President’s Message

Hello my friends, it has been a most difficult task attempting to tie our reunion activities in with the other 60th anniversary celebrations that are being planned at D.C. during that week. In fact there are a few loose ends still pending that will be published in the June newsletter. Some of the particulars that were included in the supplement to the March newsletter sent previously are being duplicated in this newsletter to assure that everyone has the full details.

The official dates of our reunion this year are July 21 – 28, 2013. However, the special room rate will apply 3 days prior and after that date to accommodate those wishing to come early and stay late (see message page 5). As announced at Omaha last year, our hospitality room will not open until Wednesday July 24th this year and will remain open during the remainder of the entire event.

Our host hotel will be The Doubletree Crystal City located at 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA. For reservations call (800) 222-8733 or (703) 416-4100 (direct). Ask for group rate of $109.00 plus 10% state and local tax. This is a flat rate compared in price to $159.00 - $169.00 at other hotels in the area.

The cut off date is June 25, 2013. After that date the rooms will be based on availability. To be assured of a room, it is critical that reservations be made at an early date due to the large crowd expected in D.C. at that time. You can always cancel if your plans change. A $75.00 early check out fee will be charged, except in case of emergency.

A limited number of handicapped rooms with roll in showers are available. However, if a room with a toilet riser will suit your needs, save the fully handicapped for those who are more severely handicapped. Specify the type of room needed at the time of registration.

We visited the hotel and found it to be equal or superior to any hotel where we have met in the past, in cost, appearance and convenience, plus we received most all the requirements we requested.

The hotel is located within minutes of downtown Washington, D.C., Historic Alexander, Georgetown and the Pentagon. Complimentary hotel shuttle service is provided to and from Ronald Reagan
**Washington National Airport (DCA)** The Crystal City Metro station, nearby shopping, restaurants and other attractions. The National Monuments, Government Agencies and Museums are accessible via the Metro, Metro stops runs every 30 minutes; the shuttle service to and from the hotel to the Pentagon Fashion Center and Pentagon City Metro stops runs every 30 minutes. As we are all aware, parking is at a premium anywhere in D.C. The normal hotel parking rate is $20.00 per day. However, the hotel has discounted self-parking for our group to a low rate of **$10.00 per day**. Valet parking is **$29.00 per day**. For directions to the hotel we suggest you contact the Doubletree direct at (703) 416-4100.

Our banquet, which is usually planned for Saturday night, has always been the highlight of our event. This is the time we assemble together to fellowship, give thanks for our freedom, enjoy a delicious meal and recall the time such was only a dream. In consideration for those who may wish to attend the Gala on Saturday night, we will change our banquet to Friday night and have our dance on Saturday night. We hope this will be agreeable to all concerned. In order to get the reduced room rate and other benefits, including our hospitality bar, we were required to sign a guaranteed minimum amount of food and beverage revenue. In order to reach this goal it is imperative that we have a good turnout at the Friday night banquet. In addition to a delicious meal and a featured speaker, a very special memento will be presented to all EX-POW’s in attendance at the banquet. You don’t want to miss this one of a kind gift.

On Thursday July 25th a group photo will be taken of all EX-POW’s in attendance. Check the bulletin board in the hospitality room for the time and location. A copy of this photo will be available during the reunion. Arrange your schedule to be included in this photo. Our gift committee has been “shaking the bushes” and has come up with some very special and useful items that have been donated and will be distributed during the dance on Saturday night.

The surviving spouse breakfast has always been a vital part of our reunion and this year is no exception. In fact, some entertainment and other surprises are being planned for this activity this year. If you are a surviving spouse, male or female, we urge you to contact Peggy Sullivan and make reservations for the surviving spouse breakfast at no cost to you. Close friends or family members of a surviving spouse are welcome to attend but they will be asked to purchase a ticket.

The raffle activity is both enjoyable and profitable, so don’t forget to bring new items you would like to donate to the raffle. We also need volunteers to work the raffle table. See Peggy Sullivan for an assignment.

As you will note on the attached Tour Description we have arranged for a Washington after Dark Tour Wednesday Evening. This tour will include time to spend at The Korean War Memorial. If you have never visited the memorials at the National Mall, you have deprived yourself of an experience of a lifetime. I can think of nothing more rewarding for me than standing beside The Korean War Memorial, along with many of my EX-POW buddies, as we reflect and pay tribute to all those who did not come home and those who have passed since returning. We owe them this tribute.

The Evening Parade at Marine Barracks on Thursday is a rare opportunity to witness the Marines “strut their stuff”, plus the Korean War Veterans will be recognized at the opening ceremony. All the planning and arranging has been made, so all you must do is show up and enjoy. This is a must to see event. We urge you to join us and make this the most memorable reunion to date. All the planning and arranging has been made, so all you must do is show up and enjoy. Don’t be the one to say later, “I WISH I HAD GONE.” Bill Norwood.

**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER** Hello to all our friends and families. We hope everything is well with you. Time is moving on and it’s what we do with that time that counts. In Psalms 84:11, it says that the Lord is a sun and shield and He will give grace and glory to you and no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. In discouraging times we must think on these things. We pray, “O Lord for courage amidst all the discouraging things of life, help us to be brave in the face of danger, bold in the presence of the enemies of truth and righteousness and filled with unquenchable hope, even on the darkest day. Forbid that we should seek only the comforts of our religion and be unwilling to face danger, sacrifice, or death for Thy sake.
Make us very sure of the final triumph of the cause of Him whose we are and whom we serve in the name of Him who is our sun and shield, Jesus Christ.” Amen Your chaplain, Norman Hale

DPMO report
Hi! I've often been asked, “how many men were Prisoners of War (POWs) during the Korean War?” I don't know exactly, and this story is worth telling. Government figures are quite good, and the number most often seen is 7140. It takes in 2701 men who died as POWs, 4418 who returned alive, and 21 who refused to come home. Those who came back alive include Little Switch and Big Switch, near the end of the war, and quite a few who escaped from forward areas. But our friend, CSM Tim Casey, has discovered well over 5200 survivor names. This number includes quite a few others who were cut off by enemy forces, then escaped after a few days. Many simply returned to their units.

National Archives has a list of 4447 returning POWs, but it also misses many of these short-termers. There was also a problem with POW deaths in South Korea. Massive battles around Hoengsong in February 1951 give us an example. Whole battalions were encircled, with many men captured. They were gathered up and held locally before marching northward by night. Some died along the wayside or in villages were the groups of 50 to 100 were held by day. After the lower ends of these tracks were retaken by friendly forces, graves registration work picked up, on both battlefields and routes. When remains of men reported as POWs were found and identified, they were returned to their families as POWs. But sometimes missing men who died along the wayside were simply tagged as killed in action. We've found cases in which the bodies of men lost, especially in February-May 1951, were 10 or 20 or even 50 miles from their battle zones, typically farther north. Very obviously, they had marched northward as POWs. Left behind in villages, names were often forgotten by those who went on. Yet when bodies were found and identified, it was very obvious that some had been short-term POWs.

We handle things very differently today. Most of the human remains turned over by the North Koreans in 1990-94 and 2007 are men known to have died there, but a few were MIA from South Korea where they were last seen alive. We've taken special care to inform families whenever these men are identified. There are other examples, as well. Our recovery teams worked at both the Unsan and Chosin Reservoir battle zones. But some of our recoveries (and some of the North Korean turnovers) have been from north of the fighting areas. More identifications have followed, and where the remains themselves provide evidence of captivity, we've told the families. So how many men were captured? Counting men in all the different categories, as many as 7900. As time moves along, we'll try to make that more exact. Best to all! Phil O'Brien

DONATIONS: Gregorio Gonzales, Operating Fund, Sheri Ellis in memory of her deceased Dad and Mom, (Walter and Patsy Spivey). Donations for Newsletter Funds: Charles Randal Selby Jr., William E. Borer, Jearl Roberson, R. Gilliam Eveland; Lilanne S.& Gerald Cavagnaro , Larry and Kathy Casilac, Frank D. Lannantuono, Ray Servatius Georgory, Donna Routree, Ivan Eaton Sr, Charles Combs, Henry T. Arakaki, Willis Remus, Dan Carr, Colleen V. Trotter. A generous donation was received from The Military Order of The Purple Heart Athony Yelencsics Memorial Chapter # 181, Willis Remus and Dan Carr, dedicated to his uncle Blanton Todd.

JOE FORD’S PURPLE HEART MEDAL: Six decades after he was injured and held captive for more than 2.1/2 years, Joe Ford, was finally presented with a Purple Heart Medal and a POW Medal on January 19, 2013. A standing room only crowd attended the awards ceremony held at Asheville, NC. VA Medical Center where he is a patient. This award and the ceremony was made possible by the efforts of John Elskamp, Veterans Legacy Foundation,, U.S. Senator Kay Hagan and Staff, Mike Nanney, Rolling Thunder member and Pizza Hut of Asheville. CONGRATULATIONS JOE!!!

SICK CALL: Vernon Ray, Wilbur “Shorty” Estrabrook, William W. House (Assisted Living), William H. Dangro, is in the VA Hospital, in nursing care. Joan Annello is recovering from her operation. Charles Heddinger, Fred Liddell broken ribs and Francis Liddell back surgery, Bailey Gillespire is very ill. Homer Gregory is the hospital. Billy Joe Harris is not doing well, the cancer is spreading.
SEEKING INFORMATION: Sergeant Edward Clarence Wright United States Army, was held as a Prisoner of War after he was captured on 12 February 1951 near Hoengson, South Korea. He was unaccounted for and is presumed to have died or been killed while in captivity. His niece is trying to find anyone who knew her uncle. Contact Cindy Chapman at cdaniele@yahoo.com, and she will pass the info on to Wendy Foltz.

TAPS: BERUBE George E. (Frenchy ), died December 6th 2012. George served with C. Company, 7 Cav. 1st Cav.I Division. He was captured September 6, 1951 and returned during Big Switch, August 21, 1953. He is survived by his Wife, Flo, and children. Information received from George E. Berube Jr.

BOYD, Royce Information received from his widow. He was captured on November 30, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on August 24, 1953. Camp 3 and 4.

JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM, died December 7, 2012; He survived by his wife Lela. He served with B. Company, 38th Infantry, 2nd Division. Joe was captured on February 12, 1951 and escaped March 17, 1951.

LAWRENCE E. DONOVAN, died October 31, 2012. He is survived by his wife. He serviced with Med. Det. 65 Engr, C. Bn, 25 Div. He was captured on November 27, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on 8/12, 1953. Camp 5.

GRAY, Freddie H died February 4th, 2013. He is survived by his wife, daughters, sons and grandchildren and great grandchildren. He served with HQ. Co. 9th Inf.2 Div. He was captured December 1, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on August 10, 1953. Camp 5.

HALL, James S (Jim) died December 19, 2012 James served with ‘C” Btry, 38 FA Bn, 2 Div. He was captured on November 30,1950 and was returned during Big Switch on 8/10/ 53. Camp 5.He is survived by his wife, Alice.

KAY, Clarence D. died December 7, 2012. He is survived by his wife. He served with Medical Company, 23 Infantry, 2nd Div. He was captured on May 18, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on August 18, 1953. Camp 1.

McLEAN, Ernest Eugene, died January 22, 2013. He served with, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. He was captured, November 30, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on 21 August 1953. Camp 1. He is survived by his wife.

SCHMIDT, Major Andrew W. died. He served with 17th BW, US Force. He was captured on September 6, 1951 and returned during Big Switch on September 5, 1953. Camp 2.

TOUEY, John A. SR, died November 28, 2012. He served with G. Company, 23rd Infantry, 2nd Div. He was captured on November 25, 1950 and returned during Big Switch on, September 1, 1953. Camps 5, 3, and 4. He is survived by his wife.

YOUNG, Clarence, died February 6, 2013. He served with George Co., 5 RCT. 24th Division. He was captured, April 25, 1951 and returned during Big Switch, September 5,1953.Camps 1 and 4. Clarence had been ill for some time. Clarence will always be remembered for his jolly demeanor and his love for his EX-POW buddies. Sympathy cards may be sent to family member Pam Young.

REMAINS IDENTIFIED AND RETURNED.
After 62 years, PFC Glenn Schoenmann is finally Home, January 10, 2013. PFC Schoenmann, served with Company M, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, was captured on November 28, 1950,
and died while a prisoner on December 29, 1950. His remains were reportedly recovered in 1954, but the identification process was finalized in December 2012 by using DNA from his family. He is survived by his sister, Edna Kilgore of Monteagle; brothers, Ernest Schoenmann of Creve Coure of Illinois, Raymond Schoenmann of Tracy City, and Carl Schoenmann of Winchester, sister-in-law, Joyce Schoenmann, of Gallatin, TN, several nieces and nephews and a host of cousins. William (Bill) Norwood attended the Memorial Service on January 10, 2013.

Pfc. Weldon Alonzo Davis (B Battery of the 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division) is scheduled to come home to North Texas, 62 years after he died in a Korean prisoner of war camp. Davis will be buried with military honors at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Son of a Korean War POW Volunteers at Andersonville by Eric Leonard, Chief of Interpretation and Education

Volunteers provide critical assistance to the operation of the park. In the past year, a number of volunteers have stayed in the park for one to three months and worked in the National Prisoner of War Museum, greeting visitors and leading programs. All of these volunteers are drawn to this place to help us tell the prisoner of war story to the visiting public; this fall, we were joined by a volunteer who had another reason to volunteer here – his father had been held as a prisoner of war in Korea for 33 months.

Pat and Diana Curry, of Lubbock, Texas, joined us in mid-September. They had arranged to volunteer here a year earlier, and we had discussed at that time Pat's interest in volunteering at the museum. Pat was drawn to the park as a way to learn more about his father's experiences in Korea. My first assignment to them was to spend a day being visitors, exploring the entire park, in order to get to know all that the park offers.

While taking in the museum's exhibits the next day, they discovered something that none of us expected – as it turns out, the video loop in the Freedom room, which shows news footage of returning POWs from WWII through the First Gulf War, includes a brief shot of Pat's parents embracing, when his father, Lt. Jim Curry, returned home in 1953. Also in the picture is Pat, at age seven.

This unexpected moment more than exceeded Pat's hopes for his volunteer experience here, and was a good start to two months of volunteering.

NOMINATION: Our Association has three Board Members whose term of office is expiring this year, 2013. Cindy Chapman, Judy Egresitz and Gary Johnson. Let me know in writing or email if you would like to continue and be considered along with any others nominated.

The two current Officers, David Mills and Jack Chapman will be considered for President and First Vice President unless they decline. Second Vice-President is open for nominations. Persons nominated for this position will need to send a conformation stating their willingness to serve as an office of our Association and be in line for the position of President. Ed Sheffield, Nomination Committee Chairperson

Omaha Reunion Memory Books: We have additional copies of the Omaha Memory Books available. If you would like a copy please send your name, mailing address, and a check for $20 per copy to:

KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSOCIATION

Please note on the check that it is for an Omaha Reunion Memory Book.

Important Information Regarding Reunion Room Reservations:

Due to the unusual increase in requests for room reservations this year, our block of rooms for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday has already been filled. As of February 25, 2013 there are still rooms available for Wednesday through Saturday at the group rate. If you wish to come early you will be required to pay the regular hotel rate. Please contact the hotel for the regular rate, as it does vary depending on demand.
The Doubletree by Hilton Washington DC is located at 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. The hotel is ideally situated in the Crystal City corridor just minutes from the nation's capital. Hotel vans will shuttle you to the nearby Pentagon City Fashion Mall at the Pentagon City Metro stop. The Metro provides transportation into the city to visit any of Washington's many world-famous museums and monuments. If you are driving, please feel free to contact the hotel directly for directions. Each guest room features cable TV with Pay Per View and video games. The hotel has a fully equipped health club or treat yourself to a swim in the enclosed rooftop pool. The hotel's gift shop is located in the lobby. Best of all, Doubletree's famous homemade chocolate chip cookies will be waiting for you the night you arrive! The Doubletree is a 100% non-smoking hotel. The hotel offers handicapped accessible, which are based on availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservation.

The hotel offers daily, self, overnight, and valet parking, managed by Towne Park parking is $24.00 per day and valet is $29.00 per day. There is a discounted rate of $10 per day for self-parking or overnight guest parking (this does not include valet parking). Check-in time is 3:00pm, and check-out is 12:00 noon. Café Restaurant offers a casual bistro atmosphere, serving breakfast and lunch daily. Window's Over Washington Restaurant, a Comedian with Dinner only on Friday and Saturday. Offering Continental and New American cuisine plus a spectacular view, The Skydome Lounge, a revolving rooftop lounge, is well known as one of the city's most popular nightspots. The Lobby Bar offers guests a place to unwind and relax while enjoying dinner or drinks. Room service is available.

The Doubletree by Hilton Hotel provides free shuttle service to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport from 5am until 12am. It departs the hotel every 15 minutes and proceeds to the airport to drop off and pick up passengers. It then returns to the hotel. Please follow the signs for ground transportation to catch the shuttle.

The hotel has limited RV parking, located behind the hotel; parking for RVs will be at the discounted group parking rate of $30 per day, and is for registered guests of the hotel only. Please inform the hotel when making reservations if you will be parking a RV as there are limited spots available. For electrical hookup service, the Pohick Bay Park on the Potomac River is the closest park to the hotel, which is approximately twenty miles away, located at 6501 Pohick Bay Drive in Lorton, VA. Call (703) 339-6104 for information, reservations, and directions. Their web address is www.nvrpa.org. 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 and schedules are subject to change.

PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED BY PHONE, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MAIL THIS FORM TO HOTEL.

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# OF ROOMS _____      # OF PEOPLE IN RM_____       HANDICAP ACCESS _____
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If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: $109+ tax (currently 10%). Rate will be offered 3 days before and 3 days after reunion dates, limited availability
CUT-OFF DATE: 06/25/13. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space and rate availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY: A credit card is required to guarantee your reservation. If you cancel within 24 hours, the card will be charged for one night plus tax. Adjustments to departure date after check-in, resulting in a shortened length of stay, may result in a fee of $75 for each individual. The fee will be waived in the event of a family or medical emergency.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night’s deposit enclosed.

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CREDIT CARD NUMBER ________________________________________________ EXP. DATE _________________

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _________________________________________________________

Mail to: Doubletree by Hilton *ATTN: Reservations * 300 Army Navy Drive* Arlington, VA 22202
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/koreanwarexpow2013 (3% convenience fee applies). All registration forms and payments must be received by June 26, 2013. 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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| Child’s Plate (Chicken Fingers and French Fries)             | $ 20      |             |       |

Mandatory Per Person Reunion Planning Fee (non-refundable) $ 7

Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

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NAME________________________________________________FIRST TIMER? (YES___) OR (NO_____) ARE YOU THE EX-POW? (YES_____ OR (NO______) IF YOU ARE NOT THE POW, PLEASE LIST YOUR RELATIONSHIP________________________________________

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SPOUSE NAME_______________________GUEST NAME____________________________________________

ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 50th ANNIVERSARY IN 2011? (YES_____) OR (NO_____ DATE_____________

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

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

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!

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