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Korean War Memorial, Washington, DC 2003

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1. Memorial Day 2014
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Today marks another day for friends, family and current day service men and women to pause in Remembrance. The sacrifices of those who paid the ultimate price are always to be respected. The losses during the Korean War are on our minds every day.

Those who continue to wear the physical and mental scars of war whether veteran or family need to be thanked for their contribution as well.

Those who became POW - Prisoner of War and suffered deprivation at the hands of their captors deserve a special Remembrance today.

Close to 13,000 UN troops were held over time. For US Forces, just under 4700 men came home after Operation Little and Big Switch. Others who managed to escape, never given POW status, deserve to be recognized for the hardship endured.

The casualty rate among UN Forces held captive was staggering.

The call to service in the Korean Peninsula was answered by an international force of arms. Medical units, aviation, naval and/or infantry units arrived to assist in stemming the tide of aggression from the North.

Civilians on both sides of the battle lines in Korea lost their lives by the thousands. Many more of them became refugees. The ROK had upwards of 135,000 imprisoned or reduced to involuntary service for the DPRK. Estimates of 89,000 ROK citizens are still unaccounted for.

For those who served and those who continue the tradition,
We Shall Remember.

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2. What's Been Happening?
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Our Facebook and Twitter connections have been growing. This allows a different method of interface with the KWP. Posting are linked to Twitter.

If you have a hot topic for everyone send to the Twitter feed.

Link: KWP Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Korean-War-Project/122407449671>

Twitter: @KoreanWarVets

Hal is getting closer to creating a mobile device interface for the website. Many of our visitors use tablets and cell phones for primary internet searches.

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.

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3. Membership | Sponsors
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Consider supporting the mission of the Korean War Project by donations in the form of Membership/Sponsorship.

Membership: <http://www.koreanwar.org/html/membership.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)

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4. Message areas
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Our Looking For, Guestbook, Remembrance, and BBS message groups continue to foster networking and information sharing.

Always send direct email to us if you require assistance.

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5. Early news article on KWP.
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Pioneer Press
ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS
Copyright (c) 1995, St. Paul Pioneer Press
Sunday, April 23, 1995 BYLINE: Julio Ojeda-Zapata, Staff Writer

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

This story featured three of the earliest military related websites on the internet:

Bill McBride's Vietnam Veterans Home Page
Grant Szabo's Gulf War Veteran Resource Page
Hal Barker's Korean War Project

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6. Old books about Korea.
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Joe Carmena, LTC USAF (Ret.) always sends interesting links to us. This link features books that should be available online, libraries or bookstores.

<http://hompi.sogang.ac.kr/anthony/BooksKorea.htm>

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7. Reunions
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We have quite a few reunions to post or update. Many notices are found in unit page messages that visitors have left so we have to discover them in order to post in the Reunion section of the website.

If you are aware of a reunion that is not listed, be sure to use our form to post or send email directly to us.

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8. Korean War Project News | Reference Center
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We have many links for research and news topics to include older versions of our newsletters.

News:
http://www.koreanwar.org/html/korean_war_60th_anniversary_center.html

Reference:
http://www.koreanwar.org/html/history_and_reference.html

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9. 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.;

Select Member List, First Contributors, Units and Individuals links
<http://www.koreanwar.org/html/membership.html>

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10. This Mailing List
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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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11. POW/MIA Casualty Accounting
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There has been a significant restructuring for the Department of Defense offices that handle the accountability effort that started in the mid-nineties. To obtain current information on the process do a search for DPMO or JPAC.

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

Most titles may be found online using your favorite search tool.

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New Zealand Korea Roll

The book (A4 size) comprises three parts:

a. Some brief general notes about organisation, means of travel, behaviour, medals awarded (19 pages)

b. Nominal Roll some with brief biographies (430 pages)

c. 13 appendixes comprising Royal Warrants for Medals, RNZN Ships, NZ Army units, Abbreviations List (to complete 470 pages).

Cost is \$50 for the book.

Postage to the USA is \$34.50 Economy Airmail (15 to 30 days delivery) or \$36.80 Airmail (9 to 14 days delivery).

Unfortunately I do not have PayPal or Visa for payment so a Bank cheque may be the only way for payment. I may investigate

PayPal if there is sufficient interest in the USA.

There is a reference in the introduction to direct the reader to Ian McGibbons book New Zealand and the Korea War.

This two volume set is the main work on New Zealands effort during the Korean War. Mine is about the men who went and served.

Howard Chamberlain
470 Te Moana Road
WAIKANAE 5036
New Zealand

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Through The Right Eye of a Tiger With My Finger on the Trigger

by Leo J Vaillancourt

This is a book I wrote about my experience as a Tank Gunner with A Company 6th med Tank Bn 24 inf. Div.

I was with the unit in Korea 1950 - 1951. Tigers were painted on our tanks (Year of the Tiger) The Right Eye was the telescope use for sighting the main gun..

Much of the story is what I observed sighting the Main Gun.

The book is available at Barns & Noble, Amazon, and Author House.

ISBN; 978-1-4772-6702-8

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Finnigan's War Documentary Film

Narrated by Mark Hamill

Finnigan's War is director Conor Timmis' dedication to his grandfather as well as all others who served in the Korean War also known as the Forgotten War. This short documentary, released last year during the 60th anniversary of the wars end, is another attempt to make sure that we do indeed remember by showing us what those who fought in this war did. With that in mind, it does its job admirably well and allows us a close up of these brave soldiers 'sacrifices as well as the sacrifices of those around them. Using a mix of interviews, drawings, and old footage, Finnigan's War helps to put us in the seat of the action and the humanity involved.

The documentary starts out with Timmis' grandfather and his actions; it slowly moves over to other stories from the war. The

breadth of the interviewees is indeed the strength of this film. For those who made the ultimate sacrifice, it talks to the family members left behind, the many ways in which they are commemorated and remembered, while going through the story of their heroics; this is where the drawings come in handy as an innovative way to visualize their actions while never wavering in the intensity of those battles.

Website <http://finniganswar.com>

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Call Sign: Purple Three
Patrolling the US sector of the Korean DMZ

By Mark Heathco

The book is an autobiography of one of the many patrols pulled up on the DMZ of South Korea back in the mid 80's.

Review: Although a cease-fire agreement was signed in Panmunjom on July 27, 1953, fighting between North and South Korea never stopped. The hot war was replaced by a low-intensity war. Terrorism, assassinations, infiltration of spies, and the like replaced tank battles and artillery duels. Until 1993, the United States patrolled its sector of the DMZ (demilitarized zone) in South Korea. In Call Sign: Purple Three, author Mark Heathco, who pulled 385 missions inside the DMZ during his military career, describes the preparation for a dangerous patrol in August 1985. This memoir follows the soldiers as they arrive at Warrior Base, refit for war, move to the tent area, prep their gear, receive a patrol operations order, study the patrol information, rehearse, undergo inspection, and finally execute the patrol itself. They encounter many dangers and obstacles- even a North Korean or two-as well as navigating the minefields that lace the patrol sector. With great detail, Call Sign: Purple Three provides keen insight into the Korean DMZ at a time when the world thought all was well in Korea, but in reality chaos was just a hair trigger away. This insider's memoir offers an understanding of what these soldiers did and the sacrifices they made.

Paperback: 210 pages
Publisher: iUniverse (June 21, 2013)

ISBN-10: 1475992106
ISBN-13: 978-1475992106 Available from online booksellers.

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Punchy Company
A Memoir of the Cold War
Uijeongbu, Korea, 1969-1974

By Peter M. Solstad

This is a soldier's tale, a memoir of the Cold War; of the men

servicing in South Korea during the period 1969 - 1974. It is a factual report concerning the men serving at Camp Red Cloud, specifically those associated with 2d Bn (HAWK) 71st ADA, and the 'Ville' that surrounded them.

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ISBN 13: 9780615564159

Publisher: Mare Pacificum

<http://www.mppublishing.org>

Publication Date: 2012-04-10

Binding: Softcover

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Beggar's Island
A Novel of War
Koje-Do, Korea

By John S. Elmo

A gripping, absorbing tale of the Korean War and the prison riots on Koje-do during the last year of the Forgotten War.

John S. Elmo's riveting accounts of what it was like to be in Korea with the U.S. Army in 1953 captures the very essence of being a draftee soldier embroiled in the conflict.

Beggars Island, a fast moving novel is written from Elmo's' perspective and experience in being a Company Clerk, a pivotal person involved with the day to day management and leadership of any Army unit. His descriptions of the accounts, characters, interpersonal emotions and actions paint a stirring realistic explanation of what happened in and around Koje-do during the final phases of the Korean War.

Publisher: FriesenPress - electronic and softcover versions.
Available online at Amazon.com

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The Bearcats
They, Too, Are the Greatest Generation

By Raul F. Salinas

Fiction pulled from experiences of serving with the Radio Squad of HQ HQ, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division during 1952-53. This impassioned book recounts the day to day lives and operations of radiomen and how they connect with the regiment and division.

Published by AuthorHouse

ISBN: 978-1-4343-3364-3

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Pusan: "Stand or Die"

by David J. Seigle

Pusan: "Stand or Die" is the story of the Pusan Perimeter from the first delaying action at Osan to the breakout a few days after General MacArthur's amphibious landing at Inchon. Preparation for that landing deprived U.S. troops fighting for their lives in the Pusan Perimeter with much needed reinforcements, equipment, and ammunition.

The first U.S. soldiers to fight in Korea had been occupation troops in Japan. They were out of shape physically and paid dearly for it in torrid tropic heat and on rugged mountainous terrain. Front line units were undermanned and ill-equipped. They had no anti-tank weapons or ammunition that could stop Russian tanks driven by victorious North Korean veterans of Japanese and Chinese armies.

Replacements slowly flowed from the pipeline from the states. They were mostly lightly trained teenagers. They were always outnumbered on the line where it counted. Their commander, General Walton Walker, improvised by moving "fire brigades" to critical places. The teenagers learned to "stand or die" as ordered. It was their only chance to live.

ISBN-13: 9781587211287 Publisher: AuthorHouse Publication date: 5/28/2000 Pages: 200

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A Tugboat Sailor
The Life and Times of Billy Jack McCoy in The Forgotten War

by Billy Jack McCoy

Jack was born in small-town Cleburne, Texas in 1929. Inspired by Navy slogan; "Join the Navy and see the world", he enlisted straight out of high school.

The book covers his personal background as well as the world around him during the Korean War.

Available on Amazon.com and as a Kindle book.

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13. DMZ Veterans (post truce)
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This section of our website continues to attract attention with an ever-growing number of visitors leaving messages or phone calls to the KWP. As always, the issue with use of Agent Orange and other toxic chemicals is a central theme of the correspondence.

If you served after the truce be sure to browse the message

areas.

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Thanks again!

[Hal and Ted Barker](#)