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This time of year our thoughts turn to the winter campaigns of 1950. We should not forget the severe winters endured for 1951, 1952 and 1953 as the tides of war changed to truce. 8th Army from Unsan to the C'ongch'on River and X Corps in the Chosin Reservoir, East of Chosin to the Yalu River were deeply entangled from Thanksgiving through the second week of December 1950.

Lest We Forget

1. This Mailing List (going to 35,000 + persons)

We began this newsletter mailing in December of 1998.

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 is for 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 for being part of the Korean War Project family.

2. Editorial

Some of the recurring themes on our site or in personal communications concern Veterans helping other Veterans, and helping others in need.

We recall the events of this past year; the tsunami, the hurricanes, and the Asian earthquakes. Active duty and former servicemen and women stepped up to provide assistance.

Other less visible examples stand out.

Our pal out in Modesto, Ca. Ray Walton, takes his wonderful dog, Tosha, to the Veterans Administration Hospitals for bedside visits. He has been doing this in conjunction with his friends at the AUSA-Association of the United States Army, Major General USA (Ret) Walter and Mrs. Lucie Marx Titus.

Back in Florida, former Korean War POW, William (Bill) Allen uses his wonderful book, "My Old Box of Memories" to educate schoolchildren. He often surprises the schools with scholarships which originate from sales of his book.

Charles (Charlie) Taliaferro, Madera, CA. created a unique group called "Kitchen Table Gang," another organization featured on the KWP.

The "Gang" publishes a cookbook, handles flag disposals, and most importantly visits shut-in or hospitalized veterans.

These are a few of the people and organizations who are part of the Korean War Project. We would love to hear from others doing good work so our spotlight can be turned in that direction. For all who do great things, small and large, we say "Thanks".

Bill Allen may be found on our Bookstore, "My Old Box of Memories"

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Kitchen Table Gang: www.kitchentablegang.org

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3. What is a DMZ Vet?

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During the Fifties and into the Sixties, numerous skirmishes occurred; many resulting in injury or loss of life. Downed aircraft were part of the overall experience. It was a tense and harrowing time for anyone posted along the zone, on the water, or in the air.

Many incidents occurred in the ROK after July 1953. If you were part of an incident, or knew someone who was killed or injured, or you have a story you know was never reported, we want to hear from you. Please don't let this part of history be lost.

By 1966, the DPRK began a serious attempt to infiltrate and disrupt the status quo. Few Americans understand that period of time due to the focus on Southeast Asia and the worldwide Cold War. The serious nature of hostilities is noted on the Korean War Project in an area called "DMZ Veterans Center."

We coined the phrase, "DMZ Vet", after a long telephone call with retired U.S. Army Major Vandon (Van) Jenerette, who introduced us to his authoritative work published in Military Review, "The Forgotten DMZ", 1988. Van graciously allowed a re-print on the pages of the Korean War Project.

Major Daniel Bolger wrote his seminal treatise for the Leavenworth Papers, # 19. It is required reading for Officers at the Command Staff level.

Titled "Scenes from an Unfinished War: Low-Intensity Conflict in Korea, 1966-1969", published in 1991, Major Bolger defined the obstacles and strategic thinking required to understand this brand of low-intensity conflict. He made clear the level of conflicting policy that continues to make the job of peace-keeping difficult.

We widened the use of "DMZ Vet" to include all those who served in Korea, over Korea, or in the waters in direct support of the mission to protect the truce. This clearly includes the Pueblo crew, those in Japan or Pacific Islands in support, and aircraft intelligence missions.

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4. DMZ Vets "Tour of Duty" Reunion - Memorial Service

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Our Memorial Day 2005 Newsletter featured a notice by Mark Hartford and his heartfelt intent to honor fellow DMZ Vets.

Mark drew a lot of attention from our readers. His concept has expanded to include a Reunion and a Veterans Day 2006 ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C

www.koreaatourofduty.org/Reunions/DMZVetsTourOfDuty.html

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Special Rate - DMZ Vets - Tour Of Duty

November 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th - 2006

280 rooms total with 60 rooms reserved so far at \$89.00 p/night single or double!

Reunion Details

November 9 - Early Arrivals come in on Thursday then register with their group on Friday.

November 10 - Friday - Social events.

November 11 - Saturday - Memorial Service, Colors, Invocation,

speakers, reading of the names of those killed. We shall place a temporary plaque with garlands, final prayer and salute, and evening dinner.

November 12 - Sunday - Send off and goodbye's. Working committee meetings will take place to outline future activities.

Memorial Ceremony:

When: November 11, 2006 at 11:am EST

Where: Korean War Veterans Memorial, Washington, D.C.
NPS permit from 9:00 am to 1:00pm, gathering 10:30

Time of Service; 11:00 am ending 12 noon.

Scope:

Honor those who have served since 1953, the injured, wounded, and those killed, ROK and American. Special mention will be for the period of service 1966-1969.

Special Mention

All of us would like to tip the hat in the direction of our pal, Norm Tredway, (24th Infantry Division) who created the KDVA - Korea Defense Veterans Alliance (formerly, Korea Deployment and Respect and Recognition Committee) for his hard work organizing DMZ veterans and introducing legislation to obtain what has become the KDSM - Korea Defense Service Medal.

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5. DMZ Vets "Tour of Duty" Official Website and details

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Editor's Note: the Itinerary, the Proposal, and other details are works in progress so please go directly to the host website for details and changes.

If you served post-WWII in Korea, KMAG, or prior to the truce, Mark and the other organizers would love to have you attend and support this effort.

Reunion Introduction Page:

www.koreaatourofduty.org/Reunions/DMZVetsTourOfDuty.html

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6. Bookstore | Film

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Visit our Bookstore section of the site where you can browse titles of important books or videos that have been presented to the public by our site visitors.

Link: www.koreanwar.org/html/bookstore.html

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"The Diary of a Greek Soldier in the Korean War"

by Mike Pagomenos

"The book was published in the Greek language in November 2004 (ISBN: 960-406-928-4) and can be obtained from any Greek bookseller by quoting the ISBN. The publisher's website is at www.ellinikagrammata.gr

The author was born on the island of Crete.

The Outpost Harry website records the progress of the diaries publication at www.outpostharry.org

The Greek quality newspaper called 'Kathimerini' published an excellent review of the diary. The diary is the first formal military journal to be published by an ordinary soldier in the 'demotic' ("the people's") Greek language. Prior to its publication all Greek military records were official Greek military publications and/or were written by commissioned officers in upper-class Greek, called 'katharevousa', which is difficult for most Greeks to read and understand. The book is photo-illustrated with photographs of the author in Korea and Japan, and on the way to and from Korea, also special events, and key officers. This is a detailed journal of an ordinary Greek soldier in the Korean War who was at Outpost Harry and a number of other battles and who was also on the front-line when cease-fire was implemented. "

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"Crimson Imjin"

Korea 1951, Korean Hill Rats The Infantrymen

By: Bob Ryan, Corporal (Ret.)

(Robert W. Ryan)

". Symbolic title chosen for this book was influenced by the blood shed on both sides during heavy fighting occurring in the hills bordering the shores of the Imjin River in North Korea.

I didn't intend to have this book published, as it was written strictly to alleviate the nightmarish combat memories that surfaced during the Vietnam War and continued into the nineties..."

Folks, this book is straight-forward and written by a man from Erie and Lakawanna, PA., wounded in action and a survivor. - editor.

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7. Membership, Bumper Stickers

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Consider supporting the mission of the Korean War Project by donations in the form of Membership/Sponsorship and our, "I Remember Korea" Bumper Sticker campaign.

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

Bumper Sticker: www.koreanwar.org/html/bumper_sticker.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 \$1.00 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 that 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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8. Livingston Bridge Re-Dedication, Inje, South Korea

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Ralph Hockley of the 2nd Infantry Division Alliance just returned from South Korea where he was part of the American delegation to assist the citizens of Inje in the re-dedication of the bridge crossing the river.

Almost two years ago, one of the city officials contacted the KWP to see if details on the man for whom the bridge was named could be discovered.

It was thought the officer, a Lt. Livingston, was from the 2nd ID. After forwarding information to Inje, the KWP narrowed the focus on 2nd Lt. Thomas W. Livingston Jr of Boston, MA, 196th Field Artillery Bn.

The Inje committee did not think this correct so the hunt continued. Col. Hockley was the man of the hour and spent many hours pulling threads together. He was able to contact family and former unit members of the 196th.

From Ralph:

Sunday, December 04, 2005 7:24 PM
Subject: Livingston Bridge

Dear Ted and Hal,

We had a very successful and colorful rededication ceremony of the Livingston Bridge in Inje, SK on 28 Oct 2005. Seven members of the Livingston family, Col and Mrs. Bob Kamstra and Carolyn and I attended as guests of Inje District.

.. A long search ended successfully. By the way, it was initially thought that 2nd Lt Thomas W. Livingston Jr of Boston, MA (we figured out early this year who Livingston really was) was from the 2nd Infantry Division. Actually he was a FO from the 196th FA Bn, X Corps. Col Kamstra also served in the 196th, originally of the Tennessee National Guard.

Best regards,

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9. 6148th Tactical Recon Squadron - MIA Remains returned

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My brother-in-law, Alvin Earl Crane (Sonny) AO-1903066 was assigned to the 6148th Tactical Recon Squadron. He was the pilot of a LT-6G and was accompanied by Army Sgt. Gordon Zorn. Sgt. Zorn's body was recovered soon after the plane went down. Sonny was reported Missing in Action September 13, 1951. In 1990 the North Koreans conducted their own unilateral recovery on their side of the Demilitarized Zone near Tosan. The remains were returned to the U. S. on August 22, 2005. JPAC completed its analysis and determined the remains were those of 1st Lt. Crane.

In May of 2006 my husband Art will fly to Hawaii to bring Sonny home. The service is to be held on May 13 at 1PM at Santa Rosa

Memorial Park, California. The Air Force will conduct a military service including honors and flyover. There is a possibility of a second flyover by a T-6 Unit in the Sonoma County area.

If you knew Sonny, or if you would like to attend the service, please contact me for further information. Thank You to All of Our Veterans.

Mary Crane maryandart@comcast.net

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10. National Korean War Museum In Oxford Nebraska Closes

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According to news reports, the Board of Trustees of the National Korean War Museum, formerly of Utah, Waikaloa, Hawaii, Wahiawa, Hawaii, and most recently Oxford, Nebraska, vacated the Oxford Nebraska Museum facility on November 26, 2005.

For additional information contact: Mr. Kyle Kopitke, Founder and Curator of the National Korean War Museum.

Mr. Kopitke can now be reached at the new Vietnam War National Museum at his website at www.vwnm.org

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Thanks once again to each and every person who participates.
The sharing of information represented here is your doing.

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