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## KWMF's New Education Program— Off to a Great Start

KWMF has now launched its new Korean War Education Program in San Francisco. The program is designed to help young people understand the causes of that war, the sacrifices made, the outcome, and the lessons learned. The debut session took place on November 16, 2016 in front of a class of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) students at Lowell High School.

KWMF Director of Education Wallace T. "Wally" Stewart presented the lesson to the seventeen young women and three young men in the JROTC class. Wally had developed



JROTC Director Doug Bullard, SFUSD

the lesson plan in cooperation with Douglas Bullard, Lieutenant Colonel, USA (Ret.), Director of JROTC for the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). Doug was present and introduced Wally to the class.

The students were enthusiastic and engaged throughout the class. This was particularly gratifying for Wally, who is a retired teacher as well as a Marine combat veteran of the Korean War.

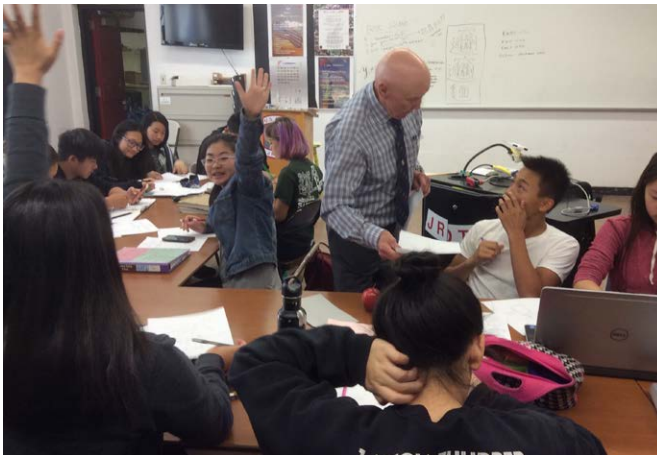


KWMF Education Director Wally Stewart begins the lesson.

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Wally hands out an assignment sheet to the enthusiastic students.



Don Reid answers a student's question

Following his military service, Wally graduated from San Francisco State University and then received his Master's degree from Stanford University. He began his teaching career in the San Francisco school system in 1964, first at Marina Junior High and then at McAteer High, where he taught math and coached junior varsity football. In 1980 he was transferred to Lowell High, where he taught until his retirement in 1994. So this day, in a very real sense, was a homecoming for Wally.

Judge Quentin L. Kopp (Ret.), KWMF's President and Chair, sat in on the class, together with 2nd Vice President John R. Stevens and Treasurer Donald F. Reid, both Korean War veterans. A special highlight came at the end of the class, with a "living history" Q & A session in which the students had the opportunity to ask the veterans about their experiences in Korea. The veterans were reliving events that took place more than sixty years ago, at a time when they weren't much older than these students are today.

At the end of the class, Wally requested that the students provide him with written feedback. The comments he received indicated that the



From L: John Stevens, Don Reid, Wally Stewart, Doug Bullard, and Quentin Kopp



Q & A session had made a lasting impression on the students. "I really appreciated the personal stories," one student wrote. "It must be hard for the veterans to share this part of their life with us. It definitely gives me a wider scope towards life and the fact that the events we learn about in school are actually real." Another student commented, "I barely knew anything about the Korean War. Now I know about these important events – the U.S. involvement and the causes of the war."

KWMF will continue to work with the SFUSD, and will also seek San Francisco Board of Education approval to continue the program at Lowell High, and to expand it to other schools in the District over the coming months. The

goal is to ensure that this and future generations of our youth will know about, understand, and remember the "Forgotten War" and its role in our nation's history. It's a worthy goal, for as writer-philosopher George Santayana famously wrote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."



## Thank you, Lighthouse Worldwide Solutions

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## An Old Friend Visits the Memorial



KWMF Vice President Man J Kim, Treasurer Don Reid, and 2nd Vice President John Stevens Join Deputy Minister Han with wreath

On November 10, Han Dong-man, Seoul-based Deputy Minister for Overseas Koreans and Consular Affairs, was in San Francisco on government business briefly, for less than twenty-four hours. Yet he managed to find the time to visit the Korean War Memorial, reconnect with his close KWMF friends, and present a ceremonial wreath in honor of those who served.

This was a most fitting reunion, given the fact that the Deputy Minister had played a pivotal role in getting this Memorial funded and built. For over three years, he served as Consul General in San Francisco. And throughout his tenure, he was a tireless and dedicated supporter of KWMF's fundraising efforts, with both the Korean Government and the Bay Area's Korean community. Without Consul General Han's tenacity and hard work, KWMF might still be raising

funds, and the Memorial might still be just a dream rather than a reality.

In recognition of Deputy Minister Han's efforts on behalf of the Memorial, KWMF's Board of Directors had commissioned a special commemorative plaque to honor him. And on this day, the Deputy Minister got to see the plaque for the first time.

Deputy Minister Han, we will never forget you.



John Stevens shows Deputy Minister Han his plaque



The Plaque honoring then-Consul General Han



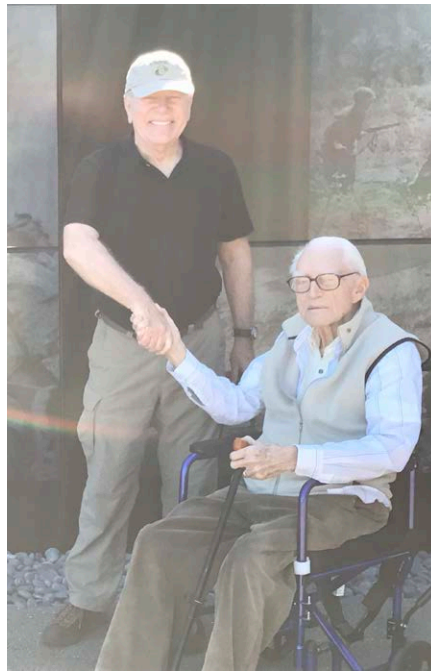
# Korean War Hero from Sonoma Finally Gets to See the Memorial

Theodore H. “Ted” Chenoweth has been unable to visit the new Korean War Memorial since it first opened in August. The Korean War veteran no longer drives, and he has had some trouble getting around lately. So the long trek from his home in Sonoma wasn’t practical. The situation changed on October 6, however, when KWMF’s Gerard Parker paid him a surprise visit and drove him down for a “private tour.”

Ted reminisced to Parker about his service as a Marine infantry officer in Korea from December 1951 to March, 1953. Parker commented that that seemed like an unusually long tour of duty. Chenoweth quipped, “Well, they tried to ship us home earlier, but we had a little problem with the Chinese, who didn’t want us to leave just yet.”

Ted fought against the Chinese in what became known as “The Outpost Wars” in the winter and spring of 1953. As a platoon leader in Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Ted’s combat actions on Outpost Vegas in March, 1953 earned him the Navy Cross for valor, second only to the Medal of Honor, and the Purple Heart for wounds received. In honor of men he served with, men he considers “the real heroes,” Ted commissioned several of the inscribed commemorative tiles that have been installed along the Memorial perimeter. And on this day, he got his opportunity to see them for the first time.

When he located the tiles, he stared quietly at them for quite a while. One sensed that he was no longer in the peaceful Presidio of San Francisco on a sunny autumn day, but on a frigid hill in Korea, sixty-three years ago.



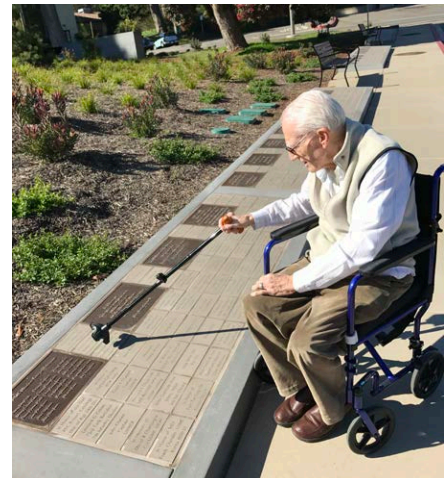
Navy Cross recipient Ted Chenoweth with KWMF’s Gerry Parker

Then, as the sun sank lower in the sky, it was time to go. And Ted bid farewell to his brothers in arms.

After his return from Korea, Ted remained in the Marine Corps Reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1974. During that period, he also began a career at the University of California, Berkeley, his 1951 alma mater before joining the Marines. He started at UC Berkeley as Manager of Research, and retired in 1979 as Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs. Ted and his wife Lynda reside in Sonoma, California.



Lieutenant Chenoweth in Korea just before he was wounded, March, 1953



Ted locates his tiles



Ted’s tiles. MOH=Medal of Honor. NC=Navy Cross.

# First Veterans Day Remembrance At Korean War Memorial



On November 11, KWMF's officers gathered with a few friends and supporters at the Korean War Memorial for its first Veterans Day remembrance. It was an informal but meaningful ceremony.

The ceremony began with brief remarks by KWMF's officers and Deputy Consul General Kim Jimin of the

Korean Consulate General in San Francisco. Then Judge Kopp and Deputy Consul General Kim placed a commemorative wreath in front of the Memorial wall.

Despite the modest gathering, there was a strong media presence.



KWMF Treasurer Don Reid, 2nd Vice President John Stevens, and President and Chairman Quentin Kopp



Deputy Consul General Kim Rimin speaks to the guests



Quentin Kopp with wreath



Unexpected but most welcome guests included a contingent from the UK's 22nd Artillery Regiment, Royal Army. Their unit has been training on an exchange program here in California, and they wanted to pay their respects on Veterans Day.

Note that these British troops all wear red poppies on their left breasts to commemorate the fallen, a tradition throughout the United Kingdom and the British Commonwealth on Armistice Day (now called Veterans Day in this country). This practice used to be quite common in the United States, too, often on Memorial Day; but it has now gone somewhat out of fashion. The practice began in 1915, following the Second Battle of Ypres in World War I, when the following poem by a Canadian medical officer gained widespread popularity:

### **In Flanders Fields**

by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

Fitting words for this Memorial, on this Veterans Day.



Gathering for a group photo. Third from right is Jean Fraser, Chief Executive Officer of the Presidio Trust, KWMF's ally and partner in this Memorial project.



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