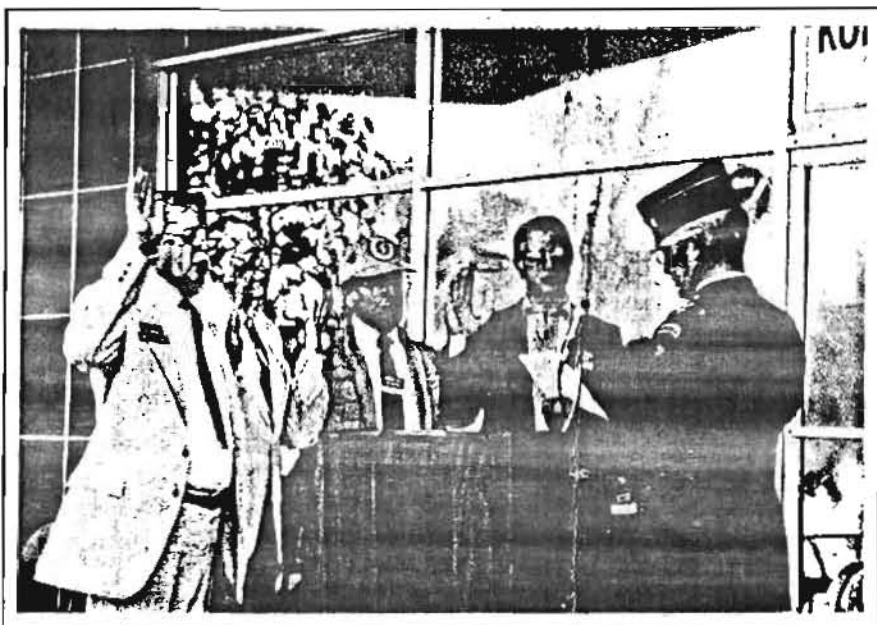


FLORIDA DEPARTMENT ★ KW A BORN ON NOVEMBER 12, 1988



General James Dozier gives an oath of office to (L to R): Emmett Benjamin (President), Al Rudy (Vice-President), Ira Davis (Secretary), and Richard Cecilio (Historian) of the Department of Florida, Korean War Veterans Association.

While an aerial drug bust took place overhead The Florida Chapter of The Korean War Veterans Association came into being when Major General James Dozier swore in the new organization's officers in ceremonies at Key Biscayne, Florida, November 12, 1988.

General Dozier, the hero of a Red Brigade Terrorist Kidnapping in Italy in 1981, administered the oath of office to the following:

Emmett Benjamin	President
Al Rudy	Vice President
Ira Davis	Secretary
Richard Cecilio	Historian

Officers of other Veterans' Organizations and Gold Star Mothers witnessed a program which included a drill exhibition by members of the Sunset Senior High School R.O.T.C. drill team, and a demonstration of the proper disposition of an old American flag. Colors were presented by The United States Marine Corps.

The organization, whose purpose is to commemorate the 54,246 American Military Personnel who gave their lives for their country in The Korean War and the 103,000 wounded, the 6,177 missing in action and the 7,000 prisoners of war has been granted a 5 acre site on Capitol Mall in Washington D.C. for a war memorial.

The Florida Chapter has been established to forward that goal.



United States Marine Corps. Color Guard posts the colors at the Virginia Key Fete.



After it was all over, everyone enjoyed a cold beer and warm friendships.