



KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



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Big Plans in the Works for Chapter's 60th Anniversary Commemoration

There are a number of events being planned for the June/July timeframe to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the truce agreement in 1953. The 60th Anniversary Committee has put together a comprehensive series of events and, together with other input from the chapter and community, we are going to be a busy bunch of guys. It will require a lot of help from our members. Here is a list of the activities so far.

June 21, 2013 - We are planning to put another display in the Washington County Library. If you have collectibles or souvenirs from the war, we would like to display them. If need be, we will rent secure cabinets to display your items. On the evening of June 21st, there will be a reception in the library at 6PM. We will have refreshments and COL Bill Weber will be our speaker.

June 23, 2013 - Our Korean War Veterans Monument will be dedicated at 2PM. The Monument Committee is putting together an outstanding program featuring bands, renown speakers and a very solemn tribute to our fallen comrades.

July 14, 2013 - There will be an afternoon social at American Legion Post 211 at 2PM. The purpose of this event is to put ourselves on display to the community. We want to tell the public about our chapter, about the war and the programs we sponsor. This will be a major PR event for our chapter. We hope to have snacks, possibly a short video and possibly a speaker or two. (continued on p. 2)

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Next Meeting - February 6, 2013 - 2PM - American Legion Post 211

Big Plans for 60th Anniversary (continued)

July 21m 2013 - This is the day that our chapter will hold a 60th Anniversary commemoration event. The event will be held at the National Guard Armory on Roxbury Road at 2PM. Plans are not yet firm, but we hope to have some big name speakers, music, videos and the featured entertainment will be the USMC Silent Drill Team from Washington, D.C. This should be a great event for all veterans, your entire family, friends, neighbors, etc. This will be the kind of event that we may not get to do again in the future. Mark the date on your calendar now!

July 27, 2013 - This is the day of the National 60th Anniversary commemoration. As of right now, some of the plans and times have not been confirmed. For example, we are not sure whether it will be early morning or early evening. It is not clear whether it will be at the Korean War Memorial on the Mall or at the amphitheater in Arlington Cemetery. At any event, we are planning on having a bus take us Washington. The bus will be free and, again, this is the kind of event that everyone will enjoy. I believe that those who went last year were very impressed and this year's event should be even better. Again, mark your calendar for this and all the events upcoming.

In addition to the events listed, one of the Red, White and Blue Military Band Concerts at HCC this summer will be a tribute to Korean War veterans. When that date is selected, it will be announced in our Newsletter and the local media. It would be great to get a lot of chapter support for that concert. Also, The Paramount Baptist Church is having a service for Korean War veterans on July 21, 2013. It will be a morning service so as not to conflict with our event at the Armory that afternoon. As more information gets out in the public about the importance of this "Year of the Korean War Veteran," other organizations may invite us to participate in special events around the county. In each case, we need to show up in large numbers to impress on the public the importance of this 60th anniversary.

Two other events to consider attending are the Apple Blossom Festival parade in Winchester, VA (first Friday in April, I think) and Shenandoah Chapter 313's Korean War Monument dedication on July 20, 2013. We have been very close to our comrades in Winchester and a nice turnout for these two events would be appreciated. Those of us who went to the Apple Blossom Festival parade last year were truly inspired by the public response to the veterans.

The Bulletin Board:

March 6th meeting: Our regular meeting on March 6th will be more significant than usual. We have invited COL David Clark from the DoD's KW60 Planning Group to visit our chapter and explain the latest developments on the July 27th commemoration event planned for Washington, DC. Because this information need the widest distribution, we are going to invite other chapters from the area as well as anyone from a local VSO to participate with us in COL Clark's briefing. As a result the schedule will change slightly. Post 211 will put out a cold cut buffet at 12:30 PM and COL Clark will speak at 1PM. Our regular chapter meeting will begin at the usual 2pm time. We are anxious to get the latest info from COL Clark because many of us will want to participate in the bus trip to Washington on July 27th. Therefore, mark Mar 6th down on your calendars as a special day and try to attend this meeting at the special time. More information will be forthcoming in the March Newsletter and at the February chapter meeting.

Chapter License Plates: The question has been raised about whether we could get our own chapter license plates. To make this happen, we need to have 25 (twenty-five) members sign up for the plates which will cost \$25. Although we have not drwn up an illustration of the proposed plates, it is expected that the plate will have the chapter logo with the letters K - V – A vertically placed beside it on the left side of the plate. Along the bottom of the plate will be "Antietam Chapter 312." We hope to have a drawing to show you at the February meeting.

Dues and Membership Cards: If you haven't paid your chapter dues by the time you read this Newsletter, they are delinquent. We don't want to lose you as a member, so please send in your 2103-2014 fee of \$10 as soon as possible. We are going to try to get those who have paid their membership a card by attaching it to this Newsletter. If you have paid your dues and still did not get a membership card, please call Membership Chairman Leon Geibel (301-665-3635).

Joint Veterans Council Meeting: The next meeting of the Joint Veterans Council will be on February2nd at 9AM at the Williamsport Legion Post 202. Since this date is before our chapter meeting, please call Pete Callas (301-733-9155) or Wayne Taylor (301-739-0907) if you have any topic for the Council to discuss.

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