

Died: 36,568

Wounded: 103,284

MIA: 8,177

Founded in 1976 by William K. (Bill) Norwood

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President's Message

Hello Friends,

During those difficult and uncertain times during the 1950's who could ever have imagined that we would survive and live to see the year 2014 and experience the many changes that have occurred in our life through the years. One of the highlights of my life, since being returned to freedom, has been the opportunity to re-connect and enjoy the fellowship with my many EX-POW friends at our annual reunion during the past 38 years. While I am deeply saddened by the fact that our association will be dissolved this year at the 39th reunion, I do have many fond memories from the past that I will cherish the remainder of my lifetime. I hope that many of you will join with us at our reunion this year as we reminisce about the good times and put the bad to rest.

Through the generosity of our membership and others who have supported us financially through the years, our present financial status will permit us to show our gratitude for that support by providing a free banquet meal to all Korean War Ex-POW's and one guest who attend the banquet on Saturday night. All surviving spouses of Korean War Ex-POWs who attend the banquet will **also** receive the free meal.

Also, the \$7.00 planners fee will be free to all Korean War Ex-POW's and one guest who pre-register with Armed Forces Reunions prior to the deadline of July 1st, 2014. All surviving spouses of Korean War Ex-POWs that preregister will also receive this benefit. All other attendees will be required to pay the \$7.00 fee.

To further encourage pre-registration, a drawing for \$300.00 cash will be held on Friday night for all those in attendance who pre-register prior to the deadline. *Remember, you must pre-register with the hotel and Armed Forces Reunions prior to the deadline of July 1, 2014 to be eligible for this drawing.*

President's Message, cont.

As noted in the December newsletter, due to contract stipulations it is critical that your room reservations be made with the hotel **prior** to the deadline of June 28, 2014. We must adjust our room block at that time to coincide with confirmed reservations in order to prevent a costly attrition fee. If you must cancel you will receive a refund if you notify the hotel 24 hours prior to your arrival date.

In case you did not receive the pertinent information relating to the hotel reservations, the host hotel is The Brown Hotel located at 335 West Broadway Louisville, Kentucky. The dates are July 27 - August 3 or any part thereof. The phone number to call for reservations is 502-583-1234. The room rate is \$110.00 per night.

When you pre-register with Armed Forces Reunions be certain to include the names of all those in your party in order that a packet can be prepared in advance with name tags, banquet tickets, tours, etc. This helps greatly to prevent a backlog and so much confusion at the registration desk.

As noted on the registration form, the meals request is separated into two categories indicating the Korean War Ex-POW's and one guest, along with the surviving spouse of Korean War Ex-POWs meals are free. All others should order from the first category with the price listed.

We will strive to make the surviving spouse brunch both enjoyable and memorable this year, but we need your co-operation. We encourage all surviving spouses to take part in the gratis function. However, due to contract stipulations we must provide a guaranteed number of attendees three days prior to the event. Therefore, if you are a surviving spouse and plan to attend the surviving spouse function, and we hope you do, **you must notify Peggy Sullivan three days in advance of the function.** Peggy's phone number is XXXXXXX. **We will be unable to accommodate walk-ins as in the past.** Also, if you are bringing a paying guest (not a surviving spouse) you should let Peggy know in advance.

As noted on the activity schedule, we are planning something different this year. A reception and social hour will be held in the hospitality room for all attendees prior to the dance on Friday night. This is sponsored by the Association and promises to be a fun time. Make certain that you plan your schedule to include this activity.

Our good friends, Tammy Hunt and Lori Smith, have volunteered to continue publishing the newsletter after the Association has been dissolved. This is great news, in that we will still have means of contact after the dissolution of the Association. There are some details that must be worked out, but this can be handled at Louisville. This will be discussed at the general business meeting and the decision published in the September newsletter.

There will be no raffle activity this year, but we want to thank those who have contributed so generously to this cause in the past, especially Peggy Sullivan, Joann Siebert and others who have spent so much of their time each year to make this activity so successful.

On a sad note, among the other friends we have lost since our last reunion, our good friend, Nick Nishimoto from Hawaii, passed away January 23, 2014. Nick was truly a friend who was dedicated to the POW cause. For many years he stood by at the airport to take part in receiving the remains of

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MIA's as they returned home. Nick will be sadly missed by those of us fortunate enough to have known him and shared his friendship.

Liz and I, along with Willie Freeman, had the opportunity to visit The National Historic Site at Andersonville, Georgia, during the weekend of January 17 and participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony and also the premier viewing of the "Victory Within Traveling Exhibit" that will be on display throughout the country starting later this year. Although the exhibit does not compare with the display at The National Historic Site Museum at Andersonville, it does describe the plight of prisoners of war from the Civil War up to the present conflicts, including the Korean War.

Although we were not successful in bringing the Exhibit to Louisville, Alan Marsh from the Andersonville National Historic site will be at Louisville to bring us up to date on the plans for the exhibit. He will be recording oral history videos with those who have not previously participated. If you have not had your history recorded, please find Alan at the reunion and do this very important activity.

Our association was founded in 1976 at Louisville, Kentucky, with 12 members in attendance. Now, 39 years later we are returning to Louisville, but there are only 2 of the 12 original members still living, myself and Donald Ryder from Harwich, MA. Although Donald's health is failing, he does plan to be at Louisville this year. It's been a good ride for 39 years but now it's time that we bow out gracefully. We hope to see many of you at Louisville for the last hurrah.

Enough said, Bill Norwood, President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello to all our friends and families!! Hope all is well. When I think about this being our last reunion, it saddens me. Then I think back to all the years that we have been able to meet. I thank God that He has allowed us those years and all the blessings that have come with them. I think about those that have never been able to come to any of the reunions and all they have missed. I will always remember the good times we have enjoyed. But, I know, that all good things must come to an end eventually and I will always cherish and remember you in my prayers.

In Psalm 4: 1-3, it says; Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness. You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be Gracious to me and hear my prayer. But know that the Lord has set apart the Godley for Himself; the Lord hears when I call to Him. I will praise His name with singing and I will honor Him with Thanksgiving.

In Jesus Name, Amen Your Chaplain, Norman Hale

DONATIONS

Bruce Evans in honor of MSG T. Henderson Woolever Dallas Mossman

2013 ARLINGTON REUNION MEMORY BOOKS

Memory books were sent in January, please let Cindy Chapman know if you have not received yours. You can reach Cindy by email at xxxxxx

The following people have memory books that were returned as they are "temporarily away" from the address given. Please contact Cindy at xxxxxxx to let her know what address she should forward your memory book to:

William and Margaret Hamilton Bob Naukkari Donald Campbell

SEEKING INFORMATION

Burch, Theodore Clarence:

Denise Beagley is looking for information on Theodore Clarence Burch during his time of service. He was a Korean War POW. She'd like to learn what camp(s) he'd been in, when/where he escaped, and where he was sent to recover from his wounds when found by a US convoy in a paddy field. Just about anything on his life during his service. You can contract Denise by email: xxxxxxx

White, Thomas Eugene:

Joshua Alexander is looking for information on Thomas Eugene White; he was a Corporal that served from June of 1949 to August of 1952. According to family accounts of things Thomas told them, he was captured and held for 63 days. His mother does not recall many facts due to certain health issues. She just knows or has been told by Thomas's siblings that he was captured and held. Joshua was able to get the following information regarding his units:

October 1949 - Company B 36th AIB CCB 3rd armed division July 1950 - 92nd Ord MM Co January 1952 - 538 Engr Fld Maint Co, ApO, 301.

Please contact Joshua at xxxxxx if you have any information.

Stith, Milton Purdee:

Ricky Stith Gabhart is looking for information on his father, Milton Purdee Stith. Milton told his son about escaping prison with two others in a truck, he was rescued by the Salvation Army. The Korean's shot the two others. He was approximately 15 – 16 years old. Please contact Rocky at xxxxxxx if you have any information.

SICK CALL

Edmund Reel is recovering from illness at a rehab center in Winchester, VA JoAnn Robertson (husband is Lester) from Illinois

DECEASED

Atwell, Daniel E., died August 2, 2012.

Brooks, Albert W. died on January 6, 2014. He was a POW from November 2, 1950 through August 12, 1953. Camp 5, he served with D C0. 8 Ca, 1 Ca. He is survived by his wife, Pat Brooks.

Caruth, Bobby L., died March 1, 2008. Caruth served with Company G. 19th Infantry. He was captured on November 4, 1950, and returned during Big Switch on August 23, 1953. He was held in Camp 5. He was preceded in death by his wife of more than 50 years, Lavonne Caruth and is survived by his stepson, and five grandchildren.

Harris, Audrey T., died October 26, 2013. Audrey served with M. Company, 23 Infantry, 2nd Division. He was captured on January 28, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 18, 1953. Camp 1. He is survived by his wife Carolyn Harris, children, 14 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Bayou Meto Baptist Church Youth Group 26200 Highway 107, Jacksonville, Ar. 72076 or a charity of your choice.

Hilgard, Lomay died on December 29, 2013. She was the wife of John Hilgard.

Nishimoto, Tsuyoshi "Nick" passed away on January 29, 2014. Nick is survived by his daughter, Ruth Watkins. The funeral will be held at Hosoi Mortuary on Friday March 21, 2014. Visitation from 9 to 10 am, Service from 10 am. He will be cremated and inurned at Punchbowl on the same day at 1300 hrs. Chapter members Class A Uniform.

Sanders, Herbert passed away September 14, 2013 after a lengthy illness. His wife of 63 years, Betty Louise Sanders, preceded him in passing on March 3, 2013. His daughter, Celia Broughton of 7003 Venetian Way, Louisville, Kentucky 40214 would appreciate hearing from anyone who has memories of her father.

Thrush, Ralph G. passed away December 27, 2013. He was held in POW Camp 6. He is survived by his wife, Pauling, two sons, and a sister. He was preceded in death by a brother and five sisters.

Villa, Helena "Babe" died December 10, 2013. She is survived by her husband, P.O.W. Lew Villa, a daughter, son, four sisters and one brother. She was preceded by her parents and two brothers.

Operations Little Switch and Big Switch: The Repatriation of Korean War Prisoners of War and the Aftermath

By Arden A. Rowley, Maj. USA (Ret)

Arden A. Rowley became a prisoner of war while serving with the 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division on 1 December 1950. During the next 33 months he was interned in five POW camps in North Korea, experiencing and witnessing, first-hand, the harsh conditions and treatment meted out by the North Korean and Communist captors. He was repatriated in Operation Big Switch on 18 August 1953.

There are many scattered accounts of the repatriation of Korean War prisoners of war in Operations Little Switch and Big Switch (April and August-September 1953). This account of those two operations is a compilation of many writings, articles, statements and photographs giving a complete and cohesive account of Korean War POW repatriation by which thousands of POWs of both sides gained their freedom. *Operations Little Switch and Big Switch: The Repatriation of Korean War Prisoners of War and the Aftermath* is the most complete account of these operations under one cover. The publication of this book coincides with the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of these events. Maj. Rowley is the Historian of the Korean War Ex-POW Association.

This publication is 250 pages and is an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 11" hardbound edition with smythe-sewn binding and matte, acid-free pages for superior photo reproduction.



Features:

- Truce Talks and the Prisoner of War Question
- Operation Little Switch (Release of sick and wounded POWs)
- Operation Big Switch (Release of balance of POWs)
- Handling of Prisoners Not Wishing to be Repatriated
- Aftermath of the Prisoner of War Experience
- Korean War "Unknowns" and the "Missing"
- Personal Accounts of Little Switch Repatriates
- Personal Accounts of Big Switch Repatriates
- Freedom Village (United Nations Reception Center)
- Operation Glory (Return of deceased POWs' remains)
- The Turncoats (21 Americans who stayed with the Communists)

Book Order Form Operations Little Switch and Big Switch:

The Repatriation of Korean War Prisoners of War and the Aftermath Available by mail order for \$65.00 (plus \$5.00 shipping)

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Souvenir Reunion Memory Book

This once in a lifetime full-color memory book will contain current pictures of as many of the attendees as we can produce.



Korean War-Ex Pow Association

If you would like to order a memory book, please fill out this form.

☐ I have enclosed a small photograph of myself or family for the reunion memory book, since I am not attending. My full name is printed on the reverse side.

L would like a copy of the **Memory Book** sent to me. Enclosed is my check for \$20.00 payable to <u>Reunion Photographers</u> for a postage paid copy.

EXP. DATE CVA P.O. Box 26584, Santa Ana, CA 92799 (714) 265-3638 fax (714) 265-0121 DRV 4054 The reunion photographer will be taking candid photos at the banquet on Saturday night, if you would like to preorder a CD of the photos they take, please use this form. The form above is only for the candid photo CD.

If you would like to preorder a copy of the memory book please use the form at left. If you cannot attend the reunion and would like to preorder a copy of the memory book, or send in a photo of yourself/your family to be included in the memory book, please use this form.

Both forms will also be in your registration packet at the reunion so you can order from the photographer as well.

KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSOCIATION REUNION JULY 27 - AUGUST 3, 2014 The Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

Tuesday, July 29

			<u>Tuesday, July 29</u>
7:00am	-	11:00pm	Early Bird Arrivals
		-	Evening on your own
			Wednesday, July 30
9:00am	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
11:00am	-	6:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
		1	Evening on your own
			Thursday, July 31
7:00am	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
8:45am	-	11:00am	Reunion Registration Open
9:45am	-	2:15am	CITY TOUR/LUNCH CRUISE (description follows)
3:00pm	-	5:00pm	Reunion Registration Open
3:30pm	-	5:00pm	Future Newsletter Meeting
6:00pm	-	11:00pm	DERBY DINNER PLAYHOUSE (description follows)
•			Evening on your own
			<u>Friday, August 1</u>
7:00am	-	12:00am	Hospitality Room Open
7:30am	-	9:00am	Surviving Spouses Breakfast
8:00am	-	8:30am	Reunion Registration Open
			(additional hours will be posted at reunion, if necessary)
9:30am	-	2:15pm	KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM/LOUISVILLE SLUGGER MUSEUM
3:00pm	-	4:30pm	Board Meeting
4:30pm	-	5:30pm	Banquet Seating assigned for Saturday Night
- 00		- 00	(instructions will be in your registration packet)
5:00pm	-	7:00pm	Reception in Hospitality Room
7:30pm	-	11:30pm	Dance
			Saturday, August 2
10:00am	_	12:00pm	General Business Meeting
2:00pm	_	3:00pm	Memorial Service
4:00pm	_	6:30pm	Photographs and Cocktails
6:30pm	_	11:00pm	Banquet
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			Sunday, August 3
9:00am	-	10:00am	Worship Service
			Farewells and Departures
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COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION AND BANQUET DINNER

All Korean War Ex-POWs and one guest, and all surviving spouses of Korean War Ex-POWs will be entitled to complimentary banquet meals for Saturday night. Please indicate your meal choice on the registration form. The \$7 Registration Fee will also be complimentary for those Korean War Ex-POWs who register by the registration deadline of July 1. Be sure to register in advance to take advantage of this offer!

Register online at www.afr-reg.com/koreanwarexpow2014

Tour Descriptions

CITY TOUR / LUNCH CRUISE

Thursday, July 31

Louisville's Main Street has the second largest collection of cast-iron storefronts facades, only New York City has more. Enjoy the morning with a scenic driving tour of Louisville. See the Humana Building, the Kentucky Art and Craft Gallery, and the Fall's Fountain. View the historic areas of West Main Street and St. James Court, as you take in the beauty of many of the nation's finest Victorian mansions. Afterwards, board the Spirit of Jefferson, a modern steamboat with two decks. Enjoy a scenic cruise up the Ohio River with a lavish luncheon buffet.

9:45am board bus, 2:15pm back at hotel \$68/person includes bus, guide, and lunch cruise.

DERBY DINNER PLAYHOUSE

Thursday, July 31

An entertainment tradition for thirty years, Derby Dinner Playhouse offers live-stage productions, a plentiful buffet, and desserts that are so big you'll need two spoons. Derby Dinner's lavish buffet features Classic American Cuisine. Selections include a full salad bar, a variety of vegetables, fish, beef or turkey, hot rolls, and beverage (dessert not included). Take your time as the "Footnotes", Derby Dinner's own talented vocal ensemble, entertain you just prior to the stage production. After dinner, you will be treated to live theater in the round. *Shows vary based on season.*

6:00pm board bus, 11:00pm back at hotel. \$70/Person includes bus, escort, and dinner show.

KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM / LOUISVILLE SLUGGER MUSEUM

Friday, August 1

Thundering Thoroughbred hooves, rolling hills of bluegrass, visit Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. Enjoy a 360-degree multi-media show that surrounds you with the images and sounds unique to Derby Day, "the most exciting two minutes in sports." Take a tour of historic Churchill Downs (weather permitting). Weigh in on a jockey scale and test your betting skills with their computer. Then make a final stop in the Finish Line Gift Shop for Derby memorabilia and souvenirs. The other destination for today is the Louisville Slugger Museum. After watching a short film, walk through the full-size dugout and onto the museum's playing field. See rare baseball equipment and memorabilia. Complete the tour with a walk through the Louisville Slugger manufacturing facility and see bats being turned for today's baseball stars and tomorrow's major leagues. Your tour includes a miniature bat. We'll have a simple bag-style deli lunch at this museum.

9:30am board bus, 2:15pm back at hotel \$67/Person includes bus, escort, admissions, and lunch.

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices. Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time. All tours require a minimum of thirty people.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays**. Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM (page 1 of 2)

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to **ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC**. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. **You may also register online and pay by credit card at** <u>www.afr-reg.com/koreanwarexpow2014</u> (3% convenience fee applies).

All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **July 1, 2014.** After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. 322 Madison Mews Norfolk, VA 23510 ATTN: KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSN

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CUT-OFF DATE IS 7/1/14	Price Per	# of People	Total
TOURS			
Thursday, 7/31: City Tour & Lunch Cruise	\$ 68		\$
Thursday, 7/31: Derby Dinner Playhouse	\$ 70		
Friday, 8/1: Kentucky Derby Museum & Louisville Slugger Museum	\$ 67		\$
MEALS			
SATURDAY BANQUET (Please select your entrée)			
Roasted Chicken Breast	\$ 42		\$
Pork Loin with Cranberry Bourbon Sauce	\$ 42		\$
Vegetarian Lasagna	\$ 42		\$
Child's Plate (Chicken Fingers and French Fries)	\$ 20		\$
Korean War Ex-POW plus 1 guest, & Surviving Spouses of Korean			
War Ex-POWs are FREE! Please indicate your entrée choices.			
Roasted Chicken Breast		#	
Pork Loin with Cranberry Bourbon Sauce		#	
Vegetarian Lasagna		#	
Mandatory Per Person Reunion Planning Fee (non-refundable)			
FREE for Korean War Ex-POW plus 1 guest, and Surviving			
Spouses of Korean War Ex-POWs who register by July 1	\$ 7		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.		-	\$

KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM (page 2 of 2)

Please print your name as you would like it to appear on your nametag:

FIRST TIMER? I YES INO
ARE YOU THE EX-POW? I YES INO
ARE YOU A SURVIVING SPOUSE? 🗖 YES 📮 NO
IF YOU ARE NOT THE POW, PLEASE LIST YOUR RELATIONSHIP:
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GUEST NAMES
ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 50 [™] ANNIVERSARY IN 2014? □ YES □ NO DATE
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(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

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□ YES □ NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays). Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

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