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1. Editorial

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We want to remember the past year of natural events, most importantly, Katrina and Rita, as the brand new storm season marches on. The struggle to regain some form of normalcy for many of our personal friends and pen pals continues.

Today, the diminishing hurricane, Ernesto, tramps through our favorite Eastern Seaboard areas. Many of our pen pals will be directly in the path.

This storm season also brings to mind that many of our long term pen pals, along the East Coast, are just now getting back online. They were impacted by storms over the past couple of years.

Many more of our pen pals have had lives disrupted from fire, flood, and tornadoes, all over the US, in the past few years.

Hal and I shall be thinking of all of you who have suffered from these natural disasters as the Labor Day weekend approaches.

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2. This Mailing List (going to 39,000 + persons)

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We began 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 for being part of the Korean War Project family!

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3. JPAC team searches areas of South Korea for 44 MIA

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This past June a mission by JPAC (formerly CILHI) was conducted to attempt to find remains of 44 unaccounted for Korean War MIA. More work is to be done in South Korea this month. Plans are in the works for 2007 to send 3 different missions for more similar recovery attempts.

George Artola of DPMO sent the following:

NEWS RELEASE

JOINT POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMAND (JPAC)

Public Affairs (808) 448-1937
www.jpac.pacom.mil
public_affairs@jpac.pacom.mil

Contact: Maj. Rumi Nielson-Green

RELEASE NO. #06-24

June 28, 2006
JPAC INVESTIGATIVE TEAM SEARCH FOR CLUES IN SOUTH KOREA

HICKAM AFB, HAWAII :An investigation team from JPAC returned June 11 to Hawaii from South Korea after researching cases related to 44 unaccounted-for military members from the Korean War.

Their goal was to gather adequate information to correlate specific sites with unaccounted-for service members.

The team investigated 15 cases relating to nine ground and six aircraft losses in the hopes of pinpointing sites for future recovery missions. A single case may involve more than one individual.

Seven of these cases involve battles that occurred near the Naktong River. Historically, the Naktong River was part of the boundary known as the Pusan Perimeter. Republic of Korea and U.S. forces incurred devastating losses there after a surprise attack from the North Korean People's Army in June 1950.

The team also searched for three burial site locations based on information provided by U.S. veterans of the Korean War.

In the course of their investigations, team members visited area villages and interviewed 80 potential witnesses.

Today 8,100 American service members are still missing from the Korean War.

JPAC conducts investigation operations worldwide before recovery missions take place. Investigative teams deploy to places as diverse as Southeast Asia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Germany and France.

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4. Ham Radio License Renewal for Hal Barker (KE5JUG)

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Hal just completed his re-license classes to become certified as an Amateur Radio operator. He is already exchanging HAM cards with fellow HAM's.

Several years ago via the KWP Newsletter email chain; we attempted to get a nightly or weekly HAM net for KVETS going.

The attempt was instigated by one of our email correspondents and it met with limited success. Hal was not on the radio at that point, something that would have been very useful for the success of that concept.

I well remember my younger brother spending most of his time in the attic building or modifying equipment. The time frame was in the early 1960's

Hal could also be found climbing his own personal telephone pole to erect his antenna farm or modifying the direction of the antenna.

Hal reports that he is planning to get back on the radio as soon as he can put together some equipment. Everyone will be alerted when that happens.

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5. Bookstore

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The Boys of Fifty - the history of the 625th Field Artillery Battalion, 40th Infantry Division
by Bob Hanson

From Bob:

"Well, it's finally complete. The Boys of Fifty - the history of the 625th Field Artillery Battalion, 40th Infantry Division is now available. Sorry, it has taken so long. The more than 250 pages covers the battalion from its beginnings in Southern California

following World War II, call up for the Koran War, training at Camp Cooke, service in Japan, combat in Korea and return home."

"The book Includes pictures, a battalion roster of more than a thousand names, casualty list, and battery TO&E's for a light field artillery battalion of the 1950's."

The Boys of Fifty can be obtained at www.Lulu.com. Or by ordering direct from Bob.(See below)

When you get to the Lulu.com home page, type "625th" or "The Boys of Fifty" in the 'Search For' window.

Bob Hanson
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10777 Pointed Oak Lane
San Diego, CA 92131
jdrlh@netzero.net

Price: \$25.00 which includes shipping and handling
ISBN 978-1-4116-8849-0

Editor Note: Bob is a member of the Korean War Project and has been making contact with his unit mates via the website for quite a long time.

Great details on daily training, deployment and the struggles to just move the large equipment that makes up an artillery battalion! The book takes the unit all the way back to California for reorganization after the truce.

Bob asks that all former unit members contact him!

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Accordion War: Korea 1951
Life and Death in a Marine Rifle Company

by Charles Hughes

Charles has written a compelling treatise on what he calls the "blitzkrieg" phase of the war, the first third of the three year long war.

The narrative describes the combat, up close and personal. However he uses a perspective from the 21st Century to incorporate an awareness of the wars that followed and the current war on terror.

This is a gripping work and must reading. The present day overview/perspective ties the decades together and makes sense of the cost of war as well as the 'why's' of warfare.

Background:

Charles was a member of H/3/7 1st MARDIV Korea as a Medical Corpsman USN. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1948.

Today he is Professor Emeritus of English at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia Arkansas.

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Editors Note: Charles intends to donate part of the proceeds of each book to both the Korean War Project and the Kitchen Table Gang. (The KTG has been featured on the KWP newsletters many times.)

Charles is a member of the Korean War Project and a regular visitor of the KWP since 1997!

The forward was written by Korean War Project Member, Jim Nicholson, MD G/3/7 1951-52, WIA. Jim is very well known to many of you who read this newsletter.

Forward notes include brief comments by Joe Sipolski, H/3/7 WIA.; Jean Moore, widow of Wadie Moore, H/3/7, WIA; and Ralph Tate. Mr. Tate leaves a tribute to all of 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon H/3/7.

Semper Fi to All! – Ted Barker

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Fire From the Sky: A Diary over Japan
by Ron Greer and Mike Wicks

Editor Note: Herb and his brother Don flew in Korea onboard B-29's. Herb and Ron have been regular visitors to the KWP web site since 2003.

This book covers B-29 missions during the months leading to the end of WWII. (Significant for the Barker Brothers is the date the of the flyleaf introduction: May 24th, 1945, the day Ted Barker was born back in Fort Pierce, FL.)

Ron is from Jacksonville, Arkansas, the son of S/MSGT USAF (Ret) Herbert L. Greer for whom the book is written. He flew as a crew member of the "the City of Monroe", a B-29 Superfortress bomber, completing 28 bomb missions.

Herb kept a meticulous diary on each mission furiously writing as the missions were in progress by pen flashlight as he hunched over his radio equipment.

The book chronicles the stepped up pace of the air war over Japan as the missions increased in scope, numbers and fury.

Of special note are the back cover reviews by men such as Jim B. Smith, author of Last Mission, Lt. Col Donald E. (Buzz) Wagner, USAF (Ret) and Korean War Project Member: Major

General Nels Running, USAF (Ret) Executive Director of America's Commemoration of the Korean War 200-2003>

Additional review was provided by Rosemary Chennault Simrall, the daughter of General Claire Chennault.

General Running writes: "History is so often a cold recounting of facts and figures on a national or international scale. 'Fire From The Sky' brings history to life at the personal level. This is a great read!

No man, who has not been there, knows the intensity of human emotions and the power of adrenaline that combat can release from the inner self. 'A Diary Over Japan' is an enlightening revelation of a young man-boy's experience documented in his personal diary"

Published by Greer Publishing
ISBN 0-9768712-0-3

Price \$25.00 US \$32.00 Canadian

Order:
Ron Greer
205 Harris Road

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6. US Naval Institute: "Interactive Korean War Timeline"

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The KWP has been receiving US Naval Institute magazines for several years now thanks to our pal, Don Thieme, former submariner from Chicago, who now resides down the street in Dallas.

The magazine "Proceedings" provides both historical and current day information of value to anyone interested in United States Naval capabilities. The sister magazine "Naval History" never lets us down with in-depth historical articles.

The institute also has the "Visual Learning Lab" and the link provided is the "Interactive Korean War Timeline".

Excerpt follows: (thanks to Bob Burkhart, 1967 Westpac Cruise PAO)
<http://www.usni.org/freestuff/koreanwartimeline.htm>

Downloadable "Interactive Korean War Timeline" This page is graphics intensive. Please allow a moment for it to load.

Our largest effort to date for free downloadable information is the "Interactive Korean War Timeline."

This multimedia program is based on the combined action timelines of the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army and contains operations from the U.S. Air Force.

7. Membership, Bumper Stickers

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 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)

8. US Navy: specific web links from US Naval Institute

More information from Bob Burkhart (See article 6). The abbreviations are from the synopsis files of the web sites listed.

1,) US Naval Institute: Oral History of David Richardson, Vice Admiral .After duty in aviation planning for ComAirPac and OP-05, he was on the CinCSouth staff in Naples, then commanded the oiler Cimarron (AO-22) and ASW carrier....

<http://www.usni.org/oralhistory/R/richardson>

2,) KOREAN WAR DIARY 16 FEB 1951

At 1135I VADM AD STRUBLE (Com7thFLt) departed MISSOURI by helicopter, and returned with the replenishment group composed of MISPELLION, CIMARRON (AO22)(CTG 79.1)

<http://www.ussmissouri.org/KoreaWarDiary/72>

3.) 1953 Condensed Ship's Log Fueled from CIMARRON AO-22 2237-2306. PLATTE AO24, CALIENTE AO53, CHIKASKIA AO27, CIMARON AO22, MANATTE AO58 SOPA is VADM J Clark Seventh Flt in NEW JERSEY BB-63

http://www.destroyers.org/uss-gatling/DD671_1953%20ships%20log.htm

4.) USS Fletcher DDE-445 chronology 1954 1955 1956

Wednesday 29 September, COMDESFLot 3, RADM T. Burrows came aboard and conducted working ... and USS Wasp CVA18, USS Chemung AO30 and USS Cimarron AO22, USS Maddox

Current web link: <http://ussfletcher.org>

1950: <http://ussfletcher.org/1950.html>

1951: <http://ussfletcher.org/1951.html>

1952: <http://ussfletcher.org/1952.html>

(This site includes many years of ship history and other great information pages.)

9. Korean assigned to the 300th Field Artillery Bn

My name is Alton G. Rogers. I am a subscriber to the KWP Newsletter.

I have a Korean Friend, Won Sop Hong. Won is his family name. Won has been in the U. S. for more than 30 years and is a U. S. Citizen.

During the Korean War Won was assigned to the U. S. Army. 300th Armored Field Artillery, Service battery. Won joined the unit February 1951. He took 3 or 4 weeks Basic Training. Won was issued American Uniforms, Bedding etc and a Carbine. Won served mainly in the Mess Hall.

Won was with the unit at Yanga, Sohwar'ri, near the Punchbowl and Kumsong, N. Korea. Won was discharged may 1953. Won said they were called the Cowboy Guard because they were Wyoming Nation Guard.

Won has a few pictures of the unit and remembers some of the American Soldiers names. Sgt. Bob Fashold, Cpl. Edwin Heigher, Pfc. Charles Jones and Capt. Robert Sondag, DDS.

The Korean Government will pay to Won \$60 per month if he can proof he served with the 300th. Won has contacted the U.S. Army Archives in St. Louis. They told him all the records were destroyed during the great fire in the 70s.

Won would like anyone remembering him in the 300th to please contact him so that he can prove he served. Won does not have access to a PC so please ask anyone to contact me at agrogers@ev1.net

Please let me know if you can help in any way.

Thank you,

Alton Gayle Rogers, Sgt.
B Co. 1st Bn., 31st Inf. Rgt. 7th Div.
H Co 5th RCT
Manvel, Texas (20 miles south of Houston)

10. History of the First Special Basic Class, USMC 1950

Sent to the KWP by Louis Buttell of Silver Spring, MD

The First Special Basic Class assembled at Quantico in October, 1950. It consisted of 360 junior officers from the Marine Corps Reserve, most of who had never served as officers on active duty. Some had served as enlisted men and, in other cases, as officers following battlefield promotions, in the Pacific in World War Two. Most of them were graduates of the Platoon Leaders Course (PLC) and the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC).

Those who had been sent to Camp Pendleton when they were called to active duty in the summer of 1950 were flown to Quantico by Marine aircraft from El Toro in October via Cherry Point, NC.

At Quantico, the class was housed in buildings on Mainside and drilled on the parade ground across the street. The course was only ten weeks in length as contrasted with the six month course being given to regular officers at the same time.

At the end of the course, approximately 40 members of the class were flown immediately to Korea to fill slots resulting from the casualties suffered by the First Marine Division at the Chosin Reservoir. They arrived in Korea in early January and became part of the Division's assigned role to search out and capture North Korean units which had been trapped in the South following the Inchon landing. The first member of the class to become a casualty was Jim Fitzgerald who was wounded in action on 28 January. The first member of the class to give his life in Korea was Felix, "Bill" Goudelock, who was killed in action on 2 February, 1951. The last member of the class to die was Victor Ohanesian who was killed in action on 1 March, 1967 in Vietnam.

The rest of the class received assignments and were given 10 days leave. Those assigned to the First Marine Division assembled at Camp Pendleton in early January and were

immediately sent for winter training in a nearby area. As members of the Fifth Replacement Draft, they sailed from San Diego in mid-January, 1951, arrived at Pohang, Korea in late January and joined the First Marine Division which was in bivouac there. Shortly afterwards, the Division moved back into the front lines at Wonju and most members of the First Special Basic Class saw their first combat in that area. They served throughout the campaigns of 1951 and into 1952.

11 members of the class were killed in action and a monument to their memory was dedicated on 20 October, 2000 at Camp Barrett, Quantico, VA. Ms. Victor Ohanesian, her children and grandchildren, attended the ceremony. Bronze plaques honoring the memory of the 11 have been installed at the colleges they attended and Memorial Bricks with their names inscribed will be installed at the new Museum of the Marines Corps at Quantico in 2006.

Three members of the class, Pete McCloskey, Lucian Vestal and Harvey Nolan received the Navy Cross for gallantry. McCloskey later served as a Representative in Congress from California. Members of the class who were awarded the Silver Star were: Carl Annas, Bob Buchmann (2), Angus Deming, George Flood, Basile Lubka, Joe Reisler, Chuck Daly, Cary Cowart, Jim McGoey, Bob Appleby and Pete McCloskey. Col. Roy Batterton, our Battalion Commander at Quantico, received the Silver Star in Korea in 1952. There were numerous Bronze Star recipients.

Two members of the class reached the rank of Major General: Hugh Hardy and Jack Frisbee; and there were a number of full Colonels. One member of the class, John Warner is a United States Senator from Virginia. Three members of the class became federal judges: Morey Sear of Louisiana, Louis Stanton of New York and Robert Bork of Washington, DC.

Louis Buttell loubuttell@juno.com

Footnote from Lou:

The current project of the First Special Basic Class, USMC, 1950 is to place memorial bricks honoring our 11 KIA's at the new Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico.

We decided that we wanted to include the units in which they served on the bricks but were concerned about how to retrieve such information after 55 years. Finally, it dawned on me to check KWP and sure enough, there was what we needed. just another example of how you are serving us aging Korean troopers.

fyi, previously we erected a monument at the Basic School, Quantico and placed plaques at the colleges attended by our fallen comrades.

11. Seoul City Sue

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One of our long term pen pals, H.G. Rezac has been researching the infamous Seoul City Sue for over a decade. Her real name was Ann Wallis. The former Methodist missionary married a Korean educator Mr. Suhr (Suh), and subsequently was forced to broadcast for the North Koreans after her capture in 1950.

Hal and I have had many inquiries over the years to include one from Ms. Wallis' family in Arkansas. We also know many former POW's and civilian prisoners like Larry Zellars (Tiger Survivor) who knew Ms. Wallis.

Ms. Wallis' 'nom d' broadcast' conjures up ill feelings among former POW's and servicemen from the wartime period.

Some people feel that she and her husband may have been executed by the North Koreans as later broadcasts under her name sounded distinctly different. Her voice on the original broadcasts was immediately recognized by those who knew her as well as her family.

In the fall of 1998, a DPMO staff member asked if we had any further information on Ms. Wallis. After several exchanges by email, an interesting tidbit emerged. Ms. Wallis may have been featured in a North Korean film called "Nameless Hero's"

According to our DPMO correspondent that film dated to the late 70's or possibly early 80's. Evidently, it was aired in 1997 by CNN.

At any rate, Mr. Rezac is most interested in pursuing his quest for information about Seoul City Sue.

Henry G. (Bud) Rezac trooper@ncn.net
14 2nd Ave SW
Pocahontas, IA 50574-2012

Formerly a 7 Cavalry Rgt., F Troop member

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12. Australian Korean War Honor Roll Quilt

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The following was sent to us some time ago. We wanted to be sure to show folks from Commonwealth units that there is a robust "Down Under" remembrance of those who served, bled and died in Korea.

Korean Quilt, Designed by Meridith Rowe and created by the Coleraine, Sit and Sew Group. The Korean War Honour Role Quilt commemorates the 340 Australian Servicemen killed in action in the Korean War 1950-53. The research and creation of the Quilt was funded by the Australian Korea Foundation and the Department of Veteran Affairs. The exhibition of the quilt will be supported by memorabilia supplied by the veterans and their

families. This will take place from June 22nd -6th August at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne Australia. Just a reminder we are still having a go!

Robert Ashe bobandnor@optusnet.com.au

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13. 28th Recon Wing, 8th Air Force, Ellsworth, SD - Ravens

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From Olin Hallman Hasty hhasty@adelphia.net

Ted, the 28th Recon Wing, 8th Air Force based at Ellsworth, S.D. is never mentioned in your newsletters. Could be that none ever on the ground in Korea but, believe me we were overhead quite a bit.

You probably never knew we were there, we flew above 40,000 ft. This was during the period 1951-55. We flew the RB-36. Some of you might remember that sound of 6 pusher engines and 4 jets. We always said that if we could keep "6 turning and 4 burning" we were in good shape.

This was the period of the "cold war" and General Curtis LeMay had 1 RB-36 and 2 B-36's either on the way to a preset target or on the way home 7 x 7. We often passed over Korea on our way west and northwest. The B-52 replaced the 36 in 1957 and kept the same operation going except they had to air refuel and we carried it with us.

I'm sending along a letter that the Atomic Veterans asked me to write, it is on the internet under "Operation Castle and my name.

This was in 1954 and we tested 8 different "air deliverable" nuclear (hydrogen) bombs. The first one "Bravo" sort of went wild. It was 150 times the combined force of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs. Read "Operation Castle" on the internet.

Editor Note: more on the 28th will be published on the KWP Recollections area shortly.

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14. Yun-kuk (Ted) Kim is thankful for UN help in Korea

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Our May 2006 article featuring Ms.Inyang Jo continues to resonate with our readers. The original message she sent was dated 1999. The following email was sent from Mr. Kim to quite a few of his friends.

Date: June 26th 2006
Yesterday, June 25th, was the 56th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

I am sending you the link to the Korean War Project home page. Please scroll down to No. 3, "Thank you for saving my life."

It is a letter from a Korean college student in Seoul.

Her mother was born at the start of the Korean War in June-July 1950 while her grandmother was escaping the North Koreans.

She is thankful that the United States and 15 other UN member countries came to the aid of South Korea.

I feel exactly the same way. I am here in Seattle, 76 years old, still very much alive because Americans, the Philippines, Thais, British, Dutch, Turkish, Greek, Ethiopians, and young men and women from 16 UN member nations came to Korea to defend us from the aggressor.

One must remember, some of our own family members were not so lucky. Our family lost five relatives. I will list their names for remembrances of their sacrifices:

Dr. Kimm Kyu-sik, Vice President of Korean Provisional Government in China, Reunification advocate. Kidnapped and died on the road. (Great uncle by marriage.)

Dr. Choi Young-uk, internist, killed by the communists in Kwangjoo. (Aunt Pilley Kim Choi's husband. Great uncle by marriage.)

Dr. Ko, surgeon, chairman of the Surgery Dept. of Severance Medical School, kidnapped to NK. (My dad's cousin's husband, and father of Dr. Ko Whan-kyung.)

Ms. Ko Bong-kyung, daughter of Dr. Ko, a social worker (ran a women's shelter), kidnapped to NK. (My dad's cousin, and sister of Dr. Ko Whan-kyung)

Mr. Kang Jung-Taek, agrarian economist, vice minister of agriculture in Syngman Rhee's government. My mother's brother-in-law, kidnapped to NK

Drs. Kimm, Choi, Ko, and Ms. Ko were all educated in the United States and Canada. Mr. Kang was a graduate of Tokyo University.

Dr. Choi was brutally murdered by the communists in his home town of Kwangjoo. Others were taken away when the NK troops retreated during the war.

Now, do you see why I strongly don't agree what some young people are saying about how the Korean War started and who is to blame?

Shortcut to:

http://www.koreanwar.org/html/newsletter_may_29_2006.html

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15. 15. A Poem for Joe Duran, B Battery 63rd FAB

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AN ODE TO OUR JOE

To JR Duran and his family from the men of Battery B, 63rd Field Artillery, 24th Infantry Division who know the man called JOE

To know Joe was that smile that made his face light up.

To know Joe no job was too great for him to do.

To know Joe was to get a helping hand if needed.

To know Joe was the quiet way he went about getting the Job done.

To know Joe was to see him help others get ready for Guard Mount.

To know Joe was to have a good friend.

To know Joe was that quiet man with a cool head in combat.

To know Joe was there was no short cut to the job you did.

To know Joe, the true JR Duran Sr., you must go back in time to 14 July 1950 on the Kum River, the night before the North Koreans out flanked our front lines. They attacked HQ Battery and A Battery knocking out all communication with Battery B. Captain Stahelski asked for two men to go with a new LT to HQ Battery so he could communicate with HQ Battery. Joe and James Thomas went through a hail of gun fire until they ran into a Road Block. Thomas was killed and the new Lt. Joe was shot in the face. He escaped and walked out of the Road Block with true grit. He made it back to our lines. That is the Joe we know and care so for.

To know Joe is that Joe never gives up the fight no matter what it is.

To Joe; from all B Battery, 63rd FABN

Captain Stahelski, LT Knipe, SGT Barefoot, SGT Wilkes, Yates, Bolt, Campbell, Gonzales, Kopesec, Quinlan, R Tuner, Symore

The above send our best wish for a rapid recovery.

Remember our Motto!

HANAU IA NO KE KAVA (Born to Battle)

From an old Vagabond,

Your friend, James W. Bolt

Editor Note: The poem was a get well missive to J.W.'s pal, Joe Duran. Joe passed away on Oct 1st, 2005. The poem was sent in by Pat Robbins who is the sister of Boyd Tucker.

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16. North Carolina Korean War Veterans Memorial

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Our good friend, Don Putnam, from Charlotte NC is heading up a committee to build a Memorial to honor the 784 North Carolinians who gave their all during the war

From Don:

First, North Carolina now has an Korean War Veterans Association Chapter -265, You probably already know that, I had Bill Stegall contact you some time ago. We (the chapter) are forming committees and action plans to erect a state manorial monument honoring the 784 North Carolina KIA-MIA-POW.

I am the committee chairperson trying to put it all together.

I have been working on:

1. Where will the memorial be placed. I have located a couple sites
- 2.What will be the format of the memorial, to be determined.
3. Who will design the memorial? I have been talking to an experienced builder in SC
- 4.Who will build the memorial. Same as 3 above
- 5.What is the cost of the memorial? In the neighborhood of \$200.000
- 6.How will the required funds be acquired? I am forming committees across the state.
7. What veteran's organizations will be involved? The American Legion is willing to support.
8. What time frame to build and dedicate the memorial? 24 months.
- 9.Obtain a scale model of the memorial. To be determined.
- 10 Have divided the state in 5 sectors.
- 11 Have appointed one sector leader and 10 volunteers.
- 12 Have U.S. Senator Rep Sue Myrick's endorsement.

We are very serious; I know you and Hal would like to see this happen. if you could say something in your newsletter, it would be great.

Contact Don at: donput@juno.com

The Chapter is at:
KWVA/NC Chapter
PO. Box 690158
Charlotte, NC 28227-7002

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17. Milford, Delaware VFW Memorial Run 9/10/06

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Hello:

The VFW in Milford, Delaware, will be holding a Lt. Laurence C.

Layton run on Sept. 10, an event that will be covered by the Dover Post newspaper.

I was researching your site when I noted it has information that a family DNA sample has been obtained.

Is there any way to contact Lt. Layton's family? I would like to include them in a story about this event, and I know the VFW would like to know if any of his family still is in the area.

Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jeff Brown
Staff writer/photographer
The Dover Post
<http://www.doverpost.com>

302 678-3616 (w)
302 678-8291 (f)

Thanks to all who make this possible!

[Hal and Ted Barker](#)