



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 – The past three months have been both a hectic and sad time around the Norwood household. The loss of so many of our EX-POW friends, some as close as family members, leaves a void in our heart that can never be replaced, but they will continue to live in our heart along with the many fond memories that will never be forgotten.

While in DC participating in the final salute to our good friend, Donald Denny, at Arlington, Elliott Sortillo and I visited the Doubletree Crystal City Hotel as a possible site for our reunion next year. We found the facility to be most adequate for our needs and we were promised most of our requirements.

We are now waiting on a contract verifying those verbal promises. Full details, along with reservation information will follow in the March newsletter. Since we have no information relating to the 60th anniversary celebration being planned at DC next year, we are planning our reunion activities same as in the past. After all, we are going to DC for our annual reunion and the other activities are secondary.

Just think, some 60 years ago those of us who were prisoners of war in Korea were confined in that distant land surrounded by the many un-certainties that only those who were personally involved could possibly understand.

Although each individual devised their own means of coping with, what seemed at the time to be, an impossible situation and “hanging on” to the hope of surviving and returning to freedom. That hope seemed to diminish with each passing day.

Then, in late July and into August 1953, it finally happened –

FREEDOM AT LAST.

Who could ever forget that happy day?

Many things have happened during the past 60 years to change our lives but nothing could possibly have the same impact as crossing the line and back into the real world; unless we could somehow recreate that happy occasion. While we realize that is impossible, the next best thing would be to assemble with those involved and this is our main purpose for planning this reunion- to join with our friends and celebrate 60 years of being free. I consider it a great privilege to be a part of such a unique event. I hope that each of you share a similar feeling, and if you do, then I feel certain that you will want to make plans and join with us in this celebration. Full details of the plans will follow in future newsletters along with the daily activities schedule.

The holiday season will soon be upon us. Thanksgiving, Christmas and a New Year to celebrate. Pray that our country will remain strong and that peace will prevail.

If you have not already done so, remember to complete and return the enclosed card indicating that you would like to continue receiving the newsletter. Otherwise, we will assume that you are no longer interested and your name will be put on the inactive roster.

If you have an email address and would like to receive the Newsletter via email, please email our Co-Editor Jack Chapman.

It is our hope that each of you will have a blessed holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year. Yours in friendship – Bill Norwood, President

CHAPLAIN'S Corner: Hello to my buddies and families!! We hope to find you doing well and wish the best for everyone. I know we are living in the best country in the world. There are some that are trying to change us, but we need to hold to the things that we know is best for our country and each and every one of us. We wish you much happiness during the holiday season. I want you to know that I think of you often and pray that God will watch over all of you.

This prayer is for every one of us. Ephesians 3:8 says this: (The unsearchable riches of Christ). May the riches of Thy grace in Christ, O God, occupy a more important place in our lives than the riches of this present world. While we would not despise nor hold lightly any good thing, help us to put the better ahead of the good and to place the best on the topmost pinnacle of life. May there be no lowering of our highest Christian standards as we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. In his Name I pray, Amen, Chaplain Norman Hale Dance like no one is watching. Sing like no one is listening. Love like you've never been hurt and live like it's heaven on earth.

NOMINATION CHAIRMAN: We have three board members whose term of office is expiring in 2013: (1) Cindy CHAPMAN, (2) Judy EGRESITZ and (3) Gary JOHNSON.. If anyone of our Association members would like to place their name in nomination for Board Members, Or officer position, please send in your request and resume to Nomination Committee Chairperson Edward Sheffield,

Korean War POW/MIA Report: Coming into this time of year, I often think about the Chosin Reservoir campaign and POWs who worked their way northward to Kanggye, a town deep in the North Korean interior, before moving along to permanent camps on the south bank of the Yalu River.

I've been trying to track men who died during the first part of this movement, after they had left the reservoir but before they reached Kanggye. Some are very well known, others are almost forgotten; for if a POW died soon, and his best friends passed later, his name might never have been reported.

Our recovery teams worked at the Chosin Reservoir in 2001 through 2004. Only once during that time were they allowed to go farther north, to the village of Uisa-ri, where they recovered the remains of PFC Milton Dinerboiler, Jr. [Mortars/32 Inf], a known POW. He had died as the village was being evacuated in the Spring of 1951, but many others had died during the preceding Winter. We have some of these remains, as well, for the North Koreans did unilateral returns during 1990 through 1994, and this was one of the sites they worked through.

Here are some of the men identified from Uisa-ri: CPL Agustin Alvarez [M/31 Inf], CPT Turnace Hartwell Brown [Hq/57 FA Bn], CPL David Lawrence Catlin [B/32 Inf], PFC Henry Leo Gustafson [B/57 FA Bn], CPL Luther Jesse James [B/57 FA Bn], CPL Freeman Lindsey [A/57 FA Bn], SGT Chester Lawrence Williams [B/57 FA Bn], and PFC Nelson Edward Young [Mortars/32 Inf].

All of these men had been reported as POWs, who had died at "Valley #1" or at "Little Death Valley." Survivors had not heard of Uisa-ri, so they never used that name. But this is not the end of the story. These men were also identified from Uisa-ri: CPL Pryor Gobble [L/31Inf], CPL Clyde Eugene Anderson [Medical/31Inf], SGT Gerald F. Day [C/32 Inf], CPL Steven Lucas [Mortars/31 Inf], CPL Francis John Reimer [M/31 Inf], and CPL Edwin Clarence Steigerwalt [Mortars/31Inf].

All of these men had been reported as Missing in Action. For some, there had been indicators of possible captivity, but nothing firm. Now, the reported location, and the fact that many of their remains had been partially commingled with those of the known POWs, pretty well settles the issue. They had also died in captivity. Today they are properly at rest, at home, and acknowledged. Work in the forensic laboratory at Hickam AFB in Hawaii continues. We expect to have many more identifications in coming years. Some will be battlefield deaths, and some will be known POWs, and some will be men whose exact fate was unknown until their identifications "spoke for them."
Best to all! Phil O'B

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SICK CALL: W W Smith. WW & Charlotte Smith

Information received from: Monica Vetula Cash, President Rolling Thunder NC 7. Thank you. Chuck Elder is at home but is having to use a Walker to get around Chuck's address is

Andy Channell, he has been DX with bladder cancer and had surgery.

Andy's address is,

James (Jim) Hall, fell and banged his left leg up pretty bad. He is in an acute care facility now and may have to go to rehab facility from there before he can come home. Vernon Ray, our Sergeant of Arms, is back home and doing good. His address is

TAPS:

COPELAND, Robert B,

2nd Div. He was captured on December 1, 1950 and returned during Big Switch, August 29, 1953. Cps 2 & 5. He is survived by his wife.

He served with C. Btry 503,

DAVIS Charles R., 80, passed away on October 8, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Gladys; his son, Steve (Angela); his daughters, Pam Snead and Debbie (Greg) Sibley; great-nephew, Eddie River; grandchildren, Ryan, Kristen, Karlee and Kelsey Sibley; his sister, Peggy Teague; brothers, Robert M. and Larry Rocket; uncle, Ralph (Bill) Rockett and numerous nieces and nephews. He served in the Army during the Korean War, and was a prisoner of war for 33 months. He served with, C.Co. 19 Inf. 24 Div. He was captured November 4, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on August 10, 1953.

DENNISON, Arthur L. died September 12, 2012. He served with "A" Co. 7 Marines, 1 Marine Div. Camp 3A. He was captured on Oct 27, 1952 and returned during Big Switch on August 24, 1953. No further Information.

DENNY, Donald Lee Born, April, 26, 1932 and died September 3, 2012 After a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease, Don passed away peacefully at home in Clearwater, FL. With a falsified birth certificate, he enlisted in to the Army in 1947 at the young age of 15. He was sent to Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division, 38th Regt. B Company. After eight months of action in both North and South Korea he was captured on 18th of May 1951. Held in Camps 1 and 3, a Prisoner of War for 27 months. He was released during Big Switch on 20th of August 1953,

Don's pride and joy was his family. He was a faithful husband to his wife, a devoted father to his children and much loved by his grandchildren and great grandchildren. "Pop" was always there to grant their every practical wish. In addition to his immediate family, Donald was loved and respected by his other family, the EX POW's of the Korean War. During the annual reunions he was known as "Mr. Hospitality" he worked tirelessly at the refreshment bar or soliciting funds for that activity. Donald will be missed by all those fortunate enough to have known him.

Don is survived by Jean his devoted wife of fifty-eight years; son Donald Howard "Bud" Denny (wife Hanneltjie) of Roselle, Illinois; daughter Gayle Denny Roderick Houser (husband Steve) of Clearwater; granddaughters Tanya Denny Granata (husband Michael), of Glendale Heights, IL; Michelle Denny, of Las Vegas, NV; grandsons, Brian Roderick, of Bradenton FL, Zachary Roderick, of Tarpon Springs FL; eight step grandchildren; great-grandchildren Anthony Granata and Adrianna Granata; sister Darris Bonnell of Bethalto, IL and half sister Winona Vanasten of Oak Run CA. William K. (Bill), Liz, and Paula Norwood, Elliott and Sandy Sortillo, and several Association Members, attended the Memorial Service.

EINERSTON, Jerome W. died December 2011 and his wife Dorothy, died March 2012. No further information. Jerome served with I. Company, 32 Inf. 7th Div. He was captured on 14 December 1950 and returned during Big Switch on August 27, 1953. Camp 3.

EMMONS, Ward L. Died. He served with "B" Co. 7 Cav. 1st Cav Div. He was captured on November 5, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 16, 1953. Camp 1. No further information.

EVANS, John S. died.. He served with C. Co. 38 Inf. 2 Div. He was captured on May 18, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 21, 1953. Camp, 1. No further Information.

GENNARO, Harry C. died October 29, 2012. He served with E. Co. 8 Cav. 1st Cal. Div. He was captured on November 2, 1950 and returned during Big Switch August 11, 1953. Camp 5. He is survived by his wife, Irene.

GUINTER, SOPHIE, Died, September 16, 2012. She is survived by one son and two daughters. She was a regular at our reunions. Her husband, D F.Guinter preceded her in dead. She is survivor by one son and two daughters.

HILYCORD, Robert R died November 1, 2001. He is survived by his wife, Shirley. He served with 5th Air Force, 90th Bomb Squadron. He was shot down December 8, 1951 and was returned during Little Switch April 25, 1953. Cp 3 & 5.

KAPPE L, Thomas died March 27, 2011. He served with "D".Co. 3nd Eng. C. Bn. 2Div. He was captured December 1,1950 and returned during Big Switch on August 28, 1953. Camps 5 & 3. No further information.

LOYOLA, Vincent J. died 8/5/2012. He served with E.Co. 23 Inf. 2 Div. Cp 1 & 4. He is survived by his wife. No further Information.

LYNCH, Linard P He is survived by his wife Phyllis. He served with F. Co. 19Inf. 24 Div. He was captured, January 3, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on .September 3, 1953' Camps 5 & 4

CORRECTION TO SEPTEMBER 2012, NEWSLETTER. QUINN, Patrick V.
died July 7, 2012; NOT AUGUST 7. Funeral was on Thursday, July 12, at 9:15 a.m.

MOORE William, Colonel USAF (Retired), Died, on Saturday, Sept.8, 2012. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lila and son, Michael. He leaves behind his wife, Bonnie and sons, Pat, Kevin and Jon. Services was held at the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel, on Friday, September 21, 2012. Colonel Moore served with 49th Bomber Wing. He was captured on Nov 28, 1950, and returned during Big Switch on Sept 2,1953. Camps 2 &5. Paul and Mrs. Roach and Joe and Mrs. Annello, attended his Service.

HAPIRO, Aaron, died. He served with 17 BG, 17 BW, USAF. He was captured on February 4,1953 and returned during Big Switch on September 5, 1953. Cp 2. No further information.

SHAFFER, Floyd, died on March 2012. He is survived by his wife, Delores, a daughter, three sons, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grand daughter. Floyd was reported deceased in the September 2012 Newsletter, no further information. Since we have heard from his wife.

SOUZA, Harold, Deceased. He served with A. Company, 5th Reg. 24 Division. He was captured on April 23, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 15, 1953. Cp 1. No further information. Newsletter was returned, marked Deceased.

STILL, Richard L Died, September 20, 2012. He served , with the 1st 90MM AA Gun Battalion, was shot down on December 21,1951 and returned during Big Switch on September 3, 1953. He is survived by his wife Ann, five daughters, a step daughter and grandchildren and great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS.

STONE, James L. Sr Medal of Honor, died. He served with E. Co,8th Reg. 1st Cavalry Division. He was captured Nov.22,1951 and returned during Big Switch on Sept 2, 1953.Cp 2.

TROTTER, John W. died, April 12, 2012. He was captured on November 26, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on August 9, 1953. He was assigned to M. Company, 9 Infantry, 2nd Division. He met his military obligations by twice attempting to escape. The first time, his captors tried to club and bayonet him to death on the parade ground before the assembled POWs. The second time they tried to freeze him to death using a fifty five gallon drum of water to turn him into an icicle suspended from a spit in the middle of the POW camp's parade ground. They left this human icicle hanging on the parade grounds for three days. When his fellow POWs were able to retrieve him they cut off his frozen clothes and boots. They wrapped him, naked, in a blanket and stuffed him in the underground heating ducts to revive him and raise his body temperature. He survived two death marches when his POW camp was moved further into China. He was starved, tortured, and worked as slave labor throughout his captivity. His body and soul bore these scars all of his life.

QUINN, John S. died, January 4, 2012. He is survived by his wife Mildred. He served with 8 BS, 3BW. He was captured on January 3, 1952 and returned during Big Switch on August 31, 1953. Camp 2.

SUGRUE, Daniel R died, May 30, 2012'. He is survived by his wife Sophia. He served with F.Co.35 Inf. 25 Div. He was captured on April 25, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 18, 1953, Camp1.

VIOLET, Arthur (Speedy), from died 10/18/12. Arthur attended our reunions regularly including Omaha this year. Soon after he arrived home from Omaha he had a stroke and died a few days later. His closest relative was a brother and cousin who provided the information of Arthur's death. Speedy, served with Hq. Btry, 57 FA, 7th Div. He was captured on December 6, 1950 and returned during Big Switch August 21, 1953. Cp 1.

WAKEHOUSE, Donald Lewis, died September 2, 2012. He was captured July 14, 1953 and returned August 22, 1953. He served with C Btry, 555 FA BN, 5Rct , Camp 6. He is survived by his wife Louise.

REUNION PICTURES. If you have pictures from past reunions and would like them to be included in a slide show for the next reunion please send copies to Janet Schupbach. Janet's address is:

Korean War Army remains being returned Cpl. Joseph W. FONTENOT 20, of Maurepas, La. In 1951, Fontenot went missing while assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division, near Saemal, South Korea. His remains are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors and his funeral in Whitehall, La.

SERGEANT STANLEY BEAR, After being missing for 62 years, was laid to rest in his hometown of Greenup Ky. on November 10th, 2012. Sgt. Bear served with F. CO., 27th Infantry regiment, 25th Infantry Division and was killed in the vicinity of the Naktong River September 4th, 1950. WELCOME HOME SOLDIER.

SEEKING INFORMATION: Jonathan McNeely is searching for information on his father. His name is James Cail McNeely Sr. If you have any information on his father, please sent the information to me (Jack Chapman) and I will forward it to him.

FRANK STROM, is researching the death of his Uncle, Arthur Paul Hall, while imprisoned at Camp 5, April 1951. Any help would be appreciated. If you knew Arthur Paul Hall, Camp 5, please send information to Jack Chapman, and I will forward the information to Frank Strom.

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