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1. Editorial August 31 2015
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This will be our first effort to send out a newsletter since July of 2014. Changes in policies with the major service providers as well as issues with our own service provider stymied efforts.

Last year, our own provider had maintenance outages on key days when delivery was planned. That no longer seems to be the case.

Major Service Providers continue to flag mass mailings such as ours.

The result has been blocking of anything sent from our email address for up to 12 days, in some cases, after some threshold has been passed.

We are exploring outside mail companies like "MailChimp" that promise to get mass mailings delivered, for a charge.

Hal and Ted Barker, Korean War Project, Dallas, TX

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2. What's Been Happening?
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Donor/Member decreases have been taking an effect on sustaining our online work. We need help from those who have not participated in the past.

Hal has completed a three year project to hand-check all the casualty files.

A complete technology upgrade to include computers has just been finished.

Programming the website to be mobile device friendly is underway.

Scanning of archival records of the USMC has been completed.

Addition of photographs of those lost during the war continues.

Post Truce (DMZ Veterans) web visits and daily mail now comprise over 40% of our traffic.

The Korean War Project has a busy Facebook page.

Our Twitter account at @KoreanWarVets.

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3. Membership | Sponsors
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Notice: our annual donations have fallen off from a high of 1035 donors to an average of 675 individuals per year. The 1035 figure represents the maximum of individuals or groups who donated during a one year period.

We are down about 35% in gross donations from previous years.

Consider supporting the mission of the Korean War Project by donations in the form of Membership/Sponsorship.

Membership: www.koreanwar.org/html/membership.html

Our Pledge Drive is an ongoing process. Many of our previous donors no longer can assist. We are recruiting from those who have not participated, so if you can, jump on in, it will be appreciated.

The site is free for all to use and those who participate help to ensure that we remain online whether the donation is \$5.00 or more!

Some of our site visitors cannot participate due to health or income restrictions.

Sadly, many of our long-term contributors have passed away.

For those persons or groups who cannot participate, we certainly understand.

Donations/Memberships are tax deductible, if you use long form IRS reports. Our EIN: 75-2695041 501(c) (3)

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4. Message areas
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Our Looking For, Guestbook, Remembrance, and BBS message groups continue to foster networking and information sharing.

Each entry on these sections is followed by an automated response to the sender to show them what they posted.

We continue to send periodic messages to new visitors in order to ensure that each person is welcomed to the KWP.

Messages send out from visitors to persons who have posted are followed up by Ted Barker if any are returned as undeliverable.

Always send direct email to us if you require assistance.

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5. KCCF Casualty File Review
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The raw data obtained from NARA – National Archives in 1993 has been a constant work in progress. Any number of our visitors have helped us to make thousands of corrections over the 20 plus years that the data has been online at the KWP.

Both of us have worked on additions and error corrections during that entire time. Hal made it a special focus these past 3.5 years to create a programming comparison to aid the work on the data files.

Dozens of books and online resources were reviewed for the project. Official archive records have been scoured.

Major issues with names, units, hometowns, casualty status, dates, and burial locations have been included as part of this review.

We continue to welcome input from visitors to our Remembrance area where corrections can be made.

Photographs of those lost during the war continue to be sent to us to display on our Remembrance area.

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6. Technology upgrade
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Microsoft curtailed support of Windows XP and Server 2003.

The KWP has continued to use these programs up to the very last minute. Beginning in June of this year and ending last week, all

of our operating software has been updated.

Doing those updates for software created downtime for the website and for our planned work schedules.

Legacy computers, dating to February of 2007, became issues over the past year. The failures became a regular issue over the past 18 months.

Bits and pieces of old machines and spare parts were called into service as makeshift repairs

We dug deep into our personal credit cards during June in order to finally address the hardware problems.

Two state of the art computers now are working overtime to help the KWP catch up with daily work.

Files that were corrupted by previous failures have been reconstructed. Access to “lost” data continues to yield results.

Finally, the webserver for the KWP is running very smoothly on the new software platform.

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7. Mobile Devices and the KWP
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More and more of the visitors to the website are using mobile devices. Our site has been using old-style programming interfaces all during the evolution of cell phones and tablets.

A timely purchase of two cell phones has aided the KWP to begin the process of making key areas of the website mobile friendly.

We are only starting, but, the work is ongoing and will be rolled out as the changes are tested on our devices.

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8. USMC Records 1950-1953
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Hal has finished a multi-year project to make USMC unit summaries ready for internet use. The end product is now active.

This process has been tedious requiring many hundreds of hours to complete.

The raw files were purchased from the Marine Corps Historical Section in a CD format, extracted and converted for internet use.

We have found large gaps in the official, digitized, records. The biggest gaps are in 7th Marine Regimental files.

The files are online.

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9. Thank You to our Sponsors | Donors/Members

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Thanks to all who have made this newsletter and the website possible!

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9. This Mailing List

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Required Notice for Bulk Mail:

We began sending this newsletter mailing in December of 1998
The first issue went to just over 2000 persons.

This list is a private list for our visitors and members. A person may join or leave the list at will. It is compiled from our Guest Book and comprises public service messages of general interest to veterans and families.

To join or leave the list: email to: Ted Barker tbarker@kwp.org
Place: Subscribe or Unsubscribe in the subject line.

Consider forwarding the Newsletter to your friends by email or print. Word of mouth is how we grow.

Thanks to all who have made this newsletter and the website possible!

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10. Bookstore | Film

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Be sure to visit the main index on the web site. The links to each book allow viewers to learn more about each book.

Many of the books are self-published. | Included are DVD and film products.

Most titles may be found online using your favorite search tool.

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Prairie Boys at War
Korea June – October 1950

by Merry Helm

Excerpt from flyleaf:

“The compelling and fast-paced account of men from the northern prairies who received the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross and/or Navy Cross for heroism in the Korean War. Through their actions,

as well as the experiences of other combat veterans, the history of this three-year war is presented as it was experienced by men from North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and Montana.

They were husky farm kids, inner-city paperboys, small-town football players and Boy Scouts. Some were high school dropouts, while others were chosen for Military Academies and went on to become outstanding commanders.

Many were sharp shooters, because they couldn't waste bullets on anything except what would land on the dinner table. Others were teenaged iron miners, guitar players, sheep herders, baseball players, grape growers or rodeo stars. A surprising number were orphans or runaways, while others were privileged sons of lawyers. At least two were freshly graduated physicians who thought they were going to spend a pleasant 90-day rotation in Japan but ended up on the front lines of Korea instead.

Published by Prairie Boy Books, you may purchase directly from author.

Price: \$22.00
ISBN: 978-0-9960959-0-7

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U.S Navy, U.S Marine Corps and MATS Aircraft Lost During the Korean War

By Douglas E. Campbell

The Korean War was the first war in which jet aircraft played a central role. Once-formidable fighters such as the F4U Corsair relinquished their air superiority roles to a new generation of faster jet fighters.

Within these pages are listed more than 1,140 U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and Military Air Transport Service (MATS) aircraft lost during the Korean War.

These aircraft were spread across 19 different ships, 126

different squadrons, by 12 aircraft manufacturers building nearly 60 different types and variants to fly into war.

The information on dates lost, aircraft type and manufacturer, Bureau Numbers, ship or base assigned, squadron attached, and fate of the pilot and crew, are here.

Chapter 1 is a subset of all the information organized by ship attached; Chapter 2 is a subset organized by squadron attached; Chapter 3 is the entire set organized by manufacturer and variant with stories attached to some of the specific aircraft lost.

Available on Lulu.com Price: \$29.99 with 416 pages.

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Flight, Camera, Action: The History of U.S. Naval Aviation Photography and Photo-Reconnaissance

By Douglas Campbell

The first U.S. Navy aerial photographs were taken in 1913 in support of fleet exercises off Guantanamo, Cuba.

Following WWI, a Navy Photographic expedition went north, making the first aerial mapping photos of the Alaskan territory.

WWII found Navy shuttermen in the Pacific theatre, performing pre- and post-attack reconnaissance, along with hitting the beach to record the war as it unfolded.

Shortly after, Navy photographic units were in the Pacific to record early atomic bomb tests.

The Navy's aerial photo reconnaissance mission, both at the front end with the weaponless aircrews and the output of thousands of images and photo interpretation, continued to develop through the mid-20th century.

The last aerial photo plane in the Navy's inventory was retired after flying to the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum Annex at Dulles International Airport in Fairfax County, Virginia.

The 74 year odyssey of Navy and Marine Corps aerial reconnaissance photography was finished.

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What History Failed to Record
A Phantom Force – Lost to History

By Ray C. Vallowe

East of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir
November 27, 1950 – December 2, 1950

Ray C. Vallowe, a survivor of the Chosin Reservoir.

For many years, Ray and I have corresponded while he amassed a huge inventory of documents and personal narratives from fellow Army soldiers who served with the 31st, 32nd Infantry Regiments, 15th AAA AW Bn, and the 52nd Field Artillery Bn, all of the 7th Infantry Division.

Books have been written from command level and from personal narrative.

Ray was there! This is his story.

This is an important memoir and research instrument, highly recommended to our friends. Thanks, Ray!

Excerpt: Dedication:

To my wife-the eternal love of my life:

Elaine Rose Vallowe

Nee; Postelanczyk

4/27/1932-12/22/2010

For our 58 plus years; of married life: always together.

For stabilizing my life after combat, and enduring the sudden jolts

of
my earlier nighttime nightmares.
For her undying love and devotion through sudden chills from my
cold
hands and feet without complaint!

For our children
Susan Marie (9/6/53-deceased-12/6/1956)
Our three sons David, Joseph and Daniel
And last: (eight years later) but not least Mary Rose, in their
order.

Between the above picture and the picture below, many years
have
passed with some tears of sadness over shadowed by those of
many
more of joyful and happy ones' The privilege of raising a family
together
would never have been possible had I never survived the
disaster
at the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir.

That survival was through no individual merit of my own, but
through
efforts made by all, some that survived by the merits of one or
more of
those 900+ KIA/MIA's over five days at the reservoir The guilt
always
remaining that you survived and they did not, cannot be
calculated that
some of them may have been more worthy than you to survive,
remain
in your thoughts always. But that was not your individual call,
rather a
higher power diverting that missile that may have been within an
enemy
rifle to end your life as well.

However, to neglect the cause as to that failure at the reservoir-
corrupted
to —reinforce the failurell is inexcusable.

Therefore, this dedication must also extend to those that were
"Sacrificed"
East of the reservoir as well.

Perhaps just perhaps there may have been a change of doctrine
over
war tactics had many of those officer's, NCO's and the common
Soldier survived.

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Letters from A Soldier
Gilbert L. Dexter

By Fay E. Holmes | Karen S. Beers

(Fay is a long-term pen pal and telephone correspondent of the
KWP. We have
tried to help her bridge the gap of red tape and decades of
silence in order to
find more information on what happened in the Chorwon Valley
with his unit
Medical Company, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division.

This would have placed him in the T-Bone – Arrowhead sectors.)

From the authors: "This book was written to preserve the memory
of a young man
who went off to war to fight for his country, the United States of
America.

Gilbert Leland Dexter "Lee" was listed as Missing in Action (MIA)
while rending
to his wounded comrades in North Korea on October 1, 1952.

Fay Holmes was engaged to be married to Lee when he left for
duty. The wedding
plans were coming together when Lee went missing in action.
Lee never made
it back home to the young woman he had planned to spend the
rest of his life with.

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11. DMZ Veterans (post truce)
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This section of our website continues to attract attention with an
ever-growing
number of visitors leaving messages or phone calls to the KWP.

As always, the issue with use of Agent Orange and other toxic
chemicals
is a central theme of the correspondence.

If you served after the truce be sure to browse the message
areas.

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Thanks again!

[Hal and Ted Barker](#)