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The Executive Committee Meeting is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 11:30 am at AMVETS Post 2, 702 E. South St, Frederick, MD. Regular Meeting is 2nd Wednesday of the month, 2:30 pm, AMVETS Post 2.

Commander's Message:

Well, we've flipped the calendar and summer has arrived. If the last few days is an indication of things to come it's going to be a long hot one.

On Friday May 27th, Bob Mount, Chip Chipley, Glenn Wienhoff, and myself attended a Memorial Day celebration for the veterans at Citizens Nursing Home. We were entertained for almost an hour with Military Hymns and songs from the past by a pastor from Fort Dietrich. At the end of the program the Chapter donated a check in the amount of \$1000.00 for the veteran's welfare.

As you know COL. Weber was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, with full honors, on June 22nd, 2022. A contingents of Chapter members showed their respect by attending the ceremony.

We are pleased to report Kern Thornton is recovering from a bout with the covid.

To those who have signed up to attend the dedication of The Wall of Remembrance on July 27th this is to remind you the bus will be departing from Urbana Park and Ride at 6:20 AM.

A note to all, stay well and stay cool.

Fred

Special Thanks to Mike Chipley for keeping our Monument clean at Memorial Park!

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

Commander Becker, Chipley, Mount and Wienhoff attended the Citizens/Montiview Memorial Day Program on May 27, 2022. A check for \$1,000 was presented to the Facility's Volunteer Auxiliary for the benefit of veterans residing at the location.



Col(R) William E. Weber was a soldier's soldier. He enlisted in the Army at 17 and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1945. Bill had a long, distinguished, and decorated career as a paratrooper and a member of the 11th Airborne Division and 82nd Airborne Division. During his service, he served as the executive officer of L Company, 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team and later commanding officer of K Company, 3rd Battalion, ARCT. He took part in the Allied occupation of Japan during World War II and saw significant combat during the Korean War. In February 1951, he was severely wounded and lost both his right arm and right leg. Despite these injuries, Bill remained on active duty, being one of the first such disabled officers on active duty since the Civil War. He served both with NATO in Europe and at the Pentagon. In 1980, after 37 years of service, Bill retired at the rank of Colonel.

Even missing his arm and leg, nothing stopped Bill from skiing, sailing, swimming, and horseback riding long into his life. He loved spending time on his farm with his rescue Great Danes and playing bridge with his family. His intellectual curiosity knew no bounds, as he pursued two masters degrees from Hood College and University of Maryland.

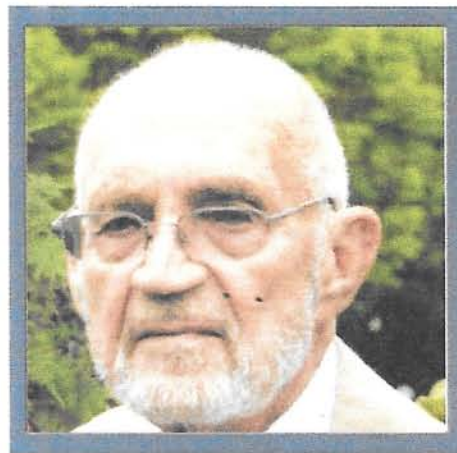
Bill served for nearly 24 years as Chairman, Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation. He also served as president of the American Airborne Association, Inc., and published the Airborne Quarterly for nearly 33 years. Bill was appointed by President Reagan as a member of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board. He and his fellow board members passionately advocated for the construction of a memorial to remind all those who visited it that Freedom Is Not Free. The memorial itself was dedicated in 1995 by President Clinton and, in 2016, President Obama approved legislation for the additional construction of a Wall of Remembrance to the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Bill wanted to ensure that visitors to the national memorial would learn of the sacrifice of over 36,000 Americans and over 7,200 Koreans, who served as Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army (KATUSAs) and died to save the Republic of South Korea from the terror of communism. The wall's final stone was laid in place on Saturday April 9, the day of Bill's passing. His greatest regret is that North and South Korea remain divided.

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"For we each are the one that is all. In each is the comrade that fell, the husband that did not return, the son or daughter that bled, the friend that never again will share a handclasp. Though we were once forgotten, it was not from each other. That we are now remembered is but a Nation's belated acknowledgment of that which we honored from the beginning."

*—Colonel William E. Weber, USA (Ret),
from the dedication of the Korean War
Memorial, July 27, 1995*

COL(R) William E. Weber
November 10, 1925 - April 9, 2022



In Memory Of
Colonel William Ernest Weber
USA Retired

Date of Birth
Tuesday, November 10, 1925
Chicago, Illinois

Date of Death
Saturday, April 9, 2022
New Windsor, Maryland

Services
Friday, April 22, 2022 at 2 p.m.
Resthaven Memorial Gardens
Frederick, Maryland

Officiating
Jack Keep, National Chaplain Emeritus,
Korean War Veterans Association

Military Interment
Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia

Colonel William E. Weber Memorial Service Resthaven

On April 22, 2022 a contingent from the Frederick and Hagerstown KWVA Chapters attended the Memorial Service for Col. (Ret) William E. Weber at Resthaven Memorial Gardens and provided a Final Salute. Korean Minister of Veterans Affairs Hwang Ki-cheol read a message from President Moon Jae-in, and Korean Ambassador to the United States Lee Su-hyeok read a message from President-elect Yoon Soek-yeol, both expressing condolences and paying tribute to a Korean War hero.

President Moon wrote, "I salute you. We will continue to work hard so that the ROK-US alliance, which was forged with the blood and tears of American veteran, including the deceased, can continue to be strong in the future." Minister Hwang Ki-cheol then presented a tribute plaque to Annelie Weber.

President-elect Yoon wrote, "Colonel Weber's courage and sacrifice greatly contributed to the defense of Korean territory and freedom. After his discharge, he devoted himself so that the whole world would not forget the Korean War."

Former South Korean Defense Attaché to the United States and current Secretary General to the Korean US Alliance Foundation Korean Army Major Gen (Ret) Shin Kyoung Soo spoke affectionately of his friendship with Col Weber, describing him as a hero and mentor.

C. Monika Stoy, US Army, Retired President, Outpost 5845 International, Society of the 3rd Infantry Division spoke of her first austere impression of Col Weber in 2007, and how over time she came to know him as a warm person. She thanked Annelie and Bill for continuing to preserve the history of Airborne.

Eric Lynn, Vice President of the 101st Airborne Division, read a letter from Pastor So Kang Suk of Saint Eden Presbyterian Church in Korea; Col (Ret) Rick Dean noted Bill's birthday was the same as the Marine Corps birthday; and KWVA National Chaplain Emeritus Reverend Keep gave closing remarks pointing out that Col Weber was determined that the Korean War be forgotten no longer.

Colonel. William E. Weber Laid to Rest at Arlington National Cemetery



On June 22, 2022 Col (Ret) William E. Weber was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery, our nation's most hallowed ground. This historic cemetery bears witness to the sacrifice of men and women in uniform throughout U.S. history, which Col. Weber represents as he dedicated his entire life to the service of our nation and his fellow comrades.

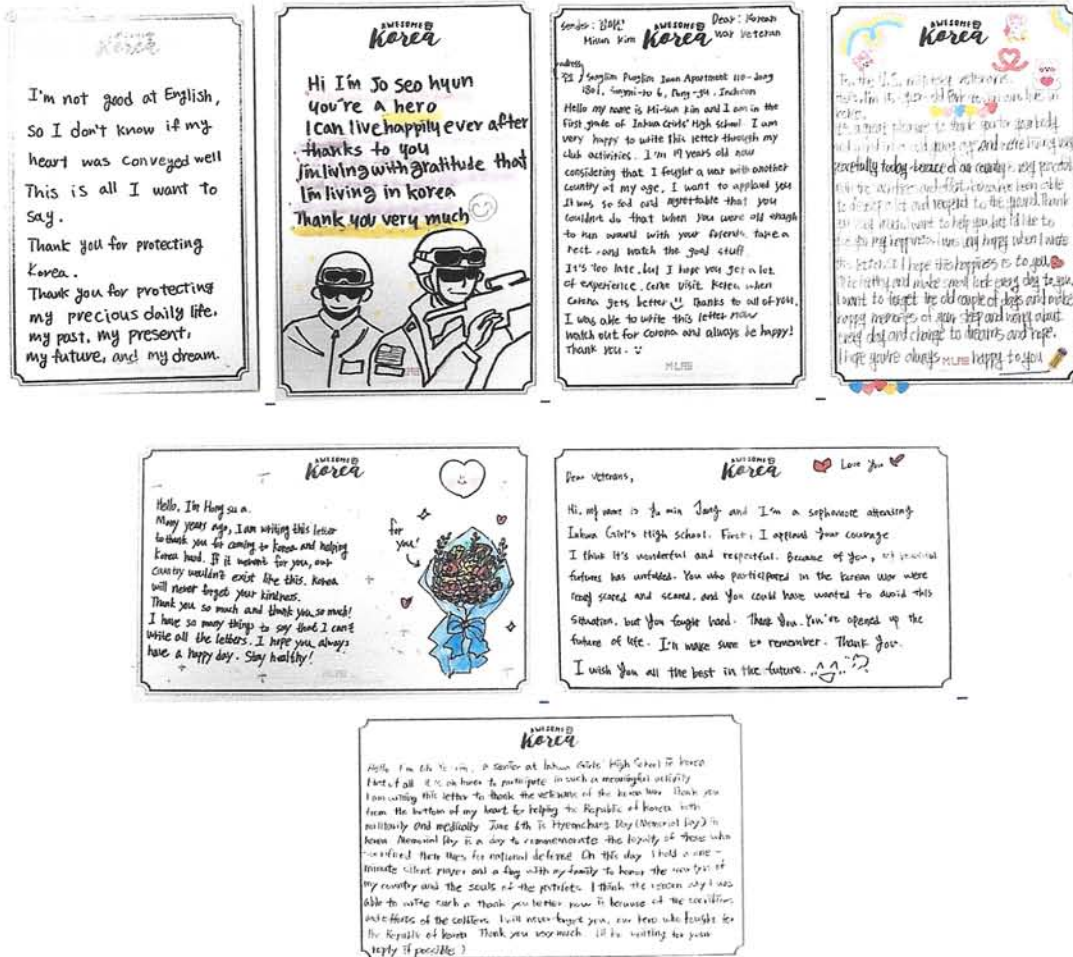
Col (Ret) William E. Weber received full military honors with escort; a riderless horse, color guard, playing of Taps, firing party for a volley salute, a military band, a military team of pallbearers and a caisson driven by six horses to the gravesite.

Chapter members Fred Becker, Chip Chipley, Richard Cody and Glenn Wienhoff attended.



Postcards from Korea

Mrs. Cho, friend of KWVA Chapter 142, hand delivered a collection of postcards written to Korean War Veterans from students of the Inhwa Girl's High School. The postcards displayed views of Korea today: The Dongdaemun Design Plaza, Han River, Bukchon Hanok, the Seoul Station, Gyeongbok Palace, Nansangol Hanok and Deoksugung. The sentiments written on the postcards by young Koreans touched the hearts of KWVA Chapter 142 members. The students also shared their talents with drawing and origami.



Each note expressed individual feelings, and collectively expressed recognition and gratitude toward the Korean War Veterans who have given them freedom. Dahyun Hwang summed it up simply. She writes:

I'm not good at English, so I don't know if my heart was conveyed well. This is all I want to say. Thank you for protecting Korea. Thank you for protecting my precious daily life, my past, my present, my future, and my dream.



Don't accept it as the 'Forgotten War'

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

The Korean War can never be forgotten. It was the portal to a changed global reality – deterrence of communist aggression with a new hitch, the threat of atomic weapons. And yet, it was a war fought largely on the ground, in the air and at sea. It was also the first major military conflict for the U.S. Air Force and for head-to-head jet combat.

Those who served there almost universally describe the extremes of bitter cold, miserable heat, inadequate equipment, outdated weapons and poor provisions. And yet, through sheer determination, Americans succeeded in pushing back the invading enemy.

The Korean War struck at a time of American prosperity, spurred by the GI Bill and the post-World War II baby boom. Suburban barbecues, however, would have to wait for those who went to the peninsula to drive communist forces back across the 38th Parallel after their 1950 invasion.

The American Legion has had upwards of 1 million members who served in the Korean War over the decades. The number who are active and paid up for 2022, however, has dropped to 168,556.

We owe it to future generations to collect, preserve and share their stories while firsthand accounts are still available.

The American Legion Media & Communications Commission is calling for submissions to [its Legiontown website](#). To share yours, visit Legiontown.org and select the category MY KOREAN WAR STORY to contribute.

Selections from those submissions will be used in an upcoming special issue of *The American Legion Magazine* as well as the national website at legion.org. The project seeks stories of post namesakes, members, families, community remembrances, troop support during the war and more. All submissions are easy to share on social media, too, so more people – today and tomorrow – can learn our Korean War story.

Help us “preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars” and specifically share with others why the so-called “Forgotten War” needs to be remembered now and forever.

For God and Country,

Paul E. Dillard

American Legion National Commander



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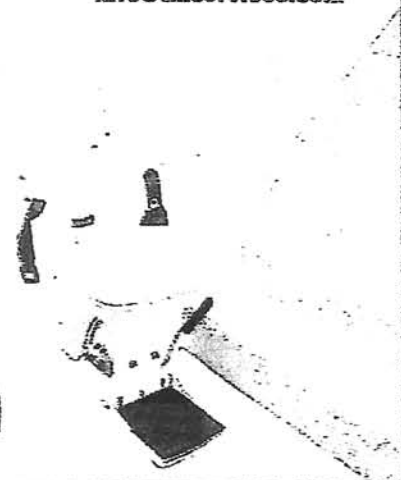
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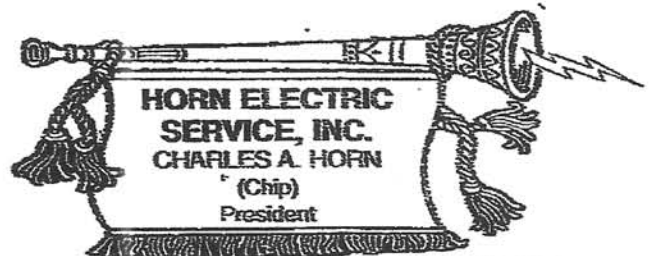
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**The Upcoming Regular Meetings
are on Wednesday:**

**July 13, 2022 @ AMVETS Post 2 @ 2:30pm
August 10, 2022 @ AMVETS Post 2 @ 2:30pm
September 14, 2022 @ AMVETS Post 2 @ 2:30pm**

**Looking Forward to Seeing YOU
YOUR COMMANDER**