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OPHSA 22ND ANNUAL REUNION

WASHINGTON, D.C

JULY 23RD - JULY 27TH, 2013

The 22nd Annual Reunion of the Outpost Harry Survivors Association will be held in the **HILTON ALEXANDRIA MARK CENTER** hotel in Alexandria VA.

In addition to the OPHSA reunion, this reunion will also include the Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA) and the U.S. Department of Defence (DoD) sponsored event celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Korea War Armistice.

The celebration of 60th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice is a separate event and will be held at a different location, not in the Hotel, on July 27th, 2013. See the **22nd OPHSA Reunion Schedule** on page 2 for details of both events.

HOTEL

The 22nd OPHSA Annual Reunion will be held July 23, to July 27, 2013 at the hotel below.

HILTON ALEXANDRIA MARK CENTER

5000 Seminary Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

Reservations: 1-877-783-8258:

Hotel Hilton Direct: 703-845-1010

Group Code: MPV

Check-in: 3:00 PM 23-July 2013

Check-Out: 12: Noon 7/30/2013 or earlier

King Bed Corner Room: \$89.00 per night

Queen size Beds: \$89.00 per night

Note: Smoking rooms are available.

Guest parking: - \$18.00 per night (subject to change)

NOTE: MPVA has contracted for 40 rooms for OPHSA members during the period of 7/23/2013 to 7/30/2013 at the reduced rate of \$89.00 per day. They will monitor reservations to see if they can add more rooms at the group discounted rate, if needed.

The non-MPVA contract hotel rate is currently \$129.00 and \$169.00 per night. That is still a good deal.

Early Arrivals and Late Departures - The reduced rate with the hotel DOES NOT APPLY for early arrivals or late departures. You will be charged at the hotel's standard room rates for all early arrival days (before 7/23/2013) and late departure days (after 7/30/2013.)

Reservations - All reservations must be made individually through the Hotel's reservation department by using the contact information above. Early reservation is strongly encouraged.

NOTE: Reservations at the hotel are the responsibility of each attending OPHSA member.

When contacting the Hotel to book your reservation, be sure to use the OPHSA group code: **MPV** to ensure you get the negotiated rates.

OPHSA Registration Fees: Refer to the registration form on page 7.

Your registrations fees pay for the Thursday evening Banquet Dinner and all bus transportation while you are at the reunion. You are responsible for all other meals except the MPVA sponsored Saturday night banquet.

Please send your registration fees to Mr. **Douglas Jones** along with a filled-in copy of the registration form on page 7 PRIOR to checking in at the **Hilton Alexandria Mark Center** hotel.

RESTAURANTS

There is a hotel restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. There are other restaurants near the hotel which offer less pricey menus.

22ND OPHSA REUNION SCHEDULE

(Note: *Event schedules and times will be in the next Survivor, as available. Complete, firm schedules will be in your registration packet at reunion check-in.*)

EVENT SCHEDULES

TUESDAY, JULY 23RD

- **All day Registration**
- **Evening Events** (An evening meal will NOT be served)
Discussion of the five days events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH

- **Morning:** Memorial Service and Business meeting
- **Afternoon and evening:** Free Time

THURSDAY, JULY 25TH

- **Morning:** Visit to Arlington Cemetery
- **Noon:** No-host lunch at Fort Meyers
- **Afternoon:** Free time
- **Evening:** Social function with a no-host bar
- **Evening:** Banquet Dinner

FRIDAY JULY 26TH

- **Visit to the Korean War Memorial:** by bus
- **Rest of the day:** Free time.

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH

- **Morning:** Go by bus to the 60th Anniversary of the Signing of the Korean War Armistice ceremony
- **Evening:** The 60th Anniversary Banquet Dinner (hosted by the MPVA) and the closing of the OPHSA 22nd Annual Reunion.

NOTE: Only the veteran and one companion can be seated at the evening Banquet.

“WE HELD”

Jerry Cunningham
OPHSA Reunion Coordinator

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

Rhonda Gloodt, Associate Editor
830 Beaver Lake Blvd.
Plattsmouth, NE 68048-4201

PRESIDENTS CORNER

BY DAVE MILLS



Greetings from Arizona where we are spending the Winter, from just after Thanksgiving until Easter, and where it is usually warm and bright with the Sun shining almost every day. Our Winter cold snap, of four days, is over and now it is on to Spring weather with the temperatures in the 70's.

“Honorary Chairman for Life” & Reunion Chairman of the OPHSA, Jerry Cunningham,

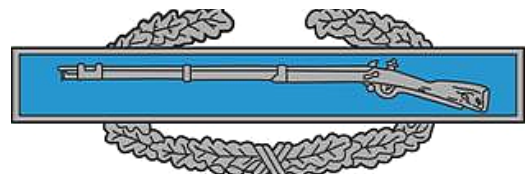
otherwise known affectionately as “Mr. Chairman”, announced at our Columbus Reunion, last June, 2012, that the 2013 Reunion, the Association’s 22nd, would be held in Washington, DC during the month of July in order to participate in the Department of Defense’s 60th Anniversary Ceremonies Commemorating the signing of the Armistice ending the Korean War on July 27, 1953.

It is hard to believe that 60 years has gone by since that DAY, July 27, 1953. I am sure each and every one of us knows exactly where we were and what we were doing; I know that I certainly do!

Mr. Chairman is planning a program like none seen before. There has never been an event for Korean Veterans like this that I am aware of, either in magnitude or participation, by Veteran Groups and the Department of Defense lead by Colonel David Clark, who you may recall was our keynote speaker last year. **SO MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS EARLY! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

SEE YOU THERE!

In Your Service, Dave



NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BY CHUCK TROUT

Please remember in your prayers our departed and our sick members. Stay in touch with each other if possible.

Remember our service men and women stationed all over the World.

See you in July.

Sincerely,

Chuck Trout



NEW MEMBER

Frank E. Head
65th Inf
Med Co

TAPS

ED HARAHAH

By Rhonda McAuliffe Gloodt, Assistant Editor

Ed Hanrahan was the closest thing I had to a father. In the early 90s, I had written Graybeards Korean War magazine asking if any of the veterans knew my father, **Ronald G. Bradley**, who is MIA from the Battle on Outpost Harry on June 11th, 1953 in Korea. Ed was a medic in the area at this time and had contact with my dad's unit. He did not know my dad but he asked **Walden Storie** if he knew him and Walden remembered my father. Both Walden and my father were young married men and had this in common. Most of the young men fighting over there were single. Ed convinced Walden that he should write to me about my dad and this was the beginning of a wonderful friendship with Ed, Walden and the men who survived and belonged to the Outpost Harry Survivors Association.



Burial Ceremony Honor Guard presenting Bill Hanrahan, Ed Hanrahan's brother, with the burial flag.

Ed, Walden and I spoke over the phone and then we finally met in Chicago at an Out Post Harry Survivors Reunion. The rest is History. Our family had many visits to Florida each year with Ed and the reunion of the Outpost Harry Men was always something to look forward to. We all have so many friends there.

Ed was the Chaplin for the Outpost Harry Survivors Association. When a member would pass away, Ed took it upon himself to make a remembrance book for the family of the deceased. He would gather up as much info as he could along with pictures and bring the books to the reunion to share with the individual members. After the reunion he would mail the books to the families. He also had these names added to the Outpost Harry memorial plaque. Ed's eyesight was terrible and he did not have a computer. He accomplished these tasks the old fashion way, by writing letters. He put much effort and care into these remembrance books!

Ed loved gardening. He always had his yard filled with trees, plants, and flowers and he enjoyed his life on Manomet. He also loved to fish and catch lobster. Since Ed did not eat either he had many neighbors who enjoyed his catch of the day. Ed was always only a phone call away and he enjoyed telling jokes, he had such a great sense of humor. He always had a positive attitude about life. I will greatly miss him.

With Love,
Rhonda McAuliffe Gloodt

You can click here to view Ed Harhan's [memorial page](#).

If you want to add a comment to Ed's memorial page, send it by email to:

Webmaster@ophsa.org

and it will be posted.

Bill Hanrahan, Ed's brother, asked that anyone who wanted to honor Ed to contribute a donation to the Ed Hanrahan Memorial Fund. (ed.)

DONATIONS TO THE ED HANRAHAN
MEMORIAL FUND

Send your donations to:

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

Make your checks payable to:

Outpost Harry Survivors Association



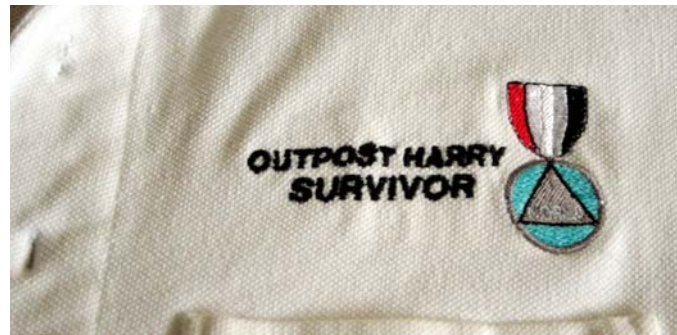
OP HARRY SHIRTS

OP Harry shirts available on special order from **Floyd** and **Iris Deiwert** who have graciously offered to process orders for our OP Harry white, short sleeved, polo shirts embroidered with the OP Harry Logo on the left and the name on the right.

Floyd said he received several inquiries about the shirts during the reunion. He has sent us the size and price information for both men's and women's shirts. (Prices subject to change. Check with Floyd or Iris when ordering.)

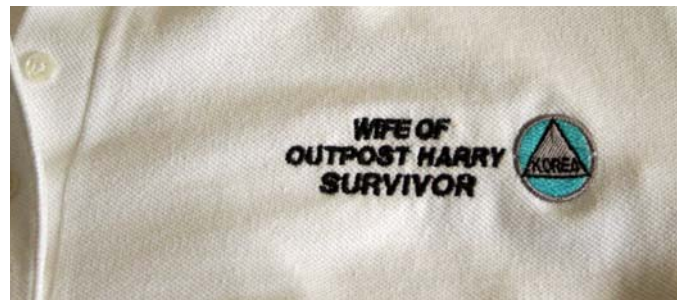
Send no money with your order. When the order is complete Floyd will ship it to you with an itemized invoice for payment.

Members shirts have "Outpost Harry Survivor" and the OP Harry Memorial Medal embroidered above the left pocket.



Member OP Harry shirt, left logo

Spouses and family members shirts have "Wife of Outpost Harry Member", "Son of Outpost Harry Member", "Daughter of Outpost Harry Member", etc. with the OPHSA emblem.



Ladies OP Harry shirt, left logo

Men's shirts (no embroidery, with pocket)

Small to X large	\$15.50
XXX Large	\$19.00
XXXX Large	\$21.75

Lady's shirts (no embroidery, no pocket)

Small to X Large	\$10.55
XXX Large	\$14.00
XXXX Large	\$15.75
XXXXX Large	\$16.00

Embroidery costs are:

Left Logo

Either men's or lady's	\$6.00
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Names (The name goes on the right)

One name	\$4.00
Two names	\$5.00

Floyd and Iris Deiwert
1186 E. Meadow Dr.
Greensburg, IN 47240-7700
Phone: (812) 662-0021
Email: floydiris@frontier.com

ORDERING REUNION BADGES

For those attending your first OPHSA reunion, a copy of the registration form you filled out and sent to our Secretary/Treasurer will be sent to **Richard Martinet**. Richard has blank badges he will send to a vendor close to him. The badges will be mailed to the reunion site in time to be waiting for you in your registration packet when you check in at the OPHSA desk in the hotel lobby.

For those of you who have had badges but somehow misplaced them, you should send \$15.00 to Richard Martinet to have replacements badges made. The first time attendees' badges are free.



Sample Reunion Badges

The badges are 2x3 inches, Infantry Blue background, with the name of the member, where you live, and your unit engraved in white. Spouses or relatives will have names and location as seen in these samples.

For replacements, send the required information and \$15.00 to:

Richard Martinet
10045 Gardenside Dr.
Waite Hill, OH 44094-6952

NOTE: Orders will **NOT** be processed if not received on or before **May 15, 2013**.

THANKS TO OUR DONORS

Our Association, since it's inception, has never charged the membership dues. We have relied on donations from our members to keep us afloat. Those donations have allowed us to fund our quarterly *Survivor* newsletters and the Website as well as the planning and deposits needed when preparing the reunions.

Your elected and appointed officers serve without compensation.

Below, in no particular order, are the names of our most recent donors. OPHSA wants to thank them all! (*Ed.*)

Laura Brigham
Patrick Carbone
Cornelus Hindall
Leonard Godmaire
Martin Markley
Chester Fudala

Egan Fehnel
Joseph Kolgat jr.
Joseph Fishmen
Ray Martin
Theodor Vlahos
Dale Mcgraw

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VISIT TO OP HOWE 6/24/2012

By Rhonda McAuliffe Gloodt, assistant editor

The Photo Journalist, **Gyoung Youl Jeong**, who attended our 20th Reunion in 2011 in Savannah GA, made special arrangements for the OPHSA group to have a separate itinerary from the Revisit Group in order to make a special trip to OP Howe, which is now called Korean Outpost Chung Sung.

We made the trip from densely populated, very cosmopolitan Seoul, north through endless rice paddies, towards the DMZ. We stopped for lunch, and then after a break at the 38th Parallel, we continued north towards the DMZ.



Don Chase, David Newberry, and Jim Hafer in front of the 38th parallel marker

As we crossed the Han Tan River, it became clear we were in a war zone. It is easy to forget, while in cosmopolitan Seoul, that North and South Korea have never signed a peace treaty.

Many in the OPHSA group had cameras and our OPHSA group was surrounded, at all times with photographers with both video and still cameras. A military photographer even

had a 3D video camera he used to document our trip as we approached OP Howe.



Group picture taken on OP Howe

I could not help think, during our trip to OP Howe, that this was the same journey my father took 59 year ago. He would have been traveling in an Army truck on a dirt road but still seeing the same valley and the hills we were seeing.

As we got close to the DMZ there were check points that we had to go through. Not anyone was allowed into this area.

We passed the guards and the barb wire fence and were escorted to a military church where we put on camouflage coats with a black and white Korean MP armbands.

We then got into sturdy little buses and headed up the back side of OP Howe. On the way were signs signifying MINES in the area. As we approached the top of Outpost Howe, we could see Korean Soldiers lined up on both sides of the road saluting then applauding our Veterans.

This scene was captured on Video and was showing on the local Seoul TV News when we got back to Seoul. You can see this clip from the [Seoul TV Chosun](#) web site for 06/25/2012.

I looked around at our men; they were truly not expecting this welcome. We were escorted up a steep flight of stairs into Outpost Howe. From Outpost Howe we could see the [June 1953 battleground](#). The big glass windows were marked with the names of the hills and valleys we were looking at. Outpost Harry was right in front of us. In the middle of the room was a model of the area with all the locations labeled. I have never seen our guys so quiet. I can only imagine the emotions they were feeling.

If interested, there is more detailed information about our 5-day, [2012 Korean Revisit](#) here.

There was a huge, mounted binocular telescope plus hand-held binoculars for each of us. A Korean officer welcomed us, with the aid of a translator, described what his men were currently doing in the area. He asked if anyone would like to share their memories of Outpost Harry. Don Chase said a few words but most of the guys were quiet.

Leaving Outpost Howe, we followed the Korean soldiers outside and down the steep stairs. We were given helmets, then we went through the camouflage fence, to the wire fence in front of OP Howe. We were looking out over the no-man's land in the DMZ between OP Howe and OP Harry.

The Korean soldiers had put a floral wreath on the fence along with a picture of my mother and I placing flowers on the fence in November 2011. That was the first time in history that flowers had ever been allowed on the DMZ fence. This was the second time. They gave each of us a white rose and one-by-one we placed a rose on the DMZ fence and saluted..... What more can I say.



Ed Kurtz places a white rose on the fence with the DMZ, looking north, over his left shoulder.

Outpost Harry Reunion 2013 Registration Form

Mail form, with registration fees and
voluntary donations to:

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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 _____ Zip Code _____

Your unit during Defense of OP Harry: _____

Reunion Fees:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration <i>Before</i> July 1, 2011*	_____ X	\$125.00 each	\$ _____
Registration <i>After</i> July 1, 2011*	_____ X	\$140.00 each	\$ _____
<i>*Attendees 13 years old and older</i>			
Attendees younger than 13 years	FREE		
Voluntary Donation (not required)			\$ _____
		Net Total	\$ _____



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The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----



With Courage, Tenacity and Faith.....

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