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Comments from your President



Our next reunion will be in the fall of 2013, somewhere in Texas. 1st Vice-President **Gene Richards** and I have begun the process of finding the right city at the right price. We know our membership is aging so we need a city and hotel facilities that are friendly to veterans and seniors.

Right now we have been concentrating on San Antonio, but I regret to report that, so far, the only proposal we have from a hotel in San Antonio is, in our opinion, out of the picture as far as cost and convenience. Gene and I will continue to pursue both cities and hotels that will welcome us and offer reasonable prices for our event. We also want to meet in a location that offers points of interest for our members and their families. Texas is a BIG state so if there are members out there that can offer suggestions for other locations in Texas, please contact me.

I'm happy to report that in February my wife and I were guests of the 31st Field Artillery Battalion at their reunion in Kissimmee, FL. We had a great time and appreciated the invitation.

On page 17 are details on a new program arranged to benefit *all* 7IDA Members. We have been able to establish a relationship with an organization that makes it possible for you to receive discounts on prescription drugs that may not be covered by your current insurance programs. Not only do *you* get a generous discount but the Association's Treasury receives a small payment each time the program is used. Treasurer, **Doug Halbert** has already used the program a number of times and received good discounts.

There are many prescription medications that Medicare and

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We Get Letters

I was stationed at **Camp Kaiser**, three miles from the DMZ, from Dec '66 thru Jan '68. I was the Supply Sergeant for **Co A, 1st Bn, 17th Infantry**.

In reading the article "Agent Orange in Korea II" on page 34 of the Winter 2011 *The Hourglass* I found an error. My son-in-law who is a CSR for the VA in Providence, RI researched the facts and reported that the information in your article is incorrect. The final regulation states the dates are between 01Apr68 to 31Aug71, **not** 01Sep67 to 31Aug71.

I wish it were so, I could use the extra benefits this would bring to me. Can you research it further and report in a future issue the correct data?

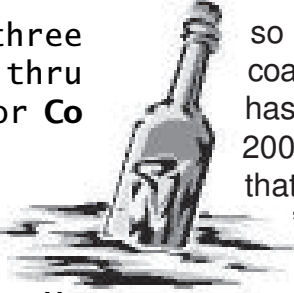
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Editor's note: Richard is correct, **the final dates are 01Apr68 to 31Aug71**. The Sept. date came from the Secty of Defense's decision that the date would be 01Sep67 but the final adjudication published in the *Federal Register* shows that the 01Apr68-31Aug71 period is what was ultimately approved. Thanks for catching the error.

When will the Association plan a reunion in California, which has more 7IDA members than any other? Perhaps there has been one that I'm unaware of, but I'd like to see one out here.

Sam Rosenfeld
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Editor's note: Sam is correct in saying that CA has the most members of any individual state, but overall the west coast has 144 members and the east coast has 240. The Board tries to stay in the middle of the country



so that no one has to travel from coast to coast to attend a reunion. The closest a reunion has come to being held in CA recently was in 2003 when it was held in Las Vegas. Prior to that there were reunions at Fort Ord in 1975, '85, and '93.



I was drafted in November 1950 and took my 14 weeks Basic Training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. From there I went by troop train to **Camp Stoneman**, NNE of San Francisco, and then on to **Camp Drake**, north of Tokyo, arriving 16Apr51.

After a few days of processing I was assigned to the 7th Division and shipped to Korea, arriving at Pusan and then proceeding by train to Chuchon. From there I was trucked to my actual assignment, **L Co, 31st Inf Rgt**, where I was assigned to the **Recoilless Rifle Section** as an ammo bearer and rifleman, MOS 4745.

Our company was sent out to an OPLR on the Hongcheon River where we stayed for 16 days conducting patrols. Then, on 18May51, we jumped off in attack in the 5th Chinese spring offensive (5th phase). This ended in early July with us up on the **Kansas Line** near the Imjin River, north of Seoul.

Summer of '51 consisted of a lot of patrol duty - recon and actual combat - especially around Hill 1073. We spent the winter on **Heartbreak Ridge** but conducted no offensive actions by order of GEN Ridgeway because the peace talks were in progress. I only had one shower that entire winter and that was being dusted for body lice.

I rotated home in March '52 on the USS



USS General R.L. Howze, a WWII and Korean War troop ship.

General R.L. Howze back through Camp Stoneman and then, eventually, back to Ft. Leonard Wood where I finished my army stint as member of the training cadre there.

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I served with **Btry B, 49th FA, 7ID** in Japan and Korea (I don't remember the dates). I participated in the Inchon landing, went north to the Chosin area, went through the evacuations at Hamhung and Hungnam, then back down to and fought at the break out of the Pusan area, and eventually headed back up north with a Forward Observer group in support of ROK troops. It was then that we were overrun by the Chinese. I was captured on 12Feb51, and was exchanged on 19Aug53.

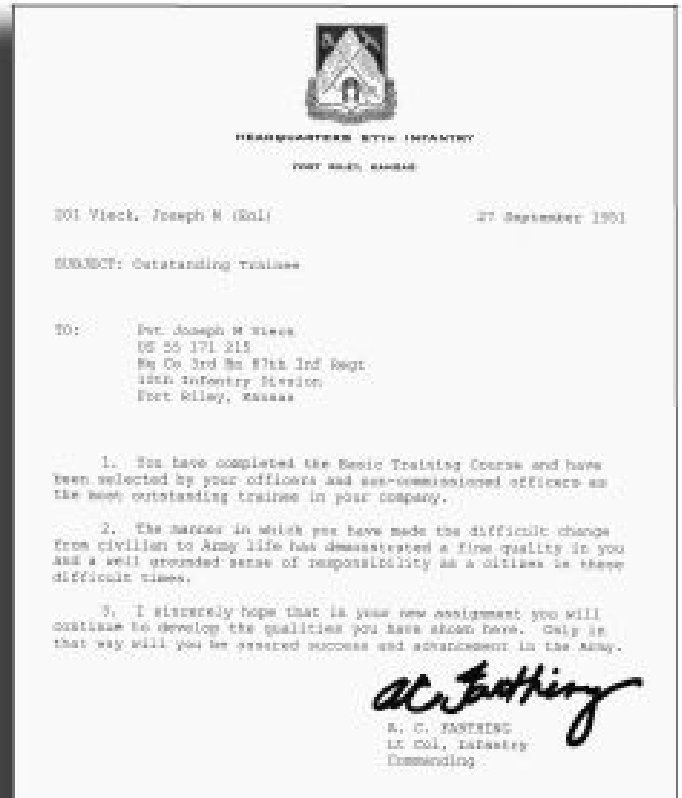
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I certainly enjoy *The Hourglass*. Thank you for publishing my article, "Vieck's Korea-1952," in the Winter 2011 edition. I have gotten quite a number of letters

from people who have read the article. In 1945 I was examined for the draft and was classified as 1-A, a status I retained until I was drafted in 1951. And so, although I was a high school dropout, married and had a pregnant wife, I left for Korea. I completed my tour and was discharged in 1953.

I have included a commendation letter from the Post Commander at Fort Riley, KS that I received upon my completion of Basic Training.



To earn a living and support my family I started growing strawberries and potatoes on a small acreage (250 acres). Within a few years my farm grew to 4,300 acres and, in 1958, I received the "Knox County's Outstanding Young Farmer Award." While at the front in Korea I had pledged to myself that, if I returned safely, I would get involved in community service.

So, in the late '50s, I began getting involved in local, state, and national activities. I felt that it was very important to keep busy, especially after my tour in Korea. From 1956-98 I served in many capacities for various organizations, including the VFW, my local Farmer's Union, the Vincennes City Council, and other agricultural, community and national groups.

I would invite anyone to get in touch with me at anytime.

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I had a 7th IDA jacket made for me locally by Janice Naderer. It is an excellent quality, three-season, jacket. If anyone is interested in getting one like it, you can contact her at: <jnfab93@embarqmail.com> for information and pricing.



Joe modeling his jacket.

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I have been recently appointed by the Department of Defense's 60th Anniversary of the Korean War (KW60) Commemoration Committee as a local KW60 Ambassador. The Committee seeks to honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans about the Korean War's significance.

If you are a Korean War Veteran (25Jun50-27Jul53) interested in being recognized with an official Certificate of Appreciation sent to you by the Department of Defense and signed by the Secretary of Defense, Leon E. Panetta, eMail me at: <KWV148@yahoo.com>.

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(PLEASE PRINT)

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The winter 2011 *Hourglass* had a question about combat pay. I served in the Korean War with **E Company, 31st Infantry** from Sep'50-Jun'51 and received nine months of combat pay. As I remember it, to receive combat pay your unit had to be engaged with the enemy at least six days of the month.

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Here are 3 photographs to surprise my husband of 58 years, **John Oberstadt**, who served with the **32^d Infantry** in Korea in 1952-53. I think he'll be surprised to see them!

He came home and was then discharged in November 1953 and we've been married ever since.



John Oberstadt with K Co guidon



1- **Daniel Beaune**, Muskegan, MI, 2- **Robert Raglin**, GA, 3- **Bob Szymanski**, OH



Christmas 1952, K Co, 32^d Inf

He really enjoys *The Hourglass* - keep up the good work!

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I thoroughly enjoy the newsletter...keep up the good work.

I enclose a photocopy of my FL license plate and thought maybe others might also enjoy it.



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William B. Sullivan sent in this letter, signed by MG C.B. Ferenbaugh, he received when leaving Korea. He served from Aug '50 to Dec '51 so the undated letter must have been handed out in December '51.



their families and grandchildren. I found that it isn't the volunteer, but the power of a higher authority that converts a positive thought into a transformation that determines their outcome on earth.

It is a misconception to say they don't understand or hear what goes on. In fact, many of them do. A coma is a state of deep unconsciousness and time is on their side. I know of 25 patients who did recover and have been working for over 20 years - happy to be alive.



PFC Floyd Takeuchi on 16Apr52 near Kumhwa in N. Korea, while serving with the "Bunker Blasters" of the 15th AAA Bn.



On a M-3 Personnel Carrier in the Kumhwa area. (L to R) **CPL Britton, PFC Takeuchi, SSG Smirstyk, & 2 unidentified men** to the R.

For over four decades I volunteered with the VA's Central California Healthcare System, with three of those decades helping to provide palliative ("to ease without curing") care to Critical Care coma patients.

It was a wonderful experience. Being interested in saving lives passively was what I had in mind. Talking, praying and reading the Holy Bible to them, encouraging them to live, to think of

Long-term care is important for our veterans - more so now with our Iraq and Afghanistan troops returning home. In Dec '11, on the CBS Evening News, Scott Pelley stated, "The Fresno VA's palliative care facility is the best all around in the nation."

I include a couple pictures of me when I was in Korea in 1952.

Floyd Takeuchi

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C Battery, 15thAAA, 7th Infantry
Division
1952-53



This photo of the **Service Battery, 49th Field Artillery Bn**, 7th Inf Div was taken about July/August 1949 at **Camp Younghans, Yamagata, Japan**.



L to R kneeling: **John Rehkopf - Daniel Taylor - Harry Herman - (?) - George Musolff - Leland Bodin**
L to R standing - **Dale Volpe - (?) - (?) - Austin Parrish - (?) - Strenich - Stroup - Robert Gerou - David Peterson (me) - (?) - Neil Eskildson - Raymond Zinn**



49th FA unit crest, worn on Peterson's uniform cap.

We provided artillery support for the **17th Inf Rgt**. Unfortunately, after all these years, I can't remember the names of the guys who are ID'd with a (?) or the houseboy in front.

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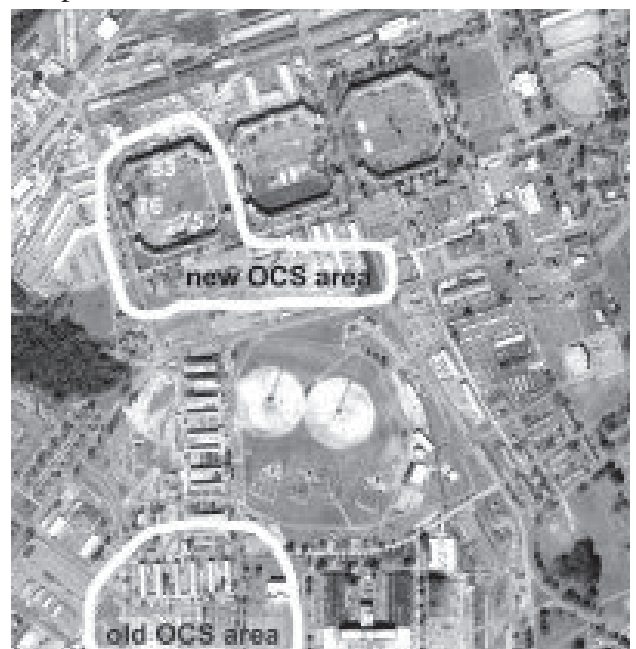
OCS Moving

The Officer Candidate School (OCS) Battalion at Fort Benning, GA, is in the process of moving from the location it has occupied for the last almost 60 years. They will now occupy Bldgs 83, 76, & 75 - a cuartel located less than a half-mile from OCS's current location. Bldg 83 will house OCS HHC and Student Co E, Bldg 76 will house the Bn's offices, and Bldg 75 will house Student Co's A, B, and C.



The OCS entrance arches will be moved by a private contractor and the class monuments scattered around the old OCS area will be moved by Army personnel to the new area. The move started in March 2012 and will continue through September 2012.

The old OCS area will be assigned to the Airborne School upon completion of renovations.



Aerial view showing the old and the new OCS areas.

Seekers Pages

Can anyone out there identify this man for me? He was our medic in late '51-early '52 when we, **Co C, 31st Inf Rgt**, were in the Yang-gu/Hill 605 area. Looks like he was an E6. Thanks.



On Hill 605, Nov '51.



At Yang-gu, Jan '52.

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I served with **17th Inf Rgt** in Korea from Sep'50 to Jul'51 and lost a lot of good friends. Sadly, I have forgotten most of their names. My best friend, **Robert Lee Dye**, was killed about four days before he and I were scheduled to rotate.

Does anyone know of how I could obtain a list of the men assigned to the 17th when they made the landing at Inchon in Sep'50?

After my three years in the Army were up, I enlisted in the

Air Force and guess what - three months later I received orders for Korea! That was in '54-'55. I was stationed at K-6, a Marine base, where the USAF maintained some radar units.

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I have a 15"x20" map entitled "Travels of the 7th Division" that shows the WWII activities of the Division. It is undated, but seems to be from awhile back. In a box in the lower right center it has the name, "**A.V. Arnold, Major General**" on it. It is printed on manila colored paper with red, blue and green routes showing the Division's travels. The lower left corner reads, "Prepared and reproduced by **69th Engr Topo Co., XXIV Corps.**"

Is there anyone who may know the age/value of this map?

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Editor's note: Archibald V. Arnold was the Division's Commanding General as a Brigadier General from Jul-Sep'43 and again as a Major General from Feb'44 to Sep'45. He was the CG for the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns.



PFC Good in 1945, about the time he was discharged.

My father, **PFC Robert W. Good**, served in **Co K, 32^d Inf, 7th Div** from 1941-45. I'm trying to find out more about his history, as he never talked about WWII. As a matter of fact, it wasn't until the late in the 70's that I even found out he had been in the military! I found the remains of a Japanese rifle in his closet and asked him about it.

I've researched everything I can find based on his discharge papers, but there's one item I have been unable to find any information about. He received a "Distinguished Unit Badge"

(GO 2, Hq 7th Inf Div, 16Feb44). Would anyone be able to tell me what this citation was for and, if possible, provide the citation's text explaining it?

Any information about my Dad or the unit he served with would be most appreciated. I would like his grandchildren and great-grandchildren to know his history.

Trudy Lusk

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Editor's note: This was not a Presidential Unit Citation, as the issuing authority was the 7ID. A copy of the order was obtained from the National Archives and this award was for "outstanding accomplishment in combat" by units of the 7ID during the invasion of Attu, which took place in May'43. The units were: **Co E, I, & K** of the **32^d Inf**; **Co B, F, & Svc Co** of **17th Inf**; **Btty F** of the **78th Coast Arty**; **Co D** of the **50th Eng**; **Co A** of the **4th Inf**; **7th Recon Troop**; **7th Med Bn**; and the **Alaskan Scouts Detachment**. Exactly what the badge looked like was not available. Hopefully one of you readers will know about this badge and can enlighten the rest of us.



My first request is for the application form for the ROK War Service Medal. I was with the **500th Military Service Group, ADVATIS**, in Korea from Nov'50-Nov'51 processing North Korean and Chinese POW's at the **Kojido Island POW** compound. I was also in Korea from Sep'63 to Sep'64 assigned to **HQ, 1st Brigade, 7th Inf Div** at **Camp Kaiser**.

My question is about **Jim C. Jones** (*HG* Winter 2011). The article said he was drafted in 1945 and after his Basic Training was sent to Fort Leavenworth, KS, eventually being assigned to **G CO, 2^d BN, 17th Inf Regt, 7th Inf Div, 24th Corps** which then went to Hawaii. I am curious about how did he get to Korea to pick up the leaflet?

I was with **HQ, 184th Inf Regt** when the 7th left Okinawa and went ashore at Inchon on 08Sep45. The only reason I question his being assigned to the 7th Inf Div is because when I was assigned to the 7ID in Jan'44 the Division was in Hawaii and I was with the Division during the Leyte invasion (20Oct44) up until Sep'45 on Okinawa. Then in Nov'45 I was sent to Korea. My question is: When did the 17th Inf get sent back to Ft. Leavenworth, KS?

I enjoy reading *The Hourglass* and I'm looking for any old WWII buddies from the 184th Inf Regt.

From a veteran that served 3 tours in Korea,

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Editor's note: Frank was supplied with the information to apply for the award of the ROKWSM. Jones was assigned to the 17th Inf at some point after he was at Ft. Leavenworth. The 17th was never at Ft. Leavenworth in WWII.



My father was in the **31st Field Artillery** in WWII and I'm interested in knowing more about his service. I haven't been able to find many documents about his service. Has a unit history been compiled?

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Editor's note: The 31st FA was assigned to the 7ID in 1940 and served in the Aleutians, Marshall Islands, Leyte and Okinawa during WWII. The only reference I found was that it was a 155mm howitzer unit.



My name is Earl Gervais and I served with **E Co, 31st Inf** from Sep'50-Jun'51. If anyone remembers me from **Camp Crawford, Japan** or from the **Korean War** I would appreciate hearing from you.

I lived in New Orleans, LA until Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Due to the floodwaters we lost everything, including all of our pictures. If anyone has pictures of me or members of units served in I would appreciate receiving copies of them.

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I am writing about my cousin, **SGT Cameron Flack**. I saw on your web site that someone was asking when Cameron was last seen. He was reported MIA on 12Dec50 at the **Chosin Reservoir**. He would have been in my high school graduating class, but he dropped out and joined the Army instead.



Unit crest
of the 31st FA.

Cameron had 2 brothers, Charles and Mike, who also served in Korea and has 3 sisters that still live in the Union Mills, NC area. His family has submitted DNA for comparison in the event some unidentified remains are recovered from that area.

I would appreciate any information anyone might have concerning Cameron.

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My name is **Charles (Chuck) Keller** and I served with the 73^d Armor at **Fort Beaver, Korea** in Mar'67 and then transferred to the 32^d Infantry at **Camp Hovey** in approximately Sep'66. I served with them until Apr'68 when I went back stateside.

I'm looking for photos/ books of **HHC Co, 1st Bn, 73^d Armor**, circa 1967, and **HHC 32^d Inf, 7th Inf Div** circa 1968. If your readers don't have photos of those units from those particular time periods I'd still be interested in any photos at all from either location. Any help would greatly appreciated.

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I am a retired Marine and these days I help veterans who are having problems with their VA claims. I'm presently working with a medic, who has Parkinson's Disease, who was assigned to the **2^d Bn, 8th Arty, 7th Inf Div** from Jul'70 to May'71. For the first seven months of his tour he was at **Camp Casey**, and his last five months were spent at **Camp Stanley**. Both camps are north of the Civilian Control Line. Of course, he did not spend all of his time inside the camp's perimeters - he was out in the field training on a number of occasions.

As you may be aware, the VA now recognizes that Agent Orange (AO) was sprayed along the DMZ. But it is still picking and choosing which units it will concede were exposed.

I'm looking for any member of your Association who served in the S-3 sections of the 7th Inf Div, the 8th Arty, or the 2/8th who could write a statement acknowledging that training

programs for the Division's artillery regiments trained in the field, and that this training took it close to the 38th Parallel. They could legitimately state that the 2^d Bn, 8th Arty was involved in this training - regardless of what the official history does or does not say. It could make all the difference in this man's case. If he can establish this as being "service-connected" it would greatly improve his life.

I'm afraid that Army Korean DMZ vets are being treated as "second class veterans."

Semper Fi

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I am trying to find some information about my great-uncle, PVT **Frederick "Fritz" Joseph Gulik**, who served with the 7th Infantry during WWII.

On **02Feb44** he was killed in action on **Kwajalein Island**. He was in **Co I, 184th Rgt, 7th Inf Div**. He was a draftee from Chicago, IL, and was 22 years old when he was killed. I've been looking all over, and hoping I might get lucky one day and find something.



Gulik (on the R) with another GI, most likely during Basic Training (no unit patch on shoulder).

His records from the Nat'l Records Center weren't very enlightening. He is buried in plot #N-907 of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, HI. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

I would appreciate anything anyone might have...the odds of finding anyone who served with him are slim, I know, but I'm still trying.

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I'm looking for anyone who was in the 7ID at Fort Ord during 1982-85 who may have known Sp4 **Brian Bergman**. He was assigned to the **590th Supply & Service Co.** as a **Petroleum Specialist** between 1982-85. He was the 7ID Soldier of the Year in either 1983 or '84.

He was a friend of mine, but has sadly passed away. I am looking for any of his Army buddies or any photos of him.

Any help will be sincerely appreciated.

Mara Williams

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I am trying to help the son of **Edmundo S. Gulaz** find information about his dad's military experiences in Korea during late 1951-52. The son believes his father served with the **32^d Inf Rgt**, but so far we have been unable to verify this.

If anyone remembers serving with Edmundo please contact me with any information you may have.

Vincent Krepps

2^d ID, Korea 1950-51

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My father-in-law served with the **32^d Inf Rgt, 7th Inf Div**, in Korea during 1956-57. In some of his pictures he is wearing a pin or patch above the nametag on his fatigue uniform that appears to be a skull and cross bones. I have read that the 32^d was called the "Buccaneers," so I am trying to confirm if that is a Buccaneers pin or patch. My photograph is not clear and I was hoping that if some one has a clear picture they could send it to me.

I would like to honor his memory and service by putting something together for my wife and I want to make accurate.

I would appreciate any help.

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New QM Appointed



After Bob Hoxsie's resignation last fall **Tom Stiefel** assumed the position of Quartermaster and the Board would like to introduce him to those of you who weren't at the Branson reunion.

Tom is very interested in your feedback concerning any new items we could add to the QM Store. For example, a Letter on Page 4 from the member who has a 7IDA jacket he made for himself. At present we don't have this or a similar item available through the QM Store, but if there is enough interest Tom will investigate the possibility of offering them. So, if you are interested let him know.

You can reach Tom at: <tstiefel44@yahoo.com> or by writing him at 1042 Jackson St., Largo, FL 33770.

The SSS Wants YOU!

The Selective Service System is looking for people who would be willing to serve on local draft boards in the event a military draft ever becomes necessary.



You must be age 18, registered with Selective Service, not working in law enforcement, not active duty or retired military (including National Guard and Reserves), and not a convicted criminal. Your appointment to a local board could last up to 20 years.

If you're interested, go to their web site at:

<https://www.sss.gov/localboardmembers/bminquiry.asp>

John Naastad's Korea

These photos were taken between May '56-Jul '57 when John served with the 7th Div HQ.



32^d Inf Rgt area of Camp Casey.



Camp Casey POL dump area with Soyo-san, 529m high (1735.5'), in the background.



Freedom Bridge, looking into N. Korea. The L bridge was a railroad and the R one was a highway before it was destroyed.



The Bridge of No Return, the hut is in N. Korea.



A No. Korean vehicle drives past 7ID personnel in the DMZ.



A checkpoint at the entrance to the DMZ. The sign shows the insignia of the 25th Div, but the guards are wearing helmets with the 7th Div insignia.



Naastad (L) and Ron Chuba (R) standing in front of the G-1 tent during a field exercise.



Sp4 Naastad standing beside a UH-13 helicopter during a winter field exercise.



"Shake down" inspection, at the 7ID railhead - the first of 3! After each inspection the bags had to be repacked.



Naastad standing outside a bar while on R&R in Tokyo. According to the sign just over his L shoulder beer was 200 yen. That was about 55 cents in 1970, so certainly less in 1956-57. Today that would be over \$2.55.



Troops on and around the USNS *Gen C.G. Morton* at Inchon harbor.

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7th ID to be Reactivated!

Secretary of the Army John McHugh announced 26Apr12 that the Army will establish a new two-star headquarters at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) this fall - **the 7th Infantry Division is being reactivated!**

The Division's formal activation is scheduled for 01Oct12, but the unit's personnel and three general officers will begin arriving early this summer, with its commander to be announced at a later date. The Division will consist of three Stryker brigade combat teams, a combat aviation brigade and a fires brigade - totaling some 17,000 soldiers.



2ID troops disembarking out of the rear of a Stryker.
(See Page 24 for more on the IAV Stryker)

The I Corps commanding general will remain the senior Army component commander at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the new Division commander will report to I Corps. "This new headquarters will provide command and control for several brigade-size units, many of which have been activated since 2003," McHugh explained.

Over the past nine years Joint Base Lewis-McChord has grown by about 15,000 soldiers and 22,000 family members, consisting of Army, Air Force and Dept. of Defense personnel. "This has been one of the fastest growing installations in the Army," McHugh said.

Joint Base Lewis-McChord is the largest in size of the DoD's 12 joint bases, and is the second largest in population. McHugh noted that the new headquarters is an internal reorganization within the Army, and will not require an increase to the Army's end-strength.

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting

October 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the President at 0810 and the opening prayer was given by Chaplin Boggs, then each member present introduced himself.

The Secretary read the minutes from the last reunion. Richard Hazelmyer made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Doug Halbert seconded the motion and they were adopted.

Doug Halbert read the Treasurers report, and passed out a printout of the details. A motion was made, and seconded, to accept the report as read, and the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Doug Halbert brought up *The Hourglass*, it's printing, and mailing costs. We now have 2 mailings per year. Do we want to go to 1 per year, or raise the yearly dues to cover the cost of 2 mailing per year? JT Morgan made a motion to increase the per year dues to \$25.00 in order to continue to have 2 issues of *The Hourglass* yearly. It was seconded by Richard Hazelmyer, voted on and accepted. The dues will be \$50.00 payable every 2 years.

Jerry Piller (*The Hourglass* editor) made a comment that if he receives pictures for *The Hourglass*, he would like to have the person(s) in said pictures identified.

Current Quartermaster Robert Hoxsie retired from the position and Tom Stiefel volunteered to accept the position. He was elected to the position of Quartermaster by Board vote.

Mr. Richard Coutermarsh, who was not present due to work requirements, has volunteered to be a member of the Board, and his name will be presented to the general membership for a vote.

Several states: Ohio, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee were discussed as possible sites for the reunion in 2013, and will be presented to the general Membership for a vote

The meeting was closed at 0930.

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

October 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1300 and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The opening prayer was given by Chaplin Boggs then the Secretary read the minutes from the 2009 reunion. A motion was made, and seconded, to accept the minutes as read, and the minutes were adopted.

No report was given by the President.

The Treasurer reported on the decision of the Board of Governors to raise the biennial dues requirement to \$50.00 every other year (\$25.00 per year) to cover the cost of *The Hourglass*. This is our biggest expense. Mr. Halbert reported that the cost of a single edition of *The Hourglass* approximates \$6,550.00 for lay-out, printing and distribution. There are 4 issues of *The Hourglass* per dues cycle. This means that we must have income of at least \$26,200 to publish *The Hourglass* twice a year. With a paying membership of 800 members this meant that we must receive bicentennial revenue of at least \$32.75 per year just to fund *The Hourglass*. Additional administrative expenses total another \$15.00 per member for postage stationery, and honorariums for the Quartermaster, Executive Secretary, *Hourglass* editor and Treasurer.

Gene Richards offered his opinion that anyone who wants to pay dues in advance should be asked to pay at the new dues rate. Treasurer Halbert confirmed that, up to now, members had been allowed to pay in advance at the current rate. The general discussion produced the consensus that the delinquent members should be allowed to pay their 2011-13 dues at the current \$30.00 rate but, if they want to pay for advance dues cycles, they must pay at the new dues rate of \$50.00 for the cycle commencing in 2013 and beyond. Once dues are paid in advance, the member is protected from dues the increase. Gene Richards moved to require that advance dues in 2013 and beyond should be paid at the new \$50.00 bicentennial rate effective immediately. The motion was it seconded by Treasurer Halbert and passed unanimously.

It was decided that delinquent members, when they receive the next issue of *The Hourglass*, will have their mailing label noted "Dues Status Delinquent-THIS IS YOUR LAST

NEWSLETTER" just above their name.

It was requested that *The Hourglass* be available on the Association's web site.

Note: *The Hourglass* has been available on our website since 2003.

All of the Board of Governors will remain in office with additional new members Richard A. Coutermarsh from Kingwood, TX, and Guadalupe A. Martinez from San Antonio, TX.

There was a discussion concerning how to get new members from the 17th Inf and 32^d Inf. No decision was reached, but the President will continue to explore this.

The membership voted on the states proposed for the next reunion. Texas received 26 votes, Tennessee 15, Virginia 4 and neither Ohio or South Carolina received any votes. The next reunion will be held in an undesignated city in Texas.

There were no other concerns brought up for discussion.

The President closed the meeting at 1430.

President's Comments from Page 1

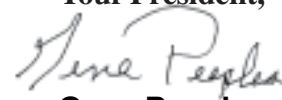
other plans will not cover. Examples are barbiturates, benzodiazepines, Cialis, smoking cessation patches, and Viagra, just to name a few. All of these can be purchased at a discount using this card.

If you don't want to cut the card out of the newsletter on Page 17, you can also go to our web page at <http://7ida.us/RxDrugPlan.asp> to get your free Rx Discount card:

A special "thank you" goes out to our Publisher, **Frank Wadge**, for suggesting this program to us.

Enjoy this issue and I'll have more to report on the selection committee's work in the Winter edition.

Your President,



Gene Peoples

Operating Statement

10/1/2011 through 3/31/2012 (Cash Basis)

INCOME

Donations Received

Booster	\$ 1,245.00
Hourglass	350.00
Unrestricted	292.00
TOTAL Donations Received	1,887.00

Dues Income

2009-11	30.00
2011-13	6,372.00
Interest Income	39.61
Quartermaster Sales	1,955.62

TOTAL INCOME \$ 10,534.23

EXPENSES

Reversed Bank Charge	-12.00
Honorariums	
Executive Secretary	500.00
Hourglass Editor	500.00
Quartermaster	500.00
TOTAL Honorariums	1,500.00

Insurance	
Treasurer Bond	547.00
TOTAL Insurance	547.00

Office Expenses	
Quartermaster Supplies	91.64
Stationery & Envelopes	100.00
TOTAL Office Expenses	191.64

Postage	
HG Editor	8.07
Quartermaster	451.87
Treasurer	110.00
TOTAL Postage	569.94

Quartermaster	
Inventory Purchases	719.84
Miscellaneous	129.52
Postage	213.56
Shipping supplies	147.27
TOTAL Quartermaster	1,210.19

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 4,006.77
OPERATING GAIN \$ 6,527.46

From Your Treasurer

For those of you who carefully review the financial and membership records, I owe some explanations.

The operating statement shows a surplus of \$6,527.00. This is because the \$6,500.00 payment for the summer *Hourglass* was not made until April. You will also notice that there is nothing in the operating statement for the period of 10/1/11 to 3/31/12 with respect to the cost of our 2011 reunion. I chose to leave that information out of the 6-month statement because the numbers make no sense on a cash accounting basis.

I did do an analysis of the entire two years over which the 2011 reunion income and expenses occurred and here are the results: We received \$8,579.00 in deposits and donations. Our final expenses totaled \$7,817.81. The 2011 reunion results were that we added \$761.19 to the treasury as a result of donations and Quartermaster Store sales.

Now we come to membership. The numbers are depressing! We added 10 new members this 6-month period. At the 2011 Board of Governors meeting I was instructed to remove those who have not paid their dues from the mailing list after two notices. They received their second notice on the label of their winter *Hourglass*. They all had the opportunity to pay at the old dues rate until 12/31/11.

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Balance Sheet - As of 3/31/2012

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
7th IDA Checking 4-150740	\$ 24,512.15
Money Market - 3273310744	\$ 14,438.15
Petty Cash - Quartermaster	\$ 300.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$ 39,250.30
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 39,250.30

LIABILITIES

Other Liabilities	
Pending Reimbursement	\$ 0.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	\$ 0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 0.00
EQUITY	\$ 39,250.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 39,250.30

Great New Member Benefit!

FREE Discount Drug Card

The 7th Infantry Division Association is proud to offer a **FREE Rx Discount Drug Card** dedicated to all *7th IDA Members*, family and friends. Simply cut out the card below and receive savings of up to 75%* at over 56,000 pharmacies across the country, and for each transaction the Association will receive a small payment. So print as many cards as you wish and feel free to give a *7IDA Rx Discount Card* to all your friends and family.

***Note: Actual savings average approx. 30%.**

The program also includes discounts on **eyeglasses, hearing, diabetic and dental supplies**, and more.

The card is especially helpful if you are *uninsured or underinsured*. But even if you have insurance, you can still use the card to get discounts on non-covered drugs. No name is actually required on the card, so if you wish, all prescriptions processed through the program will remain *completely confidential*.

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS	PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES
\$55 Prescription Eyeglasses Coupon Code: "35dollarlenses" www.35dollarlenses.com	
Tooth Whitening Save up to 70% www.prodentusa.com	
Diabetic Supplies Save up to 50% www.diabeticsavingsappia.com	
Laser Surgery Save 40 - 50% 800-733-6695	
Hearing Aids Save up to 50% www.auburnhearing.com	

Go to <http://7ida.us/RxDrugPlan.asp> or cut out the card below. It is pre-activated and ready for use.



The QM's Corner

Hi Everyone,

I would like to introduce myself. I was a member of the 7th Inf Div in 1970-71 starting with 13th Combat Engineers then assigned to HHC, 3d Bde, 7th Inf Div.. I finished my tour in Korea serving with the 2d Inf Div.. Now, after Bob Hoxsie's resignation, I am the new 7th IDA Quartermaster.

I must admit that becoming QM has been a lot more work than I thought it would be, but thanks to help from Doug and others I'm getting through it. So, thanks to everyone involved for their input.

You may notice some price increases in the QM store. The last time there was a price increase was over 15 years ago and as we all know, everything has gone up - postage, packing, tape, labels, ink, and so on. It was not an easy decision but there just was no choice but to increase the prices on some of the items. A lot of work went into keeping them as low as possible while maintaining a small profit which helps keep our membership dues at a reasonable level.

However, from time to time different items will be offered at **special prices** - in other words a **SALE!!!** This issue we're featuring **7IDA T-Shirts**. Buy \$20.00 worth of any other merchandise and purchase *as many T-shirts as you like* for just **\$7.00 each** - over **50% off** the regular price!

A couple of other items which I feel are great deals are the CDs available on our web page. One is the 1952 *Bayonet* yearbook - a history of the 7ID in Korea, 300 pages of photographs and text. The other is **all** the issues of *The Hourglass* from 1947-2011. If you missed an issue of our newsletter, or you are tired of all the paper piling up in your closet, at only **\$9.00 each** they are a great idea!

My mailbox is empty and waiting for your orders!

Thomas Stiefel, Quartermaster
 eMail: <tstiefel44@yahoo.com>
 Tel: 727/483-9800

The Quartermaster's Store

<http://7ida.us/>

7th IDA Insignia Decal

4½" diameter
\$4.00 each



Car Window Decal

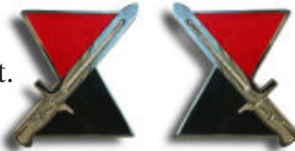
2¾" diameter. Mounts on glass.
\$3.50 each



Order of the Bayonet Pin
\$9.00 each

Unit Pins

The authorized 7th Inf. Div. unit pins. One is worn on each epaulet.
\$7.00 each



Crests \$7.00 each



31st Infantry Regiment

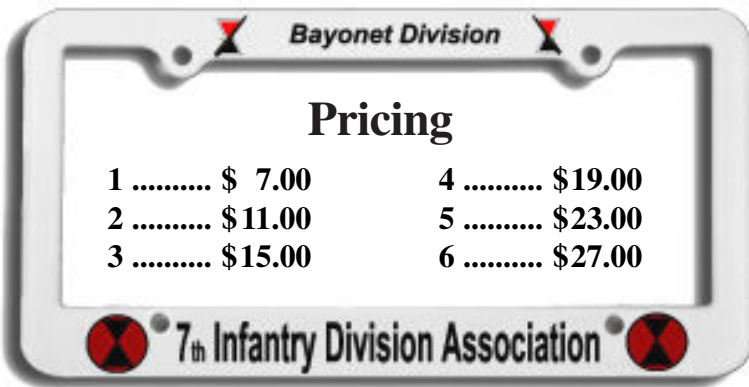


17th Infantry Regiment



32nd Infantry Regiment

7th IDA License Plate Holder



Bolo Ties
Specify Small or Large
Sm - \$12.00, Lg - \$18.00



7th IDA Tie Bar
\$9.00 each



Dog Tag Key Ring
Brass Dog Tag Key Ring
\$9.00 each



Lapel Pin
\$7.00 each



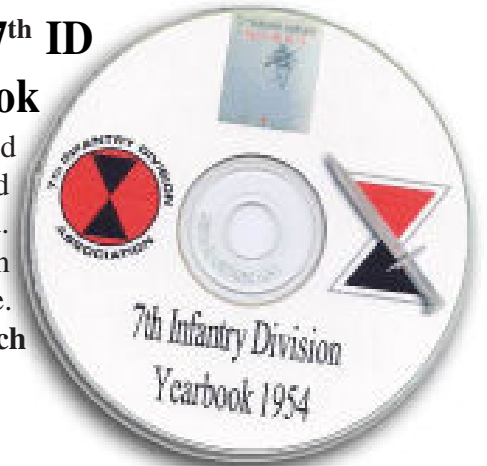
7th IDA Round Key Ring
\$9.00 each



Hat Pins
\$5.00 each

CD of 1954 7th ID Yearbook

300 pages of photos and text, originally printed by Division Command. Now scanned into an Adobe Reader PDF file.
\$9.00 each





Membership Application Form

Please TYPE or PRINT clearly.

Name: _____ Sex: Male Female
Last Name First Middle

Address: _____
Street, RR, or PO Box Apartment #
City State 9 Digit Zip Code Country

Status: Veteran Widow(er) of Veteran Child (Grandchild) of Veteran Supporter

Spouse's Name: _____
(or nearest kin)

Phones: () _____ () _____ () _____ () _____
Home Cell Business Fax

eMail Address: _____

Name and relationship of person who served with the Division: _____

The following information relates to the person who served with the Division:

Military: _____
Assignment Platoon Company Troop Battalion Battery Regiment Brigade

With 7th ID from: _____ To: _____ Highest Rank: _____ DOB: ____ / ____ / ____

Overseas Assignments, Major Battles, Awards, Decorations and Service Medals:
If more space is required to complete this question, please use a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form.

Applicant's Signature

Date of Application

Biennial dues are \$50.00 payable July 1st in the odd year. If you are joining in an even year, your initial dues are \$25.00 which pays you up to June 30th of the following, odd year.

Recommended By 7th IDA Member:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please mail the completed form and your check to:

7th Infantry Division Association

518 Hilinai Street

Wailuku, HI 96793-9426

New Members are immediately placed on our mailing list and receive a Membership Card, a 7th IDA lapel pin, a 7th IDA auto decal, a copy of our *Constitution and By-laws*, and a current copy of *The Hourglass*.

7th IDA Origins

The 7th Infantry Division Association was formed 26Nov46, over 65 years ago, in San Francisco, CA when a group of 7ID veterans got together and decided to form an association of their fellow 7ID vets. The Association remains incorporated in California for this reason.

Louis & Mary Jean Wise pretty much ran the Association in the 70's and 80's. Louis passed away in 1987, after which Mary Jean assumed the reins until 1990. The Association was re-chartered in 1990 into its current form.

There doesn't seem to be any written "history" that has been compiled of the Association. Even the old newsletters, such as they are, don't really give much insight into our history. So, if any of you out there have any recollections of exactly why they felt they wanted to form an Association, why they met in San Francisco, who they were, are there any of the original founding members still alive, important Association events, etc., please let the Editor know.

Vet Bumper Snickers

"Army Sniper - You can run, but you'll just die tired!"

"Machine Gunners - Accuracy By Volume"

"Except For Ending Slavery, Fascism, Nazism and Communism, WAR has Never Solved Anything."

" U.S. Soldiers - Certified Counselors to the 72 Virgins Dating Club."

"Stop Global Whining"

Military Corollary: Dead Men Don't Testify.

"The Marine Corps - When It Absolutely, Positively Has To Be Destroyed Overnight"

"Death Smiles At Everyone - Rangers Smile Back"

"What Do I Feel When I Kill A Terrorist? A Little Recoil"

Editor's Perspective

There seems to be some confusion about where to send items to the Editor, even though the information is shown in every issue of *The Hourglass*. It appears under your mailing address on the back page. Send them to me at: 356 Kaiola Place, Kihei, HI 96753 or by eMail to <hourglass@7ida.us >, **not** to the Treasurer or the President.

There was a big response to the item in the last issue concerning the ROK War Service Medal. Over 30 application forms were requested so vets could apply for the award, including 1 guy from the Navy.

Someone asked at the reunion how many battle streamers the 7ID is authorized. Turns out it is 20.

Gene Richards recommends the book, "*Once Upon A Town*" by Bob Greene, about the North Platte Canteen, which was highlighted in the Winter 2010 issue.

Evidently there has been some confusion, at the federal administrative level, over who is authorized the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. Dept. of the Army General Order #50, dated 09Nov71, authorizes it for **all** personnel who served with the 7ID from Aug'45-Dec'48 and 17Sep50-27Mar71. This was covered in the Winter'10 issue on p25.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...if you want a photo to appear in these pages you need to send me a photograph, NOT a photocopy (Xerox) of the photograph.

As always, keep those letters and photographs coming - they are what make this newsletter interesting to all of you.

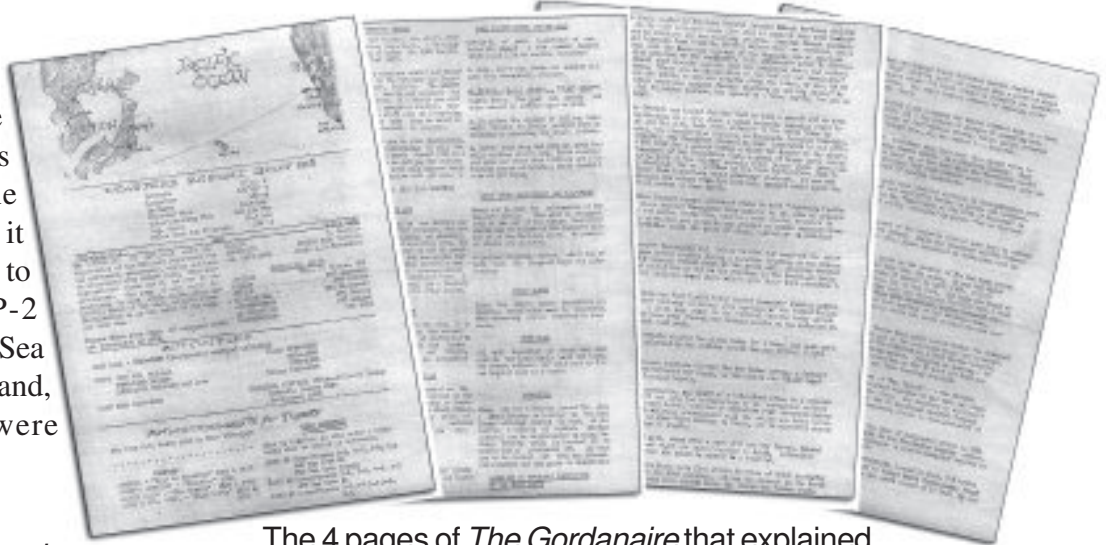
Have a great Summer!



Jerry Piller

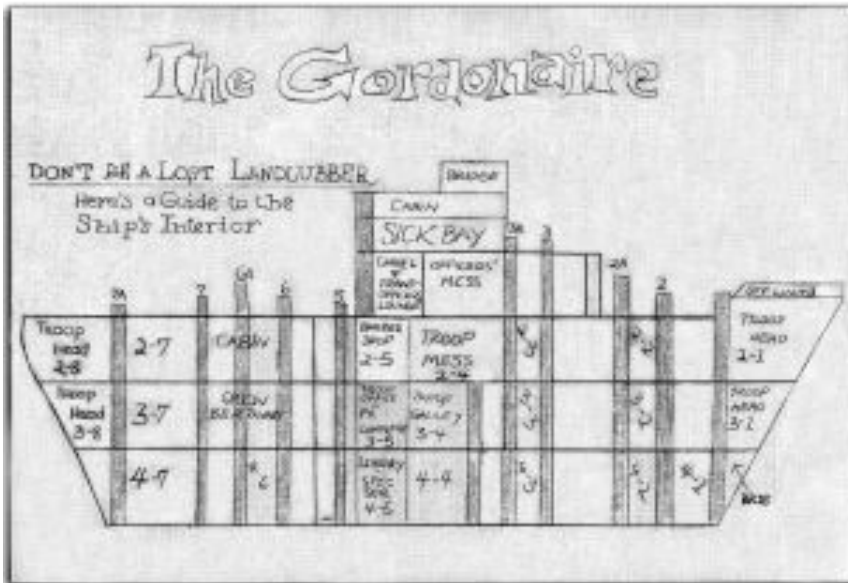
Hourglass Editor
<hourglass@7ida.us>

Pat Hemphill, a 7IDA member, submitted this newsletter, *The Gordonaire*, which he got when he was sailing to Korea in 1965. It was a newsletter put out aboard the USNS *Gen. W.H. Gordon* when it was enroute from San Francisco to Inchon. The *Gordon* was a P-2 transport operated by the Military Sea Transport Service as a troop ship and, accordingly, no dependents were carried.



The 4 pages of *The Gordonaire* that explained about the ship and gave the world news.

A drawing of the USNS *Gordon* showing the different compartments.

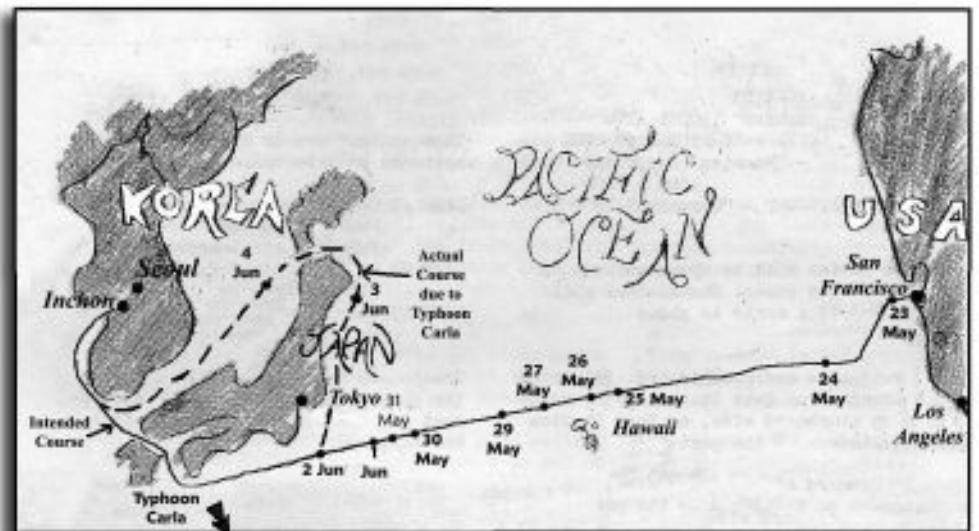


The newsletter detailed the activities onboard the ship including sick call, meals, entertainment, services available and how to conduct one's self onboard. This particular issue was distributed 23 May 65 when the ship was near 37° 11' N and 126° 09' W, about 190 miles west of San Francisco, headed to Korea. It had been enroute for almost 13 hours and was averaging 14.7 knots per hour.

It was published using a mimeograph machine and distributed daily throughout the ship, with 1 copy for every 4 men aboard. There was a map of the ship, a "Master's Report," a list of the crew, a list of the *Gordonaire* staff, hours of operation of the different facilities, and 2 pages of world news.

Pat says he has copies of 11 other issues of the newsletter from this voyage of the USNS *Gordon*. If you'd like a copy(s) you can contact Pat at <pdhmn6@frontier.com> using "Gordon" in the subject line, or by calling (219) 448-2104.

The locations of the *Gordon* as she made her way across the Pacific. A typhoon south of Japan caused a change in course.



7th IDA Governing Council

Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
F. E. (Gene) Peeples	President	2003 - 2015
Gene C. Richards	1 st Vice President	2007 - 2013
Julius "JT" Morgan	2 nd Vice President	2007 - 2015
Ronald R. Levendoski	3 rd Vice President	2001 - 2013
John H. Stengel	Executive Secretary	2005 - 2015
Douglas J. Halbert	Treasurer & Roster Manager	2005 - 2017
Tom Stiefel	Quartermaster	2011 - 2013
Jerry Piller	Hourglass Editor	2009 - 2013

Governors

George Boggs, Sr.	2007 - 2013	Charles D. Iden	2003 - 2015
Vacant	- 2015	Guadalupe Martinez	2011 - 2017
Richard A. Coutermarsh	2011 - 2017	Ken Mattingly	2009 - 2015
Levi O. Haire	2001 - 2013	Vilas "Sid" Morris	2007 - 2013
Richard Hazelmyer	2005 - 2017	Richard Steinmetz	2005 - 2017

Membership Status

As of 3/31/2012

2013	519	2025	1	Associate..	67
2015	40	2027	2	Courtesy	5
2017	9			Honorary	2
2019	2			Honored .	208

Total Members in Good Standing - 855

Recruiting Honor Roll

Summer 2012

Submitted by	Total
Doug Halbert	4
Web Site	3
Richard Elwood	1
Jerry Thomas	1
Gene Peeples	1
Total New Members	10

Vet Facts

22.7 million were living as of 30Sep10.
 Average age of all was 60.
 39.1% of vets were 65 and older.
 1.4% were under age 25.
 26% of those 25 and older had at least a bachelor's degree.
 Purchasing power of all totaled more than \$1 trillion annually.
 Annual median income was \$35,402 (compared to \$25,559 for the population as a whole).
 20% were purchasing or starting a business, or considering these options.

Courtesy: *delivermagazine.com* August 2011

7th IDA Booster Club

Summer 2011

Wilbert G. Berning	Sherwon G. Hunt	Frank R. Pascoe
Ralph R. Bocuzzo	Roy O. Johnson	Gerard V. Radice
Eugene W. Busch	Bob L. Kirby	Donald R. Raibaldi
Joseph A. Cappella	Donald D. Lanternier	Charles A. Ruble
Joseph R. Clarkson	Robert S. Mable	Nicholas J. Troisi
Charles V. Cook	Edward C. Makowski	Florence Wachtler
Robert G. Craft	Richard E. May	Harold D. Wheatley
Ira F. Holston	Clara McCrary	Blair J. Willard
Philip A. Hover	Edward A. Morin	

26 members made contributions to the Booster Club during this period for a total of **\$1,270.00**

New Member List

Organization

Name	Address	City, State, ZIP	Phone	Co/Batt
13th Engineer Battalion [C]				
Hunolt, Robert J.	Route 1, Box 73 A	Edina, MO 63537	(660) 397-3186	C
Phetteplace, Allen G.	W9153 Port Arthur Rd.	Ladysmith, WI 54848	(715) 532-5972	
15th AAA Battalion				
Sullivan, William B.	114 Ryberry Dr.	Palm Coast, FL 32164	(386) 437-0058	
32nd Infantry Regiment				
Eichelberger, Ron	419 Atkinson Dr. #806	Honolulu, HI 96814	(484) 886-0415	I
McLeod, Jack	4310 Black Tail Loop	Butte, MT 59701	(406) 491-5225	
Rose, J. David	3782 Hemingway Hwy.	Hemingway, SC 29554	(843) 558-2158	Hvy Mortor
707th Ordnance Maint.				
Bonds, William P.	219 Elderberry Dr.	Goleta, CA 93117	(805) 968-2696	HQ
7th Aviation				
Turk, William C.	920 Strider Dr.	Henderson, NV 89015	(702) 364-3298	B
7th Military Police Co.				
Howell, Thomas H.	2900 Battery Park Ave.	Richmond, VA 23228	(804) 439-0461	
8th Field Artillery				
McCall, Danny W.	250 NE Pine Ave.	Elgin, OK 73538	(580) 588-3072	B

Total New Members 10

The Stryker Fighting Vehicle

The Interim Armored Vehicle (IAV) Stryker (pictured) is an eight-wheeled armored fighting vehicle currently used by the US Army. It has been in service with the Army since 2002 and is manufactured by the General Dynamics Corp. at an assembly plant in London, Ontario, Canada. It is named for two American servicemen who posthumously received the Medal of Honor: Private First Class Stuart S. Stryker, who died in World War II and Specialist Four Robert F. Stryker, who died in the Vietnam War.



A Stryker is 22' 10" long, 8' 11" wide and 8' 8" high, weighs over 36,000 pounds empty and early models were reported to cost \$3.8 million. The main armament is typically a .50-cal machinegun or a 40mm grenade launcher mounted on a PROTECTOR M151 remote weapon station and it can also have secondary armament of 7.62mm machine guns. Its armor is capable of withstanding 7.62mm ammunition all around, and 14.5mm rounds head-on. Additional bolt-on ceramic

armor gives it 14.5 mm protection all around. It can operate in either 4WD or 8WD mode. The engine is a 350 hp Caterpillar C7 6 cylinder diesel giving it a range of over 300 miles and a top speed of over 60 mph. This engine is also used in other Army vehicles which eliminates additional training and gives a commonality of parts across the Army. It comes in various configurations including a Command Vehicle and a Medical Evacuation version.

When the Army was considering the Stryker it was looking for a vehicle that could be carried by a C-130 Hercules aircraft and deployed at the rate of 1 Brigade anywhere in the world in 96 hours, a Division in 120 hours, and 5 Divisions within 30 days. The Stryker has been successfully air dropped from a C-17, but is not currently certified for airdrop operations. It is too heavy to be lifted by existing Army helicopters.

The National Infantry Museum

In August 2011 the **31st Inf Rgt Assn.** erected a monument honoring their Regiment at the new National Infantry Museum in Columbus, GA adjacent to Fort Benning. The museum is just outside the post's main gate entrance.



(L to R) **LTG Wetzel** and **Dale Mills** of Macon, GA standing next to the monument.

The inscription reads:

In 1918, the 31st Inf Rgt deployed to Siberia to protect allied interests and guard the Trans-Siberian Railroad. In sharp actions with bandits and Red forces 16 soldiers earned the DSC and 32 soldiers were killed in action. From its two years of service in Siberia, the Regiment became known as "The Polar Bear Regiment" and adopted the polar bear as part of its insignia.

I was the **4th Bn, 31st Inf Bn** Commander with the 196th Inf Bde in Vietnam in 1968-69. **Dale Mills**, who served with the **6th Bn, 31st Inf**, and I assisted **COL Ron Corson** (6/31 Inf) in getting the monument made and installed by the Columbus Monument Company.

I would invite you all to visit our fantastic new National Infantry Museum and see the Polar Bear Monument.

Sam Wetzel

Lt Gen, US Army (Ret)
Honorary Colonel, 31st Inf Rgt

7,986 Still Missing in Korea

In an announcement on 20Oct11, the Pentagon said that teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) would be searching the Unsan and Chosin Reservoir areas of North Korea this year, attempting to recover remains from the Korean War.

A total of 7,986 Korean War GIs are still listed as missing on the Korean peninsula, mostly in No. Korea. JPAC conducted 33 search missions in No. Korea between 1996-2005. They recovered 229 "probable" remains, according to the Pentagon's POW/Missing Personnel Office, of which 89 have been identified and returned to families.

For more detailed information you can visit these 2 web sites: www.jpac.pacom.mil or www.dtic.mil/dpmo.

Courtesy *VFW Magazine*

Editor's note: In late March 2012 this resumption of searching for remains was suspended due to N. Korea's announced intentions to conduct long-range missile tests.

Korea Defense Caps Available

Korea Defense caps are now available from the VFW Store. Sonja Cutright of their Marketing Dept. responded to the Editor's request last year for a hat that Korean veterans who served after the Korean War could purchase and wear.



It has the National Defense and Korean Defense Service ribbons embroidered on it and can be purchased by going to:

<http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=29954>

Halftime Treat

Here's a link to a great video of the West Virginia University band's halftime performance at a football game on 10Sep11. I think you'll enjoy it.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjPmmCtHmfE>

Branson Reunion Pics

Submitted by **Dick Hazelmyer**



R to L, **Frank Abasciano** Co D, 32^d Inf, **Cliff Alexandrov** HHC, 32^d Inf, & an unidentified 32^d member.



LeRoy Shook & Frank Rowell, both of 31st Arty, reminisce.



George Boggs, Judy Richards & Linda DeRyke during check-in.



Guadalupe & Aida Martinez waiting to get on the Gray Line bus.

Gene Peebles keeps lookout as **Doug Halbert** affixes the 7IDA patch to the knight at the reunion site

Group photo of the **32^d Infantry members** at their meeting





Jeanna, one of the *Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede* crew, on the bus.



L to R, **Gene Richards**, **Gene Peeples**, **Casey Stengle** & **Doug Halbert** at the general meeting.



L to R, **William Perkins**, **John & Frances Casey** leave from the dinner on Saturday night.

From the Executive Secretary

Now that the reunion is in the past, we need to start thinking about our next reunion in 2013. We know it will be held in Texas, but at which city will be determined by a selection committee.

I am hoping that our 2013 reunion will have a better turnout than we had in 2011, but I realize our members are getting older and it's getting harder for them to travel long distances. One thing we, as members, need to keep current is our address and other pertinent contact information so that information can be sent to us. This includes members that have moved, that no longer wish to receive the newsletter, or have passed away. The newsletter is our biggest expense, and every little bit will help to keep its cost down to a manageable cost.

I think the membership, as a whole, needs to start thinking of ways to increase our membership. Due to the fact we have a preponderance of older members from WWII and the Korean War we really need to attract the younger 7th Division members, who served after the Korean War, still out there that may not know about our Association. To keep this organization alive we have to take an active part in recruiting younger, new members to join our group.

I know of several members of my old organization that did not know anything about the 7th Inf Div Assn. And, if that is true for me, I'm sure that is true for other members that belonged to other units. In most cases they do have younger members from their previous organizations that do not know anything about the 7IDA.

Spread the word and lets get them signed up!

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Comrades Reunited!



LeRoy Quernemoen & Kenneth Aasness are standing behind **Irv Klinger**.

Photo and article courtesy of the *Perham Enterprise Bulletin*.

Three veterans of the Battle of Okinawa, **LeRoy Quernemoen**, **Kenneth Aasness** and **Irv Klinger** reunited in Perham, MN for Memorial Day, 2009.

Okinawa, one of the bloodiest battles of World War II, was a deciding factor in the fateful decision to launch the nuclear age in an effort to end the war. "Dropping the bombs was the best thing they ever did," said Quernemoen. "It saved lives on both sides. More would have been killed if we invaded Japan."

The 3 served together in the **Quartermaster Co, 7th Division** and would have been part of an immense, ten division force that was prepared to land in Japan in October of 1945. But the blood bath at the 60x7 mile island of Okinawa prompted Pres. Harry Truman to deploy the United States' secret weapon - the atomic bomb. After dropping a bomb first on Hiroshima, and then on Nagasaki, the Japanese surrendered which saved countless lives.

Because of that decision, these three soldiers, who had enlisted and gone through the war together, were alive on 25May09, to attend Memorial Day ceremonies in Perham. Unfortunately Kenneth Aasness passed away in August 2010.

You can contact LeRoy Quernemoen by eMail at <moojuice52@hotmail.com>.

Donut Dollies



During WWII there were numerous teams consisting of 3 female Red Cross volunteers operating clubmobiles that traveled with rear echelon units. These clubmobiles were equipped with a kitchen area that could make coffee and donuts. Each day the teams would go out to different areas to visit with the troops, play phonograph records, pass out sundry items, and serve coffee and donuts.

During the Korean War these teams were again active and this is when they got their nickname, "Donut Dollies." They served up to 20,000 donuts daily to troops disembarking troop ships at Pusan.

But it was probably during the Vietnam War that they were the most visible. Over 600 women, in teams, logged over 2,000,000 miles by jeep, trucks and helicopters visiting troops throughout the theater of operations between February '62 and March '73.

Condensed from *Call To Duty*, December 2011, Army Historical Foundation

Flag Rules Change

In late February, VA Secretary Eric Shinseki announced changes that will allow flags to be placed on gravesites at National cemeteries on days other than Memorial Day. Federal rules (National Cemeteries Administration Directive 3220) had previously prohibited placement of the American flag on any other day, including Veterans Day.

Grand Ole Opry USO Group Visits Korea

By Gene Richards

Here's another story about my time in Korea, during the last 9 months of the war. I arrived in Korea on 18Oct52, along with several of my OCS classmates. Most of our class had received deployment orders to Korea at about the same time after being separated at graduation to various Army forts and camps for some badly needed troop experience.

By early or mid-March '53 the very cold weather had started to let up, and we got word that a USO show was coming, and one of the shows would be in our area. Most of the performers were from the **Grand Ole Opry** in Nashville, TN. One was movie actress **Piper Laurie**, a 21-yr old beauty who would later go on to make movies and TV series for more than 4 decades. The two Grand Ole Opry stars were **Ernest Tubb** and **Hank Snow**. **Lew Childre** worked solo, and the only other Nashville traveler was **Bill McDaniel**, the tour's publicist.

For the life of me, I cannot remember even seeing the show. They put on several shows every day, at different locations, across the entire Korean peninsula. We (us air observers & pilots) were real busy, flying combat artillery missions from twilight to dusk. I have asked several of the "Buzz Air" guys (as we were known) if they remembered seeing that USO show. Some of them slightly remembered it, but couldn't tell me WHERE our show took place!

What I remembered, vividly, was seeing all those Grand Ole Opry entertainers the next morning after the show. Usually, they played several shows per day; many in open-air, fenced-off, makeshift hillside "theatres" packed with appreciative GIs. Small planes or helicopters took the entertainers to most

of their show sites. That next morning, after the 7th Div show, all of the entertainers were milling around by the operations building of Army **Able-8 airstrip**, chatting with a bunch of us air observers and pilots. I got 35mm slide shots of several of them, including Ernest Tubb, Hank Snow, and **Billy Byrd**.

I spent most of my time talking with Ernest Tubb, as he was one of my favorite recording artists when I was growing up as a kid in the cotton fields of west Texas. Ernest, of course had lived in San Angelo, TX for several years so, when I told him I was drafted into the Army at Sweetwater, TX, he sort of latched on to me! He told me that when I got home from Korea I should come see him, wherever he might be performing. But I never got that chance, even though a great many years would pass between the Korean War ending and his death in 1984.

That was the only time that I got to see Ernest Tubb in person - there at a small, dirt Army airstrip, just 7 miles south of **Pork Chop Hill** - more than 9,000 miles from my home in Texas! Even though almost 59 years have passed since that event took place, I still have those old 35mm photos I took

of the Grand Ole Opry stars from Nashville TN!

Editor's note: Gene has written a series of stories about his time in Korea, some of which have appeared in previous issues of *The Hourglass*.

New National Army Museum

Fort Belvoir, VA has been announced as the site of the yet to be built National Army Museum. It will be located 16 miles south of Washington, DC and 6 miles west of Mt. Vernon, George Washington's home.



Gene Richards (on L) and **1LT James W. Foster** standing beside a L-19 *Bird Dog*.

COL Jones' DSC Citation



COL **Robert E. Jones** (1917-2007) served in the Army from 1943-1973, serving in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He served with the **1st Bn, 32d Inf Rgt** in Korea, during which time he was awarded both the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for his heroic actions in 2 separate actions. A Training Support Center at Ft. Campbell, KY was named for him in 2011. Below is the citation for his DSC.

Distinguished Service Cross Citation General Order No.128 21May51

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Robert E. Jones, Major, Infantry, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving with 1st Bn, 32^d Inf Rgt, 7th Inf Div. MAJ Jones distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir in North Korea, on 01Dec50.

On that date, the 1st Bn was attacking to the south to join the 1st Marine Div. near Hagaru-ri, and advance elements of the motor convoy carrying the wounded to an assembly area were halted by a demolished bridge requiring construction of a by-pass to allow forward movement. At this juncture, several hundred hostile troops opened fire with machine guns and small arms from well-entrenched positions approximately four hundred yards up the mountainside to the right of the road and inflicted heavy casualties.

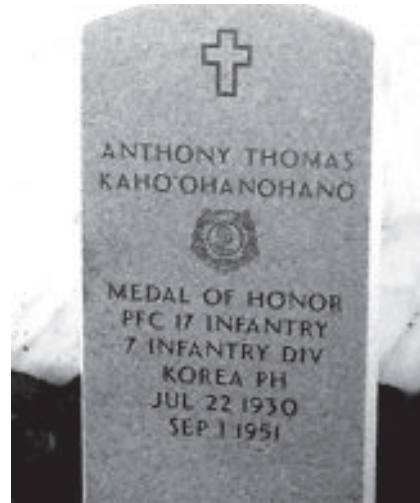
MAJ Jones immediately organized and led a group of his men up the rugged, snow-covered terrain, despite a blinding snowstorm and heavy fire. Forcing the enemy to withdraw, they succeeded in working their way to the crest of the mountain, where they observed a well-fortified roadblock further along the withdrawal route. Using hand grenades and rifles, MAJ Jones led his men in an attack from the flank and rear, eliminating the road block and allowing the motor column to advance.

Nearing a bend in the road, the convoy came under fire from a machine gun nest on the left flank. With sustained courage and inspirational leadership, MAJ Jones formed and led an assault destroying the position. MAJ Jones' conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity enabled the wounded-laden convoy to reach the safety of friendly lines.

His selfless devotion to duty reflects untold glory on himself and upholds the heroic traditions of the military service.

Anthony T. Kaho'ohanono Honored

On 27Feb12 a special ceremony for **Anthony T. Kaho'ohanono** (H/2/17 Inf) was held at the Maui (Hawaii) Veterans Cemetery for the unveiling of the headstone authorized only for Medal of Honor recipients. The invocation was delivered by Chaplain **COL Jack Van Dyken** who served as the **7th Division Chaplain** in the 80's. The keynote speaker was the Deputy Commanding General, US Army of the Pacific, MG William G. Beard.



The new headstone that will replace the one currently installed at the grave.

Present and representing the 7th Infantry Division were **William Choy** who served with the 17th Inf Regt; **Richard Ouchi** who served with the 31st Inf Regt; **Gary Hashimoto**, **Warren Nishida** and **Raymond Tendo** who served with the 32^d Inf Regt; and **Douglas Halbert** who served with the 7th Medical Bn. In addition to those representing the 7th Inf Div there were 38 members of the Maui No Ka Oi Chapter 282 of the Korean War Veterans Association present.

Vet Benefits by State

In the November 2011 issue of the American Legion Magazine it was mentioned that the National Governor's Association had conducted a survey of state's benefits that are available to veterans. It seems primarily directed at the National Guard, but check out what benefits your particular state provides.

Here's the link to that survey:

<http://www.nga.org/files/live/sites/NGA/files/pdf/11GUARDSURVEY.PDF>

Perhaps this information will be of use to you.

All You Need to Know About *Kimchi*

Submitted by **Bill Labbe**, 7IDA member, 127th Signal Battalion

Originally published in *Pacific Stars & Stripes*, Korea Bureau, circa 1960

Kimchi, a fiery food combining cabbages, onions, hot peppers, herb roots, radishes and fresh garlic, has acquired the reputation of being the national dish of Korea, just as the tamale is associated with Mexico, the hot dog with the United States and sukiyaki with Japan.

In practice, *kimchi* is used as a side dish with rice and other foods. The Koreans consume a great deal of it and spend much time and effort in its preparation. Early in the fall housewives throng open-air marketplaces and start selecting *kimchi* vegetables.

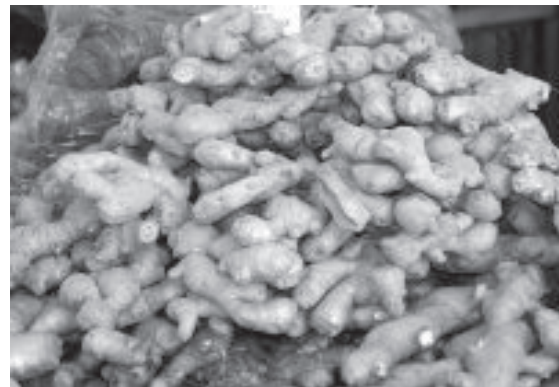
The large cabbage leaves are stuffed with the combined ingredients, salted, and packed in jars. The jars, usually covered with thick, coiled straw pads, are buried. After a month's aging, the food is ready for use.



Old drawing of burying a kimchi jar



Kimchi jars



Fresh Ginger Root

Cabbage, one of the chief ingredients, is soaked in salt water overnight and then washed thoroughly. Meanwhile, other ingredients are readied -



Harvesting the cabbages

peppers, chopped onions, leeks and ginger. Salt fish and oysters may be added as a special delicacy.



Large radishes

Because *kimchi* is important in the diet and economy of Korea, companies usually give annual winter *kimchi* allowances to their employees as a form of bonus.

Reckless, The USMC Mare

Submitted by **LeRoy Quernemoen**

Reckless was a pack horse during the Korean War, where she carried recoilless rifles, ammunition and supplies for the Marines. Nothing too unusual about that, lots of animals have been pressed into doing pack chores in many wars. But this horse did something more.



During the battle for a location called **Outpost Vegas**, this mare made 51 trips up and down the hill - on the way up carrying ammunition, and on the way down carrying wounded Marines. Why was this so amazing? Well, she made every one of those trips without anyone leading her!

One can imagine a horse carrying a wounded soldier, being smacked on the rump at the top of the hill, and heading back to the “safety” of the rear. But to imagine the same horse, loaded with ammunition, trudging back into the battle where artillery is going off, without anyone leading her is unbelievable. Then to know that she would make 50 more of those trips is unheard of. How many horses would even make it back to the barn once, let alone return to the soldiers in the field even a single time?

How bad was the battle for Outpost Vegas? Artillery rounds fell at the rate of 500 per hour, and only two men made it out alive without wounds...just two. *Reckless* also made it out alive, although she was wounded twice.

Reckless was retired, with the rank of Staff Sergeant, at the Marine Corps Base in Camp Pendleton where a general issued the following order: “She was never to carry any more weight on her back except her own blankets.” She died in 1968 at the age of 20.

Here is the link to a video clip of her story to prove where she was and what she did:

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIo3ZfA9da0>>

Walter Reed Hospital Changes

Walter Reed Army Hospital ceased operations in August 2011, after treating patients for over 100 years. The staff was divided between the Bethesda Naval Hospital and the Ft. Belvoir, VA Community Hospital. Bethesda is being renamed the **Walter Reed National Military Medical Center**, with 345 beds, 50 ICU beds and 20 operating rooms, and will serve all branches of the military.

Here’s a brief history of Walter Reed Hospital:

- 1909 - opens with 80 beds, as Walter Reed General Hospital
- 1914-18 - capacity is increased to 2,500 beds during WWI
- 1951 - renamed Walter Reed Army Medical Center
- 1977 - a new main building is dedicated
- 2007 - 14,00 patients are treated annually
- 2011 - facility closes

Condensed from *VFW Magazine*, October 2011

Stolen Valor

The Supreme Court agreed to rule on the constitutionality of the Stolen Valor Act of 2006, and has heard oral arguments already. There has been no date set for the court to announce its ruling. The Act made it a federal crime to falsely claim to have been awarded military medals. Some appeals courts have said the law is not valid, while others have upheld it.

84% of active duty personnel polled felt that “lying about military medals should be a crime,” while 16% felt that preserving freedom of speech was more important than criminalizing lying about military service.

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Because of non-payment of dues, I was forced to move 180 members to the lapsed list. That was 21% of our membership. I did give those 180 members a second chance by sending them a postcard reminder in April. We currently have 855 members in good standing. If you know of a member who has overlooked his/her dues obligation, please encourage that person to pay the dues owed and get back in good standing. Take every opportunity to recruit new members. Our survival depends on every member being a recruiter.

Doug Halbert

Treasurer & Roster Manager

Hofbauer's Photos of Tongduchon Village

Sp4 **Joseph Hofbauer** arrived in Korea in 1958 and left in early 1960. After arriving at **Camp Casey** he was assigned as a photographer in the **7ID Public Information Office**. In the course of his duties he took hundreds of photographs, some of which are seen here.



He can be contacted at <jgvh36@yahoo.com>.



Taken after a fire in Tongduchon destroyed some homes.



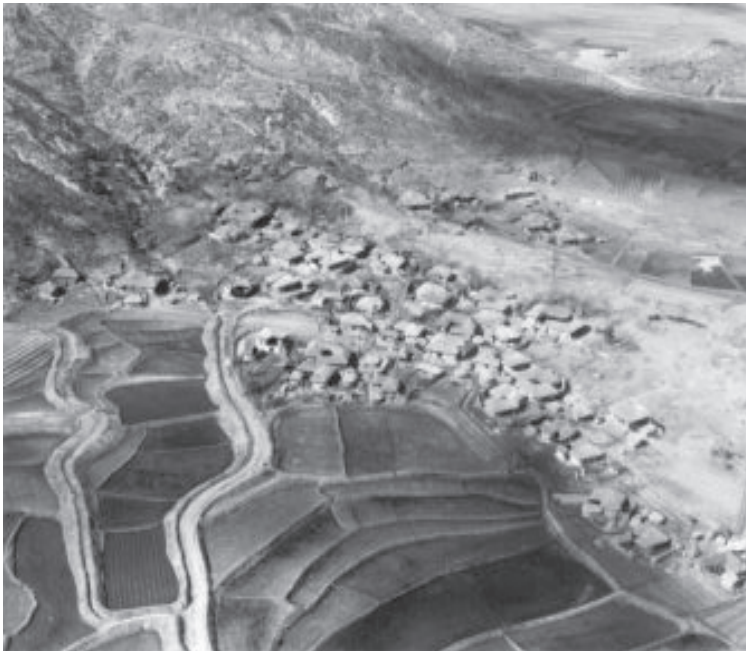
Train tracks ran right between the houses and stores.



Tongduchon village scenes, typical of the late 50s/early 60s.



The H-13 *Sioux* helicopter from which these aerial shots were taken.



The area around Camp Casey in 1959.



Final Taps

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT OUR RANKS

Organization Name	Co/Bat.	Date of Death
17th Infantry Regiment		
Prueher, Robert A.	E	Feb 2011
Schmit, James T.	E	2/14/2011
*Swarer, John W.	Cannon	7/27/2011
184th Infantry Regiment		
Schwark, Wilbur C.	Unknown	7/4/2011
31st Infantry Regiment		
Brawner, James R.	H Mortor	12/22/2011
Dawson, Kenneth J.	Hq	7/10/2009
Petrie, Herman F	I	Aug 2010
31st Regimental Combat Team		
Cooper, Richard G.	Unknown	11/23/2011
32nd Infantry Regiment		
*Male, Arthur C.	M, I, E, H	12/15/2011
Rogers, Robert R.	D	Unknown
Van Marter, Willis J.	B	12/20/2011
48th FA and 32nd RCT		
Schaub, William B.	Unknown	11/27/2011
48th Field Artillery Battalion		
*Appel, Louis J.	Hq	2/23/2012
49th Field Artillery & 17th RCT		
Briggs, Jack L.	A	10/17/2009
57th Field Artillery Battalion		
*Fulk, Boyd W.	Service	2/13/2012
*Martin, William J.	A	2/29/2012

We have lost a total of 16 Members since the last report. Those marked with an asterisk (*) were in our "Honored Membership" class.



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