



Incoming Mail!!

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

President - Fred Shear Editor - Gord Bennett

January - 1998

President's Message

My sincerest thanks to INCOMING MAIL, editor Gordon Bennett for a great December issue. Don't forget...INCOMING MAIL is for all the members!! Please copy and distribute it at your meetings.

Please be sure to encourage your members to send written memories and experiences to our Department Historian, Amy Carafano. Video and audio tapes are also acceptable. In addition, Amy has begun a collection of photos and articles for a Department History Book. Your contributions of newsletters and newspaper articles will help.

I am hoping to see all of our chapter presidents at our meeting at Shoney's on Saturday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m. If the chapter president can't make it, please send a delegate to represent you. We hope to dispense with the business in about 4 hours so everyone can return home. If you wish to stay over at Shoney's, you can take advantage of their \$35.00 room rate by making **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS** and identifying yourself with our meeting. Call Christine Theophilus at 407 870-7374 to tell her you are a KWVA member. A map is enclosed for your convenience.

Information was sent to all chapters on a money saving telephone long distance company called EXCEL. They seem to have the best rates around. There is no connection charge, no monthly fee, and you keep your same telephone number! Calls between EXCEL customers are only 5 cents a minute. To sign up, call Jim Williams at 352-591-4005.

It's make 1998 a great year for our department. Don't forget - I am only a phone call away at 1-888-532-3891. If you are on EXCEL, please use 561-692-2442. It will only be 5 cents a minute. Thanks.

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Remember the benefit packages we have obtained for our members: Dental, Vision, Travel, prescriptions! Take advantage of them and be sure your members are aware of them by mentioning it frequently at your meetings. You, your members, and the Dept. are the sole beneficiaries. We hope to negotiate more in the future.

News Item

The Department of Florida President, three vice presidents and their wives and guest had the pleasure of dining at the Hotel Intercontinental in Miami as guests of the Hon. Mr. Dong Chul Chang, Consul General of the Republic of Korea. Mr. Chang hosted an excellent meal and enjoyable evening in order to become acquainted with the Department. He asked the officers to express the thanks and appreciation of himself and his countrymen for our efforts on behalf of his country. A native of Inchon, Mr. Chang remembered the invasion as a 6 year old who was treated to gum and candy by the Marines, and soldiers of the invasion force. Recently posted to Miami, he looks forward to mutual harmonious relations with the Department of Florida veterans.

Sal Maenza, from the Eddy Lyon Chapter, is the new Chaplain for the Department of Florida. Welcome aboard Sal.

Fred L. Shear

DOPS !

I Goofed

In last month's issue, I inadvertently named William A Gibson as the National Service Officer for the William F. Charette MOLL Chapter. The service officer for the chapter should read - Robert A. MacLean. Sorry if anyone was inconvenienced.

Another error. In the notification of annual assessment, the due date was listed as 1 March 98. This should read - 31 March 98. That gives you another 30 days to make the necessary arrangements.

Your Editor

Things to keep in mind !!

Be nice to your kids. They will probably be choosing your nursing home.

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder...

Why is "abbreviation" such a long word?

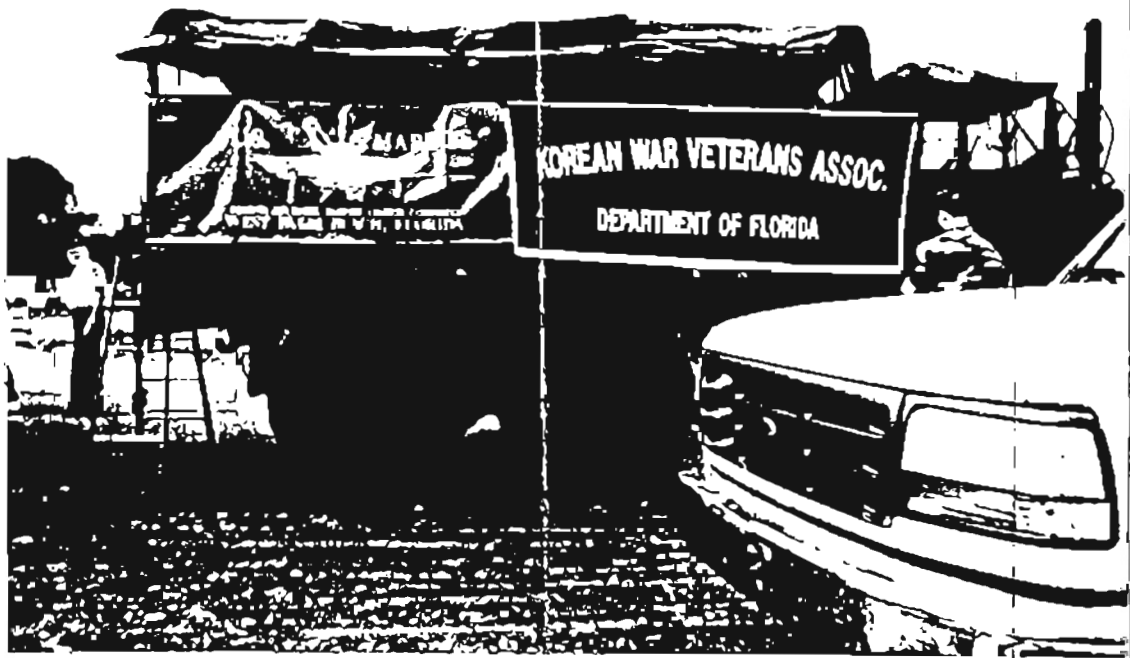
For people who like peace and quiet -
"A phoneless cord"

Proofread carefully to see if any words
out.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start
again?

Diplomacy - the art of letting someone
have your way.

Shin - A device for finding furniture in a
dark.



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

As listed in the Dec. issue, the central Florida Chapter is now the William C. Charette MOH Chapter. I'm sure that the other chapters in the state would be interested in more information regarding this hero.

The Treasure Coast Chapter held it's 3rd Annual picnic on 15 Nov. The weather was exceptionally pleasant and everyone enjoyed themselves. Unexpected guests were 3 British contestants in an international scrabble tournament, who had a wonderful time and were deeply impressed with our American hospitality. They have been keeping in touch via E-mail since their return to England. The chapter will hold its January meeting at a restaurant that serves all you can eat of a large variety of food for one low price. Nominations for 1998/99 chapter officers will be made at the meeting with elections in Feb.

The Richard E. Cronan Chapter recently contributed \$300.00 to the Veterans Administration Medical Center at West Palm Beach for their voluntary Service Welcome Kit program. The purpose of this program is to provide each newly admitted vet with a package containing essential toiletries and other comfort items. This program has been very well received and has proven to be of inestimable value to our veterans. Not only are these inpatient veterans in need of the toiletry items, but this program has a positive effect on their morale, as they are sometimes admitted to the Medical Center for extremely serious medical treatment.

Palm Beach - Sun Sentinel - 26 Nov 1997
Atlantic High - Delray Beach

Rudy St Louis, a senior, recently was honored by the Korean War Veterans Association, Lt. Richard Cronan Chapter, for winning an essay contest on the Korean War.

According to the Chapter representative, a significant part of St. Louis essay revealed the recognition and understanding of the contributions and sacrifices of the servicemen and women of the Armed Forces during the Korean War, and the roll the United Nations Allies played in stopping the advance of communism.

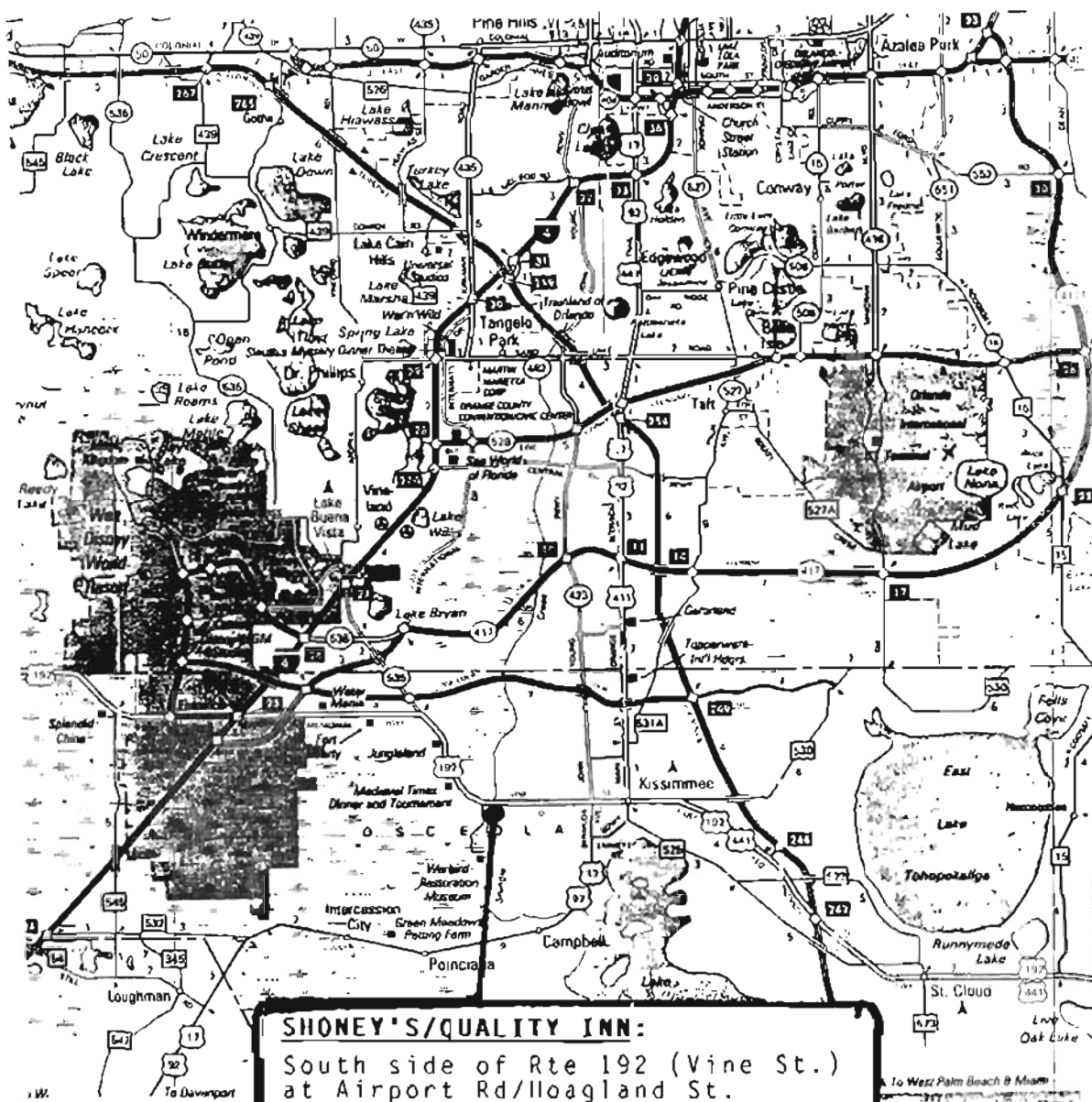
The Eddy Lyon Chapter has provided the Department of Florida with the expertise of their Chaplain, Sal Macnza, to take over the
DUTY AT THE DEPARTMENT LEVEL.

**Commemorative
Stamp For MASH
Units**

Warren Zundell MD has proposed the issuance of a commemorative stamp by the US Postal Service, honoring the many MASH units that saved so many lives by treating and operating on casualties in the field. A lot of soldiers owe their lives, or at least the preservation of their limbs, to a MASH Unit. You can help. Write to:-

**Postmaster General
US Postal Service
Washington DC 20260**

And tell them you want them to issue a stamp to commemorate MASH.



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Notification of Annual Assessment

A proposal by the Executive Council that a levy of one dollar (\$1.00) per member be assessed against each Chapter to help provide operating expenses for the department was approved by the membership at the annual business meeting on 25 Oct. 97.

An operating budget not to exceed \$2500.00 in expenditures by the department was also adopted at this meeting. These expenditures are to be for, but not limited to, copying, mailing, telephone and other incidental costs such as sympathy flowers, but will *not normally* cover travel, lodgings, meals or other expenses of any officers in the performance of their duties. The by-laws allow previously authorized travel expenses, which has not, and probably will not, occur without a huge increase in our income.

The Dept. Officers wish to bring to the attention of the chapter members that this assessment against slightly over 500 members, as determined by a compilation at the meeting, covers only **twenty percent** of the budget.

Support of department fund raising efforts is essential. Please support your department. It was decided arbitrarily that the assessment would be based on the number of members claimed by your chapter on 1 Jan. 98. **IT IS BASED ON THE HONOR SYSTEM.** We suggest that the assessment be paid out of your chapter treasury and recovered as you see fit. **THIS ASSESSMENT IS DUE BEFORE 31 MARCH 1998**

Please send in your assessments as soon as possible after determining it. A roster of members must accompany this to show who you are paying for. Send them to - George Spitzer, Dept. Treasurer, 6028 Dusenburg Rd. Delray Beach FL 33484-1550. If there are any questions, call Fred Shear at 1-888-532-3891.

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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. The next issue will be coming out around the first week in January. This will be a few days later than usual, because of the holiday season. Normally, the newsletter will be issued around the first of the month. Please send your submissions to

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