



KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



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Memorial Day and More!

In past Newsletters, we have reviewed events from the previous month and urged members to get involved in some of the upcoming events. Well, the next three months will be packed with many events and this Newsletter will attempt to list and detail the events coming up.

In May, Memorial Day is a huge day for all veterans. This is a day of mourning for our fallen comrades and we honor them for their sacrifice. The problem with our participation in the Memorial Day services is that our surrounding communities will be commemorating Memorial Day on different days and we are trying to participate in as many of those events as possible. We urge each member to get out to these ceremonies around the area to support all veterans – past and present. We also urge you to wear something – KWVA Class A uniform, caps, shirts, jackets – that will identify you as a Korean War veteran or member of our chapter. There will be a list of events elsewhere in this Newsletter.

In addition to the Memorial Day events at the end of the month, we will be participating in several other events in May. The Apple Blossom Festival Parade will be on May 4th and we need a headcount of who would like to go down to Winchester to participate as soon as possible. Please call Les Bishop (240-420-3755) as soon as you can if you want to go. Last year, we had a marvelous time and the people of Winchester were very gracious to us. It was definitely worth the time to be part of that experience.

Les will also talk more about the special VIP dinner on May 7th that we have been invited to attend at our next chapter meeting. If you cannot make the May 1st meeting, call Les to get times, dress code, etc.

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Next Meeting - May 1, 2013 - 2PM - Funkstown Legion Post 211

The Bulletin Board:

Julia Manor Bingo - Our chapter participated in the first Veterans Bingo at the Julia Manor Home last month. It was a unique and fun experience for us. Participating at the event were Pat Patterson, Les Bishop, Jerry Moore and his wife Florence. Thanks to those folks! We really needed more help at the bingo however. Maybe we can get more volunteers at the next bingo on August 8th. Hint, hint, hint!!!

VIP Dinner - We have been invited to participate at a dinner sponsored by the Koreans on May 7th. This is a high level affair so we will wear the Class A uniform or coat and tie, whichever you have. We will meet the bus at 2:30PM at the Funkstown Legion Post 211. More details at the May meeting.

Parades - There are several parades coming up in May that our chapter will participate in. The first is the Apple Blossom Festival parade on May 4th in Winchester, VA. This is the Festival's big parade so it will take us most of the day. We will leave Hagerstown at 10AM and probably be back in Hagerstown 6PMish. The Winchester chapter is planning on using deuce & ½ trucks to ride in. Those of us that went to the Fireman's Parade in Winchester last year had a very rewarding experience. If you are interested and want more information, call or see Les Bishop. We also will participate in the Memorial Day parade in Sharpsburg on May 25th. In this parade, we will ride with the 40- 8's locomotive. The parade is at 1:30PM and we will leave Hagerstown about 11:30AM and meet the 40 - 8 guys there. See Les Bishop at the May chapter meeting to discuss travel arrangements to Sharpsburg.

Marty Snook Park Ceremony - The Joint Veterans Council will sponsor a Memorial Day ceremony at "Marty" Snook Park on May 30th at 9AM. Col. Bill Weber will be the featured speaker. Please try to attend.

Suns Game - The Hagerstown Suns are going to have a Korean War Veterans Night again this year. The date is not until July 11th, but we will have tickets available at the May chapter meeting. 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 opportunity to have a night out with our kids, grandkids or

friends. Wayne Winebrenner will have the tickets at the May meeting and we are asking members to sell as many as they can.

60th Anniversary Exhibit - The 60th Anniversary exhibit that we had planned for the Library will now be at HCC in the Kepler Theater lobby. It will be there from July 15 – July 29, 2013. If anyone has any memorabilia that they would like to have displayed in locked display cases, please contact Wayne Winebrenner. We would like to display any souvenirs you brought home from the war, anything related to your service tour or anything that might be significant to that early 1950s period. This display is another opportunity to reach out to the community.

Maryland KWVA Department - The Maryland KWVA Department will hold its annual elections on June 13, 2013. Past Commander Wayne Winebrenner has agreed to put his name forth for Department Commander. The June 13th meeting will be held at the VFW in Mount Airy with lunch at 12:00 noon and the meeting to follow. It would be nice if some of the members could go to this meeting to support Wayne. Please talk to Wayne or Les Bishop for arrangements. The Maryland Department is an intermediate level between the chapter and national administrative levels. It meets quarterly, usually in Mt. Airy, but it could meet at other locations in Maryland as they did when they met in Hagerstown in March.

60th Anniversary and Medal Presentation - As mentioned at the last chapter meeting, a Korean group is going to present 60th Anniversary Commemorative medals to Korean War veterans at the chapter reception we have planned for July 14, 2013. At that reception, Col. Warren Wiedhahn from KWVA 100 will be our featured speaker and then the medals will be presented by a Korean delegation led by MG (Ret.) Choi Seung-Woo. The guidelines that were given to us are a little vague, but focus will be on Korean War veterans (1950-1955). Therefore, the Commander has submitted the names of all chapter members. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May chapter meeting for attendance at the July 14th meeting. We have to give the medal presenters a headcount "sooner than later." If you cannot make the May meeting, but plan to attend the July 14th program or, if you cannot get out and still would like to receive a commemorative medal, please contact Les Bishop.

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