies, from all over. Of these 2944 were Americans and all but 416 were identified and sent home. The 416 Unknowns from North Korea were buried individually at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. The total number of Unknowns is 867, including those from South Korea. Work continues, one of these was identified in 2003, other to follow.

The North Koreans returned 208 more caskets during 1990-94. To date, we have identified 14, with several others to follow. Family DNA samples are a big help here.

During Joint Recovery Operations 1996-2005 we have recovered over 220 sets of remains. The people at the lab in Hawaii are sorting out the exact number. Of these, 24 have been identified. I don't have an exact breakout by year, several others are now in progress.

Final item: we do not pay for remains but we do pay for honest efforts, labor, torn up crops, gasoline, and such.

POW Trivia

Do you know this POW?

There are only three officers of Camp 2 of the Tiger Survivor Group that are left. One is 96 years old. He was captured on

July 7, 1950 and released on September 6, 1953. He served with Headquarter Company 34 Infantry, 24th Division.

Answer on page 3.

Memorial Service Chairman

Wilbert R. (Shorty) Estabrook asked to be relieved from this important position. I asked if he would reconsider his decision. Shorty explained that he was overloaded with other matters and needed the time to apply to other projects. On behalf of the Korean War Ex-POW Association, I would like to thank Shorty for his many years of service.

Thanks

To Elliott and Sandy Sortillo, Bill and Liz Norwood, Donald and Jean Denny, and Walter (Bo) and Carol Bolinsky for all their hard work in creating the Memory Book from the reunion in San Antonio, Texas. Thanks also to everyone that sent photos for the memory book.

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.

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Happy Anniversary

Homer and Marian Curtiss celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary this year. Homer was a Platoon Leader, in Baker Com-

pany, 38th Inf. 2 Div. and was captured May 18, 1951. *Congratulations!*

Contributions

Monica A. Masters, AIC, USAF, Holloman AFB., NM
Lloyd Pate in memory of Wilfred Ruff and Kenneth Badke
Mary Cline in memory of her husband, Oliver J. Cline.

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Answer to POW trivia:
Colonel John J. Dunn

This and That

I apologize for not mentioning in the last newsletter that Harley Coon was installed as a Board Member and Fred Liddell was installed as 2nd Vice President. Also, I apologize for any misspelled and/or any omissions of names.

Special Recognition

FLETCHER, Robert W., Korean War Ex-POW, has been elected, National Senior Vice Commander of American EX-POWs.

Veterans Day National Ceremony, Washington DC

The Korean Ex-POW Association was invited to participate in the Veterans Day National Ceremony. Richard (Dick) Raby and Dan Lee McKinney volunteered to carry our Colors in the Procession of Color and assisted me in placing of our Wreath at Arlington National Cemetery.

Thank you, Dick and Dan Lee for a job well done.

Taps, cont.

ORNELAS, Issac V. died 11/11/05. *He served with E.Co. 179 Inf. 45 Div. Camp 3a.* He is survived by four children and 15 grandchildren. Ornelas was also a junior Vice Commander for the Western Zone of American EX-POWs.

RIX, Linda died 10/17/05. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence A.

RUFF, Wilfred J. died 10/21/05. *He served with D/Co. 38 Inf, 2 Div. Camps 1 & 2.* He is survived by his wife, Patricia.

RUSSELL, Roy H. Lt. Colonel died 5/30/05. *He served with Hq. 1 Bn, 9th Inf. 2 Div. Camps 2 & 5.* He is survived by his beloved partner, Mary Langdon and daughter Elizabeth Lee.

TSUTSUI, Kyohito (Mike) died 10/26/05. *He was the main interpreter for Colonel Dunn. Mike retired from the US Army as a Sergeant First Class. He was a Tiger Survivor.* He is survived by his mother.

ZACHERELE, Alarich (Al), Colonel died 11/1/05. *He served with 8 FBW, 8 FBG, USAF, Camp 2.* He is survived by his wife Phyllis.

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***Best Wishes for Happy Holidays
and a Wonderful New Year!***