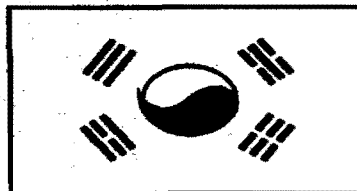


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**Department of Florida**

**3rd Annual Convention**  
**October 23 - 26, 1997**

**Beachcomber Hotel**  
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# Department of Florida 3rd Annual Convention

23 - 26 October, 1997

## Convention Committee

Co-Chairman.....Joe Firriolo  
Co-Chairman.....Ted Cedro  
Co-Chairman.....Dr. Ralph Levy

### Committee Members:

Bob Lefkowitz.....Eddie Lyon Chapter  
Morton Rosen.....Lt. Richard E. Cronan Chapter  
Sal Maenza.....Eddie Lyon Chapter  
Stella Fiorriolo.....Registration & Hospitality  
Evelyn Z.K. Levy.....Registration & Hospitality  
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**KWVA Comrades and Friends,**

Welcome to the 3rd Annual Reunion Convention of the KWVA, Department of Florida. I am sure we are going to enjoy ourselves in the company of new and old friends, and, at the same time take active participation in the ensuring future of our State Department. We owe our thanks to the two Host Chapters, Eddie Lyon and Lt. Richard E. Cronan, for all the organizational effort that has been expended in our behalf. Also, if I may, I should single out our Department Treasurer, George L. Spitzer, for a special vote of appreciation for all the extra "non-Treasurer" work that he has undertaken toward making this a successful reunion and invite you in joining me in saying "thank you George".

I have had the pleasure, frustration and hard work, of being President of the Department for the past two years, and consequently, the pleasurable opportunity of having met many of you personally. Thank you for your support and friendship.

Had I been elected under the terms of the recently adopted Department By-laws, I would not have qualified to stand for re-election. So it is fortuitous that the time when I am, thanks to your votes in my favor and with much valued support in my recent election to National Director, moving on to represent you and all other members of the KWVA at National Level, that we have people of the caliber of our very hard working Vice-President Fred Shear who are prepared to willingly be nominated as successors.

I wish all the successful nominees God's Speed and Blessings in their efforts to guide the Department during the terms of their office.

Yours in Comradeship,

*Jack Edwards*

President, Department of Florida



Dear Fellow Patriots,

Let me take this opportunity to wish every one attending our Annual Convention the best of luck.

As First Vice-President I have received lots of support and it has truly been appreciated. Our convention is a wonderful time for all Korean Era Veterans to share and have a memorable experience.

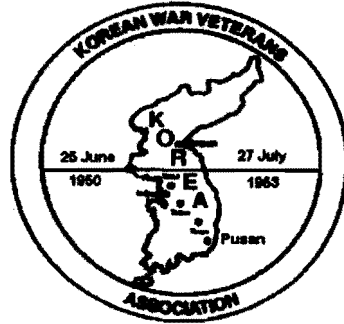
Many thanks to our Host Chapters and congratulations on a job well done. We hope that with our abilities and expectations, we will have a successful and productive convention.

Yours truly,

*Amelia (Amy) Carafano*

First Vice-President

Department of Florida, K.W.V.A.



Fellow Veterans, Guests and Friends:

Welcome to our 3rd Annual Convention, thank you for attending.

Department Vice-President Joe Firriolo, Chapter Presidents Ted Cedro and Ralph Levy, Department Treasurer George L. Spitzer and their committee members are to be complimented for the long and hard hours they have spent in organizing our convention, banquet and outside activities. Thanks to them an enjoyable time will be had by all ( while they continue to worry and work!).

It is my sincere hope that much will be accomplished here in the spirit of comradeship in which the KWVA was founded. Let us resolve our differences and all work together for the good of the Department, the KWVA and especially our individual members.

We extend our unreserved support to Immediate Past President, Jack Edwards, and wish all the best in his new National Directorship. It has been a genuine pleasure working together. GOOD LUCK JACK!

Yours in Comradeship,

*Fred*

Fred L. Shear

2nd Vice-President

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**Tom Carrick, President.....Suncoast Chapter**  
**Fred L. Shear, President.....Treasure Coast Chapter**



**Korean War Veterans Association  
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Convention Agenda**

**Thursday, 23 October 1997**

**7:00 to 9:00 PM...Executive Board Meeting**

**Friday, 24 October, 1997**

**All day set aside for GOLF TOURNAMENT; Social Activities; Beach and Pool Activities; Putting Contest; Shuffle Board Contest; Miniature Golf; Dinner at the Race Track and much more. See Hotel Concierge for more activities ,he can book you on to many local fun happenings.**

**Saturday, 25 October 1997**

**\*9:00 AM - 12 Noon.....Annual Meeting**

**12 Noon - 1 PM.....Lunch**

**\*1PM - 3:00 PM.....Election of Officers**

**\*To be held at nearby American Legion Hall**

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM.....Cocktail Party (Cash Bar)**

**7:30 PM - 9:30 PM.....Banquet**

**9:30 PM to ?.....Cocktail Bar, after dinner drinks  
and entertainment. (Cash Bar)**

**Sunday, 26 October 1997**

**7:00 AM - 11:00 AM.....Check Out Time**



*" Our nation  
honors her sons  
and daughters  
who answered  
the call  
to defend a  
country they  
never knew  
and a people they never met. "*



*designed by George L. Spitzer  
Lt. Richard E. Cronan Chapter*