



KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



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**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you,
But it is Not Over Yet!!!**

It has really been a busy two months and a big "thank you" goes out to the membership for their participation in those varied events. In May, we had a great turnout for the trip to Washington and the dinner for South Korea's President Park. That wave of blue jackets was applauded by all the officials in attendance and our chapter was the largest group among them. Also, as I attended several Memorial Day events, I was pleased to note the many blue jackets in the crowd. You just don't think about it, but many, many times people make nice comments about our appearance, especially the blue jackets.

But then, it didn't stop. Lou Surratt and his volunteers did a great job with the fundraiser at Valley Mall. Not only did this fundraiser help our bank balance, good contacts were made with folks in the community – which may include potential new members and one or two speaking engagements for our chapter. This is the kind of exposure we need. For example, because of the good impression at one event, we were invited to the Flag Day event in Hagerstown. Finally, I don't think any of us will forget the Monument Dedication. It will be a lasting memory and it certainly set the bar high for future KWVA events. More on this later in the Newsletter.

All these events were successful because you – the membership- helped out in some way. This is why we have such a great chapter.

And now we have July to look forward to. There are also many important events in July which will be listed under the Bulletin Board. Please try to support them as well as you have the events in May and June.

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Next Meeting - July 3, 2013 - 2PM - Funkstown Legion Post 211

The Bulletin Board:

Again, this month I am going to use the Bulletin Board section of the Newsletter to review the events coming up in July.

July 3rd – This is when we will have our regular monthly meeting. The July meeting, however, is our annual meeting which means that we will elect the officers for the 2013-2014 year and then those officers, both elected and appointed, will be sworn in. Lew Ewing, who is a National KWVA Director from Chapter 313, will do the ceremony again this year. We will also be awarding the scholarship winners their checks. There will be snacks, but we are going to forego the lunch that we have had in the past. This is an important meeting as we start a new year and it is a fun meeting because a lot of the business stuff is put on the back burner.

July 8th - The Green Turtle Restaurant will be donating a portion of that day's receipts to our chapter. What a great excuse to have lunch or dinner out with that special someone! They are supporting our Chapter; let's support their charity program. No special time – lunch or dinner – maybe we'll see you there!

July 11th - The Hagerstown Suns are going to have a Korean War Veterans Night again this year. 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 time to have a night out with our kids, grandkids or friends. See Wayne Winebrenner or Les Bishop for tickets. We are asking members to sell as many as they can. Game time – 7PM.

July 14th - There are two events. First, we have been invited to participate in a church service honoring Korean War veterans at Paramount Baptist Church at 10:30AM. Several members of our chapter will be participating. It would be nice if other members would attend the service. Please see Bud Johns for more info. In the afternoon, there will be a special event at the Funkstown Legion Post 211 at 2PM. COL. Warren Wiedhahn, a Marine and Chosin survivor, will be the featured speaker. Following Col. Wiedhahn's talk, a delegation from Korea will be presenting commemorative medals to our chapter members as well as KWVA

members from Frederick, Baltimore and Winchester chapters. There will be a lot of folks there for this event, so it will be a good time to visit with these other vets.

NOTE: I have put everyone's name in for the commemorative medal. If you cannot make the July 14th meeting and want a medal, please call Les Bishop to reserve one.

July 15th – From July 15th to July 29th, we are going to have a Korean War and Chapter 312 exhibit in the lobby of the Kepler Theater on the campus of Hagerstown Community College. We will be assembling the exhibit during the day and there will be an open house reception at 6PM on July 15th. The public will be invited. Snacks will be served and there will be no speeches. This is a social event. Please stop by to see the exhibit and perhaps talk to folks from the general public who also may be looking the exhibit over. We still have not been able to locate lockable display cases for the personal items some people have loaned us.. If anyone can help us with this problem, please call Wayne Winebrenner.

July 21st - The 60th Anniversary Commemoration event we had planned has been changed. We were informed that the USMC Silent Drill Team will not be able to come to Hagerstown to perform for us. Therefore , we are changing the event from the National Guard Armory to the Funkstown Legion ballroom. The date and time are the same – July 21st at 2PM. The program will consist of several speakers, a short video, entertainment and snacks. It should be a very nice program, even though it is not the program we had planned. Please try to come.

July 27th - The bus trip to the 60th Anniversary Commemoration event at the Korean War Monument is still on. We have chartered coaches to take us to Washington. There will be no cost for this trip. We have received a very generous sponsorship of the trip. Our plans are to leave at 5:30AM from the Martin's parking lot on Dual Highway. The reason we are leaving so early is because we have to go to the Pentagon parking lot where we will go through security and then be shuttled over to the monument. These precautions are necessitated by the fact that President Obama will be one of the speakers. Therefore, everyone must be in place by 9:30AM. There will be water and snacks on the bus, and I understand that wheelchairs will be available for those who need assistance I know this is a lot to ask, but, very likely, this will be the last big event honoring Korean War veterans. Please call Les Bishop to reserve a