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Efforts to Locate and Identify

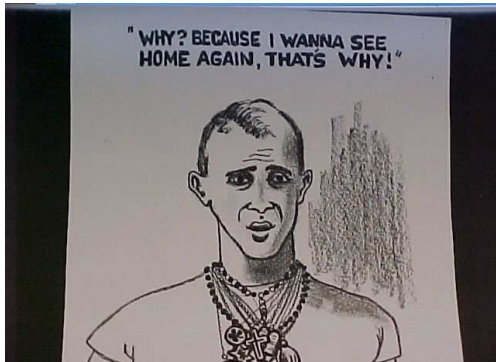
Officers and civilian employees of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, based at Hickam AFB in Hawaii, have arrived at the Center for the Study of the Korean War for the annual visit. They are seeking clues to assist in locating Korean War MIAs.

Over 8,000 men are listed as missing in action from the Korean War. Each year however, new information is uncovered through the efforts of the Accounting Command and others, and remains are located, retrieved, and identified.



Recent Contributions

Patrick Flaherty, who earned his CIB with CO, H. 2nd Battalion, 279th Regimental Combat Team, 49th Infantry Division, has donated a collection of 45 pencil-shaded combat cartoons that he made while serving with a Graves Registration Team. Flaherty is a retired cartoonist from the Readers Digest magazine.



Jack Eller, a member of a Marine tank crew during the Korean War, provided the Center for the Study of the Korean War with some interesting documents from his days in the Marines, including a charge for being AWOL. It turned out to be nothing but a return delayed by a snow storm.

Julie Herndon, whose parents were both in the military, provided the Center with materials and photographs that document the service life of her father and mother. Her father was an officer with KMAG during the Korean War.

The Center received some audio tapes of a Chinese interrogation from the Korean War. Copies are being made and put onto CD.

A Note From the Director of the Center for the Study of the Korean War

Greetings from the Center!

We have been very busy this summer: printing Volume 4 of the Proceedings from our annual conference; accessioning a lot of important and interesting items; working with researchers, government agencies, veterans and their families, and the general public; applying for grants; and preparing the groundwork for establishing an electronic database.

We currently use the card catalog system, and will continue to keep it up-to-date, but we must get the collection cataloged on the computer for research, control, and reporting efficiency. We have begun the process of trying to raise

the funds for this important transition; as much as we love the feel of the note cards and the sound of the wooden catalog drawers sliding out, we cannot deny the opportunities technology can offer!

I am pleased to join the Center as the new Director. My father, Dr. Paul M. Edwards, founded the collection and has been its director since 1989. He of course remains at the Center and is assuming the position of Senior Fellow and Advisor.

With the help of our volunteers we have been working to keep up with everyday maintenance and ongoing projects, including interviews with local veterans for the Veterans' Oral History Project.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter! As always, Graceland University and the Center for the Study of the Korean War welcome visitors and inquiries. Thank you!

Gregg Edwards



The Center is greatly aided by the work of volunteers, among whom Judith Charlton, Levi Hart, and Jack Eller have been most active. In addition, Judith is our most consistent donor. The Center is forming a new volunteer group called the 'KMAGS.' If you are interested in volunteering to help with a variety of projects at the Center, please contact us at 816.833.0524, extension 4304, or email us at gedwards@graceland.edu



Map of Korea

A map of the Korean Peninsula has been painted on one of the walls of the Center. "So many veterans come in and want to know where they were during the war," says Dr. Paul Edwards, Senior Fellow. "We decided it would be most useful to have a map they could walk right up to." The four-color map, painted by Dr. Edwards, shows not only cities, towns, rivers, railroads, and other significant landmarks, but also important battles and troop movements during the war.

The map measures six-feet by four-feet.



Grants & Donations

The Center for the Study of the Korean War is pleased to announce receipt of a grant from the Courtney S. Turner Foundation. The \$20,000 matching grant will help the Center in its transition to an electronic cataloging system, including software, hardware, support, and data entry supervision and personnel. Because this is a matching funds grant, the Center needs to raise an equal amount from outside sources during this coming year.

We sincerely appreciate the interest and investment of the Courtney S. Turner Foundation in supporting the work of the Center for the Study of the Korean War to collect and preserve archives from the Korean War.



Need Help!

Does anyone know anything about a Korean War operation called SASAFRASS? We have had a question about it and we have no information at all. Please, if you can help, email Gregg Edwards at gedwards@graceland.edu

A graduate student from the University of Tennessee was here for a week to research for her dissertation on 'Life at Home' during the Korean War.

The Center has been in contact with Wisconsin Public Television in Madison, Wisconsin. We have provided them with information, documents, and 8mm footage from the Korean War, for use in a documentary they are producing. The show is focusing on Wisconsin veterans of the Korean War.

This And That

Progress continues on the Center's latest book: A Korean War Almanac, listing a day-by-day account of the events and circumstances of the war. This Facts on File almanac is due out the first of next year.

Lisa Hecht, a doctoral student, has been working at the Center during the summer, overseeing a number of projects including updating the Center's brochure and web page.

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