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1. Editorial May 29 2017
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Ray Piorunski sent this poem to honor Leonard L.P. Piorunski who was killed on February 22, 1951. It is by poet Will Carleton

Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
Deck them with garlands, those brothers of ours,
Lying so silent by night and by day
Sleeping the years of their manhood away.
Give them the meed they have won in the past;
Give them the honors their future forecast;
Give them the chaplets they won in the strife;
Give them the laurels they lost with their life.
-Will Carleton 1897, Michigan

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

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2. San Francisco Korean War Memorial Opening
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On August 1st, 2016 the long awaited dedication and opening of the war memorial took place at the Presidio with large crowds attending.

The new memorial is one of a large number of memorials that have taken shape over the past twenty plus years.

From the San Francisco Chronicle article by Cal Nolte
Just over 63 years after a cease-fire ended the bitter and bloody Korean War, veterans finally got a memorial in San Francisco on Monday to remember a conflict that many Americans call the forgotten war.

The new memorial is a long, curving piece of granite in the Presidio with pictures and plaques to recall a war that lasted three years and cost more than 37,000 American dead and many thousands more Korean and Chinese lives.

It was clear Monday that for the veterans who fought in it, and for the Korean people, the war is a clear memory still.

"It was a war that had to be fought, and I was proud to have fought in it," said Paul "Pete" McCloskey, a former San Mateo and Santa Clara county congressman who was a Marine lieutenant in a rifle company. "We saved a new nation, and we should be proud of saving it."

[Link to story](#)

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

Membership: [Link to Membership | Donor page](#)

Our Pledge Drive is an ongoing process. 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!

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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Dallas, TX 75218

PH: (214) 320-0342

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4. KWP Newsletter Delivery

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The newsletter is available in three formats.

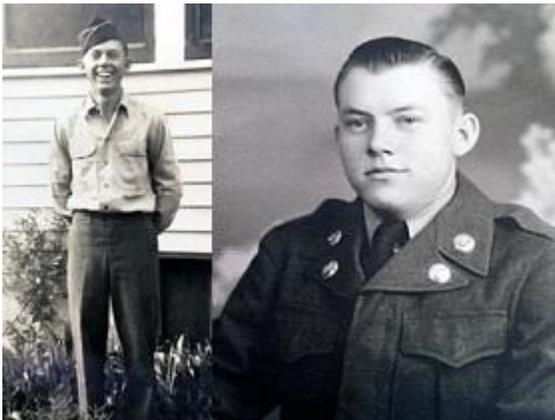
- 1.Plaintext which may be ordered by sending an email to news@koreanwar.org
2. This version is this one which is sent directly to your email address.
3. Also available in Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf).

Acrobat allows the end reader to increase or decrease the size of the font for easier reading. It downloads via your web browser.

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5. Repatriation Funeral Sgt Homer Ray Abney April 2017

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Hal and Ted Barker were able to attend the repatriation funeral for Sgt. Abney who was from East Dallas. His family, Patriot Guards and US Army Honor Guard buried him on April 7th 2017

Sgt Abney was a member of A Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division and lost during the fierce battle after the Chinese entered the war along the Chongchong River in far northwestern North Korea. He was taken prisoner and died in captivity on January 22 1951.

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6. GimletsForever (21st Inf Rgt) Blog

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Lisa Sholl has been archiving and publishing articles and photographs of the 21st Infantry Regiment for many years.

Be sure to visit her fine blog as it is extensive. Assist her effort to collect photographs of men from the unit.

[Link to GimletsForever](#)

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7. Thanking Korean War Veterans by Andrew Kim

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Let Freedom Ring: How America Gave My Family Hope

I just wanted to share a short story that I wrote about my grandfather who emigrated from Korea to the US. But, who only had the opportunity to do so due to the bravery and sacrifices of the US troops who saved South Korea. America also gave him an opportunity to have a new job and fresh start for his and his family's life. His English is limited. But, I had the opportunity to hear his story and share a little bit of it.

I wanted a chance to share it with some of the veterans in your organization as well. Please let them know I and my family are thankful. And that we still remember what they have done for Korea and the US. Please feel free to share my grandfather's narrative with them and their families as well.

[Link to story](#)

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8. 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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9. Bookstore | Film

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Be sure to visit the main index on the web site. The links to each offering allow viewers to learn more about each book. or film. There are now 335 books featured with more to add this week.

See: [Link to KWP Bookstore](#)

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

Most titles may be found online using your favorite search tool. We also post to our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

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A Foxhole View: Personal Accounts of Hawaii's Korean War Veterans
by Louis Baldovi (180th Infantry Regiment "Pineapples")

A Foxhole View is a powerful and moving oral history of the Korean War. Here are highly personal accounts of the war from the rank and file of the infantry--told in the distinctive voices of Hawaii's soldiers.

"Seventy Korean War combat veterans, from various units were invited to share their accounts of the war.

Of the seventy, fifty agreed to be interviewed. However, when informed of the interview requirements and format of the book, fifteen had a change of heart and withdrew from the interview".

"All of the stories are woven together in chronological order, starting in 1950, rather than presenting thirty separate accounts".

Originally published in 2002 by our pen pal. Louis passed away but his fine book is still available from The University of Hawaii Press or Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

ISBN: 978-0-8248-2610-9

[Link to order](#)

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They Called Her Reckless
– A True Story of War, Love And One Extraordinary Horse.

by Janet Barrett

A small Jeju pony who became the real-life warhorse of the Marine Fifth Regiment during the Korean War, Reckless was acquired to haul shells to the recoilless rifles at the front line. What she did, however, was so much more – as she saved lives, raised spirits, and won the love and respect of all who knew her.

Enhancing Reckless' story is an extensive selection of photographs, of her time in Korea and later in California. Many of them come from the private collections of the Marines who knew her, and have never before been published. The generosity of so many -- some 60 Marines in all -- who shared their memories of Reckless, made it possible to tell her story.

From the moment she heard about Reckless, Janet Barrett knew she would write this book. Her experiences as a horsewoman gave her a particular appreciation of the tight bond that developed between Reckless and her fellow Marines, from which the story springs. The author's first book was On The Fence: A Parent's Handbook of Horseback Riding; as well, she has written for magazines and newspapers, and the public relations field.

Available on Amazon as a Kindle or Paperback book as well as from the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

[Link to Amazon](#)

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One Blade Of Grass:
The Korean War and Its Aftermath for One American Soldier
by John Martin and Vince Kennedy

About the Book:

This is the story of an American soldier in 1950, on his way to Japan for training when he is diverted to Korea, thrown into the Battle of Hadong, survives, is captured by the North Koreans three days later, and turns 18 in a POW camp, and then survives the Suncheon Tunnel Massacre after Inchon forces the POWs north.

About the authors: Vince - Born Winnipeg, Manitoba. Educated Royal Roads, RMC (BA Intl Studies); 38 year Army career. Retired. Full timed RVer 2002-4. Worked UN NY DSS Chief of Iraq Desk 2005-6. Writes, paints, volunteers.

John - Born Detroit, MI. Left high school to join US Army, unloaded in Korea 1950. Captured by North Koreans while still 17, saved after the Suncheon Tunnel massacres. After discharge 1954, still suffered from effects of post-traumatic stress, but eventually found happiness. Life story is of a survivor.

ISBN 978-0-9878896-3-8

Order: [Link to order](#)

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An Account of a West Virginia Boy in the Korean War:
The First One Hundred Days in "The Land of Morning Calm"
and Six Campaigns Through August 1951

by Charles Chrisite Scott

Charles was with 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division when the unit arrived in Korea.

This book is derived from a series of interviews with Lynnta Brown of the Korean War Educator, over several years.

The majority of his memoir is from his day-to-day diary as a combat infantryman.

This is a very well-constructed memoir and very detailed.

Hardback Edition published by RuthAnn Scott
ISBN: 978-0-578-18765-5

Order:
PO Box 266
Asheboro, NC 27204-0266

[Email link to author](#)

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Valorous -
Extraordinary Stories from the Battlefields of Vietnam

by CSM Harold Hunt

Another fine book by the prolific author, CSM Harold Hunt, a longtime friend of the Korean War Project.

CSM Hunt is the author of 100 Sergeants Major of Color, Black Female Sergeants Major, Transforming the Ranks, and, A Soldier's Journal.

This book is a unique account of some of America's valorous heroes who gave so much and asked so little from their country.

The stories are about the servicemen who received the Bronze Star (Valor) which is the fourth highest US decoration.

Read all of CSM Hunt's books and order this and the others directly from the author:

Hunt Enterprises
6408 Michael Elizabeth Way
Hanover, MD 21076
(410) 796-7049

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The Ikon - The Novel of the Korean War
by Clayton C. Barbeau

First published in 1961 then reprinted in 1995 as the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC was on the horizon.

The novel was awarded the James D. Phelan Award in Literature.

The prolific author was a member of the 224th Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division, in Korea. He was a rifleman and also with the Counterfire Platoon. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

This novel covers personal experiences of a combat infantryman during the Korean War.

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Order from Amazon and other online booksellers.

[Link to order](#)

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We Were Soldiers Too:
The Unknown Battle To Defend The Demilitarized Zone
Against North Korea During The Cold War
by Bob Kern

The Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) separates North and South

Korea and is the most defended border in the world.

Both sides have dug their heels in and fortified the DMZ with defensive positions, mines and booby traps, missiles, and soldiers as they remain vigilant for the recommencement of a war that never ended.

The soldiers were responsible for enforcing the armistice agreement that ended the Korean War.

The North Koreans violated it almost daily sending spies, marauders, hit squads, and ambush patrols into the southern controlled portion of the DMZ in their never-ending effort to destabilize South Korea and cause its collapse.

Their blatant violations of the agreement has left a bloody trail of dead bodies that includes many American soldiers. This book takes the reader on a journey through the history of the Cold War and the defense of the DMZ from the perspective of nine American veterans, and eleven tours, who served in different capacities in South Korea from 1962 through 1991.

ISBN 978-1535088145

Order online at Amazon

[Link to Amazon](#)

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Diary Of A Tailgunner - The Forgotten War Korea 1950-1953
by Ron Costello

This book is about my experiences as a Tailgunner on a B-29 in Korea, during the Korean war. I am hoping that it will give an insight into what this war was about. Although people call it a conflict, we as veterans of this conflict think otherwise, believe it was a war.

Come ride along with me on some 27 combat missions over North Korea. Venture into the nightlife on a B-29 at 29,000 ft. over the mountains of Korea, see the snow covered barren lands, hoping that we don't end up there.

It also covers a little about my growing up and how I became a tailgunner, the extensive training it takes to become a crew member. Enjoy the book, I am sure you will.

Published by Authorhouse, hardback or paperback editions available.

Order from Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, or through myself at 1115 Dalewood St Kingston, NY.

ISBN: 10:145205813X, 13: 978-1452058139

[Link to order](#)

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Letters from Korea

by Julia Sellers Irvine

The lost art of letter writing comes alive in a soldier's letters from the front, in Letters from Korea, a historical bit of Americana from the year 1953, when the United States was fighting in the Korean War.

These letters were written to the author's mother, Elsie Jones Irvine, while her father, James Preston Irvine, was stationed in Korea during the war. They are not only love letters, but are a chronicle of the time, providing an intriguing slice of history of what was happening during that era in both countries. Julia Irvine came across the letters in an old footlocker in 2005, fifty-two years after they were written.

Retired teacher Julia Irvine grew up an Army brat. She now lives in Columbus, Georgia. This is her first book, which was inspired by "finding the letters my father wrote to my mother."

Paperback - March 25, 2014
ISBN: 10: 162516985X 13: 978-1625169853

[Link to Publishers website](#)

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USS Heron AMS-18 A Korean War Naval Adventure

by Albert (Bert) Millsbaugh

This Korean War Naval Adventure is based on the experiences of Albert (Bert) Millsbaugh during the Korean Conflict and his service on the minesweeper USS Heron, AMS-18, from August 1952 through August 1953.

Bert was discharged from the U.S. Navy as Petty Officer Second Class, Electronic Technician (ET2), in December 1954 after serving four years in the service.

Bert joined the USS Heron after completing nine months training as an Electronic Technician, ET, at the Naval Training School on Treasure Island, California. Beyond his duties as an ET repairing the ancient radar, sonar, radios, and other electronic equipment, he soon learned to steer the ship using the ship's compass, to operate the radar during mine sweeping, and navigation on some of his four-hour night watches.

The book covers the mine sweeping operation of a small wooden ship under the fire of North Korean guns, the explosion of nearby mines, and secret night time excursions. It includes the good times on the ship as well as the difficult and dangerous times.

It provides a brief history of the Korean Conflict, the names of minesweepers sunk during the war and the number of servicemen who died as the result, and the relation of the USS Heron with other naval ships. It concludes with the demise of the USS Heron, AMS-18 and the rise of a new minesweeper also named USS Heron.

ISBN: 1491815647, 9781491815649

Available from Amazon.com or Authorhouse.com

[Link to order](#)

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I Hear No Bugles

by Robert Winston Mercy

5th Platoon, George Company, 19th Regiment, Korea, 50-51. An account by a frontline infantrymen who fought in the first hectic year of the Korean War and details Robert's war experiences as a Platoon Sergeant of an all-Korean infantry assault unit within an American rifle company.

It looks at how a lifetime of absorbed film propaganda and an idealistic quest for honor and meaning plays out against the illusion-shattering reality experienced during eight major campaigns.

The author's twin brother served with him. Collectively they earned two Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, four Purple Hearts and a Presidential Unit Citation for leading a bayonet charge.

Originally published: Merriam Press, 2008, 436 pages
Available on Amazon, Lulu
ISBN: 1435717066, 9781435717060

[Link to order](#)

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10. 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.

Tom Lucken and Doug Voss created a YouTube channel to share with everyone.

[Link to video](#)

[Link to Facebook](#)

Gary Blauvelt sent us his update website for the 51st Signal Bn DMZ era. [Link to website](#)

DMZ Veterans section on the KWP features thousands of message with a special section for Agent Orange exposure.

[Link to KWP DMZ Veterans](#)

Special: The Forgotten DMZ War. Article by Van Jenerette

Korea DMZ Part 1 Military Review Published by US Army Command and General Staff College
Volume LXVIII - May 1988 - No 5 pp 32-43

[Link to story](#)

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11. Patience Mason's PTSD Blog

From Patience: I'm the wife of a Vietnam vet, Robert Mason, who wrote the book, Chickenhawk, a memoir of his tour as a helicopter pilot, who came home with PTSD. 51st anniversary on Dec 2. We have been through a lot. Recovering from the War is the book I wrote when we found out about PTSD. I continue to write about it.

[Link to blog](#)

12. Whaleboat Wars

We found this 1953 article from the Bureau of Naval Personnel Information section. It covers the use of the small wooden whaleboats as intercept craft along the coastline of Korea.

Two US Navy ships used the small boats very effectively, USS Murrelet (AMS 372) and the USS Halsey Powell (DD 686)

There is a range of other articles included in this Adobe Acrobat file.

[Link to article download](#)

13. Craig Springer honors his Dad, Man of Iron

Craig has been a pen pal of the KWP for many years. He works for the US Fish and Wildlife Dept. He wrote this fine tribute to his dad, Ernie Springer, KVET, wounded at Heartbreak Ridge in October of 1951.

Excerpt: few years ago, I stepped out of the Dennis Chavez Federal Building in downtown Albuquerque where I work. Outside in the cold wind around the corner from my office, ironworkers were hard at work. Passing by, I turned up my coat collar and heard one man holler orders to a crane operator. A labored clomp of mallet on metal filled the air. Like a sculptor shapes clay, these guys turned a tangle of iron and concrete into a downtown building. -

See more at: [Link to story](#)

14. US Army Chapter of the Chosin Few

US Army Chapter of The Chosin Few
1737 S. Jasmine St.
Denver, CO 80224

[Link to email contact](#)

[Link to Army Chapter of Chosin Few](#)

15. 22nd Crash Rescue Boat Squadron

From Cliff Cook (excerpted for brevity)

Ted,

I would like to bring to your attention a small USAF unit which performed a mission unknown to most people interested in Korean War history.

The unit was originally known as Det 1, 6160th ABGp based in Fukuoka, Japan, harbor and commonly known as Crash Boats. It later became the 22nd Crash Rescue Boat Squadron. The main mission was to respond to aircraft crashes in the ocean around southern Japan and South Korea.

Several types of boats were assigned, such as 24 foot, 67 foot, 85 foot , 110 foot and 1 supply boat, the FP 47. The boats were assigned to various locations in southern Japan, ie, Ashiya AB, Tsuiki AB, Miho AB and Tsushima Island, as well as K9, K10, and K8 in Korea.

Much of the information about our organization can be searched on the internet under the headings of 22 Crash Rescue Boat Squadron; Air Force Intelligence in the Korean War; or other subject titles.

Very detailed information at the following links.

[Crashboat Wiki link](#)

[US Crashboat Organization](#)

16. 80th Fighter Squadron

Home of the Headhunters: [Link to website](#)

Korean War Vets Section: [Link to History](#)

James W Ritter
80th FS Headhunters Assn.

17. Destroyers Escort Sailors Association

Joe Sanphilipo sent us the contact and website information.

The next reunion is September 3-7 2017 in Albany, NY.

DESA
P.O. Box 488
Henderson Harbor, NY 13651

Contact by Telephone
1-800-603-3332
Fax: (315) 938-7010

[Link to the organization](#)

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18. MIAs from the "Forgotten War" remembered in South Korea

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Bob Fuoco sent the link to a YouTube video by CBS News of a 2015 visit by Vets and family members of those still not fully accounted for from the war.

[YouTube Link](#)

Sharon Finklea sent this Fox News report from May 27th 2017

This news clip from Fox features the family of CPL James Albert Colasanti, I Co 31st Infantry Regiment 7th Infantry Division. He died from wounds received on or about December 1st 1950 during the fighting at the Chosin Reservoir.

[Link to news story](#)

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19. 548th and 67th Reconnaissance Association

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James Landrum sent this update for the association. He was a photographer with the 548th RTS.

This site is dedicated to the men and women who served in the 6th Photographic Technical Squadron (PTS), 548th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron (RTS), 548th Reconnaissance Technical Group (RTG), 548th Intelligence Group (IG), 548th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group (ISRIG) and the 67th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron. The 548th and 67th Reconnaissance Association was formed to bring together those who served in these exceptional units and to perpetuate the proud legacy of the 548th reconnaissance units and the 67th RTS.

[Link to website](#)

Thanks again for following the Korean War Project.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page and Twitter accounts.

Twitter: @KoreanWarVets

Facebook: [Link to Facebook page](#)

[Hal and Ted Barker](#)