The Forgotten War June 1950 - July 1953

**Died: 36,568** 

**Wounded: 103,284** 

MIA: 8,177

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## President's Message

Franklin "Jack" Chapman

Hello to my POW families and friends. This will be the last newsletter before the reunion. Please read the information regarding tours, driving directions and parking carefully to make your trip as smooth as possible. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in Charleston, WV (July 29 to August 5, 2007.) If you have not made room reservations, remember the hotel will only accept reservations by phone. Call the Charleston Marriott Town Center, at 303-345-6500 or toll free at 1-800-228-9290. Be sure to mention the Korean War Ex-POW Association Reunion.

This past year we lost many of our POW brothers and family members. My heartfelt condolences go out to all who have lost a loved one.

I would like to ask for your assistance regard the quantity of newsletters which are returned after each mailing. This past mailing we had over 80 returns, due to change of addresses, temporarily away, or overfilled mailboxes. For each of these newsletters, the Association must pay \$.17 for the initial mailing, \$.39 when it is returned, and another \$.39 to re-mail it to the correct address. This comes to \$.95 for each returned newsletter, a total of over \$76 this time. With the postal rate increase, our costs will be increasing. Please let Tim Casey or me know if you are moving, going on vacation, or stopping your mail temporarily. I appreciate your help.

## Korean War POW/MIA Report (JPAC)

Our friend, Phillip A. O'Brien, OSD-DOMO submitted the following update on recovery and identification work.

Last time we spoke of Tiger Group, the first organized gathering of U.S. POWs in the Korean War. Most were taken during the opening days, from 6 July near Osan falling back to 22 July 1950 near Taejon. Not everyone captured during this early period became part of Tiger Group, but many did. Picking up the story, by foot and train they worked north, reaching Manpo on the south bank of the Yalu River on or about 11 September. A lot happened at Manpo. There was a first camp, but the war now took a new turn. Our friends were hurriedly pushed on a side trip to Kosan and Jui-am-nee, to keep them completely separate from Chinese armies entering North Korea at Manpo. Afterwards, they returned, staying at the nearby "cornfield" from 26 through 31 October, where 32 men died. Of these, 16 had to be left behind, unable to go any farther, with no hope of survival. This how the Tiger Group Death March began as it left Manpo.

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### Sick Call

Denny Young Lovy Channell Frank Durant Charles Elder L.B. Wilmeth Norman Long Clarence Kay Jack Perry

## **Taps**

**ALGOSO**, Paulino, Philippines, died 1/2/2007. He served with C Co. 23 Inf. 2 Div. Liberated.

**CARTER**, Ninevah A. died 12/13/06. He is survived by his wife, Betty, two daughters, a son, 7 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He served with Hq. 3BN, 9Inf. 2 Div. Camps 5 & 4.

**EDWARDS**, Archie E. died 05/12/07. He is survived by his wife, Ruth. He served with C Btry. 38FA BN, 2 Div. Camps 5 & 4.

FRAZER, Charles F. died 02/10/07. He served with C Co. 3 Engr C Bn, 24 Div. Camps 3 & 7. JONES, Oleta V. died 02/03/07. She is survived by her husband, Sherman Lee Jones, 3 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**IRONS**, Bonnie, died 5/11/07. She is survived by her husband, James Lee Irons.

**NANARTOWICZ**, Michael, died 04/02/07. He is survived by his wife, Kay. He served with B Co., 35 Inf. Camp 1.

PIERSON, John W. died 11/22/06. He is survived by his wife, Lula, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He served with 1 Co., 31 Inf., 7 Div. Camp 1. SCHAEFFER, Thomas E. died 3/7/07. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Kim Alonz,. He served with G Co. 38 Inf. 2 Div. Camps 5 & 4.

## Chaplain's Corner

Hello to our friends and families.

Memorial day is coming up soon and I want to encourage everyone to be much in prayer for our men and women who are serving our country in Iraq and other places.

Norman Hale, Chaplain

I pray that God will give them the courage to finish the job they set out to do so they can come home. I know we all realize they need our support and prayers.

I pray God's blessings upon all of you and may He encompass you as you go out and come in. May the Lord be your shade by day so the sun will not harm you. May He be your shelter when the moon shimmers by night.

May He protect you with His mighty hand and watch over you---now and forever more. Amen

We hope to see you all in Charleston, W.V. God bless you all.

## **Looking for Information**

JOEL ADAMS: Deborah Christman is looking for information on her father, Joel Adams, who was captured at the Battle of Unsan, Nov. 2, 1950, and spent 34 months in Camps 5, 3, 2, & I, he passed away 20 years ago. His best friend was Jim Caprin from NY, and she has been trying to find Jim's family with no luck. "I high hopes for meeting someone who might have known him at the reunion in Charleston." If you have information about Joel Adams or Jim Caprin, please email Deborah at cherokeetraipsonwoman@yahoo.com

**THOMAS CARR:** Cathy Carr Van Eck is looking for information about her uncle, SFC Thomas G. Carr. He was in Camp 5 from Dec 2, 1950 until Feb 28th 1951, when he died. If you have information about Thomas Carr, please email Cathy at cathyannve@yahoo.com

**EDWARD R. QUINN:** Rita McLoughlin Jeleniewicz is looking for information about her cousin, Edward R. Quinn from Queens, N.Y. She does not have any information about the units or camps he was in. If you have information about Edward Quinn, please email Rita at infoneeded@koreanwarexpow.org

### **Contributions**

Helen Hewitt in memory of Helen Freeman John Toth, Morris (Morrie) Estess, Ralph Liles for operating funds THIS SPACE LEFT BLANK DUE TO REMOVAL OF ADDRESSES.

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The first man to die along the way, on 31 October or 1 November, was ILt Cordus H. Thornton. He was shot personally by The Tiger, as the sadistic North Korean guard commander now became known. Tiger Group marched on to the northeast, toward the Apex Camps, and many others fell by the wayside. Some were shot as they marched and stumbled, others died overnight in villages or were left behind, unable to go any farther. Often, gunshots were heard again as Tiger Group marched out from these villages. This is the hardest part to write about, but it is not a hopeless case. Our best estimate is that 68 Americans died between Manpo and Chunggang-jin, the first of the three Apex Camp villages, where they arrived on or about 9 November 1950. The tradition is that 100 died over the almost 100 miles en route, but, remember, some had already died in the cornfield as they left Manpo and others would die just after arriving in Chunggang-jin, and later in the other Apex villages, as well. Several foreign civilians also died en route, and every one was a precious human being. But day-by-day, we have 68 reliable U.S. names for the main segment of the Death March.

A little side note here: when the men of Tiger Group came home, some were in Little Switch and some were in Big Switch. Those in Big Switch were not all in the same ship. Some of the men who had died were very well known, and others less so. Those well known were often reported to have died on two or three different days. A few men, also with the group, were not reported at all. Even with several friends helping "Johnnie Johnson" to compile his Tiger Group List, there were gaps. By the way, Wayne A. "Johnnie" Johnson wrote pages and pages of debrief forms on the ship home, making a very big contribution even before his list was officially acknowledged, likewise, several of the friends who had helped him. Debriefers did what they could, but they often fumbled by filling in doubtful names, sometimes not getting the story right. So we've had to go back, over and over again, counting men against days. If we ever get to work in the area, we'll find men we are looking for. And we'll be surprised by others who show up not where expected. But so much the better for the men we did not expect to find! When the time comes, they will all be very, very welcome.

We've made a real effort to plot the route day by day. Men lost on the road before 4 November may be our biggest problem, for they died one at a time. Even if buried by local villagers, the sites may not be remembered. But others died or were left behind in villages, and their burial sites surely will be remembered. We say villages, but most were no more than clusters of huts. Even so, they are still there, and they have grown a little. Just as importantly, second and third generations will be there, and they will recall what their elders have told them. We are especially concerned with two sites, Songhang-ni and Kujangyong-ni. These villages may not have even been known by those names, then, but they are probably where Tiger Group stayed during two of the nights before going over that high pass beyond Chasong. Between overnight deaths and those who had to

## Taps, cont.

**TUSKEY**, Kenneth J. He served with Med.Co. 9 Inf. 2 Div. Camps 5, 3. & 4.

## Korean POW deceased not previously listed:

**ADAMS**, Joel, died 03/08/91. He served with E Co. 8 Cav. 1 Cav. Div. Camps 5, 3, 2, and 1.

**CAPRIN**, William James, died 10/15/90. He served with E Co. 8 Cav. 1 Cav. Div. Camp 5 & 1.

**HAMBRICK**, Grandville N. died, 06/15/06. He is survived by his son, Nelson Hambrick. He served with G Co. 23 Inf., 2 Div. Returned.

**KAHANIAK**, John, died 12/31/05. He is survived by his wife, Mary. *Camp* 2.

**LA RUE**, Charles B. died 06/17/06. He is survived by his wife Clara. He served with F Co., 35 Inf., 25 Div. Camps 3 & 7.

**LOJOLA**, Joseph Lawrence, died 09/17/96. He served with L Co., 38th Inf. Reg., 2nd Inf. Div.

**MONTOYA**, Celso J., date unknown. He served with D Co, 8th Cav, 1st Cav., Camp 5.

**VITALE**, George A. died 09/17/05. He is survived by his wife, Louise. *Camp 5*.

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## **Shorty Sez:**

Tiger Survivor Information

This is the first of what we hope will be a regular section of our Association Newsletter. Thanks for keeping us all informed about Tiger happenings Shorty!

### **CHOP CHOP:**

The Tiger Survivor Chop Chop will be on Friday evening at 5:30 PM at the host hotel. Cost is \$36.00 for adults and \$18.00 for kids under 12. Please remit in advance to Shorty Estabrook.

#### **WORMS:**

Harry Addisso died of Acute Respiratory Failure and end stage Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). This is according to the VA. I had reported his death as a result of Cancer before. Harry had Round Worm (Ascariasis) infestation while in POW camp (as did we all). According to the VA his COPD began as a POW.

I have asked my doctor about this and was told not to worry. Jack Chapman was checked and was given a negative report.

### **SICK CALL:**

Roy Thompson Rose Hunt And all the rest listed in my last newsletter.

### **WORLD TRAVELER:**

Sagid and Rey Salah, one of the civilians with us, will soon travel to China and visit several cities. Have a great trip.

## **Servicemen Identified**

**CPL PASTOR BALANON JR.:** The remains of Cpl. Pastor Balanon Jr., U.S. Army, of San Francisco, CA, missing in action from the Korean War have been identified and will be returned to his family to be buried May 3 in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. with full military honors.

In late October 1950, Balanon was assigned to L Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Calvary Regiment, then engaging enemy forces south of Unsan, North Korea, near a bend in the Kuryong River known as the Camel's Head. Chinese communist forces attacked the 8th Regiment's positions on Nov. 1, 1950, forcing a withdrawal to the south where the enemy surrounded them. The remaining survivors in the 3rd Battalion attempted to escape a few days later, but Balanon was declared missing in action on Nov. 2, 1950, in the vicinity of Unsan County.

In 2001, a joint U.S.-North Korean team, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated a burial site in Kujang County, south of Unsan County. A North Korean citizen living near the site told the team that the remains were relocated to Kujang after they were discovered elsewhere during a construction project. The battle area was about one kilometer north of the secondary burial site.

**CPL CLARENCE BECKER:** The Department of Defense POW/ Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that the remains of Cpl. Clarence R. Becker, U.S. Army, of Lancaster, Pa., missing from the Korean War, has been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He was buried April 25 in Indiantown Gap, Pa.

On Dec. I, 1950, Becker went missing in action when the convoy of trucks in which he was riding was ambushed south of Kunuri, North Korea. He was captured and taken prisoner. U.S. servicemen who were held in captivity with Becker said he died in the North Korean Pyoktong POW Camp 5 around May 1951 from malnutrition and disease. He was buried near the camp.

Following the Armistice, the Chinese Army exhumed remains from several POW camp cemeteries and repatriated them in 1954 to the United Nations forces during Operation Glory. Becker's remains could not be identified at the time and were subsequently buried as unknown remains at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific--the Punch Bowl--in Hawaii.

In 2005, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) reexamined Korean War-era documents relating to unknowns buried at the Punch Bowl, which suggested that some of these remains might be identifiable. Later that year, JPAC exhumed a grave there believed to be associated with Becker.

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be left behind, we should be able to find at least 10 Tiger Group members in one and 15 in the other. Then came the worst day. Going over the high pass north of Chasong, at least 20 more men fell one at a time, but in a well defined area. A few of these men may have been buried by local villagers, while doing roadwork, or hunting, or gathering wood. We don't know, but we can hope for the best

This is why, last time we spoke, I mentioned the Manpo Airport. If we were allowed to base recovery teams there, they could cover the lower portion of the Death March from Manpo, at least as far as Songhang-ni and Kujangyong-ni. There isn't another airport we can use along the way or even at the Apex Camps. So, if we are ever allowed to work in the area, our recovery teams might be flown into the Manpo Airport to set up a base camp, then go by truck to specific work sites around Manpo and up the road. That brings us to the Apex Camps where Tiger Group arrived on or about 9 November 1950. Working at Chunggang-jin will be more difficult. We might be able to visit it briefly from Manpo, but we would need a closer base camp, in or near the cluster of villages that made up the Apex Camps. Open stretches of road, once out of the mountains, might be usable by smaller aircraft. We would have a lot to do, do let's leave that story until next time...

All the best! Phil O'B

## This and That

Hospice Council of West Virginia: Committed to Caring for West Virginia's Veterans

The Hospice Council of West Virginia is making access to excellent endof-life care a priority for our state's veterans. Hospice is a program of care that helps people with life-limiting illness manage their disease so they can maximize their living.

In-home hospice is now available in every county in West Virginia; Medicare, WV Medicaid, TRICARE, and most private insurers cover services. Non-profit hospices provide care to those who have no insurance or financial ability to pay. In-home hospice is also a covered benefit for all enrolled Veterans, and the Veterans Administration will purchase services from local community hospices where the veteran resides. This VA benefit allows veterans to receive hospice at home.

To assure that West Virginia's veterans are aware of the hospice option the members of the Hospice Council are offering informational programs to veterans groups across the state. If you are affiliated with such a group, please contact your local hospice to schedule a presentation or to learn more about hospice care for a veteran you know. For information about hospice in West Virginia, or to locate a hospice in your community, visit the Hospice Council of West Virginia website, www.hospicecouncilofwv.org

## **Website Update**

www.koreanwarexpow.org

Change and additions to our website in the "Info" section: the camps lists are now online; and there's a new section called "Identified", this section contains news on all POWs/MIAs that are identified and returned to their families.

Thank you to Tim Casey for his help compiling the camp lists!

As always, if you have any corrections, information, or pictures please send them to webmaster@koreanwarexpow. org. I would appreciate any pictures of reunions or from your release and return home! Also, if you know who the POWs are in the release and return pictures on the site please let me know!

Cindy Chapman

## **Reunion Raffle**

In Charleston, we will have the raffle as usual and would appreciate new items for the raffle.

Audrey DeLong will be handling the raffle, as she has done in the past, please contact her to donate items.

## **Info Needed**

Henry Wenzel, Cpl USMC, is looking for persons who were repatriated at Munsun-Ni from August to October, 1953. He was with the 11th Evac hospital unit when the exchange took place and needs to verify the condition of some of the pows that he witnesesd. Please contact him at Hwenz19@aol.com

### **Reunion Directions**

**From Yeager Airport:** Follow signs for I-64W. Take exit 58C, or the Civic Center Exit. From exit, turn left onto Lee Street. Follow for approximately two blocks. Hotel is located on the left, directly across from the Town Center Mall (Macy's).

Or, out of the Airport follow Greenbrier Road to Washington Street. Turn right onto Washington Street. Follow approximately I–I/2 miles. Hotel is on the left.

**From I-64W or I-79S/I-77 to I-64W:** Take exit 58C, or the Washington Street/Civic Center Exit. From exit turn left onto Lee Street. Follow for approximately two blocks. Hotel is on the left.

**From I-64E or I-79N/I-77S to I-64E:** Take exit 58C, or the Lee Street Exit. From the exit, turn right onto Lee Street. Follow for approximately two blocks. Hotel is on the left.

## **Correction:**

The information about combat back pay reported in past newsletters was originally submitted by Tom Lyke. Thanks for keeping us informed, Tom.

# Keep us in the Loop

If you move, no longer wish to receive the newsletter, or if you are going away for the winter, **please** notify Tim Casey or me.

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# Requesting Replacement Medals, Awards, and Decorations

Requests for the issuance or replacement of military service medals, decorations, and awards should be directed to the specific branch of the military in which the veteran served. However, for Air Force (including Army Air Corps) and Army personnel, the National Personnel Records Center will verify the awards to which a veteran is entitled and forward the request with the verification to the appropriate service department for issuance of the medals.

The Standard Form (SF 180), Request Pertaining to Military Records, is recommended for requesting medals and awards. SF 180 is available at www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf. Provide as much information as possible and send the form to the appropriate address from the following table:

Army		
Where to write for medals	National Personnel Records Center Medals Section (NRPMA-M) 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100	
Where to write in case of a problem or an appeal	Commander PERSCOM Attn:TAPC-PDO-PA 200 Stovall Street Alexandria,VA 22332-0471	
Air Force (including Army Air Co	rps & Army Air Forces)	
Where to write for medals	National Personnel Records Center Air Force Reference Branch (NRPMF) 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100	
Where to write in case of a problem or an appeal	Headquarters Air Force Personnel Ctr AFPC/DPPPR 550 C Street West, Suite 12 Randolph AFB,TX 78150-4714	
Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard		
Where to write for medals	Bureau of Naval Personnel Liaison Office Room 5409 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100	
Where to write in case of a problem or an appeal (Navy)	Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV 09B33) Awards & Special Projects Washington, DC 20350-2000	
Where to write in case of a problem or an appeal (Marine Corps)	Commandant of the Marine Corps Military Awards Branch (MMMA) 3280 Russell Road Quantico VA 22134-5100	
Where to write in case of a problem or an appeal (Coast Guard)	Commandant U.S. Coast Guard Medals and Awards Branch (PMP-4) Washington, DC 20593-0001	

Generally, there is no charge for medal or award replacements. The length of time to receive a response or your medals and awards varies depending upon the branch of service sending the medals.



## Be part of YOUR Reunion - Get IN YOUR BOOK for FREE!!

No charge or Obligation to have YOUR Portraits Taken for the Memory Book!

Attending? Fill out the information below and bring it to our camera on the portrait date(s) shown.

Not Attending? Fill out the information below & reserve YOUR copy of the Memory Book. Send this notice & full payment for the Memory Book to the our address above. Your book will be sent to YOUR address below about 12 weeks after the reunion.

MEMORY BOOK PHOTO PATE AUGUST 4, 2007

Memory Book Photos of couples and individuals will be taken at the Marriott Town Center in Charleston, WV. There is no charge to have your portrait taken. You will automatically be included in the Memory Book by having your photo taken. If you cannot attend you may submit a photo to the address above.

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## **Purple Heart Update**

The Purple Heart bill is living and doing quite well in spite of attempts to defeat it. Below is an update on the Purple Heart for Prisoners of War who died in captivity.

A source in the Pentagon informed us that they are behind the Bill the way that we had originally written and intended it. The Colonel that we talked to has sent a letter to the various Secretaries of the Armed Services informing them of this! He has asked that they respond back by the first of June, and when he gets their responses back, he will send a copy of his report and their responses over to Dr. Chu in DOD who will, in turn, send it up to Secretary Gates for his

approval. It should be in Secretary Gate's hands by the I5th of June [hopefully! It would be wonderful if this change to the Purple Heart Regulations became effective before the Reunion in July-August.

Senator Barbara Boxer said that her office is keeping track of this fine piece of legislation and has talked to DOD about it. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated. Together we will get this done.

Rick & Brenda Tavares, prime movers of this bill for more than 3 years, sent the above for all to read. Please direct any inquiries to Shorty Estabrook.

### **TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

### **CITY TOUR**

Wednesday, August 1

Charleston, WV is a bustling capitol city of a simply beautiful state. During the Civil War, West Virginia officially became a state through Presidential Proclamation, as President Lincoln declared the northwestern portion of Virginia should be returned to the Union, and in 1863 West Virginia became a state. In 1877 Charleston was voted the state capitol, and the current Capitol Building was dedicated in 1932. This is the place to begin your discovery of the city. We'll see the West Virginia Veteran's Memorial Plaza, honoring soldiers who were killed or missing in action, and the Governor's Mansion, overlooking the Kanawha River. The tour will explore the neighborhoods and old and new architecture throughout the city. Lunch will be on your own at the Town Center food court.

9am board bus, 3pm back at hotel \$35/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

### TAMARACK ARTS CENTER

Thursday, August 2

Known as "The Best of West Virginia", Tamarack Arts Center is the nation's first state-wide collection of handmade craft, art, and cuisine showcasing the entire state of West Virginia. From furniture to glass, pottery, and Appalachian quilts, Tamarack features West Virginia's best handcrafts, regional specialty foods, and craft demonstrations. Enjoy lunch on your own at the "Taste of West Virginia" food court, managed by the world renowned The Greenbrier Resort. They offer grille and deli selections, and daily specials such as West Virginia rainbow trout and locally grown catfish. West Virginia made jams and jellies, salad dressing and mustards, are incorporated into daily menu items.

9am board bus, 4pm back at hotel \$47/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area 5 minutes prior to departure.

All tours are required a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise stated.

### 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 (\$5 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 or email <a href="mailto:cancel@afri.com">cancel@afri.com</a> 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 JULY 29 - AUGUST 5. 2007 CHARLESTON MARRIOTT TOWN CENTER - CHARLESTON, WV

### Sunday, July 29

Early bird reunion arrivals

### Monday, July 30

Early bird reunion arrivals Hospitality room opens.

Tuesday, July 31
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2:00pm -7:00pm **Reunion Registration open** 

Hospitality Room open

### Wednesday, August 1

7:00am -9:00am Breakfast items available in the hospitality room (cash sales).

8:00am -11:00am Reunion Registration open 3:00pm CITY TOUR (description follows) 9:00am -Hospitality Room open

**Reunion Registration open** 2:00pm -7:00pm

### Thursday, August 2

7:00am -9:00am Breakfast items available in the hospitality room (cash sales).

8:00am -8:30am Reunion Registration open 9:00am Nominating Committee Meeting 8:00am -9:00am Site Selection Committee Meeting 8:00am -

9:00am -4:00pm TAMARACK ARTS CENTER (description follows)

Hospitality Room open

Reunion Registration open (additional hours will be posted at the 2:00pm -6:00pm

reunion, if necessary)

### Friday, August 3

7:00am -9:00am Breakfast items available in the hospitality room (cash sales).

8:00am Surviving Spouses Breakfast in the hotel restaurant

9:00am -10:30am **Board Meeting** 

4:30pm Banquet seating assigned for Saturday night 4:00pm -

(Instructions will be in your registration packet)

5:30pm -9:00pm Tiger Banquet

8:00pm -12:00am Dancing to a live band in the hospitality room.

### Saturday, August 4

7:00am -9:00am Breakfast items available in the hospitality room (cash sales)

11:30am General Business Meeting 10:00am -

2:00pm -4:00pm Memorial Service

6:00pm -7:00pm Cash Bar 7:00pm -11:00pm Banquet

### Sunday, August 5

9:00am Non-denominational Church Service 8:00am -

Farewells and departures

## CHARLESTON MARRIOTT TOWN CENTER, CHARLESTON, WV (304) 345-6500

The Charleston Marriott Town Center is located at 200 Lee Street, Charleston, WV 25301. Call the hotel for accurate driving directions. The hotel is located in the heart of downtown Charleston. It's opposite the Civic Center and Charleston Town Center Mall which features over 100 stores and a variety of restaurants. Check-in is at 4:00pm and check-out is at 12 noon.

The Charleston Marriott Town Center has 352 rooms and suites. Handicapped rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservations. Please leave full handicapped rooms for those members who need full accessibility. Each room features color TV with cable/satellite channels, iron and ironing board, coffee maker, telephone, and luxurious bedding. Guests may also enjoy the use of the on site health club, heated indoor pool, hot tub, and tennis courts.

The hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to and from the Charleston/Yeager Airport (CRW). You can call the hotel from the phone located at the baggage claim area. **The Marriott Hotel is located downtown and does not own a parking garage.** The Parking garage located next to the Hotel is privately owned and parking is currently \$6.00 overnight. However, directly across the street from the Marriott is the Charleston Town Center Mall Parking lot, which is \$1.75 per trip in and out. In other words, if the vehicle is not moved during the week, the fee will only be \$1.75 upon leaving.

**The Whitewater Grille** serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Its unique atmosphere displays what West Virginia is most known for, white water rafting. Room service is available.

**RV PARKING**: The Rippling Waters Church of God Campground at (304) 988-2607 or Fox Fire Camping Resort at (304) 743-5622, ask for information, reservations, and directions to determine which is the most convenient.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, you can call Apria Healthcare at (304) 755-0718 or All Med at (304) 721-0775.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

Please call their toll free reservations line, 1-800-228-9290 to make your reservations for the Korean

War EX-POW Association Reunion

(The hotel does NOT accept reservations by mail)

REUNION DATES: JULY 29, 2007 – AUGUST 5, 2007

Please be prepared to give the following information when making your reservations:

- Your name and if you are sharing room, with whom
- Address
- Telephone number
- Arrival day & date
- Departure date
- Confirm the number of nights you wish to stay
- Confirm the number of rooms and the number of people in each room
- Request a handicap accessible room, if necessary
- Request a king bed or two double beds (based on availability)

**RATE:** \$89 (single/double occupancy) + state and local taxes (currently 12%). Rate will be honored 3 days before/after reunion dates, based on availability. Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card (information below) or first night's deposit enclosed.

<u>CUTOFF DATE</u>: 06/27/07. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space & rate availability. <u>CANCELLATION POLICY</u>: Deposit is refundable if reservation is cancelled 24 hours prior to date of arrival. <u>RESERVATION GUARANTEE</u>: Must provide a credit card number with expiration date to reservation agent. Hotel accepts the following card types: Amex, Diners, Visa, Master Card, Carte Blanche, Discover

To make your hotel reservation call (800) 228-9290

#### KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSN. 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 (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **JUNE 29**, **2007**. 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. PO Box 11327 Norfolk, VA 23517 ATTN: KOREAN WAR EX-POW ASSN

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Check #	Date Received	
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CUT-OFF DATE IS 6/29/07	Price Per	# of People	Total
TOURS		•	
WEDNESDAY: CITY TOUR (description on page 6)	\$35		\$
THURSDAY: TAMARACK ARTS CENTER (description on page 6)	\$36		\$
<u>MEALS</u>			
SATURDAY BANQUET (Please select your entrée)			
New York Strip Steak	\$36		\$
Chicken Breast stuffed with Cranberries	\$30		\$
Child's Plate (Chicken Fingers and French Fries)	\$10		\$
Mandatory Per Person Reunion Planning Fee (non-refundable)	\$5		\$
Total Amount Payable to <b>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</b>			\$
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ARE YOU THE EX-POW? (YES) OR (NO)  IF YOU ARE NOT THE POW, PLEASE LIST YOUR RELATIONSHIP  ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 50 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2007? (YES) OF			
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ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES INO IN ARE YOU FLYING? IN For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reconstruction of the recon	ınion program		ATIONS V

cancel@afri.com to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

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Franklin "Jack" Chapman, President

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# 2007 Reunion of the Korean War Ex-POW Association

Charleston Marriott Town Center 200 Lee Street East Charleston, West Virginia 2530 I

Sunday, July 29 - Sunday, August 6, 2007

For reservations, call 304-345-6500 or toll free I -800-228-9290

See you there!

### Please note:

Charleston Marriott Town Center Hotel non-smoking policy includes **all** guest rooms, restaurants, lounges, meeting rooms, public spaces and employee work areas.