



KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



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Chapter 312 to Host Local Vets on March 7th

Antietam Chapter 312 is going to host a special get-together of Korean War veterans from KWVA chapters in Maryland and Virginia on March 7, 2012. We are also expecting a few more Korean War vets from the Hagers-

town area to show up as well. If we can get the word to them, we may even get some of our Korean veterans from the Washington, DC area to join us. The reason for this gathering is to hear a presentation from COL David Clark (USA) who will give us an insight in DoD plans for the 60th Anniversary commemoration in 2013.

This gathering of comrades will begin at 1200 (noon to those of you who forgot!) with cold cuts buffet. Besides the cold cuts, there will be a hot soup, chips/etc and coffee/tea. We are asking for a dona-

tion of \$4 to help offset the cost of lunch. Lunch will be set out at 1200 and the Commander has requested that those who have the KWVA uniform to please wear it. We will be showing off for our guests!

This event should be a great time for all. We will have some of our display items out, Clayton's chapter history books and other chapter stuff out for display and there will be plenty of time to visit with our guests and swap war stories or just brag a bit.

Following this social event, Chapter 312 will hold its regular monthly meeting at around 2PM. The Commander has said that he will keep the meeting short and only present a few important reports. Even though many of us will be there before 1200, we will try to get us out early.

Our Next Meeting – March 7, 2012 - will be a Special Get-together of Korean War Veterans. Lunch at 1200. COL Clark's presentation around 1230. Chapter meeting approximately 2PM. Funkstown Legion Post 211

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Commander's Corner

My goodness, time is flying. I used to stand before the mirror and count the gray hairs. Now, I count the dark ones, if I can find any.

I want to draw your attention our monument. As you may have noticed from all the news we have gotten lately, things are moving along. In the next couple months, we should have a much better idea of where we are in the planning process. We're still not there yet, so let's all pitch in for a big push forward. Remember, this is our Eternal Remembrance we are working on.

Don't forget our March 7th meeting starts with a light lunch at 1200 noon. (See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.) We will be visiting with several members of our brother chapters. It should be a great affair.

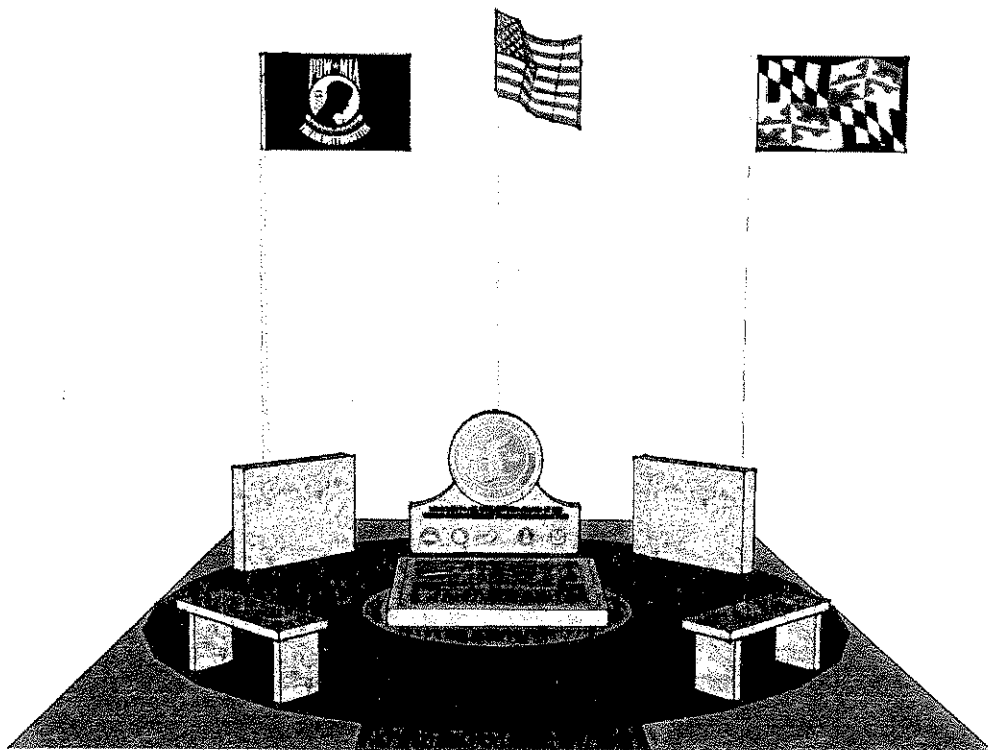
We have a few members on Sick Call and I am sure we have them in our prayers.

Words of wisdom:

Remember the turtle – he never makes any progress until he sticks his neck out.

Working together creates a whole, that is greater than the sum of its parts.

Sincerely yours, Jim Ensminger, Commander



The Bulletin Board:

Apple Blossom Festival Parade: Our Chapter has been invited to participate in the Firemen's Parade on Friday, May 4, in Winchester, VA. This parade is part of the weekend-long Apple Blossom Festival and it is the smaller of the two parades that weekend. We would carpool down to Winchester, catch up with the Chapter 313 guys and ride in National Guard vehicles during the parade. It sounds like it might be fun. Anyone interested in participating, please call Les Bishop. If we have time, we'll talk about it more at the March 7th meeting.

Mantle Pieces: Remember those mantle pieces with our Chapter logo on them that we sold several years ago? Well, we decided to get some more and make them available to the new guys that have joined our chapter since then. These are little wooden pieces similar to the "my home town" collection that have our chapter logo on them and a brief statement about our chapter on the back. They are real nice collectible items. We will have them available at the March 7th meeting. Even though our cost has gone up, we will be selling them for the same old price - \$12.

National Monument DVDs: Speaking of selling stuff, the March 7th meeting will be the last time we will have the DVD presentations of the National Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. These DVDs sell for \$15 and some of the money goes the KWVA Maryland Department, See Les Bishop for these DVDs.

Chapter Web-site: Our chapter web-site is now live – really!! It looks great, so please check it out – kwvaantietam312.org. Our web-master is going to be Ned Renner. If any one has an idea for improving the web-site and for adding material, please share your ideas with Ned, Wayne Winebrenner or Les Bishop. Special thanks to Wayne for getting the project started and to Ned for continuing as our web-master.

Joint Veterans Council: The next Joint Veterans Council meeting will be March 3rd at 9AM at the Boosboro American Legion Post 10. If any one has something to bring up at their meeting, please contact Wayne Taylor. Pete Callas, Pat Patterson or Charlie Morris.

Members' Information: At the February meeting, it was suggested that we should get to know each other better. That is a great idea and there are two ways we can go about it. First, all the members can (and should!) have Clayton Burkholder put some basic info about your military service in his chapter history. He is looking for pictures of you in uniform, when you were in the service, what branch, etc. Contact Clayton with whatever you have. The second way we can get to know each other better is to profile a member every so often in our Newsletter. Many of you, if not all, have done interesting things with your lives since your military service. Please contact Les Bishop if you don't mind being a celeb" or, be prepared, I may call you!

Carpooling: It has occurred to me that there are members who don't attend our chapter functions because they cannot drive or because their regular ride can't make it. If you need a ride, give me a call (240-420-3755) and I will see if there is someone close by who can pick you up. No guarantees, but it might be worth a try.

Important Dates:

- Mar 7 Regional Meet/Lunch 1200 American legion Post 211
Chapter Meeting 2PM
- Mar 14 Exec. Comm. Mtg.* 2PM American Legion Post 211
- Mar 15 Recapture of Seoul (1951)
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 First Day of Spring
- Mar 20 Old Baldy Battle (1952)
- Apr 4 Chapter Meeting 2PM American Legion Post 211
- Apr 8 Easter
- Apr 18 Exec. Comm. Mtg. 2PM American Legion Post 211

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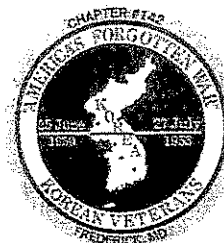
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