



Korean War Ex-POW

ASSOCIATION®



The Forgotten War June 1950 - July 1953

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 my friends,

We all have certain things that “get under our skin” when we hear someone repeat them. One thing that really bothers me is when I hear someone refer to the Korean War as a conflict, because it was not a conflict, it was a war. I become infuriated when I hear a person say, “Korea was the first war that America lost”. We were not sent to Korea to win a war, we were sent to Korea to put those rascals back where they came from; and we accomplished that goal, so we won. The third thing that bothers me is when I hear someone refer to our reunion as a convention.

Webster describes a convention as “a formal assembly”. Well, I think anyone who has attended our reunion will agree that this does not describe our event. Formality is not part of our agenda. This is time set aside to fellowship and reminisces with friends from the past with whom we have so very much in common. If you are not already attending and taking part in our Association I urge you to do so. You will be happy that you did.

Most of the service organizations to which I belong and pay dues are all in financial despair, but we do not charge membership dues or fees of any nature, yet we are financially secure, which is all due to the generosity of our membership. Thanks to each of you for your support.

Things are getting underway as we prepare for the Omaha reunion. Enclosed you will find the daily activity schedule, the proposed tours, the registration forms and the banquet menu. It would be well to make your selections early to avoid the deadlines. The hotel reservations phone number is listed on the back page of the newsletter. Be sure to mention our Association in order to get the reduced rate.

Elliott Sortillo is still accepting proposals for the big event in 2013. Send your suggestions to Elliott for consideration. Also, Ed Sheffield is accepting nominations for officers and board members to serve during the coming year. We urge you to become involved by serving in a leadership position.

Peggy Sullivan has agreed to lead the raffle table crew again this year, but she needs help. This activity is not only fun but very profitable as well. See Peggy when you get there and she will arrange a schedule suitable for you.,

We have already contacted a band for the Friday night dance. Our friend, Dennis Pavlik who lives in Omaha, recommends the band highly.

Greg and Linda Bruseau have agreed to do the memory book this year. Photos taken at the reunion this year should be sent to them for arranging in the book.

It seems our sick and taps section increases in numbers with each newsletter. Keep those friends and family members in your thoughts and prayers. Perhaps a card of sympathy or good wishes would brighten their day.

I would like to share with you a message in a thank you note received from Joan Rook, widow of our good friend, Richard Rook. She said after Dick's passing they received about 80 sympathy cards, most of them from his EX-POW buddies. That is an example of our purpose, which makes me proud.

She also included the following quote, "Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, but learning to dance in the rain". Dick knew many storms, but he learned to dance in the rain. "We should all learn from this quote". "Tough times never last, but tough people do, Hang tough my FRIENDS." Until next time, Bill Norwood

If you have news items or suggestions that you would like mentioned in future newsletters send the material to either Jack Chapman or David Mills for publication. We send everyone on our mailing list a copy of our Newsletter four (4) times a year. If you know of a member who has moved and have their address, PLEASE HELP US OUT. If you know of someone who has died, and or sick. PLEASE, let us know. We had over 30 copies of the December 2011, Newsletter returned. We need to stay in touch. Jack Chapman's email address is: jackkpw@yahoo.com. and David Mills' email address is, dwmw75wg76@comcast.net. Thank You.

Chaplain's Corner: Hello to all our ex-POW's and families! We wish for everyone to be well, but have heard that some of us are not fairing so well. We are trusting God to meet all our needs as "He alone can do." Philippians 4:19. In Ephesians 6:10, we read about courage and that is where my prayer is taken from. We beseech Thee, O God, for clearness of vision, for soundness of judgment, for courage on conviction, and for quiet confidence in Thee as we face the great problems of our time. Deliver us from an attitude of defeatism or of compromise with the forces of evil. Fill us at needed times with the Holy indignation that the Master had when He cleansed the Temple. Inspire us with the spirit of service and sacrifice and let the peace of God which passeth understanding continually guard our minds and hearts from fear. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen. May God bless us all and God Bless America. Your chaplain, Norman Hale

Korean War POW/MIA Report (JPAC): It's been a while since we've spoken of the Chosin Reservoir. Very likely our recovery teams will be back in North Korea later this year. One of our two previous base camps was on the east side of the Chosin--the other was at the Unsan battle zone, farther west. We hope to be working on the east side of the Chosin Reservoir this Spring, and even to do some exploratory work on the west side, along the road to Yudam-ni.

All of this will take place in the battle zone, but we are tracing POW movements out of the area very carefully. Sadly, many of the men captured at Chosin were already disabled by wounds or frostbite. So, in the past, we've recovered the remains of POWs along with those who died in battle, from within the main fighting area. But we've also been allowed to work just north of the battle zones. Our teams made one recovery of a POW who died near the start of the route up to Kanggye, where many of those captured at Chosin spent Christmas 1950.

Conditions en route were terrible, even worse than those encountered by men captured at Kunu-ri in the west or at Hoengsong in February 1951. But we know that men stopped at villages along the way. Names like "Little Death Valley" and "Valley #1" are well known, then the Chosin POWs came to the main holding point near Kanggye. By the routes taken, Kanggye is over 60 miles north and west of the upper end of the Reservoir, so we have no real hope of getting there this year. But the villages en route are another matter. We'll always be watchful for opportunities as they unfold. Sometimes North Korean escorts have allowed our recovery teams to work beyond the fighting areas, and sometimes not.

A few early men like Elliott Sortillo, passed through Kanggye in December and went to Camp 5. Others like "Red" Sitler passed east of Kanggye and ended up at the Apex Camps with Tiger Group. But most of the men at Kanggye were there until mid-March 1951. Then, by train and cart and mainly on foot, they continued to Camp 1 at Changsong on the south bank of the Yalu River. On 11 February 1951, a very unusual event unfolded at the Kanggye Camp. Chinese and North Korean captors demanded that the POWs sign a peace petition. The senior officer present, a Marine Corps major, thought things through. Kanggye was isolated, a place without witnesses, and his men were at great risk. The petition itself was nonsense, and signing it would do no great harm. But with a little luck, it could get the names of those present "out," making their captivity undeniable, and pretty well assuring that as a group they would not simply vanish. He spoke briefly, he ordered the men to sign, and they did.

Some of these men later died, but most did not. The Kanggye Peace Petition of 11 February 1951 became an exercise in mockery, it back-fired on the captors, who gained nothing and were suddenly in a spotlight. So what happened to the Major? He returned alive, explained himself, and continued to serve with honor. Like Johnny Johnson and Doc Shadish, he did what he could and he did what was right. Lieutenant General John N. McLaughlin, USMC, who had landed at Guadalcanal in 1942 then brought out his men from Kanggye in 1951, finally passed in 2002. Met him once, shook hands, he was a good man. Respects! Phil O'B

GOOD NEWS: I want to update you and the EX-POWs about my cancer experience. I was told that I was fortunate the disease was in my larynx rather than an area surrounded with lymph nodes. When the lymph nodes are infected with the disease, it causes the spreading of the cancer to other parts of the body. The 33 days of radiation treatment eliminated the cancer, so I am told. The down side of the treatment is that my neck is swollen. The distant lymph nodes were affected by the radiation. Last month, December 2011, I met with the radiation Doctor. After going through Pet Scan tests, I was declared cancer free. He wants to see me in one year. Very recently, I met with the Oncology (Surgeon) Doctor. She gave me the same positive report. She wants to see me every 3 months. I am feeling pretty good but I did lose close to 50 pounds. My voice is still relatively weak. I hope that you and your family are in good health and remain so in future. Happy New Years to all. Sincerely, John Toth.

DONATIONS: Sheri Ellis in memory of her parents, Walter P. and Patsy Spivey. George Berube in memory of Dick Rook. Edward Goodenough, in memory of Richard Rook, Helen Hewitt, in memory of Dick Rook and Louis Lugo. Joseph Hems, Tim and Trudy Abee, extended family members of Bill and Liz Norwood donation to operating fund. Military Order of Purple Heart, Anthony Yelencsics Memorial Chapter 181, donation to Operating fund. . Larry Casilac and Willie Freeman, frequent donors, Operating funds, A generous donation was received from Dallas Mossman in memory of our buddy, Richard Rook. Dallas and Dick were in the same company on line and were captured together in May 1951. They also spent time together in the same POW camp. Dallas describes Richard as a special friend who he will never forget. Lloyd Pate in memory of Pearl King.

SICK CALL: Gillespie, Bailey Nelda Young, is recovering from surgery.

TAPS: BIRCHARD, Spencer James, died March 25, 2011. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 17 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren. He was captured on November 2, 1950 and returned during Big Switch, September 4, 1953. Cp 5 & 4. He served with L.Co. 8 Cav. 1Cav. Div.

BROWN, Norman N. age 83 passed away Saturday January 14, 2012. He served with 5th RCT, 24 DIV. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Sarah and Sons.

CHOMA, Helen, died November 27, 2011. She is survived by her husband John. . No Children.

HAYS, William A " Bill " died January 13, 2012. Information received from Jim Fine. Bill first served in Korea with M Company, 21st Infantry and was later transferred on 26 August 1950 to Company L. His brother Cpl Edward G. Hays also served in Korea with Company M, 21st Infantry and was taken prisoner on 12 July 1950 and returned to military control on 26 August 1953.. Bill is survived by his wife Jan and a daughter.

KING Pearl, died January 2, 2012, after a brief battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, John, son and grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vista Care Hospital, 319 Margie Dr. Warner Robins, GA. 31088, or Josef H. King Trust Fund, c/o Bank of America, 111 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins, GA. 31088.

CORRECTION To September 2011 NEWSLETTER, Should be: **LEE, John,** Ireland. John Lee died, May 13, 2011. He was captured on May 13, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 17, 1953, Camp 1. He served with L. Co. 38th Inf. 2nd Division. He is survived by his son, daughters and grand children. Information received from his daughter, Mary B. Johnson.

MARLATT, Nancy Ault, (widow of Herbert Marlatt) died December 1, 2011. She is survived by one daughter, one granddaughter and two great-granddaughters.

SCHWAB, Clarence E. Chicago Tribune, Sunday, February 5, 2012, deaths notice. He is survived by his 2 daughters, 1 son and 15 grandchildren 16 great grandchildren. He was assigned B/2 Eng. C. BN, 2 Inf. Div. He was captured 12/1/1950 and returned during Big Switch on 8/24/1953. Cp 3. No further Info.

SITLER, Harold (Red) died, February 21, 2012. He served with "B" Company, 31st Infantry, 7th Division. He was captured at Hell's Fire Valley, (Chosin Reservoir) on November 30th, 1950, and returned during Big Switch. He ended up at the Apex Camps with the Tiger Group. He is survived by his wife Betty, children and grand children.

SLATER, Harold K. LTC.

died April 5, 2011. Information received from his daughter. He served with 8202 AU, 3 ROK Div. KMAG. He was captured on May 18, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on Sept 5, 1953. Cps 2A & 1.

THASH, William G. MAJOR GENERAL,

died, July 4, 2011. He served with VMA-121, 1 MAW. He was captured December 21, 1951 and returned during, Big Switch on September 5, 1953. Cp 2. He is survived by his wife Margie. He would have being 95 years old in September 2011.

WICKS, Mary Louise,

passed away on 11/16/11, after a six year struggle with Diabetes, Kidney Disease and Dialysis. She is survived by her husband of sixty years, Fred Wicks, one son, 2 grand children and three great grand children.

INFORMATION: Hello, I would like to take the time to thank you all for you service to our country! I am a Viet Nam Vet and was in the Navy on CGN-9 USS Long Beach, my son is on a Trident Submarine now (SSBN 739 Nebraska). I am a proud member of the Patriot Guard Riders and stand flag lines at Veterans funerals. I am honored to be able to do that. I had a very good friend that died this year that you probably know as he was a Korean POW also. Richard Rook. He lived about two blocks from me for the last 27 years and his wife Joan, ran the daycare We took our kids too. He was quite a man, nice and friendly and he will be missed. I have just finished reading the book that he had helped work on, and it is just unbelievable the things that you went through. I live in Puyallup, Washington and if there are anyone that needs the services of the Patriot Guard Riders please feel free to contact us at "PGRofWa.org" and we would be honored to stand for any who ask. I can only say.....thank you and Welcome home brother! Jay McNabb.

SEEKING INFORMATION: I am looking for information on my uncle. His name was PFC **Leonard James Williams**. He was part of L. Company, 21st Infantry, 24th Division. I know from Johnson's List that he was captured July 11, 1950 and died in Hanjang-ni on December 7, 1950. I would love to have information on what type of person he was or pictures of him, and with the other men in his unit. I was very excited to hear about the new recovery efforts agreed to by the North Koreans. Hopefully his remains will be returned before my father passes, it was his brother. We fly the POW flag every day in hope that one day all of our men are returned to their loved ones. Sincerely, John J. Williams,

My brother was **John E. Sarno**, on 13 FEB, 1951, Corporal Sarno was a member of Headquarters Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. He was listed as Missing in Action while fighting the enemy near Hoengsong, South Korea on February 13, 1951. He was presumed dead on December 31, 1953. Would like to contact anyone who knew or was with my brother. Florence, at email: SMizevitz@aol.com

My grandfather was **Kenneth L Veihdeffer** from Clearfield PA. I am trying to get in contact with some men that may have known my grandfather or may have been a prisoner in "camp 1" with him. I never knew my grandfather and I would just like to learn a little bit about him or him being in the camp. Also I am looking for some pictures of him. Any information or help would be greatly appreciated!! Thank you! Kendra Veihdeffer, kveihdef@lhup.edu

TIGER SURVIVORS: DIABETIC: Get a pair of free shoes a year! No Kidding. This program is covered by Medicare. Go to a Foot Solutions store and ask for a form to give to your doctor. Your Doctor would certify that you are a diabetic on this form. Return the completed form to Foot Solutions and be fitted for a new pair of shoes. This could be dress shoes or tennis shoes. Ask about money limitations under this program. (Maybe other specialty shoe stores do this as well, but I am not sure. Shorty Sez. **Doctor Ernst Kisch**, Austrian Jew, was one of the civilian imprisoned with us in North Korea. He died at Andong (old Japanese Army Camp). If you are interested go to the net and type in Doctor Ernst Kisch. You will be amazed at what you find about his imprisonment in a death camp during World War Two. Shorty Sez.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: This year the following positions are open: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and two board member positions. Please let the Nomination Chairman know sixty day in advance or before the first of June if you would like to fill one of these positions. Your resume, the position you desire, and why you would like to fill it should be sent to Ed Sheffield,

KOREAN WAR EXPOW HONORED: Korean War Medal of Honor recipient has a Reserve Base named after him. 60 years after the war, the Army 90th Aviation Support Battalion in Fort Worth dedicated the new Colonel James L. Stone, U.S. Army Reserve Center in Honor of Colonel Stone and his heroism during the Korean War. About a dozen Korean War Veterans, 400 Army Soldiers and members of Colonel Stone's family attended the dedication.

COMING HOME: More than 60 years after his death, Army Sergeant **Joseph A. Bowen** is coming home. Bowen was killed in action November 30, 1950, just north of the Chosin Reservoir. In December 2011, his sisters received a phone call which was never expected. "We like to have fainted," one sister said when an Army Casualty Assistance Officer told her, **Bowen** had been uncovered in a ditch with about nine other bodies. This past month has been dedicated to preparing the funeral, **Bowen** never received. It's a bittersweet time, said one sister said. Bowen's two sister are the only surviving family members.

BACK HOME: James Fische remembers **WILLIE DENNIS HILL**, as "an easy-going guy. He was quiet, not loud or anything like that." He was a nice young man." Now, Fische is happy that his first cousin, **SGT. WILLIE DENNIS HILL**, will finally get the burial he deserves, **HILL** was killed in action in the Korean War, but his body was never recovered until North Korea allowed Americans into that country to search for missing soldiers. "We are very happy that we were able to bring him home," Fische said.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE: A "Freedom Is Not Free" event will be held May 19th. We want to recognize all POWs, MIA families, active military, gold stars and veterans. Your presence is requested in Leesburg on May 19th, 2012 for this historical Florida Chapters event. The day will start with a parade, dedication of a tri-county Veteran's Memorial, Freedom Walk memorabilia booths and the Prisoner of War-Stolen Freedom documentary before finishing with a Missing Man Flyover and RT's Flame of Freedom Missing Man Table ceremony. President Rolling Thunder ® Inc. Chapter 6,FL www.rollingthunderfl6.com Until they all come home.

WOMEN IN HISTORY: From Wes Morrison. The 24th ID Association member Brenda Morgan Tavares will be awarded "Women in History" award by the "Daughters of the American Revolution" on April 27, 2012, for her efforts in getting the award of the "**Purple Heart**" to those Prisoner of War who died in captivity. Brenda is the niece of Corporal Melvin H. Morgan, Company L, 21st Infantry who was taken prisoner on July 11, 1950 and died in captivity on December 6, 1950 in a POW camp near Hanjang-ni, NK. The award will be presented during the DAR meeting in the Reagan Room, 195 E. Douglas Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020. The Room is located on the Library grounds.

SURVIVING SPOUSES: Veterans Benefit Improvement Act of 1996 allows the surviving spouse an entire month of compensation for the month in which the veteran dies. It also authorizes payments of accrued benefits for up to two years (instead of one) in the event of the Veteran's death before final adjudication of a claim. SECTION 1318, Benefits for survivors of certain veterans rated totally disabled at time of death. SECTION 1318(3) the veteran was a former prisoner of war who died after September 30,1999, and the disability was continuously rated totally disabling for a period of not later than one year immediately preceding death. There is no means test to qualify for the VA Widow's benefit, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). Jack Chapman

PRISONER OF WAR: There is certainly no glory in being captured by the enemy and while there is no disgrace, it is yet a traumatic, frustrating and often humiliating experience to be forced through circumstances beyond your control, to lay down your weapon and surrender to the foe.

The ordeal of a prisoner of war was once very aptly described by Sir Winston Churchill who wrote. "It is a melancholy state; you are in the power of the enemy. You owe your life to his humanity, your daily bread to his compassion. You must obey his order, await his pleasure, posses your soul in patience. The days are long; hours crawl by like paralytic centipedes. Moreover, the whole atmosphere of prison is odious. Companions quarrel about trifles and get the least possible enjoyment from each other's society. You feel a constant humiliation in being fenced in by railings and wire, watched by armed guards and webbed about with a tangle of regulations and restrictions. This is dedicated to the hundreds of valiant, American Prisoners Of War, who though captured during the Korean War and ill-trained in the Communists tactics of torture and brainwashing, survived and resisted, until finally in 1953, we were returned to United Nations control at Panmunjon, South Korea.

TASK FORCE DRYSDALE: November 29, 1950, a Platoon of Heavy Weapons, from Dog Company, 31st Infantry, 7th Infantry Division was assigned to Baker Company, 31st Infantry and was made part of "Task Force Drysdale", (named for Lieutenant Colonel Douglas B. Drysdale, Commanding Officer of the British 41st Independent Commando, Royal Marines.) This Task Force included 235 members of the 41st, about 205 US Marines, some 190 soldiers of Company B, 31st RCT, a platoon of Heavy Weapons of "D" Company, 31st RCT, and about 82 US Marines and several US Navy Corpsmen attached to the 1st Marine Division. The task forced numbered approximately 900 men with armor support. Our mission was to cut through the Chinese Communist forces along the 10-14 miles of road between Koto-Ri and Hagaru. At about 0300-0400 hours, on the morning of November 30th, 1950, what remained of our unit a few American and British Marines was sadly overrun by the Chinese Communists forces during the bloody fighting at "HELL'S FIRE VALLEY" The Chinese reneged on their promise to Major John McLaughlin to permit the evacuation of the wounded to Koto-ri.
By Jack Chapman

Tour Descriptions

CITY TOUR/DURHAM MUSEUM

Wednesday, August 1

Drive through the Gold Coast area and see some of Omaha's upscale homes and estates. Downtown, points of interest include the Con Agra Headquarters, Heartland of America Park, Jocelyn Art Museum and the new Pioneer Courage Park with magnificent bronze statues depicting the westward movement. Stop at old Union Station, now home to the Durham Western Heritage Museum. Affiliated with the Smithsonian, the museum is the nation's first restored Art Deco railway station; housing exhibits of more than 100 years of Omaha history and memorabilia. Walk through full-sized train cars, learn the history of Omaha from the Native Americans to present, and enjoy an ice cream, malt or phosphate at the old-fashioned soda fountain. Enjoy lunch and shopping on your own at the Old Market. Walk along cobblestone streets, once home to produce dealers, buyers, and transporters at the end of the 19th century. Today, the red brick warehouses are home to more than 100 businesses, including restaurants and specialty shops. Lunch options include Nicola's in the Market Italian, M's Pub, Upstream Brewing Company, The Diner, and Famous Dave's BBQ.

9:30am board bus, 3:30pm back at hotel.

\$56/Person includes bus, guide, and admission. Lunch on your own.

HARRAH'S HORSESHOE CASINO

Thursday, August 2

Try your luck at Las Vegas Style gambling at Harrah's Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Upon arrival at the Casino you will receive a Reward Card. Enjoy dinner on your own at the Village Square Buffet or Jack Binion's Steak House. With over 100,000 square feet of gaming space, choose from slot machines to various table games including Black Jack, Poker, Roulette, and Craps.

5:00pm board bus, 10:00pm back at hotel.

\$28/Person includes bus and escort. Dinner on your own

STRATEGIC AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM/BOY'S TOWN

Friday, August 3

More than thirty of the world's most famous military aircraft and missiles are on display at the Strategic Air and Space Museum. This 300,000 square foot facility includes the SR-71 "Blackbird" and the B-36 "Peacemaker." This historic collection is a celebration of aviation and the men and women who served at Nebraska's Strategic Air Command. A unique feature of the Museum is the opportunity to watch the restoration of warplanes as technicians prepare them for display. The museum's café, Plane Food, has a selection of pizza, sandwiches and snacks to choose from for lunch. Today we will also take a guided tour of Father Flanagan's Boy's Town. Founded in 1917 by Father Edward Flanagan and incorporated in 1936, Boy's Town is a complete community for over 550 boys and girls having trouble at home (or no home at all). The complex is a world-renowned college preparatory and technical training facility. The tour will include stops at the Hall of History, Father Flanagan's home, and one of the chapels.

9am board bus, 3:45pm back at hotel.

\$65/Person includes bus, escort, and admissions. Lunch on your own.

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 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 REUNION
JULY 30 – AUGUST 5, 2012
OMAHA MARRIOTT HOTEL, OMAHA, NE**

Monday, July 30

Early Bird Reunion Arrivals
Hospitality Room Opens for Duration of Reunion

Tuesday, July 31

7:00am - 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open
2:00pm - 7:00 pm **Reunion Registration Open**

Wednesday, August 1

7:00am - 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open
7:30am - 9:30am Continental Breakfast Cash Cart open (purchase breakfast items)
8:15am - 9:15am **Reunion Registration Open**
9:30am - 3:30pm CITY TOUR/DURHAM MUSEUM (description follows)
3:00pm - 5:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
Evening on your own

Thursday, August 2

7:00am - 11:00pm Hospitality Room Open
7:30am - 9:30am Continental Breakfast Cash Cart open (purchase breakfast items)
9:00am - 10:00am Site Selection Committee Meeting
9:00am - 10:00am Nominating Committee Meeting
8:45am - 9:00am **Reunion Registration Open**
4:35pm - 6:35pm **Reunion Registration Open**
5:00pm - 11:00pm HARRAH'S HORSESHOE CASINO (description follows)

Friday, August 3

7:00am - 12:00am Hospitality Room Open
7:30am - 9:30am Continental Breakfast Cash Cart open (purchase breakfast items)
7:30am - 9:00am Surviving Spouses Breakfast
9:00am - 12:00pm **Reunion Registration Open**
(additional hours will be posted at reunion, if necessary)
9:00am - 11:00am Board Meeting
9:30am - 3:45pm STRATEGIC AIR & SPACE MUSEUM/BOYS TOWN TOUR
(description follows)
4:30pm - 5:30pm **Banquet Seating assigned for Saturday Night**
(instructions will be in your registration packet)
6:30pm - 8:00pm Raffle
8:00pm - 12:00pm Dance

Saturday, August 4

10:00am - 12:00pm General Business Meeting
2:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Service
5:00pm - 6:30pm Photographs and Cocktails
6:30pm - 11:00pm Banquet

Sunday, August 5

9:00am - 10:00am Worship Service
Farewells and Departures

**OMAHA MARRIOTT HOTEL – OMAHA, NE
(402) 399-9000**

(Please reference the Korean War Ex-POW Reunion to obtain the special reunion room rate)

The Omaha Marriott Hotel is located at 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114. The hotel is approximately 11 miles from the Omaha Eppley Airfield. The Marriott is located just across the street from Regency Court, offering a unique blend of shopping and dining. If you are driving, please call the hotel directly for directions. The Omaha Marriott Hotel offers guests access to their indoor and outdoor pool (seasonal) and fitness center. Each guest room features an iron/ironing board, coffee maker, hairdryer and complimentary high speed internet access. The hotel offers handicapped accessible rooms, which are based on availability. Please make this request when making your reservation. The Omaha Marriott Hotel is a non-smoking hotel. Parking is complimentary. Check-in time is 3:00pm; check-out is at 12:00pm noon. The **Omaha Chophouse** is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, featuring steaks from Omaha Steaks. Room service is also available from 6:00am-midnight.

The Omaha Marriott Hotel does not offer complimentary airport transportation from the Omaha Eppley Airfield. The hotel recommends A&B Shuttle Service, currently the fare is \$24 per person one way. The Ground Transportation Center is located inside of Door #3 on the lower level of the terminal building. Please contact A&B Shuttle at (877) 359-6624 with any questions, verify pricing or make reservations.

The hotel does offer parking for RVs only for guests staying at the hotel. For full hookup services, contact KOA of West Omaha/Lincoln is located at 14601 Highway 6, Gretna, NE 68028, which is approximately 20 minutes from the hotel. Call the park at (402) 332-3010 for information, directions or reservations.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL -----

KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSOCIATION REUNION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

REUNION DATES: JULY 30-AUGUST 5, 2012

NAME _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NUMBER (_____) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEP. DATE _____

OF ROOMS _____ # OF PEOPLE IN RM. _____

HANDICAP ACCESS _____ 2 BEDS _____ KING BED _____

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$89 + tax (currently 18.16%). Rate will be honored three days before and three days after the reunion date, subject to rates and availability.

CUT-OFF DATE: 07/03/12. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space & rate availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 6:00 pm on arrival date and a cancellation number is obtained. If you cancel after 6:00pm on arrival date, you will be assessed 1 night of your room charge.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card.

____ AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

Mail to: Omaha Marriott Hotel, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114 **Attn: Reservations**

Or visit

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/OMAWE?groupCode=POWPOWA&app=resvlink&fromDate=7/29/12&toDate=8/6/12>

KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

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 www.afr-reg.com/koreanwarexpow2012.** All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **July 3, 2012**. 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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Check # _____	Date Received _____
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<i>CUT-OFF DATE IS 7/3/12</i>			
	Price Per	# of People	Total
<u>TOURS</u>			
WEDNESDAY: CITY TOUR/DURHAM MUSEUM	\$ 56		\$
THURSDAY: HARRAH'S HORSESHOE CASINO	\$ 28		\$
FRIDAY: STRATEGIC AIR & SPACE MUSEUM/BOYS TOWN	\$ 65		\$
<u>MEALS</u>			
SATURDAY BANQUET (Please select your entrée)			
Roasted Tenderloin & Chicken	\$ 42		\$
Chicken & Shrimp with Lemon Caper Sauce	\$ 38		\$
Vegetarian Lasagna	\$ 27		
Child's Plate (Chicken Fingers and French Fries)	\$ 14		\$
<u>Mandatory Per Person Reunion Planning Fee (non-refundable)</u>	\$ 7		\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

NAME _____ FIRST TIMER? (YES___) OR (NO___)

ARE YOU THE EX-POW? (YES___) OR (NO___)

IF YOU ARE NOT THE POW, PLEASE LIST YOUR RELATIONSHIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SPOUSE NAME _____ GUEST NAMES _____

ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2011? (YES___) OR (NO___) DATE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____-

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____ (Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel) MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? q YES q NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY). EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____-

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES r NO ARE YOU FLYING? r DRIVING?r RV?r

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.

REGISTER ONLINE AND PAY BY CREDIT CARD!

www.afr-reg.com/koreanwarexpow2012 (There is a convenience fee to register online.)

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