Korean War Project Newsletter - Oct. 28 2006 Volume 9 # 5

This will be the last entry on our newsletter which has been outgoing since November of 1998. The newsletter has reached hundreds of thousands of veterans, family, students and governmental workers.

I have good news to report and some sad news. So, let's get started with the good news. You know we do not like to print bad news. It cannot be avoided today.

1. Letters to the Lost - Korea

On October 23rd, 2006 Hal announced a program to have our site visitors participate in a letter writing campaign to honor those who perished during the war in Korea, 1950-1953 and 1953-current.

The letter reading is to take place at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on Nov 11th, 2006. Right afterwards a group of our pen pals, DMZ Vets from the 68-70 time frame will hold a ceremony to honor their comrades and all those who perished before them.

The response from all our visitors has been fantastic. Many have requested to attend to read or simply stand and honor.

2. Korean War Project Leaves the Air, possible Litigation

Yes, we are in the process of closing down our entire operation.

A wakeup call was made on October 5th, 2006 when Hal and I were viciously attacked by the President of the KWVA - The Korean War Veterans Association, Louis T. (Lou) Dechert, LTC USA (Ret.).

Mr. Dechert made public accusations that Hal and I had stolen email or surface mail contact information from the Association. He also made it look like he was not familiar with us in any fashion.

Actually, all the email addresses were in my Outlook Address Book from the KWVA election of 2004 or earlier/later. The mailing list is public information on the official website of the KWVA (kwva.org).

Hal and I were actual contract employees of the KWVA in July of 2004. As well, Mr. Dechert and 8 other Board Members are members of the Korean War Project.

We have no idea what verbal or private email assault has been made on the KWP or individually against Hal and I. Mr. Dechert has many ROK governmental ties, many ties to the US Department of Defense and the White House as well as KWP members.

We believe the KWVA will sue us through their staff Counsel, James (Jimmie) Faircloth, Jr., a nationally known litigator who was in the news during the Abramoff - Coushatta Tribe scandal. Google him.)

There is simply no way the KWP could afford to defend a lawsuit even a totally frivolous one.

Our crime? Sending a simple email and letter inviting KWVA members to visit the Korean War Project.

Over the past 11 plus years almost every KWVA Chapter has had contact with us via the website. That includes large numbers of individual members.

If any of our visitors wants to contact the KWVA for more information from the other side, the contact data is:

Louis T. Dechert, President KWVA 163 Deerbrook Trail Pineville, LA 71360

Email: louisdechert@cox.net

PH: (318) 641-8033 FX: (318) 640-8312

Or

The National Capitol Area Office 4600 Duke St. Ste 420 Alexandria, VA 22304

Ph: (703) 212-0695

3. Korean War Project Leaves the Air, Finances

The shock from being slammed also brought Hal and I to our senses.

The income for the nonprofit continues to slide due to cost of living or death of our donor base.

Over the decade we both have made up the difference in operating costs by using our credit cards. We now have over \$26,000.00 combined credit card debt that will not wait to be reduced.

What?, you say! Yep, maybe not smart on our part but the desire to make the site work has been compulsive.

Why didn't you tell us? Those who have chosen to donate to us did so within their individual capability. We could not have asked for more

from those very generous people or groups.

But, out of the 8000 persons (on average) that visit the website daily, only one (on average) donates \$10.00. Several million folks visit each year.

We have had pledge drives but the majority of folks declined to donate. Many folks just could not do so. That is all AOKAY. Our goal was to provide a service anyone could utilize.

The notice on our Membership page indicates possibilty of remaining. Let's qualify that statement. We would love to continue, financial praticality says otherwise.

It would take a commercial grade donation from an institution or presently unknown indivdual to remain online.

Goobye and Good Luck!

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