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The Making of a Memorial* By Joan M Arcand



It starts with a dream, a memorial to remember the men and women of the Korean War.

So many questions to be answered.

Where placed, how financed, who will help, and when. Putting these ideas into motion began a few years ago for CID 14 members.

But what seemed insurmountable to some was a challenge for Clarence Daddswell, President of Chapt 14.

He called a meeting of the board and posed the question. Not, “can we do it,” but “when can we get started?”

The group responded with great enthusiasm.

The proposal was brought to a membership meeting and immediately endorsed. Groups were formed taking advantage of past life experiences and the planning began.

The Search Group decided

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Joan Arcand wrote this 2002 Graybeards article It illustrates a new *DoF News* project—the compilation of a catalog of Florida Memorials! Joan also suggested this project. While she specified Korean memorials, I think it appropriate to extend to all memorials you have played a role in and use. So, we are requesting all Chapters to send us at least one very good photo—preferably in color—of your memorial, your CID, the name and address of the memorial, and a brief write-up telling us a bit about your memorial. We will load them all on www.dfl.kwva.org and print one or two in each *DoF News*.



From President Hebner

moves, practice its plays and practice some scrimmages before we get to the big game.

First, I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer, The 60th anniversary was a success and possibly you even succeeded in doing some summer recruiting.

Now we have the Fall Council meeting coming up.

This will be the planning time, the discussion time and the regrouping period.

It will be necessary to have representation from every chapter at this

council meeting.

That is an obligation that some have deemed unnecessary. That is wrong. We need you and your input. The success of the organization depends on all of us working together.

Our primary objective will be membership. If you have any one who you think would be interested invite them to lunch, bring them to a meeting or let us know so we can help recruit them. You will hear more ideas as the year progresses.

I intend to visit every chapter this year, and give you an opportunity to

voice your opinions and suggestions. And, if you have any ideas that you think will be helpful just e-mail them to me at bobh[at]hifo.net. I welcome your ideas for the betterment and improvement of the DoF. I promise to reply.

Remember, the theme for the year is: "Not the A team, not the B team, we are "THE TEAM!"

We are only as good as our weakest member. So it is up to all of us to work together.

I look forward to meeting and greeting all of you.

Bob H.

Hi "Team."

Our summer break has passed, the 60th Anniversary convention is over, and local celebrations are pretty much done. Now it is time to roll up our sleeves and get back to work.

This means that the team has to suit up, plan its

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A note from 1st VP, Bob McGuire

Wear your Korean Veteran Hat whenever you are out and about.

We've had people join our chapter (CID189) with that as our initial introduction.

A congratulatory free meal is nice too! Our chapter has grown in size this year. Each meeting has more than 35 members present.

Two American Legion Posts have donated money to our organization be-

cause of our informative newsletter and concern for MIA's and POW's.

The Korean War Veterans Exhibit in the New Smyrna Historical Museum has also been responsible for several new members.

We'll be the guests of the Korean Church in Daytona on September 22.

Good things don't happen by accident or by luck, we make our luck because of our efforts or value to others.

Bob McGuire

CID 192: Memorial Day at Bushnell National Cemetery. Right: Hank Butler (right) presented the History of the Battlefield Cross. Photo below shows the Joint Veteran's Committee at Bushnell. From left: Richard Floyd, DAV Chapter 70; Hank Butler CID 192; Cathy Carroll, chair of JVC; Ray Michael, Chair of Citrus County Veteran's Coali-



tion and Judge Advocate of CID 292; and the remaining are members of the JVC.

CID158 WR Charette MOH, Polk County, spoke about the Korean War to ROTC cadets at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida on April 2, 2013. The Presenters expressed their opinion that speaking to college seniors was much different from talking to Jr High or even High School students; college cadets asked very mature questions. And the answers seemed to really matter to this group, many of whom will be going into the Army as Second Lets soon. FSC indicated that they would like for CID 158 to make this an annual event.



Front row from left to right are: Jim Bradford, Past President DOF and CID158, and present 2nd VP CID158; Cadets Michele Boggle, Heather Weaver, Steven Howard; Bill McCraney, Past President DOF

and CID158, current 1st Vice President CID158; Frank Cohee, Commander CID158, and National KWVA secretary.

Back row: Cadet Bryce Loudermilk, Wesley Cook, Matt Leonard, Michael Reynolds, Alex Emrich, LTC Scott LaRonde; Dick Champion, Sgt at Arms CID158, and Jim Schultz CID158.

Archer Road's permanent "welcome home" parade....

Each day, exactly 136 Alachua County veterans stand tall along Archer Road, preparing to guide future Fisher House guests to their "home away from home."

These veterans are timeless, strong, gallant and deeply rooted within the community. They take on storms, winds, freezes and unbearable heat with honor and grace. They greet the daily passerby with selfless bundles of shade and protection, and they never ask for anything in return.

They've served our great country and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. They're neither flesh nor blood no more.... They're trees!

On Memorial Day 2002, **CID 267 GEN James A. Van Fleet**, planted 136 trees along Archer Road. The trees represent the 136 Alachua County soldiers who lost their lives in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Each tree honors a heroic tale of struggle, triumph and commitment. Every year, association members



Pedestrians walk past trees that were planted as a memorial to remember the 134 Alachua County veterans who lost their lives in the Korean and Vietnam wars on Friday, July 18, 2013 in Gainesville. Matt Stamey/Staff photographer, www.gainesville.com/

tie yellow ribbons around these special trees to pay tribute to the fallen soldiers.

The path they've planted leads directly to the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center and the site of the future Fisher House.

Slow down the next time you drive on Archer Road. Take the time to acknowledge the 136 veterans adorning your path; their sacrifice deserves a second look.

CID 173 Mid FL: Bob Johnson, Treasurer CID 173; Paul "Pete" Crum, recipient of 60th Anniversary Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation; Presenter Charlie First, Past President DoF; Charles "Chuck" Travers, President CID 173; and Richard "Dick" Padgett, CID 173, Liaison CID 173 to Department of Defense. Photo by Minnie Sue Adams



A long shot I know. An acquaintance has this gold heart shaped locket, found in 1952 in a driveway of Topps Cleaners in Fairlawn N.J. It has been posted elsewhere. Perhaps a family member may finally claim it.



On another subject, a friend has a pair of dog tags, post Korea, pre Viet Nam that she obtained from an estate. Anyone interested?

CID 199: Skip Hannon

CID 169: 60th Anniversary Keynote speaker, **Tom Thiel** (right) used a 2008 night satellite image of the Korean Peninsula (held by **Jack Reynolds**) to illustrate one of the great benefits resulting from the Korean War—a stark contrast in economic vitality between communist North Korea, and a free,



Leesburg

Ceremony to mark Korean War armistice

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DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE PHOTO

The Korean War and Korean Service Veterans of Lake County, Chapter 169

Posted: Friday, July 26, 2013 9:00 am | Updated: 11:52 am, Fri Jul 26, 2013.

Millard K. Ives | Staff Writer millardives@dailyccommercial.com | 0 comments

Some call it the Forgotten War.

The Korean War lasted from June 1950 to July 1953. But unlike World War II, whose stories have been told numerous times in film, and the Vietnam War, which was regularly showcased on news channels — little attention has been paid to the Korean War, said Don Van Beck, executive director of the Veterans Memorial committee in Leesburg.

"You had some soldiers coming home from the Korean War and their friends wanted to know 'where have you been?'" Beck said.

On Saturday, Beck will be one of a number of veterans to participate in a nationwide recognition of the 60th anniversary of the armistice that ended the war.

elected republic in South Korea. (A similar b&w image taken in 2012 confirmed this).

You may read his prepared text at www.cid169.kwva.org and click on the "60th Anniv of Cease-Fire in Korea" link on the **Activities** Page. He thanked DoF 3rd VP Maxine Parker and several of our CID 188 brothers supporting us, and also the Daily Commercial (L) and Orlando Sentinel for publicizing the event.

CID 199: Skip Hannon was the guest speaker at Manatee Veterans Park on Memorial Day. This was filmed by Manatee Educational Television - METV, Bradenton, FL. where it was broadcast several times.

Members Richard Caverly, Scotty Blomeley and Skip were also interviewed in the studio of METV prior to 60th Anniversary of the Armistice.



CID 199 has CDs of both events.

Skip Hannon

Lapel Pins



Chapter 169 still has a supply of its new KWVA Lapel Pin.



A very nice 3/4ths-inch pin designed by Don Struhar, they are suitable for every KWVA member!

Please specify the number of pins you want at \$4.00 each. Every order will have a S&H charge of \$6.00 priority mail per shipment added. Send your order with a check payable to KWVA #169, to: Joel Briggs, 6560 S.E. 173rd Place, Summerfield, FL, 34491, (352) 233-9320, briggs.joel[at]aol.com



Association Rejects DoF Membership DB Request! by Tom Thiel

You may recall that in January of 2012 (yes 2012), DoF petitioned the Association to open its Membership DB (MDB) system to greater access and expanded capabilities for Departments and Chapters.

Our petition was rejected by the KWVA Board of Directors at its March 20, 2013, Meeting in Syracuse, NY.

(Please see The Graybeards, May -- June 2013, page 9, Old Business, for a report on this question.)

I apologize for not adequately making our case in the petition.

My total motivation was (and remains) the betterment of the Association, the improvement of its systems, and the accuracy of the information it contains for all of KWVA!

As it stands now the MDB Systems are of quite limited use to Departments and Chapters, and the quality of the data itself could be improved considerably.

For example, nearly 20 percent of my August 12, 2013, emails to 240 KWVA Department and Chapter Presidents or Commanders were rejected for delivery by their ISPs!

I believe that implementing the suggestions in our request would improve this by at least an order of magnitude!

Yet the KWVA Board did not have any appreciation of that; at least it is not indicated in the report.

The Graybeards report said: "Asst. Secretary Feaster then explained how the Chapters could get the information they wanted by contacting him."

Jake, I sincerely appreciate all that you do, but you cannot give us what we are requesting! Not only can you not give it to us, you do not even know what it is despite our many efforts to explain it to you.

An email printout days or weeks later is not what we are asking for!

A Membership Records Management & Management Information Systems Supervisor should not be getting us information.

You should be finding ways to make the MDB useful to Departments and Chapters so that we can better manage our units on an instantaneous basis!

Our request achieved some progress, however, because current efforts underway to make reporting election results an online system was one of our suggestions!

Our request was about much more than simple expansion of access. It was about making the MDB useful at all levels of KWVA!

I cannot not go into detail here as it

is somewhat complex, and far too lengthy to adequately explain here.

For a system to be really effective it must serve the user! Not the other way around.

Expressed in KWVA terms, why should I, a Department or Chapter officer, bust my rear end on a system that gives me very little that is of use in the day-to-day management of my Department or Chapter?

And, having 20 percent of Department and Chapter Presidents/Commanders emails rejected by the recipient's ISP does not bode well for the status quo! I only did that one mailing so it may or may not be representative.

Make the MDB useful to Departments and Chapters, and they will work to make the MDB system accurate and relevant to us all!

Everybody benefits!

Greater DoF backing may have improved our proposal's chances. Clearly, the Association Board did not understand what we were requesting.

I'm kind of tired kicking this can solo, but we really should not let it drop; it hurts us all to not bring it to fruition!

TJT



POLICY: MEMBERSHIP IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

(DoF) (extracted from DoF Procedures manual and liberally edited for readability).

“All members of a Florida chartered KWVA Chapter a priori become members of the Department of Florida upon payment of membership assessments by the Chapter (member dues are defined as Chapter Assessments in DoF Bylaws).

Each Chapter pays these Chapter Assessments annually, payable each January 1, and are in arrears if not paid by March 31. (The waiving of 2013 DoF assessments was for 2013 only.)

The assessment for each Chapter member is \$2.00 per member; the total payable by the Chapter is based upon the number of ACTIVE KWVA members the Chapter has on December 31. This includes Chapter Regular and Life Members, but not Ex-POW, MOH or Gold Star spouse or parent. Where a members belongs to more than one Chapter, the Primary Chapter is responsible.”

ANALYSIS and a MOTION, by Tom J Thiel

On Aug 15, there were a total of

1,115 Active KWVA members with a FL mailing address. Of that number, 673 were Chapter members, and therefore by the above criteria, DoF Members.

That leaves 442 Active KWVA members in Florida (almost 40 percent) who DoF excluded from membership!

So far as I know, DoF has never considered this 40 percent of total FL KWVA membership.

Recently, we have begun sending the *DoF News* to all FL members with an email. We heard more than once “Who (what) the hell is DoF?”

I do not believe that DoF consciously intended to disallow forty percent of FL KWVA members—I suspect they have never known these numbers.

To continue to disallow over 400 members the opportunity to participate in DoF is very unfair.

Hence, I move that the following be added at the bottom of the DoF Procedures Manual page titled: “POLICY: MEMBERSHIP IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA.”

“In addition to the above, any Active KWVA Member residing in Florida, and not eligible for DoF membership because of

proximity to an Active Chapter, or who may desire to not be affiliated with a FL Chapter, may become a DoF At-Large Member in full standing upon paying their own assessment directly to the Department of Florida, and otherwise meeting all the above obligations. DoF At-Large members shall be accorded full and active participation in all DoF Council and Annual Meeting sessions. At-Large participation in the DoF Council shall be through an At-Large DoF Chapter.” ###

Proposed change to the Department of Florida Bylaws to add the “Powers and Duties” of the Webmaster and the Editor to these Bylaws.

This proposal was submitted two years ago in September 2011. These two positions are not mentioned either DoF Bylaws or Procedures Manual. All other positions are.

It was approved by Council not sure when, but for reasons I do not know, never was brought before the Convention.

This will also be resubmitted for reconsideration at the Fall Council with follow-up at the Convention. ###



TAPS



William S. Ball USA 35th Inh K Co. died 6/6/2013 earned CIB, KSM, GHCM, UN-ND, ROK Pres. Citation, (LR 32104), **CID 14**

Thomas D. Rowley, USN 1948-53 died 5/3/2013 earned KSM, UN-ND, Victory Medal WWII (R4260), **CID 14**

Gerald S. Silvester USA 7th Div Jan '51= Sep '53 died 4/13/2013 earned CIB, ND, UN, GCM, ROK Pres Citation, (LR27236), **CID 14**

Strasser, Norbert John (Jack), R041471, USA, 1950-52, 1st Cav Division, Dod: August 31, 2013. Condolences may be sent to: Mrs. Dottie Strasser, 154 Malayan Way, Leesburg FL 34788, **CID 169**

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to approach the City of Pinellas Park, which had land available in the city owned Freedom Park. After a presentation to the city Commissioners, Mayor William F. Mischler announced that the proposal was accepted.

Meetings were ongoing with City engineers, park officials and the Chapter's "engineers." At the same time, a fund raising group set up guide lines for soliciting, time tables, volunteers, and the financial goal was set and approved by membership.

The Treasurer obtained the County and State documents and the Past President, Sam Farina, was asked to act as the Finance Director of the Project. A bank account and checking system was acquired with a local bank.

We were on our way. We had a place, a financial plan, documents of importance in place and a raft of volunteers eager to get started.

As our committee worked on their specific parts of the project, we also informed our large Korean Community.

Reverend Tae Su Cheong of the Korean Presbyterian Church, Eddie Ko, Kimi Springsteen and I. Chang strongly supported the project.

On June 25th, 2002, we broke ground for the Memorial with a marble slab engraved "Future home of the Korean War Memorial." Many of the people who supported and encouraged this Memorial were on hand for the unveiling.

Well, the final stone has been purchased and is ready for the engraver. The paving bricks that will form a walkway are being sold to families and friends honoring a specific veteran. The Memorial debut is being planned as an outstanding celebration timed to commemorate the signing on July 27th of the armistice in Korea fifty years ago.

In one year we have worked together, overcome disappointments, moved on and succeeded. Much like Korea, huh!

Who do we thank? Where do we begin?

First, and rightly, we thank Clarence Dadswell, who said we could do it. We thank members for endless hours of planning, drawing pictures, writing copy and articles, making calls and visits, and "doing what it takes to get the job done.."

Finally, we thank our great community which dug deep to help us leave a lasting memorial to a great bunch of men and women. ###

God Bless America & Korean War Veterans

Thank you Joan Arcand for letter and pictures.

* The Graybeards, November/December, 2002, Pages 16-17.

The Table at Right shows Membership by Chapters; it also shows Chapter Status—Active-NA means your Chapter is deficient.

Your chapter is deficient if it has not met all requirements, i.e., valid Election Report filed, or perhaps filed but not all officials meet the Association Bylaws requirements; missing copies of their Charters, Incorporation or other papers.

If your Chapter is deficient, we ask you to contact DoF Secretary Chuck Husbands to get it corrected.

If your Chapter does not have access to the Association Membership DB (no Access Code and PW), contact Mr. Feaster immediately.

At the 2013 DoF Convention, it was decided that DoF facilitate keeping its Chapters in the Active Category.

This report is available from the DoF website, www.dfl.kwva.org Select the **Chapters Button**, and then **LINK2**; you will be asked for your access code and password.

Congratulations to CID 173 on cranking their membership to the top in the State!

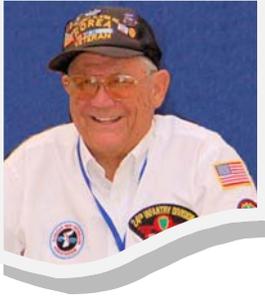
Pages 10 and 11 lists Chapters, their Presidents or Commanders, and meeting times and locations. Again, if there are inaccuracies, contact DoF Secretary Husbands.

This report also is available from the same source as above, but click **LINK1**; you do not need to provide your access code and password.

| CID | Department/Chapter | Status (Date Last Election) | Active (Inactive) Regular Chapt Mbrs | Active (Inactive) Other Chapt Mbrs | Total Active (Inactive) Chapt Mbrs |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Florida | | | | | |
| DFL | Department of Florida | Active (5/4/13) | | | |
| 14 | Suncoast | Active (12/20/12) | 46 | 0 | 46 |
| 15 | Eddie Lyon | Active (10/15/12) | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| 16 | COL Alice Gritsavage | Active (12/18/12) | 14 | 1 | 15 |
| 17 | LT Richard E. Cronan | Active-NA (1/9/11) | 34 | 0 | 34 |
| 106 | Treasure Coast | Active-NA (1/18/11X2) | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| 110 | Miami-Dade | Active-NA (12-27-12) | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| 124 | Osceola County | Active-NA (6/15/10) | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| 153 | Central Florida | Active (12/11/12) | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| 155 | Florida Gulf Coast | Active (12/4/10x 2) | 23 | 0 | 23 |
| 158 | William R. Charette (MOH) | Active (11/16/12X2) | 14 | 0 | 14 |
| 159 | Sunshine State | Active (5/10/12x2) | 27 | 0 | 27 |
| 169 | KWVA of Lake County | Active-NA (11/28/12) | 34 | 4 | 38 |
| 173 | Mid-Florida | Active-NA (12/20/12) | 22 | 4 | 26 |
| 175 | LT Baldomero Lopez (MOH) | Active (1/6/13) | 84 | 3 | 87 |
| 188 | South Lake County | Active (12/19/12) | 78 | 13 | 91 |
| 189 | Central Florida East Coast | Active (11/20/12) | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| 192 | Citrus County | Active (10/24/12) | 40 | 0 | 40 |
| 199 | Manasota | Active-NA (11/15/12) | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| 200 | North East Florida | Active (10/23/12x2) | 33 | 0 | 33 |
| 210 | Brevard County | Active-NA (12/5/12) | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 267 | GEN James A. Van Fleet | Active-NA (01/02/13) | 24 | 1 | 25 |
| 318 | Indian River County | Active (12/20/12) | 41 | 3 | 44 |
| State Subtotals: | | | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| | | | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| | | | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| | | | 675 | 28 | 703 |
| | | | 154 | 10 | 164 |

| State/CID | Chapter | President/Commander |
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| Florida | Suncoast | Joe D Slatton |
| 14 | PO Bx 382 | 727-345-4845 |
| | Bay Pines, FL 33744-0382 | REArcand[at]yahoo.com |
| | Meets: 3rd Thu 7pm, VFW #4364, 5773 62nd St N, St Petersburg, FL | |
| Florida | Eddie Lyon | Morton Berger |
| 15 | 9261 Sunrise Lakes Blvd, Apt 212 | 954 742 5453 |
| | Sunrise, FL 33322-1382 | Morty428[at]aol.com |
| | Meets: 1st Tue 7:30pm, American Legion #304, 41 NE 1st Ct, Dania, FL 33004 | |
| Florida | COL Alice Gritsavage | Bernard Fisher |
| 16 | 1825 SE 35th Ln | 352-368-1872 |
| | Ocala, FL 34471-6752 | BernardJFisher2[at]msn.com |
| | Meets: American Legion Post 16, 4701 NW 6th. St, Gainesville, FL, 1900 1st. Wed. | |
| Florida | LT Richard E. Cronan | Joe W Green |
| 17 | 1710 Stonehaven Dr #4 | 561-739-8575 |
| | Boynton Beach, FL 33436 | JWG913[at]comcast.net |
| | Meets: 2nd Sun 9:00am, Palm Beach Rescue Station, 14276 Hagan Ranch Rd, Delray Beach, FL | |
| Florida | Treasure Coast | Peter Popolizio |
| 106 | 443 SW Horseshoe Bay | 772-344-2301 |
| | Port Saint Lucie, FL 34986 | MarPetePop[at]aol.com |
| | Meets: 3rd Tue 10:30am, DAV #113, 1150 SW California Blvd, Port Saint Lucie, FL | |
| Florida | Miami-Dade | Ainslee R. Ferdie |
| 110 | 717 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Ste 223 | 305-445-3557 |
| | Coral Gables, FL 33134-2070 | LawOffice[at]ferdieandlones.com |
| | Meets: 4th Thu 6:00pm, American Legion #98, 717 Ponce de Leon Blvd, #223, Coral Gables, FL | |
| Florida | Osceola County | David L. Conboy |
| 124 | 4945 Spiral Way | 407-892-7409 |
| | Saint Cloud, FL 34771 | KWVet[at]embarqmail.com |
| | Meets: 3rd Tue 7pm, VFW #3227, 915 New York Av, Saint Cloud | |
| Florida | Central Florida | Charles Carafano |
| 153 | 1889 Van Allen Cir | 386-532-0534 |
| | Deltona, FL 32738 | CCarafano[at]cfl.rr.com |
| | Meets: 2nd Wed, 2pm, Amer Legion Post #127, 109 Cassadaga Rd, Lake Helen, FL | |
| Florida | Florida Gulf Coast | Nicholas A. Napolitano, Jr. |
| 155 | 607 SE VAN LOON TER | 239-898-0881 |
| | Cape Coral, FL 33990-1166 | Napolitano01[at]comcast.net |
| | Meets: 1st Sun 2pm, VFW #8463, 11th Pl, Cape Coral, FL | |
| Florida | William R. Charette (MOH) | Frank E. Cohee Jr. |
| 158 | 4037 Chelsea Lane | 863-859-1384 |
| | Lakeland, FL 33809 | KWVASec[at]gmail.com |
| | Meets: 3rd Sat 1030am, Summerlin Military Academy, Bartow, FL | |
| Florida | Sunshine State | Peter H. Palmer |
| 159 | P.O. Box 5298 | 727-584-7143 |
| | Largo, FL 33779-5298 | PalmerSP[at]gte.net |
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| State/CID | Chapter | President/Commander |
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| Florida 169 | KWVA of Lake County 2823 MAYPORT ST Clermont, FL 34711-5457 Meets: 4th Wed 2pm, Senior Citizens' Center, 1211 Penn St, Leesburg, FL | Wallace Jones 904-716-3360 wjoneskwva169[at]yahoo.com |
| Florida 173 | Mid-Florida P.O. Box 160505 Altamonte Springs, FL 32716-0505 Meets: 3rd Thu 11am, Sep - May, VFW Post #2093, 4444 Edgewater Dr, Orlando, FL | Charles Travers 407-252-7447 Fax: C:407-252-7447 GunShip442[at]aol.com |
| Florida 175 | LT Baldomero Lopez (MOH) 14626 VILLAGE GLEN CIR TAMPA, FL 33618-2709 Meets: 1st Sat 1pm, Golden Corral, 1801 56th St, Temple Ter, FL | Ralph Hawkins 813-962-3742 RAHawkins1[at]verizon.net |
| Florida 188 | South Lake County PO Bx 121708 Groveland,, FL 34736 Meets: 3rd Wed 1pm, Lake David Center, 450 South Lake Av, Groveland, FL 34736 | David Litz 352-536-9022 NjLitz[at]aol.com |
| Florida 189 | Central Florida East Coast PO Bx 214005 South Daytona, FL 32121 Meets: 3rd Tue 1:00pm, VFW Post 3282, 5810 S Williamson Blvd, Port Orange, FL | Charles Husbands 386-760-7163 CHusbands[at]cfl.rr.com |
| Florida 192 | Citrus County 2110 NW 17th St Crystal River, FL 34428 Meets: 1st Tue ea mo. 1pm at VFW 10087, 2170 Vets Ln, Beverly Hills, FL | Herman 'Hank' Butler Jr. 352-563-2496 Fax: 352-634-1604 HankRita[at]tampabay.rr.com |
| Florida 199 | Manasota 4721 Mt Vernon Dr Bradenton, FL 34210-2038 Meets: 4th Thu 10:30am, Kirby Stewart Post 24, American Legion, 2000 75th St W, Bradenton, FL | Thomas "Skip" Hannon 941-795-5061 Ski-Pat-Han[at]hotmail.com |
| Florida 200 | North East Florida 2360 Lake Shore Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32210 Meets: 4th Tue 2:30pm. Senior Citizens' Services, 150 E 1st St, Jacksonville, FL | Henry L. Moreland 904-384-2031 Fax: C: 904-314-5121 CDandDG[at]bellsouth.net |
| Florida 210 | Brevard County 124 Songa Dr Cocoa, FL 32926 Meets: 1st Wed 1:00pm, Brevard Veterans Council Bldg, 400 S Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL | Donald Rathbun 321-433-8246 DonBar49[at]juno.com |
| Florida 267 | GEN James A. Van Fleet 2205 NW 19th Ln Gainesville, FL 32605 Meets: 1st Wed 7pm, American Legion Post #16, 4701 NW 6th St, Gainesville, FL | Richard E 'Dick' Davis 352-378-5560 MGADick[at]aol.com |
| Florida 318 | Indian River County 1210 24th Av Vero Beach, FL 32960-3951 Meets: 3rd Thu, 10:00am, Vero Beach Veterans, Inc CNTN, 2500 15th Av, Vero Beach, FL | Joseph Gomez 772-473-2313 JGome[at]bellsouth.net |



DoF News, Website, and History by Tom Thiel

First I want to thank all Chapter's who provided good

content for this edition of the *News*. Please keep it coming in the future.

We wanted to make the *News* more colorful, and I think we have made some progress. Thank you again.

I have written and plan to distribute at the Fall Council Meeting a description of how I do the *News*. It is too lengthy for here, so I hope all chapters will pick one up; also I may send it to all Chapter Presidents or Commanders.

The important point I want to make is that DoF urgently needs someone to take my place as DoF Editor.

There are reasons too numerous elucidate why this is necessary.

It is a fun job, and I urge you, your spouse or even one of your children to consider it.

Our goal is to have someone else firmly in place by the first part of 2014.

www.dfl.kwva.org continues to expand.

The *Chapters Button* has become one of the most dynamic pages on the site. Links 1 and 2 were used to

prepare the reports on pages 9–11 of this issue. In addition, we are carrying several Chapter newsletters, mostly on this site, but one, CID 169 with a link to their site (which is preferred).

Thanks to Tom Gaffney, we have added three years of Veterans Voices newsletters on the *Newsletters* page.

And the *About DoF* page has all Department documents such as, bylaws, procedures and more.

And finally, I want to mention the *Meetings button*, which I have settled on as a way to plan for upcoming DoF meetings as well as report on past ones.

And, as with the News, DoF urgently needs to obtain a replacement webmaster, same reasons and same target date, early 2014.

DoF History. This section also includes Carol Becker, DoF Photo Historian.

I have compiled in digital format a draft "DoF History," which is on the website. Information contained in this document was obtained from: a) DoF Newsletters, especially early ones, and b) a key word search of *all* Graybeards for "Department of Florida." Joan Arcaud graciously provided a table of DoF Officers.

Our Photo Historian, Carol Becker,

has cataloged all her digital photos, and we plan to place the photos, web site, and other digital records on a portable storage unit that will fit easily in a safety deposit box.

We will add photos to the History text files where we can make the linkages.

Somewhere in DoF there are from at least 2, to maybe as many as 10, boxes of DoF Historic materials.

Someone who knows DoF History better than us needs to go through it all and decide what is DoF history, and what is not.

The current History consists of one MS Word file for each year. This was done to facilitate assembling materials as they become available. I then print them as PDF and then use Adobe Acrobat Professional to combine them into one document.

POW/MIA Forever

Postage Stamp Page 13 contains a request for every DoF member to petition their U.S. Senators and Representative to have them support **HR 2794 A BILL** To provide for the issuance of a forever stamp to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who are still prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, and for other purposes.

DoF member **Bill Allen** of Tierra Verde FL initiated this effort. Support Bill and our 8K lost brothers!

Please contact your U.S. Senators and Congressperson to ask them to support H.R. 2794 -- Perpetual POW/MIA Forever Stamp Act (Introduced in

House - IH) Congressmen Bilirakis (FL) and Young (FL) petitioned the U.S. Postal Service to issue a Forever Perpetual POW/MIA stamp; the U.S.P.S. has refused. Therefore, Cong. Bilirakis has written H.R. 2794 (text below). Call or write your U.S. Sen. and U.S. Rep. to ask them to support HR2794 NOW. We must honor the more than 8,000 brothers still in Korea!



HR 2794 IH

113th CONGRESS

1st Session

H. R. 2794

To provide for the issuance of a forever stamp to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who are still prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 23, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a forever stamp to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who are still prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Con-

gress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the `Perpetual POW/MIA Stamp Act'.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that--

(1) the Department of Defense reports that more than 83,000 service members remain missing since World War II;

(2) the United States Government has an obligation to achieve the fullest possible accounting for the Americans who have gone missing while serving the country and to leave no one unaccounted for in future conflicts;

(3) in 1982, the POW/MIA flag became the first flag other than the Flag of the United States to fly over the White House in Washington, DC;

(4) on August 10, 1990, Public Law 101-355 designated the POW/MIA flag as `The Symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing, and unaccounted for in South-east Asia.'; and

(5) the POW/MIA flag should maintain continued visibility as a constant reminder of the plight of America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

SEC. 3. PERPETUAL POW/MIA STAMP.

(a) In General- In order to continue to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who have been prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, the Postmaster General shall provide for the issuance of a forever stamp suitable for that purpose and depicts the National League of Families POW/MIA flag.

(b) Definition- For purposes of this Act, the term `forever stamp' means a definitive stamp which meets the postage required for first-class mail up to one ounce in weight, and which retains full validity for that purpose even if the rate of that postage is later increased.

(c) Effective Date- The stamp described in subsection (a) shall be issued beginning as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall not thereafter be discontinued.



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