



# Incoming Mail!!



**The Korean War Veterans Association  
Department of Florida**

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## **President's Message**

### **Some of the Highlights from the Dept. meeting - 25 April**

A finance committee was established to work out a detailed budget, and assist the treasurer. Since the treasurer must vacate the office at the next election, this will create some continuity. Tom Gaffney will chair.

Great work by the By-laws revision committee. They presented a revised set for each chapter to review preparatory to the convention where the changes will be voted on.

Discussion was held concerning how to obtain the cooperation of all chapters in Department fund-raising and activities. Some changes will be made in the by-laws. In the meantime, voluntary compliance is all we can ask.

The Suncoast Chapter wants proportionate representation in all voting, except for officers. How do the other chapters feel about this?

### **STATE CONVENTION - Oct. 29 - through Nov. 1- 1998**

Hosted by the Treasure Coast Chapter, at The Radisson Beach Resort, North Hutchinson Island. Rooms will be \$65.00 a night per couple. (3rd person, \$10.00)

Make hotel reservations direct at 1-800-333-3333. This is central booking, so

(1) You must identify the hotel, and

(2) Identify yourself as KWVA Convention. Details on registration fees, banquet etc., next issue. Dept. officers are meeting with the hotel reps. to finalize details.

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**Please Note: THERE HAS BEEN AMMENDMENTS**  
in addresses etc. for Department and Chapter officers.  
**Check for any changes. Use the current list in this issue of**  
**"The Incoming Mail", and disregard previous issues.**

**President's Message** (Continued from page 1)

A copy of the minutes of the April 25 meeting will be sent to each chapter, as soon as they have been copied.

*Fred Shear - President - Dept of Florida*

**Something to think about**

**“If you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are overdressed.”**

**The Origin of “Taps”.** The 24 note melancholy bugle call known as “*Taps*” is thought to be a revision of a French bugle signal, called “tattoo,” that notified soldiers to cease an evening’s drinking, and return to their garrisons. It was sounded an hour before the final bugle call to end the day by extinguishing fires and lights. The last five measures of the tattoo resemble *Taps*.

The revision that gave us the present day *Taps* was made during America’s civil war by Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield, heading a brigade camped at Harrison Landing, VA., near Richmond. Up to that time, the US Army’s infantry call to end the day was the French final call “L’Extinction des feux”. General Butterfield decided the “Lights out” music was too formal to signal the days end. One day in July 1862, he recalled the tattoo music and hummed a version of it to an aide who wrote it down in music. Butterfield then asked the brigade bugler, Oliver W. Norton, to play the notes, and after listening, lengthened and shortened them, while keeping his original melody.

He ordered Norton to play this new call at the end of each day thereafter, instead of the regulation call. The music was heard and appreciated by other brigades, who asked for copies and adopted this bugle call. It was even adopted by Confederate buglers.

The music was made the official Army bugle call after the war, but was not given the name *Taps* until 1874.

The first time *Taps* was played at a military funeral may also have been in Virginia soon after Butterfield composed it. Union captain John Tidball, head of an artillery battery, ordered it played for the burial of a cannoner killed in action. Not wanting to reveal the battery’s position in the woods to the enemy nearby, Tidball substituted *Taps* for the traditional three rifle volleys fired over the grave. *Taps* was also played at the funeral of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson 10 months after it was composed.

*Taps* is now played by the military at burial and memorial services, to accompany the lowering of the flag, and to signal the “Lights out” command at day’s end.



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***Notice to all KWVA Chapters in the State of Florida***

In future issues of the "Incoming Mail" I would like to publish a short article from each Chapter. All that is required is a few lines to let the other Chapters know what you are up to. The date - time - and place of your meeting would be helpful, in case anyone would like to pay you a visit. Any information regarding social events, or fund raising ventures, could be beneficial to all. So give it some thought, and put something down on paper. There may not be an issue in July, but there will be one in August for sure. Normally, the newsletter will be issued around the first of every month. Please send your submissions to .....

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# DOOPS !

## I Goofed

(probably)

See if you can find any mistakes.

Your Editor

If you have a penny, and I have a penny, and we exchange pennies, you still have one cent, and I still have one cent.



If you have an idea, and I have an idea, and we exchange ideas, you now have two ideas, and I now have two ideas. Think about it !!

## Reunions

15th RSM USAFSS Japan, Korea  
1950-1954

3rd annual reunion - Sep.10-Sep.13/98

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### Editors note:

If you know of any other unit reunions coming up, let me know and I can pass on the information to the other chapters.

## Volusia's most famous Korean War Hero grew up in nearby Brevard.

Orlando Sentinel, Volusia /State-April 18,1998  
More from the newly organized Korean War Veterans Association Florida Memorial Chapter 153: Founder Tom Gaffney said that of 555 Floridians killed in the war, 17 lived in Volusia County. That list doesn't include the most famous Volusia native who was killed in Korea - Pfc Emory L. Bennett. That's because Bennett was born in New Smyrna Beach, but grew up in Brevard County. A nursing home in Daytona Beach, and a proposed park in Orange City are named after Bennett, an infantryman who earned the Congressional medal of Honor for an act of heroism near Sobongsan, Korea, that cost him his life. Bennett and company B, 15th Infantry Reg., 3rd Inf. Div. had dug in along a ridge on June 24, 1951, when the North Koreans stormed the unit in an early morning attack. "At approximately 0200 Hrs.[2.a.m.], two enemy battalions swarmed up the ridge line in a ferocious banzai charge in an attempt to dislodge Pfc. Bennett's company from it's defensive positions," reads the

US Army citation. The company fought back gallantly, but the enemy pressed the assault with fanatical determination and the integrity of the perimeter was imperiled. Fully aware of the odds against him, Pfc. Bennett unhesitatingly left his foxhole, moved through withering fire, stood within full view of the enemy, and employing his automatic rifle, poured crippling fire into the ranks of the onrushing assailants, inflicting numerous casualties." Although wounded, Pfc. Bennett gallantly maintained his one man defence and the attack was momentarily halted. During this lull in battle, the company regrouped for counterattack, but the numerically superior foe soon infiltrated into the position. Upon orders to move back, Pfc. Bennett voluntarily remained to provide covering fire for the withdrawing elements, and defying the enemy, continued to sweep the charging foe with devastating fire until mortally wounded. His willing self-sacrifice and intrepid actions saved the position from being overrun and enabled the company to effect an orderly withdrawal.

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Gaffney of Orange City knows nothing of the 17 Volusia residents who were killed in Korea. Maybe readers will recognize some names and provide background. They are - George T. Barlow - William D. Bennett - Fredrick Capallia - James W. Clance - David L. VColby - Woodrow W. Curtis - Joseph B. Haney - Raymond G. Hyatt - James P. Lane - Lawrence Livingston - Melvin J. Mayo - Arthur L. Miller - Prince H. Morris - John E. Rasmussen - Edward G. Richmond - Walter H. Wesley and Luther M. Wildes. The state is trying to build a memorial to Florida's Korean War Veterans in downtown Tallahassee, but the project requires \$200,000. in private donations before Florida will kick in matching funds, Gaffney said. Only about \$35,000. has been raised since 1966. ☺☺☺☺☺☺

Editor's comments - This is the kind of publicity that our association needs. Tom Gaffney is to be congratulated for "keeping the pot boiling", and making the public more aware of the Korean War and it's Veterans. ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

**NEWS FROM SOME OF THE KWVA  
CHAPTERS IN THE DEPT OF  
FLORIDA**

**The Sunshine State Chapter**  
Meets at American Legion Post 252 in Seminole, at 7:00 p.m., on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. There will be no regular meetings for June - July- & August, although the executive will continue to meet. The Variety Show/fund raiser in May was a huge success. As a new chapter, there were a lot of initial expenses, flags etc., and this will go a long way towards solving our financial needs for a while.

**Col Alice Gritsavage Chapter**

Meets at VFW Post 4209 in Ocala.

**Treasure Coast Chapter**

The Chapter meets at AMVETS Post 15, 2024 S. US 1 in Fort Pierce.

The Chapter will be hosting the State Convention in October.

**Capital City Chapter**

Elections will be held at the meeting on 7 June.

**Central Florida Chapter #153**

Meets second Wednesday of month. @ 2:00p.m. - VFW Post 8093 in Debarry FL  
[See article from Orlando Sentinel]



**☺ Good News !!!**

For anyone planning to attend the festivities in Washington the end of July, some very attractive accomodation rates have been negotiated at The Comfort Inn in Tysons Corner. A short walk from the convention HQ at the Sheraton Premier. The rate is \$65.00 a night, double. You must make your own reservations.

Call 1-800-828-3297 Identify yourself as a Korean War veteran, from Florida. This is on a "first come, first served" basis, so don't delay.

# Taps



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

**We will remember them.**



**NOW  
READ  
THIS!**



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This newsletter is currently distributed to the Department of Florida Officers, and the Presidents of the Florida Chapters. Copies are also sent to the National President, the editor of the Graybeards, and other interested parties. It is important that the information printed in the "Incoming Mail" is passed on to your members. If you have a Chapter newsletter, that is the logical place. You may want to reproduce some of the information, especially items referring to Veteran's Services, and distribute to your members. Please do this. That is the reason that you are receiving the information.

⇒ It has been suggested that copies of the Incoming Mail also be sent to the Chapter secretaries, and/or the editors of the Chapter Newsletters. Please provide me with the necessary information if you want me to put these people on the mailing list. Mail information to me directly, (or) pass on to President Fred Shear, and he will forward to me.

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