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Photo courtesy Dallas Morning News, Rose Baca

We were featured in the Dallas Morning News, Neighborhood section on Friday November 8, 2013 for Veterans Day.

The story repeated in the Metro section, for Veterans Day.

The story will give you a pictorial view of Hal and Ted Barker along with a synopsis of the history of our website..

We both hope that you will enjoy the link to the story.

Note: the link is too long to post directly. Here is an easy way to find the story, just browse down the page of announcements.

www.koreanwar.org/html/korean_war_60th_anniversary_center.html

(Click : View All Current Korean War Project News)

Tip: for older eyes, the PDF version of our newsletters allows anyone to expand the file to as large as needed.

For Donor/Members: we shall be mailing a copy to those who do not have an email address as part of our Pledge Drive.

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1. Veterans Day November 11, 2013
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The televised and print coverage of Veterans Day was excellent. Over our apartment, WWII era fighters circled for over an hour while waiting for the parade to begin. The circling planes have been regular for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

We hope all our veterans and their families had the opportunity to take in the media coverage and to participate in local parades or events.

Here's wishing all our veterans, their families, and friends a belated salute for Veterans Day 2013.

United Kingdom countries observe this day as Remembrance Day. The use of Armistice Day is still found at times. President Eisenhower signed the amendment bill to permanently change the name to Veterans Day (in the USA) on May 26, 1954.

A special Remembrance is offered for those who paid the ultimate price during wartime.

The 60th Anniversary of the end of the war was on July 27th, 2013. We read many news articles, watched several televised broadcasts, and many internet video clips of the respects paid to those who participated in the wartime effort.

Many of the retrospectives were about civilians who were severely impacted by the destructive forces of war.

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2. This Mailing List Required Notice (Join or Remove)
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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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3. What's Been Happening?

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This has been a year of ups and downs. The last newsletter, in May, reported the extended downtime in March and part of April.

Technically oriented readers will appreciate all the hair pulling that has ensued.

If you encountered errors such as bounced email or no connection to our website, now you know what happened.

Hal has been working on behind scenes program coding to make the site more current and faster.

Ted has been building a new generation web server from old parts. This will be online after the newsletter gets to everyone.

Note: our system is operated from home. From time to time the web service will hang and not be available. Always check back later if an error message flashes on your screen.

Our small Facebook and Twitter connections have been growing. This allows a different method of interface with the KWP. Posting are linked to Twitter.

Link: [Click here](#)

Twitter: @KoreanWarVets

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4. For all the new subscribers

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Welcome to our newsletter and web site.

Please visit our "About the Korean War Project",

Spend some time clicking all the links to other areas of the website.

www.koreanwar.org/html/about_the_project.html

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5. Chaplain Emil Kapaun – Medal of Honor

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This past April a long-awaited award of the Medal of Honor was presented to the family of the Chaplain. We last wrote about the movement to canonize him in 2003. In 1998, Tim Casey wrote us in response to an inquiry posted on our early message system.

From Tim Casey, November 1998: from continuing dialogue...

"Ted,

Strange that you should ask as I was just browsing over a book dedicated to him. It was written by Fr Kapaun's hometown bishop in 1954/5.

CPT (Chap) Emil J. Kapaun was a chaplain in WW2 in the China-Burma-India (CBI). Released from active duty in 1946, returned home, and then went to college under the GI Bill for his Masters. Volunteered to go back on active duty, was assigned to the 1st Cav Div in Japan.

When Korea erupted his unit went over. His unit was HQ Co, 8th Cav Regt 1st Cav Div, was the 3rd Bn Chaplain. He was captured at Unsan 2 Nov 50, refused to leave the wounded when given the opportunity to get out of the Unsan perimeter; he stayed with CPT C.L. Anderson MD. Andy survived the camps and lives in Washington state.

Fr. Kapaun died in Pyoktong, North Korea (Camp 5) in May 1951, of a blood clot in his leg and intentional lack of medical care. The Chinese refused to let Dr. Anderson amputate his leg.

Awards include the Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for valor.

His hometown was Pilsen, Kansas."

Tip: To review articles on the medal presentation, use an internet search. There are video clips of the presentation and the citation for bravery.

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6. Poem; He stood with pride

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HE STOOD WITH PRIDE

The old veteran leaned on his cane watching the passing parade, The usual equestrians, old John Deere tractors, the local fire brigade. With a trembling hand he saluted Old Glory as it passed by.

His chest swelled with pride - tears welled up in each eye!

The National Anthem raced through his brain which he could yet cite.
(O', say, can you see by the dawn's early light),
He recalled storming Normandy's shores with bombs screaming.
(What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming),

His only concern midst battles' din was for comrades left and right
(Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the perilous night),
He enlisted at age eighteen to keep freedom's torch beaming.
(O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming),

He fought all thro' Europe and was honored to have done his share.
(And the rockets' red glare, and the bombs bursting in air),
He thanked God that he survived due to his Mother's fervent prayer.)
(Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there).

He remembered brothers who lay sleeping in hallowed grave,
(O', say, does the star-spangled banner yet wave),
Who placed national interests above self, forfeiting life they freely gave.
(O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave).

He slowly lowered his trembling and gnarled hand to his side.
The old warrior stood tall that day and others noticed his pride.
He was honored to know the flag would grace his bier one day.

He watched 'til Old Glory was gone from sight and slowly shuffled away.

Robert L. Hinshaw, CMSgt, USAF, Retired
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7. Membership | Sponsors
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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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8. POW/MIA Casualty Accounting - US Forces
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Hal continues to find and correct errors for our online casualty data base. He is helped by several volunteers who send email updates or post directly to the web site.

That volunteer work adds to the stacks of information sent by veterans over the past 18 years.

Photographs of the fallen continue to be added.

The Department of Defense continues to announce identification and repatriation of remains that have been located in past field search activity in both South and North Korea.

Families continue to provide DNA samples where none had been supplied.

The KWP continues to receive requests for updates on unsolved MIA / POW cases. All those inquiries are referred to the individual service branch.

We have yet to find a comprehensive series of data for other UN Forces that we can utilize and post on the web site.

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9. Bookstore | Film
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Be sure to visit the main index on the web site. Click the links to learn more about each book. Many of the books are self-published. Included are DVD and film products.

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Update:
Black Tuesday Over Namsi: B-29s vs. MiGs—The Forgotten Air Battle of the Korean War, 23 October 1951

By Earl McGill

Earl reports the book is now available in ebook format (Kindle, etc.). He mentioned that the Ipad and Kindle Fire tablets present the book in excellent fashion.

See our Bookstore for original offering.

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Letters to Ann: The Korean War 1950-1951
Edited by Ms. Ann Marie

The book is based upon letters which Capt. John F. Hughes sent to his four year old daughter while he was in Korea as a medical officer. Seeking to reassure her, Capt. Hughes finds and shares bits of humor about his everyday life in the military. It is a very different perspective of the war.

Review: The great truism of war is that it makes good men do bad things, and bad men do terrible things. Letters to Ann offers an important addendum: that through the worst moments of war, the best part of humanity, our ability to love and comfort one another, survives intact. It's impossible to read this collection of a soldier's letters from the battlefield in Korea to his 4-year-old daughter at home without being charmed, and touched.

- Miami Herald Columnist Glenn Garvin

Edited by Ann Marie (not the Ann to whom the letters were sent), the book may be found at barnesandnoble.com.

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Flame Dragons of the Korean War – out of print
Reissued as: Hearts of Iron

The paperback reprint documents a little-known, but significant part of a bloody conflict which exploded on 25 June 1950 and dragged on until 27 July 1953.

It is told by the men of the Flame Platoon, Headquarters Company, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, and others who fought with them.

Co-authored by Jerry Ravino and Jack Carty, both of whom served in the Flame Platoon, the book chronicles of one of the most unique combat units in the history of the United States Marine Corps.

Price: \$19.95

Order: www.flamedragons.info/order.html

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Adventures Of A Tennessean

By James Carl Duncan, Lt/Col (Marine Ret)

This book contains a large number of stories that were told to me as a young boy growing-up in Tennessee about the many adventures that my father experienced while serving in the United States Navy. Many of these stories cover specific events that my father participated in during the Korean Armed Conflict. The events and opinions contained within the individual stories represent those verbalized by my father. These stories contain rich and colorful language, and they reflect a United States Navy sailor's life during the mid-20th Century. My father, like all good story tellers, molded the events and experiences from his life into his stories to captivate the audience as well as create a larger than life version of what took place. Collectively, these stories provide insight into the thoughts and concerns of the generation of Americans that fought in the Korean Armed Conflict.

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Korea: Traces of a forgotten war
Author: James N. Butcher
Publisher: Hellgate Press

Excerpt from the author: The main goal of this book is to provide a description of the combat experiences of an infantryman with ,Fox Company of the 17th Infantry Regiment during the final year of the Korean War (1952-1953). The book describes trench warfare in the mountainous Korean terrain under extreme weather conditions. Life on the front line vacillated between boredom and severe weather challenges; between the sudden life threatening enemy attacks and our assaults on enemy positions on Korean hills to retain our strategic place along the front line. In the descriptions of his experiences, the author provides a graphic portrayal of living conditions on the front and describes combat actions that occurred.

This book highlights Fox Company's engagement in two major battles of this period—the Battle for Jane Russell Hill (a part of Triangle Ridge) and the first Battle of Pork Chop Hill. Both actions involved great loss of life for Chinese and American troops during this period of the war when great political turmoil was occurring at the peace talks between the United Nations and communist delegations at the Panmunjom Peace Talks, efforts to bring the war to a close.

The author is currently Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychology at the University of Minnesota and has published 58 books and more than 250 articles in personality assessment, abnormal psychology, and crisis-intervention.

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From Soldier to Airman
Authored by Don Risen
Edition: Revision 1

The True story of the life of a career military man and his service from the closing of World War II up through and including the Vietnam Era. It tells of family life in the military, the hardships and the successes that go with military life.

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You Aughta Write a Book
by Edward S. Kohler

A picture of the USS BRUSH DD-745 is on the cover and my two tours in the Korean War is explained in detail.

Review: You Aughta Write a Book is an interesting and intriguing read from start to finish. At the age of 81 the author looks back with honest and candid memories of a colorful life filled with struggle, pain, happiness and hope sprinkled with humor. After hearing from a variety of friends the phrase 'you aughta write a book', the author has done just that. And what a story it is, from running away as a three year old with his sister from their drunken father, who had beaten up their mother, to being cared for by his grandpa, who taught him proper values, then onto the life of a street kid learning a whole set of new values that led to an "assisted" enlistment in the US Navy. This story covers a breadth of experiences suggesting a very interesting read. It has it all.

Available online at Amazon:
www.amazon.com/You-Aughta-Write-Book-Kohler/dp/1921919744

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My Short (but exciting) Time With The Military
by Don Paul

Biography: Don packed in a lot of adventures with the military starting with a three year enlistment in the Ohio Air National Guard and ending with a twenty one month hitch with the United States Air Force. With the USAF he eventually was sent to Korea, in 1951 as an Armament specialist on F-84 Thunderjet

Fighter/Bombers, while the fighting still raged in that war torn country.

Book Summary: The narrative takes you through three years with the Ohio Air National Guard starting in 1947 when the author was seventeen years of age. The author takes you along with him on his flying adventures with the Air Guard. This unit, the 112th Bomb Squadron (L), was equipped with Douglas B-26 Invaders. These light bombers were real "hot rods" for their day

He takes you along on three "Summer Encampments" prior to the 112th being activated and taken into the United States Air Force in 1950. This was the result of the hostilities that broke out in Korea in June of 1950.

The Air Guard really didn't prepare the author for life in the active military. But he learned and survived.

The story initially takes you to Lawson Field, which is the air field attached to Fort Benning, GA. There the 112th became part of the 117th Photo Reconnaissance Wing and the aircraft became RB-26s. Then, in 1951, the author was transferred up to Langley Field, VA where he became a member of the Armament Section of the 154th Fighter/Bomber Squadron, part of the 136th Fighter Bomber Wing. This unit was equipped with Republic F-84 Thunderjets.

From there it was on to the west coast by train and subsequently to Japan and Korea by plane, exciting modes of travel in those days. Experience life, as it was, in the Air Force in a rear area combat zone.

Available at Google Books | Amazon | Kindle

www.amazon.com/Short-But-Exciting-Time-Military/dp/1466910631

Published in hardcover and paperback.

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Unforgotten Hero:
Remembering a Fighter Pilot's Life, War and the ultimate Sacrifice
by Jim Escalle

Unforgotten Hero tells the captivating life story of Second Lieutenant Jimmy L. Escalle, a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot who became missing in action during the Korean War.

Growing up in a small farming town in California's San Joaquin Valley during the 1930s and 1940s, Jim was a devoted son, a caring older brother, a talented athlete, and a young man of moral character who always put others first. He started high school as the Second World War was at its peak, and graduated during a time of transition within America and around the world.

He had always wanted to fly airplanes someday, and with the introduction of jet propulsion during his high school years, he dreamed of becoming a jet pilot.

Called to serve his country after the Korean War began, his dream became a reality when he joined the Air Force and eventually got the opportunity to fly the F-86 Sabre, regarded as the most advanced jet fighter of its time. Soon after arriving in Korea he went on his first missions, which were Mig Alley sweeps. However, since Jim was assigned to a fighter-bomber squadron, the majority of his combat missions were air-to-ground. These were the most dangerous missions.

In Korea, more pilots had been killed or listed as MIA due to being shot down by ground fire rather than enemy aircraft. For Jim, this fact was realized only five weeks before the armistice was signed. He paid the ultimate price for freedom when he disappeared while on a combat mission over North Korea and was never seen or heard from again.

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Soldiers of the Wooden Cross
by Frank Jasek

Frank wrote us last fall about his book which is best described by his website link. He is the book preservationist for Baylor University.

We think our readers will find this book uplifting.

www.soldierswoodencross.info/home

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Like the Rings of a Tree
by Rupert Nelson

From Rupert:

Written in 2005, the book is a memoir of my life from birth to 1963, but includes several chapters of my Korean War experience with the 8219th Army Unit.

In 1994 my wife and I took a vacation in Korea. Got to Chunchon and north of Chunchon to the site of our old outfit, where we had located after we were bombed.

Available from Authorhouse or Amazon Books

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10. Reunions
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Note: our system problems during the year caused us to miss posting the bulk of reunion notices. Posting made directly to the site via the message system have been visible.

Please continue to post notices to unit pages and our Reunions section of the website.

We received notices of more associations making the decision to disband during the year.

While many groups have disbanded or retired activity, others seem to be going strong.

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11. Fundraiser for the KWP
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Our loyal donors, many of whom date back to 1997, continue to make this site possible. We are making an outreach with this issue of the newsletter for those who have used our website and resources to consider assisting our efforts to continue our work.

In addition to monetary donations, this year we are asking Dallas, Tx, area residents to consider recycling their used computer equipment by making a donation of desktop and laptop computers that are no longer needed.

Our equipment is aging, as mentioned previously.

If you are upgrading this holiday season, now is the time to receive a tax deduction for year end.

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12. 40 Interviews with 17th Infantry Rgt Veterans
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Stuart Namm sent the following: . We would greatly appreciate it if you would advise your readers that over 40 complete interviews of 17th Infantry Regiment (Buffalo) Korean War veterans, many of whom unfortunately have since passed, can now be seen at www.youtube.com under "Stuart Namm" or "retjudges2." These are complete interviews for our 3 1/2 hour documentary, which we no longer sell, but contribute to libraries, "Men of Truth and Courage in a 'forgotten war;' the 17th Infantry in Korea." Unfortunately, we could only use parts of these interviews, and this is a great opportunity to hear their entire compelling stories for this generation and generations to come.

Judge Stuart Namm (Ret)

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13. DMZ Veterans (post truce)
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The area that has been created for all those who served after the truce of July 27, 1953 continues to grow. The section on Looking For does not list units as do the sections for 1950-1953. They are divided by decade. Many of our visitors post to both the decade of service and also to the unit pages for the 1950-1953 time periods.

The Agent Orange Registry has become a very busy section of the website. It was created to foster networking and sharing of information.

The time is well-past for the KWP to create a post truce newsletter in order to address the networking and information specific to these visitors.

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14. Thank You to our Sponsors | Donors/Members
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Thanks to all who have made this newsletter and the website possible!

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

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

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