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From "The President"



Commanders and Presidents, PLEASE let your members know of this great event so they too can share in this great gathering for all members, not just a few.

I wish to take this time to thank you along with my staff for the honor of serving you one more year.

Also join me in welcoming Bob McGuire as our new 3rd Vice.

Hello Comrades

Happy 62nd Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, and coming up, the 59th Anniversary of the end of hostilities.

The longest War in the History of the United States of America.

The Korean War certainly can no longer be called the "Forgotten War."

Your new Executive Board has started off with a busy schedule.

The new by-laws, with the additions amendments you voted for are now ready for print and distribution, and they are already loaded on the website.

We also have completed the Department of Florida Roster for 2012-13, also ready for print and distribution.

The registration sheets are also ready for distribution and will be sent soon.

Please fill them out and send them in soon.

2012-13 Meetings at Hilton Altamonte Springs

We believe you will be very comfortable in the beautiful Hilton Altamonte Springs. Everything is on one floor and easy to reach. Elevator banks to rooms are conveniently located next to meeting room, including pool, shops, workout room etc. (easy on the old legs).

Located one block from SR436, the Altamonte Mall and every type of entertainment and movies. Centrally Located in the woods just off I4, with the best chefs and best food I ever tasted (yeah, I got to try it out).

Looking forward to a great meeting and a large crowd. See you at the Hilton September 22, 2012.

Charlie

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The Florida Logo and Shield



A defiant American eagle embraces the South Korean flag in it's wing signifying our protection and support.

A stylized American flag flows dramatically in the background.

The eternal flame symbolizes all those who lost their lives and are "Not Forgotten." A traditional and powerfully shaped shield contains the design elements.

The design is crested with lettering that boldly proclaims FLORIDA VETERANS

I thought the DoF chapters should know about the history and origin of Florida Logo and Shield.

In 2002 Bill Shibler, Carol Becker and I traveled to a Council meeting with a patch designed by Don Struhar, a famous designer of the Air Force , Army, Navy and Coast Guard Academies' service rings. He also designed logos and rings for four U.S. First ladies.

He is a Korean War Veteran (U S Navy) and a Life Member of South Lake County chapter # 188 Inc. He Designed the Logo for 188 at the time.

We introduced the prototype to then President Jake Feaster, who accepted it as the official logo of the Department of Florida.

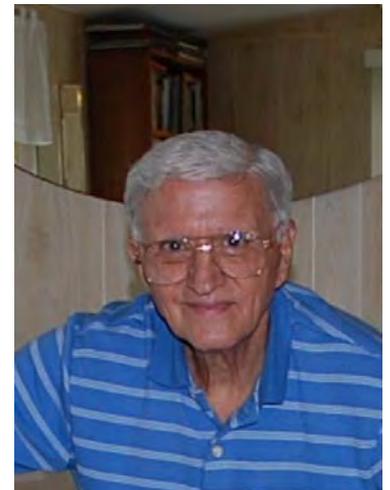
A vote was called, and before we could say zip all voted aye. The Board did away with the ribbons

then under the eagle and all voted aye and we went home with a new Department of Florida Logo.

Don also designed the Korea War and Service Patch now being worn by after 1954 members (on page 1).

AND NOW YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY. Charlie First, DoF President.

Ed. Note: On June 5, 2003 Don Struhar granted sole and proprietary use of this logo to the Department.



Don Struhar

www.dof.kwva.org—your living, constantly-evolving website

Have you been to YOUR website? Do you keep going back to it often? Does it serve your needs?

If you never have been to your website, please do; I put in a hell of a lot of effort and I'd like to feel that I'm doing something worthwhile. So far I have not gotten enough feedback to have

any definitive answer to this question.

How often do you go to the site? My hope is that you go to it often. This is because it is constantly growing. I keep adding new materials as often as I get them. For one thing all of these DoF News copies are there. For another, I keep adding infor-

mation I have, such as all information about our Council, Convention and other such items. And finally, I have been adding materials from our Chapters. For example, newsletters for four chapters are now being loaded on the DoF website.

I intend for the site to be an integral component of DoF

operations. In this respect, I feel we are making progress. But we have only scratched the surface of what a website should do for us, operationally. When you think of a function, you should think of a website first, not after all has been put out as a release.

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60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee

The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee was authorized in the 2011 Defense Authorization Bill. The Committee has been tasked to HONOR the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans; COMMEMORATE the key events of the war, and to EDUCATE the American people about the significance of the Korean War.

How do they plan to achieve this goal? How can DOF and FL Chapters utilize their services?

Lt. Col. Robert O. Ruffolo (at podium in photo) of the KW60 Committee told us they reach across America and through communities to partner and collaborate with local, state and other federal organizations in order to recognize all Korean War Veterans.

Schools, civic and Veteran organizations all across the Nation can be part of this effort.

Individuals or organization can contribute to their efforts by:

- Organizing an event that commemorates Korean War Veterans;
- Providing media support (letter to the editor, article, on-site support



of one of our events, etc.);

- Participating in Educational Outreach activity or event;
- Identifying ways to enhance Community Activities/Events;
- Adding a Korean War-related activity to an existing Community activity or event being planned.

Col. Ruffolo talked specifically about the “Heroes Remembered” Celebration in Washington, DC on July 27, 2012; you should have received an invitation to this event by now.

He told us about H. RES. 618, making the year 2012 through 2013 the “YEAR of the Korean War Veteran.” You should ask your Congressperson to

support Cong. Rangel in this effort.

And, he spoke about the events that will be occurring during the next year in support of the “YEAR of the Korean War Veteran” and the “Gathering” being celebrated by the KWVA in Washington DC in 2013..

Single Point of Contact between KW60 and DOF and FL Chapters

Finally, Col. Ruffolo said that if you or your organization would like to assist the Committee (or to request them to assist your organization) in honoring Korean War Veterans, please contact them.

But he asked that DOF and any of its Chapters who wish to request KW60 services, including them coming to your Chapter or to the DOF to present DOD Certificates, to please do that through one central point or person.

Dwight Brown, 1st VP of Chapter 169 volunteered, and was appointed by the DOF Board as that single point of contact. You may contact Dwight at: (352) 205-8536, (352) 638-0514 cell, or kaydees@embarqmail.com

Be sure to go to <http://koreanwar.defense.gov/>

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Just this morning, Monday July 2, I placed a number of items from the recent convention and council meeting. You will find this on the Home page under Meetings. And yesterday I uploaded the new DoF Bylaws; you can find those under the

About DoF button.

And from time to time I hear mention of a Department History; the nearest thing to a Department History that I know of is on the Home Page by checking the History link. If any one has old newsletters, please get them to me for copying and

uploading to the site.

As I've written before, the website is operational on the Association computer server in Charleston, IL, at no cost to the Department. I created and maintain the site on my own computer also at no cost to the Department. I use my own

copy of Microsoft's Expression Web 4.0 to create and maintain the site.

Again, I appeal to everyone to first of all be aware of and go to the site, and also to send me appropriate information. ###

TJThiel Webmaster

Honor Guards Represent Military Well

Submitted by **Joan Arcand**—Article by Ralph McClurg of "Senior Connection" in the St. Petersburg, FL area describing KWVA Chapter 14, Suncoast, participation in Honor Guard activities.

BY RALPH MCCLURG *Senior Connection*

Honor Guard units from numerous veterans groups across the country perform military funeral honors for fallen comrades. However, the groups provide "the colors" for many other ceremonial events. Veterans ... all agree that providing funeral honors is an "Honor."

Mourners at these funerals often assume the military coordinates the ceremony, but in reality, the military is only required to send two active duty personnel to fold and present the flag. Other than that, the family or funeral home will request the presence of the Honor Guard.

Joan Arcand was a Navy nurse during the Korean War. Today she serves as chaplain of Suncoast Chapter of the Korean War Veterans, Chapter 14, Pinnellas Park.

"We provide military funerals," she said. "It doesn't matter what war they served in, we will accept an assignment wherever a veteran has a service."

Her group is one of several in the area that provide this important service for veterans. "It's a final thank you for their service. All veterans have stories to tell." The honor guards represent those stories to the families.

Chapter 14 has a dozen or more men Arcand can call upon to help her.

"Providing Honor Guard service is something we've taken on as what we want to do in our retirement. We don't

usually know the men we do funerals for personally, but we do know them in another way because we all served overseas, or in battle."

Arcand said she has prayers for various religious denominations which have been sanctioned for use. Three rifle-men and someone to play Taps are with her as well.

"I do a eulogy," said Arcand, "and give a synopsis of their military life. Ministers who come take care of the vet's soul; I take care of their military service. When I close, then we play Taps."

Arcand considers it "an honor to be serving people and doing this. I seldom have a difficult time getting people to serve with me at a funeral."

Chapter 14 also participates in other occasions when the "colors" require official presentation at ceremonies. ##



At a recent Senior Fun Fest, Honor Guard from Korean War Veterans, Chapter 14, St. Petersburg, folded an antique 48-star American flag. It was presented to the oldest veteran present, 97-year-old Alexander E. Forbes, Army Air Corps (above). He piloted C-47s, mostly paratroop carriers in the European theater of war.



Members of KWVA Chapter 14, Suncoast at the above ceremony identified in the photo are, L-R, Joe Slattan, Joan Arcand, Dave Smith, John Leahy, and Everett DeWitt. Brigadier General Wayne E. Rolings, USMC presided over the ceremony on March 27, 2012 at the Saint Petersburg Coliseum.



2012-13 Elected Officers: from left, Joan Arcand, Bob McGuire, John Stelling, Bob Hebner, and Charlie First.



Membership by Chapter

CID	Department/Chapter	Regular	Total
14	Suncoast	42	42
15	Eddie Lyon	14	14
16	COL Alice Gritsavage	16	17
17	LT Richard E. Cronan	38	38
106	Treasure Coast	15	15
110	Miami-Dade	14	14
124	Osceola County	4	4
153	Central Florida	24	24
155	Florida Gulf Coast	26	26
158	William R. Charette (MOH)	23	23
159	Sunshine State	31	31
169	KWVA of Lake County	85	86
173	Mid-Florida	48	51
175	LT Baldomero Lopez (MOH)	41	41
188	South Lake County	29	30
189	Central Florida East Coast	18	19
192	Citrus County	29	29
199	Manasota	37	40
200	North East Florida	15	16
210	Brevard County	21	22
267	GEN James A. Van Fleet	40	41
318	Indian River County	35	35

Source: Association DB of all KWVA members—
active, inactive, deceased, etc.

Art Canale holds POW/MIA flag during ceremony
recognizing our lost brothers at 2012 Convention.

(all photos by Carol Becker)

"Tell America" evolves to "Ask a Veteran"*



Carol Becker (above left) tells Eustis High School students about how she, some 60 years ago, received the telegram saying "We regret to inform you" when she instead expected to hear from her husband Bob that he would be coming home soon; after all the Cease Fire agreement had been signed.



I believe this type of interaction with younger adults is very beneficial to our communication with society; it allows some real truths to be learned that I am sure are unavailable in today's educational curriculum. Wally Jones.



I was impressed by the student's attitudes and interest in my activities before being drafted! Gene Vollmer

Carol's interview was one of seventeen that Eustis High School students conducted with Chapter 169 members during the last ten days of May. The invitation for interviews came after we had made our first ever visit to Eustis High School's AF Jr. ROTC on April 27. Col.

Cangelosi not only scheduled us for four Tell America sessions with his ROTC students, he also invited History classes to sit in as well.

The idea for the interviews originated with History teacher Ms. Jessica Mariany; History, English, ROTC and Video Production departments are participating.

Members interviewed were: Jim and Gloria Corbet, Jack Reynolds, Claus Tiesman, D.J. Lynch, Art Canale, Bill Shumaker, Don Van Beck, Gene Vollmer, Wally Jones, Ozzie Schreiber, Carol Becker, Charlie White, Dick Pfahler and Tom Thiel. Two interviews

All the interviews were video recorded, and the students took a great number of still photos as well as copious notes too. In fact, we received a DVD from Eustis ROTC Sgt. Young with over 470 still photos. The students are to make a DVD and web site of our interviews when school begins again next fall. And there have been initial discussions suggesting this interview program will be expanded to nearby Mount Dora and Tavares High Schools as well.



The students were polite, and to the point with their questions You could tell they were very interested in interviewing us! Jack Reynolds

All our members were really pumped-up after their interviews; they are now providing written synopses of their views of the interviews, some of which are included here.



The student's questions were intelligent and sagacious; the kind one might expect from a much older person. They were serious when the situation called for it, and joyous at those time too. I thoroughly enjoyed it! D.J. Lynch

"*" by Tom J. Thiel. This article, and the one on the next page, are included herein to show how Chapter 169's Tell America program has evolved over the past year. We offer them here for other chapters to emulate if they wish.

Veterans raise money to teach students about the Korean War

By ASHLEY SLOTA DAILY SUN, The Villages, FL, June 24, 2012

THE VILLAGES — It may have been known as The Forgotten War, but a group of Lake County Korean War veterans want to make sure students and residents alike remember all that was gained and lost during that time.

"I have a picture of Gen. MacArthur and out of 1,200 students that I've shown that picture to, only two girls have been able to (identify him) and that's not very good," said Dwight Brown, vice president of the The Korean War and Service Veterans Association of Lake County, Chapter 169.

Throughout the school year, members of the organization visit local schools to teach students about the war. They also brought the education to residents of The Villages on Saturday as they set up a booth at Colony Plaza to hand out information to shoppers and collect donations.

"We're here to tell residents about our organization and the Tell America Program. We go around to the local



Allan Stover, left, and Art Canale accept a donation from Jean Hall, center, to benefit the Korean War and Service Veterans Association of Lake County's Tell America Program on Saturday at Colony Plaza Shopping Center.

schools and we tell them about the Korean War;" Brown said.

"The Korean War is known as The Forgotten War and the main goal is to teach the children that it's not forgotten. That there was a reason for the war and the people who served in the war are proud to have done so," Brown said.

After the veterans visit a school, the students are tasked with writing an essay about what they've learned. At the end of the year, donations are used to fund three scholarships for the students with the best essays.

The Korean War and Service Veterans Association of Lake County is open to any veterans who served in the Korean War or who served in Korea any time from 1954 to present day.

THE KOREAN WAR AND SERVICE VETERANS

The Korean War and Service Veterans Association of Lake County, Chapter 169 meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Leesburg Senior Center at 1211 Penn St. For information, call vice president Dwight Brown at 205-8536.

Oh, the one-day event netted Chapter 169 \$1,2672.35!!



Gordon Talbot, left, and D. J. Lynch, right, raise awareness for the Tell America Program.





Using the Association Membership Database

In January 2012, I gave a presentation to the Department of Florida Council on this topic; rather than reproduce two page of minutes of that Council Meeting I decided to begin a series in the *DoF News* addressing the Association Membership Database (AMD).

Why do this? Because it can be a valuable asset to Chapters and Departments, and because you can make it work for you very effectively.

Chapter Direct Access

Lets begin with Chapter's using the AMD.



Go to www.kwva.org and position mouse pointer below the KWVA logo in top right hand corner of the Home Page. The mouse pointer should change to a active finger, which when clicked asks you to enter your access code and password.

Each Chapter president is issued an access code and password; I think these are given out by Jake Feaster (352-466-3493, jfeaster@kwva.org).

I strongly urge Chapter Presidents to share this access information with other computer-literate Chapter officers. There is no way for anyone from this level to directly change any information in the AMD.

- the fixed format, which is of very limited usefulness.
- The second one (due date order) is very useful to me personally (I requested it) because our Chapter membership is based on the same membership year defined by the Association.
- I do not use the third report at all;
- the fourth is essentially is a quick way for you to notify Membership Management of changes to your members, a death for example or a phone, address, email change. I use it very often.
- the last two are of little direct use, but they do enable, for example, one to compare membership with all other units. If, for example, I enter FL in the State field, I get a listing of all FL Chapter memberships.

But all of these reports are really quite limited in direct usefulness to Chapters because they do not enable you to directly use the information, other than as a printed page. For example, you cannot produce an email address list of your chapter members, a mailing label listing of your members, etc.

The Department of Florida, is petitioning the Association to make available some of these capabilities, which are entirely feasible and reasonable within the architecture of the AMD.

Comma Separated Values (CSV)

If you, or someone in your chapter has some ability to use spread-sheets, MS Excel for example, then you should become familiar with the use of comma separated values. This is a way of displaying data in columnar format with, as the name suggests, commas separating each column (or value).

Very fortunately, the AMD has this capability, which ADB Manager Jim Doppelhammer provided at my request. Therefore, I feel some obligation to explain how to use it.

[Membership List Searchable Database for Chapter 169](#) (Alphabetical Sort by Last Name) (1+)

[Membership List Searchable Database for Chapter 169](#) (Dues-Due-Date Sort) (1+)

[Chapter Information Summary With Member Counts - Chapter 169](#) (1+)

[Submit Member Info Changes to Membership Office](#) (1+)

[Dept/Chapter Searchable DETAILED Summary List w/Member Counts](#) (1+)

[Dept/Chapter Searchable BRIEF Summary List w/Member Counts](#) (1+)

You will then be able to access the above choices available to Chapters, which I will only comment on as follows:

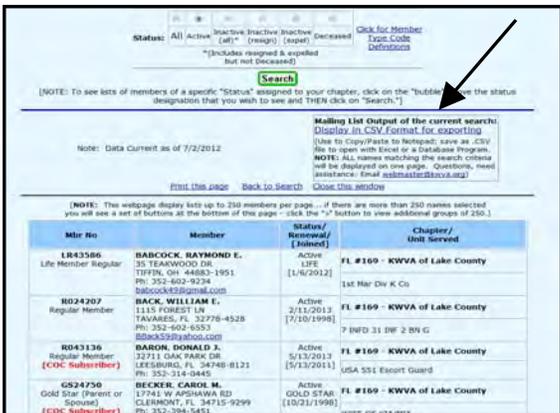
- The first one (alphabetical order) is useful for getting a list of your Active, Inactive, Deceased and other members; unfortunately you can only print this output in

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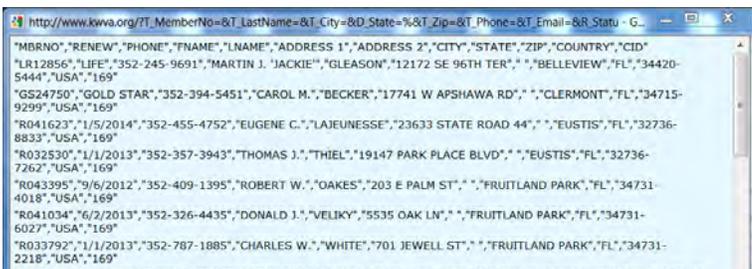
If you select for example the first report from the options available, an alpha list of your chapter members, you can also specify that you want the output in CSV format.



You do that by first clicking on the Search button, and then on "Display in CSV Format for exporting," which is shown in

upper right quadrant above.

You will then get a display like that shown below, which if you could read it, would show you the data is indeed separated by commas.



Ok so far? This is still on a computer out there in the cloud somewhere so, we now need to get it to our computer.

Place your arrow (cursor) anywhere in this display, and then hit the following keys: **Control A** (to highlight all) and then **Control C** (to copy all to your computer's Clipboard),

Next hit the **Start** button in the lower left hand corner of your computer, and find "Notepad" (You may have to do this beforehand.)

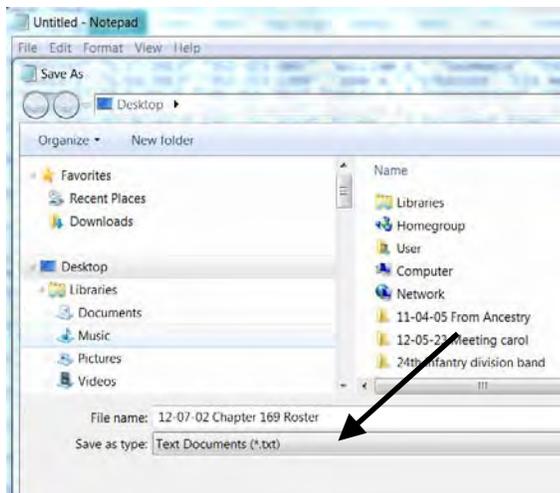
You will get a blank

"Untitled Notepad" screen.

Then hit **Control V** (for pasting the contents of the Clipboard into the Notepad screen).

Next hit "File" in

the very upper left corner of the Untitled Notepad window, and then click on "Save As" and tell it what name you are going to give it and where it is to be placed on your computer and then hit **Save**. (that is the screen above).



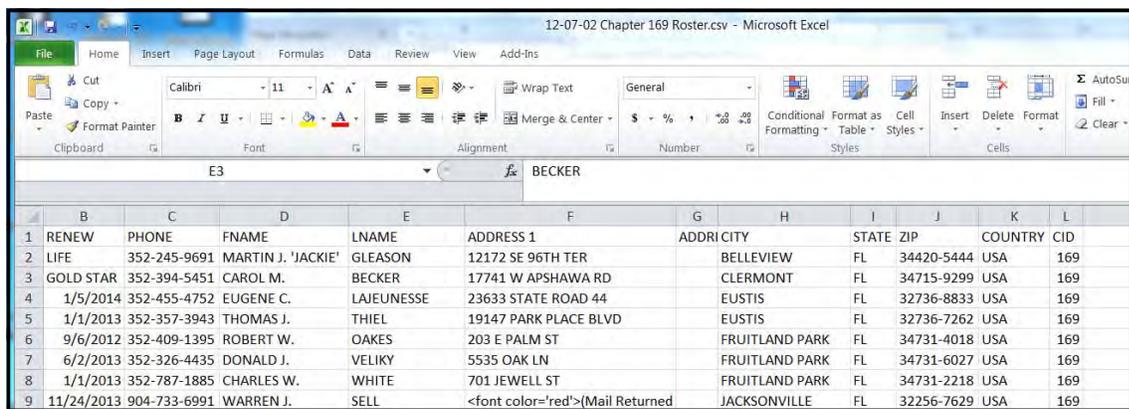
You will now have an icon on your desktop named what you named the file; in my case "12-07-02 Chapter 169 Roster.txt." (you may not see the txt if you do not display file extensions—have someone show you how to do that).

Now **Right Click** on that icon (file) named 12-07-02 Chapter 169 Roster.txt and change the .txt to .csv. You will get a warning message, but go ahead anyway.

You now have the file 12-07-02 Chapter 169 Roster.csv. Double-click on it and it will open in Excel where you can do whatever with it, e.g., sort, re-arrange, mailing labels, etc. (see the display below.)

As indicated before, this needs much more information to be of real-time use to Chapters, but it is a start!!!

Wow, I never thought I could finish this in two pages; hope you find it useful!! More next issue. tom j thiel





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From your editor

Tom J Thiel

Another issue is behind us; it does not have all that I would like, but it is 12 pages and is finished!

We thank Charlie First for providing us his materials.

And we likewise thank Joan Arcand for sending a reprint which we plagiarized for inclusion here. It is a nice article about the Suncoast Chapter's Honor Guard efforts, which we have noted over time as being impressive.

Some of you asked about our Tell America activities at the May Convention. So, since we didn't have much other material, we included a couple of items to show how our Tell America is evolving to "Ask a Korean Vet."

In the event there might be someone out there who might think I take advantage

of my DoF Editor role to dump 169's material on you all, I say: "Where is your stuff? I do not have telepathic powers!"

Actually, I get precious little from anyone, Department or Chapter, for the *DoF News*.

It would seem to me that all DoF Officers have, or should have, something going on that we all should know about.

Why are you not using the *News* or www.dof.kwva.org

Chapters; what are you doing?

Shouldn't we all know about that too?

If you do a Chapter newsletter, why not publish it on the DoF website. If you have a website, let me know so that I can link to it.

Tom J. Thiel, ED



DoF News Publication Schedule

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Winter	Jan - Mar	Mar 31	Mar 15
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Fall	Oct-Dec	Dec 31	Dec 10



KOREAN WAR VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION, DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
Minutes of Winter Council Meeting

The Plantation Golf Resort & Spa, Crystal River, Florida 34429
Saturday, September 24, 2011

Prior to the meeting a video presentation on "How I use the Association Online Membership Database" was given by Chapter 169 President Tom Thiel.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by DOF President Charlie First at 1100 hours.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by DOF Chaplain Harold Sievers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by DOF Alternate Sergeant-at-Arms Everett DeWitt

WELCOME - Message by DOF President Charlie First —Thank you for your support.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Executive Board — Six Members - Present

Appointed Officers/Staff - Six Members - Present

Chapters — 15 - Present

REPORT OF QUORUM

A quorum was reported by Secretary Maxine Parker (3 Officers and 8 Chapters required) for morning and afternoon sessions.

INTRODUCTION OF DOF OFFICERS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS - None

MINUTES OF THE September 24, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING

These Minutes were sent to all Presidents, Board Members and provided to all Members in your Folders today. The Secretary

called for any corrections, additions or deletions.

Receiving none, a Motion to accept the Minutes was offered by Tom Thiel and second by Everett De Witt. Motion passed. These Minutes were approved by President First and presented to Tom Thiel for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

REPORTS (five minutes or less):

1. Financial Report — Treasurer Joan Arcand

Motion made by Richard Arcand to accept the report as read, second by David Smith. Motion passed.

2. Correspondence Report — None.

3. Chaplain's Report — Chaplain Sievers

4. National Secretary — Frank Cohee — No Report, but commented on National Elections. "We have two people running for the office of President. See your Greybeards and read the resumes of each candidate before you vote. VOTE!"

5. DOF/Association Report — Liaison Jake Feaster —Passed out Reports to the Chapter Presidents followed by discussion on use of Management Information System. Jake stated Chapter's can log in to www.kwva.org and from the Home Page they can check their Members status. Jake stated the importance of Chapter's sending in their election reports. It is up to Chapter Presidents to monitor their Membership. Each Chapter President needs to provide the names of their deceased and inactive members. Life Members continue to receive the Greybeards until National is informed that the Member is deceased. This is costing KWVA thousands of dollars. Jake

provided President First with current Florida Inactive Membership and Chapter President/Commander List.

6. Chapter Elections Report — Treasurer Joan Arcand has been helping the Secretary with the Election Reports. Secretary duties are to keep a Log of Elections from each Chapter. Total to date are nine Chapters reporting.

President First introduced Bob McGuire as the new Chairman of the Elections Committee who so graciously accepted these duties. Gene Gillette, Chairman had to resign due to health problems. Bob McGuire announced letters have gone out requesting Members send in a Letter of Intent to run for Office. "I have received two, your President and your Treasurer. I need three more. Thank you".

President First, also stated that Bob McGuire has accepted the job of Assistant Secretary to help Maxine. Secretary position is now an Appointed Position not Elected.

7. DOF/Judge Advocate Report — JA Hank Butler — Amendment changes to Procedures Manual (page 12) in Greybeards. President First thanked Hank and Rita for all their help in the past few months. Hank received request for Amendments in two different areas, but they have not been approved and will have to go before The Board at the next Council Meeting. "You may want to take a look at the Greybeards regarding an amendment to the Procedures Manual".

8. DOF Newsletter Report — Editor Tom Thiel. Two Issues have been published. He

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made a request for more Chapter material. Some Members asked to get on his mailing list—they were referred to Chapter 169 web site. President First stated Chapter President receive the Newsletter and it is their responsibility to E-mail or print it off and see that their Members receive it.

9. Korea/American Report — Liaison Eddy Ko — Good News — North Korea President died. Mourners were acting not really crying. The youngest son who is now in charge, mobilized his troops to show power. Older brother is hiding out in Singapore. JPAC is once again gearing up for recovering remains of Americans. Eddy will try again to go to North Korea to find remains around the Chosin Reservoir, estimated 2,000 and Koonwonsan, around 2,000 there. His desire is to see Korea become one Nation such as South Korea.

10. Historians Report — Carol Becker She stated she takes pictures, but does not do reports. President First stated: "We are looking for a Volunteer to do Historian Reports and make a book regarding Department of Florida."

OLD BUSINESS

1. Report from December 8, 2011 DOF Board Meeting 1st VP Bill Shibler.

2. Reports of New Chapter Officers Treasurer Arcand — Nine returns on Elections.

3. Outcome of Survey from September 24, 2011 Council Meeting — Treasurer Arcand.

4. DOF Fundraiser update — 3rd VP John Stelling working on fundraiser, possible 43" TV. Question from a member regarding doing Rose of Sharon. President First stated: "that Rose of Sharon is a Chapter function set up at Publix, Winn Dixie, etc. Last year we had Chapters donate (authorized amount \$75 to \$150) without prior approval. We can either do that or TV, however, at this late date we have only a short time to raise funds. "

5. Convention 2012 Update — 192 Com-

mander Hank Butler/Convention Host — Plantation Inn and Crystal River area information is in Folder. "Please Get your ad in the Journal before April 15. We will have a Hospitality Room with beer and wine for a nominal fee."

Proposed By-Law Amendments — item (i) Webmaster and Item (g) Editor. President First ask all Chapter Presidents or their Alternates to raise their hand to receive a copy. Certified Mail — Article VI-A-7. Jake Feaster will send a copy of the Proposed By-Law Amendments to all Chapter Presidents via E-Mail.

NEW BUSINESS

1. DOF Policy Manual/New Policy for Chapter QM — 2nd VP Bob Hebner. DOF Council Meeting or Convention — Host Chapter QM has first option to sell items at the meeting for the benefit of the Host Chapter. If Host Chapter does not have a QM or if the DOF is the Host for the meeting other Florida QM's are invited to send a letter to DOE Board requesting to sell items at the specific meeting to for the benefit of their Chapter. He must have written permission.

2. Award Presentation by President First to Don Struhar. and ' The Flag Lady' — Carol Becker. Most Chapter's Flags were made by Carol. She made a Flag for Chapter 311 of Prescott, AZ.

Don Struhar designed the Department of Florida Patch and the Department had it registered with the Library of Congress (Copyright). Carol to deliver Certificate of Appreciation to Don. President First stated: "We have two bids for Council and Convention 2012-2013. Hugh Harris,

Vero Beach Chapter 318, and Bob Hebner, Daytona Beach Chapter 155. Take Council meeting or all four meetings."

President First also stated: "We will miss Laurie McCraney's help. I want to Thank You for all the work you have done".

CALL FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT Secretary Maxine Parker - 14 Chap-

ters responded; their reports are posted on www.dfl.kwva.org

GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE ORDER

POW/MIA - Don Edwards

President First asked that we remember Past President Bob Balsler and his wife, Rose, who had a stroke about a week ago. She is now in a Nursing Home. In your prayers, remember Bob and Rose.

DOF is getting a lot of requests for swearing In of Installation of Officers. Past National, DOF and Chapter Officers may swear them in as long as they use the Oath of KWVA. There is a copy in your Policy and Procedures Manual.

REQUEST FOR SURVEY OF MEETING - Maxine Parker

BENEDICTION Chaplain Harold Sievers

SALUTE TO COLORS - Everett DeWitt (acting Sgt-at-Arms)

ADJOURNMENT - President First

REUNION TIME AGAIN - FRIDAY, MAY 11 AND SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012 Council Meeting, Friday 1:30 PM

General Membership Meeting, Saturday 10:30 AM

Cash Bar Reception and Banquet, Saturday Evening

50-50 - 075 - Eddie Ko - \$43 or Wall Hanger (gave money to Chapter), 070 - Jake Feaster - Wall

Hanging (Flag), 008 - John Stelling - Wall Hanging, 883 - Dwight Brown, Collected \$122, gave out \$61.

Respectfully submitted

Maxine McCartney Parker
Secretary