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Resolution No. 455

DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AS A MEANS OF RESOLVING THE POW/MIA ISSUE

WHEREAS, we recognize the POW/MIA issue as a top priority and have strongly supported all legitimate efforts to obtain information regarding American servicemen unaccounted for in Indochina; and

WHEREAS, we believe the notion of diplomatically recognizing the Communist regime in Hanoi prior to satisfactory resolution of the POW/MIA issue would unjustly reward 16 years of Communist intransigence, manipulation and duplicity, amount to blackmail and be an insult to all who served and died in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, we continue to support official government efforts to secure a full accounting of all American military personnel unaccounted for during the Vietnam War, short of granting diplomatic recognition or war reparations in the form of economic aid; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the 90th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we strongly oppose any proposal that grants diplomatic recognition or economic aid to Communist Vietnam as a means of obtaining information concerning American prisoners or missing in action in Indochina.

Submitted by Commander-in-Chief

To Committee on NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Resolution No. 455

Resolution No. 420

CONCERNING THE KOREAN WAR MIA ISSUE

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WHEREAS, there are over 8,000 Americans who are still unaccounted for from the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, North Korea has yet to give a reasonable response to the United Nations appeal to account for the United Nations Command POW's and return the remains of the men who fought in defense of freedom in Korea; and

WHEREAS, this lack of humanitarian cooperation has not blunted our determination to pursue the issue; and

WHEREAS, the families of those U. S. servicemen missing in Korea still suffer untold grief due to the lack of an adequate accounting; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the 90th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that the VFW remains determined to resolve the status of Americans still unaccounted for in Korea through government-to-government channels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the VFW urges the U. S. Government to continue to exert the maximum economic and diplomatic pressure on North Korea and to speak out forcefully and publicly when necessary until we resolve this longstanding humanitarian issue.

Submitted by Many Departments

To Committee on NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Resolution No. 420

Resolution No. 148

Constitutional Amendment to Protect the Flag of the United States of America

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America has always served as the symbol of our nation's fundamental freedoms and liberties; and

WHEREAS, when our nation's defenders were engaged in combat on foreign soil, the American Flag was the one symbol which served as a constant reminder and link to our nation and home; and

WHEREAS, every member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has served under the Flag of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America represents not only the nation, but also the untold sacrifices made by patriotic Americans throughout the history of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America is a unique national symbol, a monument and national property which our government is charged with protecting from acts of desecration; and

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America is the symbol and expression of the meaning of the democratic principles contained in the Constitution of the United States which has served as the foundation of our democratic society since its founding; and

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America has served as a rallying force of our armed forces in the protection of human rights and the democratic principles of our Constitution during time of war; and

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America is a hallowed symbol of our country's freedom and democracy and a reminder of the unparalleled heritage of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States of American have come to love, honor and respect our Flag as the symbol of the history, virtue and accomplishments of our land; and

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America, the symbol of our unity, inspiration and resolve, is looked upon by the people of the world as a guiding light for hope, freedom, justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America symbolizes our great nation in peace as well as in war, signifying our national presence on battleships, airplanes, military installations, public buildings and veterans facilities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America symbolizes the sacrifices made by millions of Americans to preserve and protect life, liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America is the symbol which protects and guarantees our progress according to our will and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the recent 5-4 United States Supreme Court decision allowing the Flag of the United States of America to be unceremoniously burned or otherwise desecrated as a form of political protest is a gross travesty of justice; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is totally appalled by the decision of the Supreme Court permitting the burning of our Flag as a form of political protest and free speech; and

WHEREAS, the only way that the people of the United States of America can overrule this decision of the Supreme Court is to amend the Constitution of the United States to provide that any desecration of the Flag of the United States of America is a violation of our Constitution; now, therefore

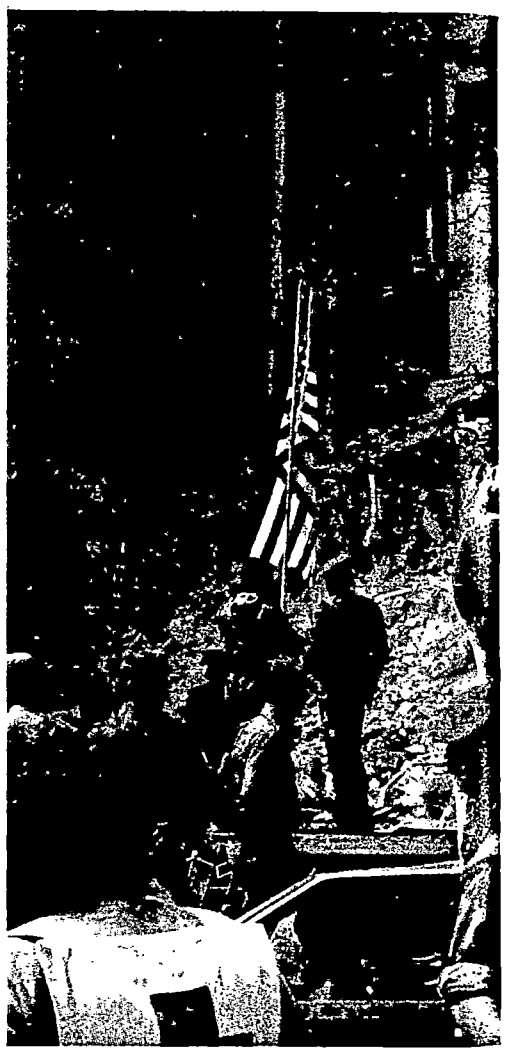
BE IT RESOLVED, by the 90th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we ask each United States Senator, each member of the United States House of Representatives and the President of the United States to do everything in their power to initiate and adopt legislation calling for a Constitutional amendment to protect the Flag of the United States of America from desecration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we add our collective voices to the millions of other patriotic citizens and organizations throughout the length and breadth of our land to call upon our representatives in the Congress of the United States and state legislatures to enact legislation providing for a Constitutional amendment to protect the Flag of the United States of America from desecration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge all veterans and their families and dependents to call upon their representatives at every level of government to support initiatives to amend the Constitution of the United States of America from desecration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon our Posts, County Councils, Districts and Departments to communicate the support of their membership to their respective representatives in every level of government to insure the adoption of a Constitutional amendment to protect the Flag of the United States of America from desecration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the Commander-in-Chief and the National Council of Administration of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States through its National Headquarters and Washington Office to make the adoption of a Constitutional amendment to protect the Flag of the United States of America from desecration our number one priority goal; and



Lebanon, 1983

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the membership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to join in an all out effort through petition drives, lawful demonstrations and letter writing campaigns to achieve this priority legislative goal in the Congress of the United States and the legislative bodies of each of our 50 states to adopt a Constitutional amendment to protect the Flag of the United States of America from desecration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the VFW Political Action Committee make it known that support for a Constitutional amendment to protect the Flag of the United States of America shall be among the requisites for expending monies for the advancement of the purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars by political action in elections to federal office in the United States.

Resolution No. 404

STANDING WATCH OVER COMMUNIST CUBA

APPROVED

WHEREAS, Communist Cuba's dictator, Fidel Castro, has, notwithstanding, kept thousands of Cuban citizens imprisoned for daring to oppose his totalitarian regime; and

WHEREAS, the Cuban communist regime has continued the repressive policy of no free elections, systematic spying on all citizens, and coercion of all Cubans into the communist system; i.e., a total denial of human rights, as witness the thousands of Cubans who fled to freedom; and

WHEREAS, upwards of 40,000 Cuban troops served at the pleasure of their Soviet communist masters in subduing Angola and have undertaken further aggression on the Horn of Africa, in Ethiopia, Yemen and Zaire; and

WHEREAS, Communist Cuba has continued to attempt to subvert the American Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and other Central and South American countries; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has admitted hundreds of thousands of anti-communist refugees from Cuban shores; and

WHEREAS, in clear violation of the so-called "Kennedy-Khruschev Agreement" of 1962, the Soviet Union has furnished (and Cuba accepted) nuclear-capable MIG-23 offensive aircraft and has admitted a Soviet ground combat brigade and an aircraft carrier and submarines; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the 90th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we call upon the President and the Congress to

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To Committee on NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Resolution No. 404

continue the present policy of no trade with Communist Cuba, and the policy of no diplomatic recognition of that communist state for as long as it remains the policy of that Cuban communist regime to retain the many harsh injustices now extant in that unfortunate land and have their armed forces serve under the strategic direction of the Soviet Union; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States begin at once to compel the withdrawal of Cuban troops and advisors from Central and South America, Africa and Asia and to block all Cuban subversion and support for the expansion and intrusion of communism in the Free World; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Government, under no circumstances, grant concessions affecting complete and undiluted U. S. control and use of Guantanamo Bay as a Naval Base of supreme strategic, as well as political importance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the United States continues SR71 intelligence gathering overflights of Cuba to insure more accurate intelligence gathering as to the manner in which the "Kennedy-Khruschev Agreement" of 1962 is being honored by the Cubans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the Soviet Union move dramatically against the United States or our vital interests, we promptly and effectively blockade the Soviet bastion of Cuba.

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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August 2, 1990

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Mr. Ted Garmey
Room 111, OEOB
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Garmey:

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Listed below are suggested "talking points":

NSC Carl Jacobson 6173 NSC.

- Does the Bush Administration intend to grant full diplomatic recognition - including the exchange of ambassadors - to Communist Vietnam?

DOD Contact: Lt. Col Lundquist 697 5151

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Art Garmey 697-0551

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- Will there be a new direction to U.S. policy concerning Castro's Cuba? — Cuban American function Speech

VA

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Kolb

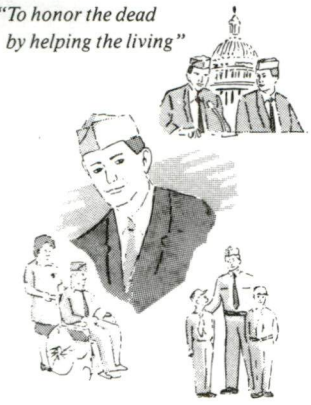
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Veterans of Foreign Wars

VFW OPPOSES STEPS TOWARD DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF VIETNAM

Commander-in-Chief Walter G. Hogan of the 2.1-million member Veterans of Foreign Wars voiced the organization's position on U.S. policy towards Cambodia:

"Our members, by resolutions adopted at our annual National Conventions, do not support diplomatic recognition of Vietnam until the POW/MIA issue is resolved. The U.S. government's decision to engage in diplomatic talks with Hanoi about the Cambodian problem has to be seen as a step towards recognition we cannot support.

"The POW/MIA issue is a high national priority and we should not permit Hanoi to reach its goal of gaining diplomatic recognition until such time as the POW/MIA issue is resolved to the fullest extent possible."

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Walter (Wally) G. Hogan
Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Walter (Wally) G. Hogan, of Greenfield, Wis., was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August 1989.

In 1960, Hogan joined VFW Post 6498 in Milwaukee and was elected Post Commander in 1966. He served as the Wisconsin 5th District Commander in 1970-71 and attained All-American status in 1974-75 as Commander of the Department of Wisconsin.

Hogan was a squad leader in the 7th Infantry Division during the Korean War. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Korean Service Medal with two battle stars.

Following military service, Hogan worked for the Rexnord Corp. for 32 years until his retirement.

In addition to the elected positions in the VFW, Hogan was a member of the National Council of Administration from 1977-79, chairman of the National Community Activities Committee and a member of the National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee.

He has served as a cubmaster and scoutmaster, a manager in Little League baseball and a Junior Achievement program adviser for four years.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Spencerian College in Milwaukee, Wis. Hogan and his wife, the former Shirley Goll of Milwaukee, have five children and three grandchildren.

James L. Kimery
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

James L. Kimery was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August 1989.

Kimery joined the VFW in 1952 while on active duty with the U.S. Air Force. He served as a two-term Commander of Post 7686 in Alamogordo, N.M., and was captain of the All State Team in 1965-66. Kimery was Department Chief of Staff in 1967-68 and Post Quartermaster in 1968.

After two years in the Department chairs, Kimery was elected Department Commander in 1970. He became Department Adjutant-Quartermaster in 1972. During the past 14 years, Kimery has held several Western Conference positions and a variety of National Committee appointments.

In 1986-87 Kimery served as National Inspector General and a member of the National Council of Administration.

Kimery was stationed on Guam in 1945-47, earning the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. He also earned the Army of Occupation Medal for duty in Japan, 1948-49. Kimery served 21 years in the Air Force, including tours in France and Germany. For his service in Germany and later in New Mexico he was awarded Air Force Commendation Medals.

He is also a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the International Comanche Society.

Kimery and his wife Dorothy now reside in Albuquerque where he is a member of VFW Post 9354.

Robert E. Wallace
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Robert (Bob) E. Wallace of Milton, N.J., was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August 1989.

Wallace served with the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division in Vietnam from November 1967 to June 1968. He is the recipient of three Purple Heart Medals.

After serving as the Commander of the Essex County Council, Wallace became the first and youngest Vietnam veteran to command the Department of New Jersey in 1980-81. He has served on a wide variety of state and national VFW committees which include Legislative, Security, Budget and Finance. Most recently, Wallace served on the National Council of Administration.

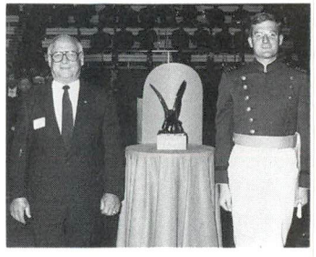
After a successful career in banking, Wallace was appointed by Gov. Thomas H. Kean to serve as deputy commissioner and administrator for veterans affairs in New Jersey from 1988-90. He is currently on a leave of absence from his banking profession.

Wallace holds a bachelor of science degree in management from Rutgers University and a master's degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The recipient of the VFW's 1979 Young Veteran of the Year award from both the national organization and the Department of New Jersey, Wallace has been active in many veteran-related programs on a state and national basis.

Wallace and his wife, Diane, have one daughter.

- **Sons of the VFW** is designed to develop the parent-son relationship as well as provide opportunities to participate in activities benefitting the entire family.
- **Sports** sponsored by the VFW range from baseball to ice hockey.
- **Junior Rifle Clubs,** in cooperation with the National Rifle Association, promote competitive matches for individuals and teams. Safety also is a priority.
- **Reserve Officer Training Corps** high school and college students can earn the VFW medal pendant and citation presented annually to outstanding cadets.



- **Special Olympics** and the Jr. Olympics programs are endorsed by the VFW.
- **Child Identification** via both VFW Posts and the Ladies Auxiliaries distributes booklets to help communities to fingerprint children.

AMERICANISM

Americanism programs provide support for our democratic institutions.

- **Loyalty Day** is one of the highlights of the Americanism program. It is a national day for reaffirming allegiance to America and the ideals for which it stands. Through parades, speeches and other events, we have made Loyalty Day an opportunity to say, "I'm proud to be an American."

VFW Posts enter their events in the Loyalty Day Recordbook Contest conducted by National Headquarters. The winning recordbooks are displayed at the annual National Convention.

- **Americanism Teachers' Kits** foster an understanding and appreciation of our American way of life. They contain information on the Flag, government, and major events that have shaped the nation. Each year thousands of people get to know their country better through these kits.

BUDDY POPPY

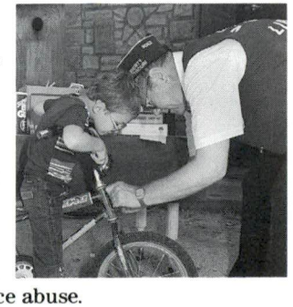
VFW Buddy Poppy sales reached a record 17.9 million in 1989-90 — registering a gain of 51,147 over the previous sale. Proceeds from the sale exceeded $15 million.

Since 1922, when the first Buddy Poppy sale was held, this program has raised millions of dollars to support the National Veterans Service, Department service programs and the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. Buddy Poppy ideally fulfills the VFW goal of honoring the dead by helping the living.

SAFETY

In conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary, VFW has instituted six safety programs that benefit members and non-members alike.

- **Home Protection** encompasses fire prevention and home security.
- **Drive to Survive** teaches drivers of all ages how to drive defensively.
- **Hunter Safety** promotes responsible, ethical hunter conduct, emphasizes the importance of wildlife management laws and regulations, and teaches safe handling of firearms.
- **Bicycle Safety** includes *Lite-A-Bike* which has resulted in the taping of more than 30 million bicycles with reflective tape.



- **Veterans Fight Drugs** is a method of attacking drugs in the workplace, school and home. Through educational materials, we are teaching people of all ages the perils of substance abuse.
- **Recognition and Public Commendation** certificates are a way of saying thanks to law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics in local communities across the country.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Members give their time, effort and money to support disaster relief, charitable endeavors, safety and community improvement projects.

Posts annually work with the March of Dimes, Keep America Beautiful and the Multiple Sclerosis drive. Yearly contests are held to recognize outstanding efforts by the Posts. Individual projects may also be submitted to National Headquarters for special recognition.

Working side by side with the Ladies Auxiliary, VFW members promote community projects to assist others and improve their towns and cities as a whole. In doing so, the VFW plays a constructive role and enhances its visibility.

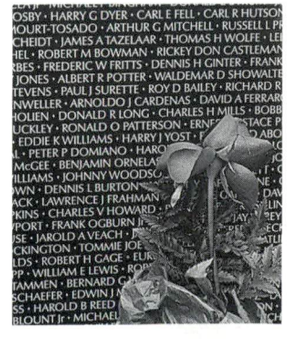
RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE

VFW began promoting war memorials in a big way with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Members contributed in excess of $200,000 to this worthy effort.

VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary contributed $650,000 to the construction of the Korean War Memorial.

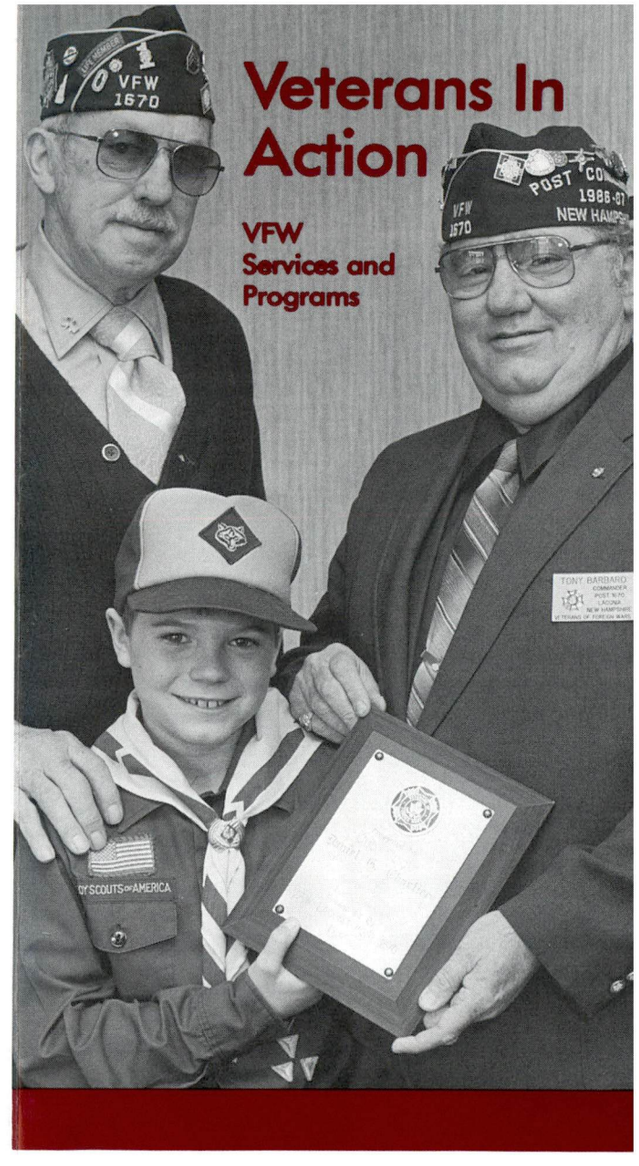
VFW is on record in support of a WWII memorial in Washington, D.C., too.

Presently, the organization is raising funds for the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project which will erect a statue near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the nation's capital.



Veterans In Action

VFW Services and Programs



VANGUARD OF EXCELLENCE

James L. Kimery
Commander-in-Chief
1990-91

Through its programs and projects the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States honors the dead by helping the living. With over 10,500 Posts and over 2.1 million members, the VFW is a major force representing America's 27 million veterans and their families.

Founded in 1899 by veterans of the Spanish-American War, the VFW now has members from the First World War, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, as well as actions like Grenada, Lebanon and Panama.

Together these overseas wartime veterans bring a wealth of knowledge and dedication to the organization. Their interests and needs are the same as those of America. When you listen to the veteran you hear the voice of America.

VFW strength, power and influence is derived directly from its membership. 1989-90 witnessed the VFW's 35th year of consecutive growth. By joining, veterans are sending a clear message to Congress that they are interested and that we are continuing to grow in numbers and in strength.

During the decade of the '90s, veterans must remain active to ensure hard-earned benefits. Activity is the most potent weapon at the organization's disposal.

The VFW has 10 national services and programs, each one designed to serve the needs of members and the communities in which they live. Let's take a look at them.

SERVICES

NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE

The VFW maintains a nationwide service network that provides assistance to veterans and their families seeking or determining eligibility for state and federal veterans benefits.



This great pyramid of service starts with the Post Service Officer who directs claimants to the trained and professional Department Service Officers in each of the 58 Department of Veterans Affairs regional offices around the country. They are the focal point for any claim for an entitlement.

This network is supported by claims and appeals consultants, field representatives and other staff in the VFW Washington Office and National Headquarters. This core professional staff focuses on matters concerning the full range of services or entitlements available to veterans and their families which includes, but is not limited to, military records correction, discharge upgrades, education benefits, disability compensation and pension eligibility.

Field representatives make regular visits to VA medical centers, regional offices and national cemeteries. These visits ensure that the apparatus established by the nation to care for its veterans is responsive to their needs. There is no fee of any kind for this representation and the VFW stands ready to assist any veteran or dependent requiring assistance. This service exemplifies the VFW's commitment to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

Veterans entitlements and programs are the direct result of years of legislative effort. VFW has stood in the forefront of those efforts and has proudly led the fight for better treatment for all our nation's veterans.

Each year new challenges arise and the VFW is there to meet them. We have been successful in fighting VA budget cutbacks. Specific health issues such as compensation for exposure to Agent Orange have been VFW priorities for many years.

Your VFW legislative team continually spearheads the drive to have veterans entitlements not only improved but expanded. Our victories are the result of working with you — the members. You provide the legislative team with the strength needed to win on Capitol Hill.

NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE AND EMPLOYMENT

VFW maintains a national network of volunteer employment officers who identify pertinent issues at the local level. They participate in various state and community councils to voice veterans employment needs. Referrals are made to the appropriate agency.



VFW's Washington Office special assistant for employment is responsible for the organization's Veterans Employment and Training program. He represents the membership before committees and public/private sector agencies, monitors programs and recommends appropriate action. Assistance also is provided in filing claims.

An annual national employment awards program is conducted by the VFW to recognize individuals, groups and employers who excel in providing employment services to veterans.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

VFW is committed to working for a strong national defense and firm foreign policy. America is more secure today than yesterday because organizations like the VFW have traditionally taken an unwavering stance.

The national security resolutions adopted at annual conventions represent the VFW's platform. Military superiority and a well-trained military force are the centerpieces of this platform. Arms reductions that protect U.S. security and reduce the risk of conflict are the goal.

International affairs resolutions support the need for a bipartisan foreign policy that places national interests above all else. Support for allies and friendly countries advances common goals and defends vital interests.

PROGRAMS

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

The Voice of Democracy program is a broadcast scriptwriting contest conducted annually in the nation's high schools by the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary. Tenth through twelfth grade students tape-record their script on a patriotic theme. The recording is then judged at the Post level. Winners then move to the District level, Department (state) level, and finally to the national competition held during the VFW Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C.



Each state winner receives an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., where they witness government in action and visit national shrines and monuments.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Fully aware that the nation's future rests with its youth, the VFW actively promotes and sponsors a wide range of youth programs.

- **Boy Scouts of America** units are sponsored by 1,200 Posts accounting for over 29,000 boys.

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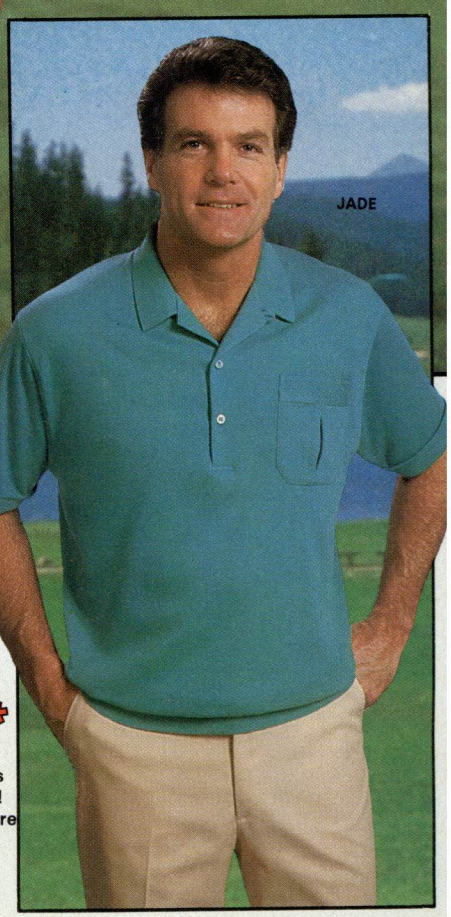
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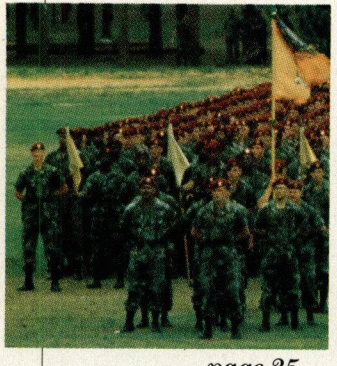
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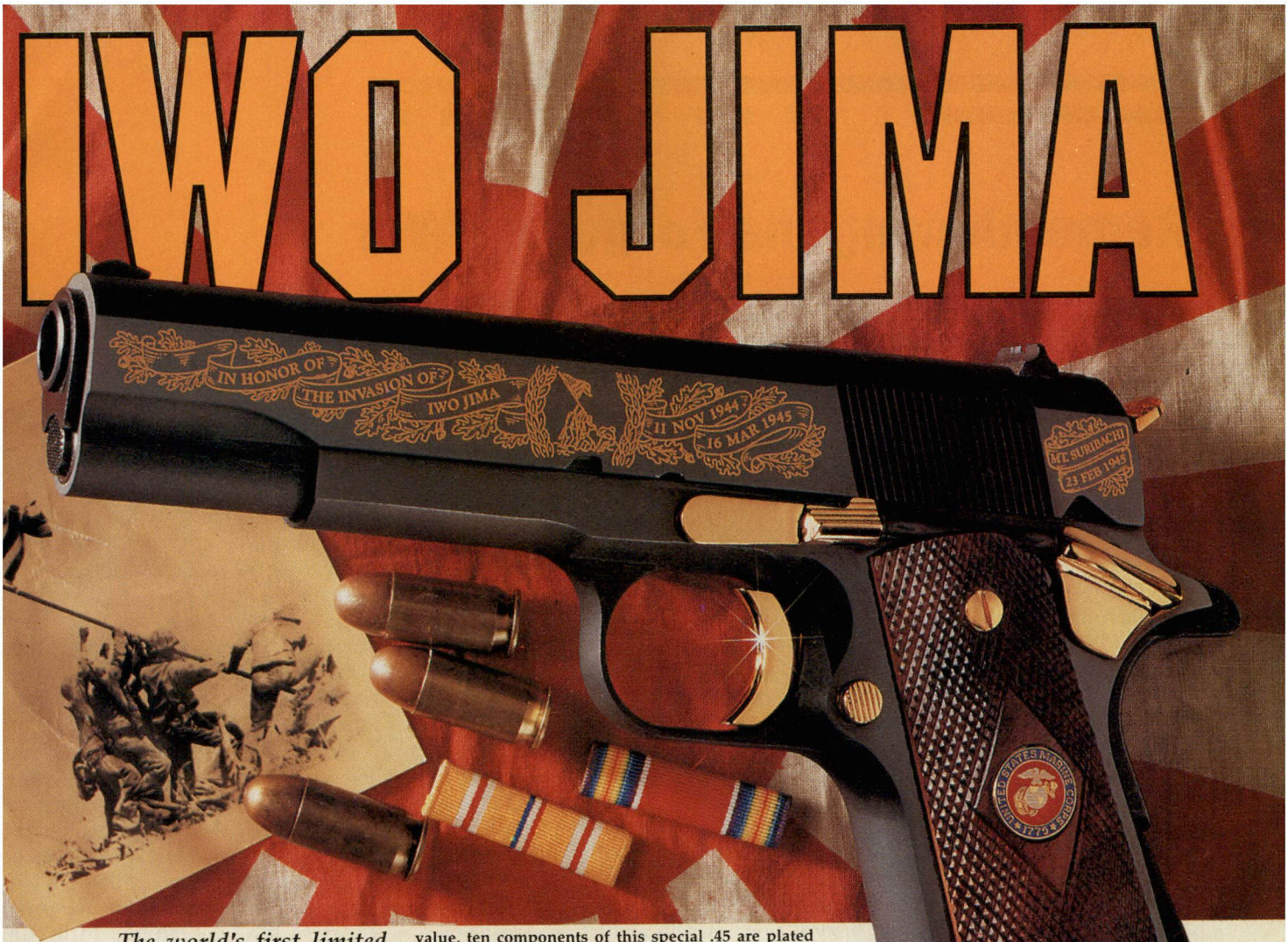
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Remembering the Forgotten War

By Walter G. Hogan
VFW Commander-in-Chief

The 40th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War has special meaning to me. As a rifle company squad leader in the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, I served in Korea from May to December 1952.

A Chinese mortar barrage ended my patrolling of the DMZ in October of that year. Loss of my leg in the Chorwan Valley, along with the death of three comrades in the same barrage, has had a profound affect on my war memories.

Evacuation to an Army hospital in Korea, then one in Japan and finally another in Hawaii, also provided me with some special insight into the plight of disabled veterans.

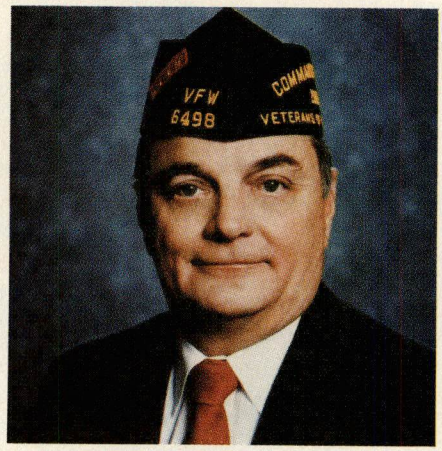
But to most of our fellow citizens the Korean War remains a hazy event at best. Only 40% of the public is old enough to remember it. And since Korean Era veterans make up less than a fifth of the total U.S. veteran population, they traditionally have attracted little attention.

Moreover, until 1958, the *war* in Korea was not even officially dignified by that term. Even today, the Truman Administration's euphemisms "conflict" and "police action" hold sway.

Midway through the war, Korea left newspaper headlines as well as America's consciousness. Public support was always ambivalent — fluctuating from high initial approval when U.S. troops were winning to a dramatic dip in enthusiasm after Chinese intervention.

Korea had some other peculiarities, too. Chances of surviving wounds were greatly improved during the war because of the introduction of helicopters in January 1951. Since medical evacuation was much more rapid, many men survived who otherwise would have died.

Because of this greater survival rate, amputation and crippling



wounds to the lower extremities occurred far more frequently than in WWII. And in spite of their casualties, U.S. forces displayed tenacity under the harshest of conditions on the peninsula.

When the war inconclusively ended, "There were no celebrations. News of the armistice signing flickered across the news lights of Times Square; people stopped to read the announcement, shrugged, and walked on; no cheering throngs assembled," remembered one observer.

Ex-servicemen experienced a collective cold shoulder from the nation. Wrote a veteran: "There was now very little of the heroes' welcome for returnees of the Korean War. The American people did not quite know how to regard a war they had not won."

RESOLUTION NO. 346
Korean War Remembrance Day June 25, 1990

BE IT RESOLVED, by the 90th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we do hereby declare June 25, 1990 —the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War — as Remembrance Day and urge the Congress of the United States to make a similar declaration.

Issues other than political also have gone unresolved.

The lingering question of POWs and MIAs comes to mind. Of 8,000 American missing in action in Korea, 389 still remain officially unaccounted for.

The North Korean regime remains as recalcitrant as ever. But the VFW is determined not to forget these comrades. VFW Resolution 420 — Concerning the Korean War MIA Issue — clearly calls for the Administration "to exert maximum economic and diplomatic pressure on North Korea" to resolve this vital matter.

Public recognition of American service in Korea is another pressing issue. The nation entered a new era in the 1980s. With that awakening came a greater public awareness of what occurred between 1950-53. The birth of the Korean War memorial effort — strongly supported by the VFW to the tune of $550,000 — was a result.

Though it has been a long time coming, a national memorial will be a reality. Some 40,000 Americans gave their lives on behalf of freedom in South Korea, and it is only fitting that those sacrifices be appropriately recognized and remembered.

There's no better time than now for the American people to express their gratitude to the 1.5 million GIs who served in Korea during those desperate years. As the VFW's resolution urges, let's declare June 25, 1990 an official day of remembrance. Display that Korean Service Medal proudly.

Perhaps now America can come to grips with the war's outcome. As historian Richard Rovere wrote, "We accomplished in Korea what we set out to do — repel armed aggression and demonstrate the efficacy of collective security.

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GAO Report a Betrayal

The cards are on the table. Benefits will be greatly curtailed if the recommendations described in "Don't Risk Your Disability Compensation" are implemented. Now is the time for all veterans to unite and exercise their right to vote. This is the only way we are sure to get politicians' attention. We earned our benefits and entitlements in combat. We should show we intend to keep them. Get out and vote this November. — *Charles H. Kelly, 562 Belle Point Drive, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla. 33706.*

I feel like there is a "Trojan Horse" in our midst working against the best interests of vets. It's more like leaving the "fox in the hen house" to guard the chickens. It behooves each and every VFW member to write their U.S. representative as well as Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward Derwinski protesting this latest attempt to make further cutbacks in benefits. — *Max G. Mabie, P.O. Box 573, Las Animas, Colo. 81054.*

USS Liberty Evokes Strong Feelings

Many problems faced the *USS Liberty* survivors in working to honor their fallen shipmates. But the most pervasive and frustrating has been the stream of complaints and obstructions from some who regarded remembrances of the *Liberty* as somehow insulting to the attackers.

I doubt this problem has confronted any other group of veterans. Remembrance of our military dead is an ancient and honorable tradition. Most Americans are proud to participate. A memorial at Arlington remembers the *USS Maine* without protest from Spain. A memorial at Pearl Harbor remembers the *USS Arizona* without protest from Japan.

Yet attempts to honor and remember the men who died aboard the *USS Liberty* have brought organized protest. As a *USS Liberty* survivor and a Life Member of the VFW, I am proud to know that *USS Liberty* vets have the support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. — *James M. Ennes, Jr., 19009 194th Ave., NE, Woodinville, Wash. 98072.*

The April edition of *VFW Magazine* included a really fine recognition of the veterans of the *USS Liberty.* The picture of the vets was a graphic and striking symbol.

I recall that the magazine had a story a few years ago ("Remember *USS Liberty*, Says VFW," June 1987) which described the attack on the ship — and to my knowledge this was the first time *VFW Magazine* had revealed the story to its members of this forgotten and tragic episode 23 years ago. — *C. Patrick Quinlan, 5601 Dewey Hill (216), Edina, Minn. 55439.*

I wanted to write and thank *VFW Magazine* for the article contained in the April issue about the survivors of the *Liberty.*

As a survivor, I fully intend to go on with my life now that the great healing has taken place within me. Thanks to the village of Grafton, Wisconsin and the *USS Liberty* Memorial Library. — *Ronald G. Kukal, 448 Park St., Sheridan, Wyo. 82801.*

"Boys of '98" Stir Memories

Enjoyed reading "Boys of '98." The Spanish-American War paid off because Puerto Rico provided southern air routes to Great Britain and excellent naval and air bases which protected oil shipments from Venezuela, the Panama Canal as well as a means of attacking German U-Boat submarines in the Atlantic during WWII. Thanks for bringing back memories of my duty in Puerto Rico in WWII.— *Neil Garrison, Jr., 217 Wakefield Place, Harrisonburg, Va. 22801.*

As a history buff, I have been following the series on the "Saga of America's Overseas Veterans" with great interest. One of the legacies of the Cuban campaign was the eventual defeat of many of the Spanish-American War serviceman's greatest enemy — disease. Especially dreaded was yellow fever.

A most shameful episode occurred when the War Dept. refused to allow thousands of the diseased and contagious Fifth Army Corps troops to return to the U.S.!

Only by the unrelenting persistence of then Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who fought for their return to a healthier northern climate, were they finally permitted to come back home. When "Teddy" himself returned, he was given the credit for the troops' return and hailed as a hero. — *Archie C. Bunch, P.O. Box 383, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.*

Opposing Viewpoint on Japan

"Japan and the Burden of Defense" by J. Thomas Murphy overlooks several points. Japan's annual defense budget is slightly larger than West Germany's. U.S. troops serving there are provided housing, training areas and other support facilities paid for by Tokyo to the tune of $2.5 billion a year.

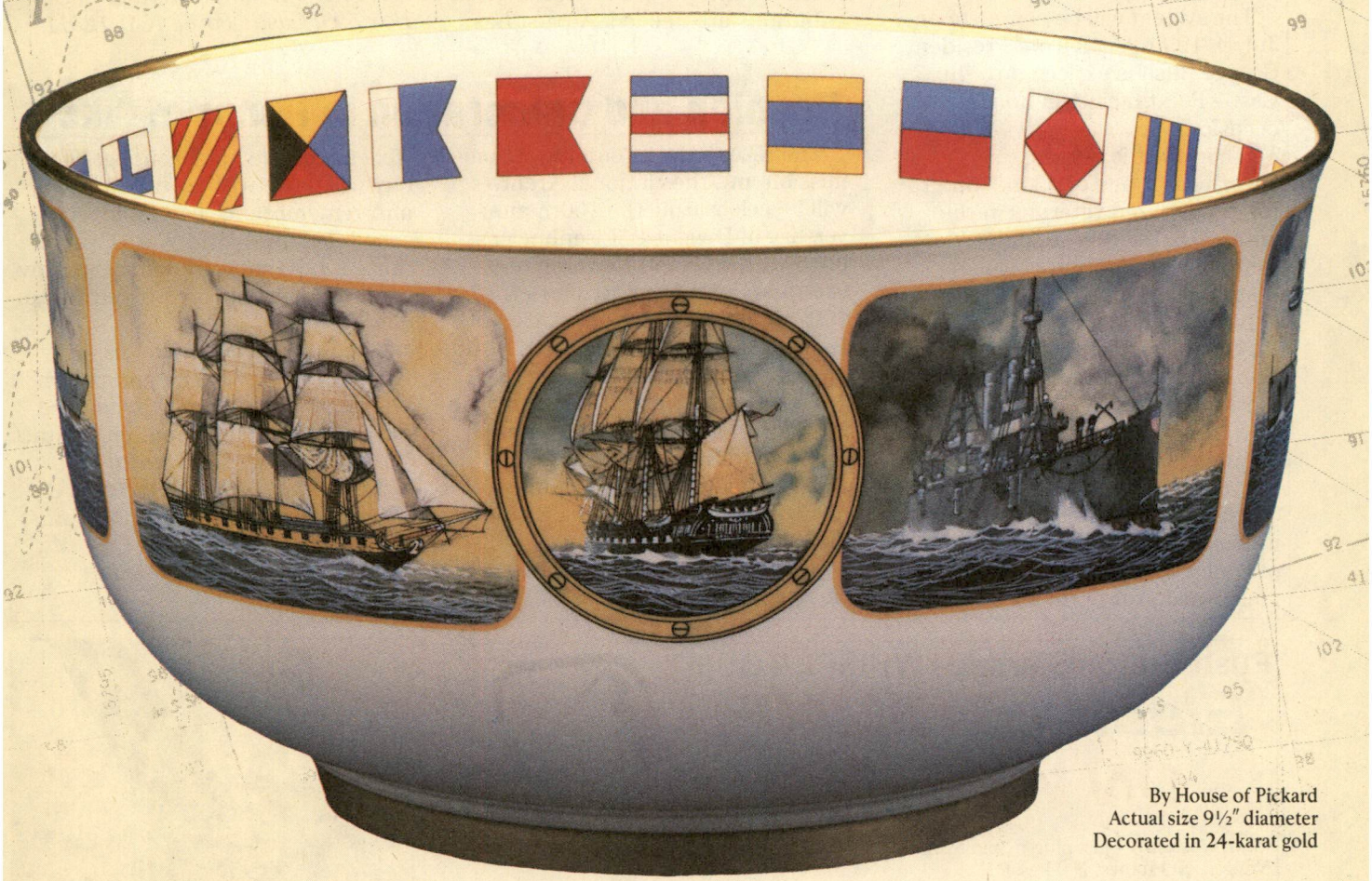
Keep in mind that a rearmed Japan may pose a threat to its neighbors or to the U.S. Memories of past aggression run deep. Also, I do agree that if all nations had reimbursed the U.S. for Persian Gulf escort services, the U.S. treasury would be a lot healthier today.

We must be firm in our dealings with our ally Japan, but we must also exert some patience, understanding and restraint. Japan is a friend, not an enemy. Thank you for the opportunity to bring another opinion to our readers'attention. — *James A. Klein, 3122 S. Everett Place, Kennewick, WA 99337.*

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Total project costs amount to $1.3 million in equipment and labor, all of which was donated by the aforementioned groups. In early July the entire phone system will be turned over to the Castle Point staff. "It's a great morale booster," said Castle Point Medical Center Director Ron Lipp.

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Ask any parent what the most important thing in life is and they will surely tell you it is their children. The VFW, which likes to think of itself as a family, feels the same. A nation's young is its greatest asset — the key to the future. So it's no surprise that educating boys and girls is a top priority at every organizational level.

Gordon Thorson, Director of Youth Activities, capsulized the essence of the program when he said, "We strive to offer viable activities that will directly benefit youth socially, physically, morally and educationally." Through VFW efforts, he believes, Posts can favorably affect local communities as well as the nation as a whole.

VFW's current offering covers a wide spectrum of activities, ranging from efforts to protect children to teaching patriotism. Helping the physically handicapped, preparing college students to serve their country in the armed forces and participation in youth sports are also emphasized.

The Great Outdoors

By far the most widespread and popular VFW youth activity is its partnership with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Ever since the first troop was assisted in the "Roaring '20s," the organization has seen the BSA as a perfect outlet for VFW projects. "We enjoy a terrific relationship with the BSA," says Thorson, "and we want to expand our involvement with the Scouts wherever and whenever possible."

Today, some 1,200 Posts sponsor Scout units, accounting for over 29,000 boys. The VFW-BSA partnership entails providing adult leadership, meeting space, Americanism materials and safety aids to thousands of Cub packs, Scout troops and Explorer posts.

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Another popular outdoor activity is the joint sponsorship of Junior Rifle clubs with the National Rifle Association (NRA). It provides the opportunity for training in gun safety and marksmanship along with teaching fellowship and healthy competition. Individual and team matches are conducted annually by the NRA which furnishes aids to affiliated clubs.

Though 250 Posts reported sponsorship of the clubs last year, liability insurance and range availability have severely hampered club expansion.

Sportsmanship

VFW is a major fund-raiser for the Special Olympics which allows over a million physically and mentally handicapped children to participate each year. As Thorson put it, "No records are broken in Special Olympics, except those for courage, determination and sportsmanship."

A variety of sports are sponsored by Posts, including youth bowling and baseball. Some 2,000 Posts sponsor, support or participate in local, state or national baseball leagues.

The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), too, is endorsed by the VFW. More than 250,000 players between the ages of 5 and 18 are on some 18,000 AYSO teams across the nation.

More than 8,000 Posts sponsor one sport or more. No restriction is placed on the type of sport sponsored. National Headquarters distributes kits with suggestions to Department Youth Activities Committee chairmen, but most ideas originate at the Post level.



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LEGISLATION



Legislate Agent Orange Compensation Now, Says VFW

VFW recently appeared before a subcommittee of the House Veterans Affairs Committee to testify on **H.R. 3004,** a bill introduced by Rep. Lane Evans (Ill.) which would provide compensation payments to certain veterans who were exposed to toxic herbicides incident to their service in Vietnam. VFW's statement follows:

I am especially pleased to be here today representing the 2.2 million members of the VFW and appreciate this opportunity to comment on **H.R. 3004,** legislation that would provide the presumption of service connection between certain diseases experienced by veterans exposed to toxic herbicide agents while serving in Vietnam.

This legislation would also provide for permanent benefits for veterans who are suffering from certain diseases. Finally, the bill would improve the reporting requirements relating to the **Ranch Hand Study,** as well as providing for generally improved VA services to veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

Priority Goal

I will begin by pointing out that the VFW has once again established as a priority goal the resolution of the Agent Orange issue. More than 10 years have now passed since public attention first focused on the health effects and dangers caused by exposure to toxins present in certain defoliants used extensively during the Vietnam war.

Over these years my fellow Vietnam veterans and I have patiently waited for answers to our questions. Instead of answers, we have been given conflicting reports and seemingly endless delay. It seems to us that in the herbicide exposure issue much time and millions of dollars have been spent pursuing perfect understanding predicated upon scientific certainty.

In this area, as in others in this complex and changing world, scientific certainty continues to elude us. However, we do know with absolute certainty that many Vietnam veterans suffer serious health problems — problems that can be and often are caused by exposure to toxins.

Veterans suffering these serious problems are convinced that they have been robbed of their health as a result of dioxin exposure while serving in Vietnam. There are those who ask — where is the absolute proof — the scientific certainty? Perhaps at this point there is no absolute proof — no scientific certainty.

But the search for truth must continue and while the research goes on the VFW cannot understand why Congress fails to show true compassion for seriously ill veterans awaiting answers that may be years in coming.

Presumptive Disability

In a way similar to **H.R. 3004,** numerous pieces of legislation have been introduced addressing the Agent Orange issue and many of these bills contain provisions allowing for presumptive disabilities. The VFW advocates liberalizing the criteria needed for the favorable disposition of herbicide-related disability claims.

We realize that whenever presumptive disabilities are allowed, the government must set aside the normal rules of evidentiary development in favor of a more compassionate method of establishing service connected compensation.

In our opinion this is the preferred method. It is a good common sense approach to a difficult problem. If there is substantial evidence against a veteran's claim, i.e., clear proof, showing that the claimant was not disabled as a result of military service, then he should not receive compensation.

However, the burden of proof when adjudicating Agent Orange claims should be placed on the VA — not on the veteran. If the VA can prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the herbicide-related claimant's disability is not a result of military service, then the VA should be allowed to act on that evidence and deny the claim.

But the veteran able to establish a prima facie case of disability due to herbicide exposure should be compensated in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary. It is time to take the accumulated results of 10 years of study and include a healthy dose of compassion and use the resulting mix as the basis for specific legislation. The VA can easily be given reasonable guidelines to use while adjudicating Agent Orange claims thereby preserving the integrity of the VA compensation system.

Additional Disabilities

Given the foregoing, we believe it is clear why the VFW supports **H.R. 3004.** This bill cuts through the uncertainty and seemingly interminable delays by adding soft-tissue sarcoma as well as melanoma and basal cell carcinoma to those disabilities already acknowledged by VA as having their root in Vietnam service.

Additionally, this bill would provide the means for adding additional disabilities to the list of diseases attributable to herbicide exposure once significant correlation is established between such exposure and a given disability. VFW views this as being in keeping with our position that such a complex issue deserves a fair and compassionate solution.

In conclusion, I would mention at this time that the VFW applauds Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward Derwinski's recent decision to allow retroactive VA benefits to veterans suffering from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and in assisting widows and children of veterans who died as a result of this disease.

His decision was a logical one in light of findings contained in the recent study of the **Selected Cancers Cooperative Study** group showing that Vietnam veterans suffered a 50% higher incidence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma than do other American males. This is a good start but much remains to be done.

Enact Legislation Now

The time to proceed in a strong and positive fashion on the herbicide exposure issue is long overdue. To those who say that the lack of "scientific certainty" argues against providing VA compensation for certain Agent Orange related disabilities, I can only say that this is not the first time that common sense and

understanding has preceeded the empirical method with respect to establishing the truth.

It seems to me it took at least 20 years before the scientific community reached any form of consensus on the deleterious effects of what is now acknowledged to be the number one preventable cause of death in this nation, I am referring, of course, to tobacco.

Now, for the most part, there is agreement between this nation's scientists and the man on the street that smoking will kill you. Well, in the view of the VFW, the same holds true of the deadly toxins which were present in the millions of gallons of herbicides used in Vietnam.

We believe that one day scientists will affirm what many veterans already know — herbicides are quite capable and quite likely to produce a range of serious disabilities and even death. Unfortunately, many veterans do not have the luxury of being able to wait for scientific affirmation — they, their families and dependents are in immediate need of help. The time to act is now.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my statement.

James N. Magill
Director of National Legislative Service

SERVICE



New VA Procedures Expand Due Process

Public Law 101-237, which added section 3004 to Title 38, U.S. Code, requires timely VA notification to claimants and their representatives of every decision affecting benefit eligibility or entitlement. It also requires VA to provide additional information anytime an entitlement sought is denied.

These new procedural steps apply to decisions made after Jan. 31, 1990. Changes are now being implemented under the guidance of Veterans Benefits Administration **Circular 21-90-1** which was published March 16.

VA must now provide clear and concise correspondence to veteran-claimants and explain in detail why grants were not fully made if denied. Such situations include denials for service connection for wounds, disease or injury; non-compensable evaluation; additional compensation; and wartime non-service connected pensions.

Keep in mind, though, that the burden of proof for establishing original eligibility still lies with the veteran-claimant. For assistance, contact your VFW Department service officer.

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Frederico Juarbe, Jr.
Director of National Veterans Service

SECURITY



Atlantic Alliance at a Turning Point

Because of the political transformation of Eastern and Central Europe, the role of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will radically change in the near future.

While the U.S. favors essentially a political role for alliance, the European allies have differing views. Britain stands for the status quo. France and West Germany propose a political union by 1993 of the 12-member European Community. This course would effectively exclude the U.S. politically and relegate our role to providing a strategic nuclear umbrella.

Other alternatives include having NATO serve in a custodial role for conventional troop reductions or for stockpiled weapons. Another suggestion is to have the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe serve as the foundation for a larger security arrangement.

Perhaps it is time to review and revise the goals of the Atlantic alliance to conform to the changes now occurring.

Nunn on Defense

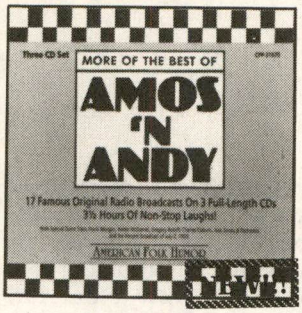
Senate Armed Forces Committee Chairman Sam Nunn of Georgia favors a residual force in Europe of 75-100,000 troops over the next five years. The U.S. military presence there would include lead combat units, stocks of combat arms and support equipment and tactical Air Force units.

Nunn believes Reserves should be the key element of U.S. military strategy. This plan is particularly applicable to the Navy. Several categories of ships can best be utilized under a reserve status. A re-examination of the Navy's mission is called for to meet this goal.

The Army, Navy and Air Force all will have to make adjustments with regard to the readiness of their forces. Nunn advocates maintaining a larger force under the flexible readiness concept. He believes this option best matches U.S. force structure to the threats the nation is most likely to face, and is achievable under current budgetary constraints.

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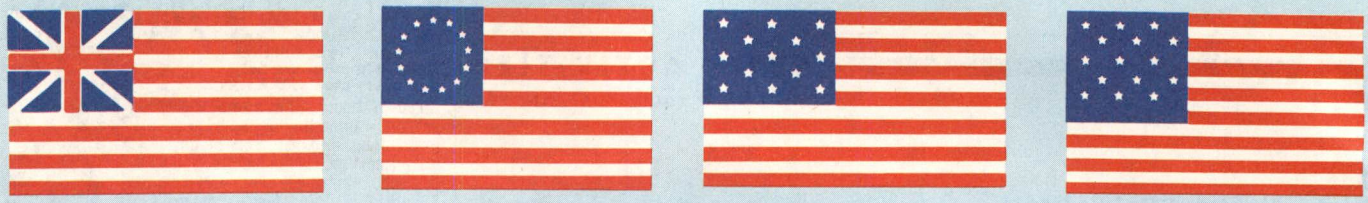
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Old Glory's Mysterious Origins

Even today, who actually designed the U.S. Flag remains open to historical speculation. This account sheds some light on this interesting facet of American history.

by Jim Haviland

How did America get its Flag? That question has drawn more and more attention with efforts under way to seek a constitutional amendment to protect the Stars and Stripes from desecration. Frankly, no one knows for sure who designed the first official Flag, but there are some good clues.

In January 1776, Gen. George Washington proclaimed the organization of the Continental Army and raised the Continental colors. This red and white striped flag which incorporated the British Union Jack was the revolting colonies' unofficial symbol until the Continental Congress adopted the 13-star, 13-stripe U.S. national Flag on June 14, 1777.

A special committee had been appointed on the very day of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 to prepare a design for the new nation's official seal, and it is possible that plans for creating a national flag may have been initiated at the same time. Not one word, however, appeared about a proposed flag design from the committee.

Also mysterious is why the original phrasing of the Flag resolution was changed from "the Flag of the United States" to a second version, "the Flag of the thirteen United States."

While the Flag resolution established the Flag's identity, Congress gave credit to no particular person or persons. Scholars tend to scoff at the claim that Betsy Ross designed the first Flag, although she did sew some of the first flags.

Ross reportedly was commissioned by a congressional committee to sew the nation's first official Stars and Stripes. And some believe she influenced Congress to abandon the six-pointed star. With a snip of her scissors she reportedly demonstrated how much easier it was to make five-pointed stars. And so five-pointed white stars came to rest on the Flag's field of blue.

Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is believed to have been one of several people involved in designing the first Flag, or modifying the unofficial Continental colors into the Stars and Stripes.

In making the only contemporary claim for the honor of having designed the American Flag, Hopkinson in 1780 asked Congress for a quarter of a cask of wine for having suggested patterns for the Flag, several seals and certain coins. Congress denied his request because he "had not been the only one to work on the project."

Still, many historians now feel that Hopkinson probably did originate the design of the first Stars and Stripes in which the 13 stars are in a "staggered" pattern, because it is based on the repetition of a motif of five units.

A "staggered" pattern later would be used sporadically on the Flag, whenever the number of stars lent itself to it. And this pattern was revived for the later flags of 49 and 50 stars.

Following the Revolution, the Flag remained unchanged for more than 10 years. But a law finally was passed on Jan. 13, 1794, providing for a Flag of 15 stars and 15 stripes, to become official on May 1, 1795.

This was the Flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor the night of Sept. 13-14, 1813, during the War of 1812, which inspired Francis Scott Key to write the song that became the U.S. national anthem — the "Star Spangled Banner."

Five years later, the number of stripes was stabilized at 13 and specified that they be horizontal and alternate red and white. It required that when new states entered the Union, one star would be added to the Flag on the July 4 following admission.

Despite this law, there were Flag changes because only the basic design was spelled out. The stars might be arranged in rows or circles or in the form of a star. The color shades could and did vary greatly.

Unofficially, it became popular in the early 1800s to add a white eagle to the union along with the stars. And during the Civil War, gold stars were more common than white ones.

Finally in 1912, with the stars numbering 48, exact standards of design were set forth by President William Howard Taft. Even more precise specifications were drawn up to define the 49-star Flag in 1959 and the 50-star Flag in 1960.

Nevertheless, variations still persist. For example, most Flags used by private citizens and businesses have a hoist-to-fly ratio of 2:3 or 3:5, although the official proportions are 10:19. Variations in the size of the stars and the shade of blue also are found due to different manufacturing methods.

While the design origins of the U.S. Flag may never be proved beyond doubt, all who contributed to the design can be immensely proud of what Old Glory has represented for 213 years. ■

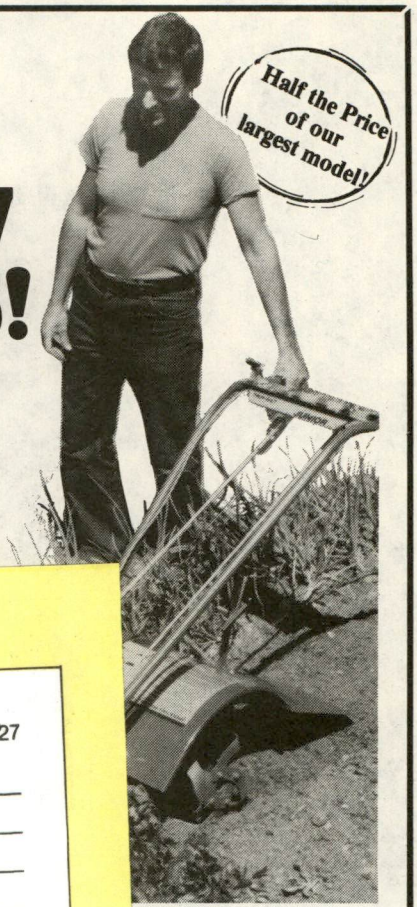
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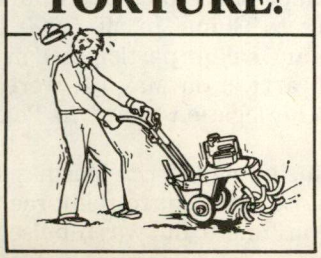
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Beheading the Chinese Dragon

For eight nerve-wracking weeks in the summer of 1900, world attention was riveted on North China as a multi-national force rescued Westerners besieged in Peking and Tientsin by fanatical, anti-foreign "Boxers."

by
Richard K. Kolb

American troops were in the midst of a bitter guerrilla war in the Philippines when called upon to rescue their countrymen in a crumbling Chinese empire at the century's turn. Relief of the Western diplomatic missions in Peking and Tientsin proved one of the most head-line making excursions in the history of colonial warfare.

Intervention in China witnessed the first time since the Revolutionary War that the U.S. entered into a major military alliance with another nation. Eight countries formally allied to suppress the Boxer Rebellion, a violent movement launched by the "Society of the Righteous Harmonious Fists."

Pledged to eradicating all Western influence in China, its clenched fists' insignia gave rise to the nickname "Boxers." Leaders convinced the masses that 8 million "Spirit Soldiers" would descend from Heaven on call and sweep the Empire clean of all foreigners.

Supported by the Dowager Empress Tzu Hsi, the society's bloodbath ultimately claimed up to 50,000 Chinese Christians who were regarded as the "devils disciples." Western missionaries, however, were the prime target. In one day alone at Taiyuan, 45 missionaries, including an American Baptist woman, were beheaded before cheering mobs.

When the Chinese government refused to put a stop to atrocities against Christians and Western citizens, six European nations, Japan and America intervened.

President William McKinley ordered troops from the Philippines and the states to China. In all, 5,000 U.S. soldiers and 1,000 Marines and sailors participated in the relief expedition. First to arrive, on May 31, were 55 Marines who reinforced the legation guard in Peking (now called Bejing).

An allied relief column, including 112 U.S. Marines and sailors from the *USS Newark*, was sent to reinforce the Western enclave in Peking on June 10 but was repulsed at

Tang Tsu. American casualties totaled four bluejackets killed and 29 wounded. Forced to retreat, allied troops returned to their ships by June 26.

Meanwhile, Peking's Western quarter had come under siege by the tens of thousands of Boxers swarming through the city's streets. On June 21 the Manchu Dynasty officially declared war on the allied powers.

The odds against the 500 civilians and 450 Western military personnel in Peking were astronomical. The wife of the U.S. minister wrote in her diary: "The cry was 'kill, kill.' It sounded as though madness itself were set loose . . . "

Americans defended the Tartar Wall. Fighting was fierce and bloody. Each night Boxer corpses had to be collected because of the stench. Fortunately the siege was temporarily lifted twice, allowing those besieged to reinforce their defenses.

Some 85 miles southeast in Tientsin, North China's principal trade center, the foreign legation quarter was besieged by Boxers as well as Imperial Chinese forces. The U.S. 9th Infantry Regiment arrived in early July to help relieve the quarter.

Incidentally, Herbert Hoover, then the chief engineer for the Chinese Imperial Bureau of Mines, laid out the defenses that ultimately saved the foreign settlement there. The future President also directed distribution of food and supplies during the fighting.

In a 15-hour battle on July 13, the 9th Infantry and the 1st Marine Regiment, totalling 1,021 men, assaulted the city's walls. Col. Emerson H. Liscum of the 9th, mortally wounded, shouted his immortal words, "Keep up the Fire!" in the heat of battle. The 9th was pinned down until dark when it withdrew. Next day other allied forces captured the native city of Tientsin.

The U.S. toll was heavy — 18 KIA and 77 WIA. Among the wounded was Tom Mix, destined to become the top cowboy film star of the '20s.

"March Through Hell"

From Tientsin a second relief column undertook a gruelling 85-mile march to Peking. E.S. "Baldy" Davis of Company E, 14th Infantry Regiment, described the trek on the treeless North China plain. "They marched through ten days of infernal heat, through clouds of dust. Their throats were parched, they were sick and exhausted. Many were sunstruck. They marched through fields of Kowliang (a grain crop), ankle deep in burning desert sand.

"Along the line of march, the water from the Pei Ho River was yellow with mud and dark with bodies of the dead, men and dogs. On its shores, wild dogs fought over the bodies of other dead."

One Marine remembered simply that the "days were like marching through hell."

Enroute the force was harassed by marauding Chinese. At Yang Tsun, thousands of Boxers were driven back in a four-hour battle involving a frontal assault by the U.S. 9th and 14th Infantry and the 1st Marine Regiment, as M Troop, 6th Cavalry, probed the enemy flank. Russian artillery fell short during the fight, killing four and wounding 11 members of Co. E, 14th Infantry.

Reaching Peking on August 14, the allies arrived in the nick of time to save the faltering legation defenders. American units attacked the Tung Pien Gate. Pvt. Alvin Titus, the 14th's bugler, scaled the 30-foot wall first. For his "gallant and daring conduct" he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Next U.S. field artillery blasted open the Chi Hua Gate. 1st Lt. Charles P. Summerall calmly walked under Chinese fire to chalk an aiming spot on its timbers for his gunners. Street-by-street fighting ensued. Marine Corps hero Smedley D. Butler recorded his impression of the imperial city: "Peking is a dirty slop hole as far as I can see . . . dead Chinamen adorn the highways with their swollen persons." Among the 66 foreign dead and 150 wounded were 7 Marine legation guards who died defending the walls.

American soldiers were the first to reach the "Forbidden City," the inner sanctum of the Manchu Dynasty. Capt. Henry J. Reilly and his Battery F, 5th Artillery methodically bombed the city. Reilly was killed by a bullet as he directed fire from the Tartar City wall.

Political considerations prevented U.S. entry into the imperial court. Later, an allied victory march took place in the Forbidden City, complete with a European-style display of military pomp.

Because the U.S. did not adhere to the "spoils of war"



Marines fight rebellious Boxers outside Peking Legation, 1900. Each night Chinese corpses had to be collected along the Tartar Wall. Painting by Sgt. John Clymer (Marine Corps). Courtesy National Archives.



Troop L of the U.S. 6th Cavalry Regiment made the farthest penetration of North China during the expedition. It also fired the last American shots of the rebellion. The Great Wall of China appears in the background. National Archives

doctrine, American troops took little part in the looting of Peking. "In fact American conduct was the most exemplary of that of all the nations involved in putting down the Boxer rising," wrote military historian Edwin P. Hoyt.

Several skirmishes occurred after the fall of Peking. On August 19, six troops of the U.S. 6th Cavalry brushed with Boxers outside Tientsin. About two weeks later, on Sept. 4, Troop L of the 6th Cavalry made the farthest U.S. penetration into China and fired the last American shots of the expedition.

While reconnoitering up the age-old caravan trail to Mongolia, the troop clashed with wandering Chinese patrols at Chang Ping Chow in the Nankou Pass, 30 miles northwest of Peking. Earlier that same day a detachment of Company C, 9th Infantry, engaged a Chinese force at Hashiwu while on railroad duty.

By the end of October, only three U.S. units remained in China. Within three months, the Boxer society was disbanded. All troops were withdrawn in May 1901 with the exception of detachments left behind to guard the U.S. legations in Peking and Tientsin. On Sept. 7, the rebellion officially ended with the signing of a peace protocol.

For America the cost in casualties was 53 killed and 253 wounded in action. Over two-thirds of the casualties were sustained by the Army which supplied some 80% of the troops. Additional servicemen suffered from illnesses contracted during the campaign.

Fifty-nine Medals of Honor were awarded, mostly to Marines and Navy personnel. Gen. A.S. Dagget, commander of the 14th Infantry, later wrote: "When one examines the long lists of recommendations for brevets and medals of honor, he feels that the value of these honors has been so cheapened as to have no significance . . . skill in framing descriptive phrases was exhausted in attempts to make ordinary good conduct appear heroic."

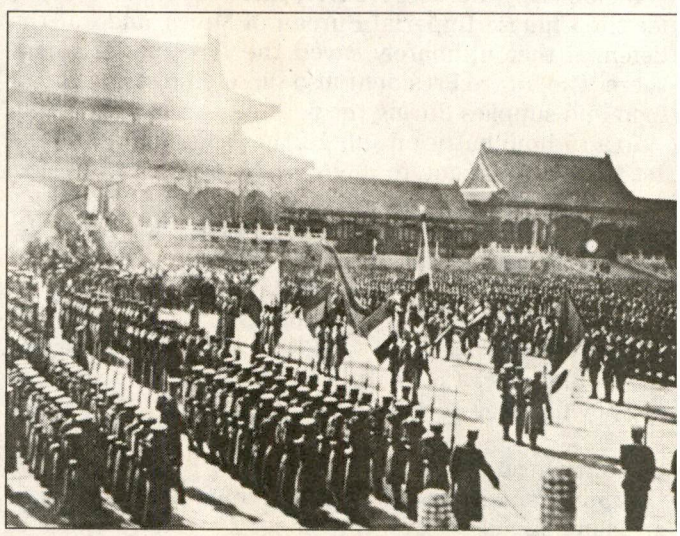
China Vets Held Heads High

Since all the Americans who fought in China were regulars, most of whom returned to the Philippines or to their duty stations with the U.S. Asiatic Squadron, there were few welcome home parades. Nevertheless, intervention in the Celestial Empire was immensely popular at home.

"The pageantry, drama, fabled setting, and global repercussions made this the most widely discussed of the contemporary colonial expeditions. Veterans could hold up their heads in military circles not only for having participated in famous exploits, but for having seen the armies and navies of the world concentrated in battle array," wrote historian Hans Schmidt.

Within two years of the relief expedition, a national organization including veterans of China had formed. On July 24, 1902 in Philadelphia the American Veterans of the Philippine and China Wars emerged. A Philippines vet, Capt. Robert G. Hansbury of the 28th U.S. Volunteer Infantry, was its first leader. Chapters opened across the country.

In 1903, the Philadelphia group united with other veterans societies from Pittsburgh and Altoona, Pa. Hansbury also led the American Veterans of Foreign Service (AVFS), as it was known. Two years later, this Eastern AVFS merged with the Midwestern AVFS of Ohio.



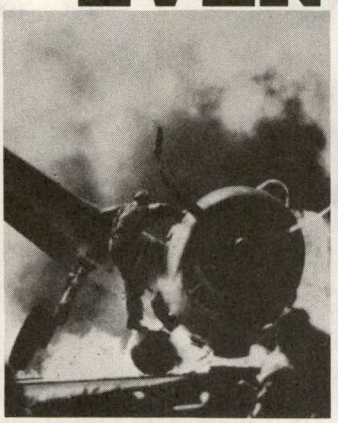
Allied troops assembled in the historic grounds of the Forbidden City to celebrate their victory over the Boxers. Eight nations participated in the relief of the Western legations in Peking and Tientsin during the summer of 1900. This was the first time since the Revolutionary War that the U.S. entered into a formal military alliance. National Archives

At the organization's 1912 convention in Philadelphia some 5,000 men from various groups paraded, including 27 carriages full of Grand Army of the Republic and Indian campaign veterans.

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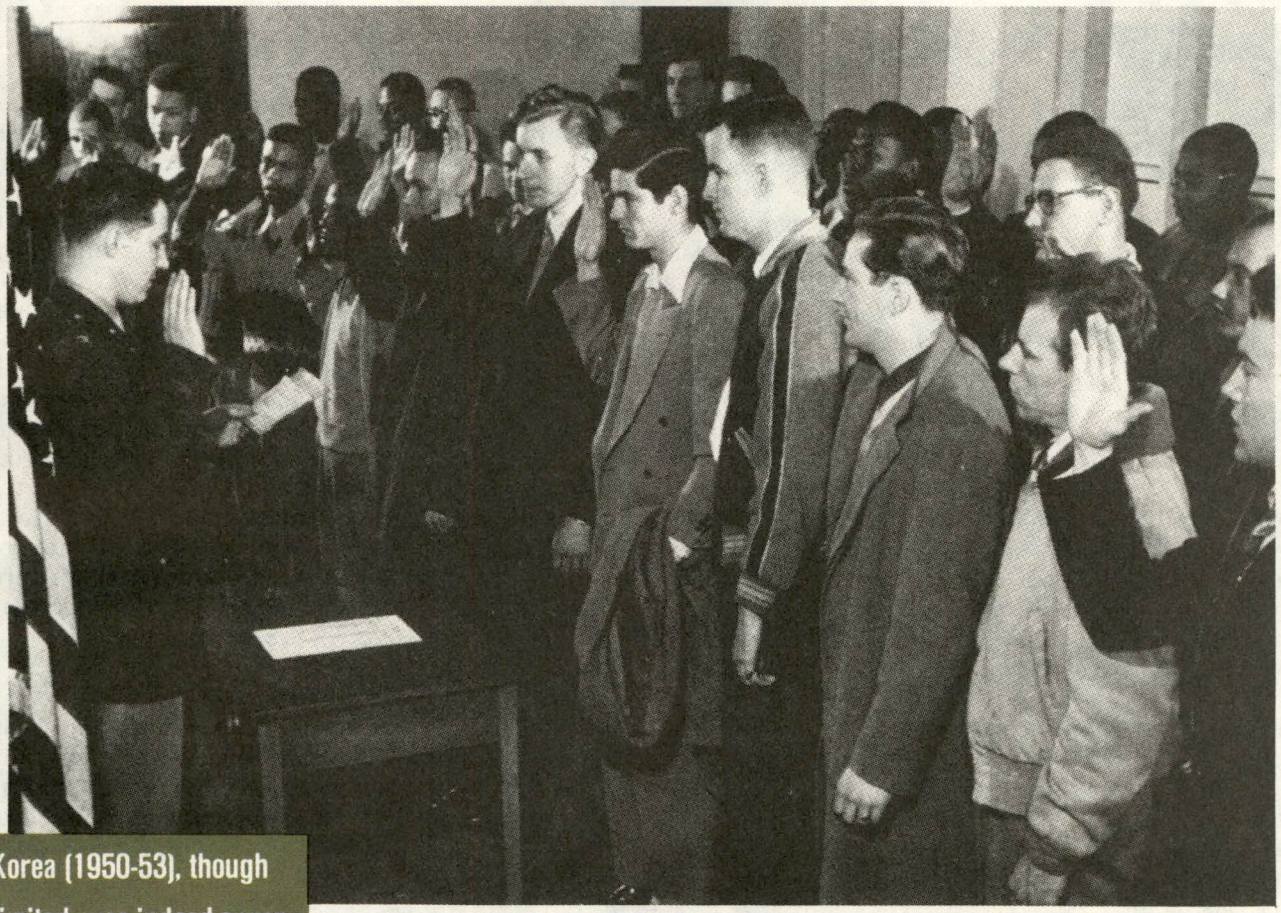
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Inductees are sworn into the Army at the Induction Center in Baltimore, Md. Some 1.7 million men were drafted during the war. U.S. Army Center of Military History



Korea (1950-53), though limited, was indeed a war. And mobilization of manpower to fight it offers the nation some valuable lessons about the so-called "peace dividend." It also exposed glaring inequities in the system.

MOBILIZING Manpower for the Korean War

by W.D. McGlasson

Wars seldom run smoothly. But the Korean War seemed to produce more than its fair share of crisis-born deviations because the Pentagon's war plans were designed for another world war.

As Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway pointed out years later in his book, *The Korean War*, American military planning after WWII was designed to deal with "worldwide war, in which the defense of a distant and indefensible peninsula would be folly."

Korea turned out to be this nation's first real *limited* war. Mobilization was confused and uncertain, never losing its jerry-built nature through three years of war.

South Korea was placed outside the U.S. defense perimeter, but when the crunch came, President Harry Truman quickly reversed that hands-off position. If he had not, the Soviet Union would have achieved impressive gains in both credibility and its strategic posture in respect to both China and Japan had it gained control over the entire Korean peninsula.

U.S. Armed Forces Unprepared

America's armed forces have seldom been less prepared for war than they were on June 25, 1950, when a



An estimated 1.7 million American military personnel earned the Korean Service Medal.

90,000-man, Russian-trained North Korean army surged across the 38th Parallel. Because the South Korean army was no match for its northern counterpart, U.S. troops would be required if the invasion was to be thrown back.

All U.S. combat forces, however, had been withdrawn to bases in Japan the previous year. Moreover, they had then been whittled down to hardly more than skeletonized formations, combat elements at a bare half strength and short much of their equipment.

One example: Infantry regiments lacked one full battalion, and divisions contained one tank company instead of the usual battalion. The "peace dividend" had been as irresistible after World War II as it is proving to be today!

The U.S. military was in a similar state of unreadiness worldwide. The Army, for example, which would bear the brunt of the fighting in Korea, had been cut back to 590,000 men, grossly inadequate for the task that now confronted it.

The first critical need was to quickly find enough trained men to avert total disaster. Concurrently, U.S. forces in Europe had to be reinforced in the face of increasing Russian intransigence. Besides strengthening the General Reserve at home, keeping all units adequately manned, especially in Korea, was essential.

To bolster Gen. Douglas MacArthur's understrength Far East forces, home-based regular Army units were stripped of trained men and non-commissioned officers. Mobilization orders went out to unassigned, individual Reservists to fill the gaping holes left in the regular units, and to flesh out both Korea-bound units and National Guard formations. The Army also extended all existing enlistments by 12 months.

The mobilization process retained its what-do-we-do-next air of indecision through the entire first year of the war and, in some respects, even longer. In mid-July, less than a month after the North Korean attack, Army Chief of Staff Gen. J. Lawton Collins said restoring the status quo in Korea was "a Regular Army responsibility."

Yet Gen. MacArthur explained: "It is now apparent that we are confronted in Korea with an aggressive and well-trained professional army equipped with tanks and perhaps other ground materiel quite equal to, and in some categories superior to, that available here."

A few weeks later, 300,000 Chinese soldiers slipped across the Yalu River to enter the fray in support of the North Koreans, prompting MacArthur to describe it as "an entirely new war."

From the standpoint of the ongoing mobilization, the Chinese action caused additional confusion for it raised the possibility of a total conflict. That never happened, of course, but it gave U.S. military leaders some tense hours.



Stripped to their shorts, members of the first group of New York City draftees wait for their physical examinations at the Army's main recruiting station, July 18, 1950. U.S. Army Center of Military History

Inequities in the System

By early 1952, a total of 138,600 Army Guardsmen were on active duty, with two of the divisions and scores of lesser units among the combat forces in Korea.

The Guard's 45th (Oklahoma) and 40th (California) Infantry Divisions relieved the 1st Cavalry and 24th Infantry Divisions, respectively, from the line in Korea in December 1951 and January 1952. Combined, the Guard divisions lost 1,210 men killed in action.

Mobilization of Air Guard fighter elements began later, but eventually took 23 of the units' 27 flying wings into active Air Force service, with a total of 45,594 Guard personnel.

By war's end, Reserve forces of the various services had contributed another 700,000 members to the wartime buildup, in addition to the National Guard. This brought



First U.S. Army units arrive in Korea in July 1950. American ground forces peaked at over 300,000 three years later. Regulars, reservists, national guardsmen and draftees all fought in Korea. U.S. Army

reserve type personnel to about 980,000, or nearly one-fifth of all who served in the armed forces during the war. Some 600,000 men of that total also had served in World War II.

Of the eight million men of draft age carried on Selective Service registration rolls, only about 1.7 million actually were called. Young Americans of the era not drafted were beneficiaries of over-lenient deferment provisions, and of the very nature of limited war. Men 18 to 25 were allowed to volunteer for induction and serve 24 months.

Men who hadn't fired a rifle since World War II were recalled and found themselves on Korea-bound troopships. Many of the Marines who clambered up the Inchon seawall on scaling ladders were scarcely six weeks removed from civilian life.

A senior Pentagon manpower official may have said it best when he explained: "In calling up the Reserves, military necessity overrode considerations of equity and justice."

Some Guardsmen reacted with wry humor to their predicament, as did the California lieutenant interviewed by newsmen while waiting to board a Far East bound troopship in San Francisco. Asked what had motivated him to join the Guard, he said smilingly: "I thought I was signing up to fight Oregon! I didn't know Governor Knight was mad at Mao Tse Tung!"

Rotation — Mixed Blessing

One effort to reduce some of the inequities mobilization had produced was a new rotation system introduced in April and revised in July 1951. Actual combat duty earned an individual four points a month; rear echelon service in Korea, two points; and one-and-a-half points for other duty stations in the Far East.

Thirty-six points equaled a ticket back home. By the end of the plan's first year, some 350,000 GIs had been sent stateside.

Rotation spread the burden of unpleasant and hazardous combat duty among more soldiers, but broke up experienced teams. This reduced the combat-effectiveness of entire units because replacements were most often fresh from training.

"Rotation became an effective tool in maintaining the spirit of U.S. troops in the sporadic defensive warfare of 1952-1953 in which boredom and the alien land and climate of the theater of operations sapped morale," according to a survey.

"There can be no doubt, however, that the very thoroughness and scale of the program contributed to a general lowering of Eighth Army combat efficiency. This was a trade-off the Army could afford during a period of static warfare."

But one ranking manpower official in Washington later described rotation as "mobilizing, demobilizing, and fighting a war, all at the same time." A troop commander was less constrained, saying: "We were creating real units until rotation."

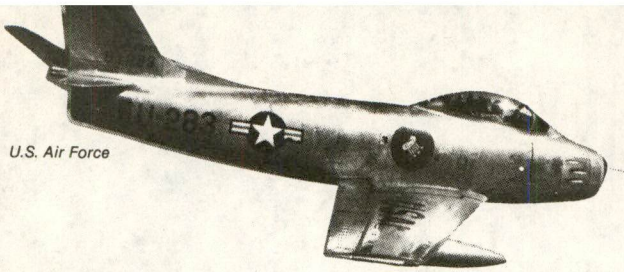
"Police Action" or War

President Truman insisted the war in Korea always be referred to as a "police action" in all official references. He didn't want the Soviet Union or China to misconstrue American intentions there.

Nevertheless, Korea can only accurately be characterized as a *war* — a prolonged and bloody clash that produced some two million casualties on both sides, 140,000 of them American.

General Ridgway may have put the Korean War in its proper perspective: "Korea taught us that all warfare from this time forth must be limited. It can no longer be a question of *whether* to fight a limited war but how to avoid fighting any other kind." ■

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Korean War GIs: A Statistical Sketch

Korean War: June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953

Korean "Conflict Period": June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955

Korean Era Veterans (Living): 4 million

Number of Participants:

Actual service in Korea during war	1,500,000
Stationed in Far East Command (Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Sea of Japan)	1,789,000
On active duty during the "Conflict Period"	5,764,143

Draftees: 1,751,820 or 30% of total "Conflict Period" forces

Peak Strength of All U.S. Forces in Korea (July 1953): 325,270

Peak Strength of U.S. Ground Forces in Korea (July 1953): 302,483

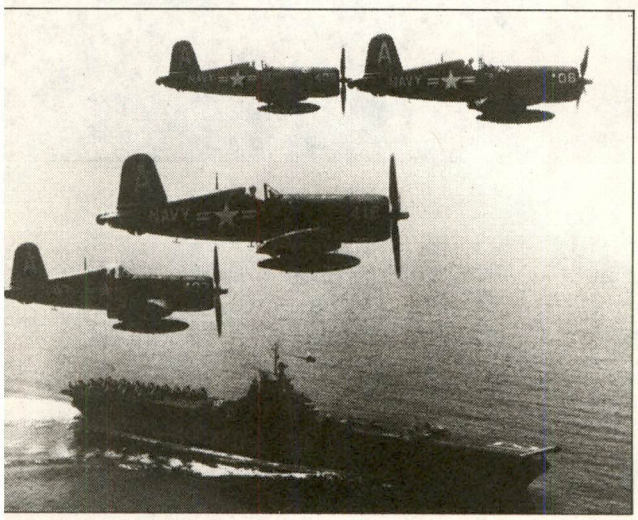
U.S. Army: Army Forces, Far East; 8th Army; I, IX and X Corps; 8 Divisions (1st Cavalry and 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 24th, 25th, 40th and 45th Infantry) and 2 Regimental Combat Teams (5th and 187th Airborne)

U.S. Navy: Naval Forces, Far East; 7th Fleet; and Task Forces 77, 90 and 95

U.S. Air Force: Far East Air Forces (FEAF); 5th, 13th and 20th Air Forces; FEAF Bomber Command; FEAF Logistical Forces; and 314th and 315th Air Divisions

U.S. Marine Corps: 1st Marine Division and 1st Marine Air Wing. Peak strength (April 1953) — 35,306

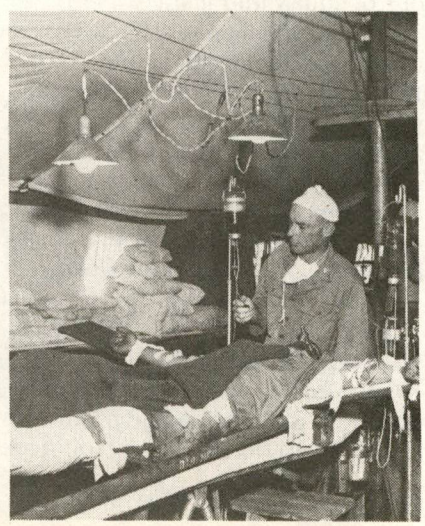
U.S. Combat Deaths:	**33,629**
U.S. Wounded in Action: (Only hospitalized counted)	**103,284**
U.S. Prisoners of War:	**7,140**
Returned	4,418
Died in Captivity	2,701
Refused Repatriation	21
U.S. Missing in Action:	**8,177**
Still Unaccounted for:	389
Medal of Honor Recipients:	**131**

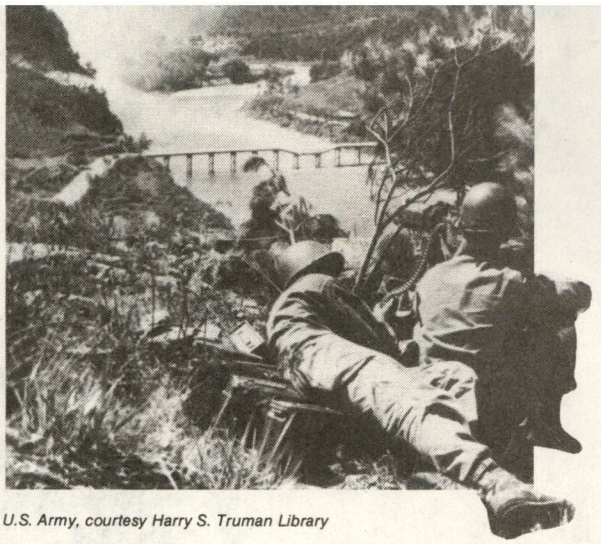


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United Nations Allies Listed in Order of War Dead

Country	War Dead	Peak Troop Strength (July 1953)
Turkey	717	5,455
United Kingdom	670	14,198
Canada	309	6,146
France	288	1,119
Australia	265	2,282
Greece	169	1,263
Colombia	140	1,068
Ethiopia	120	1,271
Thailand	114	1,294
Netherlands	111	819
Belgium*	97	944
Philippines	92	1,496
South Africa	34	826
New Zealand	31	1,389
Total	**3,157**	**39,570**

The Republic of Korea armed forces peaked at 590,911 in July 1953. South Korean military dead totaled 225,784. *Source: ROK Ministry of National Defense.*

**Includes a Luxembourg detachment of 44 men.*

MEDICAL UNITS

Country
Denmark
India
Italy
Norway
Sweden

U.S. War Deaths

COMBAT

Service	Number	Percentage
Army	27,704	82%
Marine Corps	4,267	13%
Air Force	1,200	4%
Navy	458	1%
Total:	**33,629**	**100%**

NON-COMBAT

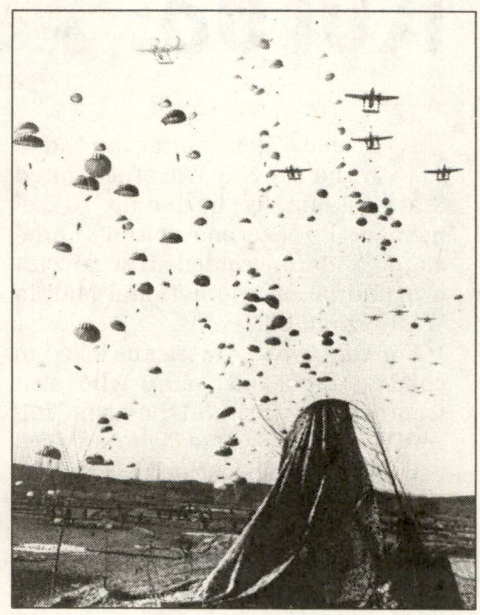
Recent research has revealed that erroneous figures have been used over the years for the number of U.S. non-combat dead in Korea. Revised statistics show 2,542 U.S. Army personnel and 244 U.S. Marines died from non-battle causes in the war. Numbers for the Air Force and Navy are still being researched.

ARMY COMBAT DEATHS BY MAJOR UNIT

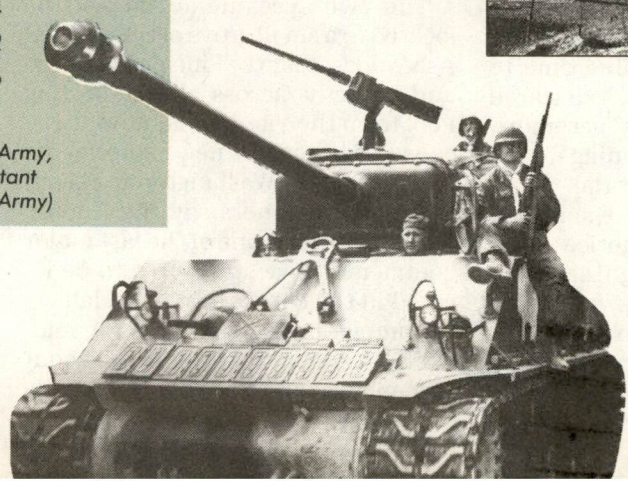
Division/Regiment	Number
2nd Infantry	7,094
7th Infantry	3,905
1st Cavalry	3,811
24th Infantry	3,735
25th Infantry	3,048
3rd Infantry	2,160
5th RCT*	867
45th Infantry	834
187th Airborne RCT	442
40th Infantry	376

**Regimental Combat Team*

Source: Battle Casualties of the Army, 30 September 1954 (Office Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Dept. of the Army)



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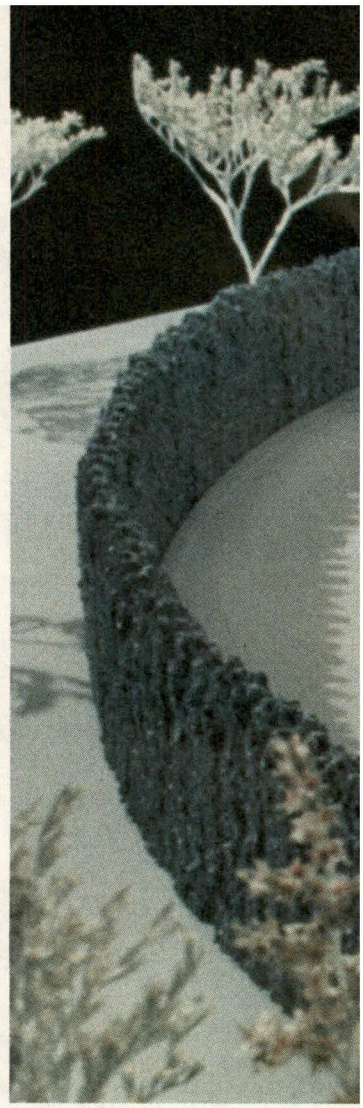


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A Lasting Reminder of American Sacrifices in Korea

A Korean War Memorial in the nation's capital is approaching reality, but several issues must be resolved prior to scheduled completion in mid-1993.



by Stephen Blakely

Some 37 years after the end of the Korean War, the United States is finally beginning to remember its veterans of that undeclared and unheralded struggle with a memorial on the national Mall in Washington, D.C.

For the 33,629 Americans killed in combat, thousands more who died from other causes, and the 1.5 million servicemen and women who survived active duty in this nation's "Forgotten War," the tribute has been a long-time coming.

"Until recently, the Korean War was not formally remembered. And today we say, no more. It's time to remember," President Bush declared last June in a Flag Day ceremony when he unveiled the winning design for the Korean War Memorial.

This new monument, he said, will help pay tribute "to America's uniformed sons and daughters who served during the Korean War, and to recall an American victory that remains too little appreciated and too seldom understood."

Congress authorized construction of a Korean War Memorial in 1986, and in 1989 the basic design was chosen by the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board out of 543 entries submitted in a nationwide architectural competition.

The design went on to pass muster with six separate review boards that share jurisdiction over such projects in the federal city, and won a $20,000 first prize for the four Pennsylvania State University architectural professors who created it.

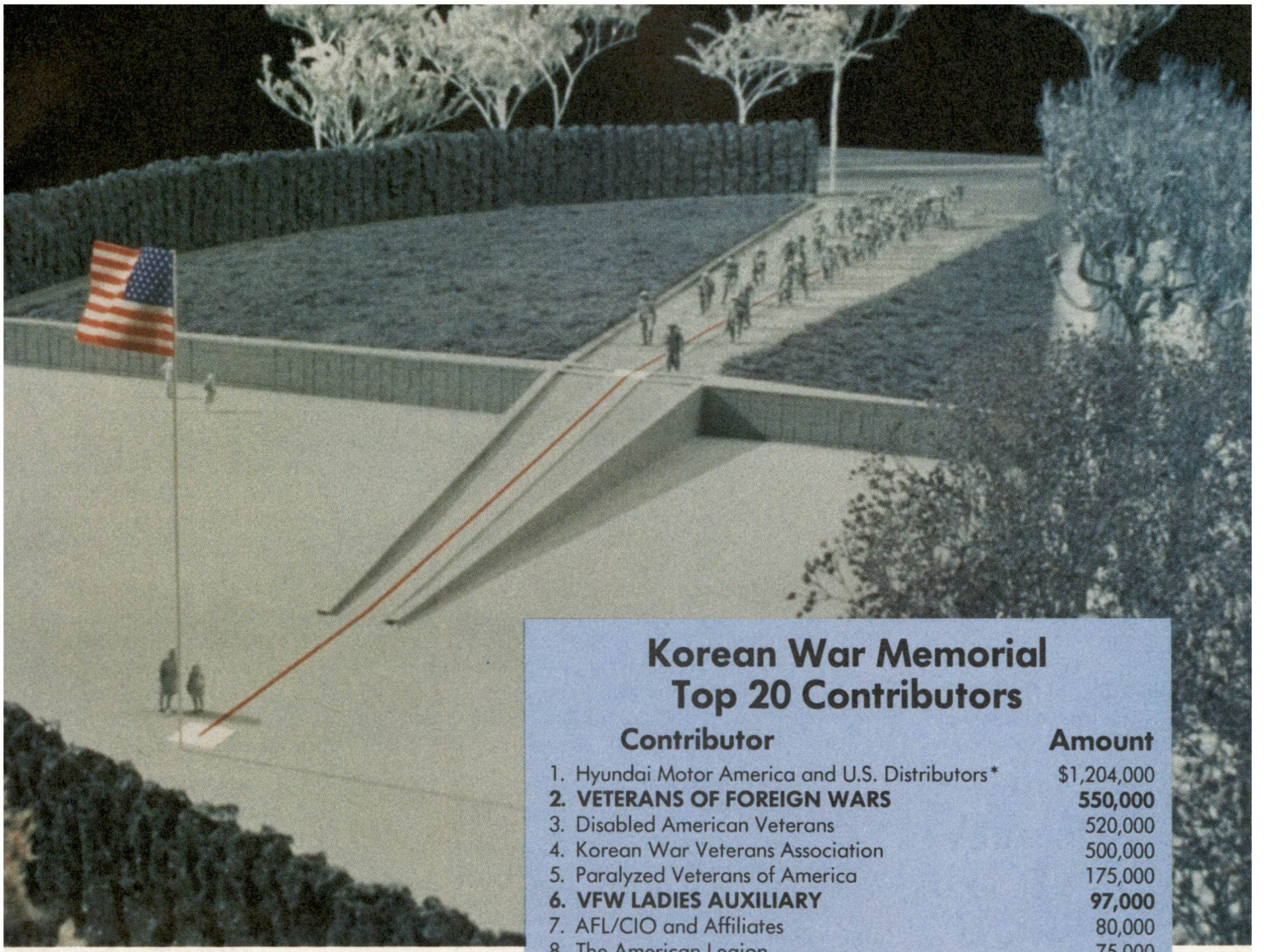
The two-acre memorial will be located in a small grove of trees called Ash Woods, near the Lincoln Memorial and directly across the Reflecting Pool from the Vietnam Memorial. Because of the many new monuments constructed in Washington in recent years, city planners say the Korean War Memorial is one of the last major commemorative structures to be located in the core area of the Mall.

Completion is scheduled for mid-1993 at an estimated cost of about $10 million (although delays already are adding to both numbers), to be raised primarily from private contributions. Once built, the memorial will be maintained by the National Park Service. Roughly $5 million has been raised to date.

Memorial's Symbolism

The central element of the memorial is a double line of 38 figures of foot-soldiers, each about eight feet high, forming rank along a red granite "time-line" of the war, heading up a gentle slope towards an American Flag. The time-line crests where the statues end, and descends over a granite wall to a clearing below.

In the Penn State design, water from the peak of the slope flows roughly through the feet of the troops on one side of the wall, and smoothly down the other to a quiet and peaceful pool at the base of the flagpole. As originally proposed, the wall would bear various inscriptions to those who died and survived in Korea, to war and to peace, to sacrifice and service, to human courage in battle.



Korean War Memorial Top 20 Contributors

Contributor	Amount
1. Hyundai Motor America and U.S. Distributors*	$1,204,000
2. VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS	**550,000**
3. Disabled American Veterans	520,000
4. Korean War Veterans Association	500,000
5. Paralyzed Veterans of America	175,000
6. VFW LADIES AUXILIARY	**97,000**
7. AFL/CIO and Affiliates	80,000
8. The American Legion	75,000
9. Ford Motor Company	50,000
10. Pohang Steel America*	50,000
11. 187th (Rakkasans) Airborne RCT Assn.	40,000
12. 13th Bomb Squadron Association (Korea)	40,000
13. Military Order of the Purple Heart	30,000
14. International Business Machines(IBM)	25,000
15. Anheuser-Busch, Inc.	25,000
16. Chrysler Corporation Fund	25,000
17. E.I. Dupont de Nemours	25,000
18. Philip Morris	25,000
19. United Services Automobile Association	25,000
20.-34. (All equal at $16,000)	

**Hyundai and Pohang Steel are American subsidiaries of Korean companies.*

To fully view the memorial, visitors will have to move through the entire 420-foot-long path of symbolic war and peace. The designers intended that walking be a major part of the experience.

"It was a war that was understood through one's feet, slogging through the water and mud," said Don Alverto Leon, one of the architects.

In a joint statement delivered at the White House ceremony, the architects said the intent of their design is "to record and unify knowledge of the war, to enlighten the uninformed, and to remind those who already know its truth."

It does that, they said, by "staging the experience of moving into and through conflict, of release into the embrace of peace, and of reflection upon war. For the visitor, the memorial acts as a theatre of memory. It alludes to experiences of the Korean War, and documents aspects of its reality."

Although none of the four designers served in Korea, their historical research and personal interviews with veterans kept returning to the image of long lines of soldiers, trooping across desolate Korean landscape. Pictures by the famous Marine photographer David Douglas Duncan proved inspirational for the designers, and several of the statues' faces may be copied from soldiers caught in action by Duncan's camera almost 40 years ago.

The number of statues in the memorial has several meanings: The 38th Parallel, where the war began and ended; the approximate size of a platoon (about three dozen men), which was the basic battle unit of the war; the 38 months that the war lasted; and the 38 years it took the nation to commemorate the war, from its beginning in 1950 to the memorial's site-approval in 1988.

In the Penn State design, the figures also tell several stories about the war in their positioning, facial expressions, posture and equipment. Early figures, reacting to the surprise attack, would be scattered, and appear cautious

and apprehensive. Figures in the middle, marking the period of the counter-offensive, would be more tightly grouped, controlled and commanding. Later figures, during the peace negotiations, would appear dispersed and less active.

Visitors who pay attention to detail will notice that Marine statues will have camouflaged helmets, while Army figures will not (camouflage was required in the Corps but was optional for the Army). Some statues will have bullet-proof vests (body-armor was developed during the war).

At least one statue will be of a Korean Service Corp member (as ammunition bearer). And, reflecting the social changes occurring back home, some of the later figures will depict soldiers who are black (the U.S. military ended segregation during the war).

Recognizing All Branches

As of this writing, many unresolved details about the memorial are being negotiated between the Korean War Memorial Advisory Board (a special panel composed of 11 distinguished veterans of the war) and the architectural firm of Cooper & Lecky, which has retained the Penn State design team as consultants.

This follows concerns that the original design fails to recognize all elements of the military in Korea — especially the naval, aerial and artillery forces that supported the "grunts" in the field.

At a meeting in Washington shortly before last Christmas, the advisory board recommended several alterations:

- The 38 statues should represent ground troops from all services. These would include, in addition to several Army and Marine riflemen, a forward artillery observer; a medical corpsman; a Navy gun-fire spotter; an Air Force forward air controller; and a Korean ammunition bearer.
- Ethnic distribution would include caucasians, Hispanics, blacks, American Indians and Asians or Orientals. All of the statues depict men.
- The adornment of the intersecting granite wall should bear a continuous, 80-foot-long mural on the southern two-thirds of its length, "to tell a coherent story of the Korean War." The northern third of the wall should be used as an "open chapel" dedicated to those killed or missing in action or held prisoner of war.

As this is written, these changes have not been agreed to or incorporated into the final design. Even the material of the 38 statues is in dispute: The designers would like granite or stainless steel, while the advisory board prefers bronze.

"What we picked from the design submissions was a concept (for the memorial), not a final product," said Gen. Richard G. Stilwell (U.S. Army, retired), chairman of the Korean War Veterans Advisory Board. "From the word 'go,' we wanted this to be an all-services, all-nations memorial. We haven't changed from the concept,

THE FEW AND THE PROUD

Since so few members of Congress served in Korea (June 25, 1950 — July 27, 1953) during the war, it seemed appropriate to single them out for special recognition on this 40th anniversary of the war's beginning.

Also listed are the five VFW Commanders-in-Chief who fought in Korea.



CONGRESS

Of the current 54 U.S. senators and representatives who wore a military uniform during the Korea War era, only 10 or less than 20% actually served in Korea.

Congressman	Service	Branch	Years in Service	VFW Affiliation
Ben N. Campbell (Colo.)	Air Force	Air Police	1951-53	None
John Conyers, Jr. (Mich.)	Army	Engineers	1950-54	None
Bill Frenzel (Minn.)	Navy	?	1951-54	None
Sen. John H. Glenn, Jr. (Ohio)	Marines	Aviation	1953*	Life Member, Post 14000 (At-Large)
Andrew Jacobs, Jr. (Ind.)	Marines	Infantry	1950-52	Post 1587, Indianapolis, Ind.
Norman Y. Mineta (Calif.)	Army	Military Intelligence	1953-56	Life Member, Post 9970, San Jose, Calif.
Stanford E. Parris (Va.)	Air Force	Pilot	1950-54	Post 609, Alexandria, Va.
Charles B. Rangel (N.Y.)	Army	Infantry	1948-52	Life Member, Post 528, New York City
Sen. Warren B. Rudman (N.H.)	Army	Infantry	1952-54	Life Member, Post 483, Nashua, N.H.
Sen. John W. Warner (Va.)	Marines	Communications	1951-52*	Life Member, Post 609, Middleburg, Va.

Note: All members of Congress identified has having served during the Korean War era were contacted to verify actual service in Korea during the war.

**Actual year in Korea*

VFW COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Name	Tenure	Service	Branch	Unit	Year in Korea
Walter G. Hogan	1989-90	Army	Infantry	7th Infantry Division	1952
John S. Staum	1985-86	Marines	Infantry	Detachment Afloat	1952-53
Clifford G. Olson	1983-84	Navy	Aviation	Patrol Squadron 7	1952-53
James R. Currieo	1982-83	Army	Artillery	3rd Infantry Division	1952-53
John Wasylik	1977-78	Army	Infantry	7th Infantry Division	1951-52

but we have made recommendations about the details."

According to John Paul Lucas, one of the Penn State architects, resolving these changes will take time and work to ensure the originally approved design for the memorial remains intact.

In defending their design, he cited a requirement that the memorial represent such larger concepts as "the spirit of service, the willingness to sacrifice, and the dedication to the cause of freedom . . . " Lucas did express support for the idea of turning the 38-figure column of infantry into a "composite unit" of different servicemen.

However, at this point the Penn State designers appear to have limited authority over the final details, and some changes are likely.

But compared to the bitter conflicts that raged over design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial several years ago, these are minor arguments. The American Battle Monuments Commission, mindful of the political controversy generated by the stark black, solemn, half-buried "V" of the nearby Vietnam Memorial, made sure the Korean structure would be of a more "heroic" and positive design.

In authorizing the memorial, Congress required entries to commemorate all who served in Korea, the living and the dead, as well as the very act of service to one's country. The result, clearly stated, was to be uplifting and inspirational.

"Korea was a transitional conflict. It wasn't the traditional trench-and-bunker, patriotic war like the ones before it; nor was it the kind of war Vietnam represented, which was a very questioning, less-idealized kind of war.

"Therefore, the Korea Memorial's presence and representation should be very different," Lucas said of his team's design. "But we still hope it will make a very powerful statement of its own, as the Vietnam Memorial does about that war."

Contributions to help build the Korean War Memorial may be made to **The Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2372, Washington, D.C. 20013, (202) 343-2561.**

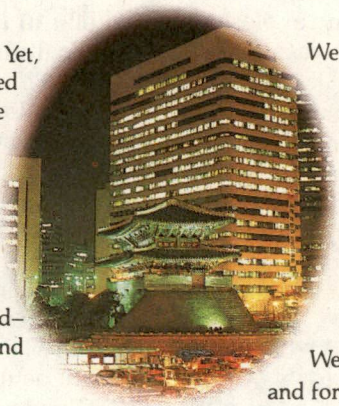
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Some 37 years after the war, GIs remain a mainstay of South Korea's security.

Still Standing Guard in Korea

by Gary Bloomfield



Gary Bloomfield

"Humpin' the yamas" is what American soldiers stationed in South Korea call patrolling within the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Though the frequency of North Korean provocations has subsided inside the "Z", every patrol is warned to remain "rock steady" because a firefight could erupt at any time, without warning.

All of their senses are trying to detect any sign of Communist infiltration. They listen, despite the distant North Korean artillery reverberations (which mask underground explosions needed to construct invasion tunnels).

Only yards away, on the other side of the Military Demarcation Line (which is little more than a chain of posts 151-miles long), concealed North Korean guerrillas often whistle or throw rocks, hoping to unnerve the young American soldiers, prodding them to fire across the MDL, which would be a major violation of the truce accords that signalled the end of fighting in the Korean War.

This daily badgering becomes more a battle of wits than of war. But despite its misnomer, the Korean Demilitarized Zone has the most potent arsenals in the world concentrated on every South Korean, U.S. and Communist unit within or adjacent to its 3-mile-wide swath that severs Korea in two.

Standoff in the DMZ

Radical students and political dissidents in South Korea believe the U.S. presence along the DMZ is preventing the reunification of North and South. Communist propagandists have been spouting that same message for years, accusing the American "war-mongers" of dominating and controlling each "puppet regime" in Seoul.

While it's true that the fifth largest army in the world is based on the Korean peninsula, that army is, in fact, North Korea's, not America's, which has only 45,000 U.S. troops there to complement the Republic of (South) Korea's 650,000-man defense forces. The allies' combined strength would have to repel more than a million Communist troops spearheaded by a 100,000-man commando force.

Though the U.S./ROK forces maintain a heightened readiness posture, it is to repel an attack, not instigate one. The North, on the other hand, has had but one goal since the truce agreement in 1953 — to eliminate the U.S. presence, reunify the country (by force if necessary), and impose Communism on the new Korea.

With a 2-to-1 advantage in tanks, artillery, and fighter jets, a 3-to-1 edge in naval warships, an entire populace, including women and children, willing to die for their "god-like hero/leader" Kim Il Sung, North Korea certainly has the war machine to attempt an attack, though analysts doubt they could sustain it without substantial Soviet or Chinese support.

But China is abandoning the stagnant and deteriorating North in favor of economically powerful South Korea. As recently as 1989, China had established a $3 billion trade agreement with South Korea; but only a sixth as much ($500 million) with North Korea.

The Soviet Union and its European satellites are finally listening to the masses, who are hungry for change, adopting varying forms of democracy and capitalism, leaving Communist stalwarts like Kim Il Sung and Cuba's Fidel Castro on a precarious ledge without their accustomed security blanket.

In years past the Communist super power leaders begrudgingly tolerated the fanaticism of Kim Il Sung, a hard-

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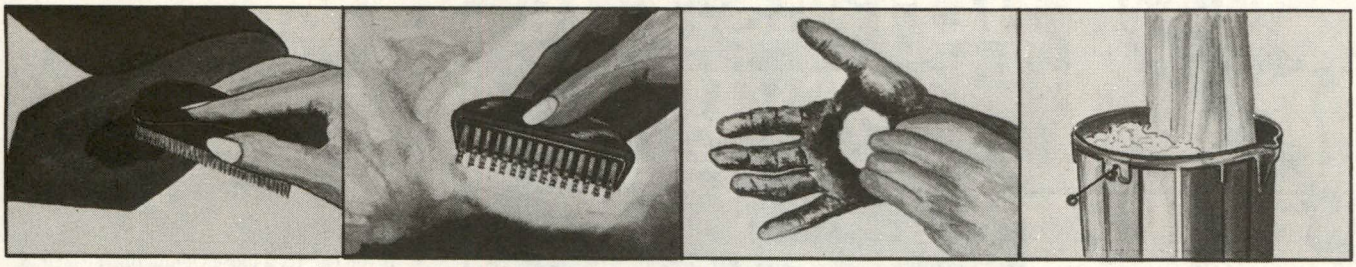
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line Stalinist devotee who refuses to allow the dramatic changes that have occurred in Eastern Europe and China to occur in his isolated bastion of Communism.

Reduction in Forces

The rapid changes that have occurred in Europe have prompted a call for a reduction of U.S. forces world-wide. But while a reciprocal reduction will likely take place among the Soviets and other Warsaw Pact forces, no such move is promised by the North Koreans.

In fact, U.S. and South Korean military leaders and politicians emphasize that any wholesale reduction would be foolhardy, and might even encourage the dying North Korean dictator to rally his disciples for one last loyalty show, urging them to invade the South and fulfill his last wish!

U.S. and South Korean leaders, ever wary of the North Korean threat, are proposing numerous changes that will strengthen, not weaken, the allied forces:

- By 1992 South Korea will have completed a major military modernization program, which will include building its own advanced combat aircraft. The three U.S. air bases in South Korea would be phased down as the ROKs gear up.
- Currently the headquarters for the United Nations Command, U.S. Forces Korea, and 8th Army is in downtown Seoul. A move further south, paid for by South Korea, would free up this prime piece of real estate and give the military command group more of a buffer from any North Korean attack.
- Maintaining the 45,000 U.S. troops in South Korea costs $2.6 billion annually. Now that South Korea is enjoying prosperity, it has agreed to pick up a larger share of that tab.
- Since the cease-fire, an American four-star general has commanded the unified U.S./ROK defense forces. Eventually that, and numerous subordinate positions, will be held by South Korean commanders.
- As part of the total manpower reduction throughout the Department of Defense, an estimated 7,000 noncombat troops (none from the forward-based 2nd Infantry Division) can be withdrawn from South Korea over the next few years, creating a "leaner, meaner, fighting machine."

For the infantrymen of the 2nd Division, who love "humpin' the yamas" and who confront and deal with North Korean aggression everyday, they know their role as a tripwire is vital to preserving the peace in Korea.

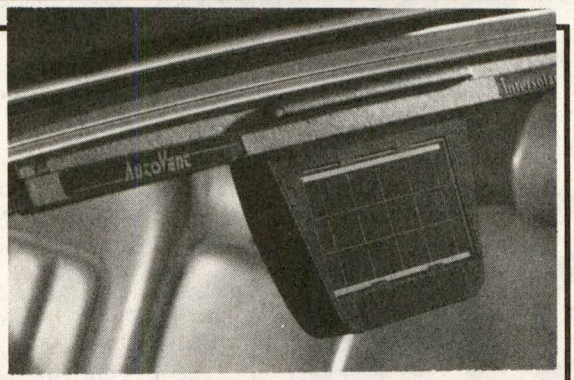
U.S. and South Korean politicians and military leaders fully intend to show the American Flag along the DMZ for years to come, and to keep that "caged animal" (North Korea) from straying outside its wasteland. The Soviet Union and China are further ostracizing Kim Il Sung, forcing him to either change with the times, or die of isolation.

Until that change occurs, the U.S. remains committed to the security of South Korea.

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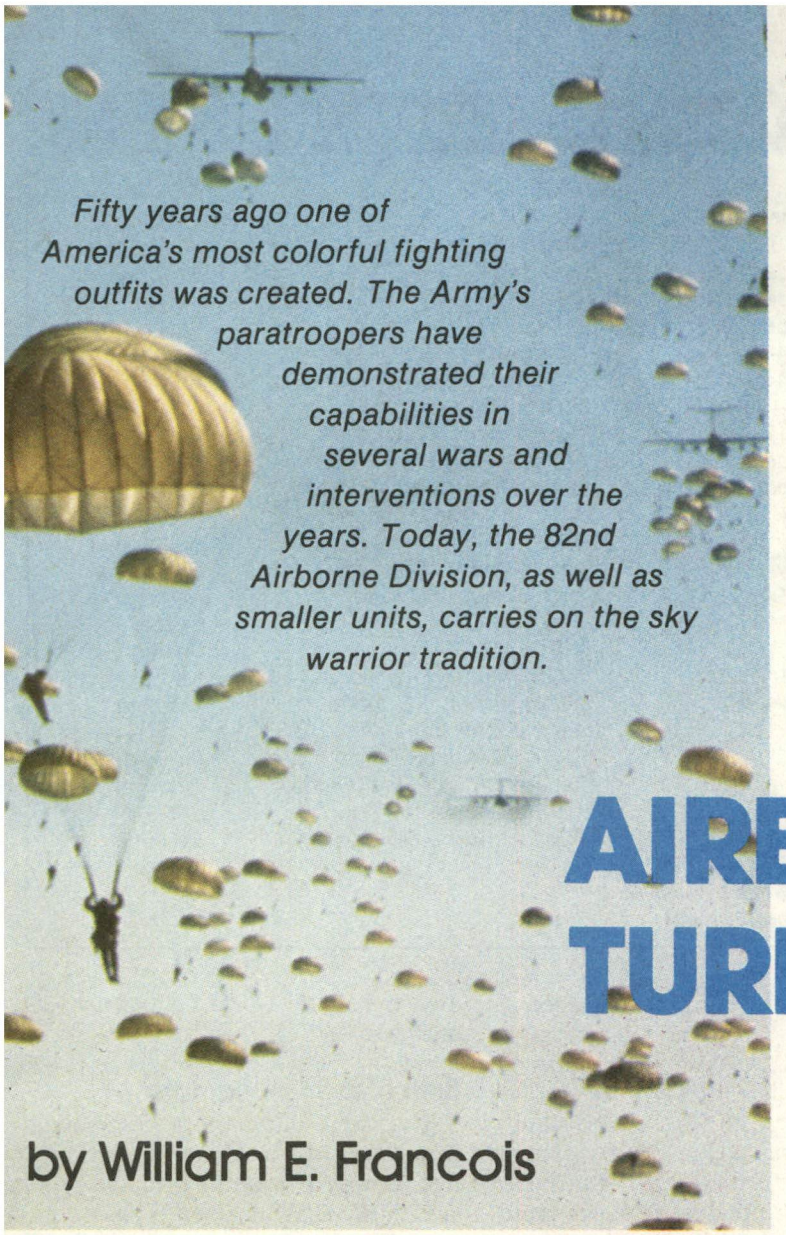
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82nd Airborne Division units undergo constant training, including mass parachute drops.

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AIRBORNE TURNS 50

by William E. Francois

The alert notification was received at division headquarters at 1:15 a.m. when nearly everyone was asleep. Eighteen hours later the lead aircraft of the paratroop brigade was "wheels up" and heading for the troublespot — any place where the famed 82nd Airborne Division might be needed.

This kind of performance makes the elite "All-American" Division the spearhead of the nation's rapid deployment forces — a spearhead forged in the crucible of war.

The 82nd is the only parachute infantry division left among the 18 active divisions in the U.S. Army today — the only one remaining of the five that fought during World War II. The others were the 11th, 13th, 17th and the "Screaming Eagle" 101st.

The famous 101st ceased to be a paratroop division in 1974 but continues as an air assault division. Thus, the 82nd carries a great deal of airborne warfare history on its collective shoulders. It has been more than equal to the task.

Quick Reactions

Major units of the division were deployed to Panama after midnight on Dec. 19, 1989 and accomplished all of their missions within a few hours. The well-planned and executed operation came to a virtual end when Panamanian dictator Gen. Manuel Noriega gave himself up on Jan. 3, 1990.

All three battalions of the 75th Ranger Regiment also jumped into Panama, playing an instrumental role in Noriega's downfall.

When Nicaraguan soldiers crossed the border into Honduras, threatening the security of a nation friendly to the U.S., Army airborne forces swung into action. A task force that included two battalions of the 82nd was on its way to Honduras in a matter of hours. This show of force on March 16, 1988, led to a quick withdrawal by the Sandinistas.

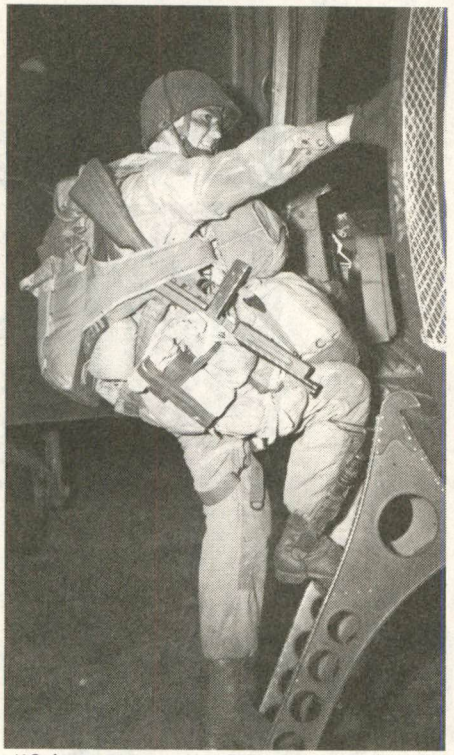
Then there was Grenada. When Cuban forces threatened to turn that island into a base for their own operations, two of the 82nd's three paratroop brigades leaped into action. With other rapid deployment forces, they quickly gained control of the island and, as occurred later in Panama, helped to re-establish a democratic form of government.

While the 82nd arrived by plane, the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 75th Rangers actually parachuted onto the island in the first large-scale combat jump since 1967.

The speed and precision of such operations are the payoffs of constant training — 25 or 30 no-notice exercises each year, mostly at night, conducted jointly during the past 10 years by the XVIII Airborne Corps

Unless otherwise noted, all photos courtesy 82nd Airborne Division, Public Affairs Office.

United States Army Combat Jumps



U.S. Army

8 November 1942	509th PIR	Algeria
15 November 1942	509th PIR	Tunisia
9 July 1943	504th PIR	Sicily
5 September 1943	503rd PIR	New Guinea
9 September 1943	504th PIR	Italy
14 September 1943	509th PIR	Italy
6 June 1944	101st Airborne Division	France
6 June 1944	82nd Airborne Division	France
3 July 1944	503rd PIR	New Guinea
15 August 1944	1st Airborne Task Force	France
17 September 1944	101st Airborne Division	Netherlands
17 September 1944	82nd Airborne Division	Netherlands
3 February 1945	11th Airborne Division	Philippines
16 February 1945	503rd PIR	Philippines
23 February 1945	11th Airborne Division	Philippines
24 March 1945	17th Airborne Division	Germany
20 October 1950	187th ARCT	Korea
20 October 1950	187th ARCT	Korea
23 March 1951	187th ARCT	Korea
22 February 1967	173rd Airborne Brigade	Vietnam
25 October 1983	1st and 2nd Battalions, 75th Rangers	Grenada
19 December 1989	1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 75th Rangers; 82nd Airborne Division	Panama

PIR: *Parachute Infantry Regiment*
ARCT: *Airborne Regimental Combat Team*

and the 21st Air Force.

As the commanding general of the 82nd, Maj. Gen. James H. Johnson, Jr., put it: "The 82nd plays a vital role as a member of the XVIII Airborne Corps, the contingency corps for the U.S. Army. Within 18 hours from notification, the division can have 'wheels up' on the first plane of paratroopers and supplies heading to any hot spot in the world.

"The 82nd gives our Army a forced entry capability into any theater by means of parachute assault. Because of our contingency mission, we must maintain extremely high standards of readiness and always be prepared to deploy with little or no notice to anywhere in the world, fight on arrival, and win."



Paratroopers adjust their packs and parachutes before boarding a C-47 in preparation for the jump on Sicily in 1943, the U.S. Army's first large-scale airborne operation. U.S. Air Force Photo

Birth of the Sky Warriors

The value of warriors descending from the skies was envisioned long ago. It was Benjamin Franklin who said in 1784: "Where is the prince who can afford so to cover his country with troops for its defense, so that ten thousand men descending from the clouds might not, in many places, do an infinite deal of mischief before a force could be brought together to repel them?"

Where, indeed! History has shown that airborne forces are often too hot to handle.

The 82nd was not the first airborne unit in the U.S. Army. That distinction belongs to a test platoon of 48 volunteers who made their first parachute jumps in August 1940. The Army was impressed. On Sept. 16, 1940, it authorized the immediate activation of the first American parachute unit — the 501st Parachute Battalion — hence the 50-year observance this year of the U.S. airborne.

The 501st was followed by activation of the 502nd on July 1, 1941. Then, in rapid succession, came the 503rd and 504th. On Aug. 15, 1942, the 82nd Airborne Division came into

existence.

The division's history actually begins with its start-up on Aug. 25, 1917, at Camp Gordon, Ga. Because men from every state formed its ranks, the 82nd became known as the "All-American" Division.

Eight months after it was formed, the division sailed for France and the trench warfare of World War I. Its most illustrious warrior was Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Alvin C. York, a corporal during the battle in the Argonne Sector when he killed 20 Germans, captured 132 others, and put 35 machine-gun nests out of action.

Before the division was inactivated on May 27, 1919, it earned battle streamers at Lorraine, St. Mihiel and the Meuse Argonne — the first of many.

Others would follow the division's reactivation in March 1942. Five months later it was designated an airborne division — the Army's first.

Almost immediately half of the division was transferred to form the nation's second airborne division — the 101st that would win fame, among other places, at Bastogne during the German break-through in the Ardennes in late 1944. These were the troopers who, though surrounded, refused to surrender and whose commanding general replied with his soon-to-be-famous "nuts" when asked to do so.

The first U.S. airborne unit committed to battle was the 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment when it jumped into the desert warfare of Algeria on Nov. 8, 1942. Seven months later the 82nd would undertake the Army's first large-scale airborne operation against an enemy when it parachuted onto the island of Sicily in July 1943.

The troopers were widely scattered during the night jump, but they fought tenaciously in small groups and eventually rejoined their outfits to carry out their missions. A German paratroop commander later would credit the American parachutists with saving the beachhead landings from being thrown back into the sea.

Rapid deployment and surprise proved the greatest assets of airborne troops. Following the Sicilian campaign, the Allies undertook the invasion of Europe through its "soft" underbelly — Italy. Shortly after American troops landed at Salerno, the beachhead was threatened and an urgent call went out to the 82nd which was back in Sicily.

In eight hours one regiment of troopers climbed into C-47s, was briefed as the planes took off, and made a midnight jump behind shrinking friendly lines. By morning they were taking the brunt of German attacks and holding fast. Another paratroop regiment came in later that day and was soon committed to the battle. The beachhead was saved.

The legacy of such desperate heroism has indelibly stamped the division as one of the finest in the world.

It was a task force of 6,396 troopers from this division that on the night of June 5, 1944, descended on the Cherbourg peninsula and into Saint Mere Eglise itself — the first town in France to be liberated by the Allies.

Within hours the full division was committed to battle by parachute and glider. They fought for 33 days without relief or replacements, engaged five enemy divisions, and destroyed the fighting strength of two of those divisions. The 101st's battle record was equally valorous.

By the time the 82nd returned to England its numbers had dwindled to 5,429.

The next operation was the largest airborne operation thus far attempted. It would liberate Holland but fail in its attempt to outflank the Siegfried line and thereby shorten the war. The fault, if any, did not lie with the U.S. airborne forces, all of which achieved their objectives.

After the Holland operation, the 82nd and 101st were withdrawn to base camps in France where, on Dec. 17, 1944, the chilling news came that Germany had broken through thinly held American lines in the Ardennes.

Within 12 hours of being alerted, these two divisions were thrown into the breach. They helped to blunt and then stop the enemy offensive; then they counter-attacked through waist-high snow all the way to and through the vaunted Siegfried line.

By the end of World War II the 82nd had tallied 422 days in combat

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The 82nd Airborne Division, headquartered at Fort Bragg, N.C., carries on the proud paratrooper traditions.

Reunions Highlight 50th Anniversary Celebrations

The 50th anniversary celebration of "U.S.A. Airborne" will take place in Washington, D.C., from July 4-8.

It will feature a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on July 4; individual airborne association activities at the Vietnam War Memorial and the site of the Korean War Memorial on July 5-6; a parade along Constitution Avenue on July 7; and a memorial service at RFK Stadium on July 8.

Every airborne unit association has scheduled its annual reunion and muster during this period. Their members, along with active forces units from the 82nd and 101st Divisions, and from Special Forces, Marine Recon, and the 507th, 508th and 509th, will parade.

Some reunions will begin July 2.

Associations planning reunions are: 11th, 13th, 17th, 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions; 173rd Airborne Brigade; 187th, 503rd, 507th, 509th, 517th and 542 Parachute Infantry Associations; Special Forces; First Special Service Forces; Association of Ranger Infantry Companies (Airborne), Korea; RVN Airborne Division and Advisors; Airborne Troop Carrier; 1/8th Cavalry (Airborne); and the Hispanic Airborne.

William Francois, now a journalism professor at the University of North Florida, served with the 504th PIR in all of its World War II campaigns except for Sicily, and was wounded in Holland. He is a widely published free-lance writer and is a long-time contributor to *VFW Magazine*.





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Enola Gay — WWII's famous B-29 bomber (above left) — is now being restored at the Paul E. Garber Facility in Suitland. The facility contains other rare and interesting aircraft as well. Courtesy Paul E. Garber Facility. **The Civil War battle site of Antietam, (above) preserved in western Maryland, marks the spot of one of the nation's most important events.** Courtesy National Park Service

BY BLAINE TAYLOR

A relatively short drive from Baltimore is one of the most somber resting places in America. Some 128 years ago the hamlet of Sharpsburg was the scene of the bloodiest single battle in American history.

Better known as the Battle of Antietam, this 1862 Civil War engagement caused more American casualties than even D-Day in 1944. Some 23,000 Confederate and Union soldiers were killed and wounded in one day.

Antietam National Battlefield is located on highway 34 at Rt. 65. Maps, tablets and monuments mark the 810-acre site. Costumed interpreters depict camp life, present military drills and give other demonstrations at various locations on weekends beginning in June.

At Antietam National Cemetery, "The Private Soldier," a monument dedicated to Civil War dead, is well worth seeing. While at the Visitors Center, see the exhibits, oil murals and take in the special interpretive talks. A 26-minute film is shown and a taped narration of the battle can be rented for the self-guided auto tour.

Nearby, south of the town of Frederick on Rt. 355, is another Civil War site. At the Battle of Monocacy in 1864 the Confederates were prevented from entering Washington, D.C. Re-enactments are periodically staged there for visitors.

Memories of the World Wars

Back in Baltimore is the magnificent War Memorial Building, dedicated to Marylanders killed in WWI. The marble museum and meeting hall is at E. Fayette and Gay Streets near the gold-colored dome of the City Hall. Be sure to stop in for a visit.

Baltimore Seaport and Maritime Museum at Pier 4 on Pratt St. contains a collection of historic ships, including the *USS Torsk* — the "Galloping Ghost of the Japanese Coast" — the last American submarine to sink a Japanese warship in WWII. Sound and light presentations aboard the ship simulate WWII battle conditions.

Next head 25 miles northeast on I-95 to the Aberdeen Proving Ground, home of the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum. It contains modern and historical ordnance, U.S. and foreign tanks and a Chemical Corps collection as well as war art.

One particularly interesting artifact is Gen. John Pershing's touring car, a VW Kubelwagen used by the Germans during the Battle of the Bulge. Weapons displays trace the development of 20th century tools of war, both successful and unsuccessful.

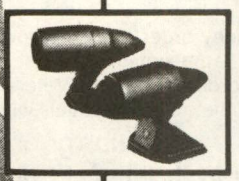
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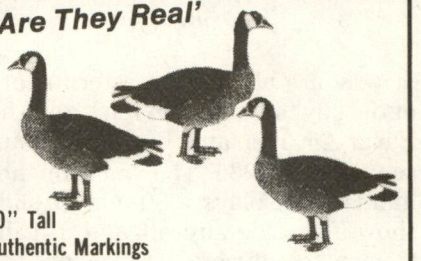
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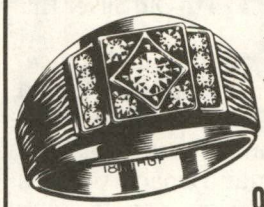




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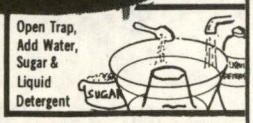
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On your way back to Baltimore swing over to the eastern suburbs of Washington. The NASA-Goddard Visitors Center, exit 22-A off I-95, houses spacecraft, flight articles and displays dealing with America's space flight program.

Of particular interest to WWII veterans of the Pacific Theater is the Paul E. Garber Preservation, Restoration and Storage Facility in Suitland. Take exit 4B off I-495, then travel three miles on Rt. 414 to Old Silver Hill Road.

Rare historic aircraft and spacecraft from the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum are preserved there. Five buildings house displays of 140 historic air and space vehicles and other aeronautical artifacts. The *Enola Gay* — the famous B-29 bomber that dropped the first atomic warhead on Japan, signaling the end of WWII — is currently being restored at the Garber Facility.

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Between the Civil War and World War II, Maryland has something for everyone's interests. Enjoy all the state has to offer by seeing the many sites honoring America's veterans. ■

Blaine Taylor, a member of VFW Post 6506, is a contributing editor to several military history magazines.

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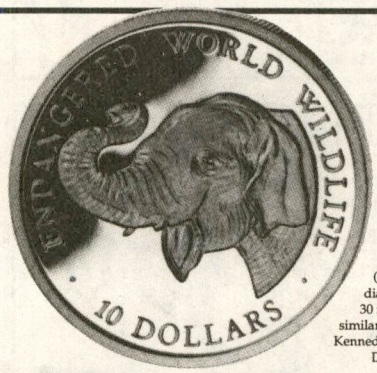
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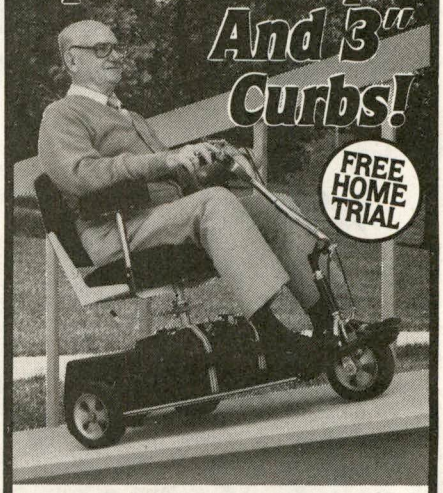
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and had suffered 19,586 casualties, including 3,228 men killed in action. Its many victories came to a fitting climax when the division accepted the surrender of the 21st German Army — all 140,000 of the enemy!

Post-WWII Combat

The division was not committed to the fighting in Korea although an airborne unit — the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team — did endure the hardships and death of that war. The 187th made three combat jumps in Korea at Sukchon, Sunchon and Munsan and lost 442 men killed in action during the war.

But the 82nd has been used extensively since World War II. Its first post-WWII action came in 1965 when it was deployed to the revolt-torn Dominican Republic. Then came Vietnam where the 82nd's 3rd Brigade spent nearly 22 months, sustaining 184 KIA and 1,009 wounded. Since then division elements have fought, as discussed earlier, in Grenada and Panama.

Future Role Assured

As for the future, it's hard to imagine a U.S. Army without an 82nd Airborne Division. Its firepower is awesome — greater than the combined firepower of all seven Allied airborne divisions during World War II. New tactics are constantly being developed. As Maj. Ned B. Ennis of the 82nd's Public Affairs Office said, "The airborne tactical advantage of a forced entry capability will remain well into the future."

Currently more than 80% of the division's airborne training is conducted at night, and the 82nd's aviation and armor units also have the ability to fight during the hours of darkness. "The capability to conduct night operations," said Maj. Ennis, "helps thwart the advantage to advancements in weapons."

Also helping to thwart any such advantage is the pride shown by the men and women of this division. It can be seen in their faces, the way they comport themselves. In this regard the 82nd of today is no different than the 82nd of two world wars.

In fact, questions about the future of the airborne probably are best answered by the troopers themselves when they respond to the question, "Who are you?" Their answer: *"Airborne!"* How far? *"All the Way!"* ■

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Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jim Kimery stressed his theme, "Vanguard of Excellence," at the Kansas City Conference.

In the Vanguard of Excellence

With a new leadership team soon to take over the helm of the VFW, '90-'91 promises to be an eventful membership year for the organization.

The VFW's annual gathering of Department Senior Vice Commanders and Adjutants/Quartermasters, held April 20-22 in Kansas City, Mo., once again set the tone of the upcoming leadership year.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief James L. Kimery outlined his theme as incoming Commander-in-Chief. Declaring "our leadership year begins today," he emphasized "our commitment to be in the vanguard of excellence — the VFW will be in the foremost position of the veterans movement."

Assisting Kimery in fulfilling this commitment will be Kent Anderson of North Dakota, as Chief of Staff, and Fred Weigel of Kansas as Inspector General.

Ladies Auxiliary Senior Vice President Frances Booth announced that the organization's membership as of April 20 was 745,633, an increase of 4,950 over last year's number at this time.

Membership the Key

Membership, of course, was on the top of the conference's agenda. Membership Director Larry LeFebvre reported that as of mid-April another 22,000 members were needed to meet the 100% membership goal. He urged "Commanders to get out in front and make your Department the vanguard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

The organization has had a record-setting year in 1989-90, he said. Some 50 of 54 Departments won a place on the cruise trip. In reviewing the new awards and incentives, such as the Cajun Holiday, LeFebvre urged a concerted effort on the part of all Departments to reach their quotas during their membership year.

In the same vein, Post Development Director Joe Ross discussed the importance of continuing the upward trend in creating new Posts.

He also introduced the newest member of the National Headquarters staff, Membership Development Director Ron Browning. Browning stressed that the VFW must "prioritize issues by identifying all eligibles who are not currently members."

New techniques must be employed, like telemarketing, he said. Browning also explained the function of the "shotgun mailer," a recruiting tool used with great effect. "But to achieve our full membership potential, it is critical that public perceptions of the VFW be changed," said the new director.

An issue of special interest to conference attendees was addressed by Paul Gray, assistant director of military records at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. The Center, which verifies various aspects of military service, is faced with several major hurdles that will severely hamper its ability to efficiently respond to the 2 million requests it receives annually.

"Elimination of overtime, a hiring freeze and a cut in employee working hours all contributed to the current 60,000 requests now backlogged. And we receive 7-10,000 pieces of mail daily," he said. "Patience and cooperation are needed now more than ever."

Tending to Business

Moving back to VFW business, National Convention Director Omar Kendall provided an update on the progress of plans for the Convention in Baltimore, stressing that registrations are far behind last year's at this time.

The 1991 National Convention, originally scheduled in Portland, Ore., was changed to New Orleans because of the high room rates in that West Coast city.

Quartermaster General Herbert Irwin reviewed the VFW's financial situation. He touched on the tremendous increase in hospitalization in relation in inflation as well as Post liquor liability insurance. "A VFW liquor liability policy has been engineered and is going well," he said. "Some 400 Posts are currently so insured."

Jim Bowden, Assistant Quartermaster General, outlined the membership computer processing software program he developed. In discussing

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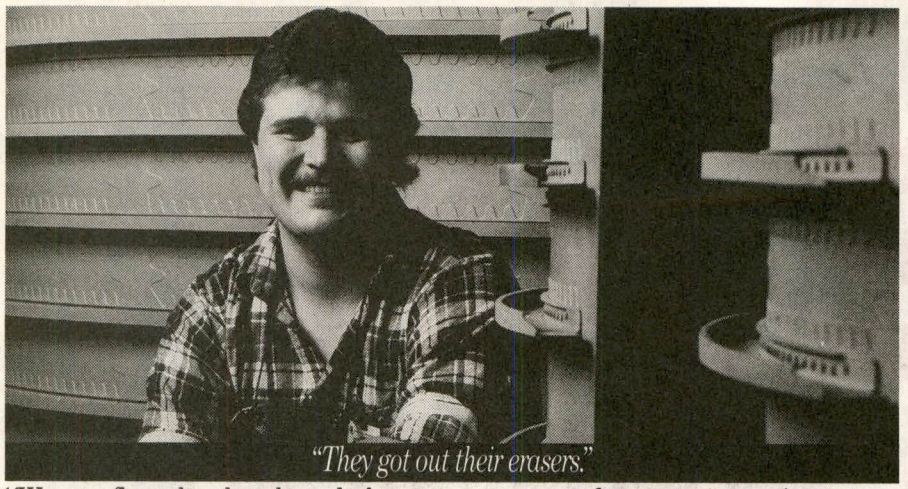
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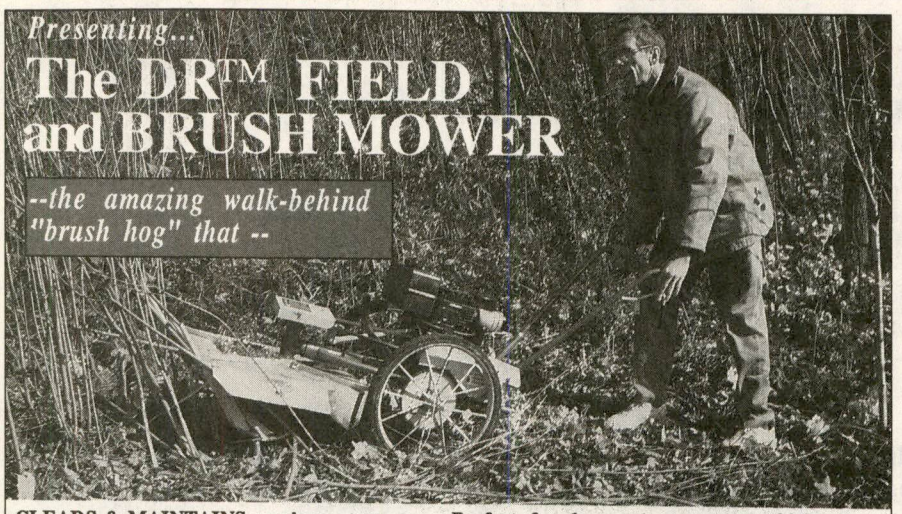

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the training available to the Department, Bowden reiterated that the program is offered free of charge.

Attention then shifted to VFW programs. Assistant Adjutant General for Programs Benny Bachand introduced all the directors who provided background on several new initiatives.

He also mentioned assistance being provided for a special event. The VFW is working with the Eisenhower Centennial Commission and the National Archives on the commemoration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's birth.

"We are excited about generating VFW involvement in the 100th anniversary celebrations in October 1990 in and near Kansas City, and hope it will also yield dividends for the organization," said Bachand.

Ray Price, Director of Americanism and Community Activities, announced planned publication of a new voter registration kit in preparation for a concerted get-out-the-vote drive this congressional election year.

Regarding Community Activities, Price said he is developing a whole new concept entailing a selected set of projects to be completed by the Posts. The concept will be outlined in a new brochure now in the works. It will be made available after approval by National officers.

Gordon Thorson, who directs the Safety, Youth Activities and Voice of Democracy programs, declared that "this year's activities set a record high." All three programs reported increased participation by Posts.

Thorson declared that eradicating substance (alcohol and drugs) abuse among children throughout the nation "should be our No. 1 priority." In announcing winners in the Youth Activities categories, he said providing alternatives to drugs would go a long way toward accomplishing this goal.

Voice of Democracy is experiencing impressive gains, according to Thorson, who reported that 400 additional Posts participated in the program this year.

At the urging of incoming Chief Kimery, the scholarship amounts for

second and third place have been increased to $13,000 and $9,000, respectively. All told, Voice of Democracy contributions amounted to a record $1,440,000 last year. Kimery's VOD theme, by the way, is "Democracy — the Vanguard of Freedom."

On the administration side, Director of Administrative Services John Senk, Jr. covered a host of subjects such as monitoring of emblematic items, disciplinary actions, processing of articles of incorporation and by-laws, charters and consolidations.

Director of Post Services Tom Kissell underscored the importance of the Post election report and provided a status update on Buddy Poppy as well. He urged Posts to sell a record number of poppies on Memorial Day. Other announcements pertained to manufacture of component poppy parts, an assembly-fee increase and creation of a fourth category in the display contest.

Russell Cutright, administrative assistant to the Adjutant General, explained his duties and briefed conference attendees on various projects. One effort that has won the VFW's endorsement is construction of the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C., he said.

VFW's Voice in Washington

Washington Office Executive Director Larry W. Rivers said his staff has essentially a twofold job: serve as the VFW's advocates on Capitol Hill and provide information with a veterans perspective to decision-makers in the nation's capital.

He also pointed out that the principal purpose of the Washington Conference's Congressional Banquet is to honor a member of Congress who has demonstrated steadfast support for veterans concerns. While the Voice of Democracy program is essential, it should not overshadow the essence of the banquet, he said.

Legislative Director Jim Magill encouraged Department Commanders to keep him posted on the pulse of members in the field. "This is the only

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way we know in which direction to move," he said. "The big issue, of course, is now the VA budget," continued Magill, "especially funding for health care."

Concerning a constitutional amendment to prevent desecration of the U.S. Flag, which is now before the Supreme Court, he said the only way the VFW will prevail on this issue is if Congress is flooded with mail and phone calls from members.

Two other legislative priorities — compensation for five cancers associated with exposure to Agent Orange and equitable disability benefits for military retirees (H.R. 303) — will also require sustained pressure by VFW members to ensure passage.

National Veterans Service Director Fred Juarbe discussed the confirmation of retired Marine Lt. Gen. D'Wayne Gray as chief Veterans Benefits Administration director. Among other topics covered were the VA review commission, the role of Post service officers and the VFW's involvement with the Court of Veterans Appeals.

On the defense and foreign policy front, National Security Director Ken Steadman noted the fundamental political and economic changes reshaping the world. With the collapse of the Warsaw Pact in Eastern Europe and the eventual reunification of Germany, "NATO has to be replaced — it's obsolete," he said. While reduction of troops overseas is called for, demobilization is not.

Elsewhere in the world, controversial issues remain unresolved. "An alien ideology in Castro's Cuba is likely to lead to subversion in Central America," according to Steadman. Relations with another Communist regime — Vietnam — are on the agenda, too. The Bush Administration is increasingly moving towards "normalization" of diplomatic ties with Hanoi.

The last day of the conference was devoted to internal business matters and TV interview techniques for the incoming Department Commanders. Overall, the plans laid in Kansas City promise to make '90-'91 an exciting membership year. And one in which the VFW is in the *Vanguard of Excellence.*

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Each Member Makes a Difference

More than two million members make up the VFW, but each individual contributes to make their community, and our country, a great place to live.



When the community of Sidney, Neb. decided to erect a war memorial in remembrance of the many conflicts our country has endured, it wanted to attract visitors from miles around. What better way than to erect a massive 20' by 38' American Flag that waves majestically, 140' high. The project, spearheaded by Korean War veteran Bob Van Vleet and Vietnam vet L.L. "Swede" Nelson, both members of **Post 610**, honors the more than 250 local citizens who've served their country.



Outside **Post 5752** in Mount Joy, Pa., stands a monument honoring the 682 local veterans who served during WWII. Citizens frequently stop by to see the names of friends and relatives who served their country overseas.

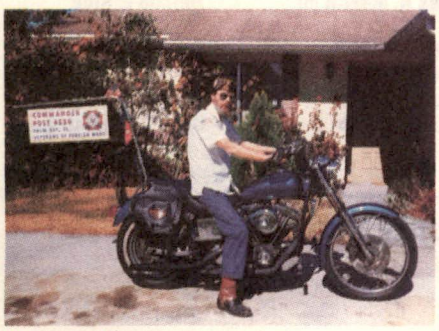
Cheryl Hallgren shows her daughter Susan the names of a great-grandfather, grandfather, and two uncles on the monument.

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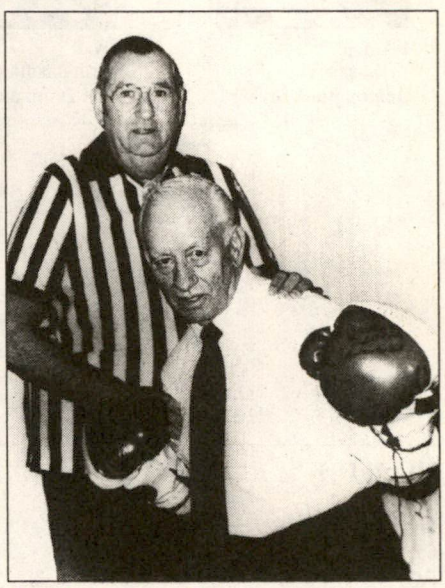
Jody Seljan logs a lot of miles in his distinctive '64 Dodge station wagon, crossing the country and reminding everyone that we still have thousands of veterans from WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam still unaccounted for. This Korean War vet, who was wounded in 1953, has been called the "Paul Revere for veterans," lobbying politicians across the country to vote favorably on veterans issues, persuading businesses to contribute to the funding of the Korean War Memorial, and promoting the Old Sailors' National Crusade.

Reno, Nev. and **Post 3547** can be proud of Seljan's efforts, though with a full slate of events to attend, he's hardly ever in town!



No one's going to tell Mike Feeney, Commander of **Post 4536** in Palm Bay, Fla. that only "old" veterans join the VFW.

While cruising the region on his Harley-Davidson, Feeney promotes numerous VFW activities, convincing local citizens that the VFW has a vital role in the community, encouraging eligible veterans, young and old, to sign up.

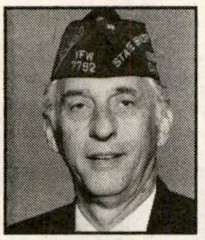


Jack Burnett, Past State Commander of Massachusetts, has his hands full trying to hold back Danny Wambolt, a WWII veteran, and recent inductee to the Veteran Boxing Association Hall of Fame for Ring #4 in Boston. In addition to promoting amateur boxing, "Handsome Dan," a member of **Post 1788** in Rockland, is actively lobbying politicians to preserve veterans entitlements.

April Commanders-of-the-Month

(Number in parentheses indicates number of times Commander has won this honor.)

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Judge Brown (7)



DIV. 2
Minnesota
Michael Brainard (6)



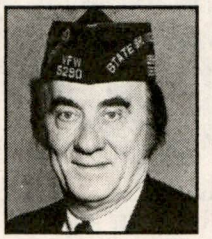
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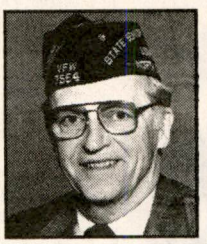
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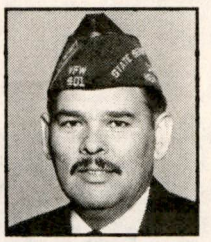
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North Dakota
Otto Evenson (6)



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New Mexico
Joe D. Salas (5)



DIV. 10
Alaska
Leander P. Carr (8)



DIV. 11
Panama Canal
Richard A. Gilman (2)

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DIV. 2
Post 6506
Maryland
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DIV. 3
Post 1326
North Dakota
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Maryland
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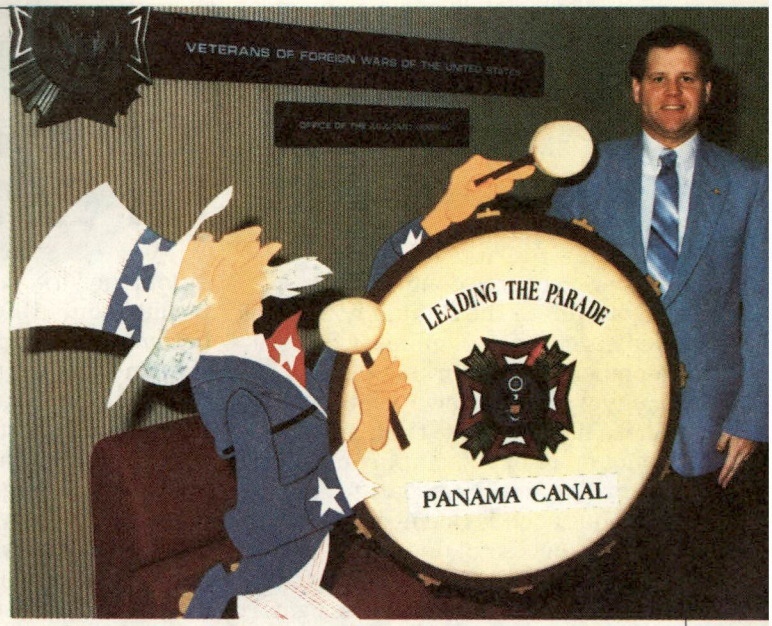
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5	California	102.159
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7	North Dakota	101.650
8	Missouri	101.429
9	Kentucky	101.304
10	Nebraska	101.238
11	Washington	101.169
12	Oregon	101.041
13	Utah	100.984
14	Alabama	100.710
15	Maine	100.639
16	North Carolina	100.617
17	Montana	100.606
18	Arkansas	100.508
19	Indiana	100.353
20	Europe	100.324
21	Nevada	100.324
22	Maryland	100.313
23	Wisconsin	100.236
24	Rhode Island	100.141
25	Wyoming	100.080
26	Minnesota	100.021
27	Delaware	99.956
28	Arizona	99.845
29	South Carolina	99.716
30	New Hampshire	99.710
31	Michigan	99.702
32	Florida	99.654
33	Texas	99.630
34	Ohio	99.626
35	Connecticut	99.607
36	Vermont	99.551
37	New York	99.539
38	District of Columbia	99.469
39	Kansas	99.429
40	Illinois	99.385
41	Virginia	99.383
42	Louisiana	99.373
43	Iowa	99.361
44	Massachusetts	99.218
45	South Dakota	98.802
46	Pennsylvania	98.784
47	Idaho	98.754
48	West Virginia	98.750
49	Oklahoma	98.525
50	New Jersey	98.323
51	Colorado	98.166
52	Tennessee	96.446
53	Mississippi	95.623
54	Pacific Areas	93.384



Panama Canal led all Departments in membership growth in April. Membership Director Larry LeFebvre is in the background.

Posts of 1,000 Members or More

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Place	Post No.	Location	1989-90 Membership
1	1114	Evansville, IN	4450
2	5555	Richfield, MN	2817
3	3579	Park Ridge, IL	2713
4	628	Sioux Falls, SD	2682
5	6506	Rosedale, MD	2617
6	1146	St. Clair Shores, MI	2569
7	1064	Huntington, WV	2380
8	49	Mobile, AL	2257
9	2539	Gulfport, MS	2255
10	131	Lincoln, NE	2243
11	1308	Alton, IL	2241
12	1273	Rapid City, SD	2168
13	1296	Bloomington, MN	2167
14	47	Uniontown, PA	1996
15	360	Mishawaka, IN	1981
16	401	Albuquerque, NM	1950
17	3382	Kingsport, TN	1939
18	969	Tacoma, WA	1906
19	2503	Omaha, NE	1799
20	1079	Elyria, OH	1798
21	2290	Manville, NJ	1786
21	283	Kingston, PA	1786
23	379	Yakima, WA	1781
24	549	Tucson, AZ	1772
25	641	Columbia, SC	1769
26	1736	Alexandria, LA	1768
27	1275	Lima, OH	1736
28	249	Butler, PA	1729
29	1599	Chambersburg, PA	1720
30	112	Wichita, KS	1716
31	972	Terre Haute, IN	1685
32	6796	Dallas, TX	1684
33	9223	Arlington, CA	1668
34	5263	Fort Sill, OK	1661
35	3777	Festus, MO	1654
36	1326	Bismarck, ND	1639
37	6640	Metairie, LA	1638
38	9186	San Antonio, TX	1631
39	367	Joliet, IL	1617
40	2940	W. Seneca, NY	1607
41	2704	South Omaha, NE	1599
42	6975	Bristol, VA	1597
43	2529	Sandusky, OH	1595
43	10209	Spring Hill, FL	1595
45	8541	San Antonio, TX	1588
46	1989	Indiana, PA	1587
47	7330	Oakville, CT	1579
47	891	Asheville, NC	1579
49	2754	West View, PA	1561
50	6251	Cheektowaga, NY	1556
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52	1650	Topeka, KS	1508
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54	3982	Santa Clara, CA	1505
55	1432	Salina, KS	1502
56	1810	Brentwood, PA	1474
57	5632	Saint Louis Park, MN	1471
58	9619	Morningside, MD	1465
59	8919	El Paso, TX	1463
60	9083	Baltimore, MD	1428
61	1000	Independence, MO	1422
62	3790	Logansport, IN	1421
63	4057	Tupelo, MS	1418
64	5225	West Memphis, AR	1416
65	1621	Janesville, WI	1415
66	3838	Cape Girardeau, MO	1414
67	3851	Carmi, IL	1407
68	6874	Lemon Grove, CA	1406
69	4087	Davison, MI	1400
70	428	Saint Cloud, MN	1392
71	832	South Portland, ME	1389
71	4809	Norfolk, VA	1389
73	788	Cedar Rapids, IA	1382
74	696	Owensboro, KY	1378
75	733	Mason City, IA	1369
76	53	Jamestown, NY	1365
77	305	Eau Claire, WI	1362
78	6704	Mechanicsburg, PA	1356
79	295	South St. Paul, MN	1351
80	4848	Chattanooga, TN	1343
81	501	Denver, CO	1341
82	1865	Kenosha, WI	1339
83	137	Duluth, MN	1338
84	2702	Huntsville, AL	1336
85	7175	Millington, TN	1330
86	573	Clarksburg, WV	1327
87	7987	New Port Richey, FL	1318
88	2012	Abilene, TX	1313
89	447	Albert Lea, MN	1311
90	639	Malden, MA	1305
90	1003	Jefferson City, MO	1305
92	2111	Chula Vista, CA	1296
93	23	Lebanon, PA	1293
94	1857	Oklahoma City, OK	1289
94	1154	Lafayette, IN	1289
96	1639	Willmar, MN	1271
97	4051	Colorado Springs, CO	1266
98	9191	Killeen, TX	1265
99	1848	Jackson, TN	1264
100	9972	Sierra Vista, AZ	1262
101	1115	Hillsville, VA	1259
102	1475	Amarillo, TX	1249
103	1990	Greeneville, TN	1248
104	10097	Fort Myers Beach, FL	1244
105	2947	Fremont, OH	1243
106	4075	Frankfort, KY	1240
107	5206	Hendersonville, NC	1237
108	1536	Sayre, PA	1232
109	1435	Spokane, WA	1231
110	6896	Detroit, MI	1214
111	1271	Central Falls, RI	1213
112	762	Fargo, ND	1212
112	1216	Austin, MN	1212
114	2199	Joliet, IL	1208
115	1693	New Albany, IN	1205
116	1	Denver, CO	1204
116	4372	Odessa, TX	1204
118	2280	Bellevue, NE	1195
119	1863	Solon, OH	1188
119	9400	Sunnyslope, AZ	1188
121	10017	Ashland, KY	1184
122	6240	Russell, KS	1181
123	7069	Clarks Summit, PA	1180
124	3074	Lexington, NC	1179
125	3376	Ephrata, PA	1175
126	5290	Conyers, GA	1173
127	7119	Indianapolis, IN	1171
128	2148	Waco, TX	1167
129	194	Salisbury, MD	1165
130	577	Tulsa, OK	1160
131	2346	Saugus, MA	1156
132	1383	Klamath Falls, OR	1150
133	4667	Marion, VA	1144
134	9337	Gastonia, NC	1142
135	425	Hopkins, MN	1139
136	2743	Norwalk, OH	1134
137	1720	Grand Rapids, MN	1130
138	5065	Sheridan, MI	1129
139	9927	Kettering, OH	1126
140	388	Wausau, WI	1124
141	6827	Saint Petersburg, FL	1123
142	1474	Spokane, WA	1117
143	1590	Daytona Beach, FL	1111
144	4903	Tucson, AZ	1110
145	1212	Parkersburg, WV	1107
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The Chaplain's Corner

By the Rev. A.G. Parker
National Chaplain

The scriptures compare the church to the human body. This body is composed of many diverse members, each working in harmony with its fellow members. These members are thought of as being more or less important according to their separate function, but each is deemed essential for the successful operation of the whole body. Each member is to be responsible for their own assigned duty and not to meddle in that work which is the responsibility of another.

VFW is also an organization composed of individual members. When each member is occupied with the task which has been assigned him, he will have no opportunity to hamper the efforts of others. Each member is to endeavor for the good of all, not fettered by envy and petty jealousies.

Mr. Chairman, if you are not given the opportunity to present the report you have labored so long on, if no one seems to know or care what you do, if the article you submitted winds up in the corner of a back page, or not at all, rest in the assurance of knowing you have done your best for the good of all.

The responsibility for the VFW's reputation rests squarely on the shoulders of each of its individual members. You are a part of the whole and if any member commits an indiscretion the whole body is blamed for the transgression. Reproach is cast upon the whole organization because of the activities of one.

In like manner the action of one member can reflect honor upon the whole body. It behooves us therefore to do the job assigned us without murmuring and to walk circumspectly for the good of this great organization to which we belong. When each of us plants or waters according to our abilities, then God will give the increase.

"Free" Life Membership Offered For Early Dues Payment

Join the *Vanguard of Excellence* by paying your 1991 dues early and become eligible for a *free* Life Membership and an expense-paid trip to the VFW National Convention in New Orleans in August 1991.

Individuals who pay their 1991 dues before Aug. 31, 1990 will be placed in a drawing for one of 125 free Life Memberships. Any new 1991 Life Member who is drawn will receive a refund of the Life Membership fee.

Anyone who pays their 1991 dues prior to Sept. 30, 1990 will have an opportunity to win one of three expense-paid trips to the National Convention in New Orleans in August 1991.

You have a chance in both drawings by being an *Early Bird* and paying your 1991 dues prior to Aug. 31, 1990. In addition, you will receive an *Early Bird* sticker for your dues card.

The VFW is completing its 35th consecutive year of growth and is running ahead in the number of new and reinstated members joining our organization. The only way we can continue to grow and promote the outstanding community activity programs we sponsor is through continued growth.

Ask someone who is eligible to join! There are many veterans all over the nation who would be willing to participate in the workings of the VFW if they were only asked.

Once they become members, we must keep them involved and make them feel needed. A member who is active will not go out the back door, but will encourage others to join and become active, as well.

As we embark on a new decade, we look to the VFW to be in the vanguard of veterans service, community activities, youth programs and in assuring care for less fortunate comrades in hospitals across the country.

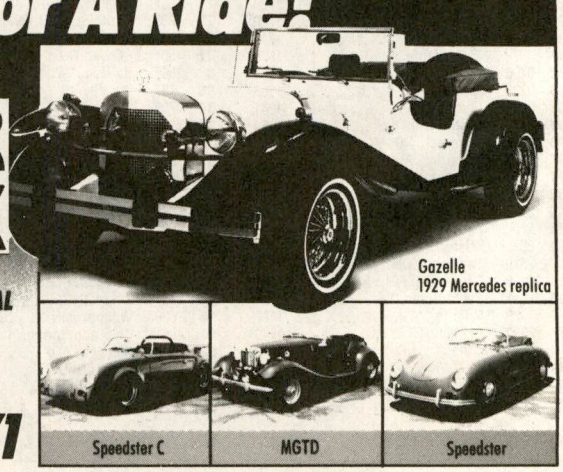
You can ensure that these services continue by renewing your dues for 1991 and by signing up as many new or reinstated members as you can.

Let's make this year the best in our history and prove once again that the Veterans of Foreign Wars is truly the *Vanguard of Excellence.*

UPDATE
VFW Sponsored CHAMPUS Supplement Insurance

All VFW members who requested information on the new VFW Sponsored CHAMPUS Supplement Insurance Plan should have received the information packets in early May 1990. If you requested information and have not yet received your kit, please call the Insurance Department toll free 1-800-821-2606 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Central Time, any business day.

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The Best of VFW Magazine, June 1950

Seeds of Hope

A group of ministers and a salesmen's organization were holding conventions in the same hotel. The catering department was working at top speed, serving dinners to both.

The salesmen were having "spiked watermelon" for dessert. But the harassed chef discovered this alcoholic tidbit was being served to the ministers by mistake. "Quick," he said to the waiter. "If they haven't eaten the watermelon, bring it back and we'll give it to the salesmen."

The waiter reported that it was too late — the ministers were eating the prized dessert.

"Well," demanded the excited chef. "What did they say? How did they like it?"

"Don't know how they liked it," the waiter said, "but they're all putting the seeds in their pockets."

— Detroit Free Press

Live and Learn

When a VFW Post is planning a social gathering, you can close your eyes and tell whether a World War I or World War II veteran is doing the talking. The World War II vets want to invite the wives.

— John C. Wilkinson

Peace — But Fast

This man — a saintly looking old fellow who might have been a deacon — was running to catch his bus. It was raining and the street was full of puddles. Just as he appeared to be winning the race, the bus driver with a fiendish smirk pulled away from the curb and the wheels splashed a shower of muddy water over the old man.

Softly, this kindly one murmured, "May his soul find peace." Still more softly he added, "And the sooner the better."

— True

The Barrymore Touch

The late actor John Barrymore was invited by phone to attend a party to be given by a boring Hollywoodite. He politely replied: "It will be impossible for me to accept because of a previous engagement which I shall make as soon as possible."

— Exchange

Music Lover

Wife: "I can't understand, John, why you always sit on the piano stool when we have company. Everyone knows you can't play a note."

Husband: "I'm well aware of that, dear. Neither can anyone else when I'm sitting there."

— Exchange

Not Dumb Either

Beggar: "Will you give a quarter to a blind man, beautiful lady?"

Lady: "If you are blind, how do you know I'm beautiful?"

Beggar: "Well to tell the truth, I'm not blind."

Lady: "Here's a dollar."

— Exchange

Watch the Dog!

Mr. Brown rushed to the telephone and called the doctor.

"Doctor, Doctor, come at once!" he shouted. "My wife was sleeping with her mouth open and a mouse ran into it."

"I'll be there as soon as possible," said the doctor. "While you're waiting, try waving a piece of cheese in front of your wife's mouth. You may be able to coax the mouse out."

But when the doctor raced into the house, Mr. Brown was waving a fish in front of his wife's mouth.

"Good heaven, man!" said the doctor. "I said cheese. No mouse is going to come out for a fish."

"All right, all right," screamed Brown, "but first we've got to get the cat out."

— Swing

No Introductions Needed

After three weeks of tough fighting in North Italy the ragged, mud-crusted, exhausted survivors of two infantry companies were in "route step" slowly making their way back to their division command post.

None of them was inclined to pay much attention to a portly major in a jeep who halted them.

"What kind of soldiers are you?" he blazed. "Don't you know an officer when you see one? Why don't you salute? Who's in command of this outfit?"

I'm supposed to be, sir," drawled a short, rather stooped individual, whose uniform was in shreds, "but we're just too tired to observe regulations."

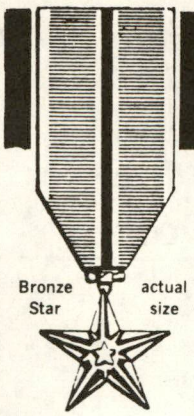
The major "burned" him plenty and was driven on.

The next day the major, who had just arrived from the states on a special mission for the War Department, was being introduced to division officers by the commanding general.

When he was presented to a stocky colonel wearing several combat ribbons, the major's face grew fiery red as he heard a barbed voice:

"I had the boring privilege of meeting the major on the road yesterday."

— Frank Miles



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National Aide-de-Camp, Recruiting Class

The following VFW members have distinguished themselves by qualifying for the National Aide-de-Camp, Recruiting Class award. To be eligible for this award, a member must collect the dues of at least 50 new and/or reinstated members: Bobby Hoggard, Post 4517, Piggott, Ark.; Walter L. Setser, Post 3167, Williamsburg, Ky.; Charles A. Skalos, Post 2754, Pittsburgh, Pa.; L.H. Moyer, Post 10256, St. Stephen, S.C.; Glen Heath, Post 3779, Junction, Texas; Leonard Perron, Post 2158, Winchendon, Mass.

Century Award

The following VFW members have distinguished themselves by qualifying for the Century Award. To be eligible for this award, a member must collect the dues of at least 100 new and/or reinstated members: Albert D. Hall, Post 4447, Helena, Ark.; Bobby Hoggard, Post 4517, Piggott, Ark.; Ernest O. Kyler, Post 1932, Red Bluff, Calif.; Jerald E. Thomas, Post 9657, Rosamond, Calif.; Charles R. Shaffner, Post 10097, Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; Charles M. Naucke, Post 3777, Festus-Crystal City, Mo.; Ernest E. Elliott, Post 3777, Festus-Crystal City, Mo.; Steven A. Collis, Post 6699, Paramus, N.J.; William Seagraves, Post 9582, Vandalia, Ohio; L.O. Mounce, Post 3656, Bristow, Okla.; L.H. Moyer, Post 10256, Goose Creek, S.C.; Homer D. Detrich, Post 1503, Dale City, Va.; LeRoy S. Powers, Post 305, Eau Claire, Wis.

GENERAL ORDERS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

1989-90 Series **General Orders No. 9**

1. The following appointments to National Committees are hereby announced: NATIONAL AIDE-DE-CAMP, MEDAL OF HONOR CLASS: Members: Richard H. O'Kane, Post 1928, Concord, Calif.; Max Thompson, Post 5198, Canton, N.C.
2. Installing officers are directed to see to it that the Post Election Report forms have been completed and mailed to Department and National Headquarters prior to installing Post Officers. If a Post Election Report form has not been forwarded to Department and National Headquarters at the time of installation the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time of the installation of Post Officers.
3. Post, County Council, District, Department Commander, Adjutants and Quartermasters are reminded of the requirements of Sections 216 (c), 316, 414 (c) and 515 (c) of the National By-Laws with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly elected and appointed officers. Elected and appointed officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility within 60 days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant.
4. Attention of Post Adjutants is directed to Section 107 Manual of Procedure Transfers. Forms P-150 are available through Department Headquarters or may be requested from National Headquarters and shall be completed before accepting a member by transfer from another Post.
5. Department Adjutants will forward a complete roster of the newly elected and appointed Department Officers to the Adjutant General immediately following their installation at the Department Convention.
6. Attention of Department Quartermasters is directed to Section 517, Manual of Procedure "Duty of Department Quartermaster" paragraph (g), which states: "The Department Quartermaster shall prepare a tentative budget for the financial operations for the ensuing year. Said budget must be in general conformance with forms provided by National Headquarters and shall set forth all estimated receipts and anticipated expenditures. Restricted funds shall be budgeted separately in every instance and the budget shall be in balance. The tentative budget must be submitted to the Department Council of Administration for consideration at its first meeting following the Department Convention. Final action must be taken on the adoption of the budget at said meeting and when adopted shall be the expenditure guide for the Department. One copy of the approved budget must be forwarded to the Adjutant General."

   Attention is further directed to paragraph (1) Dues Reserve which states: "He shall set up and maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than fifty percent of a current year's dues received prior to July 1. He shall not disburse nor shall an obligation be incurred against this fund until after July 1, at which time all moneys to the credit of the fund shall be transferred to the Department General Fund for expenditure in accordance with the approved Department budget."
7. Section 222 of the National Manual of Procedure and By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention at the last meeting in June. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing at the time of election.
8. Delegate strength of each Post to the National Convention shall be based on the National dues received by the Quartermaster General as of July 6 except for Posts that are chartered after that date.
9. Section 222 of the National By-Laws requires that each Post shall register, in advance, one or more delegates to the National Convention. Advance registration fee is six dollars ($6.00) per delegate and should be mailed to Quartermaster General, VFW National Headquarters, Kansas City, Missouri 64111. Registration at the National Convention will be $8.00.
10. Effective May 22, 1990, all correspondence for the National Convention Director should be sent to: Omar Kendall Director, VFW 91st National Convention, 200 West Lombard Street, Office 116, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-2517.

    The Convention office will be open Tuesday, May 22, 1990 and office hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

    All requests for room reservations should be mailed to Department Adjutant/Quartermasters.
11. Attention is called to the provisions of Section 703 National By-Laws which require that each accountable officer of this Organization shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, as far as can be anticipated, he may be accountable. The bond premium shall be paid from the funds of the National Organization, Department, District, County Council or Post as the case may be, to which each officer is accountable. The bonds of such accountable officers in the amount and as to the surety shall be approved by their respective units and held by their respective commanding officers. The Commander of each unit shall be responsible for the proper and adequate bonding of all accountable officers in his unit.
12. Attention is called to the provisions of Section 517, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Department Commander, paragraph (f), which require that the Department Commander shall see that the office of the Department Quartermaster is bonded in an amount to insure good and sufficient security, to be approved by the Council of Administration.
13. Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure, Duty of Post Commander, requires that the Post Commander shall see that the Post Trustees Reports of Audit are properly prepared and submitted each quarter.
14. Attention of incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, which outlines the duties of various Post Officers.
15. It has been brought to the attention of this Headquarters that there are Post Honor Guards that have been charging fees to conduct military funerals for veterans. Such practices are contrary to the resolution adopted by the 85th National Convention prohibiting VFW Posts from charging fees for military or other funeral services for veterans, which resolution is held to be in full force and effect. All concerned are reminded

that any Post found to be in deliberate violation of this resolution will be subject to discipline and/or censor.

16. Attention of Department Commanders-elect is directed to Section 515, paragraph (c) of the National By-Laws which provides that the Commander of each Department shall appoint an Adjutant, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Historian, Service Officer, Legislative Officer, Public Relations Officer, Employment Officer and such other officers and committees as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities and functions of the Department and the lawful directives of the Commander-in-Chief.

It is recommended that the appointment of the Public Relations Officer be based upon the appointee's credentials as a media representative with specific emphasis upon qualifications and continuity rather than political criteria.

It is also recommended that consideration be given in the preparation and adoption of Department budgets and to the importance and necessity for providing adequate financial support for Department Public Relations activities.

17. Certificates of charters evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts: Posts 7601 and 10449 consolidated as Post No. 7601, Republican City, Neb.; Posts 1513 and 1780 consolidated as Post No. 1513, Escondido, Calif.; Posts 5518 and 6585 consolidated as Post No. 5518, Elk River, Minn.; Posts 4242 and 3688 consolidated as Post No. 4242, Raytown, Mo.; Posts 10893 and 7990 consolidated as Post No. 10893, Neenah, Wis.

18. Charters for the following Posts have been authorized: ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHARTERS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS: Post 6739, Camp Verde, Ariz.; Post 7199, Heber City, Utah; Post 7257, Washington, District of Columbia; Post 7405, Fort Clayton, Republic of Panama; Post 7406, Bardstown, Ky.; Post 8477, Whiteville, N.C.; Post 9080, Anderson, Alaska; Post 9892, Baguio City, Philippines (Pacific Areas); Post 10943, Durham, Calif.; Post 10944, Cupertino, Calif.; Post 10975, Argued, Puerto Rico; Post 10976, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Post 10977, Santa Maria, Calif.; Post 10978, Nipomo, Calif.; Post 10979, San Pedro, Calif.; Post 10987, West Orange, N.J.; Post 10988, East Orange, N.J.; Post 10989, Cherry Hill, N.J.; Post 10992, Plymouth, N.C.

By Command of
Walter G. Hogan
Commander-in-Chief

OFFICIAL:
Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr.
Adjutant General

CLAIMS

Readers are urged to help these veterans seeking claim substantiation statements. Respond directly to the person listed at the end of the claim assistance request.

If you have need of assistance in preparing a claim, contact your local VFW Service Officer. They are located at VA medical centers and regional offices.

Hedron, FAW-2 (Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, Spring 1945)—Seeking doctor/nurse who worked in quonset hut sickbay near mess hall—Alvin Fletcher, 162 Marvin Rd, Ormond Beach FL 32176.

901st ABS Bn, Co B (1944-45)—Seeking fellow service buddies who remember me—Clarence Gaines, 317 Octave, Pasco WA 99301.

84th Engr Cons Bn, Co C—Seeking anyone who remembers me becoming very sick with severe fever and chills while working on Freedom Gate Bridge across Imjim River, esp Lt Sykes, Sgt Sword, others—Lloyd Metz, RR2, Box 43, Fairbury IL 61739.

8th AF, 95th Bomb Sqdn (Pusan, Korea, 1952-53)—Seeking Lt Horitz from WVa who can verify my injury and hospitalization—Robert Griffin, 4694 W Vaughn, Merced CA 95340.

82d Abn, 82d Sig Bn, Co A (Feb or Mar, 1967)—Seeking anyone who remembers my static line injury during a jump—Floyd Lindsay, POB 191, Island Falls ME 04747.

40th Div, 160th Inf (Philippines, 1943-44)—Seeking anyone who remembers when I had malaria and impetigo, esp nurse Rose Mertz or nurse Sterns—Ellsworth Gross, POB 1046, Forsyth MT 59327.

361st Sig Bn, Co B/5th Comm, 3d Mar Div/620th TCS, USAF/588th Sig Co (Dong Hoi Combat Base, Vietnam, March-Dec 1969)—Seeking anyone to substantiate enemy incoming fire, esp Capt RA Julian and Sgt 1st Class Joseph Zwinski—Robert Hayden, c/o DAV Service Center, 1830 8th Ave, Greeley CO 80631.

USS Okanogan APA220 (Dec 1947-1950)—Seeking men who served with me in Engineering Div—Joseph Flatley, 152 Beach St, Jersey City NJ 07094.

936th FA Bn, Btry B (Korea 1952)—Seekinganyone who remembers me being wounded in right leg approx 1¼ miles southeast of Hill 355 on East Central Front North Korea during heavy enemy artillery shelling; also anyone who remembers my witnessing switchboard bunker fire in late Feb that fatally injured fellow soldier Mar 5, 1952, esp Howard Helm, Theodore Antuwitz, Bob Adams—Jerry Sparks, 501 East Southern Ave, Springfield OH 45505.

Pacific Areas (1943-45)—Need to hear from anyone who suffered loss of eyesight—RT Eikhof, 5 Archer Dr, Monroe NY 10950.

122d Maint Bn, Co B (Grafenwohr, Germany, field exercise Jan-Feb 1964)—Need to hear from anyone who remembers my fall into basement of field garage, injuring upper and lower back, esp Dabney Armstrong (NY) and Jack Gregory (NM)—Hurshel Teeples, Rt 1, Box 162, El Dorado Springs MO 64744.

23d QM Grp APO 301, 506th QM Co (Supply) (May 1954-Apr 30, 1955)—Seeking former members, esp Hill, Wolf Diaz, Harris—Martin Lucci, 104 Spartan Ave, Staten Island NY 10303.

106th Inf, 423d Inf Rgt (France, Aug 15, 1945)—Seeking Jack Bier, Nunzio Costrino, James Bounds, others, to substantiate claim—Irving Brown, Box 89, Washington St, RD 6, Dallas PA 18612.

USS Medusa (So Pac, WWII)—Seeking anyone who remembers my being relieved of my duties in galley due to skin problem on my hands—Paul Guynes, 1451 Bennett Creek Dr, Cottage Grove OR 97424.

USS Ibis 134/USS LST463 (1942-43)—Seeking anyone who can verify my hearing loss due to high level engine noise, esp Merretti—Earl Crandall, Box 294, Newell SD 57760.

82d Abn Div, 307th Air Med Co (Leicester, England 1944)—Seeking someone to verify my fall and injury during practice jump resulting in injury to right hip—Angelo Equi, 2 Atrium Way, #204, Elmhurst IL 60126.

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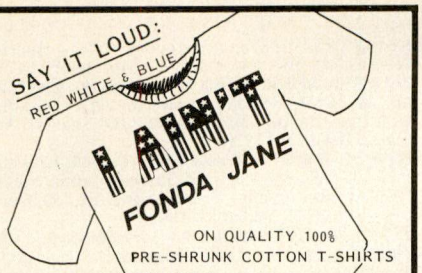
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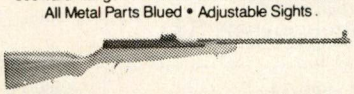
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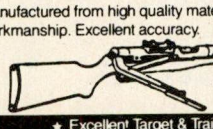
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JUNE

ARMY (June)

41st Inf Div Assn — June 8-10, St Cloud MN—Ray Doering, 12843 37th St, Clear Lake MN 55319.
294th JASCO — June, Cincinnati OH—Hubert Shearing, 5300 Hamilton Ave, Apt 310, Cincinnati OH 45224.
434th Engr Cons Bn, Co A — June 23-24, Rolla MO—Don McHenry, POB 1035, Lufkin TX 75902.
448th AAA AW Bn — June 21-23, Columbus OH—James Egem, 40936 N Prairie Ave, Antioch IL 60002.

NAVY (June)

34th CB — June 15-17, Pittsburgh PA—WH Foster, 2370 Dayna Way, Merced CA 95340.
USS Reno (WWII) — June 16, Mt Pleasant SC—Emelie Trebino, 343 Dairy Rd, Auburn CA 95603.

JULY

ALL BRANCHES (July)

Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Assn — July 4-8, New Orleans LA—Phil Marshall, Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Assn, 7 W Seventh St, Suite 1940, Cincinnati OH 45202.

ARMY (July)

75th Rangers, LRP, LRRP (Vietnam) —July 12-15, Colorado Springs CO—Bill Nix, P.O. Box 670174, Marietta, GA 30066.

MARINES (July)

1st Mar Div, 3d Bn, Ist Rgt, Co L (1968-70) — July 14-15, Redwood City CA—Arthur Indie, 2011 Cordilleras Rd, Redwood City, CA 94062.

AUGUST

ALL BRANCHES (August)

Neb Korean Vets — Aug 24-26, Kearney NE—Bill Vost, 424 East 17th, Grand Island NE 68801.
17th Marines (Engrs, Pioneers & Seabees) — Aug 1- 4, Minneapolis MN—Tom Malone, 1583 Eastwood Dr, Bethlehem PA 18018.

AIR FORCE (August)

45th Air Depot Gp — Aug 16-19, Amarillo TX—Charles Guemelata, 119 Aigler Blvd, Bellevue, OH 44811.
3650th Military Trng Wing — Aug 31-Sept 2, Waterloo NY—Walt Steesy, POB 299, Interlaken NY 14847.

ARMY (August)

8th Army, HQ & HQ Co (WWII) — Aug 24-26, Memphis TN—Elmer McClintock, 4340 N Camino Ferreo, Tucson AZ 85715.
9th Armd Div, 14th Tk Bn, Co B (WWII) — Aug 3-5, Murfreesboro AR—Edward Zuk, 22777 Otter Rd, New Boston MI 48164.
9th Armd Div, 131st Ord Maint Bn — Aug 31-Sept 3, Salina KS—Theodore Huth, 133 E Minneapolis, Salina KS 67401.
16th Evac Hosp (WWII) — Aug 31-Sept 3, Indianapolis IN—Mrs Harold Church, 52 Leitch Ave, Skaneateles NY 13152.
37th Div Vets Assn — Aug 31-Sept 2, Columbus OH— 37th Div Vets Assn, HQ, 65 So Front St, Room 707, Columbus OH 43215.
40th Comb Engr Nat Assn — Aug 27-Sept 1, Lakeland FL—George Weiler, 1753 Tamarack St, So Milwaukee WI 53172.
41st Inf Div, 163d Inf (WWII) — Aug 31-Sept 2, Harlowton MT—Hugh Reynolds, Box 755, Harlowton MT 59036.
78th Div Vets Assn, 311th Inf — Aug 15-19, Pittsburgh PA—Jack Dillman, 9067 Shadetree Dr, Cincinnati OH 45242.
94th Gas Treatment Bn (WWII) —Aug 12-15, Ashville, NC—James Anderson, 552 Conner Creek Dr, Fishers IN 46038.
153rd Engr Bn — Aug, Willow Grove, PA—John Mantini, Rd #3 Box 214, Hollsopple PA 15935.
273d FA Bn — Aug 17-19, St Louis MO—G Russell AufderHeide, 2326 Noll Dr, St Louis MO 63136.
526th Armd Inf Bn — Aug, Post Falls ID—Wesley Damron, 533 Richland, Pocatello ID 83201.
2072 QM Truck Co (1943-45) —Aug 30-Sept 4, Indianapolis IN—Gene Blaich, Box 176, RR 2, Shelbyville, IN 46176.
Merrill's Marauders Assn — Aug 31-Sept 2, Savannah GA—George Rose, 6407 Portsmouth Blvd, Portsmouth VA 23701.

MARINES (August)

Mar Det, Bermuda (1954-57) — Aug 21-26, San Francisco CA—Mike Capochiano, 35-41 80th St, Apt 31, Jackson Heights NY 11372.

NAVY (August)

Co 377 (San Diego) — Aug 25, Oklahoma City OK—Bill Morrison, 8913 Cecile Pl, Spencer OK 73084.
NAS Oceana Tower Crew (1951-56) — Aug 17-19, Omaha NE—Troy Pate, East Coast Fed Savings Bank, POB 10769, Goldsboro NC 27532.
USS Aylwin — Aug 25-26, Ainsworth NE—E.W. Davis, 1120 E 4th St, Ainsworth NE 69210.
USS Canfield — Aug 23-25, Baltimore MD—Harry Detwiler, POB 0, LaPlata MD 20646.
USS Hessim DE-DER 400 — Aug 27-29, Baltimore MD— Joseph Carinci, Box 35, RD4, Canastota NY 13032.
USS Lang — Aug 20-23, Hyannis (Cape Cod) MA—Courtenay Chase, Belmont Rd, Box 505, West Harwich MA 02671.
USS Silverstein (WWII & Korea) — Aug 25-Sept 2, Baltimore MD—Jim Denver, 63 Eleanor Rd, Springfield MA 01108.
USS Skirmish AM303—Aug 20-24, Reno NV—Bruce Hyatt, 1084 Brush Hill Rd, Thousand Oaks CA 91360.
USS Talladega APA208—Aug—Albert Verretti, Box 141, Valentine Rd, Pomfret Ctr CT 06259.
USS Tinsman DE589—Aug 26-Sept 1, Baltimore MD—Harold Rhodes, 701 Milligan St, Crawfordsville IN 47933.
USS Topeka CL67 (1944-49)—Aug 9-11, New Orleans LA—James Wilson, 1022 W Abbott St, Muncie IN 47303.
USS Tracy DM19—Aug, Reno NV—LA Orsini, 828 Terika Dr, Follansbee WV 26037.
USS C Turner Joy DD951—Aug, Bremerton WA—Richard Asche, 2992 SE Forest Villa Ct, Port Orchard WA 98366.
USS Vincennes Assn—Aug, Vincennes IN—Robert Nelson, 124 North Bennett St, Geneva IL 60134.
USS Wasatch — Aug 23-25—Vincent Allia, 46 Thorwald Dr, South Dennis MA 02660.
USS Wisconsin BB64—Aug 30-Sept 2, Norfolk VA—Committee, Box BB-64, Rudolph WI 54475.
USS YMS207—Augh 19-23, Reno NV—Joseph Mallard, 20701 Beach Blvd, Sp 39, Huntington Beach CA 92648.
USS YMS398 Minesweeper—Aug 19-23, Reno NV—Homer Lively, 5838 Sherman Ch SW, Canton OH 44706.
VP2/VPML2/VPB130 (Patrol Sqdn Two, 1943-69)—Aug, Oak Harbor WA—Russ Horn, 4443 400th Ave W, Oak Harbor WA 98277.
VPB119/VP7—Aug 10-12, Brunswick ME—Frank Houle, VP7 Reunion Comm, 302 Blairmore Blvd E, Orange Park FL 32073.

SEPTEMBER

ALL BRANCHES (September)

Army/Air Force, 46th and 72nd Recon Squads (1946- 55) — Sept 30-Oct 2, San Antonio TX—Don Stout, 9210 Jole Cove, San Antonio TX 78239.
112 Sta Hosp/263rd Gen Hosp (Calcutta) — Sept, Nashville TN —Keith Straight, 1521 S 29th St, La Crosse WI 54601.
Army/Air Force—306th Airdrome Squad (WWII) — Sept 7-10, Denver CO—Joe Glatfelter, 1714 S Urban Way, Lakewood CO 80228.
Battle of the Bulge — Sept 26-28, Valley Forge PA — VBOB, POB 11129, Arlington VA 22210.
China/Burma/India Vets — Sept 4-9, Dallas TX—Norm Larsen, 5401 Bonnie Wayne, Ft Worth TX 76117.
Christmas Island (WWII) — Sept 13-16, Cooperstown NY—Ernest Garrels, 402 Linn St, Benson IL 61516.
Marines/Navy—CUB 1, MOB 4 — Sept 7, Chicago IL— Jim Nelson, 50 Harrisan St, Brentwood NY 11717.
Himalayan Flyers — Sept 14-16, Dearborn MI—Paul Pauling, 13249 Backus, Southgate MI 48195.
LST Assn — Sept 26-30, St Louis MO—Milan Gunjak, POB 167438, Oregon OH 43616.
LST Sinking in English Channel, April 28, 1944 (Exercise Tiger) —Sept, Monroe WI—Gene Eckstam, 2118 20th Ave, Monroe WI 53566.
Navy Mail Svc Vets — Sept, San Antonio TX—Maynard Hamilton, 5501 Seminary Rd, #1109, Falls Church VA 22041.

Minnesota Korean War Vets, Chap 1 —Sept 14-15, Bloomington MN—Ed Valle, 1639 Stillwater Ave, St Paul MN 55106.
O'Reilly Gen Hosp, (staff and patients) — Sept 19- 21, Springfield MO—Ed Harper, 3400 Magnolia Ave, St Louis MO 63118.
USS Pensacola — Sept 27-29, Omaha NE—Ray Snapp, 3705 Heathwood Dr, Troy OH 45373.
Silver Eagles Assn (Enlisted Pilots of the Navy, Marines & Coast Guard) — Sept 19-21, St. Augustine, Fl—Red O'Laughlin, 750 Winfred Dr. S, Orange Park FL 32073.

AIR FORCE (September)

1st Ftr Gp Assn — Sept 25-28, Las Vegas NV—Harry McConnell, 600 Sherry Dr N, Trotwood OH 45426.
2d Bomb Gp, 429th Bomb Sqdn (WWII) — Sept 6-9, Lafayette LA—Bernard Scalisi, 322 Park Ave, Abbeville LA 70510.
3d Air Depot Gp & supporting units — Sept 20-23, San Antonio TX—Keith Coffman, 221 Maplewood Estates, Scott Depot WV 25560.
4th Air Depot Gp — Sept 2, LeSourdsville OH—James Purt, 1620 E Central, Miamisburg OH 45342.
5th AF, 8th Ftr Cont Sqdn (WWII) —Sept 20-22, Troy OH—George Dickson, 525 N 16th E, Riverton WY 82501.
5th AF, 43d Svc Sqdn—Sept 6-8, Pentwater MI—Howard Schrumpf, Box 740, Pentwater MI 49449.
5th AF, 3d Emergency Rescue Sqdn (South Pacific)—Sept 6-9, Toledo OH—Joseph Horvath, 515 Paine Ave, Toledo OH 43605.
5th AF, 22d AF Gp, 478th Svc Sqdn & 30th Material Sqdn (SW Pacific to Japan)—Sept 15-16, Denver CO—Leo Feauto, POB 12, Jackson NE 68743.
5th AF, 46th Svc Gp, HQ & HQ Sqdn, Svc Sqdns (WWII)—Sept 6-8, Montpelier OH—Selwyn Clark, RR 3, Montpelier OH 43543.
6th Trp Carr Sqdn (1942-45)—Sept 7-9, Dayton OH—Bill Hibner, 643 Crestmont Dr, Dayton OH 45431.
7th Ferrying Gp (WWII)—Sept 12-16, Omaha NE—Bill Mehlhop, 886 Poplar, Box 177, Svracuse NE 68446.
7th Photo Recon Gp (Mount Farm, England) — Sept 30-Oct 4, Las Vegas NV—George Lawson, 4390 14th St NE, St Petersburg FL 33703.
8th AF, 305th Bomb Gp (WWII, Chelveston, England)—Sept 13-16, Dallas TX—Abe Millar, POB 757, Sanger TX 76266.
8th AF, 364th Ftr Gp and support units (WWII, Honington, England)—Sept 19-22, St Louis MO—Dan Leftwich, 6630 Caldero Ct, Dayton OH 45415.
8th AF, 401st Bomb Gp (WWII)—Sept 20-22, Portland OR—Ralph Trout, POB 22044, Tampa FL 33622.
8th AF, New Jersey Chapter (Historical Society)—Sept, Fort Monmouth NJ—Marvin Speidel, 708 Dianne Ct, Rahway NJ 07065.
8th AF, 355th Ftr Gp (WWII, Steeple Morden, England)—Sept 27-30, Williamsburg VA—Bob Kuhnert, 4230 Shroyer Rd, Dayton OH 45429.
8th AF, 458th Bomb Gp—Sept, Dayton OH—DA Trivette, 1791 Utica Dr, Kettering OH 45439.
8th Svc Gp, 11th Svc Sqdn, 482d Svc Sqdn, HQ Sqdn (WWII)—Sept, Lancaster PA—John Heckler, 76 E Harbor Dr, Teaticket MA 02536.
9th AF, 30th Mobil Reclamation & Repair Sqdn—Sept 21-22, Lima OH—Glenn Corder, 415 E Smith, McAlester OK 74501.
9th AF, 74th Svc Gp, 390th Svc Sqdn — Sept 20-22, St Louis MO—Glenn Bock, POB 11, Sherman NY 14781.
9th/12th/15th AF, 376th Hvy Bomb Gp (WWII)—Sept 20-24, St Louis MO—Dick Schoenthal, 366 Shoreline Pl, Decatur IL 62521.
9th AF, 455th BS, 323d BG (M) (Whitetailed Marauders, WWII)—Sept 24-27, Mt Pocono PA—Erhard Reich, 347 Matthews St, Bristol CT 06010.
12th TAC, 401st Sig Co Avn (ETO, WWII) — Sept 7-9, Seattle WA—Mrs Joseph Kranak, 2215 21st Ave So, Seattle WA 98144.
13th AF, 11th Airdrome Sqdn—Sept, Evansville IN—Pete Scaggiari, 4817 Sweetser Ave, Evansville IN 47715.
14th AF, 23d FG, 75th Ftr Sqdn (China, WWII)—Sept 7-10, New Orleans LA—Myron Levy, 11933 Claychester Dr, Des Peres MO 63131.
15th Tact Recon Sqdn—Sept 26-30, Syracuse NY—Carl Barton, 514 Chestnut St, Fulton NY 13069.
15th AF, 324th Air Svc Gp, 50th Air Svc Sqdn (WWII)—Sept, Cape Girardeau MO—Vincent Miget, Rt 6, Box 127, Jackson MO 63755.
15th AF, 485th Bomb Gp—Sept 6-9, Dayton OH—EL Bundy, 5773 Middlefield Dr, Columbus OH 43235.
15th ADG, 2486 QMTC—Sept, Jefferson City MO—William Shaefer, 1059 Country Club Dr, Jefferson City MO 65109.
18th Rep Sqdn—Sept 28-30, Florence KY—Charles Niewahner, 118 Floral Ave, Elsmere KY 41018.
20th AF, HQ (Guam, 1945-46) — Sept 6-9, Dayton OH — Rose Penrod, 408 E Colorado Ave, Casey IL 62420.
20th Air Depot Sup Sqdn—Sept, Osage Beach MO—Joe & Dee Long, 1212 S Quincy Ave, Sedalia MO 65301.
20th Comb Mapping Sqdn (WWII)—Sept 12-16, Virginia Beach—David Ecoff, 13850 Tulane St, Brookfield WI 53005.
20th Trp Carr Sqdn (WWII)—Sept, Dayton OH—Starr Thompson, 1216 Calle Arroyo, Thousand Oaks CA 91360.
20th AF, 369th HQ, Sqdn/2d AF, 369th Sqdn (1944-46)—Sept 6-9, Dayton OH—Landis Ickes, Box 252, Osterburg PA 16667.
22d Tow Tgt Sqdn—Fall, Hickory NC—Larry Eckard, POB 5145, Hickory NC 28603.
27th ATG, 310/311/312th Ferrying Sqdns (ETO, WWII)—Sept19-21, Gatlinburg TN—Rocky Bravo, 2712 NW 64th St, Oklahoma City OK 73116.
28th Photo Recon Sqdn (WWII) — Sept 9-15, Williamsburg VA—Ray Ott, 24 High Acres Rd, Ansomia CN 06401.
29-4 Weather Sqdn, Azores (1955-57)—Sept, Chicago IL—Dave Hanson, 5101 Williston Rd, Minnetonka MN 55343.
34th Air Depot Gp (WWII)—Sept, Kansas City MO—Nolan Price, 12318 W 61st St, Shawnee KS 66216.
38th Bomb Gp (WWII)—Sept 12-16, Dayton OH—Allen Barbour, 20706 Haynes St, Canoga Park CA 91306.
51st Ftr Gp, HQ, 16/25/26/449th Sqdns—Sept 20-22, Rapid City SD—Robert Haines, 1720 13th Ave, Belle Fourche SD 57717.
51st Trp Carr Wing, HQ Sqdn (WWII)—Sept 21-23, Fort Wayne IN—Bob Sauer, 3919 Wawonaissa Trail, Fort Wayne IN 46809.
52d Air Svc Gp, 86th/72d Air Svc Sqdn (CBI, WWII, 1943-46)—Sept 14-16, Johnson City TN—John Hillenbrand, 4 Avondale Cir, Johnson City TN 37604.
57th Gp, 66th Ftr Sqnd—Sept, Rapid City SD—Daryl Benson, 1608 Jamaica, Aurora CO 80010.
58th Ftr Control Sqdn (WWII, Aleutians)—Sept, Kansas City MO—William Smith, 112 Western St, Leavenworth KS 66048.
72d Observation Gp, Tow Target Det (Panama, 1942-44)—Sept 14-16, Dayton OH—Bus Bonucchi, 534 North 10th St, Clinton IN 47842.
75th Air Depot Wing (Texas, Korea, Japan, France, 1952-56)—Sept 6-9, Harrisburg PA—Warren Street, 2805 Winslow St, Irving TX 75062.
75th Air Police Sqdn (Texas, Korea, Japan, 1952-56)—Sept, Harrisburg PA—Kenneth Brunmeier, POB 181, Onida SD 57564.
75th Bomb Sqdn—Sept, Denver CO—Jerry Berg, 6338 Kevin Ave, Cheyenne WY 82009.
85th Depot Rep Sqdn—Sept, Xenia OH—Marion Poland, 1770 Stewart Rd, Xenia OH 45385.
89th Airdrome Sqdn (CBI)—Sept 20-22, Williamsport PA—Howard Peterson, Reunion HQ, 89th Airdrome Sqdn, 723 Arch St, Williamsport PA 17701.
91st Dep Sup Sqdn—Sept, El Paso TX—BC Porter, 2132 Avon St, Saginaw MI 48602.
92d Bomb Gp—1/11 CCRC Mem Corp—Sept 13-17, Sacramento CA—Jack Kleinsorg, 1145 Oxford Rd, Burlingame CA 94010.

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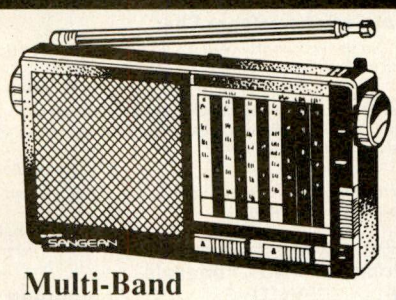
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92d Periodic Maint Sqdn—Sept 21-22, Nashville IN—Paul Scnade, 553 School St, St Marys PA 15857.
97th Bomb Wing (1946-59)—Sept 27-29, Orlando FL—CW Seymour, 5365 Monterrey Rd, Crestview FL 32536.
116th Observ Sqdn, Washington Air National Guard (ordered to active duty Sept 16, 1940; extended in 1941 for duration of WWII)—Sept 20-22, Spokane WA—Dean Ormsby, E 814 Empire, Spokane WA 99207.
32d Bomb Sqdn, 301st Bomb Gp (H) (WWII)—Sept, Minneapolis MN—Wilton Syverson, 6108 Valewood Dr, Minnetonka MN 55345.
301st Vets Assn—Sept 20-23, Dayton OH—Charles McKeag, 327 Johnston Rd, Gahenna OH 43230.
303d Air Refuel Sqdn (SAC) (Bermuda, 1956-60)—Sept 7-9, Colorado Springs CO—Troy Hanson, 1033 Garlock Ln, Colorado Springs CO 80918.
306th Bomb Gp (H) (1942-45)—Sept 6-9, San Antonio TX—C Dale Briscoe, 7829 Timber Top Dr, Boerne TX 78006.
314th TC Gp, 61st TC Sqdn (WWII)—Sept 13-15, Indianapolis IN—Gene Douersberger, RR1, Box 61, Tipton IN 46072.
315th TC Gp—Sept, Norfolk VA—Bob Cloer, 1417 Valley View Dr, Yuba City CA 95993.
317th Air Svc Sqdn (WWII, N Africa/Italy)—Sept 28-29, Cherry Hill NJ—Al Peak, 1025 Chesterfield Rd, Haddonfield NJ 08033.
317th TC Gp, 46th TC Sqdn—Sept 13-16, Columbus OH—Richard Brown, 509 Clay St, Carey OH 43316.
319th Bomb Gp—Sept, King of Prussia PA—Joseph Madrano, 8308 Springtown, Converse TX 78109.
320th Bomb Gp—Sept 13-15, New Orleans LA—Stu Rowan, 108 Aspen, Hereford TX 79045.
329th Svc Sqdn (Sta 102, Alconbury, 1943-45, eventually became part of 482d BG (P) Pathfinders)—Sept 30-Oct 4, Las Vegas NV—Denny Scanlan, 482nd BG Assn, One Scanlan Plaza, St Paul MN 55107-1629.
337th Gp, 304th Ftr Sqdn (Pinellas AFB, WWII)—Sept, San Antonio TX—Charles Aikman, 1415 Nabors Ln, Odessa TX 79761.
348th Ftr Gp, 341st Ftr Sqdn (WWII)—Sept, Miami FL—Orlow Johnston, 237 NE 141st St, North Miami FL 33161.
366th Ftr Gp, 389/390/391st Sqdns—Sept, Dayton OH—John Peterson, POB 392, Harrodsburg KY 40330.
366th Ftr Gp (389/390/391 Sqdns) — Sept, Dayton OH—Harry Hayes, POB 183, 125 West St, Black River NY 13612.
375th TC Gp — Sept, Valley Forge PA—Eugene Diemand, 625 So Wheaton Ave, Wheaton IL 60187.
388th Bomb Gp Assn—Sept 19-23, Anaheim CA—Edward Huntzinger, 1925 SE 37th St, Cape Coral FL 33904.
375th TC Gp—Sept, Valley Forge PA—Eugene Diemand, 625 S Wheaton Ave, Wheaton IL 60187.
387th BG (M), 558th Bomb Sqdn—Sept 19-22, St Louis MO—Ms Virginia Turner, Rt 3, Box, Lawrenceville IL 62439-9430.
391st BG, 572/573/574/575th Sqdns—Sept 13-15, Scottsdale AZ—Robert Vincent, RD2, Box 16, Blossvale NY 13308.
395th Sig Co Avn — Sept 14-16, St Charles IL—William Sand, 36 W 312 Ferson Creek, St Charles IL 60174.
401st BG Assn (H)—Sept 19-22, Portland OR—Ralph Trout, POB 22044, Tampa FL 33622.
416th Bomb Sqdn & Northwest Ninety-Niners—Sept 13-15, Seattle WA—CD Boggs, E 250 Woodland Dr, Shelton WA 98584.
435th TC Gp, HQ (WWII)—Sept 27-29, Portland OR—Gene Fosburg, 1678 Woodbine Circle So, Galesburg IL 61401.
437th TC Gp Assn—Sept, Portland OR—Robert Maycan, 360 Walker Ave, Greenacres City FL 33463.
440th Sig Cons Bn HV (Avn) — Sept 30-Oct 1, Branson MO—GK Smith, 627 St Louis St, Lewisburg PA 17837.
447th Sub Depot of 351st BG (Sta 110, Polebrook, England, WWII)—Sept 20-23, Dayton OH—Frederick Larsen, 608 Frank Satterfield Rd, Perry GA 31069.
451st BG (H) (WWII)—Sept 6-9, Omaha NE—Robert Karstensen, 1032 S State St, Marengo IL 60152.
459th BG Assn—Sept 6-9, San Francisco CA—Lyle McCarty, 19235 Harleigh Dr, Saratoga CA 95070.
465th BG (H), 782d Bomb Sqdn (Italy)—Sept 27-29, Orlando FL—William Bruce, 1683 Eggert Rd, Buffalo NY 14226.
467th Svc Sqdn—Sept 28-30, Whiteville NC—Charles Ross, 110 69th St, Darien IL 60559.
479th GP, 434th Ftr Sqdn (WWII)—Sept 9-16, Fairfax Station VA—Milan Stanovich, 8910 Harrivan Ln, Fairfax Station VA 22039.
482d BG (36/812/813/814 Bomb Sqdns) (WWII, Sta 102, Alconbury England) — Sept 30-Oct 4, Las Vegas NV— Dennis Scanlan, One Scanlan Plaza, St Paul MN 55107.
483d BG (H) (WWII)—Sept 12-15, Buffalo NY—John Berlin, 800 Ferry St, #1B, Buffalo NY 14222.
485th BG—Sept 5-9, Dayton OH—Robert Deeds, 4643 286th St, Toledo OH 43611.
494th BG (H) Assn (WWII)—Sept, Colorado Springs CO—RH Stansfield, 13 Chicory Ct, Pueblo CO 81001.
504th BG, 313th Wing (Tinian)—Sept 5-9, Portsmouth NH—Arthur Tomes, 2409 Oakwood Dr, Burnsville MN 55337.
603d Aircraft Control & Warning Sqdn—Sept 20-23, Colorado Springs CO—Roger Myhre, 833 Upper Loop Rd, Coos Bay OR 97420.
780th Bomb Sqdn, 465th BG—Sept 5-9, Reno NV—Bernie Bezinover, POB 107, Northridge CA 91328.
801st/492d BG Assn (Carpetbaggers/Alconbury, Watton, Harrington, Eng, 1943-45)—Sept 20-22, Memphis TN—John Walker, 2355 Penbrook Pl, Cordova TN 38018.
832d Avn Engrs Bn—Sept 20-23, Aurora IL—George Tarran, 24 Greenfield Rd, Montgomery IL 60538.
833d Avn Engrs Bn—Sept 1-2, St Joseph IL—Orval Maddock, RR 2, Box 124, St Joseph IL 61873.
867th Guard Sqdn (MP) (Lowry Field CO, 1941-45) — Sept, Pine Bluff AR—EB Clem, Rt 11, Box 804, Pine Bluff AR 71603.
909th QM, Det 14—Sept, Rapid City SD—LF Parsons, POB 5, Thornton TX 76687.
1352d AAF Base Unit, ATC, Search & Rescue—Sept 28-29, Dayton OH—Bill Robinson, 625 E Daisy Ln, New Albany IN 47150.
1886th Engr Avn Bn (WWII, Hawaii, Guam, Okinawa)—Sept, Imperial MO—Bernard Giesler, 1620 N 4th, St Charles MO 63301.
2584th ABG, 319th FBW, 445th TCW, 919th/920th TCG, 701st/702d TCS—Sept, Memphis TN—RV Quick, 2068 Firefly Cove, Memphis TN 38119-5509.
3450th Tng Sqdn (ADM)—Sept, Cheyenne WY—JW Tabler, 6456 Hemingway Rd, Dayton OH 45424.
4060th Air Refueling Wing, 71st & 341st Air Refueling Sqdns, KC-97 (1954-64) — Sept 27-29, Las Vegas NV—James Everett, 1615 Woodcrest Ln, Carrollton TX 75006.
5277th Sig Oper Bn (415th Sig Avn Co) — Sept, South Bend IN—Bernard Williams, 805 Widener Ln, South Bend IN 46614.
AWS Recon Sqdns—Sept, Ft Walton Beach FL—Ralph Ruyle, Ruyle Lane, Rte 6, Box 527, Crestview FL 32536.
McCook Army Air Force Base (all military and civilian personnel stationed at McCook are invited)—Sept 28-29, McCook NE—Al White, McCook Army Air Base Historical Society, POB B-29, McCook NE 69001.
Mosquito Assn, Inc—Sept, Myrtle Beach SC—John Webster, 610 1st Ave (N), Surfside Beach SC 29577.
Roswell Army Air Field/Walker Air Force Base Vets Assn—Sept 28-30, Roswell NM—RAAF/WAFB Vets Assn, POB 8092 (Linda Vista Station), Roswell NM 88201.
Swiss Internees Assn—Sept 6-9, Colorado Springs CO—Victor Fabiniak, 2310 E Liberty Ave, Vermillion OH 44089.
United Air Force Photo Mapping Assn—Sept 27-30, West Palm Beach FL—R Hinz, 7103 S Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach FL 33405.

ARMY (September)

1st Armd Div Assn — Sept, Ft Knox KY—WS Beasley, POB 5676, Anderson SC 29623.
1st Eng Spec Bde, 479th Amphib Trk Co, TC — Sept 21-23, Nashville TN—Arlie Bates, 1407 Stainback Ave, Nashville TN 37207.
1st Inf Div, Engr Combat Bn — Sept, Norfolk, VA—Oscar Fellman, 311 Sycamore St, Weldon, NC, 27890.
1st Sig Bn — Sept, Buffalo, NY—William Waldschmidt, PO Box 247, Cannelton, IN, 47520.
2nd Arm Div, 9th Rgt, Co A&C — Sept 26-30, Memphis, TN—Al Clough, 397 Doe Trail Cove N, Cordova, TN, 38018.
2nd Photo Recon — Sept, Pueblo, CO—Ivan Phillips, 1220 East 1st St, Pratt, KS, 67124.
3rd Ord (WWII) — Sept 8, Toledo, OH—Rich Heferle, 2321 Castlewood Dr, Toledo, OH, 43613.
3rd Engr Special Bde, HHC —Sept, Kansas City, MO— Norm Lauber, 229 N. Thorpe St, Kansas City, KS, 66102.
4th Inf Div, 704th TD Bn — Sept 13-16, Gettysburg, PA—Rod Torbich, 166 Linmar, Aliquippa, PA, 15001.
4th Cav Rgt, A Trp — Sept 21-23, Woodland Hills, CO—U.S. Horse Cav Assn, PO Box 6253, Ft. Bliss, TX, 79906-0253.
4th Cav Rgt, A Trp — Sept 6-8, Davenport, IA—Gus Guenther, 2542 Duggleby, Davenport, IA, 52803.
4th Cav Rgt Assn — Sept, Davenport, IA—Mike Loberg, PO Box 416, Annandale, MN, 55302.
4th Replacement Depot (1942-49) —Sept, St. Louis, MO—Jack Hollingsworth, 11207 Northwood Lake, Northport, AL, 35476.
5th Arm Div Midwest — Sept 7-9, Lexington, NE—Jim Burrell, 9245 Rochester Rd, Topeka, KS, 66617.
5th Arm Div Assn — Sept, Warren, PA —Will Cook, 13344 Luthman Rd, Minster, OH, 45865.
5th Engr Bn, 1276 & 1278 Engr Bns —Sept. 20-23, Denver, CO—Kyle McDavid, 7242 Franklin St, Littleton, CO. 80122.

5th Inf Div — Sept, Amarillo, TX—John Pflaum, 170 Evergreen, Elmhurst, IL, 60126.
5th Inf Div, 2nd Inf Bn, Co I —Sept 6-8, Battle Creek, MI—Leon Belardinelli, 1351 Windsor Ct, Elgin, IL, 60120.
5th Inf Div, 5th Med Bn (WWII) —Sept, Libertyville, IL—R.E. Carlson, 1137 Kay Pkwy, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103.
6th Armd Div — Sept 4-9, Albuquerque NM—Edward Reed, POB 5011, Louisville KY 40205.
6th Inf Div, 63rd Inf Bn, Co. L —Sept, Allentown, PA—Robert Groff, 223 Ridge Valley Rd, Sellersville, PA, 18960.
6th Inf Div, 1st Inf, Co C — Sept, St Louis MO—Norman Ruck, R3, Box 288D, Union MO 63084.
6th Inf Div Arty, HQ & HQ Btry (WWII) — Sept 20- 22, Cincinnati OH—Charles Stevens, 1105 Rosetree Ln, Cincinnati OH 45230.
6th FA Vets Assn — Sept, King of Prussia PA—Tom Williams, 2400 Chetwoot Cir, A-204, Timonium MD 21093.
6th Ranger Inf Bn — Sept 20-23, Asheville NC—Victor Phillips, 8 Adamswood Rd, Asheville NC 28803.
61st Sig Bn (WWII) — Sept 20-22, Nashville TN—Bill Johnston, 325 Lincoln Ave, Valparaiso FL 32580.
7th Army, 1st Armd Sig Bn — Sept, Buffalo NY—George Brown, 265 Cloverside Dr, West Seneca NY 14224.
7th Cav Rgt Hvy Mortar Co (Japan 1949-Korea 1950) — Sept, Grand Rapids MI—Jack Couch, 5144 15th Ave So, Minneapolis MN 55417.
7th Convalescent Hosp — Sept, Pittsburgh PA—John Dayton, 1905 Menold Dr, Allison Park PA 15101.
7th Div, 7th Inf Med Det — Sept 14-16, Hartville OH—Louis Kolb, 11082 Sagebrush NE, Uniontown OH 44685.
7th FA Assn — Sept, Fort Drum NY—John Handy, 34 Benz St, Ansonia CT 06401.
8th Div, 121st Inf Rgt, Co L (WWII) — Sept, Cordele GA—Lee Miller, 515 18th Ave E, Cordele GA 31015.
9th Armd Div, 9th Armd Engr Bn —Sept, Overland Park KS—JD Shankel, 7212 W 72nd St, Overland Park KS 66204.
9th Armd Div, 2d Armd Med Bn, Co A — Sept, Louisville KY—Ray Jurek, 622 Jackson, Anoka MN 55303.
9th Armd Div, 2d Armd Med Bn, Co C — Sept 12-15, Boston MA—John Trakas, 50 Meadowview Rd, Milton MA 02186.
9th Div, 39th Inf, Co F — Sept, Rochester MN—Walter Martin, Rt 1, Box 37, Wykoff MN 55990.
9th Inf Div, 60th Inf, Co M (WWII) — Sept 23-25, Pidgeon Forge TN—Robert Bovanizer, 14 Sabre Park, Niagara Falls NY 14304.
9th FA Bn (WWII) — Sept 27-29, Orlando FL—Bernard Menker, 9075 Pemberton St, Spring Hill FL 34606.
9th Sig Co — Sept 25-27, Hazleton PA—William Miller, 507 Eskridge Dr, Wilmington DE 19809.
10th Mtn Div, 87th Mtn Inf — Sept, Colorado Springs CO—Earl Clark, POB 27867, Denver CO 80227-0867.
10th Sta Hosp (WWII) — Sept, Dubuque IA—Harlan Opland, 1710 Chaney Rd, Dubuque IA 52001.
11th Engrs (WWII) — Sept 9-11, Ft Pierce FL—AB Harward, 523 College Dr, Raeford NC 28376.
11th Armd Div, 55th Armd Inf Bn, Co B — Sept 7-9, Des Moines IA—Gene Foster, 1401 17th Ave, Eldora IA 50627.
11th Corps, 98th Sig Bn — Sept 13-15, Reston VA—Richard Pinckney, 109 Grand Ave, Middletown NY 10940.
13th Armd Div, 24th Tank Bn Gp (WWII) — Sept, San Francisco CA—Galen Krieg, 110 SW 4th St, Newton KS 67114.
13th Armd Div, 124th Armd Eng, Co B — Sept 27-29, Pittsburgh PA—Roy Henryson, 3116 Diamond, Ames IA 50010.
13th FA Obsn Bn (WWII) — Sept 21-23, Louisville KY—Joe Meagher, POB 17472, Louisville KY 40217.
13th Armd Div, 124th Armd Eng, Co B — Sept 27-29, Pittsburgh PA—Roy Henryson, 3116 Diamond, Ames IA 50010.
15th Evac Hosp — Sept 28-30, Philadelphia PA—Philip George, 4528 Longshore Ave, Philadelphia PA 19135.
15th Cav Gp, 15th & 17th Cav Recon Sqdn — Sept, Binghamton NY—Daniel Monico, 42 George St, Binghamton NY 13904.
17th Air Cav, 3d Sqdn — Sept, Louisville KY—Bobby Marcum, 835 Faulkner's Ln, Harrodsburg KY 40330.
17th Inf (Midwest) — Sept 22-23, Bellevue NE—Jerome Lowrey, 1860 Robertson Dr, Omaha NE 68114.
17th Sig Oper Bn (WWII) —Sept, Asheville NC—Keith Green, 139 Beechwood Lakes Dr, Hendersonville NC 28792.
18th & 1st FA (WWII and prior) —Sept, Ft Sill OK—Sherlie Wyvick, 1805 Arlington, Lawton OK 73507.
19th Comb Engr Rgt (WWII) — Sept 19-23, St Louis MO—Mahlon Campbell, 307 Rogers Rd Trooper, Norristown PA 19401.
20th Armd Div, 8th Al Bn, Co B —Sept, Minneapolis MN—Maury Stromswold, 540 E Robertson, Appleton MN 56208.
20th Tank Bn, Co A — Sept, West Coast—Arthur Tietz, HCO 1, Box 8, Harvard ID 83834.
20th Tank Bn, Co D — Sept 15-16, Springfield IL—JL Gilles, 628 Oakland, Rapid City SD 57701.
22d/227th/229th Sig Oper Cos —Sept, Lancaster PA— Kenneth Kemler, 952 Orchard Rd, Manheim PA 17545.
23d Field Hosp (WWII) — Sept 25-27, Myrtle Beach SC—Oscar Yung, 7252 Kingsbury St, Dearborn Hts MI 48127.
24th Inf Div (WWII & Korea)/29th RCT (Korea), 5th RCT, 555th FA Bn, 72d Eng Co — Sept 26-30, Buffalo NY—Albert McAdoo, 108 Central St, Acton MA 01720- 2724.
25th Inf Div Assn — Sept 27-30, Nashville TN—Robert Muzzy, 809 Forston Dr, Takoma Park MD 20912.
25th Replacement Depot, Camp Stoneman CA (Okinawa, WWII) — Sept 9-12, Gettysburg PA—John Morrison, 3503 Orme Dr, Temple Hills MD 20748.
25th Inf Div, 14th Inf Rgt (Korea 1951-52) — Sept, Wabash IN—Rogel Brown, 242 W Gladstone, Wabash IN 46992.
27th Div, 105th Inf, Co E — Sept, Lancaster PA—Vincent Wiel, 13 E Rogers St, Branford CT 06405.
27th Div, 165th Inf (WWII) — Sept 8-10, Lafayette IN—Gilbert Record, Rte 4, Box 50, Frankfort IN 46041.
27th Div, 165th Inf Rgt — Sept 7-10, West Lafayette IN—TJ McCullough, POB 5244, Kirtland AFB, NM 87185.
28th Inf Div — Sept 12-15, Fort Indiantown Gap PA — 28th Div Heritage Assn, c/o 28th Inf Div, 14th & Calder Sts, Harrisburg PA 17103-1297.
28th Div, 110th Inf, 2d Bn, HQ & HQ Co (1950-52) — Sept, Ligonier PA—George Hoover, 234 E Loyalhanna St, Ligonier PA 15658.
28th Div, 110th Inf Assn (WWII) —Sept 7-9, Washington PA—John Chernitsky, 18 Country Club Blvd, Uniontown PA 15401.
29th Div Assn, 175th Cannon Co -Sept 14-16, Williamsburg VA—Phillip Paul, Box 642, Rte 338, Knox PA 16232.
29th Inf Div Assn — Sept, Carlisle PA—John Gavin, 7412 Miller Ave, Upper Darby PA 19082.
30th Div, 117th Inf, Co. K — Sept, Union City, TN — Jim Morgan, 349 Woodland Mills Rd, Union City, TN, 38261.
30th Div, 119th Inf, Co G — Sept 13-15, North Aurora IL—William Barnett, 128 Laurie Ln, Oswego IL 60543.
31st Chem Co — Sept 14-16, Johnson City TN—Rex Miller, 632 Dorbert, Munith MI 49259.
32d Div, 128th Inf, Svc Co — Sept, Neillsville WI 54456—Delbert Struble, Rt 2, Box 75, Neillsville WI 54456.
32d Div, 127th Inf Vets Assn — Sept 28-29, Wisconsin Rapids WI—John Melger, 412 Pine St, Sheboygan Falls WI 53085.
32d MP Co — Sept 7, Arcadia WI—Ignatius Sonsalla, 545 S Theisen St, Arcadia WI 54612.
34th Engr Comb Bn (Seoul, Korea, 1945-46) — Sept 7-9, Sharon PA—Adam Schadler, Box 516, Elgin ND 58533.
34th Inf Div, 151st & 175th FA (WWII) — Sept, Minneapolis MN—Leon Spittle, 4511 Russell Ave No, Minneapolis MN 55412.
34th Inf Div — Sept 7-9, Dubuque IA—James Huyck, Camp Dodge, 7700 NW Beaver Dr, Johnston IA 50131- 1902.
34th Div, 133d Inf, Co E — Sept 15-16, Webster City IA—Arthur Philbrook, 1045 Elm St, Webster City IA 50595.
35th Inf Div — Sept, Topeka KS—Jack Sabata, 4311 Womack Dr, Colorado Springs CO 80915.
35th Inf Div, 134th Inf (WWII) —Sept 13-16, Topeka KS—Jim Graff, RR1, Middletown IL 62666.
35th Field Hosp — Sept 6-9, Rochester MN—Milt Janecek, N 11488 River Rd, Wausaukee WI 54177.
35th Inf Div, 134th Inf Assn — Sept 7-9, North Platte NE—Robert Fowler, 1619 N 50th St, Omaha NE 68104.
36th Engr Comb Bn — Sept, Rosemont IL—Roman Klick, POB 46-429, Lincolnwood IL 60646-0429.
36th Cav Recon Sqdn (WWII) — Sept 27-30, Kansas City MO—David Davis, 4923 W 65th Pl, Arvada CA 80003.
37th Sig Co (WWII) — Sept, Columbus OH—Joseph Toner, Edgewater Manor, Apt A3, Beverly NJ 08010.
38th Div, 151st Inf, Cannon Co —Sept 8-9, Oldenburg IN—Wilbur Flodder, Oldenburg IN 47036.

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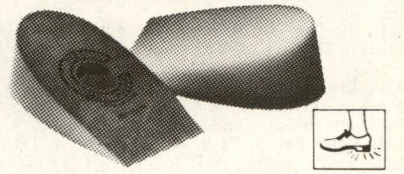
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38th Field Hosp — Sept, Nashville TN—Rex Hughes, 1505 E 600 S, Jonesboro IN 46938.
38th Ord (MM) Co (1941-45) — Sept 14-16, Aberdeen MD—Derio Dalasta, 536 Daventry Rd, Berwyn PA 19312.
38th Sig Bn (WWII & 1982-89) —Sept, Cherry Hill NJ—Bill Foiles, POB 5567, Columbia SC 29250.
39th Sig Hvy Cons Bn (WWII) — Sept 7-9, Ronkonkoma NY—Frank Matassa, 77 E End Ave, Hicksville, Long Island NY 11801.
40th Div, 160th Inf, Co A — Sept, Madison WI—Franklin Kempf, 6083 Hwy 60 E, Hartford WI 53027.
40th Div, 160th Inf, Co C — Sept, Laughlin NV—Leon Kuhns, 1059 E Rosebud, Riviera AZ 86442.
40th Div, 160th Inf, Co K — Sept 20-22, Tooele UT — Tom Willis, 388 So 4th St, Tooele UT 84074.
40th Inf Div (Korean War) — Sept, Kerhonkson NY—Leon Lown, 210 Highland Ave, Maybrook NY 12543.
40th Inf Div, 578th Engr (C) Bn —Sept 8, Torrance CA—George Larson, 1649 W 263rd St, Harbor City CA 90710.
41st Inf Div Assn — Sept 12-16, Portland OR—Everett Ferbrache, 12990 NW Sue, Portland OR 97229.
43d Inf Div (WWII, Korea & after) — Sept 7-9, Augusta ME—Howard Brown, 150 Lakedell Dr, East Greenwich RI 02818.
43d Div, 172d Inf Rgt, Co E — Sept, Hummelstown PA—Elmer Nisley, 13 W Main St, Hummelstown PA 17036.
43d Engrs Rgt (WWII) — Sept, St Louis MO—Robert Pine, 1149 Marsh Ave, Ellisville MO 63011.
44th Div, 217th FA Bn (WWII) — Sept 20-23, Charlotte NC—Robert Staub, 3261 Wesley Chapel Stouts Rd, Matthews NC 28105.
44th Div, 174th Inf, Co E — Sept 16, Jamestown NY — William Hubbard, 331 E Elmwood Ave, Falconer NY 14733.
44th Tank Bn — Sept 13-15, Orlando FL—Milton Stern, 21213 Lago Circle-C, Boca Raton FL 33433- 2135.
45th Div, 158th FA Bn, Btry A — Sept 28-29, Woodward OK—Al Williams, 1409 Hillcrest, Woodward OK 73801.
45th Div, 157th Inf Rgt & 158th FA Bn (WWII) — Sept, San Diego CA—Felix Sparks, 7900 W 23rd Ave, Lakewood CO 80215.
46th Eng Cont Bn — Sept 1-3, Springfield IL—Marvin Hoot, 14929 E 98th St N, Owasso OK 74055.
47th Div, 188th FA Bn, Btry C —Sept 21-23, Jamestown ND—Dave Mackenzie, 1209 10th Ave SE, Jamestown ND 58401.
50th Comb Engrs, Co D — Sept 12-13, Lamar CO—Tony Dreiling, POB 457, Holly CO 81047.
52d Sig Bn — Sept 10-13, Kiamesha Lake NY—Al Gallo, 50-48 West Lindsley Rd, Cedar Grove NJ 07009.
53d Ord (AM) Co — Sept, Louisville KY—Frank Salata, 616 W Bluff St, Streator IL 61364.
54th Med Bn (WWII, ETO) — Sept, Canton OH—Roy Hoekstra, RR1, Box 32, Barnesville MN 56514.
58th Ord Ammo Co — Sept, Cincinnati OH—LeRoy Holt, 17875 Kandel Rd, Marysville OH 43040.
60th Sig Radio Intel/60th Sig Svc Co (ASA) — Sept 6-8, Nashville TN—Donald Woods, NE 263 Tahuya River Dr, Tahuya WA 98588.
60th Gen Hosp (WWII) — Sept 5-8, Combridge MA—Miriam Seppala, 92 Granite St, Rockport MA 01966.
62d Armd FA Bn Assn — Sept, Lynchburg VA—Jerry Eades, 2312 Skylark St, Arlington TX 76010.
64th Gen Hosp — Sept, Chicago IL—John Di Domenico, 2303 N Clybourn Ave, Apt 6-H, Chicago IL 60614.
65th Inf Div — Sept 13-15, San Diego CA—Maurice Neil, 8409 Brook Park Dr, Canton MI 48187.
67th Field Hosp — Sept, Las Vegas NV—William Doeppe, 624 Brandy Creek Dr, Mechanicsville VA 23111.
67th QM, 3405th Ord, MM Co (WWII) —Sept 13-15, Fort Lee VA—Bob Seip, 342 Prospect St, Phillipsburg NJ 08865.
67th Ord Bn & 3407th Ord Co, Co C (Africa, Sicily, Italy, Southern France) — Sept 21-23, New Orleans LA—CW Zeringue, 4000 Taft Park, Metairie LA 70002.
69th Div, 880th FA Bn, Btry A —Sept, Nashville TN — John Barnett, 6374 Brandywine Tr, Norcross GA 30092.
70th Inf Div Assn (WWII) — Sept 16-23, Las Vegas NV—Louis Hoger, 5825 Horton, Mission KS 66202.
70th Inf Div, 275th Rgt, Co C (WWII) — Sept 16-19, Las Vegas NV—Tom Higley, C/275, Apt 44, 8604 Old Spanish Trail, Tucson AZ 85710.
70th Div, 276th Inf Rgt, Co F —Sept, Las Vegas NV — Bill Verburg, 10 Wendys Path, Albany NY 12211.
70th Tank Bn Assn — Sept 13-16, Baltimore MD—Charles Myers, 3208 Lake Ave, Baltimore MD 21213.
71st Div Assn — Sept, Colorado Springs CO—Kenneth Hall, 8905 Yoder, Rt 1, Farwell MI 48622.
71st Div, 564th FA Bn, Baker Btry —Sept 7-8, Loveland OH—Charles Fink, 10816 Schlottman, Loveland OH 45140.
71st Evac Hosp (WWII, any Vietnam 71st vets welcome) — Sept 12-15, St Louis MO—Theodore Callas, 794 Ottawa Ct, Carol Stream IL 60188.
78th Sig Co — Sept 21-23, Lexington KY—Paul Stokely, Rt 1, Box 628, Center Point TX 78010.
79th Div, 463d AAA AW Bn — Sept, San Jose CA—Jack Nelson, 1320 White Oak Ave, Campbell CA 95008.
79th/697th/698th FA Bns — Sept 13-15, Boone NC—HB Johnson, Rte 2, Box 5, Zionville NC 28698.
80th Div Vets Assn (WWI & WWII) —Sept, 26-30, Milwaukee WI—Francis Rajnicek, 4895 Karen Isle Dr, Richmond Hts OH 44143.
81st QM Co (WWII) — Sept 7-9, Nashville TN—SP Perce, 3447 Greenwood Dr, Janesville WI 53546.
81st Inf Div, 321st Inf, Anti-Tank Co —Sept 14-17, Kenner LA—Cifton Dantin, Rt 1, Box 1D, Galliano LA 70354.
81st Inf Div, 323d Rgt, Co B —Sept, Killeen TX—Wesley Gotcher, 1305 E Ave G, Killeen TX 76541.
83d US Gen Hosp (WWII) — Sept, Sarasota FL—Lee Fossen, 904 Magellan Dr, Sarasota FL 33580.
84th Div, 334th Inf Rgt, Co M —Sept 15-19, Springfield MO—Albert Stanchfield, 2729 Colorado Ave S, St Louis Park MN 55416.
84th Inf Div (Railsplitters) —Sept, Springfield MO—Daryl Mitchell, POB 136, Nixa MO 65714.
86th Div, 343d Inf, 3d Bn, HQ Co —Sept 7-9, Sioux Falls SD—Louis Degen, Box U, Parkston SD 57366.
86th "Blackhawk" Div Assn — Sept, Pigeon Forge TN—W David Abernethy, 49 Garden Dr, Burnsville MN 55337.
86th Engr Hvy Pn Bn (WWII) — Sept, Philadelphia PA—Philip Wax, 2306 Fourth St, Easton PA 18042.
86th Ord Co — Sept 11-13, Waukesha WI—Leon O'Brien, 2571 Crystal Dr, Joliet IL 60435.
87th Inf Div (WWI & WWII) — Sept 12-16, Charleston WV—Gladwin Pascuzzo, 2374 N Dundee Ct, Highland MI 48031.
89th Gp, 18th Bde, 716th MP — Sept 29-30, Detroit MI—Duane Hursey, Box 187, Rt 1, Shelby IA 51570.
89th Div Soc (WWII) — Sept 5-8, Kansas City MO—Leonard Schaefer, 3523 Haden Dr, Independence MO 64055.
93d AAA Gun Bn, Btry A (WWII) —Sept 14-16, Milwaukee WI—Ralph Schulte, Rt 3, Box 447, Montello WI 53949.
94th Sig Bn — Sept, Columbus OH—Harry Lynn, 1458 Hedgewood Pl, Columbus OH 43229.
95th Inf Div, 379th Inf, Anti-Tank Co — Sept— Louis Turecek, 1098 Lancaster Ave, Elk Grove Village IL 60007.
96th Div, 383d Inf, Co E (WWII) — Sept 14-15, Bismarck ND—Ray Williams, 2 Glenhaven Dr, Versailles KY 40383.
96th Inf Div, 383d Rgt, Anti-Tank Co — Sept 13-15, Bowling Green KY—John Nasser, 6139 Fairdale Dr, Cambridge OH 43725.
97th Div 303d Inf, (WWII) — Sept 7-8, Columbus OH — Fred Kempski, 152 W 13th St, Deer Park NY 11729.
97th Inf Div, 303d Inf, Co A — Sept, St Louis MO—Robert Hutkin, 425 N New Ballas, Ste 270, St Louis MO 63141.
97th Div, 303d Inf, Co D — Sept 20-23, Oakbrook IL—Clem Schlosser, Rte 1 Meadowood, Apt 2, Darwin MN 55324.
97th Div, 303d Inf, 2d Bn & Medics — Sept, Kansas City MO—James Vossmer, 300 Mission Creek Dr, POB 13483, Edwardsville KS 66113.
97th Div, 387th Inf Rgt, Co D —Sept 14-16, Nashville TN—Wally Speers, Rt 1, Box 46A Robinwood Dr, La Vale MD 21502.
97th Gen Hosp (WWII, England, France & Germany, 1943-46) — Sept 21-23, Baltimore MD—Bernard Ripple, 10 Gamewell Garth, Baltimore MD 21236.
98th Sig Bn (WWII) — Sept, Reston VA—Harry Coates, RR1, Box 28, Callaway VA 24067.
98th Div, 390th Inf, Co A — Sept, Elmira NY—Norman Johnson, Box 14, Johnson Rd, Cayuta NY 14824.
98th Div, 389th Inf, Co G (WWII) —Sept, Knoxville TN—JD Bishop, 161 Yates Cove Rd, Waynesville NC 28786.
99th Div, 395th Inf, Co M — Sept 27-29, San Antonio TX—Henry Thomas, 23830 Yale Ave, Dearborn MI 48124.
101st MP Bn, WWII — Sept, Niagra Falls NY—Tom Farley, 26 Kingston Ave, Hicksville NY 11801.
102d AAA AW Bn (Air Trans) — Sept 13-16, Dayton OH—Howard Zeb, 981 N Forest Rd, Williamsville NY 14221.
103d Div, 409th Inf, Co D — Sept 7-9, Branson MO — Ward Geier, 1010 S Oak, California MO 65018.
104th Engr Comb Bn — Sept, Nashville TN—Stan Sagen, 2205 Weston St, La Crosse WI 5460l.
106th AAA AW Bn (WWII) — Sept, Monticello KY—Grover Booth, 105 Molly St, Varsailles KY 40383.
106th Sta Hosp — Sept, St. Louis MO—Ken Arnsmeyer, 650 St Christina Ln, Florissant MO 63031.
107th Trans Truck Co — Sept, Haleyville AL—Jim Thompson, 1025 Barnisdale Rd, Birmingham AL 35235.
112th Cav — Sept 14-16, Garland TX —Claude Rigsby, Rt. l, Box 1341, Chandler TX 75758.
113th QM Rgt, 38th QM Co — Sept, Indianapolis IN— Ward Buss, 28323 C.R. 16 W, Elkhart IN 46516.
113th AAA Gun Bn (WWII) — Sept 7-8, Marion IL—Don Roberts, RR 1 Box 222, Richville MN 56576.
114th Evac Hosp (WWII) — Sept 1-2, Dover DE—Gilbert Quillen, 308 Sam Paynter Dr, Dover DE 19901.
121st Sta Hosp (WWII) — Sept 14-16, St. Joseph MO — Ken Schank, 805 N. 13th St, St. Joseph MO 64501.
122nd Sig Radio Intel Co — Sept, Harrisburg PA—Doc Murphy, 42 W. 5th St, New Castle DE 19720.
128th MM Ord Co — Sept 28-30, Cleveland OH—Ed Mance, 6617 Mill Rd, Brecksville OH 44141.
129th AAA (WWII), Btrys A-D & Hdq —Sept, Manitowoc WI—Charles Bowe, 615 Calumet Ave, Kiel WI 53042.
131st Tank Bn, Co A (1950-53) —Sept 15, Piedmont AL—Luther Erwin, 1810 Dailey St., Piedmont AL 36272.
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137th Sig Radio Intel Co — Sept, Avon Lake OH—Carmine Lancelotti, 5541 Sequoia Dr, Parma OH 44134.
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147th Inf, Co M — Sept 8, Springfield OH—Fred Bejcek, 5910 Sunset Dr, Bedford Hts OH 44146.
148th Arm Sig Co — Sept, Atlantic City NJ—Tom Materazzo, 28 Halifax St, Jamaica Plain MA 02130.
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172d Inf, Hvy Mortar & Tank Co (St Albans VT) — Sept 8, St Albans VT—Ralph Cross, 137 Pearl St, St Albans VT 05478.
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174th Inf, 3d Bn, HQ Co & Cos A & L — Sept, Niagara Falls NY—Hobart Kirk, 2427 Pierce Ave, Niagara Falls NY 14301.
179th FA Bn, Btry B (WWII) — Sept 26-29, Fort Bragg NC—James McCabe, 244 Burbank St, Columbia SC 29210.

181st & 947th FA Bns (WWII) — Sept, Osage Beach MO—Riley Hughesm 804 Edgar Rd, St Louis MO 63119.

187th Gen Hosp — Sept, Orlando FL—Billie Greene Post, 8620 - 229 NW 13th St, Gainesville FL 32606.

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216th Gen Hosp Assn (WWII) — Sept 11-13, Portland ME—Alfred Sudsbury, POB 186, Milbridge ME 04658.

224th Inf, Co D (Korea) — Sept, Fontana CA—Frank Benedickt, 15375 Athol, Fontana CA 92335.

229th AAA Searchlight Bn (WWII, Southwest Pacific) — Sept 20-22, St Louis MO—Travis Shrum, 121 Reading, Maryland Heights MO 63043.

233d Engr Comb Bn — Sept 13-15, Colorado Springs CO—Art Charbonnel, 2891 Keystone Cir, Colorado Springs CO 80918.

245th CA, 245th AAA Gn Bn and MSL Bn NYNG — Sept 23, Fort Hancock NJ—Silvis Masessa, 124-20 111th Ave, South Ozone Park NY 11420.

247th FA Bn, Svc Btry — Sept, Huntington WV—Melvin Sandy, Rt 2, Box 81, Stephens City VA 22655.

248th Engr Comb Bn — Sept, Cleveland OH—Fred Mone, 16200 Erndale Ave, Cleveland OH 41111.

252d Coast Arty, 1st/2d/3d Bn —Sept 15, Greensboro NC—T Cosmo Gaskins, 5806 Cardinal Way, Greensboro NC 27410.

252d Ord (MM) Co — Sept 28-30, Buffalo NY—Edmund Bitka, 51 Stearns Ave, Lackawanna NY 14218.

254th SL Bn (604th CA (AA)) — Sept, Belleville NJ — Thomas Keefe, 123 3rd Ave S, Seattle WA 98104.

256th FA Bn, A/B/C Svc, HQ Btrys —Sept 8, Lockport NY—Lester Merritt, 3880 Lockport Olcott Rd #6, Lockport NY 14094.

257th Ord, MM Co — Sept 29, Marion OH—WW Blocho, 238 Cass Ave, Cheektowaga NY 14206.

265th FA Bn, Btry A — Sept, Hannibal MO—William Roe, R1, Box 47, Nebo IL 62355.

277th Port Co — Sept 7-9, Branson MO—Don Andrew, 13 Avon Ct, Turnersville NJ 08012.

278th Engr Comb Bn, Co B (WWII) —Sept, Pigeon Forge TN—A Taylor, 19 Cedar Knoll, Tuscaloosa AL 35405.

278th Comb Engrs, Co A — Sept, Louisville KY—Francis Martin, 14727 Co Line Rd, Poseyville IN 47633.

279th Inf, Co G — Sept 1, Bristow OK—Louis Harding, Rt 1, Box 514, Bristow OK 74010.

281st Engr Comb Bn Assn—Sept 6-8, Asheville NC—Albert Cline, POB 501, Gaffney SC 29342.

379th AAA Bn (WWII) — Sept 7-9, Toledo OH—Daniel Lawecki, 2103 Hogarth Rd, Toledo OH 43615.

381st AAA (AW) Bn, Btry A — Sept, Springfield OH—Dan Switzer, 2440 Dwight Rd, Springfield OH 45503.

382d AAA AW Bn — Sept 14-16, Fond du Lac WI—Robert Bump, Rt 3, Box 92A, Fontana WI 53125.

389th AAA AW Bn (WWII) — Sept 13-15, Charleston SC—Wendell Parrott, 2735 Hwy 15 S, Sumter SC 29150.

389th FA Bn Assn — Sept 21-23, Cleveland OH—Robert Evans, 30140 Barjode Rd, Willowick OH 44094.

400th AAA (AW) Bn (WWII) — Sept 13-15, Kansas City MO—Merlin Schmidt, 102 E 6th St, Dell Rapids SD 57022.

400th AAA (AW) Bn, Btry C (WWII) —Sept, Grand Island NE—Walter Anson, 642 N Broadwell, Grand Island NE 68803.

401st AAA Gun Bn (all batteries) (WWII) — Sept, Milwaukee WI—Elmer Brockmann, 9627 West National Ave, Apt 3, West Allis WI 53227.

436th AAA (AW) Bn (WWII) — Sept 14-16, Little Rock AR—Lewis Young, 6315 South Boston, Fort Smith AR 72903.

436th TC Gp, 81st & 82D Sqdns —Sept 4-6, Dayton OH—TW Bonecutter, 620 Randolph St, Wilmington OH 45177.

439th AAA (AW) Bn — Sept 6-8, Hampton VA—Charles Anderson, 1518 Monongalia Ave SW, Willmar MN 56201.

445th Ord, (HAM) Co — Sept 7-9, Slaughterville OK — Leroy Law, Rt 3, Box 175, Lexington OK 73051.

446th AAA (AW) Bn (WWII) — Sept 9, Lake Morton MS — WT Tramel, Box 85, Raleigh MS 39153.

446th Engr Base Depot Co — Sept, York PA—Clyde Dietz, 860 Locust Grove Rd, York PA 17402.

457th Amph Trk Co — Sept, Denver CO—John Passanante, 11890 E Canal Dr, Aurora CO 80011.

461st AAA, Btry B — Sept, Allentown PA—Bernard Uhler, 157 Victory Ln, Nazareth PA 18064.

464th Engr Depot Co (WWII, Southwest Pacific Area) — Sept, Johnstown PA—Samuel Mock, RD2, Box 249-D, Windber PA 15963.

534th HQ Co, EB & SR — Sept 28-30, Tucson AZ—Alfred Kukoski, 111 Sprucewood Dr, Bricktown NJ 08723.

536th Ord, HM Co, Tank (WWII) —Sept, Stamford CT— Bayard Peabody, 105 So Main St, Baldwinville MA 01436-1350.

537th Engr (LP) Co — Sept 20-22, Council Bluffs IA—Robert Doty, 219 Locust Lodge Ave, Council Bluffs IA 51503.

544th EB & SR, 2d Bn, Co F — Sept 16-17, Indianapolis IN—RW Boley, 1368 Fairlane, Adrian MI 49221.

544th Ord, HM Co (FA) — Sept, Lincoln NE—Ernest Case, 6515 Colfax Ave, Lincoln NE 68507.

549th AAA Bn, HQ, Btrys A/B/C/D (WWII) — Sept 21- 23, St Louis MO—RL Moran, 1411 Wooddell Dr, Jackson MS 39212.

550th Sig Base Depot Co — Sept 13-16, San Antonio TX—Louis Giordano, 32 Irving St, Old Tappan NJ 07675.

553d Eng, Hvy Pontoon Bridge (WWII) — Sept, Northbrook IL—William Fishman, 9331 Landing Ln, Des Plaines IL 60016.

554th AAA (AW) Bn — Sept, New Iberia LA—Fred Lab, 10101 Burnt Store Rd #23, Punta Gorta FL 33950.

556th AAA (AW) Bn — Sept 13-16, King of Prussia PA—HE Lashhorn, 3516 Williams Dr, Weirton WV 26062.

556th Bomb Sqdn, 387th Bomb Gp (M) — Sept, Denver CO—Paul Priday, 7755 Harriott Rd, Plain City OH 43064.

558th AAA (AW) Bn (WWII) — Sept 3, Allentown PA—John Juretus, 1453 Lehigh Pkwy So, Allentown PA 18103.

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566th AAA (AW) Bn (WWII) — Sept 8-10, Tilghman Island MD—Philip Haddaway, 1105 Mulberry Hill Apts, Easton MD 21601.

571st Sig Co — Sept, Colorado Springs CO—RF Berry, 203 Second Ave, Haddon Heights NJ 08035.

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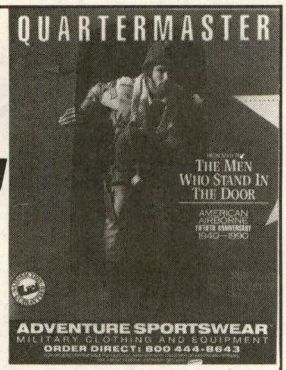
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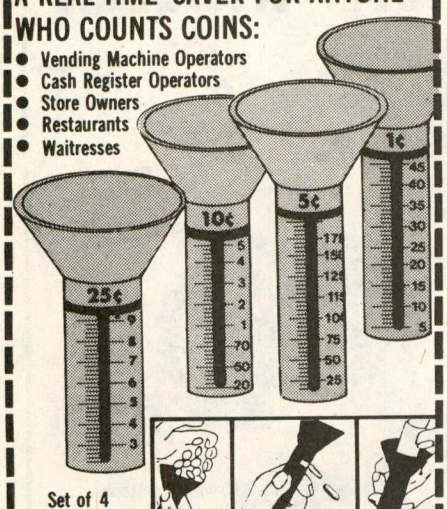
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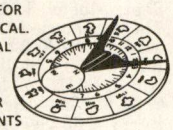
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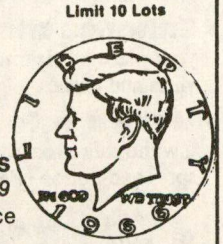
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3515th Ord MAM Co — Sept 7-9, Lima OH—John Johnston, 351 N Leighton St, Kenton OH 43326.
3616th QM Trk Co — Sept, Allentown PA—Ira Gracely, 436 E Harrison St, Emmaus PA 18049.
3838th Gas Sup Co (WWII) — Sept, Chicago IL—Edward Bender, 2226 Central Rd, Glenview IL 60025- 4235.
3874th QM Gas Sup — Sept, Hamburg NY—Howard Kirst, 8084 Sisson Hwy, Eden NY 14057.
Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge — Sept 26-29, Valley Forge PA—VBOB, POB 11129, Arlington VA 22210-2129.
Fort Kamehameha — Sept 13-16, Nashville TN—Darius Cooper, Rt 1, Box 40A, Glen Easton WV 26039.
Infantry OSC Class 2-60 (April 12, 1960) — Sept, Columbus GA—Jack Cary, 2561 Birdsong Ave, Murfreesboro TN 37129.
O'Reilly Gen Hosp — Sept 19-21, Springfield MO—Ed Harper, 3400 Magnolia Ave, St Louis MO 63118.
Taboguilla Island, Panama Canal Vets (1940-43) — Sept 14-16, Milwaukee WI—Berton Faulkner, 721 Billings Ave, Paulsboro NJ 08066.
U.S. Horse Cavalry Assn — Sept 20-24, Woodland Hills CA—USHCA, POB 6253, Fort Bliss TX 79906.

COAST GUARD (September)

USS Cobb — Sept 14-16, Wildwood, NJ—Herb Bakes, 535 Magill Ave, W. Collingswood NJ 08107.
Construction Units 26-211-390 —Sept 14-15, Aurora NE—Earl Dick, Rt 2 Box 5A, Aurora NE 68818.
Short Beach Lifeboat Sta — Sept, Freeport NY—Robert Moeller, 9 Corey Ln, Bennington VT 05201.
LST 27 — Sept 26-30, St. Louis MO, —Julius Boreali, 1116 Austin Pl, Schenectady NY 12306.
USS Cavalier — Sept, Las Vegas NV —Herb Cohen, 4151 Sanderling Cir #346, Las Vegas NV 89103.

USS Leonard Wood — Sept 16-19, Angola IN—John Ritz, POB 208, Dickerson Run PA 15430.
LST 20 — Sept 26-30, St Louis MO—Hartley Loertscher, W 251 Loertscher Rd, Shelton WA 98584.
LST 829 — Sept 7-9, Houston TX—Al Ryzner, Star Rt 1, Box 206, Lewis Run PA 16738.
LST 886 — Sept 26-30, St Louis MO —Joe McAuley, 89 Jeanette Ave, Staten Island NY 10312.
USS Machias/Escort Div 33 — Sept 27-29, Charleston SC—John Jones, 806 Helene St, Wantagh NY 11793.
PC 590 — Sept, Albany NY—Jack Mulligan, 38 Holmes Ct, Albany NY 12209.
USS Ramsden — Sept, Hickory NY —Larry Eckard, POB 5145, Hickory NC 28603.
USS Uniontown — Sept, Nashville TN—Clark Crawford, 1007 N 15th St, Clarinda IA 51632.

MARINES (September)

1st Rgt, 1st Mar Div, 3 Bn, M & Hdq Co, (WWII), Columbus, OH, Sept 7-9—George Peto, 5427 Willowwood Rd, Columbus, OH, 43229.
1st Mar Div, 2nd Bn, 5th Rgt, Co E — Sept, Las Vegas NV—Bart Dauberman, 301 Clearwater Dr, Goose Creek SC 29445.
1st Mar Div, 16th Field Dept, Peleliu survivors — Sept, Washington D.C.—Bill Snow, 4616 Sabelle Ln, Fort Worth TX 76117.
1st Prov Mar Bde — Sept 27-29, San Antonio TX—Bde Committee, POB 530322, Austin TX 78753.
2d Mar Div, 2d Motor Trans —Sept, Reno NV—Richard Neauharth, 3861 East Almond Dr, Lodi CA 95424.
2d Mar Div, 2d Bn, 18th Mar, Co E —Sept 7-9, Jackson MS—Moose Lovering, 827 Mark Rd, Leesburg, FL, 34748.
2d Mar Div — Sept, Portland OR —Dave Dowdakin, 3933 SE Oak St, Portland OR 97214.
2d Mar Airdrome/17th AA Bn —Sept. 26-28, San Francisco CA—Harold Mathieu, Rt 2, Box 279, Chassell MI 49916.
3d Mar, 2d Bn, Co H, 1st Plt —Sept, Chicago IL—Steve Stevers, 30413 Forestgrove Rd, Willowick OH 44095.
4th Mar, 23d Rgt, Co F — Sept 9-16, Myrtle Beach SC—Irby Hipp, 1033 Myrtle Dr, Rock Hill SC 29730.
5th Amph Corps, H&S Bn, MP Co —Sept, Overland Park KS—Ed Dale, 3525 W 73 Terr, Prairie Village KS 66208.
9th AMTRAC Bn, Co B — Sept, Anderson IN—Sam Whiteman, 1202 Melinda Dr, Anderson IN 46013.
10th Defense Bn (Banika, Russell Island, Eniwetok, 1942-45) — Sept, Nashville TN—Frank Kwiatkowski, 5208 W Norwich St, Milwaukee WI 53220.
10th Defense Bn — Sept 27-29, Jackson MS—Les Auchmoody, Rd 2, Box 625, Milton Grove Rd Mt. Joy PA 17552.
Air Group 25 and Scat Vets — Sept 26-30, Boston MA—Stan Karey, 12 Freddy Rd, Billerica MA 01821.
MAWS-11 (Kume Shima) — Sept, Dayton OH—Joe Nowak, 5910 Warren Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48105.
Panama (WWII) — Sept 6-8, Baltimore MD—Bill Canby, 3780 Bowview Ave, Baltimore MD 21213.
Marine Raider Assn — Sept 19-23, Las Vegas NV—Francis Hepburn, 4711 Del Monte Ave, San Diego CA 92107.
USS Savannah CL42, Mar Det (WWII) — Sept 6-9, Reno NV—Endel Reinap, 555 Douglas St, Apt 104, West Sacramento CA 95605.
Vietnam Helicopter Pilots — Sept 21-23, Las Vegas NV—Roger Herman, 11151 Alejo Place, San Diego CA 92124.
VMB-423 (WWII) — Sept, Charleston SC—Mike Bowler, 7738 Allwood Ave, Charleston SC 29418.
VMSB 331 — Sept 1-3, Scanton PA—Merlin Phillips, 713 Dragon Rd, Clarks Summit PA 18411.
Wake Island Defenders — Sept 20-22, San Antonio TX—Wiley Sloman, 114 Creekwood Lane, Hondo TX 78861.

NAVY (September)

Agadir, FAW-15, Morocco — Sept, Las Vegas NV—Vince Lopresti, 3300 E. Fry #61, Sierra Vista AZ 85635.
APD Vets (4-Stack) — Sept, Reno NV—Jack Pennock, 4001 Constellation Rd, Lompoc CA 93436.
Armed Guard (WWII), North East Area — Sept, Livingston NJ—Alex Lombardi, 14 Brookfield Rd, Up- Montclair NJ 07043.
Attack Squad 36 — Sept, Cecil Field FL—Jon Sumner, Rt 4, Box 324, Hurricane WV 25526.
Boot Camp, Newport, RI (Sept-Dec 1943) — Sept, Newport RI—Ken Troy, PO Box 37151, Pensacola FL 32526.
Cam Ranh Bay NAF (AIRCOFAT) — Sept, Baltimore MD —Dan Wade, 13708-13 Modrad Way, Silver Spring MD 20905.
CASU 3 (WWII) — Sept, Verdi NV—Larry Biando, 3635 Pinetree Dr, Klamath Falls Oregon 97603.
5th CB (WWII) —Sept 13-15, Milwaukee WI—Larry Terry, 5307 Maryman Rd, Louisville KY 40258.
7th CB — Sept 14-16, Belmont CA—Bob Maloney, 440 Molino Ave, Sunnyvale CA 94086.
9th CB — Sept, Harrisburg PA—Earl Jones, 719 W 54th St, Minneapolis MN 55419.
10th CB (Stevadore Bn) — Sept 20, Evansville IN—Bill Baechle, Station B, Box 6184, Evansville IN 47712.
12th MCB — Sept 21-23, Portsmouth NH—Robert Williams, ox 48, Ludlow VT 05149.
26th CB — Sept, Buffalo NY—Harry Friedrich, 3671 Mocking Bird Ln, Dayton OH 54530.
28th CB (WWII) — Sept 10-14, New Orleans LA—Bruno Petruccione, 43 3rd St, Yorkville NY 13495.
33rd CB — Sept, Martinsborg WV—Charles Dodson, Rt 3, Box 294, Kearneysville WV 25430.
35th CB — Sept 12-18, Lancaster PA—Phil Silver, 924 Stratford Ct, Westbury NY 11590.
37th CB — Sept, Bardstown KY—Tom Hall, 232 St, Bernice IN 47875
41st CB —Sept, Colorado Springs CO—Earl Buckingham, 3705 W Floyd Ave, Denver CO 80236.
47th CB — Sept 27-29, Austin TX—Al Buaas, PO Box 90355, Austin TX 78709.
50th CB — Sept 28-30, Daytona Beach FL—Bob Leathers, 116 Krest St, Madera CA 93637.
59th CB — Sept 13-16, Fredericksburg VA—Joe Vozzola, 6004 Brookland Rd, Alexandria VA 22310.
60th CB — Sept 7-9, Omaha NE—Jon Ruggiero, 504 N 73rd St, Omaha NE 68114.
63rd CB — Sept, Valley Forge PA—Al Ponnwitz, RD7, Box 16, Sussex NJ 07461.
67th CB — Sept 26-30, Gatlinburg TN—Larry Terry, 5307 Maryman Rd, Louisville KY 40258.
70th CB, 1006th Det, 578/579 CBMU — Sept, Winston-Salem NC—John Gregory, Rt 1, Box 212N, Nags Head NC 27959.
LST 263 (WWII) — Sept 20-23, St Louis MO—BJ Petrusek, 4209 James Dr, Metairie LA 70003.
LST 279 — Sept, Harrisburg PA—Howard Lightner, RD1, Box 248, Loysville PA 17047.
LST 290 — Sept, St Louis MO—John Drummond, 143 Seventh St, Salem NJ 08079.
LST 292 — Sept, Dillard GA—LW Brown, POB 26, Starkville MS 39759.
LST 313-286 — Sept, Pittsburgh PA—Peter Maurin, 1152 Goe Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15212.
LST 372 — Sept 28-29, St Louis MO—John Michaud, 11 N Holly St, Perryville MO 63775.
LST 384 — Sept, Nashville TN—Stan Neal, 950 S Garcia, #172, Port Isabel TX 78578.
LST 397 (WWII) —Sept 6-11, Reno NV—Emmett Ouimette, 23874 Wright Dr, Hayward CA 94541.
LST 479 — Sept, St Louis MO—Richard Margedant, POB 214, Hawk Point MO 63349.
LST 503 — Sept 26-30, St Louis MO—John Morris, R2, Box 40, Monticello IL 61856.
LST 582 (WWII) — Sept 27-30, Nashville TN—Ed Novak, 2904 Hiss Ave, Baltimore MD 21234.
LST 584 — Sept 26-29, St Louis MO—Leo Hildebrand, 1461 NW 106th St, Des Moines IA 50322.
LST 606 — Sept, Gulf Shores AL—Hoyett Wolfe, Star Rt, Box 160, Double Springs AL 35553.
LST 654 — Sept, Hickory NC—Douglas Volden, Rt 1 Boaz, Box 156, Richland Center WI 53581.
LST 663 (former crew members, families & dependents) — Sept/Oct, Cape Cod MA—John McCarthy, 15 Chestnut St, Groveland MA 01834.
LST 699 — Sept 21, St Louis MO—Milton Blum, Rt 2, Box 237C, Deer River MN 56636.
LST 712 — Sept, St Louis MO—Charles Nickol, 10957 Carnegie Dr, Forest Park OH 45240.
VC-7/VC-31 — Sept, Clarksville IN—G.C. Bandy, PO Box 944, Delta Junction AK 99737.
VPB-26 (WWII) — Sept, San Francisco CA—John Martocci, 1448 Drake Ave, Burlingame CA 94010.
VP-83/VB-107/VPB-107 — Sept 18-21, San Diego CA— P.G. Richter, 7795 Highgate Ln, La Mesa CA 92042.
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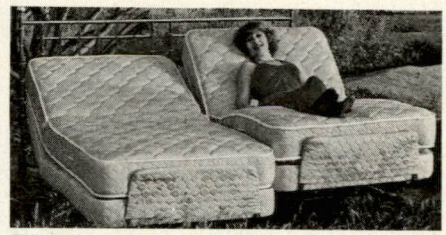
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VS-55 — Sept 26-29, Dayton OH—John Litten, 2059 Cherrylawn Dr, Toledo OH 43614.
VS-892 — Sept 8, Sand Point Naval Sta—Don Porter, 7103 34th NW, Seattle WA.
VT-24 — Sept 27-29, Charleston SC—Edward Dwyer, N10836 Rainbow Terr, Fox Lake WI 53933.
USS Bountiful (Sailors, Marines, Patients) — Sept 6-9, Nashville TN—Lou Keena, Box 203, Hamilton ND 58238.
USS Boyle — Sept 21-23, Louisville KY—Dick Rankin, 4998 Weber Ln, Floyds Knobs IN 47119.
USS Robert Brazier — Sept 20-23, Glen Burnie MD— Bill Chew, 23 Annenessix Rd, Crissfield MD 21817.
USS Brazos — Sept, Nashville TN—Harold Crockett, Covey Ct, Alcoa TN 3770l.
USS Bridge — Sept 24-26, Wagoner OK—Bob Elam, 2866 Uanweep Ave, Grand Junction CO 81503.
USS Brooklyn — Sept 27-30, New Orleans—Bill Wells, 429 Appian Way, Virginia Beach VA 23452.
USS Brown — Sept 14-16, Omaha NE—O.K. Poulson, 8619 Nicholas St, Omaha NE 68114.
USS Bunker Hill — Sept 6-9, Las Vegas NV—Jim Gager, 3760 Pecan Ln, Las Vegas NV 89115.
USS Caliente — Sept, Brooklyn NY—Ben Greenberg, 723 E. 18th St, Brooklyn NY 11230.
USS Capps — Sept 6-8, Seattle WA—Earl Beadle, 1203 West St, Pine Bluff AK 71602.
USS Card — Sept 27-29, San Antonio TX—Joe Macchia, 8290 Melrose Rd, Melrose FL.
USS Case — Sept, Mackinaw City MI—John Hinson, PO Box 67-22968 Sierra Dr, Twain Harte CA 95383.
USS Edgar Chase — Sept, San Francisco CA—Elmo Allen, 5125 Old Canton Rd #205, Jackson MS 39211.
USS Chase — Sept, Chicago IL—Hank Sanders, 19 Bradford Dr, Salem NH 03079.
USS Chaumont — Sept 6-9, Nashville TN—Bill Molen, Box 602, Milan IL 61264.
USS Finch DE328 — Sept, Dearborn MI—CA Baughman, RD2, Box 467, Portage PA 15946.
USS Fletcher DD/DDE445 — Sept 27-30, St Paul MN— John Jensen, 3918 Conlon Ave, Covina CA 91722.
USS Flint CL97 — Sept 20-23, Denver CO—Robert Irwin, 1321 Maplewood Ave, Norfolk VA 23503.
USS Foote DD511 — Sept 21-24, Orlando FL—Wilbur Rogers, 12243 Brookshire Ave, Baton Rouge LA 70815.
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USS Fulton AS11 — Sept 6-9, St Louis MO—Charles Meyer, 8364 Capeview Ct, Norfolk VA 23518-5936.
USS Galveston CLG3 — Sept 27-30, Nashville TN—Edward Kerner, POB 283, Norristown PA 19404.
USS Gilbert Islands CVE107 (1944-46 & 1951-55) — Sept/Oct, Norfolk VA—Richard Hood, RD4, Box
USS Earl V Johnson DE702 — Sept 26-30, Newark NJ— Edward Warrington, 4718 Marlie Circle NW, Cleveland TN 37312.
USS Kimberly DD521 — Sept 27-29, Timonium MD— Arthur Forster, 2312 Nela Ave, Orlando FL 32809.
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USS Kitty Hawk CVA63 (OI Div, 1967-69) — Sept, Las Vegas NV—David Finkbeiner, 2412 Primrose Pl, Rockford IL 61108.
USS Lamar APA47 — Sept, Fredericksburg VA—Jean Fisher, RR2, Box 273, Tully NY 13159.
USS Lamson D367 — Sept 10-17, Denver CO—Ray Duley, Heritage Sq L-3, Mission TX 78572.
USS Langley CVL27 — Sept 28-30, Charleston SC—A Nick Chagaris, 11 Bourn Ave, Hampton NH 03842.
USS Lansdowne DD486 — Sept 27-30, San Antonio TX— Frank Caterina, 12718 Mengibar Ave, San Diego CA 92129.
USS Lloyd DE209/APD63 — Sept 26-30, San Diego CA— Jerry Zangl, Box 266, Brownsville WI 53006.
USS Mayo DD422/USS Laub DD613/USS Samuel B Roberts DD823 — Sept 28-30, Rolling Meadows IL—OC Ayers, 424 Ridgeland Ave, Elmhurst IL 60126.
USS Menard APA201 (WWII & Korea) — Sept 7-8, Ft Wayne IN—Edward Henry, RD 2, Box 382, Easton MD 21601.
USS Metcalf DD595 — Sept 26-29, Mesa AZ—John Chittum, 350 So Walnut St, Huntington WV 25705- 3514.
USS Samuel S Miles DE183 — Sept, Nashville TN—Charles Markham, 22311 Swan Rd, #311, South Lyon MI 48178.
USS Edward Mitchell DE43 — Sept 28-Oct 1, Mystic CT—Ted Gellert, POB 151, Ayers Rd, Abington CT 06250.
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USS Mount McKinley AGC/LCC7 — Sept 6-10, Denver CO—Don Shreeves, 315 W Main St, Princeton MO 64673.
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USS Princeton CVL23 (WWII) — Sept 12-16, St Louis MO—Sam Minervini, 251 Marlboro Rd, Wood Ridge NJ 07075.
USS Providence CL82 & Staff ComCruDiv Ten (1945-4 — Sept, Sarasota FL—Jim Weightman, 704 W Southview Ave, Dade City FL 33525.
USS Quillback SS424 — Sept 14-16; Key Wes FL—HD Baessler, POB 6486, Key West FL 33040.
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USS McCoy Reynolds DE440 — Sept 27-30 Gatlinburg TN—Walt Goolsby, Hundred Oaks R#4, Box 303, Kingston TN 37763.
USS Richmond CL9 — Sept, Reno NV—Don Lindsey HC64, Box 118, Lakeview OR 97630.
USS Robinson DD562 — Sept, South Bend IN—Do Fahlberg, POB 41, Jonesboro IL 62952.
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Reflections of a Korean War Vet

by Colonel Harry G. Summers, Jr., USA (Retired)

The real gut issue of the Cold War — and the hot war in Korea was perhaps its most important part — was whether Communism or individual freedom would prevail. Individual freedom prevailed in large measure because of the U.S. stand in Korea.



GIs of the 35th Infantry Regiment load a rocket launcher on a ridge in the Chigong-Ni area in July 1950. (U.S. Army photo, courtesy of Truman Library)

History has a way of making chumps of all who would second-guess her verdict, and the Korean War is a particular case in point. The accepted wisdom has been that the war in Korea would be recorded as a wasted effort, a stalemate in the struggle against Communism that was best ignored and forgotten.

But recent world events have called that premature evaluation into question. Korea may turn out to be the most decisive conflict waged during the entire 20th century — the war that spelled the death knell of Communism itself.

It certainly did not seem so at the time. As a young 18-year-old corporal and sergeant with the 24th Infantry Division in 1950 and 1951, first with a tank company and then as a rifle company squad leader, my initial impression was quite the contrary.

Woefully understrength, with only two rifle battalions per regiment and two firing batteries per artillery battalion, with a company of light tanks instead of the battalion of mediums that were authorized, we were no match for the fully-equipped North Korean regulars with their Soviet T-34 tanks that beat us back at Osan, Chonan, Chochiwon, the Kum River and Taejon.

To make matters worse, our 2.36-inch bazookas would not stop the enemy tanks, and neither would our M-24 Chaffee light tanks with their ineffectual 75mm guns, especially since our first ammunition resupply was reduced-charge training ammunition.

So it was an especially severe jolt to morale when the initial U.S. setbacks in Korea were blamed on the soldiers. Too soft, too fat, too out of condition because of the easy life on occupation duty in Japan, it was said, in a cynical attempt to cover up what budget cuts had done to combat-effectiveness.

It wasn't lack of physical preparedness or training that did us in. It was, at least in part, lack of spare parts, including a starter solenoid for my unit's tank retriever. For want of that dollar-or-so solenoid my company commander and two close friends were killed during our first week in Korea as they attempted to abandon that stalled vehicle.

To many Korean War veterans President Harry Truman's labeling the war a "police action" still rankles. Having a "year for Harry" added to our enlistments when he involuntarily extended all Regular Army terms of service to make up for failure to adequately man the armed forces was not a popular move. Neither was calling up the National Guard and Reserves, particularly inactive reservists. Nevertheless, these men served their nation with distinction.

When Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway assumed command of the Eighth U.S. Army in the dark days of December 1950, one of his first actions was to order an explanation of what the war was all about. That explanation was read to all of his soldiers.

To the question, "Why are we here?," his answer was simple. "We are here because of the decisions of the properly constituted authority of our respective governments . . . the loyalty we give, and expect, precludes any slightest questioning of these orders."

To the question "What are we fighting for?," Ridgway said the question was not confined to Korea or to the defense of our Korean allies, it was a defense of U.S. freedoms.

"In the final analysis," he said, "the issues now joined right here in Korea are whether Communism or individual freedom shall prevail; whether the flight of fear-driven people we have witnessed here shall be checked, or shall at some future time, however distant, engulf our own loved ones in all its misery and despair . . . These are the things for which we fight."

Although it would be some future time before we finally realized it — 40 years to be precise — Gen. Ridgway was exactly right. As the collapse of Communism within the past year has made obvious, the real gut issue of the

entire Cold War, of which the hot war in Korea was a most important part, was "whether Communism or individual freedom would prevail." Individual freedom prevailed in large measure because of the U.S. stand in Korea.

President Truman saw clearly what the Korean War was all about. Although he mistakingly attributed its outbreak to Moscow (evidence now is that the war was started by North Korea with Soviet and Chinese acquiesence), Truman saw the war as a test case of whether world Communism would be able to spread its ideology by force of arms.

As a result, he not only ordered troops into Korea but also at the same time directed the Seventh Fleet into the Taiwan Straits, increased aid to combat the Communist *Huk* insurgency in the Philippines and sent a military advisory team to aid France and the Associated States of Indochina in their struggle against Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh.

Most importantly, he ordered a massive troop buildup in Western Europe, sending more troops there than he did to Korea. Consequently, the Communist option of using military force to spread that ideology was largely forestalled.

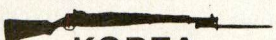
The war in Korea blocked Communism's spread to Japan and elsewhere in Northeast Asia and the era's troop buildup in Western Europe also deterred that doctrine's spread there as well.

Unable to expand into the world's power centers, Communism was forced to confront its most dangerous adversary — the contradictions inherent in Marxist-Leninist dogma. Those very contradictions, as George Kennan predicted in 1946, would eventually bring it down.

By holding the line in Korea the U.S. began the process that would terminate almost 40 years later in the collapse of Communism in East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and even within the Soviet Union itself.

"If you would seek his monument," it has been said of the great architect Sir Christopher Wren, "look around you." If you would seek the real monument to the veterans of the Korean War, look at the collapse of Communism that is now everywhere apparent. Although America might not have realized it at the time, in Korea history was fighting on freedom's side. ■

An infantry squad leader in the Korean War, Col. Harry Summers formerly held the General Douglas MacArthur Chair at the Army War College. Now a syndicated columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*, his most recent book, the *Korean War Almanac*, was published by Facts on File Publications in May 1990.

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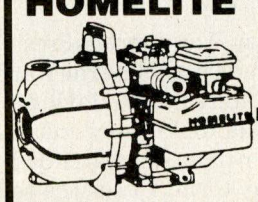
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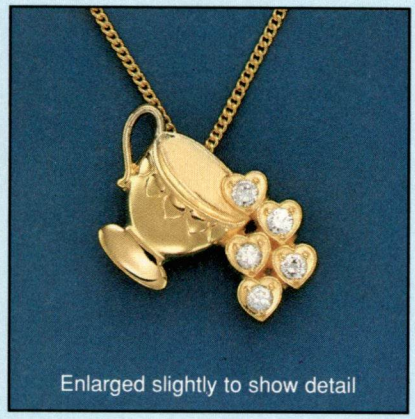
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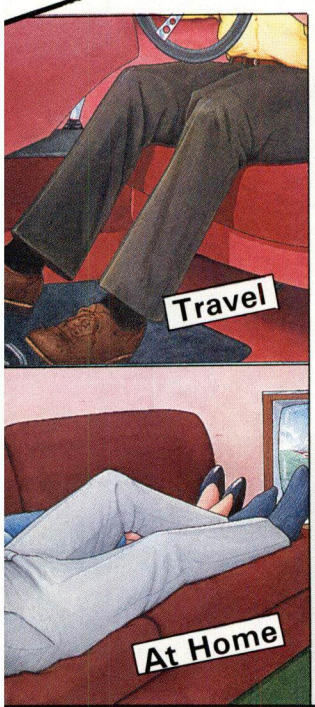
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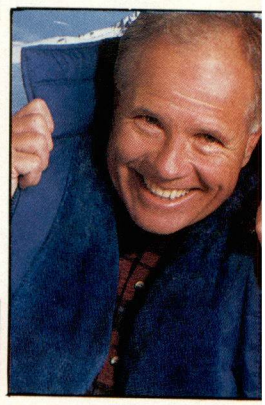
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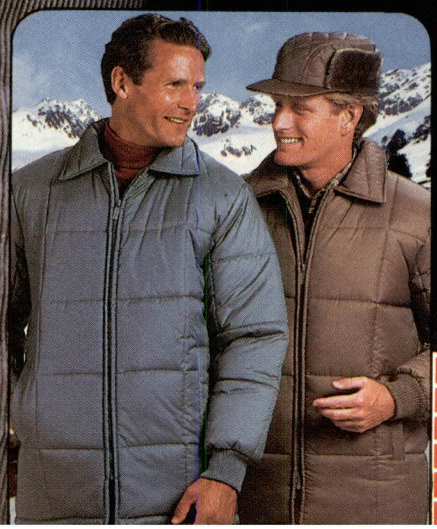
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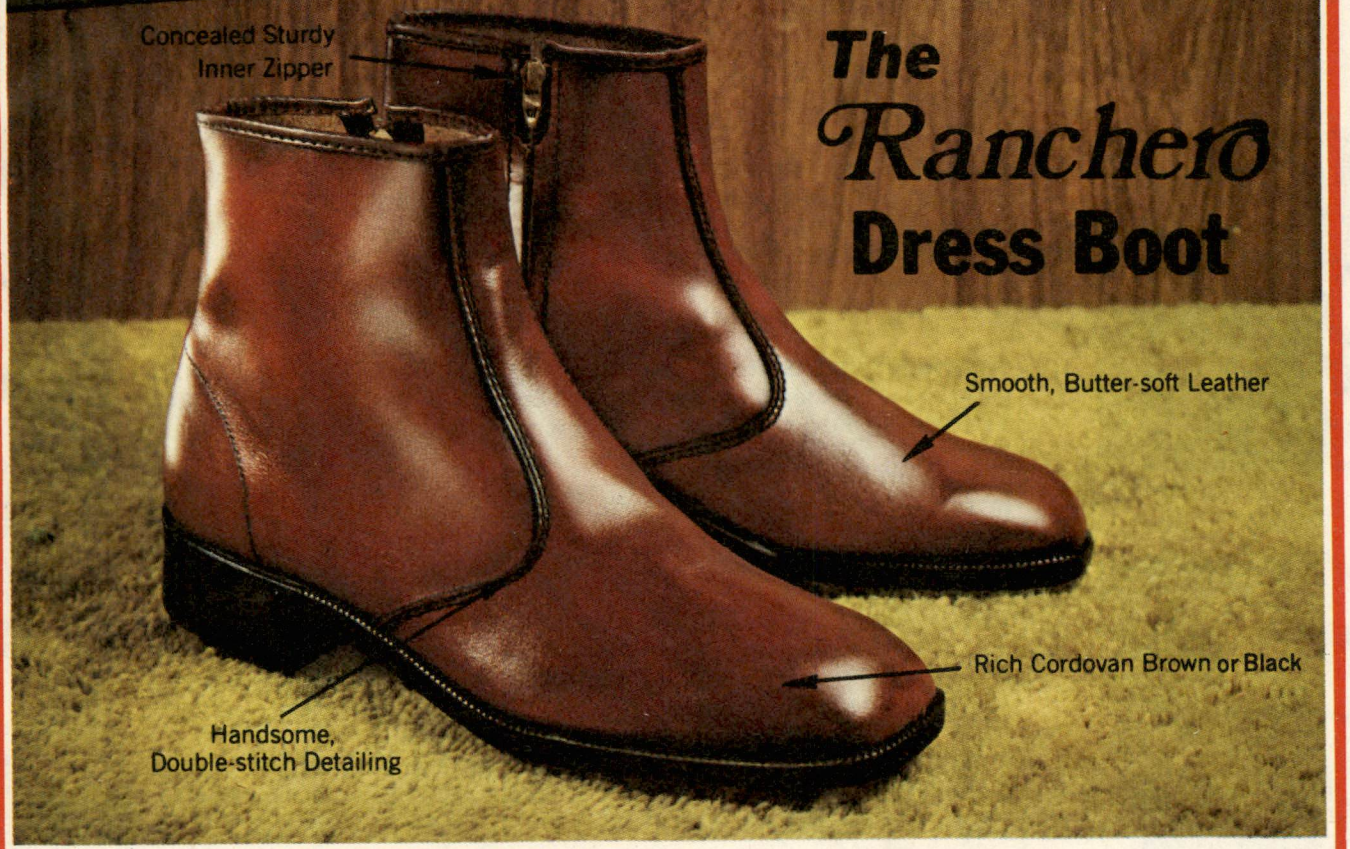
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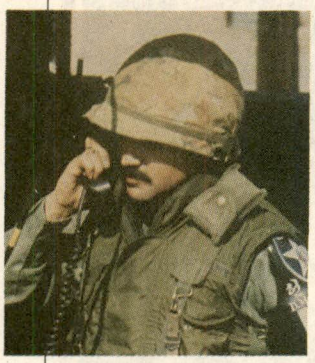
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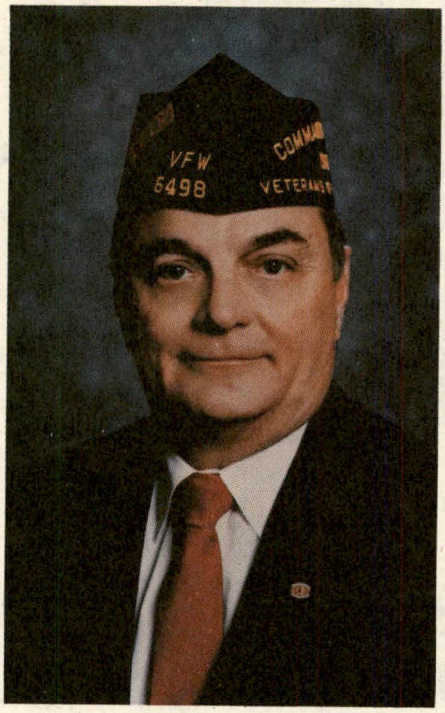
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I am honored — and humbled — this morning to stand before you to accept your vote of confidence in designating me to serve you as your Commander-in-Chief.

I want to particularly thank the members of my Post in Milwaukee, Wis. — Post 6498 — who helped bring me to this point. I must thank the Department of Wisconsin and the Big Ten Conference for their backing and, of course, the other conferences for their support. Thanks also to those great ladies of the Auxiliary whose active programs and support have helped me and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Certainly a special thanks to my wife Shirley and my family whose love, support and understanding, and their belief in me and our Veterans of Foreign Wars, made it possible for me to attain this high position.

I am *Proud to Serve* and proud to be a member of this vibrant organization — the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW — an organization of people who believe in America. People who will stand up for what is right for America. People who will stand up for what is right for veterans. And people who will stand up for what is right for our Flag — and if right means a constitutional amendment, then that is what your Veterans of Foreign Wars will support.



New Beginning

Today, we conclude our 90th National Convention. But today also marks the Veterans of Foreign Wars' entry into its tenth decade as an organization dedicated to protecting veterans entitlements and a strong national defense.

Through the years the Veterans of Foreign Wars achieved success because of the size, commitment and determination of its membership. But let's not be fooled, become complacent or indifferent because of recent or past achievements.

In the days and months ahead we will be faced with issues and challenges that will seek to undermine the very fabric of programs and activities that are vital to America's 27 million veterans.

In the days and months ahead we will be challenged by skeptics and those indifferent to the needs of America's veterans.

There are those who are indifferent to the aging or homeless veteran, complacent about the veteran who in need of care is being turned away from the doors of our VA hospitals and unconcerned about the veteran suffering the ill-effects of Agent Orange or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Equally important in the days and months ahead are the challenges we face by those who are indifferent to the threats to America's security or to our steadfast commitment to resolve the important issue of America's POW/MIA.

Today marks a new beginning for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A new beginning not only for me, but a new beginning for many who also serve as Post, District and Department Commanders. Together with our united strength — the strength of more than two million members — we are prepared to face the tasks ahead. When the Veterans of Foreign Wars' membership is committed, challenges can and will be overcome.

As your Commander-in-Chief, I pledge to maintain that continuity of leadership which has allowed the Veterans of Foreign Wars to fulfill its commitment to America, its veterans and its citizens.

Defense Watchdog

I pledge that as an organization of men and women who know and have experienced the ravages of war, the Veterans of Foreign Wars will not only continue to serve the needs of America's veterans, but will also serve as the watchdog of our national defense. We will remind whomever necessary that when it comes to national security, unpreparedness and weakness will not be tolerated.

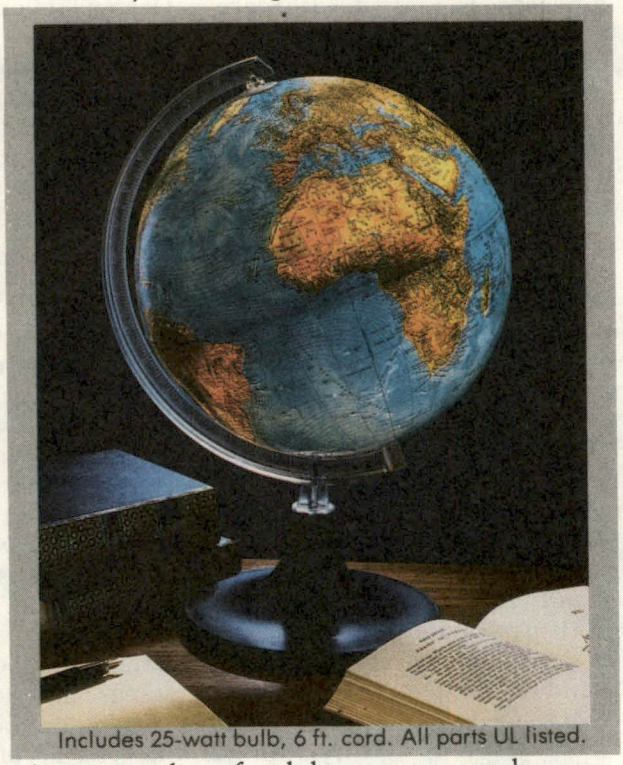
To those of you seated here this morning and to our members across this great land, I want you to know we are a generation of Americans who have never known a period of real world peace. All our adult life we have experienced and known only war or the threat of war — and on a level of destructiveness that could not be imagined when our

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organization was founded 90 years ago.

However, today seems to offer new opportunities to reduce the destructiveness and threat of war. We are seeing dramatic changes in the Communist world.

In Poland, Hungary and other countries of Eastern Europe, new democratic movements are taking hold. In Communist China, the voices of freedom have been stifled



but they have not been silenced. Changes are transforming the Communist world.

For more than 40 years the Veterans of Foreign Wars spoke out loud and clear about the challenge posed by the Iron Curtain. With the support and example of World War II veterans, we in the Veterans of Foreign Wars saw, and met, the challenge of Communist aggression in the mud and bitter cold of Korea.

We served with unflinching steadiness in the steaming jungles and mountains of Vietnam. We supported U.S. action in Grenada; and today we continue to speak out loud and clear about the Communist challenge in Central America.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars has been the conscience of this nation whenever and wherever the challenge of Communism arose.

But now, there appears to be real prospects for a new relationship with the Soviet Union, new opportunities to reduce the threat of war, perhaps even new opportunities for a more stable and secure peace.

My concern, however, is that we not let our expectations get ahead of reality; that we not let our heart lead our head.

We must, more than ever, remain resolute, strong and avoid weakness. Our own weakness lets opponents grow stronger, and that is no more apparent than in Central America.

Years of countless debates have only weakened our effort, and today, the drug lords and dictators are growing stronger.

It is time to overcome this weakness. It is time to stand up for U.S. security interests in Central America. As a nation we cannot retreat from this challenge and we *will* not surrender — not to drug lords, not to dictators.

Health Care

We must not allow the challenges we face to become our reason for indifference or inaction. Whether it is an issue of national security or veterans entitlements, we must not permit challenges to become roadblocks.

This coming year poses major challenges for those of us who work to maintain the nationwide system of veterans programs, especially health care. Today, veterans health care is being attacked on many fronts.

In the days and months ahead, some hard choices have to be made when it comes to establishing VA health care priorities.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will support those choices which are right and which do the most for those in need. The Veterans of Foreign Wars will also oppose, with all our resources, those who seek to eliminate or render meaningless the entitlements veterans have earned.

As we enter this last decade of the century, we are concerned that there are those within the VA who are resisting the realities of a changing health care environment and the medical challenges which face them.

While there are unquestionably veterans requiring the most sophisticated of open heart or transplant surgery, the overwhelming majority using VA facilities are chronically ill veterans who require medical care and nurturing.

VA hospital directors and staff members may be alarmed by the conversion of acute care beds to accommodate the long-term needs of older, chronically ill veteran patients, but these are changes which the VA must face and address.

Additionally, changes in the past decade in medical technology have shifted the emphasis from inpatient to outpatient care and caused a major increase in outpatient work load.

Within the VA there has been a corresponding increase in the number of veterans seeking outpatient care. However, the Veterans of Foreign Wars senses a reluctance on the part of some within the Department of Veterans Affairs to accept these changes.

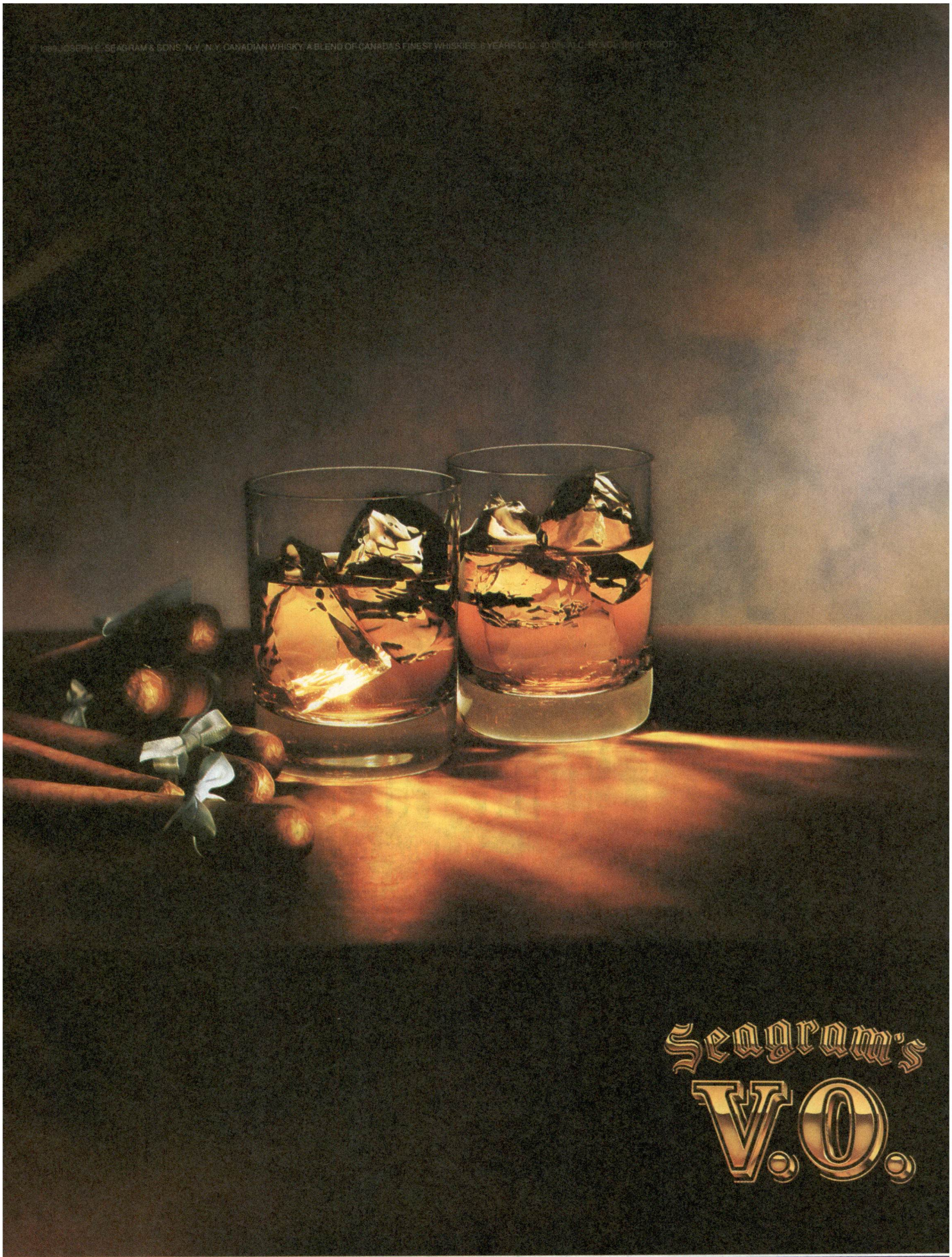
My friends, in the days and months ahead we, in the Veterans of Foreign Wars will *remind* the VA of its changing priorities. And the Veterans of Foreign Wars *will work* to ensure that the Department of Veterans Affairs makes the necessary changes in order to meet the needs of America's veterans.

We will watch closely as the new secretary of veterans affairs and his staff lobby Congress to create a commission. A commission to review the VA health care system and to make a take-it-or-leave-it recommendation to realign resources which may include changes in the VA health care mission.

Even though the secretary has stated at the outset that closing medical facilities is not the objective of this commission, our job, the job

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of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be to see that this is not simply a "shell game".

We will watch, with an eagle eye, the commission's deliberation. Any suggested restructuring must improve the level of and accessibility to veterans health care or the commission will not have the support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Any suggested restructuring that will advocate closing beds or further reducing the number of beds available to veterans will not be accepted nor tolerated by your Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will let neither the VA nor Congress forget its commitment and obligation to America's veterans.

But my friends, today, less than half of the members of the House of Representatives have served in the armed forces and the number of veterans in the Senate is also shrinking.

This is not to say we don't have friends in Congress — we do. What I am saying is we are being challenged more and more to get our message of the entitlements veterans have earned to all members of Congress, whether veterans or non-veterans.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will let neither the VA nor Congress forget its commitment and obligation to America's veterans.

Retaining these entitlements in the face of budget cutting is another major hurdle. But the Veterans of Foreign Wars cannot and will not tolerate loss of veterans benefits.

Nowhere was this attack on veterans more evident than this past June. The Department of Veterans Affairs was on the verge of running out of money and President Bush requested a "dire emergency supplemental appropriation" so veterans could continue to receive health care.

This is not something new, but this year there was a new twist! Veterans in need were being held hostage to the whims of a Congress bent on pushing its own pork-barrel spending programs.

It absolutely defies belief that a member of Congress would even consider standing in the way of veterans receiving needed health care — but that's just what happened.

In the end, after five long months, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and America's veterans won. But the effects of that delay will be felt for months and years to come.

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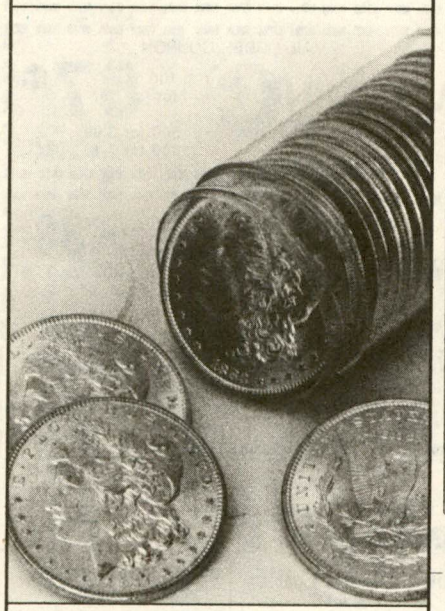
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As a matter of fact, the services provided by this budget will fall below the services provided in 1988. It's no secret, there has been practically no gain whatsoever. It's simple inflation.

It will continue to be an uphill battle in the months and years ahead. But your Veterans of Foreign Wars will demand your personal involvement.

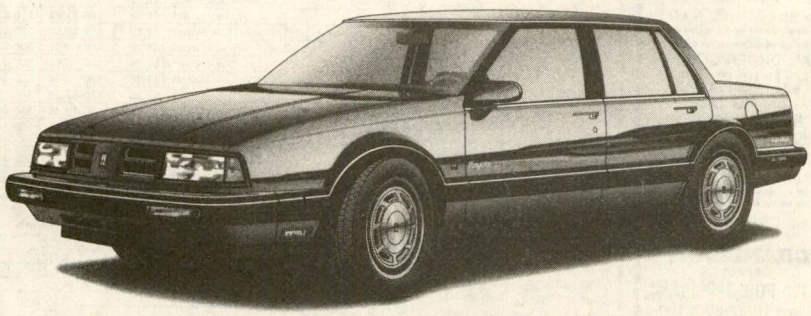
A strong membership speaking with one voice ensures that neither veterans nor their loved ones will go without the care or means they need and have earned.

Together, as the Veterans of Foreign Wars enters this decade of the '90s and begins the journey toward its centennial, we are grateful to those who served the Veterans of Foreign Wars unselfishly and who paved the way for its greatness.

Today, let's reaffirm our commitment as members of this great veterans group to continue the work of those whom we follow. *Be Proud to Serve.*

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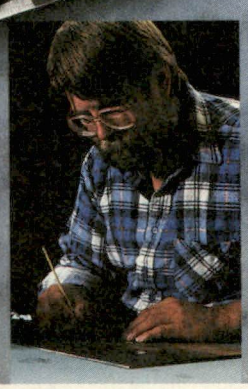


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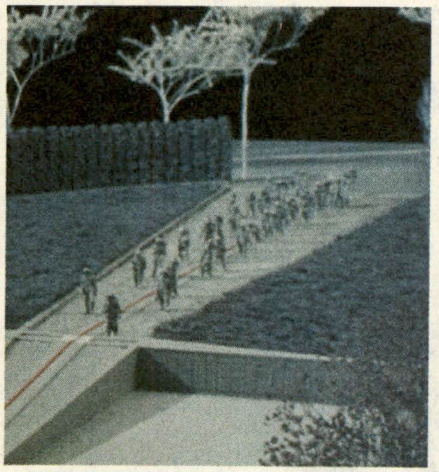
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Korean War Memorial Too Narrow in Scope

I believe the design chosen to be inappropriate. A more dignified monument that honors all branches of the service is called for. The Navy and Air Force seem to have been slighted in this design. — *Richard A. Mauro, 10 Freeman Rd., Somerset, N.J. 08873.*

In my estimation the memorial selected pays no tribute to the thousands of U.S. Air Force veterans of the war. I recorded 367 combat hours as a pilot in support of ground troops in Korea.

Maybe the design might be modified to include a few USAF transports and fighters near the memorial? — *James L. Ritchie, Rte. 3, Box 180-R, Newport, N.C. 28570.*

I'm appalled to see only one flag on display as part of the proposed memorial design. We didn't fight this war single-handed, but had the help of several nations. These nations earned the right to be represented by displaying the U.N. flag on the site.

And let us not forget the POWs and MIAs who were left behind. Let's fly the black flag of mourning. Together with "Old Glory" these flags should be displayed with equal prominence. — *Robert E. Watkins, 12540 Bartels Dr., Omaha, Neb. 68137.*

I feel that the designers have forgotten or are not thoroughly familiar with the make up of an infantry platoon. One very important member has been omitted from the design, the platoon medic. He too walked and knew that war through his feet.

Before this design is finally approved, I sincerely hope and pray that a 39th life-sized figure is added — "The Aid Man." — *Rodolph Mullins, 310 Birch Lane, Waynesville, Mo. 65583.*

Hearts in the Right Place

I was angry at the Supreme Court's decision concerning Flag desecration. Then I remembered that the duties of Supreme Court judges are to define and interpret laws — not to make laws.

Their decision came through to me loud and clear — our lawmakers have



not yet come up with laws against Flag-desecration that can stand up under the Court's ruling.

We all might be surprised to find most of them standing in our line to kick a desecrator. Their decisions do not necessarily tell us where their hearts are. — *Royce Q. Holland, 11000 W. Country Dr., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73170.*

Support SDI

We would do well to support the SDI anti-missile defense, "Brilliant Pebbles." Gen. Graham is not fighting the last war, he's trying to keep the next one from happening. If a "Pearl Harbor" attack was delivered with today's technology we might never be free again. — *Arnold Ware Jones, Rte. 1, Box 51, Camino, Calif. 95709.*

Other Veterans Shelter

There is at least one other exclusively veterans shelter in the country besides the Salvation Army's Borden Avenue Veterans Residence.

The Disabled American Veterans sponsors a shelter for vets only in Greeley, Colo. It houses up to 18 veterans. Local organizations such as the VFW help support the facility. — *Bill Paris, P.O. Box 215, Greeley, Colo. 80632.*

Eisenhower/Patton Picture Sought

I would like to obtain the picture of Generals Eisenhower and Patton that appeared in the Stars & Stripes shortly after the Battle of the Bulge. Standing to one side of them or in the background is a soldier hiding a cigarette in his hand. That GI is my father-in-law.

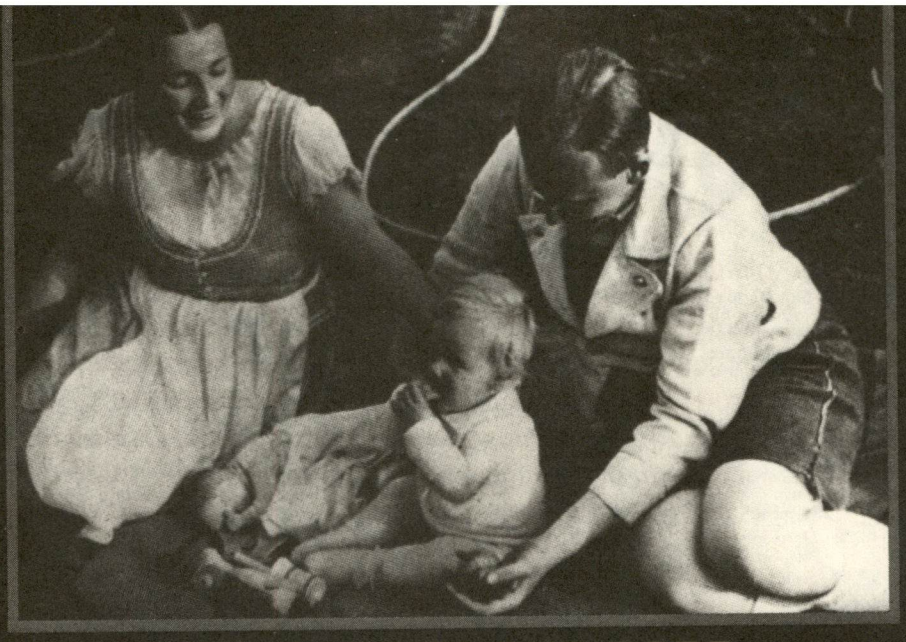
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Taps For Veterans Day

George Gregory of 2985 Nightingale, Rochester Heights, Mich. 48309, advises that the cassettes of taped traditional Army "Taps" and the rifle salute recorded at the funeral of President John F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery are available from

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The Chaplain's Corner

By the Rev. A.G. Parker
National Chaplain

The 90th National Convention was an exciting time of re-grouping, of re-gathering, of renewing old friendships and making new acquaintances.

It was also a time of business meetings where ideas were exchanged, battle plans formulated and directions for progress chartered.

The Convention was a time of banquets, of fun and laughter, of mutual respect and trust, too. It was all this and much more. Now, though, the hospitality rooms are closed, the halls no longer resound with greetings from comrades and the Maltese Cross is no longer in evidence. It's all gone, living only in our memories.

As I waited almost alone and lonely in the hotel lobby, waiting for transportation to the airport, my thoughts were filled with thanksgiving to a most gracious God, under whom this nation is joined, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

We were allowed to come together in mind and spirit for a short reunion to once again relive the past and hope for the future. I pray that once again we have been pleasing to God, in that, we honored this country and glorified His great and holy name.

Comrades and sisters, I covet your prayers on behalf of fellow veterans who are patients in VA Medical Centers.

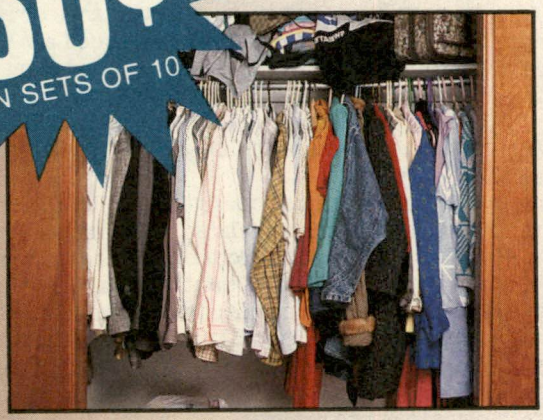
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Agent Orange Bill Passed in Senate

Just prior to its August recess, the U.S. Senate passed S. 1153, the Veterans Agent Orange Exposure and Vietnam Service Benefits Act of 1989. It was introduced by Senators Daschle, Kerry and Cranston and co-sponsored by 23 additional senators. The bill will now be sent to the House of Representatives for consideration. The law would:

- Provide payment for interim — from Oct. 1, 1989-April 15, 1992 — disability benefits for Vietnam veterans with non-Hodgkins lymphoma (NHL) or soft-tissue sarcoma (STS) and survivors' benefits resulting from veterans deaths from either condition.

Payment must be equal to VA service connected disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation benefits. It must also provide a mechanism for votes in both Houses of Congress after January 1, 1992 — but prior to the expiration date of these interim benefits — to extend or make the benefits permanent.

- Create a mechanism requiring VA to determine — based on an initial independent scientific review — which is updated by biennial follow-up reviews — all relevant evidence. Also, all other available scientific information must be examined to determine whether permanent presumptions for disability benefits should be accorded for NHL, STS, or any other diseases determined to have positive association with exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides in Vietnam.

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) would conduct this scientific review under the law. If NAS declines, another independent scientific entity would be chosen.

- Establish a permanent presumption of service connection for chloracne in Vietnam veterans when the disease or another acne form of disease consistent with chloracne became manifest within one year of Vietnam service.
- Require VA to gather, analyze and report annually to Congressional Veterans Affairs Committees data accumulated from the records of Vietnam veterans seeking treatment for herbicide-related conditions.
- Require VA to establish an archiving system to store voluntarily contributed blood and tissue samples from Vietnam veterans for future research.
- Require VA to fund appropriate, independent studies designed to determine the feasibility of future scientific research on diseases or disabilities related to herbicide exposure or health hazards tied to Vietnam service.
- Require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit a report, within 180 days of enactment, on research being conducted to identify and develop treatments for exposure to dioxin and other toxic agents similar to those in herbicides used in Vietnam.
- Extend from Sept. 30, 1990 to Dec. 31, 1993 veterans entitlements to or eligibility for care based on possible exposure to Agent Orange or radiation.
- Make technical changes in Public Law 100-687. It established outreach provisions relating to Agent Orange, requiring VA to annually update Agent Orange-related information and provide such information to veterans listed in VA's Agent Orange registry.
- Make additional changes in Public Law 100-687. These provisions mandated certain reporting requirements for the Air Force concerning its Ranch Hand study. Changes include authorizing direct communication between scientists working on the Ranch Hand study and members of the advisory committee overseeing the study. They also require the Defense Department to specify dates for the submission of certain study reports.

VRA Reform Proposed

Also, just prior to the August recess, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2486, the Veterans Recruitment Authority Act of 1989. It is now before the Senate. The bill, introduced by Rep. Tim Penny, would extend and improve the Veterans Readjustment Appointment authority (VRA).

Under current law, VRA is a non-competitive appointment to federal employment for Vietnam era veterans. It leads to competitive status upon satisfactory completion of service and education or training.

VRA has placed over 279,000 Vietnam era veterans in federal service.

Major provisions include:

- Establishing VRA permanently.
- Removing the current 14-year education restriction for non-disabled veterans.
- Providing VRA preference for service connected disabled veterans.
- Extending eligibility for VRA appointments for non-disabled post-Vietnam era veterans for five years after date of enactment or five years from date of discharge, whichever is later.
- Lifetime eligibility for a VRA appointment for Vietnam era veterans, service connected disabled veterans and veterans of a campaign or expedition for which a medal has been authorized.
- Training for VRA appointees on a case-by-case basis.
- Removing the cap on GS and GM-levels. Under current law, VRA appointments are restricted to a maximum grade of GS-9 or the equivalent.
- Eliminating the current requirement that VRA appointees be on the job two years before being eligible for conversion to permanent status.
- Changing the program's name to Veterans Recruitment Authority.

In addition, language in the report accompanying H.R. 2486, as amended, directs the Office of Personnel Management — in consultation with other appropriate agencies — to: examine existing successful veterans employment and outreach programs; and develop a plan to expand and implement these programs nationwide.

James N. Magill
Director of National Legislative Service

SERVICE



GI Home Loan Guaranty Program

When there is a default and foreclosure on a VA-guaranteed or direct loan which results in a deficiency, the veteran is indebted to the government for that deficient amount.

To obtain a personal release from liability on a GI home loan three requirements must be met:

- the loan must be free of overdue mortgage payments;
- the purchaser must assume all the veteran's loan liability; and
- the purchaser must qualify for credit, meeting the same standards as a veteran applying for a VA-guaranteed loan in the same amount as the loan under assumption.

VA is required to demonstrate it had attempted to notify a veteran of an impending foreclosure on a house by mail or other means if it intends to recover loan-related monies from a veteran.

Liability relief is available to veteran-borrowers who obtained GI loan commitments on or after March 1, 1988. That law requires that all assumptions of GI loans be approved in advance, releasing the veteran from further loan liability.

However, if the assumption is made only because the veteran-seller is unable to make additional payments and the assumption is intended to prevent foreclosure, the statute does not apply.

Since the new law does not affect existing loans, all veterans should continue to seek release from liability.

Waiver or compromise of loan indebtedness is possible under limited circumstances. A VFW Department service officer can best explain the due process and appeal rights afforded a veteran-borrower.

Frederico Juarbe, Jr.
Director of National Veterans Service

SECURITY



POW/MIA Update

Analysis of returned American remains from Vietnam and joint U.S.-Vietnam investigations of crash sites have produced mixed results.

Many remains have yet to be positively identified and crash sites often fail to yield information about discrepancy cases in which evidence suggests Americans survived and/or were captured.

Also, claims made by the Japanese Buddhist monk who said he had contact with Americans in captivity are open to question.

U.S. officials caution that his health is very poor, he is barely able to communicate and investigators are forced to rely on his daughter for descriptions.

In his recent address to the National League of Families, President Bush made the following points:

- Despite increased activities with Vietnam, many matters remain shrouded in doubt.
- In Laos, many questions also remain unanswered.
- Efforts to gain Cambodia's cooperation have thus far been unsuccessful.
- Gen. John Vessey, re-appointed special Presidential emissary to Vietnam, has sustained the dialogue with Hanoi.
- Resolving the POW/MIA issue remains a matter of the "highest national priority" for the Bush Administration.
- Talks are under way with the Soviet Union to help determine the fate of Soviet soldiers missing in Afghanistan. In return, the U.S. expects Moscow to encourage their allies in Indochina to be more responsive to U.S. requests.

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NVS's Training Program Proves Its Worth

By Frederico Juarbe, Jr.

The VFW's National Veterans Service Training Program was launched in the fall of 1984 to improve the effectiveness of the NVS's claims representation service before the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other governmental agencies. Since then, the four-phase training program has evolved into a highly sophisticated system emulated but not equalled by others.

Though it's difficult to ascertain the success of the training program, suffice it to say that the quantity, and most importantly, the quality of assistance provided by VFW service officers has dramatically improved.

This fact is evidenced by the significant increase in the number of favorable claims decisions and greater prestige accorded VFW Department service officers.

A fitting example, but only one of many, of the benefits of this comprehensive training effort can be observed in a case recently represented by North Dakota VFW Service Officer Charles D. Barstad.

Barstad, who has accumulated more than 175 hours of specialized training, says the instruction he received at the first training conference in Kansas City, Mo. in December 1984 was invaluable. It was instrumental in his successful claim representation on behalf of Ralph T. Hunt before the VA Regional Office in Fargo, N.D.

Training pertaining to Special Monthly Compensation awards and codes, possibly the most challenging and difficult of all veterans benefits issues, allowed him to uncover serious errors in prior VA rating actions, leading to the award of a sizable retroactive payment to the veteran.

According to the case history, Hunt, a World War II veteran, was granted service connection and a 30% disability evaluation for chronic residuals of a combat-incurred gunshot wound of the left thigh. In addition, he was awarded service connection for pulmonary tuberculosis.

In reviewing Hunt's VA claims folder for the re-opened claim for an increased rating for the gunshot wound residuals, Barstad found that the service connected pulmonary tuberculosis had become completely arrested in late 1948.

He further determined that under a law passed by the 82nd Congress, the veteran was entitled to receive a special statutory award for the arrested condition. This could not be paid in addition to any other compensation he was entitled to receive.

Since the statutory award was worth $67 a month and the 30% evaluation assigned Hunt's gunshot wound amounted to $55 a month, the veteran logically opted for the greater of the two.

Barstad observed, however, that in October 1970, the monthly rate payable for a 30% rating surpassed the amount of the statutory award for the tuberculosis. This meant that payment should have automatically switched, providing Hunt with the amount corresponding to the 30% rating rather than the statutory allotment.

The change did not occur at that time. Believing this constituted clear and unmistakable error on the part of VA, Barstad approached the adjudication officer at the Fargo VA Regional Office with his findings.

After a quick review of Hunt's claims folder, the adjudication officer agreed with Barstad. A subsequent audit by the VA revealed that the veteran had, in fact, been underpaid for many years. A retroactive award of more than $17,000 was then granted.

Training did make the difference in the representation of this case as it has in so many others. Although the VFW is proud of its tradition of excellence in service, it is well aware that there is always room for improvement. Training has proven to be the answer. ■

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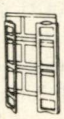
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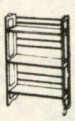
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Drive For the Future

Recruiting and reinstating veterans to the VFW is paramount to the organization's survival. That critical chore is coordinated by the Membership Department in Kansas City and assisted by every member in the field.

Individual members are the lifeblood of the VFW. Ever mindful of this fact, the Membership Department works to develop innovative ways to hold members' allegiance while ensuring that the best possible service is rendered at all organizational levels.

It's not an easy task. But growth is testimony to the fact that the VFW is on the right track. Veterans join for a variety of reasons. Camaraderie, reliable benefits assistance, dedication to principle and community commitment all play a part.

Whatever the reason, all member-related affairs must be centrally channeled. That's where Larry LeFebvre and his three-member staff enter the picture.

Giving Something Back

As Director of the Membership Department, LeFebvre is responsible for a host of tasks. All contests and awards are processed there, and membership manuals, workbooks and brochures are designed and produced under the department's guidance.

Statistical data is also tabulated and then provided to the field. Perhaps the position's most important aspect is handling the needs and concerns of Department heads as well as the general membership. All this amounts to a staggering load of correspondence.

Yet LeFebvre says he takes it all in stride. "Giving something back to the community, that is one of the key things that got me involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"It was making a difference in terms of community service. Volunteers are essential to the nation — they are our most precious human resource — and the VFW contributes its share," he says.

LeFebvre's service to the nation began in 1966 with a one-year tour with the Army's 4th Infantry Division at Pleiku in Vietnam's Central Highlands.

A native of Michigan, he has worked in the fields of insurance, banking and public utilities. In the early 1970s, he wrote a column called "Nam Talk" for the Michigan Overseas Veteran newspaper. That column earned him the VFW's attention.

In 1975, LeFebvre was hired as a National representative. Two years later, he landed the Directorship of the Voice of Democracy and Youth Activities Programs where he remained for over a decade. On Sept. 1, 1988 he was appointed National Membership Director.



LeFebvre and his staff deal with a multitude of member-related concerns on a daily basis.

Motives for Joining

"Recruitment of new members is made easier by the substantial benefits offered by the VFW," says LeFebvre. "Volunteer service officers, trained in claims assistance at all organizational levels, are available to help veterans procure entitlements.

"For veterans caught up in the bureaucratic red tape often encountered at state veterans' agencies and regional Department of Veterans Affairs offices, these service officers are a godsend."

VFW membership also provides an opportunity to perform community service alongside fellow veterans. LeFebvre believes visible projects allow the VFW to demonstrate tangibly its family orientation and what it stands for.

Then there is the importance of belonging, especially to an organization willing to publicly advocate strong positions on national defense and foreign policies.

A significant number of members are propelled by patriotism, too. As LeFebvre puts it, "The VFW is the ideal vehicle for expressing patriotism. People are no longer afraid of being labeled 'Flag-wavers.' They're proud of America and proud to be Americans."

Numbers Speak for Themselves

So what's on the horizon? VFW is fully geared for continued growth. At

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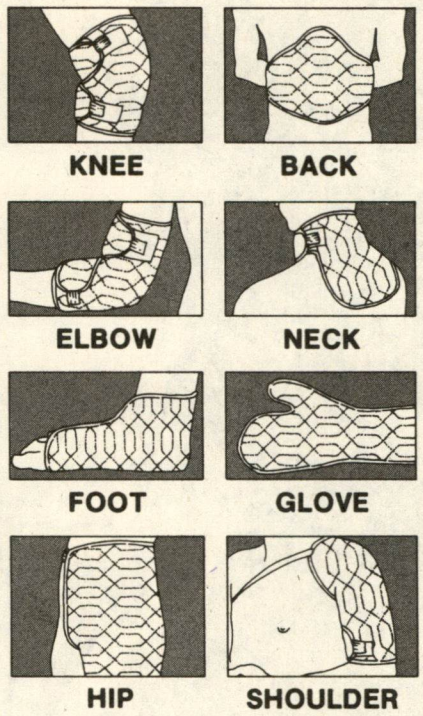
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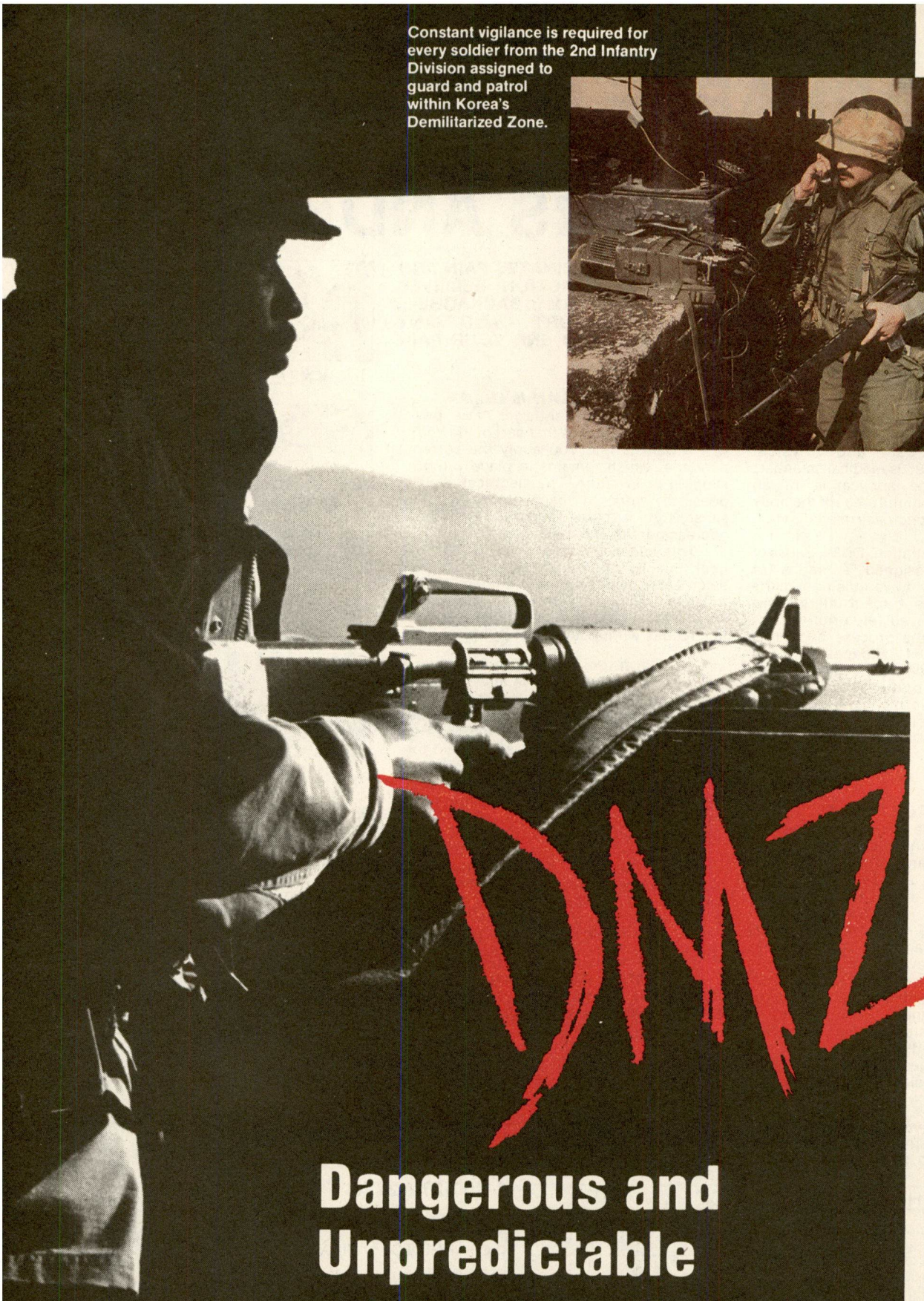
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Constant vigilance is required for every soldier from the 2nd Infantry Division assigned to guard and patrol within Korea's Demilitarized Zone.



All photos were taken by Gary Bloomfield, managing editor, during his tours in Korea.

DMZ

Dangerous and Unpredictable

By Richard K. Kolb

Since 1953, GIs have maintained a vigil over the demilitarized zone separating North from South Korea. In recognition of this potentially hazardous duty, numerous VFW resolutions have been passed over the years in support of amending the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, making those who serve there eligible for membership.

"It is a landscape of nightmare, this wasteland of a demilitarized zone: artillery craters, barbed wire, minefields, graveyards, the skeletons of villages and the remains of rice paddies. The earth has been shelled, mined, overgrown, booby-trapped, burned and abandoned to grow wild yet another time," wrote William Holinger of Korea's DMZ in *The Fence-Walker*.

Until the recent debate over withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea, few Americans paid much attention to GIs serving near this reminder of a war never fully settled.

Nor has tangible recognition been granted for the inherent risks taken along one of the most dangerous fronts between Communism and the free world.

So it is not surprising that the American people do not fully comprehend the demanding service rendered in this harsh land.

"I am surprised and upset with the lack of media coverage on soldiers serving here," wrote Pfc. Mark Whitt of B Co., 2nd Battalion/503rd Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division. "Heck, I live three miles from a Communist border in a tent with 13 other people and regularly patrol the DMZ separating North and South Korea."

A world away back in the U.S., this same dismay is shared by veterans who served in Korea between July 28, 1954 and Sept. 30, 1966. "For years we have been fighting for Congress or the Defense Department to allow the United Nations Ribbon or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) for military personnel who did a stint in Korea during the time that is not officially recognized," says Francis J. Burskey.

A member of the Korean Service Veterans in Pennsylvania, Burskey served along the DMZ in 1963-64 when several GIs were killed in action by North Koreans.

Both Burskey and Whitt are understandably disappointed. By all accounts, Korea's DMZ is about as close to a combat zone as there is in the world today for American ground units.

But because the shooting has stopped for now, veterans of the "Z," as it is known in GI jargon, do not qualify for a campaign medal.

The exception to that rule applies to the period between October 1966 and June 1974 when the AFEM was authorized. Yet even during this time, full-fledged firefights regularly occurred only from November 1966 through 1969.

The AFEM was first granted retroactively for service in the 1958 Lebanon intervention. Since then, it's been authorized for 17 other military actions involving varying degrees of danger, most recently for Persian Gulf naval service.

Apparently, there is substantial support for admitting all Korea DMZ vets to the VFW. Says VFW Commander-in-Chief Wally Hogan, a Korean War veteran, "A half dozen resolutions were introduced in 1989 and their message is clear: until a peace treaty is signed, anyone assigned to the DMZ for 30 or more consecutive days should be awarded the AFEM."

VFW Resolution No. 209, a combination of the six Korea-related resolutions introduced this year, urges Congress or the Defense Department to authorize the AFEM for all qualified personnel.

In the Jaws of a Dragon

A flashpoint of the Cold War, Korea is the sole place in East Asia where



the critical interests of all the major Pacific powers converge. A Communist-controlled peninsula would be a "dagger aimed at the heart of Japan."

GIs in Korea are on a higher state of alert than any other U.S. troops on the globe, serving as a virtual tripwire between two of the world's largest opposing armies. Within 50 miles of the 38th parallel, North Korea has 480,000 troops facing 360,000 South Koreans.





Every American and South Korean soldier patrolling between the DMZ's Southern Barrier Fence and the Military Demarcation Line watches for tell-tale signs of North Korean infiltration, such as footprints in the neatly-raked sand along the fence, broken tree branches, breaks in the fence, booby-traps along the trails, etc. They remain alert and ready to respond to any North Korean provocation, which occurs frequently and without warning.



South Korea is strategically situated in Northeast Asia where the interests of all the Pacific powers converge.

Some 60% of the North's total combat strength, including the elite Special Operations Forces — the largest such element in the world — are forward-deployed. It serves as the vanguard for cross-border attack as well as behind-the-lines warfare and sabotage missions.

The DMZ has been described as "a barren collar stretched around the neck of a dragon to keep its two heads from biting each other." Soldiers charged with keeping that dragon at bay are in an unenviable position.

Said Col. John Patrick, commander of the 400-man United Nations Security Force at Camp Bonifas in 1988, "It is a continuing cold war of intimidation with the North Koreans." Added Lt. Jeff Helmick, "This is one of two places in the world where you have direct contact with the enemy (Berlin being the other)."

(Incidentally, a stint in Berlin, by a quirk of political history, still qualifies military personnel for an Army of Occupation Medal and thus membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.)

Clashes with the enemy in Korea are always possible. In late 1984, for example, a defecting Soviet student provoked a lethal exchange of gunfire. North Koreans shot at the student as he fled across the border, prompting return fire from South Korean soldiers.

In the brief firefight, two North Koreans and one South Korean were killed. And Pvt. Michael A. Burgoyne of Portland, Mich., was shot in the jaw. He was later awarded the Purple Heart.



The famed Indianhead patch, second largest in the U.S. Army, has been known on the Korean peninsula for nearly 40 years.

Deterring the Enemy

North Korea remains committed to destabilizing the economically powerful South. Infiltration, sabotage, espionage, terrorism, sea raids, airspace violations and other provocative acts characterize the Communist regime's campaign against Seoul.

Enough of a threat obviously exists along the DMZ to warrant active deterrence. This is where the 8th Army comes into play. It makes up over 70% of the 44,135 U.S. troops stationed in Korea. Most remaining personnel belong to the U.S. Air Force.

Based "In Front of Them All" is the 8th Army's Joint Security Force Company (JSFC) which guards the buildings at Panmunjom and serves as a Quick Reaction Force. JSFC is on call 24 hours a day.

This combined U.S.-Korean unit has sustained 10 killed in action (KIA) and 40 wounded in action (WIA) since the end of the Korean War in 1953.

Right behind JSFC is the 2nd Infantry Division, the most forward-deployed division in the U.S. Army.

The Indianhead Division, as it is nicknamed, was reorganized in 1987 and today has four combat maneuver brigades — infantry, armor, mechanized infantry and aviation.

The brigades consist of eight battalions — three light and two mechanized infantry, two tank and one air cavalry squadron. Four artillery battalions provide fire support.

All told, approximately half of the division's 15,000 members are committed to a combat role. The division is brought to authorized strength by attachment of over 2,200 KATUSAs (Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army).

Division elements are positioned astride the principal invasion corridors leading to Seoul, and are responsible for an 18.5-mile-sector of the 151-mile DMZ.

Two American guard posts, Collier and Ouelette, lie within the DMZ and are manned by infantry platoons. Permanently based at Camp Greaves and Liberty Bell north of the Imjin River is the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry of the 3rd Brigade.

From late winter to late fall, other infantry battalions are rotated to the

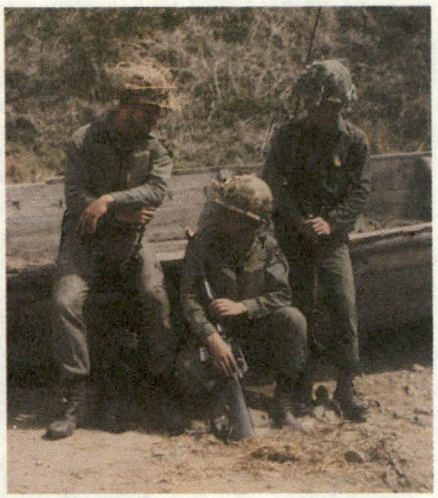
operational area. Missions include manning the two DMZ posts, patrolling the sector contiguous to the truce village of Panmunjom and providing joint road and bridge security.

During his one-year tour in Korea, every grunt will spend time in the "Z" where he is likely to see, hear or otherwise encounter North Koreans. Patrols are geared to interdict intruders. "We go on live patrols with live ammunition," said Capt. Jorge Rangel. "This is the real enemy. We have to be ready."

DMZ patrolmen "collect intelligence, provide early warning, and kill the enemy if he comes through. Reconnaissance and ambush patrols are conducted every day and every night. It's deadly serious business," according to one officer.

Yet there are restrictions. American troops must first attempt to detain infiltrators. Only if fired upon may they shoot the enemy.

Armed infiltrators, in fact, have been encountered in the American sector in recent years. In the "Z," locking and loading an M-16 is clearly more than a training exercise.



American soldiers train constantly with both Republic of Korea (ROK) Army soldiers, and Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army (KATUSAs). The latter live and work side by side with their U.S. counterparts, while ROK Army units only train with them.

Closeness to North Korean forces makes such tasks on the DMZ meaningful. Tough training, tedium and tension all seem worthwhile when the threat is clearly visible.

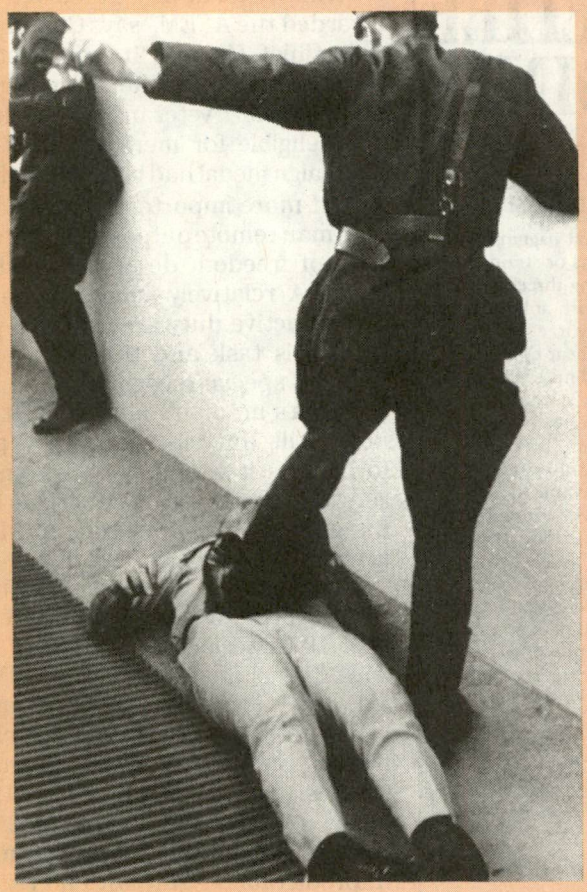
This sense of purpose explains the high morale and esprit de corps in the Indianhead Division. Little wonder that military sociologist Charles Moskos called the 2nd "the last best place to soldier."

Twilight War

Americans have been soldiering in Korea since the end of WWII. In addition to the war there in 1950-53, infantrymen along the DMZ engaged in what one author called a "Twilight War."

Even earlier in mid-1963, three Americans were killed in several days of skirmishing. Two were ambushed in a jeep; the other was KIA while rounding up the North Korean infiltrators responsible for the attack. All the North Koreans were tracked down and killed.

Three years later, while President Lyndon Johnson was visiting Korea in 1966, a new round of sustained fighting erupted. "Because of duty, six





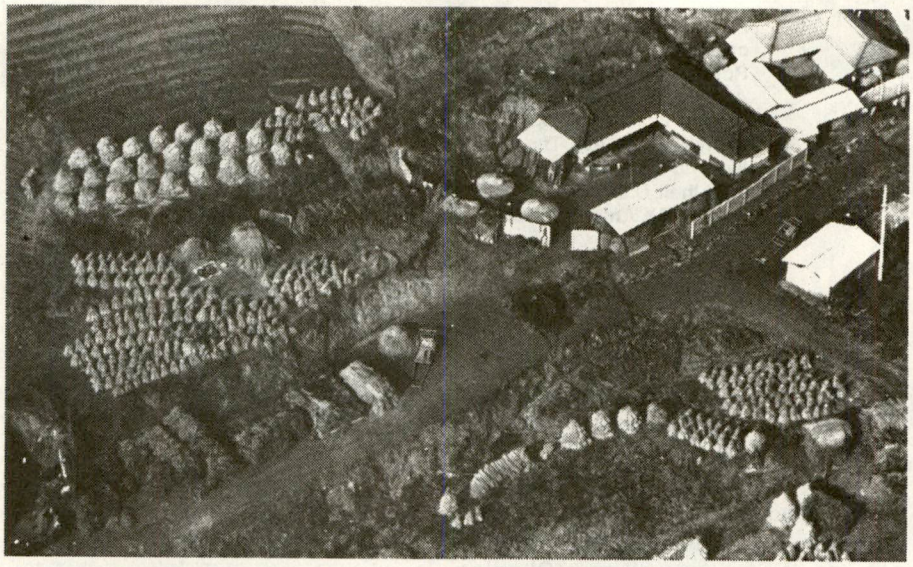
North Korean Provocations

North Koreans at Panmunjom's Joint Security Area are told to "dominate and intimidate" American and South Korean personnel at any opportunity.

On June 30, 1975, Maj. William Henderson, then commander of security troops in the JSA, learned just how much intimidation the Communists are capable of when he was surrounded by North Koreans, knocked to the ground, and kicked in the stomach and throat, crushing his larynx.

A year later on August 18, 1976, while leading a tree-trimming contingent in the JSA, two American officers were murdered by North Korean guards wielding axes and pikes. The axes are reportedly on display in a museum.

Photos: United Nations Command



South Korean villages north of Seoul and along the major invasion routes are littered with tank obstacles, intended to stall any North Korean advance. Many of these tank traps are booby-trapped, and can be detonated from a command bunker in Seoul.

of them died . . . from Communist gunfire on the almost forgotten front of the 38th parallel in Korea," Johnson said of the first Americans killed in the renewed combat.

Lethal skirmishes continued throughout 1967, and later, as the Tet Offensive raged in Vietnam, North Korea unleashed its "hunter-killer" teams on the DMZ. U.S. reinforcements, including a Special Forces A-Detachment, were sent there to counter the Communists.

Only then did the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend — and the Defense Department approve — the area north of the Imjin River and just south of the DMZ as a hostile fire zone — effective April 1, 1968. The coveted Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart and decorations for valor in battle were subsequently authorized.

Over 40 GIs were killed and 131 wounded in lonely ambushes and firefights along the 38th parallel in the late 1960s. American lives were also lost at sea and in the air. One sailor died in the 1968 *Pueblo* affair when the ship's entire crew was captured and held for over a year.

In April 1969, 31 airmen were killed when the North Koreans shot down a U.S. reconnaissance plane over the Sea of Japan. Another six GIs died in three separate incidents between 1974 and 1977.

Though open hostilities had ceased by the end of 1969, combat pay and combat awards were not withdrawn until 1973. The Defense Department awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in Korea until June 30, 1974.

Quest for Recognition

"VFW has an obvious stake in whether present-day Korea vets are awarded the AFEM," says Commander-in-Chief Hogan. "In the past 15 years alone, a substantial potential pool of DMZ veterans would have been eligible for membership if the campaign medal had been authorized.

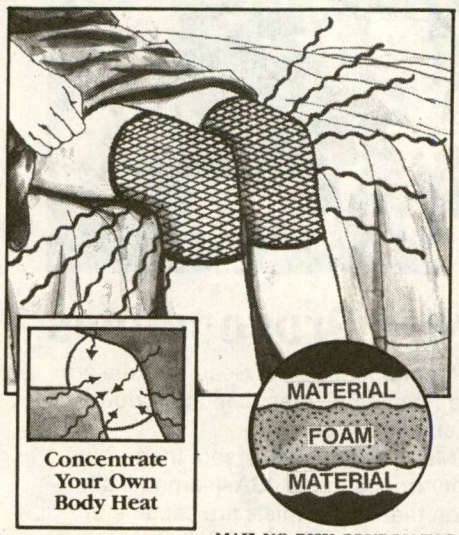
"But more importantly, Americans who man remote outposts on the frontiers of freedom deserve something extra. A relatively small number of GIs on active duty are asked to perform this task and they rate some token of special recognition."

Korea's no-man's land is quiet for now. Still, duty in the DMZ is performed as it would be in a combat zone. Nowhere else on America's far-flung defense perimeter is a GI as likely to encounter hostile fire.

In recognition of this reality, many veterans of the 1954-66 era and the post-1974 period feel award of the AFEM is justified. So does the VFW.

Former President Ronald Reagan — the first U.S. commander-in-chief to ever visit the DMZ — perhaps made the best case for the medal in 1984 when he said, "We know about the danger. You're facing a heavily armed, unpredictable enemy with no regard for human life." ■

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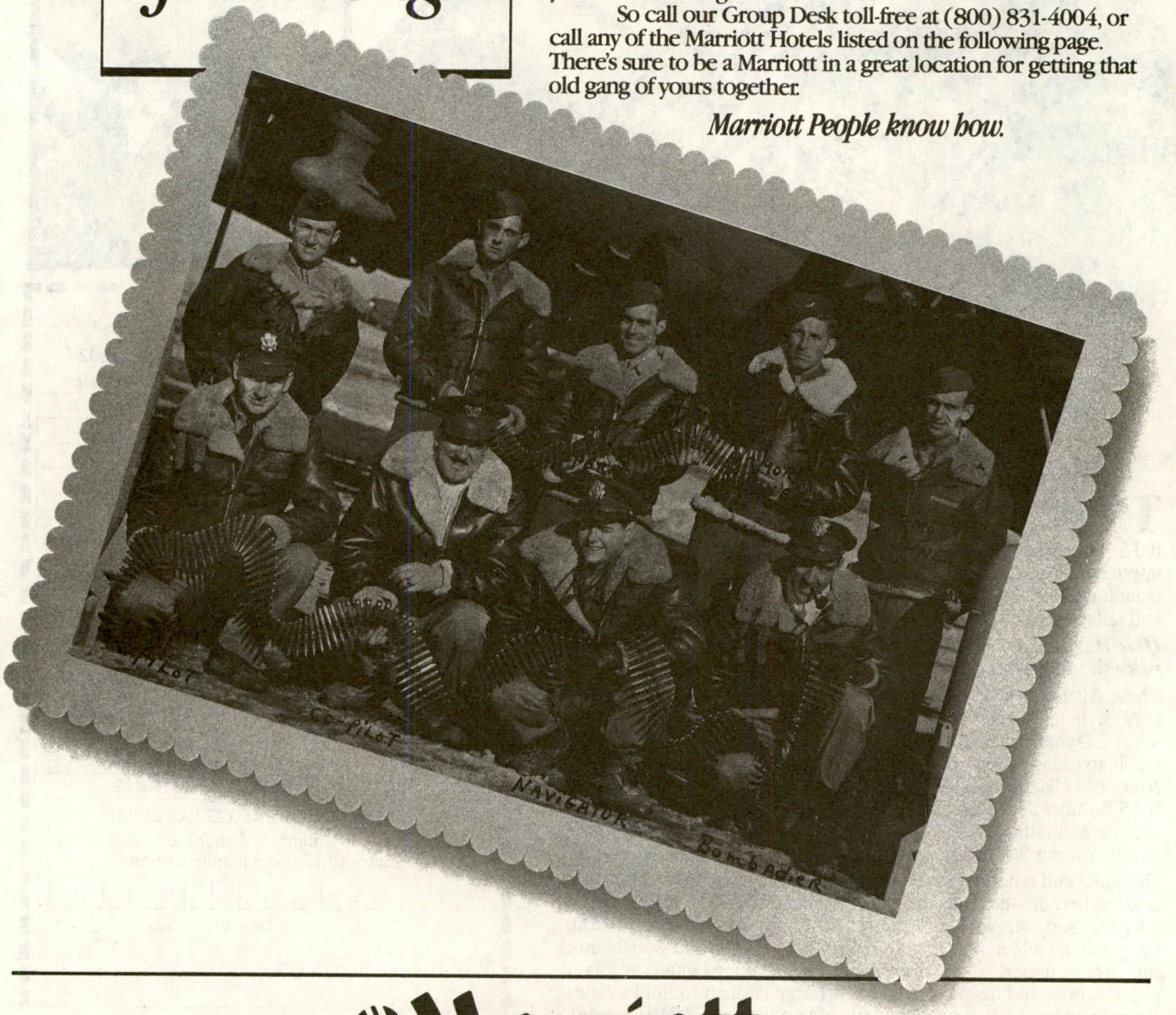
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the close of the latest membership year, the tally stood at 2,073,011. The two-million-member mark was originally surpassed in July 1984.

Since then, membersip has fluctuated but has never dipped below that important barometer. One indicator of the organization's vitality is the number of life memberships. More than 742,000 have been issued over the years. Today, the VFW counts 613,786 active life members among its ranks.

Like all associations, the VFW contends with natural attrition. Some 70,000 members a year drop from the rolls. Approximately half are due to death; the median age of a VFW member is 63. The remainder fail to renew their membership for a variety of reasons.

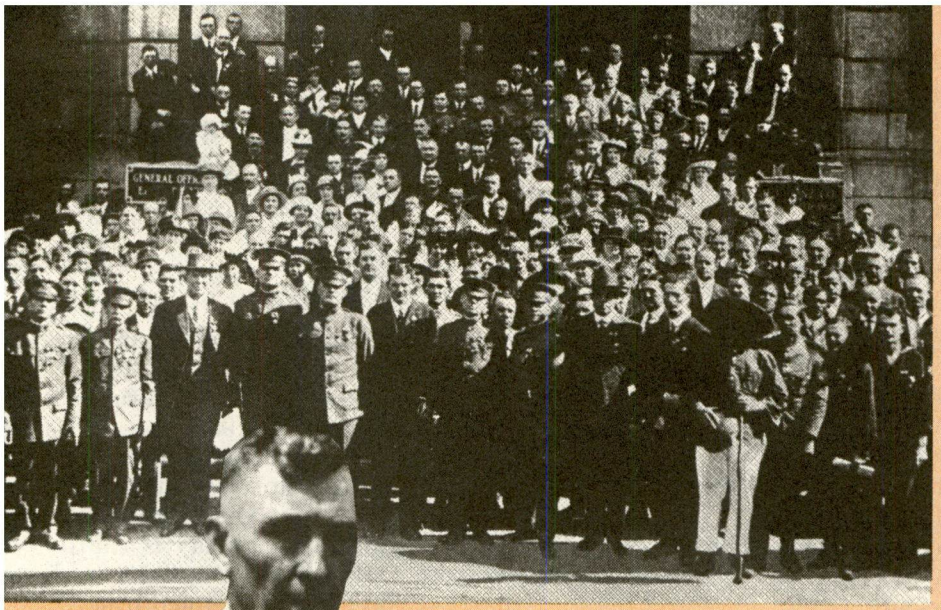
Consequently, the attrition rate must first be replaced annually before gains can be registered. At this stage, however, the VFW is ahead in numbers.

Another challenge is posed by the dwindling pool of potential recruits, which will decrease some 33% by the year 2000. Because the VFW is made up exclusively of overseas veterans who earned officially recognized campaign medals, the membership potential is somewhat limited.

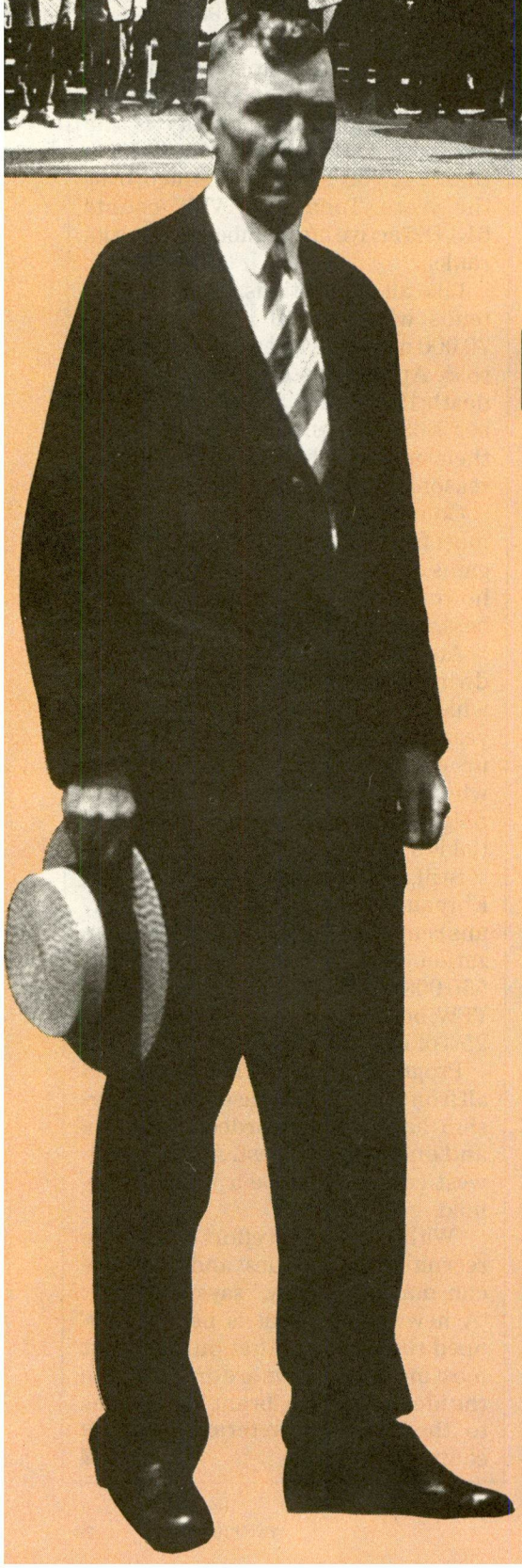
Still, a large number of WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans remain to be drawn to the organization. For instance, an estimated 550,000 Vietnam vets belong to the VFW, but that works out to about only 25% of all eligibles.

Progress, though, is being made on all fronts. Major increases in membership have been recorded in Florida and on the West Coast. And the Midwest continues to be a VFW stronghold.

"With a concerted effort to improve recruiting techniques and tools we can make headway," says LeFebvre. "A new recruiter kit is being developed right now for that purpose. But most importantly, we are driving home the idea of what a vibrant VFW means to the future of veterans and the country." RKK ■







VETERANS OF

Fighting Together

VFW marks its 90th anniversary this October. As the nation's oldest mass membership veterans organization, it has achieved a record of service to veterans and country second to none.

By Richard K. Kolb

"Most of them returned mere shadows of their former selves. The pale faces, the sunken eyes, the staggering gait and the emaciated forms show only too plainly the effect of climate and disease.

"Many of them are wrecks for life, others are candidates for a premature grave and hundreds will require most careful attention and treatment before they regain the vigor they lost in Cuba," wrote Dr. Nicholas Senn, chief surgeon of U.S. Volunteers.

Senn's description fit not only some of the 18,400 men who served in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, but also many of the 125,000 who would later return from the war in the Philippines. Worse yet, thousands more contracted diseases at home in unsanitary Army camps. Unfortunately, no organization was in place to fight for the rights of these returned servicemen.

Organized veterans of the Civil War — Grand Army of the Republic and



James Romanis founded in 1899 the American Veterans of Foreign Service, a predecessor of the VFW. Right: Veterans of the Spanish-American War organized the VFW. "Teddy" Roosevelt, standing in front of the "Rough Riders," joined the VFW after he left the White House.





Left: **Delegates convened in Pittsburgh in 1914 to unite as the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Ladies Auxiliary was founded at the same time.** Middle: **A Committee on Veteran Legislation was established in the House of Representatives in 1924 at the VFW's urging. Royal C. Johnson (S.D.), a Past Judge Advocate General of the VFW, was elected chairman at the first meeting. Johnson, wearing glasses, is seated at the end of the table.** Right: **Attainment of a bonus for WWI veterans was a top VFW priority during the Depression era. A march occurred in Washington, D.C. in 1932 to push for enactment of the necessary legislation.**

'OREIGN WARS

in War and Peace

the United Confederate Veterans — refused to open their ranks to the nation's newest veterans.

So the boys of '98 created an "overseas fighting men's organization" to care for the welfare of fellow veterans and to sponsor civic activities in local communities.

In the Beginning

A former private in the 17th Infantry Regiment provided the impetus for the organization. James Romanis returned to Columbus, Ohio, and went to work in a pharmacy there where he witnessed almost daily the effects of the tropical diseases described by the chief surgeon.

Moved by the suffering of his fellow vets, he called together in late September 1899 a dozen other ex-enlisted men of the regiment to create a body to care for their needs.

The men pledged "to help one another and to work together for the benefit of our country and for the men who fight for this nation."

On October 10 of that year, they formally incorporated the American Veterans of Foreign Service (AVFS). James C. Putnam, a veteran of the Spanish-American War and the Sioux Uprising of 1890-91 in South Dakota, was elected president.

Meanwhile, across the country in Colorado, former officers of the VIII Army Corps in the Philippines launched a Philippines veterans group in December 1899. Gen. Irving Hale initially led what became known as the Society of the Army of the Philippines.

Hale began as colonel of the 1st Colorado Volunteer Regiment and was promoted for bravery to brigadier general. He lead the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, VIII Corps in 28 battles against Filipino insurgents.

The society's first Post, John S. Stewart Post 1, is recognized as the VFW's oldest in continuous existence. From its headquarters in Denver, the society sought members throughout the country.

Back in Pennsylvania, three separate groups of Philippines, Cuba and China veterans eventually coalesced to form another American Veterans of Foreign Service in 1903.

Two years later, in 1905, the Ohio and Pennsylvania organizations merged, retaining the AVFS title. It soon became apparent, however, that a fully unified effort was called for.

So in September of 1914 at Pittsburgh, Pa., AVFS and the Denver group officially joined forces. A new, all encompassing name was chosen — Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

At the same time, the Ladies Auxiliary was formed "to help Posts and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

The first VFW Commander-in-Chief, Rice W. Means, wisely anticipated the future: "The organization must be so broad in its provision for eligibility to include every man who has served or in the future will serve in any war in which the United States is engaged."

World War I Expansion

Vowing that "the mistakes of 1898-99 must not be repeated," VFW went to work right after America's entry into the "Great War."

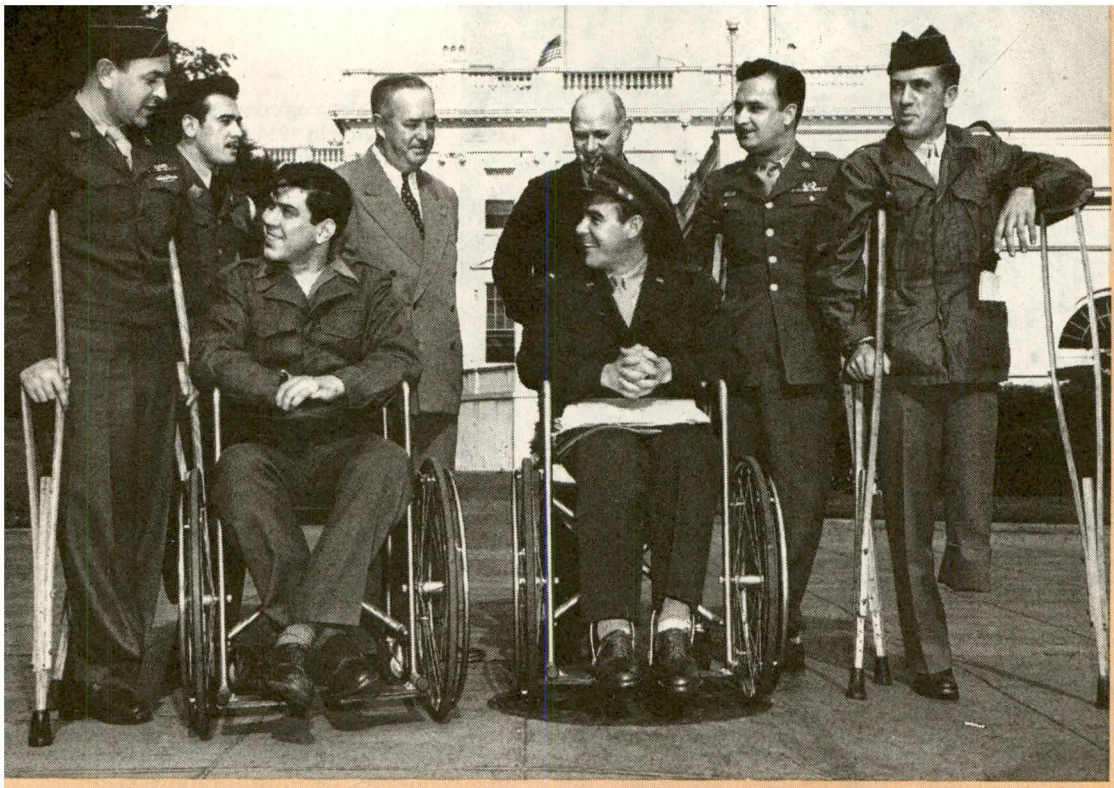
It urged passage of the War Risk Insurance Act of 1917 which laid the foundation for future veterans benefits. This law provided for financial assistance to servicemen's families as well as medical compensation for veterans.

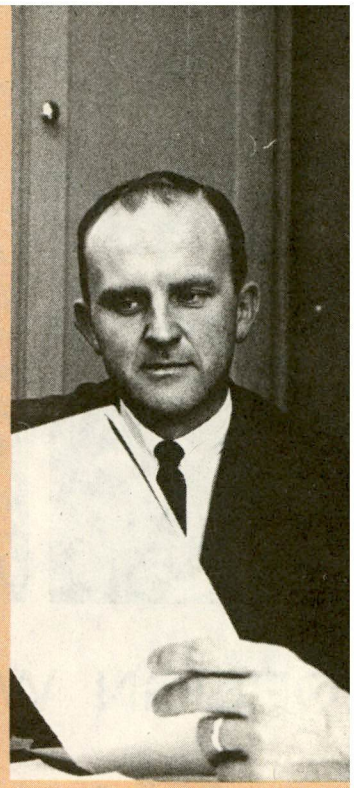
During the "Roaring 20s," the VFW was instrumental in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau (forerunner of the VA). Enactment of the World War Veterans Act of 1924 authorized establishment of 100 regional offices of the bureau.

Another achievement, a bonus in the form of a 20-year endowment insurance policy that was to have matured in 1945, was passed by Congress in 1925 with strong VFW support.

Also in 1925, the VFW's National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. was established on land donated by Corey Spencer, a local cattle rancher. He intended for the land to be used as a place to care for widows and orphans of deceased or disabled veterans.

And in 1929, an 11-man VFW mission to Russia performed the unique task of securing the remains of 86





Doughboys killed in the North Russia campaign of 1918-1919. Early on, valuable lessons were learned from the experience of dealing with the world's first Communist dictatorship.

As the nation entered the Depression era, varied goals were pursued. VFW campaigned vigorously for adoption of Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner" as the national anthem. President Herbert Hoover, who had attended the VFW parade in Baltimore the previous year, signed the necessary legislation on March 4, 1931.

The sight of apple-sellers dressed in WWI olive drab prompted the VFW to push strenuously for a cash bonus, passed earlier in the form of "promissory notes."

In 1932, a 50% payment on the endowment policy was granted by Congress. Four years later, full payment in savings bonds was agreed to by lawmakers.

This hard-fought battle paid off dividends for the organization, too. In 1936, VFW received its congressional charter of incorporation. And a pre-WWII high of 200,000 members was attained that same year.

Organization in Place

VFW National Headquarters was established in Kansas City, Mo. at the start of 1930. After having had the head office in Pittsburgh, New York and Kansas City, Kan., it was finally decided to set up shop in the city which remains the VFW's nerve-center.

About the same time, some of the VFW's programs became permanent fixtures. The Department of Americanism, for instance, was formalized in 1933.

Two years later, the department's head, Victor Deveraux, re-emphasized the intended scope of the VFW when he said: "Our organization was founded upon a broader scheme than that (benefits demands) and we are still under obligations which did not end with the Armistice."

That meant national defense and patriotism would be placed on par with veterans benefits and services on the list of the organization's goals.

An Americanism program, in fact, had been started as early as 1921 to counter post-war radicalism. A centerpiece of that effort was "Americanization Day," celebrated first on April 27 of that year to preempt Communist May Day parades. Concerns over internal security as well as the financial needs of WWI vets dominated the VFW's agenda throughout the 1930s.



President Herbert Hoover viewed the VFW's Baltimore parade in 1930, and later signed legislation making the "Star Spangled Banner" the national anthem.

Turning Point

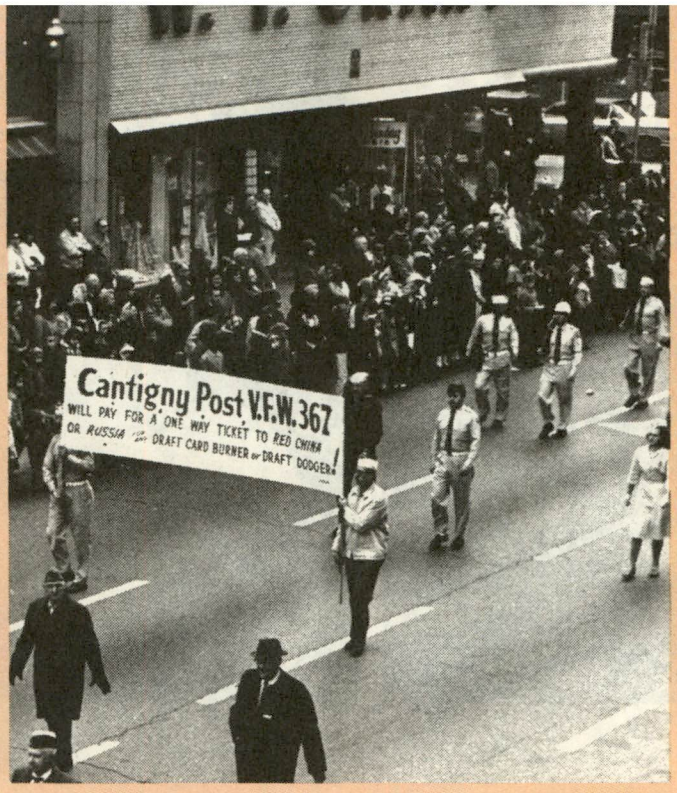
When economic depression gave way to world war, the VFW was there to meet the immense challenges ahead. At the peak of the fighting, a comprehensive 10-point veterans program was submitted to Congress.

Part of that program came to fruition on June 22, 1944, with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, commonly known as the GI Bill of Rights.

Omar B. Ketchum, then the director of the VFW's National Legislation and Rehabilitation Services, was a driving force behind enactment of the bill. Ketchum's role was acknowledged by several senators at the time.

As Past Commander-in-Chief Carl J. Schoeninger put it, "We (the VFW) blazed the trail for enactment of this omnibus bill shortly after Pearl Harbor by sponsoring the introduction of several welfare proposals which are





Left: **These severely wounded WWII veterans, accompanied by VFW Washington Office personnel, met with Presidential advisors at the White House in 1946 to press for keeping veterans hospitals open.** Middle: **Dr. Frank Lakin, administrative assistant to the president of Colorado State College in the '60s, and Dr. Norman T. Oppelt, dean of students, both veterans of the 1st Marine Division in Korea, studied under the GI Bill.** Right: **During the Vietnam War, VFW members across the country supported American fighting men by countering anti-war demonstrations on the home front.**

covered by this single act."

VFW experienced tremendous growth following WWII. More than 11 million GIs served overseas, creating a vast recruitment reservoir. Membership reached 1,554,444 in 1946, a strength not surpassed until 1970.

This massive infusion of members enlivened pre-war programs and gave birth to several new ones. Besides caring for the traditional needs of veterans, the VFW embarked on several community-oriented ventures.

Youth Activities, stemming from an earlier involvement with the Boy Scouts in the 1920s, became a full-time function in 1945.

Voice of Democracy, designed to instill patriotism in high school students, got off the ground in 1946 in conjunction with other associations. It has been run solely by the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary since 1961.

As part of its efforts to promote responsible citizenship, VFW campaigned six years to have Congress declare Loyalty Day a national holiday. That was accomplished in 1955, and made annual three years later.

In 1960, a Washington Office was set up in the VFW Memorial Building to house what is now the National Veterans Service, National Legislative Service and the National Security and Foreign Affairs functions.

At the dedication ceremony, President Dwight D. Eisenhower underscored the expanded role of the VFW: "The struggle for freedom does not stop when the guns of war cease firing. Nor will it stop as long as freedom is suppressed or threatened anywhere in the world."

New Generation of Veterans

During the post-WWII years a new generation of veterans responded to threats to freedom around the globe. First there was Korea, where the Cold War suddenly turned hot.

Approximately 1.5 million GIs served on the peninsula between 1950 and 1953. Though their identity has been submerged — until recently — in the larger WWII veteran population, the VFW made sure that benefits pioneered by their predecessors were readily available upon discharge.

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> **— Rice W. Means**

Then came the sporadic conflicts that occurred in what President John F. Kennedy called a "twilight that is neither peace nor war." From Lebanon in 1958 to the Dominican Republic in 1965, American troops were deployed to put out Cold War brushfires.

Creation of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal in 1961 made thousands of vets of these far-flung campaigns eligible for VFW membership.

But it was Vietnam that really revitalized the veterans movement. The eight-year-long war there required large-scale mobilization of manpower. Before the war ended in March 1973, 2.6 million Americans served a tour in Indochina.

While the fighting raged, the VFW visited troops in the field and countered anti-war demonstrations at home. It also campaigned for the Vietnam era GI Bill which became law in 1967.

Division of public opinion over Vietnam directly affected veterans. Recognition and respect, readily conferred on WWII veterans, was not forthcoming for many years for Vietnam vets.

An issue resulting from the Vietnam War that has remained a top priority to this day is the fate of POWs and MIAs. Resolution of this pressing matter has occupied a place on the VFW's list of "musts" for two decades.

Meanwhile, the last half of the '70s





Left: **Edward J. Derwinski, secretary of the new cabinet-level Department of Veterans Affairs, speaking with 1988-89 Michigan State Commander Edmund Gucwa.** Right: **Diane Carlson Evans, liaison for the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, is among the women who has achieved prominence in the VFW.**

gave rise to additional issues. Veterans Day was effectively restored to November 11 in 1975 because the VFW adamantly pressed Congess to act. Promotion of the Bicentennial in 1976 was a major VFW project.

Campaigns against amnesty for draft dodgers and the giveaway of the Panama Canal were waged intensely. A great success was achieved in 1977 with the preservation of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, which was created only six years before at the VFW's urging.

In 1978, VFW history was made when the 70-year-old rule barring women from membership was voted down. Women from this day forth were admitted on an equal basis.

Almost half of the nation's 1.2 million female veterans served during wartime, making them eligible for membership. Women have since been elected to Post and Department leadership positions.

In the political arena, the need for direct involvement was clearly evident. The Panama Canal giveaway, diplomatic recognition of Red China and attempts to withdraw U.S. troops from South Korea all pointed to the need for greater influence in the nation's capital.

In addition, the numbers of members of Congress who themselves were veterans and understood the needs of their former comrades-in-arms were dwindling.

A political action committee for supporting candidates strong on national defense and veterans rights was the obvious answer. VFW's PAC was formed in 1979 in preparation for the public policy battles ahead.

1980s: Controversies and Successes

A host of veterans issues confronted the VFW as this decade dawned. Legislation to fund psychological counseling centers was high on the list. So were the twin issues of education benefits and employment assistance. Protection of an independent veterans health-care system continued to be a critical concern.

Contributions to the erection of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial — a move that helped bring long-overdue recognition and respect to Vietnam veterans — was another priority.

Compensation for exposure to Agent Orange — a chemical defoliant used to eradicate enemy cover in Vietnam — was one of the most controversial issues tackled by the VFW in the '80s.

America's involvement in overseas expeditionary operations during this "era of violent peace" witnessed the entry of youthful veterans into the VFW's ranks. Veterans of Lebanon, Grenada and the Persian Gulf are eligible for membership today.

A changing of the VFW guard also occurred. Leadership has now included veterans of all major wars and campaigns since WWII.

Several Commanders-in-Chief served in the Army of Occupation in Germany during the Cold War, three fought as infantrymen in Korea and two served in Vietnam. With this succession, the vision of the VFW's first leader has been fulfilled.

On July 31, 1984, the 2 million membership-mark was surpassed. This long-sought milestone capped years of consecutive growth.

But as the ranks expanded so did the list of concerns. "Atomic veterans" potentially exposed to radiation at test sites in Japan after WWII required assistance in securing compensation.

Legislation was also passed to build a Korean War veterans memorial, an act strongly endorsed by the VFW. The VFW, in fact, contributed $500,000 to the memorial fund.

As the effort continues to honor these forgotten veterans, a new project for the construction of a WWII memorial in Washington, D.C. received the VFW's backing.

Nineteen eighty-eight was a significant year for veterans. VA was elevated to full cabinet status. Creation of the new Department of Veterans Affairs recognized the special role of America's 27 million vets in society.

Also, a Court of Veterans Appeals was created to handle judicial review of decisions handed down by the VA. Veterans due process rights had long been a controversial matter within the legal system.

And 1989, too, has been important. For starters, a VFW life member and air combat veteran of the Pacific Theater, George Bush, was inaugu-

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Increase Care for Aging Veterans, VFW Urges

Testifying Before HVAC Subcommittee, VFW Tells of Elderly's Needs

Dennis Cullinan, VFW's assistant director of National Legislative Service, testified before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Veterans Affairs Committee on issues related to older veterans. Following are highlights of that testimony.

At present, it is estimated that the number of Americans aged 65 and over is growing at twice the rate of the general population and currently makes up over 12% of America's population.

By the year 2000, there will be almost 35 million persons over 65 and nearly 5 million over 85. As the number of elderly continues to grow, meeting their long-term health needs presents a profound challenge to the present system.

The elderly now use a full 40% of the nation's hospital and doctor care. They take a third of the prescription drugs the nation produces and almost half of the over-the-counter medicines.

Yet this nation's health-care system is not yet properly prepared to deal with their complicated and interacting ailments and drastically changed ways of life. Nor are the mechanisms in place for caring properly for their other social and financial needs.

Of course, of fundamental concern to the Veterans of Foreign Wars is the proper provision of care —first and foremost health care — to this nation's rapidly aging veteran population.

And, of course, the primary vehicle for providing the nation's aging veterans with the full continuum of care they have earned in the service of their nation is the VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery. It should be emphasized that America's veteran population is aging much more rapidly than the population as a whole.

Since the VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery is this nation's largest integrated health-care system, the skill, dedication and compassion with which it executes its legal and moral mandate, "to care for him who shall have borne the battle," will indeed directly and indirectly impact this nation's entire health-care delivery network.

The VA health-care system is now being called upon to answer properly its greatest challenge — caring for the very rapidly aging veteran population. As I have already mentioned, although the entire American population is advancing in years, on the average, the pace is much more rapid among veterans. By the year 1990, veterans over 65 will make up more than a quarter of the veteran population, and, by the year 2000, this number will be over one-third.

This escalation will continue up until 2010 and, at that time, we can expect those veterans over 65 to number more than 12 million.

In view of the health problems associated with advancing years, the VA's medical program now, and in the future, must be prepared for increased, diversified and a more costly demand for services.

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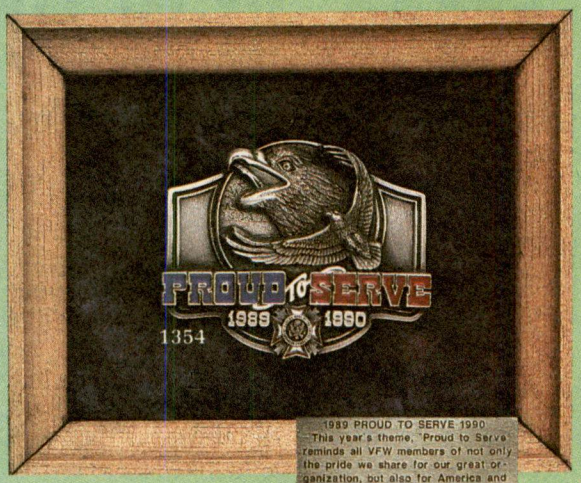
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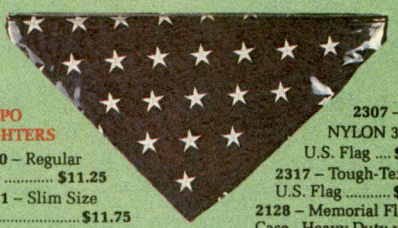
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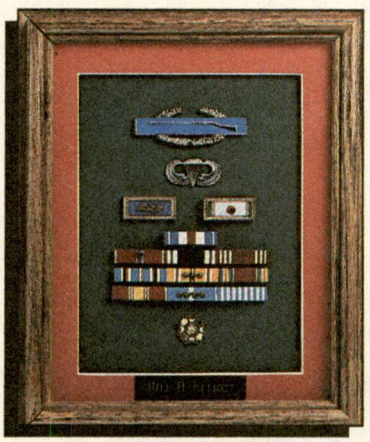


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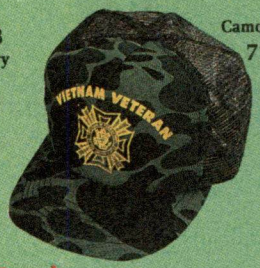
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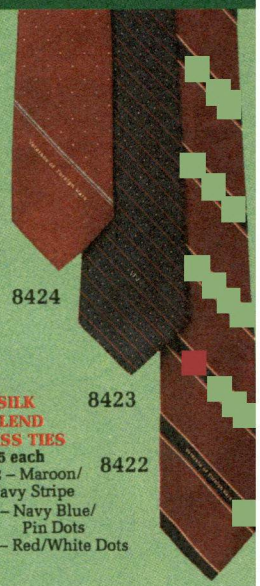


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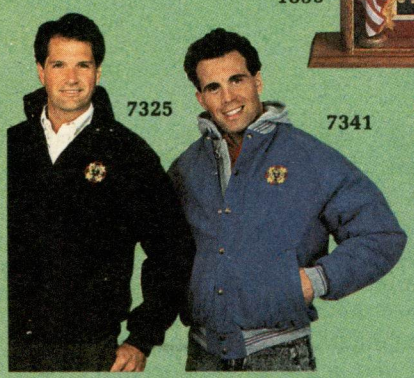




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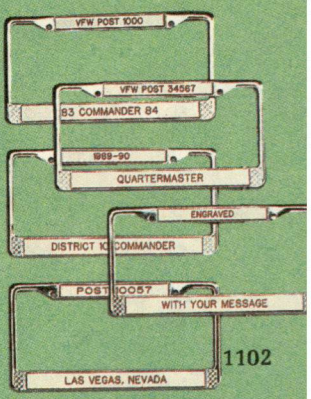


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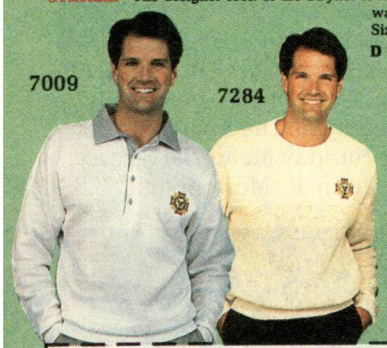


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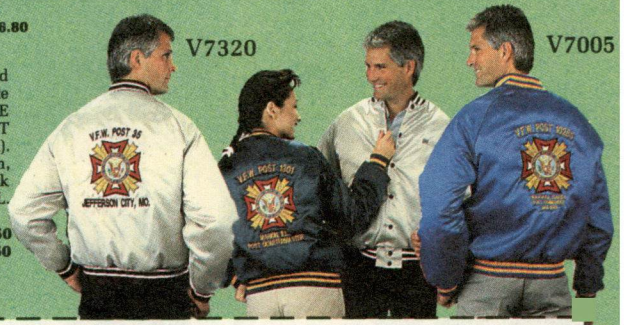
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The Convention in Las Vegas drew record numbers of members and their families to the 90th gathering of the nations' oldest major veterans organization. It featured not only prominent speakers, but also witnessed the grassroots in action.

Highlights of the Convention are reviewed below as they occurred between Sunday, August 20 and Friday, August 25.

Memorial Service

Pride in service was clearly evident at all the Convention events and emphasized by all the invited speakers. At the Sunday Memorial Service, Maj. Gen. John P. McDonough, U.S.



Convention Photography by Phil Licata

America's defense and those who preserve it was the central theme of the historic 90th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Air Force chief of chaplains, spoke about the essential need for future generations to understand the sacrifices made by veterans.

"Each generation that must take up the banner of safeguarding the nation, derives that necessary sense of obligation from the memory of those who have gone before," he said.

The chaplain continued: "Each one of us must prepare the young to honor the veteran and encourage our children to make the commitment of service, and yes, even of life, just as our comrades have done before us... Our comrades at rest would want us to nurture, to till the earth of patriotism."

Remembrance of the sacrifices made and the values that sustain them must become part of the life and fiber of young Americans if the nation is to draw on the reservoir of commitment required to defend it, concluded McDonough.

Nothing better symbolizes the meaning of sacrifice than the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia. During WWII, four chaplains of different faiths gave their life jackets to soldiers from the torpedoed troopship *Dorchester* and in so doing knowingly gave up their own lives.

Representing the chapel at the VFW Convention was Col. Archie T. Roberts (Ret., Army) who presented Commander-in-Chief Larry W. Rivers with the chapel's Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion.

Joint Opening Session

Convention Chairman Leslie M. Fry formally opened the Convention on Monday morning. Delegates were welcomed by Las Vegas Mayor Ron Lurie, North Las Vegas Mayor James Seastrand, Maj. Gen. Drennan Clark of the Nevada Air National Guard and Nevada Sen. Richard H. Bryan.

Then Commander-in-Chief Rivers presented the VFW's Gold Medal of Merit and Citation to Ladies Auxiliary National President Mona Longly for the support her organization has provided the VFW over the past year. The Auxiliary gave Flag sets to the Las Vegas mayors as well as Maj. Gen. Clark who was representing the governor of Nevada.

Also on hand was the vice chairman of the Republic of China's (Taiwan) Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen who thanked the VFW for its unyielding backing of his government. The president of the Korean Veterans Association also recalled the sacrifices made by Americans in South Korea some 40 years ago.

VFW's Americanism Award went to Rep. Silvio O. Conte of Massachusetts, a Seabee veteran of the Southwest Pacific in WWII and long-time veterans advocate, for his dedication to the nation. Conte's concluding remarks, "It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees," drew loud applause from the crowd.

Highlight of the Joint Opening Session was the keynote speech by Vice President Dan Quayle. Quayle's appearance at the Convention this year was considerably less controversial than his previous showing in Chicago when he was a candidate on the Bush ticket.

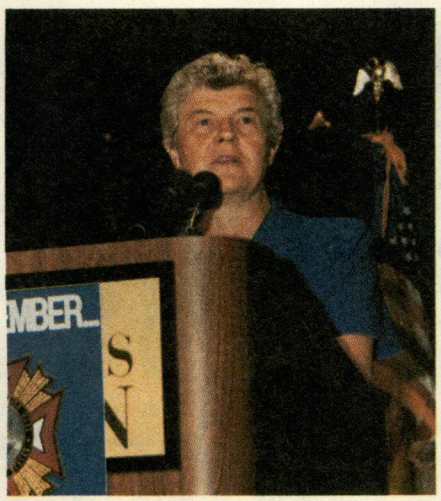
After thanking the VFW for its support, Quayle said: "I have chosen this forum, and this audience, to reaffirm the Bush Administration's dedication to the cause of freedom in Central America because, perhaps more clearly than any other Americans, you recognize that this is a dangerous world. You understand that America's peace and freedom have not been easily won; they have been gained at a heavy price."

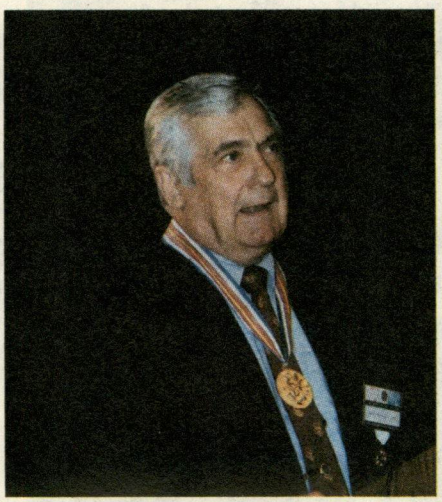
Quayle underscored the increasing threat posed by the "axis of dictatorial regimes — Nicaragua's Ortega, Castro's Cuba and Panama's Noriega — in Central America and the Caribbean. With the aid of the Soviet Union, he said, this informal alliance has kept the Communist insurgency alive in El Salvador.

Much of his speech was devoted to the unstable political situation in Nicaragua and the upcoming elections there in February 1990. "Our primary concern, after all, must be for the personal welfare of some 60,000 brave people whom we have supported for the last seven years," he said.

He also touched on another matter of extreme importance to the VFW membership. "The President has reaffirmed that the fullest possible accounting of POW/MIA will remain a

(L-R) Color Guard at opening ceremonies; Memorial Service; Ladies Auxiliary National President Mona Longly; Rep. Silvio O. Conte (Mass.); and Vice President Dan Quayle.







matter of the highest national priority. And I wish to acknowledge and pay tribute to the VFW's strong support for the families of POW/MIA."

The opening day was capped off with a speech by Carolyn Y. McCrimmon, 1989 National Voice of Democracy Scholarship winner. Her speech was entitled "Preparing for America's Future" and dealt with the need for the nation to maintain a free and open society.

Military Order of the Cootie Supreme Commander Robert M. Cortright reported to the delegates a contribution of 3,386 pints of blood to help veterans in hospitals and the signing-up of 3,945 new VFW Life Members this past year.

Distinguished Guests Banquet

Monday evening, at the Distinguished Guests Banquet, Adm. William J. Crowe, Jr., recently retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, received from Rivers the VFW Dwight D. Eisenhower Distinguished Service Award. Entertainer Wayne Newton received the VFW Hall of Fame Award.

Crowe, who was recognized for his critical defense role and leadership of the armed forces, said, "I am well aware of the significant role that the VFW plays in our continuing national defense dialogue. Our nation profits from the patriotism, the experience and the knowledge represented in your consistent support of our efforts and urge you to remain engaged."

He also voiced his concerns over relations with the Soviet Union and spoke of today's military personnel who are "manning distant battlements, patrolling freedom's frontiers." To confront emerging threats, these troops will be required to carry out



new missions, he said. These include anti-terrorism, combatting low intensity conflicts and drug interdiction.

Crowe's talk focused on the threat still posed by the Soviet Union, the country with the world's largest inventory of military hardware as well as military establishment.

"My deepest concern is that our impatience is tempting us to move prematurely, before we have tangible evidence of where the Soviets are going and what their timetable will be," he said. "In my view, to draw down our strength prematurely would be folly."

Newton, who entertained troops in Vietnam, Lebanon and the Persian Gulf, said, "What I have given pales in comparison to what all of you have done. But it was the best in me and the part of which I am most proud. I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

First Business Session

On Tuesday, two awards were presented, several guests spoke and numerous resolutions were debated.

Former *N.Y. Times* military correspondent Drew Middleton received the VFW News Media Award. He recalled WWII in Europe, saying, "In the end, it was you, the GI, who fought and won the war."

Retiring VFW Washington Office Executive Director Cooper T. Holt was awarded the VFW Gold Medal of Merit and Citation. Holt passed the baton of leadership of the Washington Office to Larry Rivers who assumed that position on September 1.

In his farewell speech, Holt reiterated why the veteran rates special status in society. "Americans have forgotten what veterans have done. Only the best are called to war — and only the best are sacrificed," he said. He also urged the VFW to mount a massive membership drive.

Nevada Rep. Barbara Vucanovich, who has introduced legislation to permit the POW/MIA flag to be flown from all federal buildings, congratulated the VFW for keeping alive the love of country and sense of duty galvanized in wartime. "A true understanding of these ideals seems to be born only in adversity. A whole generation now takes democracy for granted," she said.

As representatives of the VFW's more than two million members, delegates to the 90th Natonal Convention set policy priorities. In doing so, they enable the organization to present a united stance in the face of the many challenges ahead.

Rep. Lane Evans (Ill.), a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, stressed two health-care issues. He has introduced a comprehensive bill to compensate veterans exposed to the chemical defoliant Agent Orange and strongly supports psychological counseling centers. Evans cited one outpatient study suggesting 20% of those seeking counseling are WWII veterans.

Nevada Governor Bob Miller dropped by to greet the delegates, too. He paid tribute to the contributions made by veterans to his state and discussed the drive he launched to construct veterans memorials in Nevada.

Perhaps the main attraction of the day was Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward J. Derwinski, who pledged to create an effective health care system and eliminate the layers of VA bureaucracy impeding decision-making. As a first step, he has proposed a blue-ribbon commission to review the entire medical system.

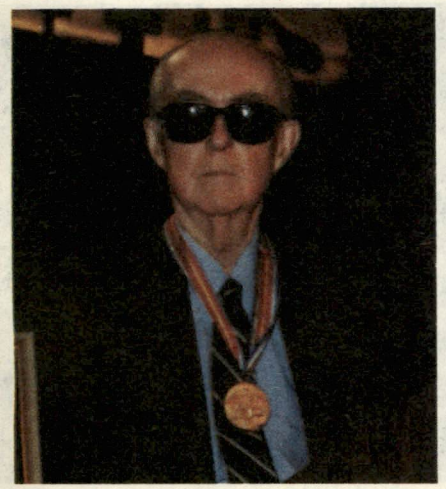
"I think it's important that such a review be completely impartial, with two important imperatives: the level of services would be balanced on a nationwide basis, and — while some missions would be changed — no hospitals would be closed," he said. Congress is about to consider legislation to set up such a commission.

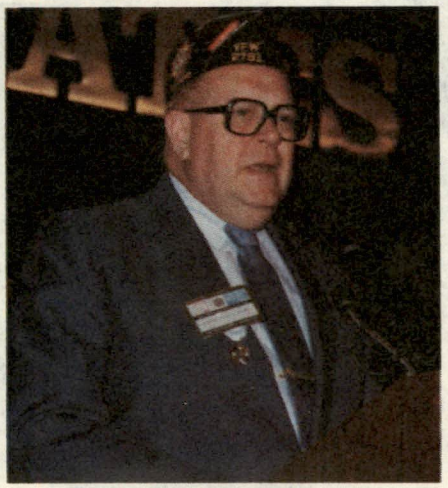
Meanwhile, Secretary Derwinski has set three goals: effectively articulate the need for funds, locate additional sources of funding such as sharing with the military, and streamline existing programs. Derwinski's ultimate goal is to "have a health care system firmly in place to effectively accommodate veterans of all wars in every part of the country."

A vital aspect of the morning's proceedings was the debate over and passage of resolutions embodying issues important to rank-and-file Post members. Several resolutions generated significant interest, but by far the most popular concerned desecration of the U.S. Flag.

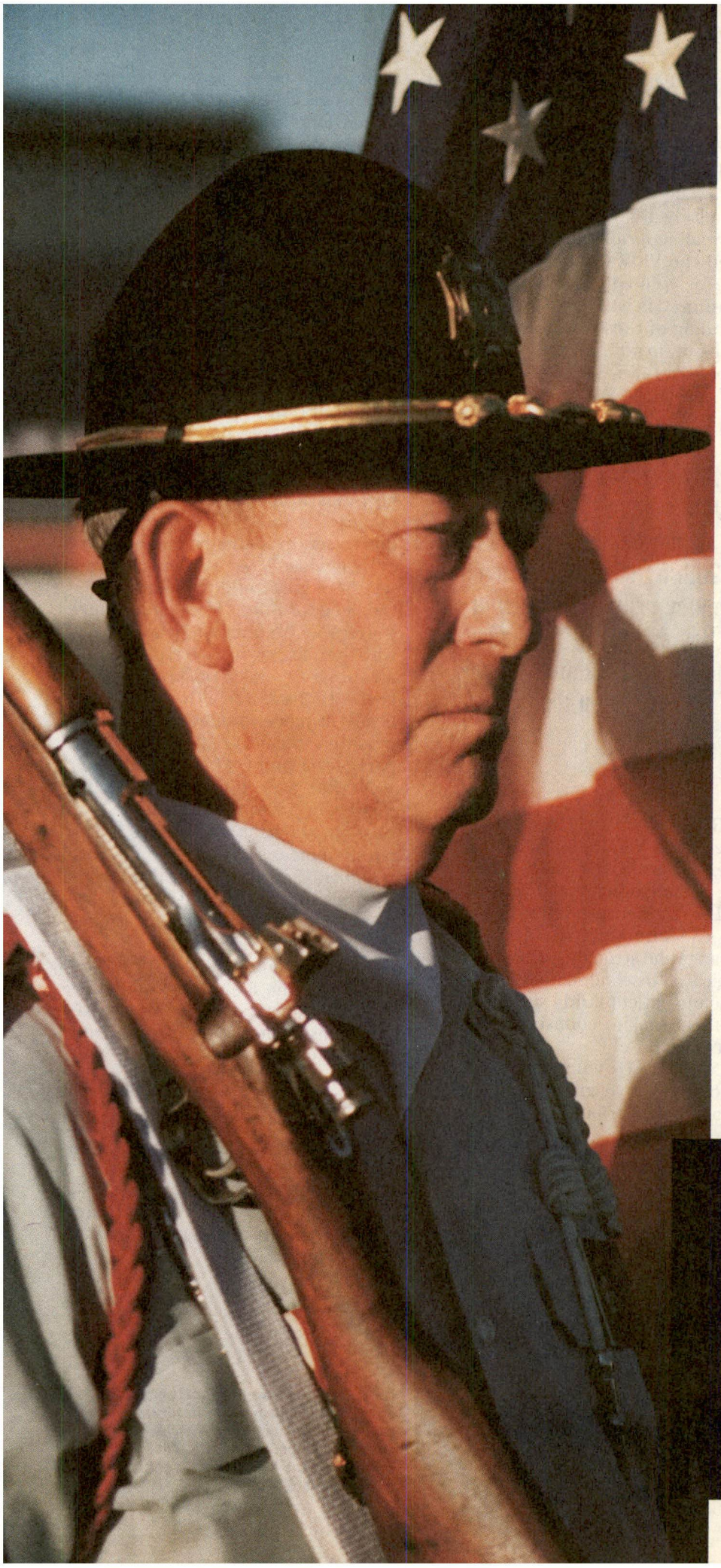
Some 27 resolutions were proposed to protect the Flag. The Committee on Americanism and Community Affairs consolidated the proposals into Resolution No. 148, *Constitutional Amendment to Protect the Flag of the United States of America.*

It calls for a mobilization of all the VFW's resources to protect the Flag from desecration by political protesters. Adopted by the delegates with no opposition, this will serve as the blueprint for the organization's top priority goal in 1989-90.





(L-R) George Sarver, national sergeant-at-arms; Adm. William J. Crowe, Jr., recently retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Drew Middleton, former *N.Y. Times* military correspondent; and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward J. Derwinski.



Gary Bloomfield

A resolution under consideration by the Committee on National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual, on the other hand, caused heated debate. A move to amend eligibility requirements to allow all overseas veterans who served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days outside the U.S. during the Korean War era (1950-1954) and from 1961 to mid-1974, was soundly defeated by voice vote on the floor.

The Committee on Finance and Organization, however, did pass unopposed Resolution No. 209, *Issue Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Korean Service*, a combination of six resolutions favoring this action.

Amendment of the AFEM by Congress or the Defense Department would make veterans assigned to Korea's DMZ for at least 30 days consecutive service between 1954-66 and since 1974 eligible for VFW membership. Military personnel who served in Korea between October 1966 and June 1974 are already covered by the AFEM and thus eligible for membership.

Second Business Session

Three committees considered resolutions at the Wednesday morning business session. On the national security and foreign affairs front, 41 resolutions were passed (16 with amendments). Critical defense alliances were reaffirmed, a pardon and restoration of retained pay for Lt. Col. Oliver North were supported and abrogation of the 1977 Panama Canal treaties was advocated, among other actions. All the POW/MIA resolutions sailed through committee.

A resolution regarding delaying reparation payments to Japanese-



descended Americans interned during WWII was brought to a floor vote. In deference to the Nisei VFW Posts on the West Coast, the proposal was easily defeated.

The Veterans Service Committee adopted 102 resolutions (36 as amended). A proposed transfer of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) from the Department of Labor to the Department of Veterans Affairs generated intense debate. Eight resolutions were introduced in opposition to the move, and when brought to the floor, it was rejected by voice vote of the delegates.

Resolution 148 embodies the core of 27 resolutions introduced to advocate a constitutional amendment to protect the Flag from desecration. It was adopted by popular consent as the top priority for this year.

Some 36 (two as amended) general resolutions passed through committee. Several memorials honoring veterans were endorsed. Eight anti-Jane Fonda resolutions were also approved. And Resolution No. 346 would designate June 25, 1990 — the 40th anniversary of the start of the Korean War — a special day of remembrance.

Three awards were also presented. Past Commander-in-Chief Earl L. Stock, Jr. received the VFW's Distinguished Service Medal and Citation.

The J. Edgar Hoover Award went to Jerry A. Oliver, assistant chief of police in Phoenix, for almost 20 years of distinguished service as a law enforcement officer. Oliver urged the nation to "win the war on crime and drug abuse... and... deal with deteriorating values and attitudes in our own society."

Arnold D. Aldrich, director of the National Space Transportation System, was the recipient of the VFW Aviation and Space Award. He was responsible for redesigning and improving the safety and performance criteria for current space shuttles.

On behalf of the Navy's F-14 crew from the *USS John F. Kennedy* which shot down the Libyan MiG fighters over the Mediterranean Sea in early 1989, Rear Adm. Jeremy A. Taylor, director of the Navy's Aviation Plans and Requirements, accepted the VFW's Armed Forces Award. Taylor drew loud applause when he tallied the score, "Navy 4, Libya 0."

Keynote speaker of the day was Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney who accused the House half of Congress of playing politics with national security.

"The House of Representatives put short-term concerns ahead of strategic and moral imperatives," he said. It "decided it was more important to use the defense budget as a local job protection program."

Cheney went on to outline the defensive measures necessary to thwart the Soviet threat. Despite the rhetoric, he said, "the United States is facing a *more* formidable, offensive strategic arsenal today than before Soviet leader Gorbachev took power."

The Bush Administration favors a strategic Triad — the three-legged deterrent consisting of land-based ballistic missiles, submarine-launched ballistic missiles and manned bombers — to defend against the Soviet arsenal. This includes deployment of road-mobile ICBMs, the B-2 Stealth bomber and the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

Though "an effective strategic defense could be the single most important military bequest this generation could make to the future," the House has gutted the Administration's strategy, he said. "We are serious about pursuing weapons and technologies that can enhance deterrence, increase stability and assure the security of the United States and its allies."

Third Business Session

Thursday's business session featured Rep. Michael Bilirakis of Florida as the guest speaker, presentation of an award and a report by representatives of the VFW's National Home.

A VFW Certificate of Commendation was awarded to Joseph Schirmers, a Korean War veteran, in recognition of his volunteer service at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center in Minnesota and for dedication to his community.

Diane Carlson Evans, head of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, reported on the project's progress and thanked the VFW for helping to raise the over $1 million donated so far.

Rep. Bilirakis's address was inspirational as well as informative. "The American spirit and the system of values each of you served to protect, preserve and promote during your military career," he said, is clearly present at this convention.

"The spirit displayed by American military personnel on battlefields around the world still survives," he continued. "Their spirit lives in the heart of every patriot — their duty forged a fraternity in this nation that will fight again and again to preserve





Parade participant; Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney; Rep. Michael Bilirakis (Fla.); and Jerry A. Oliver, assistant chief of police in Phoenix, receiving the J. Edgar Hoover Award from Commander-in-Chief Rivers.





the dignity of mankind and reaffirm the right of self-directed destiny."

On the issue of the Flag, Bilirakis said, "by defending the Flag we ensure that the rights of free speech and peaceful political protest never will be denied."

He also pledged to push his bill, H.R. 303, which would eliminate the provision of law requiring a disabled career military veteran to waive the amount of his retired pay equal to the amount of his VA disability compensation, through Congress.

The day ended with some traditional activities. Ladies Auxiliary National President Mona Longly presented Rivers with a Flag. And the Buddy Poppy Boy for 1990, Steve Johnson, also made a brief appearance before the delegates.

Representatives of the VFW's National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich. provided a status update. Home President Arlene McDermott said that 1,500 children have been helped over the years. Currently, 83 children and nine scholarship students live at the Home. Executive Director Maryjane Peck also spoke and National Home Board of Trustees were introduced to the delegates.

Leadership in Place

At the last session of the 90th National Convention in Las Vegas, prior to the election and installation of the new officers, the VFW's final contribution was made to the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Commander-in-Chief-elect Wally G. Hogan presented the VFW/Auxiliary donation of $133,500 to Col. William E. Ryan, Jr., director of the American Battle Monuments Commission. This fulfilled the VFW's pledge of $500,000. He said the fund now contains a total of $3.5 million.

The following executive officers were elected: Walter G. Hogan of Post 6498 in Wisconsin, Commander-in-Chief; James L. Kimery of Post 9354 in New Mexico, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and Robert E. Wallace of Post 1851 in New Jersey, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Herbert W. Irwin of Post 5789 in Missouri, Quartermaster General; Samuel C. Pilato of Post 307 in New York, Judge Advocate General; Dr. Edwin T. Wright of Post 9223 in California, Surgeon General; and the Rev. A.G. Parker of Post 8719 in North Carolina, National Chaplain, were also installed.

Appointed Chief of Staff was Monte D. Hanson of Post 1621 in Wisconsin and Earl Stiner, Jr. of Post 3421 in Nebraska was appointed Inspector General. Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr. of Kansas City was reappointed Adjutant General. He remains a member of Post 6467 in Bergenfield, N.J. *RKK* ■



Wally G. Hogan was sworn in as Commander-in-Chief by Ray Gallagher, Past Commander-in-Chief (1969-70).

Where Does the VFW Stand?

To provide members with a better understanding of where their organization stands in critical matters concerning defense and foreign policy, resolutions passed at the 90th National Convention are published below in abbreviated format as a handy reference.

In most cases, the VFW is urging Congress and/or the Administration to take the actions listed. Otherwise, the organization is taking a symbolic stance.

Resolutions pertaining to international relations, alliances with specific countries and overseas bases fall under the *Foreign Affairs* heading. Resolutions concerning weapons systems, U.S. armed forces, arms control and national security policy are grouped under *Defense.*

POW/MIA resolutions, not included here, form a distinct category. Priority security as well as legislative goals will be published in a later issue of the magazine.



FOREIGN AFFAIRS

401 Take Action in Central America

- Protect the Panama Canal from Gen. Manuel Noriega.
- Launch a new effort to isolate the Nicaraguan Communists.
- Aid friendly democratic governments.
- Check the expansion of Communist intrusion into the Western Hemisphere.

404 Standing Watch Over Communist Cuba

- No trade with or diplomatic recognition of Castro's regime.
- Compel Cuban troop withdrawals around the world.
- Block all Cuban subversion in the free world.
- Retain complete control of Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.
- Continue intelligence flights over Cuba.
- Blockade the Soviet bastion of Cuba in the event of war.

407 The VFW: Standing Firm for Freedom

- Express moral opposition to Communism.
- Stop export of strategic products and information to the Soviet Union.
- Export non-strategic materials to the Soviet Union for cash only, except in the case of famine.

422 Stop Illegal Immigration at the Border

- Expand and strengthen the Customs and Immigration & Naturalization Services and employ appropriate military resources to assist in stopping the flow of illegal aliens.

424 Concerning the Granting of Asylum, Residence, Temporary or Permanent, in the United States or Its Territories to Any Leader, President, Monarch or Dictator

- Deny political asylum to former heads of state who are guilty of acts of inhumanity against their people.

429 Appropriations to International Lending Agencies

- Exclude loans to nations that give aid and comfort to governments hostile to U.S. interests.
- No loans to Communist and Communist-dominated countries which do not cooperate in the search for POW/MIA victims of past wars.

432 Say "NO" to Funding the USSR

- Closely supervise and investigate lending policies to the USSR and Communist bloc countries with the objective of protecting U.S. financial interests.

436 Abrogate the 1977 Panama Canal Treaties

- Support legislation to abrogate the 1977 Panama Canal Treaties.

443 Support for the Republic of China on Taiwan

- Sell advanced aircraft and other modern weaponry to the Republic of China.
- Promote cultural and economic ties between the two countries.

444 United States Support for the Republic of Korea

- Provide a strong, flexible military force in South Korea to vigorously respond to military or other forms of aggression by North Korea.
- Increase U.S. military and economic aid; provide modern weaponry and technology.

445 Support for the Philippines and U.S. Bases in the Philippines

- Assist in defeating the Communist insurgency.
- Negotiate renewal of base leases.
- Do not pay additional compensation to the Philippine government for loss of income if an equitable base agreement is not reached.



DEFENSE

403 Military Service: A Profession to be Preserved

- Support the uniformed services as a unique calling.
- Support a "GI Bill of Rights" — guaranteed entitlements — for short-term and career military personnel.

405 Reduce Nuclear Risk Not Nuclear Deterrence

- Negotiate arms reductions that enhance U.S. security.
- Insist on a complete and verifiable ban on mobile ICBM missiles.
- Continue development of the "Midgetman" ICBM and deploy the MX "Peacekeeper" missile in the future if a verifiable ban is not negotiated.
- Exclude the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) from arms reduction negotiations.

406 Maintain Strategic Defense as a Priority

- Continue accelerated research and development of advanced technologies.
- Focus research on the most reliable anti-ballistic missile system and civil and air defense.
- Maintain the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) separate from negotiations with the Soviets.
- Continue strategic force modernization.

408 No Neutrals in the War on Terrorism

- Take decisive, offensive action against terrorists.
- Quarantine "outlaw countries" guilty of aiding terrorists.
- Hold other countries accountable for the security of Americans traveling within their borders.
- Remind countries unwilling to assist in counter-terrorist efforts that there are no neutrals in this war.
- Condemn and quarantine Greece as an "outlaw country."

411 National Strategy of Peace Through Strength

- Protect overseas sources of vital raw materials.
- Assist allies and other countries in resisting Communist aggression.
- Roll back Communism via non-military means.
- Re-establish effective security and intelligence capabilities.
- Accept only equitable arms control agreements.
- Create adequate strategic and civil defenses against nuclear war.
- Achieve military and technological superiority over the Soviet Union.
- Unite the national will to maintain peace and freedom.

412 Europe's Military Balance Requires Action

- Upgrade and modernize NATO's conventional forces.
- Redress the military imbalance in Europe by strengthening NATO.

413 National Defense: Whatever it Takes

- Increase the Army's active and Reserve structure and National Guard to 28 divisions.
- Maintain the Marine Corps at a minimum of four divisions and four airwings (one each in reserve).
- Develop and acquire the Osprey V-22 tiltrotor aircraft.
- Include a comprehensive Trident submarine, carrier, battleship and other surface ship building program for the Navy.
- Fully support the National Guard and Reserve.
- Enlarge and modernize the U.S. Merchant Marine.
- Maintain separate military service departments under their respective secretaries.
- Develop integrated strategic targeting, operational missile flights from ICBM silos and cruise missile test flights.
- Deploy nuclear forces to Europe to overcome vulnerabilities resulting from the INF Treaty.
- Maintain the professionalism of the armed forces.
- Fully support forces committed to military action.

415 Act Now to Prevent the Use of Chemical Weapons

- Establish tight controls over chemical weapons technology and materials.
- Retaliate against countries or terrorists that use chemical or biological weapons anywhere in the world.
- Prevent use of the Libyan plant to manufacture chemical weapons.

416 Act Now to Prevent Strategic Surprise

- Insist the Soviets dismantle or destroy the Krasnoyarsk radar and cease construction of similar projects as a precondition for further strategic arms reduction.
- Reactivate the missile defense radar at Grand Forks, N.D. and accelerate development of the U.S. strategic defense program if they do not eliminate their radar.

417 Support for the U.S. Coast Guard

- Provide funding necessary for the Coast Guard to carry out its many vital missions.

418 A Fifteen Carrier Navy is a Necessity

- Endorse attainment of 15 deployable aircraft carriers.
- Oppose early retirement of older carriers.

419 Increase Armed Forces Mobility

- Upgrade airlift and sealift capability to meet current and future commitments.
- Retain the current quantity and quality of U.S. pilots.
- Increase funding for the U.S. Merchant Marine.

427 Military Leave for U.S. Government Employees

- Legislate change in Title 10, U.S. Code, to provide up to 30 days leave for government employees to allow reservists to participate in military reserve activities.

428 Support Montgomery Amendment and National Guard

- Implement adequate training of National Guard, as provided under the Montgomery Amendment which allows exercises in foreign countries.

431 Pardon Lt. Col. (Ret.) Oliver North

- Grant a full Presidential pardon and restore his rights. (See also 461.)

438 Oppose Homosexual Acceptance in the Military

- Express concern for the breakdown of the country's defense mechanism.
- Unequivocally oppose efforts to force the Department of Defense to retain or accept homosexuals.
- Seek final judicial reaffirmation from the Supreme Court of the homosexual exclusion policy.
- Rewrite codes to guarantee protection of civil rights based on moral, religious or ethical behavior.

441 Support U.S. Military Training Flights

- Support need for U.S. military aircraft to conduct low-level training flights over land and sea as necessary to ensure ability to accomplish missions in peacetime and wartime.

457 Support the Continued Production of F-14 and Future F-21 Fighters

- Continue to produce U.S. Navy F-14 long-range fleet defense aircraft and support future development of F-21 fighters.
- Restore F-14 funding to its original level.

459 Support for Effort to Restore the Military Balance in Europe

- Support the Bush initiative to reduce Soviet forces in Europe before reducing nuclear weapons.
- Verify Soviet troop reductions and weapons destruction.
- Reserve VFW support for proposed agreements until thoroughly examined to ensure verification and U.S. national interests.

461 Restore Lt. Col. (Ret.) North's Retained Pay

- Restore North's retained military pay.

462 Stop the Overseas Transfer of Sensitive Technology

- Re-examine the FSX project (development of new fighter aircraft) and halt the transfer of sensitive technology to Japan or other countries to protect U.S. national and commercial security.

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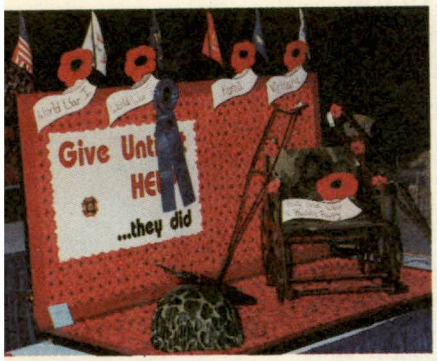
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Valley Station, Kentucky



CATEGORY 3
Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies
Markham Memorial Post and
Auxiliary 9801
Markham, Illinois

FIELD COMPETITION

Jr. Open Color Guard
St. Aloysius
VFW Post 898
Cheektowaga, New York

Jr. ROTC Color Guard
Moreno Valley High School
Moreno Valley, California

JR. Open Field Contest
Moreno Valley High School
Moreno Valley, California

Sr. Mens Color Guard
Clark Rifles
VFW Post 8437
Enon, Ohio

Sr. Ladies Color Guard
Lucky Ladies VFW Post 3142
Charleston Heights, South Carolina

Jr. ROTC Armed Drill Team
Silent Knights - Cedar Shoals
Athens, Georgia

Jr. ROTC Unarmed Drill Team
Moreno Valley High School
Moreno Valley, California

Jr. Open Armed Drill Team
Clark Rifles
VFW Post 8437
Enon, Ohio

National Overall Jr. ROTC Champions
Moreno Valley High School
Moreno Valley, California

All-Girl ROTC Color Guard National Champions
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Des Moines, Iowa

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Upson High School NJROTC
VFW Post 6447
Thomaston, Georgia

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VFW Post 9619
Oxon Hill, Maryland

PARADE WINNERS

Best Performing Band
South St. Paul High School
Packer Marching Band
VFW Post 295
South St. Paul, Minnesota

Best Appearing Sr. Mens VFW Color Guard
Imperial Knights
VFW Post 4789
Erie, Pennsylvania

Best Appearing Sr. Ladies VFW Auxiliary Color Guard
Firebirds
VFW Post 6782
East Detroit, Michigan

Best Appearing Jr. Color Guard (Open Competition)
South St. Paul High School
Packer Marching Band
VFW Post 295
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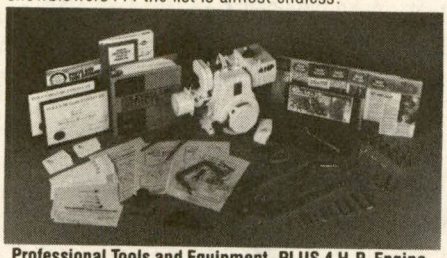
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Clark Rifles Jr. Boys Rifle Drill Team
VFW Post 8437
Enon, Ohio

Best Appearing VFW Ladies Auxiliary Marching Unit
Dept. of Wisconsin

Best Appearing VFW Marching Unit
Dept. of Massachusetts

Best Appearing ROTC Uniformed Marching Unit
Moreno Valley High School
Moreno Valley, California

FLOATS: 1st Place
Dept. of Missouri
"We Remember and Proud to Serve"

2nd Place
Iwo Jima
VFW Post 881
Wellington, Kansas

3rd Place
Dept. of Texas
VFW Post 1990

Special Judges Award
Rubidoux High School AFJROTC Mounted Color Guard
Riverside, California

AMERICANISM

(FIRST PLACE — POST AND DISTRICT)

Kraus-Hartig Post 6587 and Ladies Auxiliary
Spring Lake Park, Minnesota

District 3 and Ladies Auxiliary
Department of Texas

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

(TOP THREE OVERALL WINNERS)

Flushing Post 5666 and Ladies Auxiliary
Flushing, Michigan

George Rogers Clark Post 8437 and Ladies Auxiliary
Enon, Ohio

Scott-Johnson-Collins Post 9619 and Ladies Auxiliary
Morningside, Maryland

LOYALTY DAY

(ALL LEVELS)

Rockdale County Post 5290 and Ladies Auxiliary
Conyers, Georgia

Allegheny County Council and Ladies Auxiliary
Department of Pennsylvania

District 2 and Ladies Auxiliary
Department of Minnesota

Department of Connecticut and Ladies Auxiliary

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Garland Memorial Post 5076 and Ladies Auxiliary
Garland, Texas

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(FIRST PLACE WINNERS)

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Front row, left to right (in both photos) are: **Frank Stein, radio operator; Aleck Capsalis, waist gunner and toggle-lear; Ashton Geren Jr., navigator; and Clarance "Horizontal Hank" Anderso, ball turret gunner.** Back row: **Johnnie Sartor, armorer-gunner and toggle-lear; George Schuller, engineer and top turret gunner; Harold Rothbard, tail gunner; Robert Coakley, bombardier; Richard Garland, pilot; and James Jenkins, co-pilot.**

Magnificent Ten Soar Again

It's been 45 years since all the aviators from Crew 334, 457th Bomb Group had last seen each other in England. Remarkably all ten had survived not only numerous bombing runs over Germany during World War II, but also the normal struggles of life that had occurred during the past four-and-a-half decades.

Since September 1944, when transfers and discharges broke up the crew, most of them had kept in touch, even joining the same VFW Post (#5573 in Starkville, Ms.), though they were scattered in nine different states.

Finally, last year, through persistent queries, they located the last missing member, bringing the crew of "Bad Time Incorporated II" back up to full strength.

And soon afterwards they got back together to fly in another B-17 bomber that was just as old, but just as combat-ready as these ten aviators.

Veterans Centennial Memorial

North Dakota VFW members participated in the erection of a centennial memorial honoring the 4,050 North Dakotans killed in America's wars beginning with the Spanish-American War.

Says VFW member Aldon R. Georgeson of Bismark, "We invite you to stop and visit the memorial whenever you travel west on I-94. It is located on the State Capitol Grounds."

Ohio Post Celebrates VFW's Birth

A 90th anniversary celebration was held in Columbus, Ohio, sponsored by members of District 11, Franklin County Council and **Post 1598.**

A primary purpose was to raise funds for a monument at the gravesite of James Romanis, founder of the American Veterans of Foreign Service, one of the three founding organizations of the VFW. Other events occurred in September.

Homeless Vets Provided For

Post 3944 of Overland, Mo. donated $1,200 to help feed and clothe homeless veterans. The contribution was made through the St. Louis Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program.

Two Decades of Flying the Flag

A special citizens award was presented to Hazel Crafton of El Jobean, Fla. for flying her Flag at her home for the past 22 years. Members of **Post 10476** conducted the Flag Day ceremony and gave the 82-year-old the Patriotic Citizen Award.

The Post has been giving out certificates for Flag display for the past three years. Some 250 awards were handed out in 1988.

Post Member Saves Life

Robert N. Leet, Jr., a life member of **Post 6402** in Port Sulphur, La., who is still on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, and based at Dyass AFB in Abeline, Texas, distinguished himself by saving a person from a burning building in Brunswick, Ga.

Woman Prominent in Post

Denise DeFelice-Black of **Post 2342** in Fort Lee, N.J. is leading the effort to add women veterans to the Post's membership rolls. A nurse in Vietnam in 1971, she would like to see more of the 7,500 eligible women vets of Vietnam join VFW ranks.

She is also the North New Jersey coordinator for a project seeking to build a memorial to women vets in Washington. Of the eight women who died in Vietnam, one was killed in action. The other seven died in accidents or from illness.

Swiss housewife accidentally discovers the "trick" to losing weight without dieting

Yes, a simple "trick" helped her to lose 6 pounds a week. You too, she says, can easily succeed without medication or exercise.



GENEVA - There are many methods and diets that are more or less successful in helping you to lose weight. But do you know anyone who has lost all those excess pounds, at a rate of 6 pounds a week, by eating normally and without dieting, using medication or exercising?

I do. Mrs. Danielle Chevalier, a Geneva mother, did it. Her secret? She discovered it by accident.

I interviewed Mrs. Chevalier to find out her secret.

Question – Mrs. Chevalier, tell me how you did it?

Answer – Like many other women, I gain weight very easily. When I found out that this weight gain was unhealthy and that I was becoming less attractive to my husband, I began to worry.

I tried everything from starvation diets to cutting down on food but this only made me edgy and run-down and the few pounds I had lost in 3 months, I gained back in 3 days.

One day, I read in a homeopathy book, where a doctor stated that anyone could lose weight easily and without being deprived of food. His advice was so simple that, at first, I didn't believe it.

Question – But you tried it anyway?

Answer – Yes, but later on. Exactly 5 days after I tried it, I fit into a pair of pants that I hadn't been able to wear in a long time. I told my friends about it. They all laughed. They didn't believe me when I told them that I wasn't on any diet and that I could eat as much as I liked.

Question – And you continued to lose weight after that?

Answer – 18 pounds in all. Look at me now. I feel better, my husband finds me attractive and my children are proud of me.

Question – Can your "secret" work for other women?

Answer – Many of my friends did the same thing I did. They lost 5 to 6 pounds a week.

Question – You wrote a report to explain your "secret", can you summarize it?

Answer – My offer is risk free. Nothing else to buy.

- Everyone can use it instantly.
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- It helps the digestion (that's one of the reasons it helps to lose weight).
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- No restrictions! You can eat pasta, cakes, candies, drink wine or alcohol. And you still lose 5 to 6 pounds a week!

Question – Does that mean that nutrition is not important?

Answer – Well, yes. For example, I learned that certain foods worked like medicine but without the inconveniences. I talk about that in my report. It's very important. I also talk about a lot of other things that I have learned through personal experience and which will be profitable to anyone who needs to lose a lot of weight very fast.

Question – How much does your report cost?

Answer – When I was overweight, I would have given a fortune to find out how to lose weight while eating and drinking at will. My report doesn't cost that much! It's about the price of a book: $15.90. That's reasonable, isn't it?

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This plan offers pure protection only — no frills or extras to drive up the cost. It's the ideal way to add to your current protection, either to restore its purchasing power or to bring it up to date with changing family obligations. And, if you've not yet started a plan of financial protection for your family, there's no better way to begin.

Last month you should have received a detailed Information Kit in the mail describing the plan's many benefits and features. Please read it carefully as we believe this plan to be ideally suited to the needs of VFW families.

For example, once you are insured for the "Simplified Issue Benefit" appropriate for your age, you can add coverage for your spouse and eligible children. And, if you're under age 70, you can also apply for additional coverage to bring your total insurance to as much as $50,000.

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But there are three important reasons to do it now, while you're thinking about it:

- When the current Open Application Period expires, the plan won't be offered again for at least 12 months.
- Unexpected changes in your health could make you ineligible if you don't act soon.
- When you apply and are approved for coverage, you'll get a Certificate of Insurance in the mail. If you don't want to continue for any reason, write "cancel" on your certificate and mail it back to the VFW Insurance Department within 30 days of receiving it. Your coverage will be cancelled and your first payment refunded in full.

It's a no-loss opportunity we hope every member not currently insured under the plan will seriously consider. If your Information Kit has not yet arrived in the mail, or if you have any questions or need assistance in any way, call the VFW Insurance Department and another kit will be sent to you.

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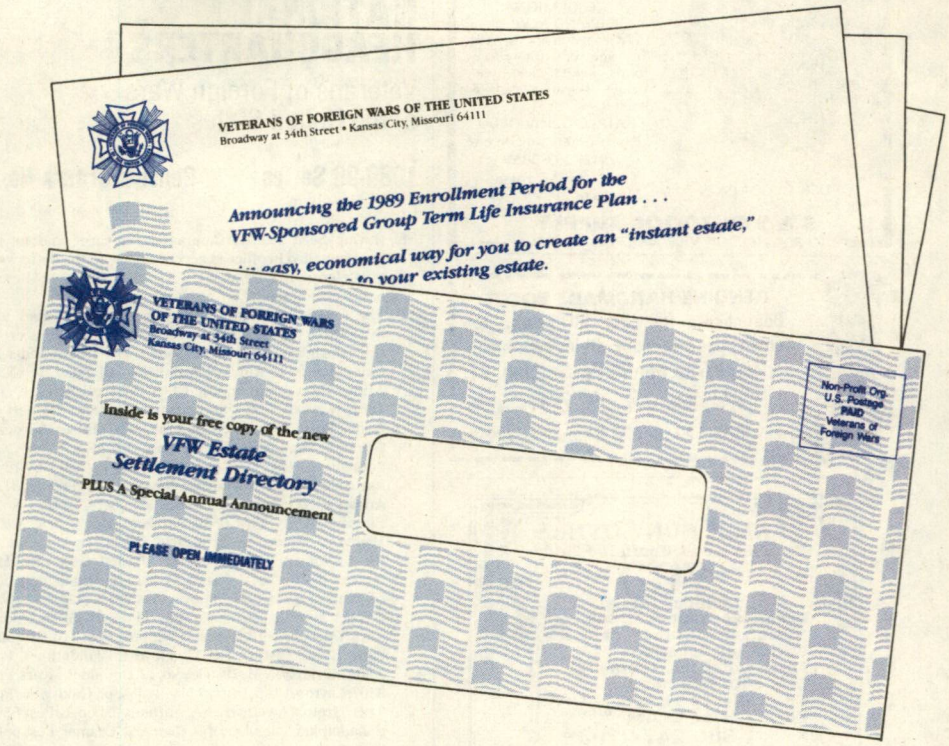
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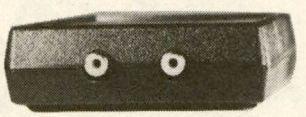
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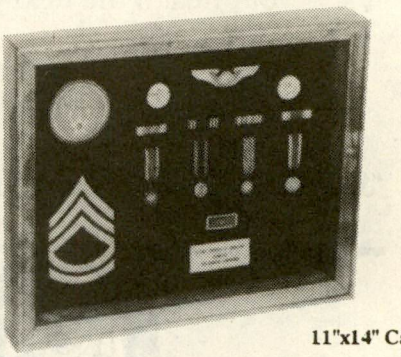
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6. Attention of Commanders at all levels is directed to the provisions of Section 211 of the National By-Laws, pertaining to resolutions adopted by the National Convention:

"Any public communication and/or promulgation by Posts of Resolutions contrary to Resolutions adopted by the National Convention shall be in violation of the laws and usages of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the lawful orders of the National Convention and shall be cause for the immediate suspension by the Commander-in-Chief of the charter of any Posts found by him to be in such violation and if action to comply with the

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mandates of the Convention is not taken before the end of the suspension period, the Charter of such Post shall be cancelled by the Commander-in-Chief and such cancellation shall not be subject to the appeals provided herein."

7. Post Commanders, County Council Commanders and District Commanders are directed to forward all resolutions or communications relative to FEDERAL LEGISLATION OR TO THE POLICY OR PROCEDURE OF THE U.S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, to their respective Department Headquarters for consideration and referral to the Adjutant General. Department Commanders will not take direct action on any such resolutions or communications without first obtaining full knowledge of existing National Headquarters policies governing such legislation or agencies. Posts, County Councils and Districts and officers and members thereof shall not publicly communicate or promulgate any such resolutions until approved by the Commander-in-Chief.
8. Invitations to National Officers must be forwarded through channels to the Adjutant General with approval of the Department Commander. This applies to all National Officers, and unless the above is complied with, invitations will not be given consideration.
9. DEPARTMENT RESERVE: Attention is called to Section 517, Manual of Procedure that requires Department Quartermasters to maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than fifty percent (50%) of all current year's (1990) dues that he receives prior to July 1, 1990. No Department Quartermaster shall disburse nor shall an obligation be incurred against this fund until after July 1, 1990, at which time all moneys to the credit of the fund shall be transferred to the Department General Fund for expenditure in accordance with the approved Department budget.
10. POST RESERVE: Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, which mandates Post Quartermasters to maintain a dues reserve fund to which shall be credited not less than one-half of the Post's part of the current year's (1990) dues paid by each member prior to July 1, 1990, except dues remitted by the Post. No Post Quartermaster shall disburse, nor shall an obligation be incurred against this fund until after July 1, 1990, at which time it shall be transferred to the Post General Fund and be available for expenditure.
11. Attention of Commanders at all levels is directed to action of the National Council of Administration prohibiting the wearing of VFW sports caps and/or western style caps at VFW meetings in place of the regulation cap of the VFW official uniform as set forth in Section 803 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. This prohibition is in accordance with previous directives of Commanders-in-Chief that it is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of The Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit the wearing of other than the official VFW cap at VFW meetings.
12. Attention of Commanders at all levels is directed to Section 703 of the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure which requires that each accountable officer be bonded with an indemnity company in the sum at least equal to the amount of negotiable funds for which he may be accountable.
13. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, Duty of Trustees, which states that Post Trustees shall prepare and submit, through their Post Commander, a Trustee Report of Audit (Supply Department Stock No. 4214) quarterly to the Department Quartermaster for referral to the Department Inspector. The first report is due at the close of September.
14. Attention of Department and Post Commanders is directed to the requirement of timely filing of Internal Revenue Form 990 and 990/T, where applicable. Forms may be secured from your local Post Office or branch office of Internal Revenue Service.
15. Attention of all units is called to the amendments which provided for changes to the following sections of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure adopted by the 90th National Convention which are effective as of September 24, 1989: B-1 through B-12 and M-1 through M-12, 201, 209, 217, 709, 720, 801, 802, 803, 804, 903, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1201.

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By Mike Kennedy

MERIDEN, CT. — A small company in Connecticut has created a new solid-state golf ball that flies *too* far. A pro who tested the ball hit it *over the green* on all but the longest par-four's. Test officials were stunned and one championship course has asked that the ball not be used. Others may follow. I asked a company spokesman why their ball went so far.

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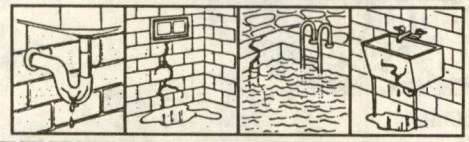
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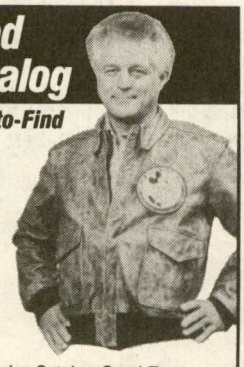




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17. All members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States who have been awarded the Medal of Honor are eligible to appointment as Aides-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief, Medal of Honor Class. Post Commanders will report such members to their Department Commanders for recommendation and referral to the Commander-in-Chief.
18. Posts are urged to start planning suitable programs now for the observance of Veterans Day. (See Section 223, Manual of Procedure.)
19. The National Council of Administration meeting will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 7, 1989.
20. Attention of Post Commanders is directed to the Commander-in-Chief's decision in response to questions raised concerning alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting as set forth below:

    It is held to be objectionable and contrary to accepted rules of order and proper decorum implicit in the ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting. Accordingly, the presence, dispensation and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Post meeting room during the Post meeting is completely unacceptable and any such practice known to exist shall be terminated.
21. The location of the following Post has been changed: Post 4397 from Hardwick to Milledgeville, Ga.
22. Announcement is made of the authorization of the charters for the following Posts: Post 24, George, Wash.; Post 962, Wallkill, N.Y.; Post 1413, Friona, Texas; Post 3189, Mexico (City) D.F., Mexico (Texas); Post 3234, Brady Texas; Post 3497, Ganado, Texas; Post 7160, Minco, Okla.; Post 10299, Prairie Village, Kans.; Post 10629, Sayre, Okla.; Post 10646, Lakewood, Ohio; Post 10647, Cincinnati, Ohio; Post 10650, Giltner, Neb.; Post 10651, Holdrege, Neb.; Post 10652, Murray, Neb.; Post 10653, Archer, Neb.; Post 10660, Lyons, Colo.; Post 10672, Sparta, Mich.; Post 10691, Dublin, Ohio; Post 10696, Concord, Ohio; Post 10699, Mantua, Ohio; Post 10704, Cassopolis, Mich.; Post 10705, Laingsburg, Mich.; Post 10707, Leesburg, N.J.; Post 10709, Basking Ridge, N.J.; Post 10710, Mission, Texas; Post 10712, Pharr, Texas; Post 10717, Norfolk, Neb.; Post 10718, Columbus, Neb.; Post 10727, Omaha, Neb.; Post 10733, Orange Lake, Fla.; Post 10734, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Post 10736, Federal Heights, Colo.; Post 10737, Stanley, N.C.; Post 10738, Davidson, N.C.; Post 10741, Jackson, Ohio; Post 10760, Ashland, N.H.; Post 10761, Newmarket, N.H.; Post 10762, Wilton, N.H.; Post 10763, Albuquerque, N.M.; Post 10764, Fair Haven, N.Y.; Post 10765, Gates, N.Y.; Post 10766, Rochester, N.Y.; Post 10767, Amherst, N.Y.; Post 10769, Tarpon Springs, Fla.; Post 10770, Leroy, Mich.; Post 10772, Hennessey, Okla.; Post 10773, Mooreland, Okla.; Post 10774, Rising City, Neb.; Post 10775, Bellevue, Neb.; Post 10776, Mebane, N.C.; Post 10777, Carrboro, N.C.; Post 10778, Western Springs, Ill.; Post 10779, Algonquin, Ill.; Post 10780, Huntley, Ill.; Post 10781, San Antonio, Texas; Post 10782, Cisco, Texas; Post 10783, Mabank, Texas; Post 10784, Petoskey, Mich.; Post 10785, Bellevue, Neb.; Post 10786, Milpitas, Calif.; Post 10787, San Anselmo, Calif.; Post 10788, Grass Valley, Calif.; Post 10789, Brentwood, Calif.; Post 10790, San Diego, Calif.; Post 10791, Kilmarnock, Va.; Post 10792, Albuquerque, N.M.; Post 10793, Albuquerque, N.M.; Post 10794, Milaca, Minn.; Post 10795, Crosby, Minn.; Post 10796, Ham Lake, Minn.; Post 10797, Bridgeport, Calif.; Post 10798, Douglasville, Ga.; Post 10799, Smyrna, Ga.; Post 10800, Clarkston, Ga.; Post 10801, Surprise, Ariz.; Post 10802, Donna, Texas; Post 10803, Mercedes, Texas; Post 10804, North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Post 10805, Charleston, S.C.; Post 10806, Augusta, Ga.; Post 10807, Brownstown, Ind.; Post 10809, Comanche, Okla.; Post 10810, Pirmasens, West Germany (Europe); Post 10811, Johns Island, S.C.; Post 10812, Johns Island, S.C.; Post 10813, Sumter, S.C.; Post 10815, Meriden, Kans.; Post 10816, Prentiss, Miss.; Post 10817, Lake Geneva, Wis.; Post 10818, New Richmond, Wis.; Post 10819, Gays Mills, Wis.; Post 10820, Random Lake, Wis.; Post 10821, Mableton, Ga.; Post 10822, Dunwoody, Ga.; Post 10823, Doraville, Ga.; Post 10824, Monticello, Ga.; Post 10825, Statesboro, Ga.; Post 10826, Verona, Va.; Post 10827, Jeanerette, La.; Post 10828, Viburnum, Mo.; Post 10829, Stilwell, Okla.; Post 10830, East Windsor, Conn.; Post 10831, Battle Ground, Wash.; Post 10836, Dillsboro, Ind.; Post 10837, Waldo, Ark.; Post 10838, St. Peters, Mo.; Post 10839, Lawton, Okla.; Post 10840, Penhook, Va.; Post 10841, Elmore City, Okla.; Post 10842, Poca, W.Va.; Post 10843, West Fork, Ark.; Post 10844, Campbell, Mo.; Post 10845, Cumberland, R.I.; Post 10846, Cedar City, Utah; Post 10848, Stoneville, N.C.

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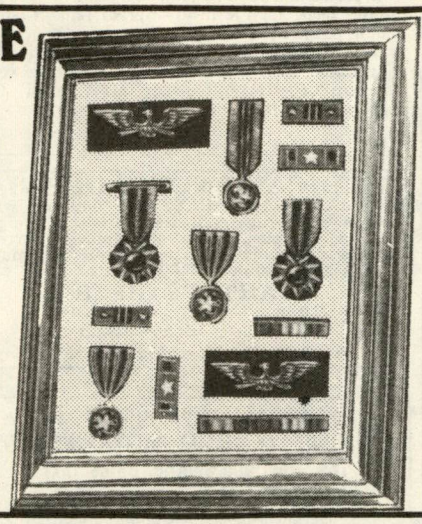


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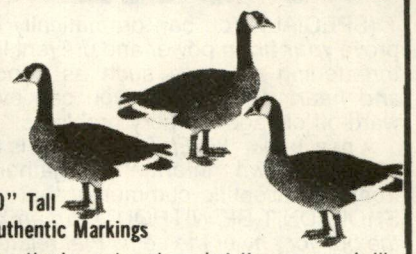
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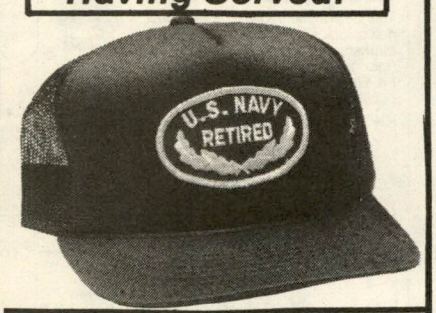
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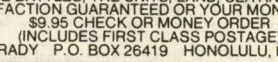
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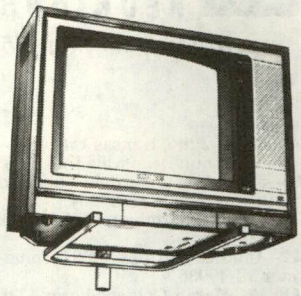
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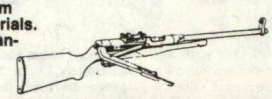
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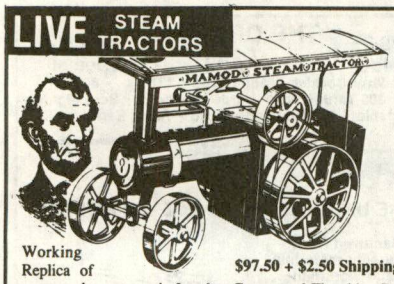
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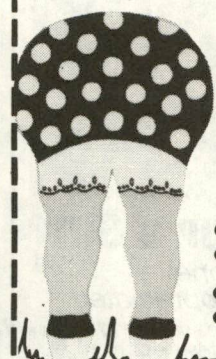


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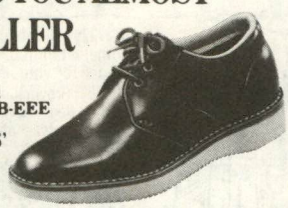
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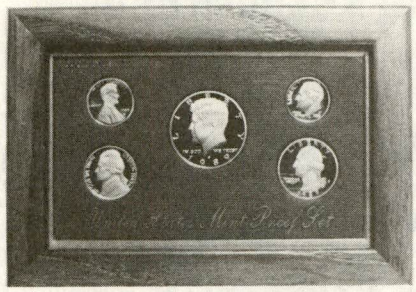
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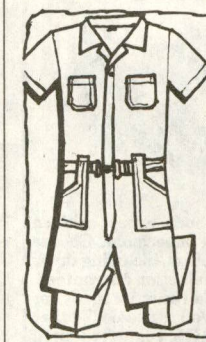
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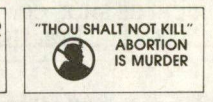
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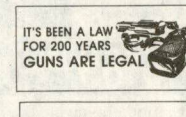


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Canton, Ohio (Special)-Most of us have a few possessions we'd like for our loved ones to get after we depart from this life. How can you be assured your wishes will be carried out?

New research shows a Will isn't always the answer! You can spend money for a Will, only to have lawyers, courts, executors and tax collectors grab a huge portion of your assets through the probate process ... Possessions you've worked hard all your life to acquire.

Now, a little known, but simple legal paper called a "Living Trust," can make sure your wishes are obeyed to the letter after you're gone. It eliminates the lengthy and costly probate process. The Living Trust also eliminates most attorney fees and all court costs, - and could reduce your estate taxes!

Through the trust, you can even provide for someone to manage your assets in case you become disabled.

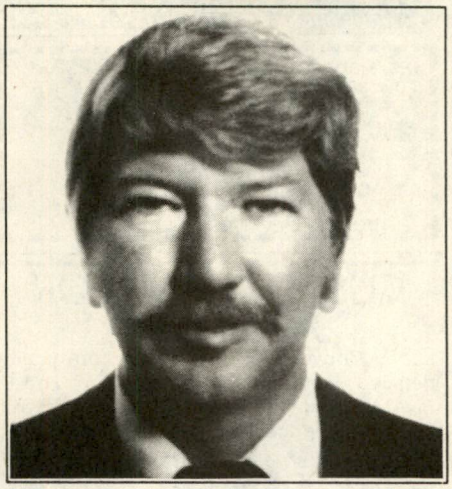
Many of us think of a "trust" as something only rich people such as the Rockefellers or Kennedys set up to beat taxes and insure privacy.

Actually a "Living Trust" is designed for, and can be used by people with assets of any amount. It's simple and easy to set up. You can do it yourself.

With access to the best estate and financial planners in America, the 'Wall Street Journal' tells in a recent article about the advantages of Living Trusts over Wills. The article states that "More and more Americans are putting their assets in Revocable Living Trusts while the owner is still alive. You can act as your own trustee so there are no management fees or loss of control. You can change the trust at any time. You also keep the bulk of your estate out of probate court with no public record or the usual nine months delay."

"The advantages of Living Trusts over Wills are considerable. You may reduce taxes and simplify the transfer of assets to your heirs and loved ones."

"Under a Will, an estate must be settled in probate court. Lawyers' fees and court costs are often quite expensive. There may be exasperating delays and the proceedings are a matter of public record." The intimate details of your family's finances are laid bare for all to see!



Is your privacy worth a moment of your time? Attorney Marshall Sanson says, "a Will could 'broadcast' the intimate details of your family's finances."

In a headline article 'Business Week' magazine recently told us that "Privacy may be the most valuable feature of the trust. A Living Trust can keep the details of your finances under wraps by taking your estate out of the public record and into a private contract."

Because the proceedings are public, probate (Will) records are available to all kinds of salesmen - many who prey on emotionally distraught people! A number of cases have been encountered where a recently widowed woman invested her husband's estate proceeds unwisely under pressure from a smooth-talking huckster!

As the 'Wall Street Journal' article points out, "A Living Trust is settled without court proceedings. Your spouse, child, or other person you designate simply distributes your assets according to the trust's instructions. An accountant or notary public may certify any transfer of titles. The process is much quicker, cheaper and more private than settling a Will, and it may save on estate taxes."

'Business Week' goes on to say that "Even the most carefully executed Will can leave your heirs and potential heirs fighting over your estate." Any "long-lost," unknown relative can step up to contest your wishes ...

Lawyers charge an average of $60 for writing a Will - and then get as much as eleven percent of the entire estate after the client dies and the Will is probated. That percentage could cost your loved ones several Thousand Dollars even if your estate is small!

Working with a team of legal scholars, the highly respected DSA Financial Publishing Company of Canton, Ohio has prepared a Living Trust Kit. It's designed so you can easily set up your own Living Trust.

Included in the Kit is an in-depth report on Living Trusts. You'll learn all about how it can save your heirs and loved ones literally thousands of dollars.

You'll get complete instructions written in easy-to-understand, step-by-step simple language on how to prepare and file your own Living Trust. You'll also get complete guidelines on how to custom-tailor your personal Living Trust in order to guarantee that any special or unusual wishes you may have for your estate are carried out.

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rated President of the United States.

He joins a long line of Presidents that have been VFW members — Harry Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. Teddy Roosevelt joined after he left the White House.

Foreign affairs and defense policy, especially with regard to the Western Hemisphere, continue to occupy a crucial place on the VFW agenda.

On the home front, desecration of the Flag has become perhaps the hottest issue since the Supreme Court decreed such practices legal. VFW strongly favors a constitutional amendment to protect the country's national symbol.

Community Network

Today, VFW Posts can be found all over the globe. Some 10,300 Posts are located in the 50 states as well as the Panama Canal Zone, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Okinawa, Puerto Rico, Samoa, Taiwan and Thailand.

VFW programs reach communities across the country. Youth Activities, Safety, Voice of Democracy and Americanism have influenced millions of Americans in one way or another.

National Headquarters and Posts contribute tens of millions of dollars and countless volunteer hours every year to local activities. Nearly $1 million alone is provided through scholarship funds to students.

The fundamental tenets — country, community and camaraderie — expounded by James Romanis 90 years ago still serve as the foundation stones of the VFW.

On the organization's 90th anniversary the words of Commander-in-Chief Walter Hogan serve to remind us of the sacrifices made by our predecessors:

"The men who returned from Cuba and the Philippines so many years ago to form the Veterans of Foreign Wars could not possibly have known the potential it held for advocating the rights of veterans. But because of their perseverance, America's veterans of today have the best voice possible to advance their well-earned rights." ■

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Congress must also be prepared to address this challenge and provide adequate funding to allow the VA to meet its mandated responsibility.

While there is a vast array of numbers available to support this challenge, let me mention just a few to place the immensity of what lies ahead in perspective.

Of all individuals since the birth of Christ who ever lived beyond 65, one-half are alive today; by the year 2000, two-thirds of all American males over 65 will be veterans. These veterans will be eligible for VA health care.

According to the VA, by the year 2000, a total of 115,000 veterans a day will use its extended-care programs as compared to 40,000 in 1985. Some 760,000 veterans will require non-institutional long-term care, up from around 15,000 today.

By then the VA must also be able to provide for as many as 33 million outpatient visits, as compared to 18 million in 1985. With acute-care discharges increasing up to 54,000 more than today and the continuing cutbacks in Medicare and Medicaid, which are the sole medical insurances of approximately 41% of our veterans, these estimates are probably very conservative.

According to a Lou Harris poll, 60% of all veterans surveyed said they would use VA health care if they were eligible and if the facilities were readily available. It is therefore quite clear that if the VA does not acknowledge and respond to this challenge in a well-thought-out and executed manner, and if the VA is not properly funded by Congress and the Administration, the entire health-care system may be overwhelmed.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has been in the forefront in vertically integrated health-care delivery systems, and this role should be enhanced through making adjustments to the system in response to the needs of veterans as they evolve.

In particular, the VA medical system must quickly convert excess hospital capacity to meet nursing-home care as well as other extended-care and ambulatory-care needs. In concurrence with the veterans service organizations' Independent VA Budget, of which we are a subscriber, we recommend that the VA increase its nursing home bed census by approximately 3,000.

We also recommend that Community Residential Care (CRC) programs be established at each VA medical center. These programs represent an inexpensive and humane means to care for veterans who do not require hospital or nursing home care but, because of medical or psychological conditions, are not able to live independently.

We would also ask that geriatric evaluation units (GEUs) be established at each medical center. GEUs provide comprehensive, medical, functional, psychological and environmental assessment to improve treatment and discharge planning for elderly patients who typically have multiple medical problems.

The final recommendation that VFW will make at today's hearing is that the number of Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers (GRECCs) be increased from 10 to 15. GRECCs are centers of excellence designed for the advancement and integration of geriatric and gerontological research, education and clinical achievements into the total VA health-care system.

An expanded GRECC program will allow the VA to maintain its clinical and educational leadership role in dealing with the problems of aging. It will foster the development of new approaches to care that meet in turn goals of improvement in care and cost containment.

The timetable with respect to GRECCs has slipped, and our current goal is to have 25 GRECCs, the maximum number currently authorized by statute, by 1995. This will come close to having a GRECC in every one of the VA's medical districts. ■

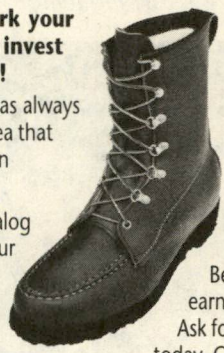
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During the VFW's 90th National Convention in Las Vegas several of the guest speakers poked fun at politics, the host city and state, the Pentagon, and even themselves, to the delight of everyone in attendance.

Following are a few of those "lighter moments" we'll all remember . . . and refer to when we re-tell the jokes and inconveniently forget the punch lines!

Many of the local dignataries made reference to Las Vegas, but the one joke that everyone still laughs about was told by Air Force Maj. Gen. Drennan Clark, who spoke of a recent poker game involving a high-priced hooker, a low-priced hooker, Santa Claus and an honest lawyer. During the marathon card game they all decided to take a break, leaving their earnings on the table. When they returned, though, all the money was gone.

Now who do you think took the money?

The high priced hooker, of course! The other three are just figments of our imagination!

Clark continued his spiel, next taking aim at the legal profession, knowing several VFW leaders are lawyers.

Do you know what's black and brown and looks good on a lawyer?

A Doberman pinscher!

Clark concluded his speech by encouraging everyone to *keep Nevada green . . . leave money!*



"Wait'll the guys back home see this!!"



Vice President Dan Quayle shared one of the many jokes he's heard concerning his own job as "veep." It was about a father, *who had two sons. One went away to sea, and the other became vice-president. And neither one of them was ever heard from again!*

At the Distinguished Guests Banquet, Wayne Newton was the center of attention. *Words are painfully inadequate*, he admitted, after receiving an award for entertaining U.S. servicemen overseas. *I feel a little bit like Elizabeth Taylor's next husband must feel like on his wedding night. You know what to do, you just don't know how to make it interesting!*

Admiral William J. Crowe, who followed, jokingly demanded equal attention, saying *I don't see as many photographers up here as there were for Wayne Newton!*

I was told when you get my age and get your picture taken you want mercy, not justice! Unfortunately, that's true.

Crowe then directed his humorous pot-shots at Washington, D.C., saying he now appreciates the wisdom of President Truman, who said *if you want a loyal friend in Washington, you better go buy a dog!* The admiral then added, *My wife and I aren't taking any chances . . . we own two dogs!*

As chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Crowe quipped, *I work in the Pentagon. That's the building with five sides . . . on every issue!*

I'm also a great admirer of the TV show 'Cheers,' and I noticed that Norm said something that characterizes my own life in Washington. Someone asked him 'how's it going?' and he said 'it's a dog-eat-dog world out there, and I'm wearing Milk Bone underwear!' That would be a lot funnier if I was kidding! Earlier in the year I was asked to appear on 'Cheers' and afterwards someone said it might not have been appropriate for an officer to appear in a comedy in uniform. I replied 'you're not very familiar with the Pentagon, are you?'

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