The Forgotten War June 1950 - July 1953

Died: 36,568 Wounded: 103,284 MIA: 8,177

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# President's Message

Happy New Year and best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous year. I would like to thank the Officers and Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity to serve as president of this great organization. I am honored that you, the membership have placed your trust and confidence in me and I will work hard to earn the support that you have extended to me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ray and Elise Unger for an outstanding job during the past two years. THANKS.

I'd like to express my appreciation to Ed Fenton for the hard work he has done over the years as our Secretary. I asked Ed if he would like to continue for the coming year, Ed said that he would like to retire. THANKS, ED, FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

Upon accepting Ed's request, I asked Miss Paula Norwood if she would consider taking the position of Secretary. After thinking it over, she agreed to accept the position of Secretary. THANK YOU, PAULA.

#### **Contributions**

- Larry and Kathy Casilac, donation to our operating fund.
- Charles Winn, donation to our operating fund.
- Lloyd Pate in memory of Dave Fortune.
- Sheri Ellis in memory of her father, Walter Spivey.
- Akira (Chic) Chikami in memory of Billy Middleton.

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# Gordon Madson's Report

Renewal of our trademark after ten years has been completed. There was no expense to us. Our tax returns have been filed, we didn't owe anything.

#### **Board of Directors**

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Fred Liddell
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**Tiger Survivors Banquet**: Friday night, September 9, 2005. \$30.00 adult/\$15.00 12 & under.

#### Sick Call

**Harold L. Kaschko** is still in the nursing home.

**Julian Austin Jr.** is in a nursing home after suffering a stroke.

Oscar Cortez: kidney blockage.

**Tommy Lykes** send his love and apologizes for not sending Christmas cards due to his health.

**John Granger**: erratic heartbeat.

**Alvi Norris** was hospitalized for about a week with pneumonia and an erratic heartbeat.

**Dave Dodson** and **Everett McNabb** both have been under the weather.

**Will Ruff** returned home from the hospital with an enlarged heart and other untreatable complications.

## **Taps**

**BENTLY**, John K. Hq. Bn. 23 Inf. 2 Div. Camp 1.

**BENTON**, Benjamin J.- 17 Dec 2004, *K Co. 9th Inf. 2 DIV.* **ESTRADA**, Alfonso 21 Nov 2004, leukemia, *B Co. 2 DIV. Camp I*. In attendance: Cindy Chapman. **HADDEN**, George L. - 2 May 2004. *G. Co. 7 Inf. 3 DIV. Camp I & 4* 

**HANBY**, John B. Jr. lung cancer, 31 July 2004. On 20 August 2004, he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**HELMICH**, Robert P. - 12 Jan 2005, cancer. Thank you for supporting him through the years. Helen Hoyt, daughter.

**MIDDLETON**, Billy J. 21 Nov 2004, *G. Co.* 38 *Inf*, 2 *DIV* (Medic).

# Chaplain's Corner

Norman Hale, Chaplain

To my friends and family, I hope this note finds you well. We are doing fine. I hope that all of you are enjoying the New Year that God has given us. I want you to know that I am praying for you. Let me share something with you that I hope will bless you. Some people look for trouble. They worry about all the horrible things that could happen tomorrow. But David looked to the future with confidence. He asserts at the end of Psalm 23, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." David had lived a full life. He had endured the rage of battle and heard the acclaim of the nation. He had climbed to the heights and had fallen to the depths. Few of us crowd so much into life. And David looked to the future with happy anticipation. The Psalmist moves from his past experience to his present and future life with God. His past experience gave birth to his present hope. Because David had seen Gods faithfulness through the years he had hope for the years to come. God never forsakes us. If the Lord is your shepherd and you his sheep, he walks before you. And goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life. That includes today.

#### Korean War MIA Remains Identified

Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) has announced that the following remains which were retrieved in Korea have been identified during 2004:

- SFC Jeremiah Casey, MIA 28 Nov 1950, 32d Inf, 7th Div.
- Cpl Charles A. Williams, MIA 27 Nov 1950, 32nd Inf, 7th Div.
- Sgt Carl E. Sheraden, MIA 27 Nov 1950, 32nd Inf. 7th Div.
- CPT.Troy G. Cope, MIA 16 Sep 1952, 335th Ftr Intcp Sq. USAF
- CPL David E. Pursley, MIA 14 Jul 1950, 955th FA BN

#### **POW Trivia**

Do you know who the oldest American Serviceman captured during the Korean War was? He was born 21 May 1899, died 6 Sep 1992, at age 93, in Texas, and was three months older than General Dean. He was captured at Hell's Fire Valley, Chosen Reservoir area, November 30, 1950.

He barely survived the brutal march to Kanggye, and on at least one occasion during the march, he sat down in the snow and dared the Chinese to shoot him.

During our march across Korea in the spring of 1951, he amused

himself by charging the Koreans we passed: for a handful of cigarettes and/or pieces of yud (a kind of molasses candy) he would let them see him take out his false teeth and put them back again.

Answer on page 3.

Thanks again to Elliott and Sandy Sortillo for doing an excellent job on the beautiful 2004 Memory Book from the reunion at The Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell, Ky. Thanks for the GREAT MEMORIES!

## Veterans Day November 11, 2004

Chuck Elder, James DeLong and I participated in the wreath laying ceremony. Chuck and James volunteered to be color bearers. They did an excellent job. Harley Coon did a good job of getting parking passes and obtaining our wreath. Thanks Chuck, James, and Harley.

In related news, over 30 military organizations that participated in the ceremony were acknowledged, we were not. I wrote Secretary Anthony J. Principi and expressed my concerns. Secretary Principi replied and explained that for an organization to be recognized in the program, it must be a member of the Veterans Day National Committee (VDNC).

I contacted our Officers and Board of Directors about joining the VDNC as an associate member. With the approval of our officers and directors, I have submitted an application for membership in the VDNC.

Answer to POW triva: **GUST H. DUNIS, USMC** 

# Korean POW deceased not previously listed

**ANNUNZIATE**, Richard R. 10 April 2003, *ROK Cap Div (KMAG) Camp 6*.

ARNOLD, John K. COL. 3 Jan 2002, captured 1/13/53 and held until 8/3/55 in Mukden and Peking ARNOLD, William P. 23 Jun 1990, F Co, 8 Cav, 1 Cav. Camps 5 & 4. BARKDULL, D.H. (Sparky) 2004. E Co, 8 Cav, 1 Cav. Camps 5 & 3.

**BAUMER**, William, USAF, Mukden & Peking.

**BEREL**, Percy. B Btry, 503 FA Bn 2 Div, Camp 5 & 4.

**BLAKE**, Dale D. C Co. 3 Eng C Bn, 24 Div.

**BLEWITT**, Robert R. 23 Sep 2001. *E Co.* 38 Inf. 2 Div. Camp 1. **BUGBEE**, Robert W. 21Mar 2003, A Co, 15 Inf. 3 Div.

COOK, Alden L.Mar 31, 1993, A Co, 19 Inf, 24 Div, Camp 5 & 4. COREY, Charles E. Mar 1972, C Co. 19 Inf, 24 Div, Camp 5 & 4.

**DORAN**, Carl L. 15 Oct 2003. *C* Co, 19 Inf, 24 Div. Camp 5. **FRANKS**, Paul. 20 Jan 2003, *L* 

Co, 29 RCT, 24 Div.

continued in our next newsletter

# New Bylaw of the Korean War Ex-POW Association

**New Section 12.** A duly elected member of the Board of Directors may in addition to his duties as a member of the Board of Directors of the Korean War Ex-POW Association during his elected term also serve the Korean War EX-POW Association as an officer of this association or may serve the association on any committee to which he may be elected or appointed without jeopardizing his absolute right to voice his opinion and shall be entitled to vote on any matter requiring a vote of the Board of Directors that may come before the Board of Directors. Any and all Bylaws that may be in conflict with this Section 12, Article IV —Board of Directors shall be and are hereby rescinded and held for naught from this day forward.

Passed by formal vote of Directors at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Korean War EX-POW Association held at Fort Mitchell, Kentucky the seventeenth day of September, 2004.

## Taps, cont.

GOGANTES, Philippe, former journalist, cancer, 9 Dec 2004. Held with the Tiger Survivors.

PEPPE, Isadore O. 7 Jan 2005. He was captured on 5 July 1950, Hq. Bn. 24 Div. Camp 2 & 7.

SALAHUDTID, Fiaza, 5 Feb 2005, age 92, predeceased by her husband, Alim. Survived by five sons and one daughter, all who were also prisoners in Korea. Tiger group POW.

**SYDNOR**, Richard (West By) 29 Dec 2004, lung cancer, K. Co. 21 Inf. 24 Div. Captured on 11 July 1950, Camps 3 & 7.

WILLENBORG, Marvin E. I Feb 2005. E. Co. 23 Inf, 2 Div. Camp 1. Survived by wife, Caryl, one son, five daughters, and 11 grandchildren.

WRIGHT, Francis H. 18 Nov 2004. C. Co. 8 Cav. 1 Cav. Div. Camps 5 & 3. Service was held on 26 Nov 2004,

attending were: Henry Higa,
Masao Kawana, Robert Kojima,
Richard Makua, Rocky Ramos,
Susumu Shinagawa, Tomio Tadaki,
Goichi Tamaye, Frank Velligas,
Backie Yonamine, Clarence Young
and Nick Nishimoto. Helen ask
anyone who remembers him to
write. The web address is
www.mem.com.

William (Moose) **McCLAIN** service at Arlington National Cemetery. Attending his service on 3 Dec 2004, were Elliott Sortillo, Joe Ramirez, Bill Richardson & wife, Gerald Cavagnaro & wife, and Mike Dowe & wife. Regina M. **NICHOLS**, loving wife

of Joseph Nichols passed away on 24 July 2003.

Correction to Nov 2004 newsletter, Bufford McNamara, was captured on 4 Nov 1950, not 17 Jun 04. The Korean War Ex-POW Association Newsletter - March 2005

Franklin "Jack" Chapman, President

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