



KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



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"Year of the Korean War Veteran"

It has been said by some that 2013 is the "Year of the Korean War veteran." As we begin to plan various events into the summer, it certainly seems that the focus is going to be on us and the chapter. The meeting that we had in March was just the beginning of those activities (see story in this Newsletter). Hopefully, we will get good press coverage for our events, as we did for the March 13th meeting. At the same time, it is necessary that the members continue to turn out in large numbers so we can impress the public about our sincerity honoring and remembering our contributions. At the same time, we will need your help with the many events up-coming. Here is a brief overview of the two major projects – the monument dedication and the 60th Anniversary.

Monument Dedication - Jim Mobley and his committee have done a great job to get us with in reach of our goal. I am sure that all of us appreciate the work they have done from site selection, to design, the fundraising and now the dedication on June 23, 2013. This will be a major event and there are many tasks that we will want the membership to perform. When Jim mentions a job to do, please volunteer. 60th Anniversary – Similarly, Wayne Winebrenner and his committee have put together a series of events that will culminate with a bus trip to Washington on July 27th for the national commemoration event that will be sponsored by the Department of Defense. Help will be needed along the way for all of our 60th anniversary events as well.

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Julia Manor Bingo - The Executive Committee has approved a request to help out with bingo several times a year at Julia Manor. The first of these bingos will be on April 11th. We will need 4 – 6 members to help with the bingo. The tasks are to call the numbers and to help the residents with their bingo cards. If you can help, please see Les Bishop or Pat Patterson at the next chapter meeting. Remember – That's April 11th at 2:30PM at Julia Manor.

Parades - There are several parades coming up in May that our chapter will participate in. The first is the Apple Blossom parade on May 4th in Winchester, VA. This is their big parade so it will take us most of the day, from the time we have to leave Hagerstown until we get back. The Winchester chapter is planning on using deuce & ½ trucks to ride in. Those of us that went to the Fireman's Parade in Winchester last year had a very rewarding experience. If you are interested and want more information, call or talk to Les Bishop. We also will participate in the Memorial Day parade in Sharpsburg on May 25th. In this parade, we will ride with the 40- 8's locomotive. The parade is at 1:30PM and we will leave Hagerstown from the American Legion Post 42 about 11:30AM. Last year, we got back approximately 3PM. Again, if you are interested in riding along, see or call Les.

Suns Game - The Hagerstown Suns are going to have a Korean War Veterans Night again this year. The date is not until July 11th, but we will have tickets available at the next chapter meeting. The tickets are \$9 each for seats in the grandstand. We will get \$4 back on each ticket we sell. This event will not only be a fundraiser, but it is a fun time and will enhance our image in the community. It will be a great opportunity to have a night out with our kids, grandkids or friends. Wayne Winebrenner will have the tickets at the next meeting and we are asking members to sell as many as they can.

Oral Histories - We have talked in the past about recording our service stories for posterity. When the new Washington County Free Library opens this year, they are planning on enhancing the Maryland Room collection with veterans stories. This program will probably not get underway until fall, but I have been asked to see if several veterans would like to tell their stories now. If you are interested, give Les Bishop your name and he'll pass it on to the folks who are going to

administer the program. The collection of these stories will be another way to remember what happened in Korea as well as for those who did not go to Korea to tell their stories. Since history has forgotten us, this is a positive way to preserve our place in history.

60th Anniversary Exhibit - The 60th Anniversary exhibit that we had planned for the Library will now be at HCC in the Kepler Theater lobby. It will be there from July 15 – July 29, 2013. If anyone has any memorabilia that they would like to have displayed in locked display cases, please contact Wayne Winebrenner. We would like any souvenirs you brought home from the war, anything related to your service tour or anything that might be significant to that early 1950s period.

Maryland KWVA Department - The Maryland KWVA Department will hold its annual elections in June, 2013. If you would like to serve the KWVA as a Department officer, please see Les Bishop for more information. The Maryland Department is an intermediate level between the chapter and national administrative level. It meets quarterly, usually in Mt. Airy, but it could meet at other locations in Maryland as they did when they met in Hagerstown in March. If you are interested, talk to Les.

Joint Veterans Council - The next Joint Veterans Council meeting will be April 13, 2013 at 9AM at the American Legion Post 42 on Northern Ave. Please note that this is a date change from the usual meeting date. Anyone who has suggestions for JVC projects may attend the meeting or talk our reps – Wayne Taylor, Pete Callas or Charlie Morris.

Important Dates:

Apr. 3	Chapter Meeting	2PM	Funkstown Legion Post 211
Apr. 11, 1951	Pres. Truman relieves Gen. MacArthur as UN Commander and appoints Lt. Gen. Ridgeway to succeed him		
Apr. 12, 1951	The largest jet battle in the history of aviation – 115 F84s/F86s, 32 B-29s & 80 Mig-15s		
Apr. 16, 1953	Battle for Pork Chop Hill		
Apr. 17	Exec.Comm.Mtg.	2PM	Funkstown Legion Post 211
May 1	Chapter Meeting	2PM	Funkstown Legion Post 211
May 15	Exec.Comm.Mtg.	2PM	Funkstown Legion Post 211

*Any member may attend Executive Committee meetings. Your views are welcomed.