



KEEPING IN TOUCH

October - December 2022

Association of QLD Korea veterans Inc.

The Association of Queensland Korea Veterans, Inc. is a non-profit service organization formed in 1996 to represent Navy, Army, Air Force, Nursing and other U.N. veterans of the Korean War, pre dominantly, but not exclusively, resident in QLD. New members and Associate members from the family and friend of Korea Veterans are always welcome. **Affiliated** with The Korean Veterans' Association of Australia, Inc., Australian Council of Korea Veterans Associations, The Korean War Veterans Association of Sunshine Coast and The Korean Society of Gold Coast.



1951: Polish teacher tells a North Korean Orphan: 'Say - Mama / Papa not Teacher.' Left: A Canadian Soldier shows an imitation ice cream cone to children in 1951 Korea. 2022 - President Eddie Grocott at a Korean culture performance: 'Vinci!' 'Say Hello!'



Down: North Korean leader with a toddler.

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Editor's Message:

"Hello Members, Families, and Friends as always a special hello to our Members who are not in the best of health and unable to be at our meetings plus events, you are always remembered and not forgotten."
Committee has been very idle this year including myself. But It seems like that it does not matter. The whole world is going around as it would ... some good news (?) ... some bad news (!) A song comes into my mind as I write ... 'Why does the sun Why do the birds go on singing? '
Many precious veterans said good bye to us over this year. It is remarkable that our core members are included - John Fry, Eric Mayo, Harry Pooley, Alan Beck, Geff Kerrison and Don Gallop - that has affected our committee deeply. Secretary Brian Shoobert suffered health issue and driving license. He attended our rare committee meeting a few weeks ago on his mobility scooter. President Eddie Grocott is managing his mobility OK although his knee problem require surgery soon. Eddie attended the Korean Culture event and took some photos. He bought dozens of raffle tickets but had to go home before the draw and left the tickets in care of Bett, wife of Paul Kim, who then shared some of the tickets with me. One of the tickets won a major prize - a lady's hand bag. On the spur of the winning excitement I asked the approaching presenter to present the prize to a lady - daughter of SunSoo Kim, ex president of the Gold Coast Korean Society at the time of the QLD Korean War Memorial time - 2011. I just assumed Eddie would be as happy as I am to present the handbag to the daughter. When I rang Eddie about it worrying what might be his reaction, fortunately Eddie was happy. He wondered if his tickets won other prizes, which he did but I could not remember what except the prize gone to the daughter of SunSoo Kim! SunSoo attended the 2011/2012 AQKV committee hand over of Jim Blake's presidency to John Fry and I took over the position of secretary from Don Gallop. Jim, John and Don are now resting in peace while the AQKV faces uncertain future. Should we close the association as the recent closure of the NSW Korean War Veterans Association? Can AQKV go on like KVAA - Korea Veterans Association of Australia based in Melbourne is still going on? Or join / amalgamate with others such as SEAK - South East Asia, Korea and Peace Keepers in Gold Coast or Korean Society of Gold Coast? What would it mean? What about QLD Korean War Memorial in Gold Coast? ... Any members or non members can contribute with their thought for the future. This matter will be a talking point at our Annual General meeting to be held on the day of the X Mas Party on 14th of December 2022 and continue throughout next year. Nominations for the positions of the association are open to all young and olds. Your interests will be very much appreciated. Please contact us by phone, text, email or post.

'Kapyong Project' by Christian Review has found a number of streets/roads named Kapyong appear on the google map but disappeared upon their visit. One of them is Kapyong St. within the Kokoda Barrack in Canungra - redevelopment. Christian Review appealed to the Kokoda Barracks for the restoration and they had passionate and prompt response. - Photo: Restored sign - Another disappeared sign is Kapyong Crescent in Caboolture.



Dennis Cho, our vice president heard about it from Christian Review. He volunteered to help - to find out the reason of the disappearance and the possibility of the restoration of the sign - Kapyong Cres. According to Dennis - It seems the Crescent was within a RSL Retirement Village. The village became Bolton Clarke Retirement Village and underwent comprehensive expansion and redevelopment. Anzac Ave, Gallipoli Dr, Dakota Court survived but not Kapyong Cres. His effort to find a way to restore the sign seems difficult compared to the one in Kokoda Barracks.

The retirement village does not have the original road any more and being a private property Denis is facing a big challenge to restore the Kapyong Cres sign.

Photo - 2022.7.27 - Denis with Eddie Grocott and Currumbin RSL lady familiar from his veterans funeral attendances.



Halloween Day The shocking tragedy in Seoul I never knew of the day in 1970s Korea. So, I was very surprised of the news. The only Halloween Day I relate to is a story I have read somewhere and shared it in our newsletter a few years ago - On the night of the Halloween Day of 1950 Two prisoners were captured by American soldiers. One was North Korean and the other was Chinese - The first sign of Chinese intervention in the war. But the recent sad news brought discussions in our family about the rapid changes happening in the fabrics of Korean Society. At the end, we recollected our forgotten memory - My daughters born in Australia learned about the Halloween on their early school years and went around the neighbours. Fascinated with the easy collection of the treats, they came home to persuade Mom to drive them around the whole suburb. Their first and the last Halloween treats collected lasted them almost year and some were still around as souvenirs for years. Now, about 10 days since the tragic news in Seoul, the second Australian lady aged 28 with Korean Family name is among the victims. The first Australian lady was 23. ... So young and full of future as the 340 Australians died in the Korean War.

Remembrance Day In Korea the day is commemorated as "Turn Toward Busan" and it is the last day of 'UN Weeks in Busan' from UN Day (Oct. 24). Three Korea Veterans were interred at the UNMCK on the day: One from France and Two from the Netherlands ... to be buried along with their fallen comrades. Missing news is the internment of late Olwyn Green, widow of Lt. Col. Charles Green, the first commander of 3RAR in Korea - Her last wish to unite and rest with her husband in the UNMCK. I wonder if it is delayed or not reported. It is her 72 years long separation since 1/11/1950 filled with devotion to her husband, his men of 3RAR and the research and history of the Korean War.

Among the six men killed on **12/11 Wings Over Dallas WWII Airshow**: Terry Barker, an Army pilot of Vietnam War and Dan Ragan, a colonel in the US Navy who worked as a combat radio operator during the Korean War and had patrol duties over Japan.

Photo: Eddie Grocott with Paul Kim, a Korean War veteran and Paul's wife Bett of

Vietnam origin and a friend of Dutch origin at the Korean Culture Day in Gold Coast.



HAPPY BIRTH DAYS



October

- 1: George Hutchinson, 3 RAR, 92
- 2: Lindsay Cochrane, 1 RAR, 94
- 3: William Kenneally, 1RAR, 89
- 6: Bernard Dowling, 8th KRI Hussars, 95
- 6: John Murphy, 3RAR, 93
- 8: Frank Hinchliffe, 3RAR, 96
- 10: John Milner, HMAS Bataan, 99
- 11: Victor Fay, HMAS Sydney, 90
- 13: Stanley Dawson, 77 SQN, 95
- 13: John Jarrett, AAUK, 89
- 14: Raymond MOSS, 77SQN, 91
- 23: Mervyn John Ehrich, 1 RAR, 90
- 24: John Fitzpatrick, HMAS Condamine, 91
- 25: Kevin Colin Berryman, 1 RAR, 88
- 25: Colin Berryman OAM, 1RAR, 88
- 25: Bill Simmonds, 77 SQN, 92
- 26: Robert Barnes, HMAS Warramunga, 90
- 29: Keith Russell, 1RAR, 89

November

- 4: Kenneth Bridges, HMAS Tobruk, 94
- 8: **RIP Peter Craig, HMAS Sydney, (100)**
- 12: John Hughes, UK HMS Theseus, 93
- 14: Maurie Pears MC, 3RAR, 93
- 17: Norman Ernest Lee, 817 SQN, 93
- 21: Graham Connor, 1 RAR, 92
- 23: John Duson, 3RAR, 91
- 23: Ian Fraser, 3 RAR, 93
- 24: Glen Brand, 1 RAR, 88
- 27: Peter Erricker, 2 RAR, 89
- 29: William Thomas Hartley, 3RAR, 92

December

- 2: George Ball, 3RAR, 92
- 2: John Cashmore, HMAS Sydney, 96
- 2: Robert Deen, 3RAR, 90
- 5: Arthur Crockett, 3RAR, 90
- 7: Albert Steines, HMAS Bataan, 96
- 8: Bruce Robertson, 2,1,3 RAR, 89
- 9: John Miller, HMAS Sydney, 94
- 14: Eric Sutherland, 3RAR, 99
- 16: Albert John Baker, 77 SQN, 94
- 17: Kevin Dean, 2 RAR, 1 RAR, 89
- 19: Fredrick Williams, 3 RAR, 90
- 20: Norman H Goldspink, 1 RAR, 95

December

- 21: Albert (Eddie) Grocott, UK ARMY, 91
- 21: Raymund Norton, HMAS Sydney, 93
- 27: Vincent Mathers, 3RAR, 95
- 29: Graeme Davis, 3RAR, 87
- 30: Ian Crawford A.O., UK HMS Ceylon 91

January

- 1: Bruce Horgan, 3RAR, 90
- 3: Milton HOE, HMAS Anzac, 91
- 3: Wally Miller, 2RAR, 88
- 3: Allen Riches, 2RAR, 89
- 7: James Lindsay, 3 RAR, 91
- 7: Graham Smith, 2 RAR, 92
- 9: Douglas Scovell, HMAS Anzac, 89
- 11: Ronald Clare, Royal Leicestershire Regiment, 94
- 13: Ted BALDWIN, 1RAR, 89
- 13: Ronald J. Porto BEM, 1 RAR, 89
- 15: Alan O'TOOLE, 1RAR, 94
- 15: Edward V. Pritchard, 817 SQN, 90
- 17: Colin Nicholas Khan, 1 RAR, 91
- 18: Eric Young, 77 SQN, 91
- 19: Francis Peter Scott, 3RAR, 93
- 20: Raymond Burnard, 3RAR, 92
- 20: Lionel O'Neill, 3RAR, 92
- 21: Gerald Morgan, HMAS Condamine, 89
- 25: LESLIE ALLAN NELSON, 3RAR, 88
- 27: John Baker, 1 RAR, 94
- 28: Brian J. Williams, HMAS Sydney, 93
- 29: Ken MCKERIHAN, HMAS Bataan, 96
- 31: Donald Elder, 3RAR, 92

February

- 1: Raymond Oliver, 1RAR, 86
- 2: Lady Keys, 3RAR, 99
- 5: Rex McCall, 2RAR, 91
- 8: Barry Montgomery, 1 RAR, 86
- 9: Raymond Rogers, AAUK, 92
- 16: Michael MACK, 850 SQN, 92
- 17: Andrew Anderson, 1RAR, 95
- 22: Donald Beard, 3RAR, 97
- 23: Raymond Aubert, 3RAR, 92
- 28: Ron Petersen, BC S&DU, 93

111 Oldest Surviving Korea Veterans known to us as of 20/11/2022.

Do you know any others to add onto the list? Do you see any errors?

1: Derek Granville Sharp, 1RAR, 102 2: Lady (Alexander) Keys, 3RAR, 99
 3: Keith Martin, 77SQN, 99 4: John Milner, HMAS Bataan, 99 5: Eric Sutherland, 3RAR, 98 6: John Graham, 3RAR, 98 7: Donald Beard, 3RAR, 97 8: Gerald Wallace, 3RAR, 97 9: Ken McKerihan, HMAS Bataan, 96 10: Mick Servos, 3RAR, 96 11: Gerald E Shepherd, HMAS Bataan, 96 12: Thomas McLanders, 3RAR, 96 13: Eric Norris, 8th KRI Hussars, 96 14: Colin Gray, 3RAR, 96 15: Peter Rawstron, RAN, 96 16: Frank Hinchliffe, 3RAR, 96 17: John Cashmore, HMAS Sydney, 95 18: Albert STEINES, HMAS Bataan, 95 19: Andrew Anderson, 1RAR, 95 20: Leslie G TAYLOR, HMAS Sydney / Condamine, 95 21: John Land, 1 RAR, 2 RAR, 95 22: Ray Deed, 3RAR, 95 23: David Glover, 3 RAR, 95 24: Kevin Graham, 3RAR, 95 25: Gordon Bowser, 3RAR, 95 26: Charles (Sonny) MOON, HMAS Anzac, 95 27: Max Gant, 850SQN, 95 28: Les C Taylor, 3RAR, 95 29: Stephen Boucher, UK Army, 95 30: Johnathon Barton, HMAS Sydney, 95 31: Ross Burns, 3RAR, 95 32: Bruce Robinson, AAUK, 95 33: Leo Bull, HMAS Sydney, 95 34: Malcolm Wright, 3RAR, 95 35: Bernard Dowling, 8th KRI Hussars, 95 36: Stanley Dawson, 77 SQN, 95 37: Norman H Goldspink, 1 RAR, 94 38: Vincent Mathers, 3RAR, 94 39: Ronald Clare, Royal Leicestershire Regiment, 94 40: Alan O'Toole, 1RAR, 94 41: John Baker, 1 RAR, 94 42: Charles Binder, 3RAR, 94 43: Joe Vezgoff, 3 RAR, 94 44: Evan Bond, 1 RAR, 94 45: Donald Joseph, 3 RAR, 94 46: William Boswell, 3RAR, 94 47: Cedric Worboys, 3RAR, 94 48: Neville Clarke, 1RAR, 94 49: Arthur Pembroke, 3RAR, 94 50: Lyle Martin, 3RAR, 94 51: Arnold Jordan, 77SQN, 94 52: Allan Aley, 3RAR, 94 53: John Philpot, 3RAR 1RAR, 94 54: Lindsay Cochrane, 1 RAR, 94 55: Kenneth Bridges, HMAS Tobruk, 94 56: John Miller, HMAS Sydney, 93 57: Albert J Baker, 77 SQN, 93 58: (Peter) F. Scott, 3RAR, 93 59: Brian J WILLIAMS, HMAS Sydney, 93 60: Ron Petersen, BC S&DU, 93 61: Edmund PARKINSON, NZ ARMY, 93 62: Terence Goodchild, 1 RAR, 93 63: Raymond Wolfe, 3RAR, 93 64: Ronald Green, HMAS Sydney, 93 65: William E. (Bill) NICHOLS, HMAS Culgoa, 93 66: Tom Harwood, 3RAR, 93 67: William Fitzgerald, HMAS Murchison, 93 68: Kevin Hawkins, HMAS Sydney, 850SQN, 93 69: Desmond Smith, 3 RAR, 93 70: Reginald Anock, 3RAR, 93 71: Ronald Dietrich, 1RAR, 2RAR, 93 72: John J. Mctackett, HMAS Condamine, 93 73: Fred Foster, 2 RAR, 93 74: Edward Stirling, 3RAR, 93 75: Leslie Matterson, HMAS Sydney, 850 SQN, 93 76: William Mckeen, AAUK, 93 77: Ronald Thiele, 3RAR, 93 78: Allan Simpson, HMAS Tobruk, 93 79: Roy Fife, 3 RAR, 93 80: John Brownbill, 3RAR, 93 81: Charles Yacopetti, 3 RAR, 93 82: John Murphy, 3RAR, 93 83: John Hughes, UK Navy HMS Theseus, 93 84: Maurie Pears MC, 3RAR, 93 85: Norman E. Lee, 817 SQN, 93 86: Ian Fraser, 3 RAR, 92 87: Raymund Norton, HMAS Sydney, 92 88: Graham Smith, 2 RAR, 92 89: Raymond Burnard, 3RAR, 92 90: Lionel O'Neill, 3RAR, 92 91: Donald Elder, 3RAR, 92 92: Raymond Rogers, AAUK, 92 93: Michael MACK, 850 SQN, 92 94: Raymond Aubert, 3RAR, 92 95: Mervyn Norman, 3RAR, 92 96: Colin Davey, HMAS Sydney, 92 97: Frederick Peyton, 3 RAR, 92 98: Roy Robinson, 3 RAR, 92 99: Frank Donnelly, HMAS Sydney, 92 100: Robert Hay, 3RAR, 92 101: Andrew Brennan, 3RAR, 92 102: Arthur Roach, HMAS Sydney, 92 103: Patrick Forbes M.C., 2 RAR, 92 104: Dorus Van Itallie, 1RAR, 2RAR, 92 105: Robert Andreas, 1RAR, 92 106: Alfred Edmonds, 3RAR, 92 107: Dave Jamieson, 3RAR, 1RAR, 92 108: Arthur (Curly) Parker, 3RAR, 92 109: Alan Evans, 3RAR, 92 110: Raymond Cordwell, 3RAR, 92 111: Norman Fox, 3RAR, 92

Meetings and Dates

AGM will be held when members can meet with festive mood on the day of X Mas Party - 11:30 on 14 December 2022. NERANG RSL Club

Korean BBQ party for the Korean War veterans and families

12pm Thursday, 23 February 2023, Hanwoori Restaurant (Brisbane City)
 Host: The Federal of Korean Societies of Oceania
 Courtesy bus from Gold Coast to Brisbane by the host.

Kapyong Day - 24 April 2023, Monday

Traditional Kapyong service at the Southport RSL - now SOPO.
 Conducted by SEAK operating from the Southport Bowls Club.

ANZAC Day - 25 April 2023, Tuesday

AQKV and Korean Soc of GC will attend Dawn Service and Civic Service / Surfers Paradise RSL / Southport RSL .

Korea Veterans Day - 27 July 2023, Thursday

QLD Korean War Memorial, Cascade Gardens, Broadbeach
 70th Anniversary of the Korean War.
 AQKV is confident RSL Surfers Paradise Sub branch and the Korean Society of Gold Coast will manage the significant anniversary.

Treasurer's Report: Not shown are the membership fees and donations received this year but yet to be deposited.

Year's Opening Balance on 1/07/2021 \$ x,xxx.30

Description	Months of 1, 2, 3		Year's Total	
	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit
Subscriptions	xx.00	-	xxx.00	-
Donations Received	xxx.00	-	xxx.50	-
Stamp	-	-	-	-
Xmas Lucky Door Prizes	-	xxx.00	-	xxx.00
Xmas Lunch	-	1,xxx.00	-	1,xxx.00
Insurance	-	-	-	xxx.40

Grand Total xxx.00 1,xxx.00 1,xxx.50 1,xxx.40

Closing Balance on 11/11/2022:

x,xxx.30 + 1,xxx.50 - 1,xxx.40 = \$ x,xxx.40



How many Korea veterans would be surviving? - 450,225 worldwide and nearly 4,000 in Australia according to 2020 Korean Government report - <https://www.mpva.go.kr/mpva/downloadBbsFile.do?atchmfnfNo=107309> (table below)

'Lest Korea Forget' Campaign, 2020 estimated Korean War veterans in Australia was reduced to 2,500.

Again the number has decreased to 1,650 according to DVA in the 2022 news below.

'Final wishes': Disbanded Australian Korean War veterans association donates last funds to Busan memorial ...

the NSW Korean War Veterans Association ceasing operations due to dwindling membership, remaining veterans are in the process of donating its last funds to the UN Memorial Cemetery in Busan, where 281 Australian soldiers who never returned home were buried. The SBS news published 24 June 2022 goes on with story of Johnny Bineham: One weekend, the 18-year-old left his home in Tully, Queensland, bound for Sydney. In search of adventure, he

enlisted in the army by giving his age as 22 and avoiding the need for parental consent.... After training in Japan for a year, he was eventually sent to South Korea in March 1953 as an infantryman. The Korean War veteran still has vivid memories of looking out over the war-torn city of Busan for the first time. "It wasn't raining, but it was a bleak day. All the buildings had been flattened, and people were just trying their best to make shelter with the best materials they could find," Mr Bineham said. "It was a city of cardboard, really a shocking scene."

Busan, a city full of starving people and devoid of laughter or smiles, quickly woke him up to the nasty reality of war, which was a far cry from the type of adventure he had dreamed of. What awaited him on the frontline was even more brutal. Mr Bineham discovered that his best army mate was killed two days before he arrived at the camp, and he himself said he killed three people during his first operation. "It shook me up a little bit. I also remember that I had to shut down my emotions because I was not in a situation where I could be emotional about these things, so I virtually flicked the switch and put it to the back of my mind," he said..... With the likes of Mr Bineham, who falsified his age to join the army, now 88, it is believed that the average age of living veterans is easily over 90. (The news report included a table - Estimated of Korean War veterans alive as at June 2022 Source: Department of Veterans' Affairs)

NSW (460), Vic (220), QLD (530), SA (120), WA (210), Tas (50), NT (10), ACT (50), Overseas (10), Grand Total 1,650. - cont p8 -

	Country	Troops	Surviving
Combat (16)	United States	1,789,000	411,470
	United Kingdom	56,000	12,880
	Canada	26,791	6,162
	Turkey	21,212	4,879
	Australia	17,164	3,948
	Philippines	7,420	1,706
	Thailand	6,326	1,455
	Netherlands	5,322	1,224
	Colombia	5,100	1,173
	Greece	4,992	1,148
	New Zealand	3,794	873
	Ethiopia	3,518	809
	Belgium	3,498	804
	France	3,421	787
	South Africa	826	190
	Luxembourg	100	23
Medical (6)	India	627	144
	Norway	623	143
	Denmark	630	145
	Sweden	1,124	259
	Italy	128	1
Germany	Field Hospital After Armistice		
		117	2
Total	22	1,957,733	450,225

Mrs Sylvia Mann is the proud daughter of a Korean War veteran and served as treasurer for the New South Wales Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) for over 20 years.... "We are not getting informed of veterans that have passed or moved into care homes. So consequently, we have lost touch with so many of our members. Personally, I know of 12 that are still alive." ... NSW KWVA worked hard to ensure its members did not go unrecognised by donating books on the war to over 900 school libraries, and installing some 2,500 plaques commemorating the conflict and 300 missing-in-action plaques.... However, the association's activities came to a halt when COVID-19 restricted its long-running monthly get-togethers at an RSL club in Sydney. With the last meeting held in February 2020, the remaining members last year decided to close the association due to the impacts of death, illness and old age. In doing so, the veterans decided to donate the association's remaining funds to the UN Memorial Cemetery in Busan. "The remaining funds will go to a good cause. We didn't want them to go to just anything. So we will donate the funds to the upkeep of war graves in Korea," Mrs Mann said.

The UN Memorial Cemetery is a burial ground for the United Nations Command of the Korea War. It contains 2,300 graves, including 281 graves of Australian soldiers who never returned home. The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Sydney assisted with connecting the veterans with memorial officials in Korea. Sang-woo Hong, the Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Sydney, said he was touched by the gesture. "Even 70 years after the armistice of the war, and even at the moment they are about to say goodbye to the world, these veterans have never forgotten their fellow soldiers who are still sleeping far away in Busan."

However, the veterans' final wish hasn't yet been granted. After the passing of two presidents in two years, Emeritus President Mick Kohlhoff again took the lead of the association. Sadly, Mr Kohlhoff also passed away last month after illness.

Now Mrs Mann, the association's treasurer, said the donation is expected to be completed within the next couple of months. SBS Korean previously visited Mr Kohlhoff and learned how proud he was to contribute to Korea's freedom and development even from his hospital bed. Fellow veteran Mr Bineham expressed a similar pride, sharing his experience of being invited back to Korea in 2000. "Everything was completely the opposite [compared to during the war]. Every mountain was covered with green trees, and where they couldn't plant trees there were flowers, so it was like walking into a giant garden." "It was literally a miracle, and it just made me feel really proud to be a part of it." Last year Mr Bineham published a video explaining the Korean War on his YouTube channel. He said he had spent two years on the production by putting together old photos taken by him and his colleagues and some other videos he had collected. As a veteran, he said he felt responsible for ensuring that the war and the people involved be remembered. "A video is a form of commemoration for those who have passed and who will still be around in future years," he said. Mrs Mann, too, hopes people will never forget the war: "Any war is horrific. And it's important just to remember that thousands paid the ultimate sacrifice by defending the right of the South Korean people to live in peace." - end of SBS report - <https://www.sbs.com.au/language/korean/en/article/final-wishes-disbanded-australian-korean-war-veterans-association-donates-last-funds-to-busan-memorial/xd7bt31ml>

The Youtube video explaining the Korean War is titled 'Korean War - United Nations Troops Involvement'. I have never seen anything like it. UNMCK should be grateful. It seems the video includes the photos, film footages and battles of many if not all

nations of the Korean War - both sides. He explained in the video interview of SBS report: the lack of a comprehensive coverage which would have included 22 nations that served under the United Nations Flag ... led him to produce the video - So that any students / anyone interested in the war history can see this video and have a reasonable insight into the Korean War.

https://www.youtube.com/supported_browsers?next_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DQUJ05ynkgKo

Hunting Ducks from a U.S. Naval Destroyer During the Korean War

This story was originally published as "The Wonsan Incident" in the May 1951 (Jul 1952?) issue of Outdoor Life. The author, Daniel Jordan Carrison, served as Commanding Officer of the USS O'Bannon from December 4,



1951 to April 2, 1953 in Korea. His service there earned him a Gold Star.
<https://www.outdoorlife.com/hunting/duck-hunting-korean-war/>

A few skeptics may doubt my story, but I have proof that I've engaged in one of the strangest duck hunts in the annals of gunning. The scene is Wonsan Harbor, North Korea; the time, January, 1952; my weapon, a bolt-action Springfield of vintage 1918; my duck boat, one of Uncle Sam's 2,100-ton destroyers. The box score: eleven ducks (Communist, of course), eight on the wing and three sitting.

Official press releases have given the U.S.S. O'Bannon credit for destroying numerous targets in Wonsan. During our bombardment of this North Korean traffic hub we scored hits on everything from ox carts to locomotives; we burned buildings, destroyed bridges, sank sampans, and knocked out gun emplacements. In fact, we had orders to shoot at everything that moved—but just how that came to include ducks takes a little explaining.

Now, perhaps I should explain that a destroyer skipper sometimes has time on his hands. After having been in command for a year or so, the skipper who does everything himself isn't worth his salt. It's a tradition on small ships that the officer of the deck be a capable seaman. A youngster in his early twenties, a year out of college NROTC, has more authority as a destroyer O.O.D. than a Naval Academy graduate, class of '38, would have on a battle wagon. Happy is the destroyer skipper who, after a year's supervision, can boast four young officers who can get the ship underway, take it in and out of a harbor, and fight the ship if need be. Then his job becomes one of supervision, and most of his hours are spent sitting in the "Old Man's" chair on the bridge, troubleshooting only when necessary.

By the time the O'Bannon arrived in Wonsan for her bombardment mission, I had been gently but firmly kicked upstairs by a bunch of very capable gents who, a year earlier, had been (a) a paint-and-dye salesman, (b) a junior

executive in an advertising firm, (c) a school-teacher, and (d) a filling-station operator. So I'd sit in my chair on the bridge and stare at the enemy shore for targets, or walk up and down the bridge and swap jokes with the signalmen and lookouts.

One morning the port lookout, a hawk-eye who got his early training hunting squirrels in Tennessee, gave me an idea. "Cap'n," he said, "I've been starin' at this water for three days now and haven't seen a mine yet, but them gol-dern ducks are gettin' on my nerves. Every time I see a dot on the water and get ready to yell 'Mine on the port bow,' it just shakes its tail and flies away. "Now," he continued, "ifn I had my ol' 12 gauge shotgun, I'd fix those ducks and make this a decent place for a seagoin' destroyer."

The only shotguns a destroyer carries are the sawed-off riot guns that the landing force takes ashore; the only ammunition is 00 buckshot. A man might as well throw rocks as try to hit a duck with a combination like that. Yet on every destroyer bridge you will find a rifle—either an M-1 Garand or the old faithful Springfield. It's kept handy for sinking mines or any floating objects that resemble mines. The Japanese net floats that drift around these waters have added gray hairs to most destroyer men. I have sunk over a dozen in the past month. Mines can be taken care of nicely with a Springfield—they either sink or explode after a few well-placed hits.

By the time we started our bombardment mission, I had become the official ship's sniper. Any tin can, box, net float, or plane belly tank that floated by was fair game. It was a useful thing to do, for when I sank each offending object that resembled a mine, it made the chances of spotting the real thing that much greater. And don't think that we who ride these waters with only a half-inch steel plate between us and Davy Jones aren't mine-conscious.

"So," I said to myself, "these ducks are bothering my lookouts and detracting from their efficiency. By golly, they're actual hazards to operations." It didn't take me long to figure that they were official targets for my Springfield.

"Operation Duck Hunt" got underway immediately. I bagged three birds the first day at ranges of about 100 yards, but they were (shame!) sitting.

Now I'm not one to sneeze at shooting a sitting duck so long as I'm using a rifle and the range is long enough to give him a fair chance. But my friend from Tennessee would snort his displeasure. "Sittin' ducks!" he'd mutter, just loud enough for me to hear. "The Old Man is out of line."

Before I knew it I had a tacit agreement with Tennessee that I wouldn't fire until the ducks were air-borne. Though it took more ammunition, it was also a lot more fun. After two days' blazing away I hadn't hit anything, but the ducks had a new respect for the U. S. Navy.

Since Wonsan Harbor isn't very big, the O'Bannon was forever changing course, dodging an island here and there, in order to keep the shoreline under surveillance. It also helped to be a moving target in case the Commie shore batteries decided to take a pot shot at the ship. As a matter of fact, vessels had definite instructions not to stop while in the harbor. After missing so many moving targets myself, I could see the logic of that. So as we cruised around we pressed our war against the shore targets quite successfully. But we also had many a spell of quiet steaming between such bombardments.

DURING THESE LULLS my war with the ducks went on. Finally I caught the

knack and started to bag them on the fly. Some hits were really unbelievable, and though I know that there was a lot of luck involved, I now fancy myself quite a marksman and am just waiting for my next furlough in South Carolina; if I can get 'em on the fly with a rifle I should be murder with a shotgun.

Anyhow, when our tour in Wonsan was up, the box score was three a-settin'; eight a-flyin'. Now, no sportsman likes to shoot game and leave it, but I had a problem. A 2,100-ton destroyer is no rowboat and doesn't spin on a dime. As a matter of fact, when you put on the brakes by backing full speed, the ship continues ahead for the length of two football fields before coming to a stop. Besides, I had orders not to stop.

Tennessee came up with the solution. "Cap'n," he said, "ifn you could mark that duck as we passed by, we could git him the next time around." That was a partial solution—but it had its shortcomings. First there was the set and drift, as we in the Navy call the effects of wind and current. In half an hour a floating object in Wonsan Harbor drifts about 500 yards. It took the O'Bannon a good half hour to retrace her steps as she patrolled the harbor. But even if I could bring the ship to the duck, how was I to retrieve it without stopping?

A boatswain's mate remembered a sort of trout net that was stored in the forward hold, so he rigged it to the end of a boat hook. This provided a good ten-foot reach, which wasn't worth a hoot from the fo'c'sle, where the deck is twenty feet above water. But it was adequate back on the fantail, which has only about eight feet of freeboard.

So we worked out a plan by which we retrieved nine out of eleven ducks. When I bagged one I'd yell "Mark, 100 yards on the starboard beam." The quartermaster would take a quick bearing, plot in the ship's position, and, 100 yards from our track, make a circle marked "Duck." On our next time around the harbor we'd allow for the duck's drift through the water and steer for his predicted position. When we sighted the duck we'd bead right for it, and when it was about fifty yards dead ahead, we'd put the ship's rudder hard right (or left) and throw the fantail up against the carcass. The stern lookout would nonchalantly scoop it up in our trout net. Then we'd steady up and continue our bombardment of the shore.

Simsuango, our Philippine steward, is a master cook, but he almost went over the hill when I asked him to cook those ducks. They smelled to high heaven and refused to react to roasting, stewing, frying, or any other cooking procedure. After a bout with one of those stubborn creatures, Sim would wash his hands in a mixture of water and lemon juice, and report sadly that he had thrown the duck and pan over the side. So no matter how I boasted that I was reducing the wardroom mess bill with my hunting prowess, a much anticipated duck dinner never materialized.

However, Ed Brandhorst, the ex-school-teacher, is happy. His dad mounts birds as a hobby and, according to Ed, has a wonderful collection. Ed skinned each different species and has the skins carefully stowed in the ship's freeze box. "Wait till the folks in Denver see these," he gloats.

I have one great satisfaction from Operation Duck Hunt. Last fall a friend of mine kept his destroyer at the Wonsan bombardment line so long he started calling himself the "**Mayor of Wonsan.**" Since then every destroyer skipper has been trying to outdo that publicity hound. Yesterday I fixed his wagon. I sent him a picture of myself standing on the bridge in a Teddy Roosevelt pose—duck in one hand, rifle grasped nonchalantly in the other.

I autographed it "**Fish and Game Commissioner, Wonsan County.**"

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One Korean War veteran's legacy - By Vivian Blevins -

<https://www.sidneydailynews.com/opinion/columns/207872/one-korean-war-veterans-legacy>

Our Korean War veterans are departing this earth at a rapid rate, and soon their accounts of their war will be relegated to historians — unless we capture the experiences of those who were there. Some of us know about the Battle of Heart-break Ridge, or the Battler of Inchon, or the one at the Chosin Reservoir. Almost all of us, however, know about the MASH units of the Korean War.

Even today we can watch the television series “M*A*S*H” which depicts a fictional unit, 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, or read the book by Dr. Richard Hornberger, pen name Richard Hooker, who served in a MASH unit in Korea.

In an interview with me in 2016, retired Piqua attorney Ben Hiser (May 26, 1930- Sept. 23, 2021) validated the realism of the television series because he was there. Unemployable because he was a reservist after a stint in the U.S. Army (1948-1950), and employers were reluctant to hire and train him only to have him be called up for another war, Hiser was advised to get a discharge and re-enlist. He did and was off to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for an assignment on a garbage truck with a 12-gauge, sawed-off shotgun monitoring GIs who had been court-martialed and were assigned garbage detail on the base.

Next were orders to go to the Far East via Fort Lewis, Washington, where he was issued an M-1 carbine, given a tag, and told to write his name and address on it and put all his belonging, except his field uniform, in a duffel bag for shipping back to Piqua. His next stop was McCord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Washington, where he boarded a Canadian Air Force C-54 headed north over the Canadian Islands. That hop was short as a flight engineer left his seat and told those aboard, “Keep your eye out for oil. I think one of the engines is losing oil.” It was, so that engine was shut off, and the pilot landed the aircraft at Elmendorf Air Force Base to have the engine replaced.

The next stop was Shemya, Japan, for refueling and to take on provisions before finally arriving at Camp Drake in Tokyo. There Hiser was a part of a medical unit dispensary adjacent to a fire station manned by Japanese. Hiser says, “The barracks at the camp

were two-story, made of wood, and a fire hazard.” As an ambulance driver, one of Hiser’s jobs was to follow fire trucks over narrow roads and then get the seriously injured to Yokohama to 361st Station Hospital or to Tokyo Army Hospital. Hiser says, “We gave first aid that was primitive by any standard. We tried to stop bleeding, splint fractures, transport the patients without doing any further damage, and get them to the closest medical facility. “Life can be really boring when you’re waiting to be needed, and there was an excellent and popular rifle range at Drake that had been built by American POWs. We’d go out there and wait for someone to shoot himself or someone else. It was going to happen, and it was just a matter of when. “When college boys were rotated in at the dispensary, the lieutenant colonel in charge was promoting them over us, and I got pretty irritated and told him, ‘I want to go to Korea.’” So Hiser went to Wonju, Korea, to the Eleventh Evacuation Hospital where his new title was surgical technician. Hiser laughs, “What do I do as a surgical technician? How had I been trained? According to the Army, ‘Hit don’t make no never mind.’ I carried patients in and out, cleaned up after them, cleaned syringes, which we reused, and was a member of the penicillin team to go to the ward and administer this scarce commodity to the patients.

“Then I learned that my brother, Harold Louis, also a medic, had been drafted and was sent to Korea as a member of the 40th Infantry Division at Sniper’s Ridge.” The next stop for Hiser was the 40th. He says, “It was like a scene out of ‘Apocalypse Now.’ I tried to tell the personnel officer that I didn’t want to be a medic, but I might as well have been talking to the coal oil lamp hanging over our heads. He assigned me as a medic to Nine 81st Field Artillery Regiment Aid Station, a tent the size of a two-car garage. I arrived, saluted the commanding officer, and said, ‘Corporal Hiser reporting for duty, sir.’ He never looked up and said, ‘Do you play bridge?’” Hiser responded, “No, sir” and was sent to Battery A where Americans were shooting 155-millimeter guns at thousands of Chinese and North Koreans. Hiser says, “Remember the helicopters delivering the wounded to the M*A*S*H doctors? That’s the way it was, doing our best to get the seriously wounded to a doctor to stabilize them, and then trying to get the guys living in holes in the ground to not defecate in those holes and cause sanitation problems. I did very well in treating some cases, and some I wish I had done a lot better.” At sick call, Hiser had elixir of Terpene Hygrade Codeine, APCs (a pill of aspirin, phenitcin, and caffeine), paregoric for GI issues, and DDT for body lice.

Hiser says, “One day my commanding officer approached me and said that I had 36 points and could rotate home.” Of “M*A*S*H,” Hiser says, That son of a gun, Dr. Hornberger, was there. He knew.” Hiser exited the war. At the dock in Oakland, California, he was greeted by a 15-piece band and a girl singing “My Hero” from “The Chocolate Soldier.”

PS: At age 50, Hiser earned his law degree from the University of Dayton. His life was not easy, but he persevered and made a tremendous positive difference in the lives of so many, including mine and those of my students at Edison State Community College. Photos: Ben Hiser and writer Richard Hornberger, pen name Richard Hooker



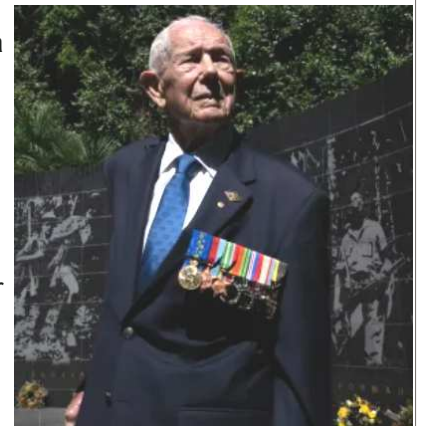
Why a 99-year-old veteran has never been to Anzac march or Remembrance Day service - 11/11/2022 - The Sydney Morning Herald

Reg Chard, who turned 99 two weeks ago, will not be with so many other Australian veterans on Friday as they mark Remembrance Day. Instead, he will be visiting Holsworthy High School in Sydney’s south-west, telling the kids what it was like confronting the Japanese in Kokoda 80 years ago during the World War II. He has never joined an Anzac Day march or Remembrance Day service. A biography was published this year about Reg, called *The Digger of Kokoda*.



He told the *Herald*: “I started to read the book when it first came to me and I can’t get past [page] 79, I get very teary-eyed and just have to pull away. Too many bad memories.” Kokoda will likely get a mention at Friday’s Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place because it is 80 years ago this week that Australia’s diggers were embroiled in the final stages of taking the stronghold – then in the Australian territory of Papua – from the Japanese. “The Kokoda Trail is one of the most iconic Australian campaigns of the Second World War,” says Dr Karl James, head of military history at the Australian War Memorial. “Eighty years on, it is important to continue to honour those veterans still with us today and to highlight Australia’s long connections with our Pacific neighbours.” A report in the *Herald* 80 years ago, on November 12, 1942, under the headline, “GRIM BATTLE FOR TRACK, Climax near in New Guinea”, says: “The Japanese kept their hold on the track between Oivi and Gorari, but there was evidence that the battle for that section was reaching a climax.” Reg doesn’t want to be called a hero. More fitting for the diggers who didn’t come home, he says. He now gives guided tours of Sydney’s Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway at Concord. After losing Betty, his wife of 66 years, eleven years ago, the great-grandfather lost the will to live but found a new purpose through educating young people. “Don’t say I’m the last [Kokoda veteran],” he says. “When I go to a meeting I am the only one sitting there, but there’s got to be someone else, somewhere, tucked away.” Why does he continue the tours and school visits at the age of 99? There’s no hesitation. “In honour of the men and nursing sisters who never came home. That’s what I do it for and also because I am very sentimental, people don’t realise what the men and nursing staff put up with. “Three weeks ago a young girl said, ‘Reg, you don’t like me.’ I said, “Why wouldn’t I like you?” She said, “I’m Japanese.” “I said, hang on, you were born in Australia weren’t you?” She said: “Yes, but my great-grandfather did terrible things in the war.”

“I said, “I have got two sons and they don’t get blamed for the terrible things I did, so why would you get blamed for something when you weren’t even born?” “A week later I got a letter from the parents of this young girl. It said: “We don’t know what you said to [her], I won’t give her name, but since she came home she has been a changed girl. She’s so happy to run around and do things now.” So why doesn’t he attend Anzac Day or Remembrance Day services?



"We found these 25 white ladies after we left Kokoda. They had been slaughtered. We never told anybody who they were, what nationality or anything about them.

"If I went to an Anzac Day march with all the older ladies with those medals on, my mind would go straight back to those other ladies and what they looked like. You have just got to live with these memories. They haunt you." - end of report -

How a team of Australians go into the world's most dangerous strip of land to recover the remains of dead soldiers - ABC NEWS 13/11/2022

When North Korea's communist forces crossed the border and rampaged through the south, Joonhee Wang's grandparents fled fearing for their lives.

Born in the north, her family spent each night listening to the sounds of gunfire, as the two sides battled for victory in the early 1950s. It was only when the north reached the port city of Busan, where South Korean forces and its allies made a final stand, did the tide of the war finally turn. The fighting ended in 1953, but in Korea the conflict is frozen in time. The two opposing sides, still technically at war, are separated by a heavily fortified area called the Demilitarised Zone, which divides the Korean peninsula. It is considered the world's most dangerous strip of land. But a specialist team of Australians, including Joonhee,

are risking their lives to travel into the zone and recover the bodies of those lost to history. For decades, Joonhee Wang's grandparents never spoke about the horrors of that bloody period of history. Joonhee moved from South Korea to Australia as a teenager, as her parents wanted to expand her world view. She joined the Royal Australian Air Force after training as a pharmacist and became a flight lieutenant.



Then in July, the 30-year-old returned to her birthplace as part of a special overseas mission, called Operation Linesman. It was while standing in Korea's Demilitarised Zone that she finally had the chance to ask her grandparents about their experiences. "It was just unspoken of," Joonhee said. "None of my parents heard any of these war stories, it was just unspoken of because they didn't want to share their sorrowful history." Now Joonhee is playing a major role in helping recover some of that past. Working alongside two other Australian defence personnel — leading aircraftsman Ben Whitfield from the Royal Australian Air Force and petty officer Jason Wilson from the Royal Australian Navy – the trio are charged with upholding the delicate armistice, signed at the end of the Korean War, and enforced by United Nations Command. Their work allows South Korean troops to enter the Demilitarised Zone to retrieve the bodies of fallen soldiers. But it's incredibly risky. Landmines and other unexploded ordnances litter the ground and need to be carefully removed to allow the work to continue. "We primarily make sure everyone operating within the demilitarised zone, operates safely, in a manner where they can go home afterwards," Whitfield explained. "There are rules you have to follow. These rules cover everything from wearing the proper identification, to the way you can operate. "[The armistice] also limits what types of things you can bring into the demilitarised zone, such as weapons."

After the defeat of Imperial Japan in World War II, the Korean peninsula was

split into two camps: the north, overseen by the Soviet Union, and the south, supported by the United States. After a heavy build-up of troops, the North Korean People's Army launched a massive surprise attack against South Korea, storming across the 38th parallel, which divided the two sides. The United States and its allies, including Australia, sent in troops to help a beleaguered south, while China sent its soldiers to fight for the north. The conflict's momentum changed many times, but the two forces ended up back on their respective side of the 38th parallel. Australia nominated to create Operation Linesman after the two Koreas struck a deal in 2018 that would allow troops to go into the Demilitarised Zone for remains recovery and repatriation. All three Australian defence personnel are rotated after about five months. "I do know the history, from lessons and classes," Joonhee said.

"But to stand on the ground, where all it happened, I can contribute to the soldiers getting back home, is very meaningful and valuable to me."

In the few years of remains recovery, at least 475 bodies have been recovered. Many South Korean and allied soldiers who perished are still wearing dog tags, making identification relatively easy. The south and its allies also had decent records of those who fought. But sometimes specialist detective work is required. During the final battles, South Korean and allied soldiers were dug into trenches, as they repelled final attacks from the north and China. This means where the body is found, above ground or in a trench, may indicate which side the soldier fought for. Often, DNA tests are required to identify the soldier and link them to a family. "We need to ensure we remember that their sacrifice and their service has not been forgotten," Joonhee said. "People came from all over the globe to fight for peace. "They have to go back to their home."

Why are recovery efforts so important to families?

One of the most recent recoveries is Kim Young-hwan's eldest brother, Kim Il-soo. He was only five when Kim Il-soo was marched off to war. Young-hwan said his brother was too young to be enlisted, but local officials sent him anyway. Sometime later, the family received a notice saying his brother was missing in action. "Whenever my mum went up and down the field, she cried calling my brother's name," he said. Young-hwan's parents died never knowing where their little boy perished. But this year, Young-hwan was given the news he never expected. His brother had been found. Officials had matched his DNA he provided some three years earlier with the remains uncovered. A few precious possessions were also retrieved, including a metal spoon and belt. Now, the cremated remains of Kim Il-soo are on display at the National Cemetery Charnel in Seoul.

"I can come here once a year and say hello to my brother until I die," Young-hwan said.

Despite getting closure, Young-hwan said his heart is heavy knowing many others remain unaccounted-for. "Those who can't find them will be heartbroken," he said. With some 10,000 bodies strewn across the Demilitarised Zone, finding all those lost in the Korean War will be impossible.

The South Korean remains recovery team is focused on battle sites where the greatest number of remains can be found within a confined area.



Kim Young-hwan, on the lawn of National Cemetery Charnel, with the box that contains his brother's belongings.

Currently, they are at the site of the Battle of White Horse, where South Korean, French, and American troops fought against Chinese soldiers. Despite the fact Australia wasn't part of this specific battle, petty officer Jason Wilson still feels a personal connection. "They were our friends, our allies," he said. "I feel somewhat connected here due to the fact we still have 42 Australians remaining on the Korean peninsula MIA.

The Australian connection is something that Kim Young-hwan appreciates. "Koreans had no choice but to join the battle," he said. "But I am very grateful for soldiers who came to Korea from abroad. It's so sad and heartbreaking that they died here. "I want to say thank you to Australia for saving our country during the Korean war." - end of report -

The Taste of Chocolate: By Sharon Lee on December 8, 2020

--- *Wilson Centre... Stories Untold: Remembering the Korean War.* ---

"GI, GI, give me chocolate, give me chocolate! GI, hello! Hello!"

Maija Rhee Devine, in an interview with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Oral History Program, recalls hearing South Korean children call out in broken English as they swarmed around American soldiers, hoping to get a taste of American chocolate. With the onset of the Korean War in 1950, these kinds of interactions had become commonplace.



Maija, also a young child at the time, stood with her mother and watched from afar as American soldiers took off their hats, filled them with chocolates and passed them around to the elated Korean children. As Maija quietly observed the scene, one of the American soldiers gestured to her. Unfamiliar with the American hand signal, Maija stood still until the soldier approached her. With the calls of the other children behind him, the soldier squatted down and stuffed the pockets of Maija's handknit sweater with chocolates as she stood silently, confused. Maija later asked her mother why the American soldier had given her chocolates when there were so many other children who had been asking for chocolate. Her mother, also puzzled, speculated that perhaps it was because Maija's green and red sweater reminded the soldier G.I. of Christmas back home in America. Maija tasted the chocolate. In an instant, the echoes of the other children's pleas to the soldiers made perfect sense. Maija recalls cherishing the chocolates for as long as possible by limiting herself to tiny bites. She began to dream of going to America someday, where all those chocolates – and the kind soldier – had come from.

The Shin Family Orphans

My own grandmother, Shin Jeong-pil, was only a toddler during the onset of the war and tells similar stories from her life in her southern hometown of Daegu. She, too, recalls sweet memories of American chocolate and the struggles of growing up in a war-torn environment. Like many Korean children in the 1950s, my grandmother, her four siblings and five cousins all became orphans when their fathers died in the war and their widowed mothers left their families to remarry. The "Shin family orphans" were left in the care of my great-great-grandmother, who suddenly found herself having to operate an orphanage of sorts for her –

10 grandchildren. This was an overwhelming responsibility for my great-great grandmother. Although she did her best to attend to all 10 of her grandchildren, it was a difficult upbringing for her grandchildren; my grandmother has the physical scars to prove it. With the attention of my great-great-grandmother stretched thin, my grandmother a toddler at the time – managed to crawl up a window into the kitchen and toppled over into a boiling pot of water. Her head fell into a floating gourd atop the water, sparing her face, but her hands and arms were fully submerged, leaving her with severe burns. Today, my grandmother is handicapped as a result of the incident, and her scars are a reminder of what the Korean War took from her: the care and oversight of her parents.

My great-great grandmother saved my grandmother's life by pulling her out of the boiling water in time, but neglect was an inevitable result of my grandmother's circumstances, with no one to blame but the war that took the lives of over two million Korean civilians.

Finders Keepers - Hunger was also a problem. With no male figure in the family, it was very difficult for my great-great-grandmother to provide for the grandchildren. Unfortunately, the Shin orphans were not the only hungry children in Daegu. My grandmother recalls that the streets were filled with war orphans living like beggars, without food to fill their stomachs and without shoes to cover their bare feet.

In the midst of these painful memories, however, my grandmother also remembers an occasional delight: treats from the American soldiers. Whenever American soldiers drove by, the children would swarm towards them, yelling "Hello! Hello!" using the minimal English they knew to try to catch the soldiers' attention. The soldiers would throw treats like chocolate, gum and candy to the children, and the children would scramble to grab a treat: finders keepers. It was chaos. The stronger, older children would successfully grab more treats than the weaker, younger children. My grandmother, pointing to a scar on her forehead, said that small children like her often suffered injuries as they tried to keep up with the bigger children, scrambling for those delicious American treats. Maija Rhee Devine married an American soldier and is now a proud citizen of the United States. My own grandmother survived her hunger-filled childhood and now spends her time cooking for the homeless and hungry in her neighborhood in Seoul, South Korea. Her scarred forehead, hands and arms, despite her insistence on hiding them under makeup and long-sleeve shirts, shine as a reminder of the difficulties my grandmother was able to overcome – both during and after the Korean War. -- Sharon Lee is pursuing a B.A. in Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania --



HUMOUR



Vladimir Putin Visits a School One Day And he gives a lecture about how great the government is, and how Russia is the best country in the world. At the end of the lecture he invites people to ask questions and one kid stands up and says:

"Hello my name is Sasha and I have two questions"

Putin: "go ahead" Sasha: "Why did Russia invade Ukraine?"

And why haven't we won the war yet?"

At that moment the bell rang and everyone went to lunch.

At the end of lunch the Q&A continued and another kid stood up

"My name is Boris and I have four questions" Putin: "Yes?"

Boris: "Why did Russia invade Ukraine? why haven't we won the war yet? why was the bell 20 minutes early and where is Sasha?"

The American says: Listen, in my country I can walk into the oval office, hit the desk and say " President Biden I do not like the way you're governing our country" The Russian says: I can do that. The American says: what how?

The Russian says: I can go straight into the Kremlin, pound my fist on Putin's desk and say " Mr. president I do not like the way Joe Biden is governing"

One alien says to another, "The dominant life forms on the planet earth appear to have developed satellite-based nuclear weapons."

The second alien replies, "Are they an emerging intelligence?"

The first alien says, "I don't think so, they have them aimed at themselves."

Zelensky: Why did you invade Iraq?

United States: Because we "suspected" nuclear weapons.

Zelensky: So why not attack Russia now?

United States: Because we know that Russia has nuclear weapons.

During the Napoleonic wars, an English general (EG) is captured by the French. eventually the French general (FG) faces up to the EG for the interrogation:

FG: i dont understand you English types (in a very broad French accent) - why you always wear red coats. it makes you too easy to find, easy to shoot. u must be stupid

EG: (not deterred by the obvious taunt) it's quite simple dear chap - we wear red

coats so as not to scare our soldiers

FG: Eh? how can a red coat not scare your soldiers? I don't understand

EG: well, it's quite simple really. should I or any of my soldiers get shot, the red coat disguises any blood from the wound, not scaring our soldiers, allowing them to fight in battle without being "put off" by other members being hit.

the French general scratches his chin and then has an idea

... and that's why the French foreign legion now wears brown trousers.

History professor: Can you mention any kings that have brought happiness and laughter into people's lives?

Student: Smo-king, Drin-king and the

The teacher asks the class what they can do to stop water pollution.

Little Johnny answers proudly, "Stop taking baths!"

English Professor: "While two negatives can mean a positive, in the English language there are no two positives that connote a negative."

From back of class: "Yea. Right!"

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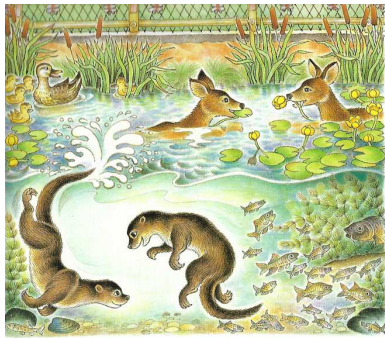
It looks like Santa will not be coming again this year



"Well, if you didn't do anything to North Korea, then why do they keep launching missiles at us?"



Aren't we forgetting the true meaning of Christmas? You know, the birth of Santa. - Bart Simpson



When summer comes to the DMZ,
the otter brothers and sisters cool off
on hot days by playing in the water,
and the young water deer nibble
on water lily leaves



Grandfather goes to up to the DMZ again
and stares out over the northern land.

From 'When Spring Comes to the DMZ' - Children's picture book

FAREWELLS

Geoffrey KERRISON, HMAS Sydney, Aged 89 , 15/08/2022

Alan Wilson McDonald, 77SQN, Aged 92 , 13/08/2022

Colin Charles MATTHEWS, 3RAR, Aged 92 , 12/08/2022

Henry (Harry) H.T. POOLEY, 1RAR, Aged 91 , 04/08/2022

Alan J. BECK, 77SQN, Aged 92 , 22/06/2022

Frank MOFFITT, 3RAR, Aged 97 , 10/06/2022

Tom Channing, New Zealand K Force 16th Field Regiment , 02/06/2022

Peter Chalmers Craig, HMAS Sydney, Aged 99 , 25/04/2022

Robert John Maddigan, 3RAR, Aged 88 , 18/11/2021

Rex Oswald Hoole, 77 SQN, Aged 91 , 26/04/2022

Eric MAYO, UK Royal Warricks Shire, Aged 88 , 22/04/2022

John FRY, 2RAR, Aged 88 , 25/03/2022

Donald Ivor Gallop, Royal Navy HMS Belfast, Aged 92 , 14/03/2022

Sydney John (Jack) Catton, 3RAR, Aged 91 , 03/03/2022

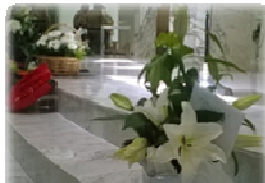
Alexander Weaver, 3RAR, Aged 99 , 18/02/2022

William J. (Bill) MILLHOUSE, HMAS Anzac, Sydney, Aged 92 , 06/02/2022

Brian James DE VAUS, 1,2,3,RAR, Aged 90 , 01/12/2021

They shall grow not old, As we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.

LEST WE FORGET



['ANZAC Day Poems for Primary School Kids'](#) from FamiliesMagazineOnline.com.au
ANZAC Day is a commemoration and respectful remembering of those who gave their lives so that we may live ours. In this spirit, poetry is often used to express the unexpressable. In Flanders Fields (John McRae), For The Fallen (Laurence Bin-yon), A BROWN SLOUCH HAT, NOT A HERO, ANZAC DAY, SONNET FOR ANZAC DAY, A TRIBUTE TO ANZAC DAY

OTHER ANZAC DAY POEMS FOR KIDS

Banjo Paterson, the renowned bush poet, wrote the majority of his tomes with a focus on the bush and outback lifestyle. So stirred was he by the ANZAC legend, however, that he put pen to paper in this ferociously patriotic missive that brought together the British Empire in celebration of the achievements of 'our boys'.

Here are his rousing words in,

"We're All Australian Now":

Australia takes her pen in hand, To write a line to you,
To let you fellows understand, How proud we are of you.

From shearing shed and cattle run, From Broome to Hobsons Bay,
Each native-born Australian son, Stands straighter up today.

The man who used to "hump his drum", On far-out Queensland runs,
Is fighting side by side with some Tasmanian farmer's sons.

The fisher-boys dropped sail and oar To grimly stand the test,
Along that storm-swept Turkish shore, With miners from the west.

The old state jealousies of yore Are dead as Pharaoh's sow,
We're not State children any more We're all Australians now!

Our six-starred flag that used to fly, Half-shyly to the breeze,
Unknown where older nations ply Their trade on foreign seas,

Flies out to meet the morning blue With Vict'ry at the prow;
For that's the flag the Sydney flew, The wide seas know it now!

The mettle that a race can show Is proved with shot and steel,
And now we know what nations know And feel what nations feel.

The honoured graves beneath the crest Of Gaba Tepe hill,
May hold our bravest and our best, But we have brave men still.

With all our petty quarrels done, Dissensions overthrown,
We have, through what you boys have done, A history of our own.

Our old world diff'rences are dead, Like weeds beneath the plough,
For English, Scotch, and Irish-bred, They're all Australians now!

So now we'll toast the Third Brigade, That led Australia's van,
For never shall their glory fade In minds Australian.

Fight on, fight on, unflinchingly, Till right and justice reign.
Fight on, fight on, till Victory Shall send you home again.

And with Australia's flag shall fly A spray of wattle bough,
To symbolise our unity, We're all Australians now.