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The email delivered version of this newsletter has all web links removed in order to improve the chances of the newsletter reaching our intended subscribers. The Adobe PDF version has all links active.

Hal and Ted Barker

1. Military Records on KWP- Update

Our May and July 2011 newsletters last year featured notices about our acquisition of US Marine Corps records, 2nd Infantry Division records, and many of the 24th, 25th and 7th Infantry Division Unit Diaries and Command Summary Reports.

The work to make these files computer and internet ready is a time consuming process. Each page has to be scanned and reviewed for quality.

Hal has converted over 100,000 pages of USMC records and these are now online. During the process Hal discovered whole sections of USMC records missing.

Over a dozen boxes of 2nd Infantry Division records continue to be scanned and reviewed for placement online. This grouping includes General Orders, Unit Diaries, Rosters, Maps, and Command Summary files. These records were provided by the 2nd Infantry Division Korean War Veterans Alliance after it disbanded in July 2011.

Many of these files are now online with many more to come. Hal estimates over 15,000 individual pages of this group have been scanned.

Other sources of files originate from website visitors who forward personal archives.

National Archives files obtained from Joint Pacific Accounting Command of the 24th, 25th, and 7th Infantry Division have presented unique issues due to the method the files were scanned. Over time, these files will become available on the Korean War Project.

2. Membership | Sponsors

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

Visit our Membership page where you may select how to help out.

On that page is a link to our PayPal account. You may choose online or regular surface mail to support our efforts.

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!

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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3. This Mailing List (going to 44,000 + persons)

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!

4. What’s been happening?

We missed two important dates for our newsletters, June 25th and July 27th. While composing the June 25th version of the news, Ted’s main PC crashed. Rebuilding of three PC’s and the web server quickly followed.

New website visitors continue to discover the wide variety of information on the website.

A large number of the visitors over the past few years have been veterans of service in Korea after the Cease Fire of July 27th 1953 or their families

As always, many thanks to all our donors or members who make this corner of the internet possible!

The Bookstore section is now caught up with all books or DVD’s sent to us and not previously featured in our news or online

5. Casualty Database

We continue the daily updates of casualty databases featured on the KWP. Input comes from a variety of sources.

Our interest includes full names, hometowns, cemetery locations, proper unit and operations locations. Veterans and families continue to provide important corrections and additions.

We worked with the DIOR, DPMO and CILHI (now JPAC) in the early years to create a better casualty file.

The KWP continues to receive photographs of those killed or missing for our Remembrance section. Photographs of gravestones are also sent. These are placed online when a photograph of the serviceman is not available.

6. Bookstore | Film

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The Men of K-2 In The Forgotten War

by Tutt Lambert

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Milford, Ohio 45150-0588

Purchase price $22.50 plus shipping.
Order direct from the author for a signed copy:
Tutt Lambert
1443 Nauticus Cove
Loveland, Ohio 45140.

The book is full of detail about Engineer Aviation Battalions and the day to day operations of vital units in the Korean War.

The author writes that the book is based upon the lost and recovered diary of a West Point graduate, Captain Walker S. Bradshaw (48). He was evacuated from Korea in late 1950 and later died in Japan of polio.

The diary entries and all the personal remembrances of the author plus eighty men who served at K-2 are detailed throughout the book.

A key section of the book chronicles 160 lost aircraft that flew out of K-2 during the war. Details of each incident are included.

Mr. Lambert is a Korean War Veteran of the 822nd Engineer Aviation Battalion from 1951-1952. This was a SCARWAF unit.

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Shoran: An Untold Story of Radar Controlled Bombing, The History of the 1st Shoran Beacon Unit/Squadron and its activities during the Korean Police Action (WAR)

Copyright Charles A. Buescher, Jr.

Charles was a former member of the 1st Shoran Beacon Squadron, 1952-1953, Computations Section.

The book was last Updated: September 2011.

This is an excellent presentation of how planes are vectored, followed and controlled while on missions. The book contains great detail on a very important facet of wartime operations.
The Major
The Senior Officer in Charge: Commanding Fellow Prisoners of War.

by W. Thomas McDaniel, Jr.

This book details the Korean War POW experience written by one of the senior officers, Major McDaniel. It was reviewed by several of the men whom he helped to guide and protect while they endured the difficult, often dangerous times as their friends died around them.

Captain Alexander Makarounis, James Yeager and SGM Robert L. Sharpe are among those giving their praise.

We have the web link for the book at: www.theseniorofficerincharge.com

I Will Shoot Them from My Loving Heart
Memoir of a South Korean Officers in the Korean War

by Won Moo Hurh

Published by McFarland Press

This is a very personal narrative by a young officer assigned to the ROK 76th Field Artillery Battalion. His unit operated closely with the US Army 300th Field Artillery Battalion during June – July of 1953. But, the story starts with his childhood and the later destruction of his personal dreams with the outbreak of war.

The disturbing title comes from the ROK Combat Code initiated on June 26th 1950, later rescinded in July 1951. The Officer Candidates had to repeat the sentence:

"While engaged in combat I will advance according to the order received, and if I see my comrades or subordinates retreat without permission, I will shoot them from my loving heart of patriotism and friendship.

This is a very compelling personal memoir by this University professor.

Print and EBook versions available

Obtain from McFarland Press
Box 611

Passing The Test: Combat In Korea
April - June 1951

Edited by William T. Bowers and John T. Greenwood

The book uses eyewitness stories to document Koreas place in military history. The book draws from interviews conducted by US Army historians during the spring Chinese offensive. The accounts were taken in the field, shortly after the fighting.

Both Bowers and Greenwood are known writer/editors. Bowers was an Army officer and editor of 'The Line; Combat in Korea, January-February1951' and Striking Back: Combat in Korea, March-April 1951. Greenwood retired as chief of the Office of Medical History, Office of the Surgeon General, US Army and editor of many military historical offerings.

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The Golden Bridge; Forgotten Love in the Forgotten War

By Jerome M. Jacobs

This new book by Mr. Jacobs was released to Amazon/Kindle at the end of 2011. It's about a college professor who is shamed into returning to Korea where he and the other principals were caught up in the craziness of war, a fractured love affair, and acts of unexpected heroism and a continuing clash of cultures.

His previous Kindle book, End of the Line, was released on Amazon/Kindle in June of 2011. See our Bookstore listing for both books.

Mr. Jacobs was a decorated combat correspondent with the 7th Infantry Division during 1952-1953. He lives in Pacific Grove, California where he is a full-time writer.

Cold Noses, Brave Hearts:
Dogs and Men of the 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon
by Robert Fickbohm and Sandra Fickbohm Granger

Robert and Sandra wrote this book to honor the men and dogs who served with the 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon during
World War Two and Korea. Only about 180 men and maybe 90 dogs served in this small unit during this entire time period. The dogs did not get to rotate home, and served more than one master. These men and dogs were credited with saving numerous lives. Some of their stories are told in “Cold Noses, Brave Hearts: Dogs and Men of the 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon”.

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By Dead Reckoning: From the Great Depression To the First Vietnam War.

by William B. McIver
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The author is a long-term member and correspondent with the Korean War Project. This book began as a family history and quickly morphed into a combined history/genealogical autobiography which tracks the westward migration of his 18th century immigrant Scot forbearers. Covered here are the major stories of the 20th Century that affected the author, in his early years; the Great Depression, World War Two, the Korean War, and Vietnam.

The struggle of his proud Scottish farm family is in the center of the narrative. At age 17, the author quits school and joins the US Navy.

This is a compelling story of the fight to escape poverty and attain the American Dream.


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George-3-7th Marines
A Brief Glimpse through Time of a Group of Young Marines

By Jim Nicholson

James E. (Jim) Nicholson, MD hails from Dallas, Texas. He was a member of G/3/7 as a BAR operator, Browning Automatic Rifle, a deadly offensive weapon. His nickname was "Nick The BAR man".

One day his daughters found his collection of photographs from his tour in Korea. The questions started with the girls wanting him to annotate the images to be placed in an album.

Jim complied and realized that there was more to the photographs, the stories of his fellow Marines who were in the photographs.

The author: "This is a different kind of war story.....". " This story is told as aging warriors would talk among themselves or to their grandchildren--if in fact they talked at all".

The book took shape over years of networking and is comprised of first-person narrative, vignettes and many photographs from his collection.

This book has become sought after by current senior staff of the United States Marine Corps to include the Commandant. The reviews are all stellar and one even draws parallels to Ernie Pyle and Bill Mauldin.

The storytelling is straightforward and riveting. A must read no matter what branch of service.

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Dustcover Hardback: $40.64 plus shipping
Also at Amazon.com

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The Stragglers
An Incredible True Story of survival from the Korean War

by Charles C. Smith
Written in 2009, the book traces the life of Charles from Hammons and Bull Forks in Kentucky. The author continues to live in Louisville, Kentucky.

His unit was B Company of the 29th Infantry Regiment, one of the ill-fated companies sent into battle, not fully prepared nor
equipped, to the fateful location of Hadong and Anui, South Korea, commencing July 27th, 1950.

The name; "The Stragglers" is the author's phrase for the remnants of survivors from the terrible events of that late July weekend, in the hot and dusty hills of South Korea.

Many men went missing or taken prisoner, the rest escaped the trap as best they could. This is Charles' recollection of events.

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Voices Almost Lost
Korea The Forgotten War
by Vickie Spring

When Vickie Spring promised her dad who had served in both WWII and the Korean War, that she would one day write his story and the others with whom he served, she never imagined the challenges that lay ahead of her. After months of searching, thirteen men were found that had fought in Korea alongside her dad. Vickie has compiled these brave and noble men's personal accounts of their experiences during the Korean War. Their stories are heartfelt and compelling. Each story will be given to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. for generations to experience each man's laughter, pain, and suffering. Here are their stories…

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Easy Company Marines - More Than Brothers
Korea 1951-1952
By Vito 'Ted' Pileggi

The book is about the young men who fought with Easy Company, 7th Marine Regiment and begins with the rural upbringing of the author in Oregon all the way through his duty in Korea.

The author later worked for the Oregon State Patrol and now, in retirement, sings and works with Festival Chorale Oregon.

Published by Coho Publishing. Price: $19.95 as softcover print and EBook.
Web: www.cohopublishing.com

The Hobday Connection
By Dane Hobday Hays

From the author: " The historical biography The Hobday Connection, a paperback book will be available through AuthorHouse Books around 20 December 2011., 236 pages with 25 photos.
The Foreword is written by author Frank (Bud) Farrell. This novel chronicles the lives of three families from the 1940s to the present. Two of the main characters are Airman First Class Jimmie Hobday and Corporal John Spruell, both from Cortez, Colorado.

John Spruell, childhood friend of Jimmie Hobday, quit high school and joined the Army just before the Korean War began. Assigned to Battery B, 57th Field Artillery, he fought and died at the Chosin Reservoir 6 December 1950. John Spruell has a Memorial Marker in the Veterans Section at the cemetery in Cortez, Colorado.

Jimmie Hobday quit college, enlisted in the Air Force as a Tail Gunner in a B-29 Bomber. He was assigned to the 371st Bomber Squadron at Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa. During a bombing mission on 13 September 1952 his plane was hit and exploded with a full load of bombs. Jimmie Hobday has a Memorial Headstone at Arlington National Cemetery.

Published by AuthorHouse
Price: Softcover $15.99
Ebook: $3.99
Arkansas Valor
by John A. Johnson

The e-book is about Charles L Gilliland, Medal of Honor Recipient. Charles was with I Company, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division in Korea when he lost his life on April 25, 1951 during the heavy fighting at Tongmang-ni. He was an automatic weapons infantryman who blunted a heavy assault on his unit while sustaining wounds. He stayed to protect the retreat of his fellow soldiers, an action that resulted in mortal wounds.

The author recounts the childhood of Charles, growing up in Yellville, Arkansas, a rural farming community. The story follows Charles into the Army and his training and shares letters, insights by his family and friends, all leading up to the heroic one man stand which saved his buddies.


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We Served With Honor – Memories Of The Men Who Served The 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing

Forty-eight veterans and spouses of the 91st contributed stories, but the book does not end there. A good all around history has been put together; including the Korean War, European and Pacific surveillance, major accomplishments, etc.

'This is an excellent book on the history of the 91st SRW from the perspective of the men who lived it, which gives the reader a behind the scenes glimpse of their involvement in actions conducted during global Cold War political events.’ - Francis Gary Powers, Jr. Founder, The Cold War Museum

Into War with an Empty Gun
A Korean War Story
By Robert Brownbridge

Into War With an Empty Gun is the story of what an ordinary man does in extraordinary circumstances.

This is an intensely personal narrative of a young man making the transition to a soldier with the 13th Combat Engineer Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division from 1952-1953, ending up in the fighting zone of Pork Chop Hill.

The book is compelling and describes his encounters with active PTSD in the war zone. Hospitalized twice, the author endured grueling medical testing to determine the cause of his illness.

Order from the author via his website or from Amazon.com
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ISBN: 978-1469963020
http://brownbridgeexpress.wordpress.com/tag/into-war-with-an-empty-gun/

Battle Stars and Naval Awards

By Jim W. Perkins
350 page book listing of the battle history of all of Americas Naval fighting ships which earned Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Citations or Navy Unit Commendations during WWII or Korea. Over 20,000 Battle Stars were awarded during those wars, now you can read about each ship or unit, the engagement dates and any battles participated in.

All classes of ships are included, Ammunition Ships, Attack Transports, Battleships, Cruisers, Destroyers, Destroyer Escorts, Destroyer Mine Layers, High Speed Transports, Hospital Ships, Landing Craft, Landing Ships, Merchant Marine, Motor Mine sweepers, Oilers, Patrol Escorts, PT Boats, Submarines, Sub Chasers, Tugs, and Coast Guard ships. Aircraft Carriers (and their fighter aircraft) are included.

This single publication makes it easy to track ships and units which participated in the invasion of Europe, island-hopped through the South Pacific, or fought on both fronts. Over 250 WWII battles are recorded between 07 December 1941 and 01 March 1946. Ten significant Korean battles are recorded between 1950 and 1953.

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The 440th Signal Battalion
An Oral History
By James L. Hendricks
The 440th Signal Battalion chronicles the saga of one US Army battalion over seven decades. From WWII, through Korea, the Cold War, and the Gulf War, the story of the 440th comes to life through hundreds of interviews, documents and photographs.

Les, who hails from Placerville, California decided to write the book after conversations at reunions of the men who served in the unit.

Order from the author:
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Placerville, CA 95667-4226
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Hardback $31.95, Softcover #21.95 plus shipping

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Triumph at Kapyong: Canada's Pivotal Battle in Korea

By Dan Bjarnason, Toronto, Canada

Published March 21, 2011; April 24th, 1951, was a lonely, moonlit night in Korea. On a godforsaken hill, a few hundred surrounded Canadian soldiers waited for the fight of their lives to begin. Soon, Chinese communist troops in their thousands, swarmed around them, plunging straight towards the Korean capital, Seoul. These Canadians were all that blocked the way. This is the story of the first battle by Canada's first soldiers in the Korean War: the 2nd Battalion of Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry. These volunteers were straight from Central Casting: truck drivers, construction workers, kids just out of high school, and bored farm boys. Outnumbered and outgunned, this people's army of amateurs beat off some of the toughest troops on earth. This battle that's become a legend takes its name from a nearby peanut-sized village: Kapyong. It's become a mythic Canadian story, except this is mythology that is real.

Blog: http://kapyongkorea.wordpress.com/

Order from Amazon.com

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How to find the tool on our site:

Main Page: look top right above the “Korean War Project News” heading. The block with “Google Site Search” is the starting point.

Looking For: begin at top center above the full listing of units.

External link: http://tinyurl.com/4xkbc22

Korean War Project on Facebook: we do have a very simple page that was created to foster interest among the younger generation.

See: www.facebook.com/pages/Korean-War-Project/122407449671

Korean War Project on Twitter. The surprise has been finding so many senior citizens using this great little tool.

See: @koreanwarprojec

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Dick Payne alerted Hal to one of the best resources on the huge Ancestry website. USMC unit rosters are online and can be searched very quickly. Both Dick and Hal have been assisting people who visit the KWP by referencing those files.

The 1940 Census for the USA makes our research much easier.

If you do not have a subscription to Ancestry be sure to check with your local library: Most libraries do have subscriber access.

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Resa Kirkland has spent many years reconstructing the history of Talmage Kirkland and Ricardo Carrasco who fought with the 32nd Infantry Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division during the final stages of Pork Chop Hill. Carrasco was pulled from his unit by senior officers to participate in Hal Wallis', on location, film called Cease Fire.

This Washington Times article sums up her decade plus of research.

See: www.tinyurl.com/6lukwe3

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10. Kitchen Table Gang Trust
From time to time, the KWP news lists charitable organizations and Charlie Taliaferro’s work has been mentioned several times over the years. They do wonderful work for hospitalized veterans.

See: www.kitchentablegang.org

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11. California State Museum
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From Dan Sebby, SGM

On your next newsletter could you put out that the California State Military Museum has established an on-line photo archives for the 40th Infantry Division. It is located at www.militarymuseum.org/imagelibrary.html.

You do need a free Snapfish account to view the actual images. You can sign up for that when you start the process.

The CG of the 40th has determined that they do not have the resources to preserve their archives and directed that all historical records be transferred to the museum in Sacramento.

Any veteran of the 40th Infantry Division who wishes to pass on their records, photo albums and scrap books should contact us here in Sacramento.

My direct line is (916) 854-1904.

On a side note, we are looking for a DPRK or Chinese uniform to add to our Korean War display.

Thanks and keep up the good work

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12. Korean War Research at NARA
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Thousands of requests come into the KWP with a general topic of “How Do I Find”. Since 1993 and the early days of internet access, the NARA – National Archives and Records Administration – website has grown into a must-see treasure trove of records. The main location is now www.archives.gov.

For individual service connected records, a person must have the full name and the Service Number to fill out the Form 180. The eVetRecs version is a good choice. Handwriting issues are removed since the filing is all online. Users of eVetRecs must print the signature page and mail to NPRC within 30 days.

One of our favorite links is the “Research Our Records” department of that website. Included here is the Korea specific link. A major addition for this section is photographs.

We encourage all of you to visit the following link:

www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/korean-war

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Increased interest by veterans, media and Department of Defense staffers regarding reunions, possible interviews or background information for the anniversary spurred us to create an interactive section on the KWP website in June of 2011.

Some articles have been posted but not many. This area has Announcements, Service Branch sub-sections, DMZ and Agent Orange updates, MIA/POW information, and more.

Many reunion groups have disbanded but many still are active. Postings about activity may be found on individual unit pages in Looking For or on our Reunions link.

DOD Commemorations has been issuing certificates for appreciation of service. Many KVETS have been actively seeking out fellow veterans via their associations and the internet to get address information for those certificates.

The KWP does not release contact information for its visitors but definitely want all of you to know that this outreach is ongoing.

Come visit:

www.koreanwar.org/html/korean_war_60th_anniversary_center.html?type1=12

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14. Korean War Casualty Accounting
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Our interface with the Department of Defense mandate to create a Korean War section at DPMO began in the early months of 1995.

During our early stages of website development, the KWP connected with an ever-growing number of family and veteran based advocacy groups. The rapid growth of the internet and use of email began to tie all these parties together.

Family based groups have always advocated better accounting. Those groups have provided key data to facilitate the process of finding and identifying men lost during the Korean War.
Many family members attend official Family Update meetings held each year in regional locations.

The flow of updates from the Department of Defense concerning identification of Missing-In-Action continues to increase.

The task is daunting for the scientists as well as for the political element which has always involved many different departments.

The families and veterans wait and hope for answers.

Our conversations with family and veterans indicate a high level of frustration mingled with the hope and their awareness of the difficulties of search and identification.

Increased focus has been placed upon the Unknowns buried at the Punchbowl- National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. The last report from JPAC stated that 20 of that grouping have now been identified.

The JPAC lab in Hawaii has compiled a list of photographs for over 100 of the unidentified remains to further assist in identification. The KWP is going over our email and telephone logs to assist in this effort.

Van Jenerette provided the article “The Forgotten DMZ” first published in 1988 by the US Army Command and General Staff College.

The work of Benbow and Jenerette on the KWP created a steadily increasing flow of information via our message areas.

The use of Agent Orange, Blue, White and Monuron in Korea has become very important thread on these sections of the website.

Documents, dates and locations of spraying to include methodology continue to be central themes. More governmental documentation is needed.

There is heated discussion of Veterans Administration policy to include notification of disability awards, hearings or denial of service connected proof of exposure to toxic chemicals for the period surrounding 1966 through at least 1972.

15. DMZ Vets Information

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Visit the following page to see the names of those involved;

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

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