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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY JIM HAFER



As the twenty second OPHSA Reunion has come and gone, we can look back and know "The Forgotten War" is not forgotten.

A reunion we will remember forever. For those who were unable to attend, our itinerary took us to **Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the 3rd Infantry Division Monument**, and time spent at the extremely impressive **Korean War Memorial**. A wreath laying ceremony was conducted at each of these sites.

An outdoor evening program "Tattoo", performed by units of the U.S. Army featuring the National Drill Team and the Revolutionary War re enactors including the Fife and Drum Corp., all in authentic uniforms was spectacular

Other evening activities included our own OPHSA banquet on Friday and on Saturday a banquet courtesy of The Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs.

The Saturday ceremony commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Korean War's end was attended by thousands of veterans and others. This ceremony was presented by The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee

head by **Colonel David J. Clark** and the **Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs**. Many U.S. and Korean dignitaries spoke during the program with the keynote address being delivered by **President Obama**. The ceremony definitely made a lasting impact on all in attendance.

By now you know we were on a very tight schedule to attend all of the events, at all times. Would you care to guess who undertook the mission to make sure we arrived at each location on time? You are correct, it was **Capt. Monika** and **Col. Tim**. They performed this task without a flaw. If not for them we would probably still be wandering around lost.

The Stoys' involvement with OPHSA is more than words can express. From all of us to you, Tim and Monika, Thank You!

We salute you both.

Can you imagine how much we would remember about all of our reunions without photos? Have you ever seen **Freeman Bradford** and **Jim Jarboe** without a camera? No. I would bet those two have taken at least a million pictures. Thanks to both of you. (Brad let me know when the surgeon removes that camera from your hands. I would like to witness the operation.)

To think that one day **Jerry Cunningham** had the curiosity to initiate the search to locate veterans who served at "Outpost Harry" is remarkable. We are all aware of the results. And to serve the OPHSA as Reunion Chairman for twenty two consecutive reunions is unbelievable. Jerry, the OPHSA membership cannot Thank You enough. I have a very strong suspicion that **Lillie Cunningham** has been deeply involved in all of these twenty two reunions. Thank You Lillie.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your OPHSA president this coming year. I will make every effort to carry out the duties of this office as you expect me to do.

To all of the past presidents, you deserve a big Thank You for keeping the OPHSA on course and flourishing.

And to **Dave Mills**, our outgoing president, Thank You for the leadership you have demonstrated while holding this office.

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Jim Hafer

NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

BY CHUCK TROUT

There are some dates we will never forget. One of them is July 27th, 1953. Sixty years ago this young teen-ager was a member of A Company, 15th Regiment and I, like many others, were listening to rumors that the fighting in Korea would cease at 10 p.m. that evening. According to the terms of the armistice, which was signed at 10 a.m., the spot the troops were occupying at 10 p.m. that night would determine the boundary that separated North and South Korea. Both the friendly and enemy troops decided they would dispose of excess munitions. All day long the firing continued and then at 10 p.m. all was quiet. It was as if someone flipped a switch. All firing ceased and we could witness the enemy having formations as if a war never happened. Let us never forget the cost of peace and those who gave their all. When we compare North and South Korea today we witness the difference our efforts made. Freedom is never free! Blessings, your chaplain, Chuck Trout



TAPS

Burke Swain, 79, of Durkin Road, North Creek:, N.Y passed away peacefully, Monday, May 6, 2013 at his home following a brief illness.

Born in Ticonderoga on January 26, 1934, he was the son of the late Kenneth W. and Letha (Proskine) Swain.



Burke was a lifelong resident of North Creek. Following his graduation from North Creek High School in 1952, he enlisted in the United States Army and proudly fought for

his country during the Korean War. He received several medals for his valor on the front lines and was honorably discharged as a sergeant in 1955.

Burke was an active member of the American Legion Post 629 for over 50 years. He was an active member of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, Outpost No. 5, the Outpost Harry Survivors Association, and the 15th Infantry Regiment Association.

May our fallen comrades rest in everlasting peace. (Ed.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our new member. We hope to see you at our next reunion that is being planned for June 2014 in Oklahoma City, OK (Ed.)

Ivan J. Sargent --E Co. of the 15th

THANKS TO DONORS

The list of names that follows are the members who helped us pay the bills for this reunion. Without them and the other members who sent donations to our Secretary/Treasurer, over the last 22 years, we could not operate the Association. Thanks to all! WE HELD! And with your support we are still holding. (Ed.)

Lee Philips
Art Elkington
John Johnston
Dale McGraw
Virginia Sullivan
James Fields
Robert Grillo
James Hafer

David Crosby
Sam Buck
Brock Lippitt
Ivan Sargent Jr
Lohn Lody
Leonard Debord
Dave Mills

22ND REUNION ATTENDEES

Here are the members and guests who attended the 22th reunion in Washington D.C., July 23rd through July 27th, 2013.

Don Chase

Stephen and Ellen Chase
Edward Inteman

John and Carolyn Ferrara.

Peter and Harriet Chacho

Jack and Eileen Lomonaco

Thomas, Beth, and Kule Lomonaco

Lennie and Priscilla Lasser.
Robert and Catherine Miller.
 Cameron Miller
 Gregory Welty
 Mark Ferritto
Joseph Fishman
Jerry and Lillie Cunningham
James and Ottie McQueen.
 Mike & Barbara McCallum
Curtis Marjorie Halvorson.
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 Andrew and Ella Whitman
 Sara Walsh
Egan and Mary Fehnel
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 Laura, Jackson, and Cody Ayers
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 Tom and Judy Tupper
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Freeman Bradford
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Robert Grillo
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 Louise Kellinger
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 Dawn Zatorski
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 Sami and Randel Wahlert
 Howard and Kelly Buck
 Doug and Mason Corson
 Bill and Cathy Manders
 Nicholas Apple
John and Betsy Lenz
 Thomas and William Lenz
 Sarah and Leanna Livings
 Carolyn and James Livings?
Ivan Sargent
 Martin Sargent
John Lody
Doug Jones and Ruth Taylor
Bob Baker
Dave and Shirley Mills

2013 MEETING MINUTES

July 26th, 2013

The opening of the business meeting got off to a rocky start [as usual]...

Maurice [Fuzzy] Guy our incoming President again had to cancel coming to the reunion due to another death in the family.. **Dave Mills**, our illustrious [third term Pres], had to fill in for Fuzzy this last year, appointed past president **John Ferrera** as interim president until we had an election of officers....Besides if Dave was again Pres. we would have to change the dates on the plaque he didn't know he was going to get..



With temp President John in firm [sort of] control we again continued with our rocky start... a white shirt in the front row made a motion which was quickly seconded by a green shirt several rows back...As what frequently happens I missed the motion..There was no question nor vote....**Sam** was wearing the white shirt and when questioned had no idea of what he had in mind....I am still looking for the green shirt....John back in command, [no progress so far] had **Bob Grillo** 'pinch-hit" for **Chuck Trout** as Chaplain, give the invocation.

Minutes of 2012 and financial report approved [Thank goodness]

Old Business...**Lennie** had a half hour report that he thoughtfully shortened to five minutes, reviewing the original formation of our reunion.....John thanked Lennie and recognized the three charter members in attendance at this reunion...**Lennie Lassar, Jerry Cunningham** and **Don Chase**....I remember when we had 10 or more...Jerry was not in the room so Sam made the motion to give Jerry \$2500 for his many years of service as "Mr Chairman" ...Everyone seconded..[vote not necessary]...

Election of Officers...**Jim Hafer** and **Bob Baker** nominated for President...Bob declined and said he would accept V Pres...Very easy vote...Jim and Bob are now our leaders...

Sec/Treas....I waited and waited..I even suggested Impeach....The silence was deafening... **Brad**, of course, is our Web Master Guru and along with our **Rhonda** put the Survivor together...**Paul Gregory** is still Sgt at Arms

and had to go home early due to illness...**Bob Baker** encouraged the Association to file as a 501c3 giving means to perpetuate our existence....Bob will have his people research the possibilities and report back next year....

Finally last....Pres. Jim and I will co-chair our 2014 reunion next June in Oklahoma City...I plan to teach Jim how to properly farm his 160 acres...He plans to have me digging post holes....Jerry don't get an unlisted phone number..

Bye for now

Doug

22ND REUNION PHOTOS

(Note. All of the 22nd reunion photos are available for viewing on the OPHSA web site at:

http://www.ophsa.org/22nd_Reunion)

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013

Registration, socializing, and an evening orientation meeting.

WEDNESDAY JULY 24, 2013

MORNING MEETING

After welcoming remarks by **Dave Mills**, **Bob Baker** offered a plan to sustain the OPHSA organization over the years.



Bob Baker presents plan for the OPHSA future

In preparation for the OPHSA activities during our Reunion in Washington D.C. for the next four days, **Monica** and **Tim Stoy** coordinated the buses, the **Mar-riot hotel**, the **DoD**, and the **Korean MPVA**.



Monica Stoy goes over the events and their timing during the OPHSA group's four days in Washington D.C.

FREE TIME - SMITHSONIAN

After the morning meeting, we had free time. **Rhonda Gloodt** and her family choose to rent a cab and visit the Smithsonian museum.



Rhonda admires one of the many exhibits at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History

TATTOO "HEROES REMEMBERED"

In the afternoon we boarded buses that took us to the **Twilight Tattoo** held at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA.

The Precision Drill Team was just one of many performances during that evening event.

THURSDAY JULY 25, 2013

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

Thursday morning the OPHSA group visited the Korean War Memorial.



Precision Drill Team



The OPHSA Group visiting the Korean War Memorial

The Korean War Memorial is an incredible experience. Being with the grey statues walking through the field was an echo from 60 years ago.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

After leaving the **Korean War Memorial**, we next visited the **Arlington National Cemetery** where we viewed the 3rd Infantry Division's grave sites.

Third Infantry Division's grave sites

Doug Jones, and **Bob Baker** laid a wreath at the foot of the Third Infantry Division's monument honoring the 3rd Infantry Division's dead.



Doug Jones, Bob Baker at the 3rd I.D. Monument

While at Arlington National Cemetery, we also viewed **Audie Murphy's** grave.



Audie Murphy's grave

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

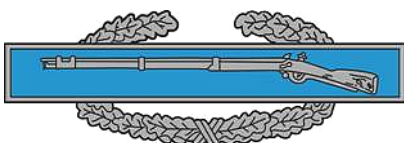
The OPHSA group visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where we watch the ceremony of the changing of the guards, after which **Jerry Cunningham, Bob Baker, Doug Jones, and Sam Buck** presented wreaths which were placed at the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**.



Jerry Cunningham and Bob Baker presenting a wreath which was placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

LUNCH

After the ceremony, we had lunch at the Myer's Officer's Club which was an elegant room on the second floor of an old building on the base.



Lunch at the Meyer's Officers Club.

STAGE SHOW

The OPHSA group attended a stage show at the site across the street from the Korean War Memorial. Technicians were setting up for tomorrow's Korean War 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice Celebration. The OPHSA group were the only attendees at that evening's performance.

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2013

Friday we had our normal Reunion events.

MEMORIAL SERVICE & BUSINESS MEETING

Friday morning the OPHSA group met for the Memorial Service, as shown below with **Dave Mills and Rhonda Gloodt** lighting a candle for the MIA and POW.



Memorial Service

The business meeting followed the memorial service.

EVENING BANQUET

The evening Banquet was held in the Marriott Hotel where we were entertained by the Korean “Little Angels” shown here performing Yankee Doodle



OPHSA Evening Banquet

SATURDAY JULY 27, 2013

All day Saturday was dedicated to the celebration and memorial of the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice.

SATURDAY MORNING DoD CEREMONY

The **DoD** (Department of Defense) sponsored ceremony celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice held in the field next to the Korean War memorial. There was entertainment and a speech by the President and Commander in Chief of the United States, **Barack Obama**. You can view President Obama’s full speech to the Korean War Veterans at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fi-v4rYsRxk>



President and Commander in Chief, Barack Obama, speaking to the assembled Korean War Veterans

SATURDAY EVENING KOREAN MPVA BANQUET

A formal banquet sponsored by the **Korean MPVA** (Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs) was held in the grand ballroom of the **Hilton Hotel**.

It was an elegant affair attended by Korean War Veterans from many of the U.N. countries who participated in the war.



Korean General Eh Kwon greets John Ferrara

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The Enemy Wanted This Hill-----



With Courage, Tenacity and Faith.....

WE HELD!

The Outpost Harry Survivors Association's **23rd Reunion** will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma during June, 2014. More details will be posted in future issues of the *Survivor* as they become available.