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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



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Happy New Year



Rolling Out the Old – Rolling In the New

Starting a new calendar year is always the time for reflections and it is a time for new year resolutions. For us at Antietam Chapter 312, we are caught right in the middle. January is the mid-point of our fiscal year or our chapter year if that makes more sense. So, where do we stand? Are we coming or going?

Since July when we got this year rolling, we have made some major steps toward the realization of our Korean War Veterans Monument. Ground has been broken and we have nearly met our financial goal. Our dream is becoming a reality. In addition, we continue to be active and, maybe more importantly, we continue to gain new members. This latter point was emphasized recently by our Christmas Dinner Party in December. This event will be discussed later in this Newsletter. New people and new ideas will nourish our programs for next year and, hopefully, for years to come.

2013 looks to be a very important and busy year for all Korean War veterans. We are looking forward to dedicating our monument in June and plans are underway for a series of events to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the truce signing in 1953. 2013 will truly be the “Year of the Korean War Veterans.” We will continue to participate in numerous events around our area. We hope this will inspire new members to join our work to get rid of the “forgotten war” label. It has really been nice to see the way the membership has responded to call for volunteers. As we work our way through 2013, let’s make this the best year yet. Let that be our New Year’s Resolution for 2013!

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Next Meeting - January 2, 2013 - 2PM - American Legion Post 211

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Thank You note –

Fran and I want to thank the “KWVA members” for the lovely floral centerpiece that was sent to us at the Elks Lodge for the Chapter Christmas Dinner. We really do appreciate it so much and many, many thanks to all who were responsible.

Les and Fran Bishop

The Bulletin Board:

Chapter Dues: Your chapter dues are now due!!! Please mail your \$10 dues to our P.O. Box address or see Leon Geibel at the January meeting. Your dues now cover a two-year period – 2013 and 2014. They must be paid by January 31st.

Newsletter Ads: We still could use one or two more ads for our Newsletter. As you can see in this Newsletter, the ads are business card size and cost \$30 for the year (Jan. – Dec.). As our membership grows, the cost of doing the Newsletter increases as well. These ads cut some of those costs and we really appreciate the supporters who have taken out ads. If there are any questions, please call Les Bishop (240-420-3755).

Chapter Christmas Dinner: Our Christmas dinner a few weeks ago was a great time. It was really great that so many of our members came – over 50 of you. It was a good social time, the food was good and the entertainment was fantastic. Congratulations again to Johnny Koontz who was presented a Past Commanders Award by Past Commanders Wayne Winebrenner and Jim Ensminger. Very, very deserving! For those of you who couldn't make it this year, put this event on your to-do list right now. My guess is that a tentative date is December 15, 2013.



Johnny Koontz receiving a Past Commanders Award.

Pictured with Johnny are Past Commanders Wayne Winebrenner and Jim Ensminger, along with Commander Les Bishop



Chapter Helps Salvation Army

Some of our members rang the bell for the Salvation Army at the Valley Mall this year. Thanks go to the following members for their help: Pete Callas, Jim Ensminger, Johnny Koontz, Carl Paylor, Pat Patterson, Paul Peacher Lou Surratt and Wayne Taylor. Thanks guys!!!

Joint Veterans Council: The next Joint Veterans Council meeting will be January 5 2013 at Boonsboro American Legion Post 10 at 9AM. If you have any issues for Washington County veterans, please contact Pete Callas, Wayne Taylor or Charlie Morris.

60th Anniversary Events: We have been talking right along about how important 2013 is going to be for Korean War veterans. The 60th Anniversary Committee, headed by Past Commander Wayne Winebrenner, has put together a series of event over the June/July timeframe in 2013. Here is a list of dates you need to know. These events will be discussed in greater detail at future Chapter meetings.

- June 21st Opening of a Korean War display at the Washington County Library. A reception is being planned for that evening.
- June 23rd Dedication of our Korean war Veterans Monument
- July 14th An Open House Social at American Legion Post 211 for the public
- July 21st Our 60th Anniversary Commemoration at the National Guard Armory
- July 27th We plan to have a bus trip to the national 60th Anniversary Commemoration at Arlington Cemetery

Please plan to attend as many of these events as possible. This may be our last chance to make a big splash.