

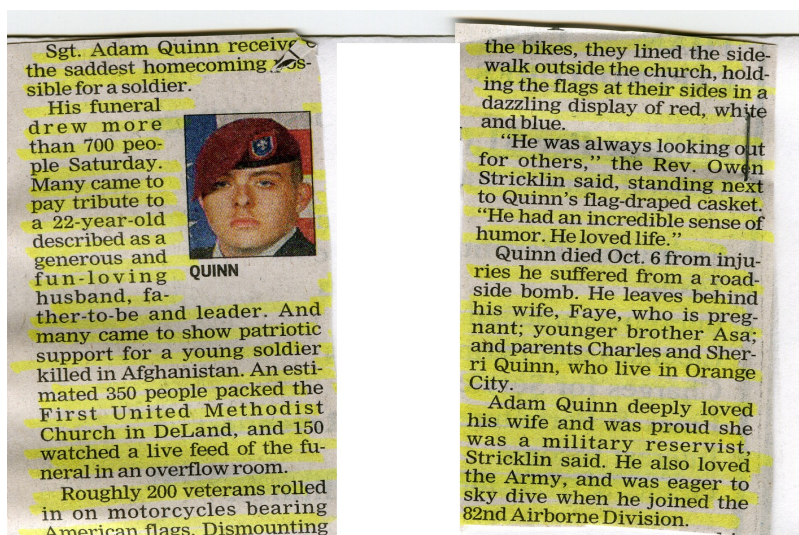


THE NEWSLETTER

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

Fall - 2007



From the President 14 October 2007

Today was a day of sadness for me, many other veterans, and a special family in Deland

We buried another young soldier, Sgt. Adam Quinn, 22 years of age, who was KIA in Afghanistan.

He grew up in our small town, Deland, and died half a world away in Afghanistan. -Serving his country.

This tragedy reinforces my efforts to promote the "Wounded Warrior" project during my term as President.

My thanks go out to the Chapters that have had fund raisers and have generously contributed to this very worthy cause.

For those Chapters who have not participated to date, please try to find a way to fund this program.

The Department of Florida has been busy these past six months and I appreciate the efforts by all KWVA members to make this Department of Florida the outstanding program in the United States.

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Laurie and I would like to thank the Department of Florida , the KWVA Staff, Chapters and fellow veterans for the outpouring of messages, flowers, cards and telephone calls on the occasion of the death of my brother , Buddy

Buddy and I were Korean War Veterans, so when you honored me and my family, you paid tribute to all of us.

It was the saddest of times for us, but you all helped us through with your love and friendship. We are truly buddies.

Laurie and Bill McCraney

Highlights of September 07 Council Meeting



Rita Dadswell and Becky Bradford cut the Cake provided by Chapter 14. [Ed. Best Highlight]

Roll call of officers and Chapters - All officers were present with the exception of Past President Bill McCraney who was excused due to his brother's untimely death in New Orleans. Chapter not present

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| 015 | Eddie Lyons | 017 | R.E. Cronan |
| 106 | Treasure Coast | 110 | Miami-Dade |
| 124 | Osceola County | 155 | Gulf Coast |
| 159 | Sunshine State | 189 | Central Florida |
| | 293 | | West Florida |

National KWVA Report

J. Feaster stated that Lou Dechert send his best wishes. 'National' has had a "decent year" with approximately 17,000, members; 202 chapters with a new Department forming in California. Jake stressed the need for all Chapter Presidents to check the web site weekly and to report Chapter election data. He also reminded the Presidents that all Chapter Officers are required to be members of National and all Chapters must have "12 members in good standing" to maintain status as a Chapter.

The following 'pen and ink' change will be made by all holders of the Department of Florida Bylaws

In Article VI, A, 2

DELETE the word "PRESIDENT" and write in "ANY OFFICE"

Corrected Bylaws will be published with the next Bylaws revision

Legislative Affairs

Charlie Price reviewed the Florida Legislative agenda for the upcoming special session.

The US House has not passed our Charter but the Senate has completed action on the bill.

Quartermaster

Dick Garfield announced that New catalogs will be distributed to all Chapters (Cost to be handled by QM income) Also, new Bolos of all services as well as hats, shirts and jackets are available.

Korean American Liaison

Eddie Ko spoke of the Korean Community in the United States and their successes as small business owners and entrepreneurs. He again thanked Americans for coming to the aid of his country in 1950 and denounced the **current** North Korean leader and urged no negotiation with the North Korean government.

Historian

Kelly Goodblood thanked everyone for articles and photos and urged everyone to use her e-mail wherever possible.

Old BusinessBylaw Amendment

Hank Butler, New Judge Advocate for Department of Florida, read the bylaw amendment passed on May 12, 2007 requiring all Department of Florida officers be members of the National organization. He proposed that the change to the by-laws be issued as a simple pen and ink change and published to all Chapters via the Newsletter.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Hank Butler read the proposal for all Chapters to revise their bylaws to hold elections in the last calendar quarter of the year. The new officers would take office in January. NOTE All Chapters are urged to start this as soon as possible as an orientation session for new Presidents could occur concurrent with the annual January Council meeting.

Budget Timing

Treasurer Arcand stated that in order to properly submit a final annual report, the budget proposal will be moved to September of each year. No further action required. Operations manual will be modified accordingly.

Chapter Relationship /Assessment

R. Arcand reported that Chapters delinquent in assessments currently enjoy the same status as all Chapters; i.e., voting,, attendance representation. This brought on a lively discussion of National and Department of Florida bylaws provisions. It was voted that a letter be drafted to those Chapters in arrears to urge compliance by paying up to date or lose their rights as a Department of Florida Chapter and further, notification of National KWVA with the possibility of loss of charter and the right to use the KWVA name.

CHAPTER REPORTS

I have attempted to extrapolate the most important items from the various Chapter Reports in order to keep the Newsletter a reasonable size. All Chapters are involved with flag ceremonies, fund raising and holiday celebrations. Space considerations do limit the reporting.

Chapter 014 C. Dadswell

The Memorial at Freedom Lake Park with all the pavers in place [purchased memorial bricks sold to friends and families of veterans] will be completed with a ceremony at the Chapter's Annual Picnic on November 3, 2007. The scholarship program with the city of Pinellas Park is a recipient of the 'cash overflow'.

The Honor Guard has accumulated [since January] 933 hours for 80 funerals

Chapter 153 Don Smith .

The Chapter celebrated its 10th Anniversary on September 15, 2007 with a gala affair and cake. The Chapter also sponsors a coffee bar at the VA and is preparing to collect toys for children for Christmas.

Chapter 155 Not Represented

We received a brochure seeking donations to help with their memorial. Contact D-Hamm Johnson Tel 239-573-0122.

Chapter 173 By Ted Trousdale, Rep.

Gil Berg, member, has been inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame at Fort Benning. The Chapter also held a Korean War Remembrance Day and Armistice Day ceremonies. Proclamations recognizing these days were issued by Orange County [R. Crotty,] Sanford Mayor Linda Kuhn and Governor Crist.

Chapter 174 Richard Mellinger

Very active at the Baldomero Lopez Veterans Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes. Activities include food, games and prize money.

Chapter 175 Murdoch Ford, Rep.

Plans for the dedication of the Baldomero Lopez Memorial Monument on November 4th at the Ed Radice Park are just about complete. It is a huge undertaking inasmuch as the entire Hispanic, Korean and Veterans' communities are

expected to attend.

Chapter 188 Maxine Parker, Rep.

The Chapter, together with the American Legion, the Marine Corps League are organizing an Honor Guard unit to service the Clermont area.

The Eight Annual Car Show will take place at the Citrus Tower, Rte 27 Clermont. Also, th Chapter members are committed to the VA clinics in Orlando and Tampa providing money and lap robes.

Chapter 192 Hank Butler

The annual picnic was a success and new plans for their Christmas Military Ball on December 1, 2007 are in the works.

Past President Ken Heisner was buried at Bushnell with a large contingent from the Chapter present.

Chapter 199 Gene Gilette

Our members attended the 8th Cav, Regiment program and held a program for the Korean War Armistice Day with Eddie Ko as the guest speaker

The Chapter will continue to collect canned goods and other non-perishable food for donation to the "Our Daily Bread" program.

The Chapter Picnic is October 25th at Coquina Beach. The Chapter also sponsors Bingo at the Orange Blossom Bingo Hall .

The members are also participating in a School History program after a long hiatus.

Chapter 210 James Snyder

Chapter continues to volunteer at the Brevard Veterans Museum every Thursday. Attended the Korean War Armistice program at Chapter 173 and provided speaker – participated in the wreath-laying ceremony.

Chapter 267 Jake Feaster, Rep.

Installation of new officers on June 6th with Jake Feaster officiating. A good year of progress was noted at the ceremony.

[Editor's Note – The Korean War Veterans are no slouches when it comes to volunteerism at the VA, support to one another and community service. Congratulations!!]