



KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



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March Meeting Will Be Regional Meeting

Our regular chapter meeting on March 6th will be a special event. We have invited other chapters from Maryland and Virginia to join us for a special discussion of the national commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the truce signing on July 27th in Washington, D.C. COL Dave Clark from the DoD KW60 program will visit with us to discuss the latest plans. There will be a number of other special guests, but we are extremely pleased that LTC Kang from the Korean Embassy will be visiting with us as well. In addition to the information shared by our guest speakers, we also want to tell them about our chapter's events that are being planned for the 60th Anniversary commemoration. This should be a great informative session and all members are urged to attend. Please wear your Class-A uniform to impress our guests. The July 27th event in Washington will be the last in a series of events that our chapter will either host or attend as part of the 60th anniversary.

Our chapter meeting on March 6th will start with lunch at 12:30PM. The lunch will consist of finger sandwiches, cold slaw, chips, a dessert coffee, tea, etc. There will be no cost for lunch because a very special benefactor has agreed to treat us to lunch. After lunch, the speakers will give their presentations. We will still have our regular chapter meeting around 2PM, but we will abbreviate our agenda in order to get everyone on their way after starting early.



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Next Meeting March 6th 12:30PM American Legion Post 211

This is a very special meeting. Please note the different starting time!

Sick Call:

It sounds like the guys who have had their wheels fixed are home and getting along with a hitch here and there. We hope both Jim Ensminger and Dr. Bud Johns get well soon. Our best wishes and prayers go to Gil Zimmerman who has started chemo treatments for lung cancer. Good luck, Gil. And let's keep Frankie Lum in our thoughts. In addition to everything else, Frank was a good member who supported all of our events. Also, Fran and I want to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and everything for the loss in our family. Thank you!

Bulletin Board:

Upcoming Events: As we said earlier this year, this year (2013) is going to be a very busy year for us. Jim Mobley has kept us up-to-date on the monument dedication on June 23rd and Wayne Winebrenner has outlined the events we will be participating in for the 60th anniversary. Here are two more dates that you may want to add to your calendar. On May 4th, the Winchester Chapter will participate in the Apple Blossom Festival Parade and would like us to participate with them. This year, they are doing the big parade on Saturday. For those of us who went down to Winchester for the Firemen's Parade last year, it was a very memorable experience. We will have more information on this event at the March 6th meeting when the guys from Winchester come to our meeting. In addition, Winchester will be hosting their Korean War Monument dedication on July 20th. We should send a large group down to Winchester for both of these events. See Les Bishop for more information.

In addition, we will be cooperating with the Green Turtle for a fundraiser on July 8th. There will be more information on this event later also. Please mark these dates on your calendars. Come May, June and July things are going to get very busy.

2013 – 2014 Budget: The Executive Committee will be working on the budget for the coming year starting in March and April. Committee Chairmen should start thinking about their activity lines in the budget. Anyone who would like to suggest a new activity for the chapter is encouraged to talk to one of the officers about their idea.

Membership: Unfortunately, there are several members that either did not pay their dues or decided to drop out. We hope that the many activities that are planned will encourage new members to join our chapter. Specifically, we could use some more Korean Service members. Don't forget – anyone who has ever served in Korea is eligible to join our chapter.

License plates: Because of all the things that have happened lately, both personally and with the chapter, I have not followed up on the license plate issue that was raised previously. There has not been much response on that issue either. We will put that matter on the back burner until some of these other matters get done.

Important Dates

- Mar. 6 Chapter Meeting 12:30PM* Funkstown Legion Post 211
*This is a special meeting. See story in Newsletter
- March 15, 1951 Eighth Army recaptures Seoul
- Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 20 Exec.Comm.Mtg 2PM Funkstown Legion Post 211
"First Day of Spring"
- March 23, 1951 ROK Army units cross the 38th Parallel
- March 23, 1953 Old Baldy/Pork Chop battle – 7th ID sustains 300 casualties
- Mar. 31 Easter
- Apr. 3 Chapter Meeting 2PM Funkstown Legion Post 211
- April 11, 1951 Pres. Truman relieves Gen. MacArthur as UN Commander and appoints
Lt. Gen. Ridgeway to succeed him
- Apr. 17 Exec.Comm.Mtg. 2PM Funkstown Legion Post 211

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

Chapter Participates in Maryland Day at VAMC

Commander Les Bishop was invited to speak at the Maryland Day celebration at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in February. The Maryland Day event was to honor all veterans, hospital staff and the volunteers. Commander Bishop informed those assembled about the chapter activities planned to honor Korean War veterans during the 60th anniversary of the truce signing in 1953. Harold Delauter also attended and his wife, Betty, was the Mistress of Ceremony for the event.



Freedom is not free!