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photo courtesy of Don Paul – 136<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomb Wing

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1. Editorial July 27th 2014  
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We Remember July 27th, 1953-Truce in Korea begins:

The long war that began on June 25th, 1950 turned to Truce in what became a very unsettled time with flare ups over the decades that continue to this day.

Hal and I continue our work to remember the sacrifices of the forces that came to the aid of the beleaguered South Korean government and its people.

Our father arrived in Korea in late September of 1951 to serve with VMO-6 in the Punch Bowl area. The next spring he rotated to HMR-161 to fly helicopter support back and forth to the fighting zones.

We welcomed him home to Newport Beach, CA and El Toro the summer of 1952.

The rest of our youth was spent surrounded by Sailors and Marines, many of whom served in Korea, while we lived at various locations where our Dad was stationed.

Later today our email newsletter heads out to about 55,000 persons, a process that takes 3 full days.

We also pay tribute to the groups and individuals who have helped to make the Korean War Project exist online over the years.

We tip our caps to all our pen pals or family members who have passed on during the last 20 plus years of interactions.

For those who served and those who continue the tradition.

We Remember

Hal and Ted Barker, Korean War Project, Dallas, TX

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2. What's Been Happening?  
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The end of June was a bust for getting a newsletter delivered. Our service provider had to perform emergency work in the Dallas Central Office on the 25-27<sup>th</sup>, leaving us with spotty internet access.

Sadly, that outage almost replicated the June 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> total outage of 2013.

Both of us have been fielding many phone calls this year and especially since May. The questions cover the gamut of similar calls fielded over the past 20 years.

Lots more work has been performed on our old and grumpy computers which takes away from the daily work in progress.

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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 and our "I Remember Korea" Bumper Sticker campaign.

Membership: [www.koreanwar.org/html/membership.html](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. More records online at KWP  
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Hal reports that he is almost ready to place another 55,000 pages of Korean War records online at our remote storage location.

He continues to work through the massive amount of USMC records that were obtained 3 years ago. More additions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division are in the works as files are separated for reorganization into cohesive groupings.

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6. Housekeeping tasks  
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We have begun a contact program to obtain working contact information for everyone who has posted on the website or given donations to the KWP.

Part of that program will be email sent to those who left very little or incomplete inquiries. This includes mailing addresses, phone numbers, email or details about postings where names and units were not included.

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7. Reunions  
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Many Korean War era reunion associations have shut down operations. However, there are still a great many of these groups that continue offer periodic reunion functions.

Continue to check our website and others for reunions of interest to you and your friends.

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

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9. 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](mailto: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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10. 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.

We have two great offerings about the marvelous story of Reckless, the horse that became a story that has resonated over the decades. Both books will be available online at leading booksellers.

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Sgt Reckless: America's War Horse  
by Robin Hutton

Available on July 28<sup>th</sup> 2014

Sgt Reckless Memorial Fund  
P.O. Box 1125 / Moorpark, CA 93020  
(805) 380-4017 / (805) 603-2174 (cell)  
[www.SgtReckless.com](http://www.SgtReckless.com)

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIo3ZfA9da0>  
She wasn't a horse - She was a Marine!

Also available on Amazon.com

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Reckless: The Racehorse Who Became a Marine Corps Hero  
by Tom Clavin

Available in August of 2014

NAL Caliber Hardcover  
List Price: \$28.95  
ISBN: 978-0-451-46650-1  
Publication Date: August 5, 2014

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Operations Little Switch and Big Switch:  
The Repatriation of Korean War Prisoners of War and the  
Aftermath

By Arden A. Rowley, Maj. USA (Ret)  
Arden A. Rowley became a prisoner of war while serving with the  
2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division on 1  
December 1950. During the next 33 months he was interned in  
five POW camps in North Korea, experiencing and witnessing,  
first-hand, the harsh conditions and treatment meted out by the  
North Korean and Communist captors.

He was repatriated in Operation Big Switch on 18 August 1953.  
There are many scattered accounts of the repatriation of Korean  
War prisoners of war in Operations Little Switch and Big Switch  
(April and August-September 1953).

This account of those two operations is a compilation of many  
writings, articles, statements and photographs giving a complete  
and cohesive account of Korean War POW repatriation by which  
thousands of POWs of both sides gained their freedom.

Operations Little Switch and Big Switch: The Repatriation of  
Korean War Prisoners of War and the Aftermath is the most

complete account of these operations under one cover. The  
publication of this book coincides with the commemoration of the  
60th anniversary of these events. Maj. Rowley is the Historian of  
the Korean War Ex-POW Association.

This publication is 250 pages and is an 8 1/2" X 11" hardbound  
edition with Smythe-sewn binding and matte, acid-free pages for  
superior photo reproduction.

Available by mail order for \$65.00 (plus \$5.00 shipping)  
Send orders to:  
Arden A. Rowley, 1041 E 9th Drive, Mesa, AZ 85204.

For phone orders call: 480-964-9444

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11. 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.

Agent Orange Update: Steve House who served at Camp Carroll  
in 1978 has been awarded VA compensation for exposure to  
toxic chemicals that were stored and moved, later removed from  
the base.

We have two news stories on this and will report more via the  
KWP website and Facebook page.

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Thanks again!  
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[Hal and Ted Barker](#)