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WORD FROM THE IRON TRIANGLE

BY GLENN PALMEDO-SMITH

Yesterday, I was privately escorted to Outpost Harry via military convoy. As a guest of the Korean War's most famous Korean General, 90 year old **General Paik-Sun Yup**. They had a brass band play as we exited our flag encrusted limo at a base camp located about twenty minutes drive from OP Howe.

After a briefing ceremony that included a ten minute video on the 6th ROK Division-Blue Star, followed by a few words from the General. His remarks included several mentions of **Bob Baker** and he occasionally pointed to me. I suspect my name of "Gren Ah Smiss" doesn't roll off the lips as easily as the one-syllable "Bobaker".

After the briefing we went to a large hall where officers of the 6th Division were waiting for us to have lunch. It was during lunch that the 6th Division Commander informed me of artillery rounds fired by the North Koreans. He said it was a rare but not isolated event. I became a little concerned as the men watched a televised report of the event. Here is that report:

North Korea fired several rounds of land-based artillery, an officer at the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Seoul said. The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of department policy, said no casualties or damage were immediately reported. South Korea, in response immedi-

ately fired warning shots. Seoul's Yonhap news agency, citing an unidentified military official, said both Koreas fired into the air. South Korea's YTN television network carried a similar report on the exchange of fire. The officer at the Joint Chiefs of Staff said he could not immediately confirm that South Korea returned fire.

After lunch we joined another convoy up to OP Howe. On our way up we were escorted in the General's private black-windowed limo. I was seated next to the most Honorable **General Paik**. He was the commanding General of the 1st Division back in 1950. He was 29 years old at the time. A full time armed aide to the General, a Colonel, sat in front beside the General's personal driver. By 1953 the General was Chief of Staff of the entire ROK Army.



Officers whose units are responsible for this section of the MLR greet General Paik and Glenn at the entrance to the OP Howe observation building

Today he remembers quite vividly how badly the Chinese wanted that hill and control of the Iron Triangle. On the way up to the tower, I'm sure our caravan drew the enemy's attention, even though most of the view to our north was draped in heavy camouflage material on a 12 ft. high fence. The closest I could get to Harry was atop the observation tower on OP Howe. There were thirteen visiting Regimental Commanding Generals from surrounding observation posts waiting to personally greet us up on Howe. It was clearly for the rare opportunity to personally meet the most famous legend of the ROK army, **General Paik Sun Yup**. I was so out of place amid these stoic square-jawed men and accompanying soldiers, I believe I heard a whisper and a giggle of "Godzilla"

from the back row, as I towered over everyone in my tan safari costume against their deep green fatigues.

Once at Howe we received a brief history on the fight for the Iron Triangle. Pictures of **Captain Markley** and the Greeks were on display here. Everyone loved to say Captain Markley, not unlike the name Kit Carson that I'd heard so many times growing up in California, as the Captain is no less a legend to the story of Outpost Harry.

While at Howe, I could clearly delineate the parameter fences at the DMZ on both sides. The counterpart tower constructed on Star, clearly was interested in all the hoopla going on with us, as I observed much movement through the stationary telescope on our observation platform. I was not allowed to photograph Outpost Harry from this viewpoint but was promised a photo after it is cleared by intelligence. Once outside I was led to an area near the fence to privately view Outpost Harry with **General Paik**.

It was an unbelievable experience. Nothing could have prepared me for this sense of real power at the edge of the Cold War, which still looms over the great people of Korea, and perhaps the entire region. Living in Korea must be like townfolk living near Dracula in Transylvania. There's always a constant reminder of evil just over the hill and that your world could end drastically at any moment should the monster wish to visit you while you sleep. Having experienced this sense of doom first hand has somehow changed me, as the world looks quite different to me now, as I somehow feel that the world is no longer all peaches and cream. I know Major General **John Singlaub** would be pleased to hear this, as he was responsible for arranging this rare visit and has taken me under his tutelage to educate me about such grander matters. I believe both Generals have more surprises for me as I begin to finally get it.

This is all being done because of you men, as I am honored to be your eyes, ears and voice for this great project...

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FERRARA

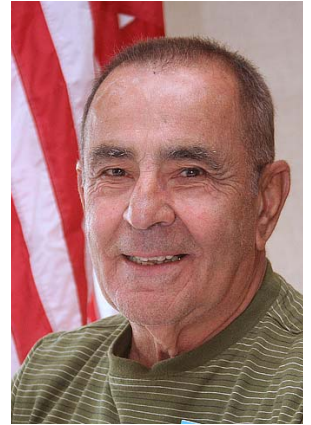
LOOKING BACK

With the holiday season over, I feel we should give thanks that we made it through another year. Our prayers are with those who had a tragedy in their lives.

I also have been thinking about all the good people and good things that have blessed our path this last decade.

Regardless of the political turmoil we are dealing with right now, it is important to remember that the U.S.A. is still the strongest and most free nation in the world. Thanks to us and what we have done.

Many of our freedoms are under attack right now as they always have been. We must continue to fight to maintain all of them



Have a wonderful happy, healthy New Year!

Your President,
Jan 12, 2010

John Ferrara
OPHSA President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John".

NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BY ED HANRAHAN

.Hope you are all well and enjoyed the past holiday. The pictures and memorial plaques were sent out to the families of Dr. Lee, Dan Braucher, and William L. Hull in 2009.

With a heavy heart may we send our condolences to Walden and Cora Storie. They lost their son Jeff in November 2009.



I had met Jeff a number of years back in Ohio when he MC'd the Stories 50th wedding anniversary. Jeff had his dad's sense of humor and a real gentleman was he. Jeff was a church leader, teacher and successful lawyer in the field of Entertainment Law. Jeff was highly devoted to his faith and family. He was respected and loved by all that knew him. He was full of compassion, kindness and integrity. Jeff was a guy that just did the right things. May God comfort Jeff's wife and

children. To Walden and Cora our deepest sympathy goes out to you.

Again, with a heavy heart we send our condolences to Bob Grillo and his family. Bob lost his wife Jane in November 2009 after a gallant fight with her illness for years. Bob became her caregiver and gave Jane the best of care.

Jane was a great shopper and she was a top-notch bridge player. She participated in bridge tournaments and loved the game. She was well versed in many subjects. Strong in her religion and strong in her character, Jane was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and she was my friend, always caring. Needless to say Jane will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

On a lighter note, who knows---Jane and Jeff just might be playing a round of bridge up there. (Watch out Jeff, she's good!)

Jim Jarboe informed me of John Szarpa's passing in November 2009 in Cheektowaga, N.Y. The information was sent to Jim by Len Godmaire. John was with 5th RCT, Charlie Company. He fought and was wounded on OP Harry the night of June 13, 1953.

We will send a letter of condolence, a card and his name will be engraved on our memorial plaque.

Please feel free to call me if you should learn of the passing of a fellow member. (727-593-0826) Florida number. (508-224-8434) Massachusetts

Spring is just around the corner and hopefully we will have a large turnout in San Diego, California in June.

Kudos to Bob Baker and Glenn Smith (our film makers)

Stay off the skyline Glenn! You guys are doing a great job! You have also raised the camaraderie even higher. Thank You!

Please remember our troops in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Ed Hanrahan
OPHSA Chaplain

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We are happy to welcome **Robert L Schieman** of Thamesville, Ontario, Canada as a new member. Robert was a forward observer for the **58th FA** in the vicinity of OP Harry in early June 1953.

TAPS

John R. Szarpa passed away in November 2009 in Cheekowaga, N.Y. John was wounded on OP Harry, for which he received the Purple Heart. He served with C Company of the 5th RCT.



After separation from the Army John became a professional accordion player and music instructor. He retired from the US Postal Service. *(Reported by Len Godmaire)*

Jeff Storie, son of **Walden** and **Cora Storie** passed away of a sudden heart attack in November. Jeff was an excellent lawyer, father, teacher and very active in his religion. Our heart goes out to his family and to Walden and Cora.

Jane Grillo, wife of **Bob Grillo** passed away in November after a long battle with her illness.

Our sincere condolences go out to the families of these fine people. May they rest in peace

THANKS TO DONORS

*The Association wishes to thank the members who sent donations since the last **Survivor** was published. These donations are the fiscal life-blood of **OPHSA**. When the association was founded it was decided that the group would raise funds via donations rather than establishing dues. The system has worked for almost twenty years due to the gentlemen listed below and all the other members who have generously donated over the years. [Ed.]*

Robert Sullivan
Paul Curtis
James Field
Charles Hirsch
Robert Brandon
Egan Fehnel
Cornelius Hindall
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James McQueen Sr.
John Martin
Demetrios Papadopoulos
John Ferrara
Edwin Kurtz

If you want a copy of our current membership list, mail a stamped, self-addressed # 10 envelope to:

James F. Jarboe
903 Crestfield Dr
Duarte, CA 91010-2131

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

We get phone calls, letters and emails regularly. Here are a few samples. *From Don Dingee by email:*

Hi Jim,

I have been trying for years to get **Charlie Johnson's** story presented as part of the Memorial Day Concert in Washington, D.C. This is the year! Charlie's story will be acted out on Memorial Day evening. You will have to check your local listing but **Hooker** and I will be in D.C. We have been working with the writer about a month. I will give you more details later.

We Held,

Dingee

ps: Have a new ankle. Had 3 operations and hopefully I can take my 1st baby step on 2/11.

From Jerry Cunningham posted in the OPHSA Forum:

One correction needs to be made in the Survivor and the Forum.

I will not be stepping down after the 2011 Reunion. I will be continuing on until you guys drop, that's if I don't drop first. I changed my mind after receiving so many phone calls from our members, asking me not to step down. So I am it until ???/??/??
(Note: The original text contains several question marks, likely representing missing or redacted information.)

Also, many, many, many of our members keep calling and want to know when they will get their registration form for the reunion?

Jerry Cunningham

(It's in this issue on page 7 and on the OPHSA Forum at <http://www.ophsa.org/smf> - Ed.)

We see that the Korean government has increased the number of revisits through the Korean War Veterans of America and Military Historical Tours. The latest "Gray-beards" magazine has full details. Check it out.

DONATIONS TO OPHSA

Send your donations to:

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Make your checks payable to:

Outpost Harry Survivors Association

EVANS BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED IN APRIL

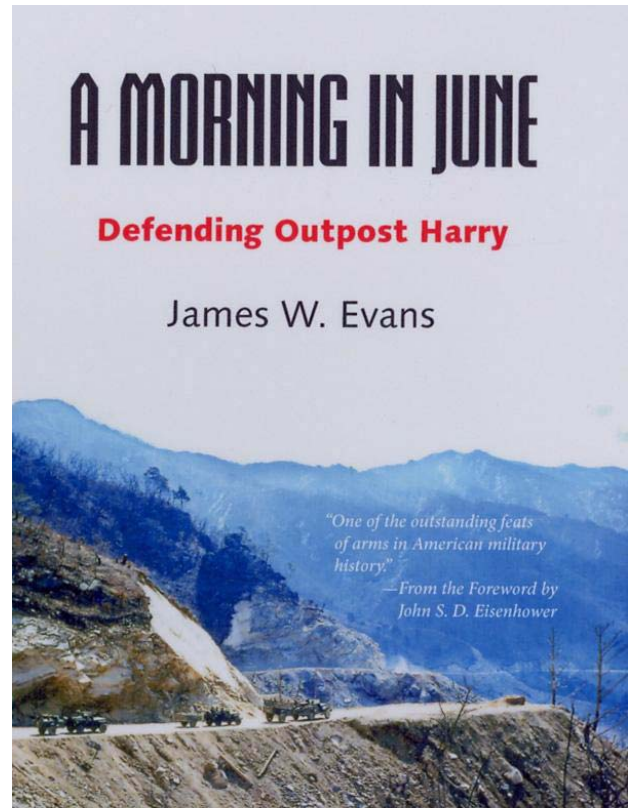


Photo courtesy of Alabama U. Press

Our comrade in arms, **Jim Evans**, has completed four years of effort in writing a book based on his time in Korea with the 5th RCT. He documents his 'adventures' at the Punch Bowl (about 125 miles East of OP Harry) and the unit's trip west to be attached to the 15th Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division.

He was promoted to CO of Able Company of the 5th RCT and just in time to take part in one of the last trench battles in Korea. His orders were to hold OP Harry at All Costs.

Your editor has read books about the wars fought by the USA from the French and Indian Wars to the current goings on in the Near East. None of them reveal the detailed horror of trench warfare as does this account. James W. Evans.



James Evans

Evans reveals the confusion of finding OP Harry with less than *Photo by Monica Sigmon*

complete instructions and after relieving the company on the hill having only 12 hours to strengthen the defenses with the aid of personnel from the 10th Engineers.

The battle is skillfully told from the CO's point of view as the Chinese troops enter the trenches whom the defenders meet in hand to hand combat. Though wounded by shrapnel Evans retains command throughout the battle until his company is properly relieved.

Jim writes of his return to civilian life with: nightmares, almost instinctive responses to loud sounds and the surprise of someone coming up behind you that you did not hear. He eventually found counseling that helped him immensely. He hopes that today's soldiers who have the same problems will benefit from his experiences and the improved treatment now available from the VA.

The book is being published by the University of Alabama Press. Copies can be ordered in advance of the publication date from Barnes and Noble, Borders and Amazon on line.

2010 REUNION INFORMATION

On behalf of Outpost Harry Survivors Association Officers, Mr. Robert Baker (Producer of the film Hold at All Costs), and Mr. Glenn Palmedo-Smith (filmmaker of the film Hold at All Costs) request the pleasure your company at the Nineteenth annual OPHSA Reunion

The Outpost Harry Survivors Association's 19th Annual Reunion will be held on **June 10, 2010** through **June 13, 2010** at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in **San Diego, California**. See the back page for hotel reservation and contact information.

The Hotel has confirmed the block of Forty (40) Rooms with a guest room rate: \$119.00 per night Single, Double, Triple and Quad. These rates are exclusive of applicable taxes and assessments. The Town and Country Resort is located in the heart of San Diego Mission Valley, only seven miles from the International Airport

Reservations: The cut off date is **May 19, 2010**. Any reservations requested after that date will be on a space available basis. Check-in time is 3 p.m. and check out 11 a.m. A one night's room deposit shall be paid to confirm a reservation. Convention rates are extended three days prior to and three days following the date of the reunion on a space-available basis. "Early reservation is strongly encouraged." Last minute reservations may not be possible.

Transportation: Shuttle service to and from the International Airport is \$10.00

Remarks: Parking: \$5.00 per day
Complimentary meeting and banquet space
Complimentary Lanai Suite for hospitality
Complimentary microphone and podium in meeting space

Refer to the Registration form on page 7 to register for the 19th annual OPHSA Reunion.

Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of the individual OPHSA member.

THE 2010 19TH ANNUAL REUNION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE. 10

- Registration All Day
- Hospitality Room open 9 am
- Cocktail Hour
- Dinner Buffet
- Evening Event

FRIDAY, JUNE. 11

- Reunion registration
 - All Day Free Time: Tour on your own
 - Or hang-out in the hospitality room
 - Review Hold at all cost film: Time to be determined
- For the latest updates refer to the OPHSA Forum at:
<http://www.ophsa.org/smf>

SATURDAY, JUNE. 12

- Memorial Service
- Recollections of OP Harry
- OPHSA Business Meeting
- Ladies and Guests Sessions

Noon Break Time

Hotel Bar & Lounge: Cocktail Hour

Banquet Toast

Banquet Dinner

Banquet Evening Events

SUNDAY, JUNE. 13

- Farewell Buffet Breakfast
- Closing of the 2010. Reunion

Hoping to see everyone in Savannah, Georgia in 2011.

"WE HELD"

Jerry Cunningham
OPHSA Reunion Chairman

OPHSA FINANCIAL STATEMENT

12-31-08 TO 12-31-09

Bank Balance 12-31-08 \$4207.88

INCOME

Donations	\$3426.00
Registration	7850.00
Cash at reunion	800.97
(Includes Hats, badges, medals & donations)	

Total \$16,284.85

EXPENSES

Survivor	\$ 1460.90
Medals	492.00
Badges & Supplies	149.22
Hospitality Room Refreshments	210.21
Website	130.09
Ladies meeting room	68.62
Hyatt Hotel	9497.14
Refunds to Members overpayment	650.00
Programs	731.59

Total \$ 13,389.77

Bank Balance 12-31-09 \$2895.08

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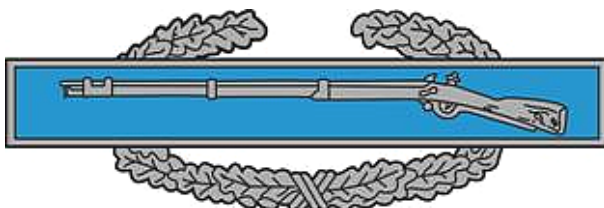
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If you have changed your **E-mail address**, notify the same guy at:

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Tips from the Webmaster

To stay current with your comrades and to get the latest news and happenings in the Outpost Harry Survivors Association, join your comrades online at the OPHSA Forum.

You can get to the forum by logging onto the OPHSA web site at <http://www.ophsa.org>, then click on the OPHSA Forum in the Index on the home page.

You will need to register using your real name -- so I can verify you are an OPHSA member.

See you online.

We Held

Freeman Bradford
OPHSA Webmaster

Outpost Harry Reunion 2010 Registration Form

Mail form, with registration fees and
voluntary donations to:

E. Douglas Jones
14614 Channel Drive
La Conner, WA 98257-4732



Make checks payable to:
OP Harry Survivors
Association

Member Full Name: _____ **Date** _____

Spouse Full Name: _____

Attending Children(s) Full Name(s): _____

Attending Guest(s) Full Name: _____

[] Check here if this is your first Outpost Harry Survivors Reunion

Your Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **ZipCode** _____

Your unit during Defense of OP Harry: _____

Reunion Fees:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration <i>Before</i> June 1, 2010*	_____ X	\$100.00 each	\$ _____
Registration <i>After</i> June 1, 2010*	_____ X	\$110.00 each	\$ _____
<i>*Attendees 16 years old and older</i>			
Attendees Age 15 1/2 years and younger		FREE	
Voluntary Donation (not required)			\$ _____
		Net Total	\$ _____

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With Courage, Tenacity and Faith.....
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Fax: (619) 291-3584
Reservations: (800) 772-8527
<http://www.towncountry.com/>

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