

Chapter 3

1945-1990: THE COLD WAR ERA

Korean War (1950-1953) "America's Forgotten War"

"Duty. Honor. Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn."

General Douglas MacArthur (1880 - 1964)

*Address to the cadets of the U.S. Military Academy in accepting the Thayer Award
May 12, 1962*



*—U.S. Army Truman
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photo*

The Cold War

The end of World War II left the United States and the USSR the two greatest powers in the world. However, by 1947, friction over the treaties with Austria, Germany, and Japan and Soviet aggression in Eastern Europe brought increasing tension. By the end of 1948, the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union was considered a **cold war**.

After World War II the Korean peninsula, about the size of the state of Utah, extending 635 miles in length and 150 miles across at its widest, had been divided along the 38th parallel into South Korea and North Korea. The South declared itself the Republic of Korea and the North, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In 1950, armed conflict arose in Korea between Soviet-backed Communist forces and United Nations forces led by the United States. U.S. policymakers were committed to extending the Truman Doctrine, which called for the containment of Communism in southeast Asia.

June 25, 1950 – North Korea invades South Korea along the line of demarcation. This action marks the beginning of the conflict, eventually called the Korean Conflict.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson and President Truman are persuaded to commit air and naval power to the region and to deploy the 7th Fleet to the Taiwan Strait to prevent mainland China from invading the island of Taiwan. In all, fifteen nations, in addition to the United States, send combat troops to fight in Korea.

Mainers proudly voted in honor of loved ones who served in Korea:

My husband, Benjamin W. Barr, Sr., served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He believed in freedom for everyone. He loved his country and our flag. I have listened to my husband talk of the war and watched the tears fall down his face. But when I asked him and my uncles who served in World War II and Korea why they went in to the service, their answer was simply, "So our brothers, sisters and our children to come wouldn't have to go." They gave so much so we would be free and safe.

Janice A. Barr, Medway

My father, Benjamin W. Barr, Sr., served in the Korean Conflict. Although he was not an honored hero in a military way, he will always be my hero. Also, his dedication to veterans, their families, and our community is an honor in itself. He loved his country, the State of Maine, and veterans in general. At his memorial service a gentleman said it about as well as anyone possibly could: "I feel I am standing in the shadow of a very great man." Indeed sir, you were.

Kimberly M. Lyons, Lincoln

I am voting in honor of my brother, William J. Champlin, who served in the Army in Korea. He helped lead 7 men to safety from behind enemy lines.

Francis T. Champlin, Van Buren

Served from 1957-1961



I will vote in honor of my husband, Petty Officer, 2nd class, Paul Joseph Pepin, who served in the Navy for four years during the Korean Conflict. He served aboard the battleship *New Jersey* and took part in ship to shore bombardments, making it safer for the ground crews to do their jobs. He was the recipient of three battle stars and the Korean Presidential Unit of Citation, among others. I am very proud of him and the positive attitude he has regarding the defense of our great country.

Joyce H. Pepin, Newport

Paul Joseph Pepin



*Deanna & Elmer
"Bud" Hallett*

When I vote, I will do so with pride in honor of my husband, Elmer "Bud" Hallett, who served with honor in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was in the hospital on Election Day 2000, but I was pleased to be able to acknowledge his service time and to give a very sick man a smile. He died November 19 and is sadly missed.

Deanna Mosher Hallett, Hallowell



Charles M. Johnson



C Co. 1st Bn 6th Marines 2nd Div.

My father, Charles M. Johnson, was a staff sergeant in the Marine Corps and served 5 years in the service. He was in the Korean Conflict and was

wounded twice. He received a Bronze Star, 2 Purple Hearts, and other medals. I am very proud of him.

Gary C. Johnson, Sr., Fairfield

My father, Jerry L. DeWitt, turned 18 while he was in Korea. He was a Ranger. My mother, Sharon H. Howard, served in the Airborne Women's Army Corps.

Hans D. DeWitt, Wilton

*Some of the most well known battles of the Korean War were the several battles for **Pork Chop Hill**, **Old Baldy**, and **Heartbreak Ridge**:*

My father, Edward Ouellet, enlisted in the U.S. Army in April of 1952, leaving home with high ideals and a strong sense of duty for his country. After he was wounded at Pork Chop Hill, he spent over 4 months in a hospital in Japan and received a Purple Heart. When he returned home, he married and raised 4 children. My father shared with us his beliefs of patriotism. He motivated us with encouragement to serve our country. Where we come from and from whom we come determines our character. I am proud to be my father's daughter. I am proud of the veteran who raised me.

Brenda Boyce, Ashland



Edward Ouellet

I will be proudly wearing the veteran button in honor of my father, Jesse R. Wilson, who fought in the Korean Conflict with the United States Army's 180th Infantry Regiment and 45th Infantry Division on Old Baldy. After ten months of being on the front lines, my dad was hit by a mortar and wounded in the right leg. He was given the Purple Heart for shedding his blood for the freedom of our country. I am very thankful for the sacrifices he made and that he is alive today to tell me about them.

Debra L. Wilson, Old Town



Fred C. Berry, Jr.

I am voting in honor of Cpl. Fred C. Berry, Jr., a native of Brunswick, who died on June 27, 1951. We were behind enemy lines, flushing out the enemy. Suddenly we were fired on by a 2-machine gun nest on high ground. Fred turned and attacked, firing as he went. He cleaned out gun No. 1 and started for gun No. 2. He was almost there when a grenade got him. He was awarded the Silver Star posthumously.

*Joseph W. Boulet, Sanford
Served in Korea, 1951*

Compelling responses honoring veterans of the Korean War recalled those who unselfishly and valiantly gave their lives in service to their country, some at particularly young ages:

My brother, PFC Donald G. Feeney, served in the 1st Marine Division in the Korean Conflict. He died on November 9, 1950, with only a few weeks left to serve. He was only 20 years old.

Evelyn J. (Feeney) Cave, Orrington



George Riley Burton

My brother, Cpl. George Riley Burton, served in Korea in the 15th Field Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Army. He died in a North Korean prison camp of wounds and beriberi. He was 18 years old.

Hilda E. Thibodeau, Veazie

My father, Captain Roger W. Jellison, was an Air Force pilot killed in action in 1957. I am also voting in honor of my mother, Jo Doris Jellison, who was an active duty registered nurse in the USAF from 1948-1956.

Michael Jellison, Hampden

I am voting in honor of my uncle, Kenneth Wayne Merrill, who served in the Army. According to a letter sent to the family, "A Chinese mortar round killed him as he almost single-handedly held off an enemy regiment on June 3, 1953." He was only 19 years old. He was very proud to serve his country. He received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart, among other citations.

Donnalene MacDonald, Casco



*Kenneth Wayne
Merrill*

My cousin, Harry L. Sargent, Jr., was in the Army in the tank division when he was killed during the Korean Conflict. He is buried on a knoll overlooking the Korean War Memorial with his name etched in granite in the Hope Cemetery in Bangor. He was the only child of Harry and Emily Sargent of Hampden.

Judith C. Mosier, Yarmouth

I will be voting in honor of John Hickey, who served in the Air Force in the Korean Conflict. He was shot down and died in a POW camp. He was the only one from Maine that I met over there. This is for John Hickey and all the others on the Korean War Memorial in Bangor.

Carl A. Leighton, Princeton

Served in Korean Conflict, 1951-52

When I vote, I will pay tribute to my brother, Cpl. Irving Munroe, who was a member of a B-29 bomber squad flying without fighter escort deep in North Korea. They were attacked by large numbers of North Korean jet fighters and shot down. On 1 June 1951 he became MIA. He was 19 years old.

Jack J. Munroe, Stetson

Served in Korea and Vietnam, U.S. Army Ret.

MAINE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Maine Korean War Memorial was dedicated July 29, 1995, two days after the national memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C.

It is located on a beautiful site next to a tranquil pond in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Bangor, Maine, and it salutes all veterans of the first United Nations action since the end of the Second World War.

The memorial reflects the work of a small group of Korean War Veterans who began in 1992 to plan how to construct an appropriate memorial to the Korean War honoring all Maine servicemen and women, especially those who were killed in Korea.

On polished granite slabs are engraved the names of 233 Maine men who died in Korea. Eight additional names are to be added as a result of further investigations. The memorial also provides visitors with a history lesson about the "Forgotten War".



I will be voting in honor of Roy Sandvik, United States Marines. He was killed in action in Korea. He was one of my best friends.

*Kenneth Carlsen, Brooklyn, NY
Served in Korea, USMC*

I will be voting in honor of my uncle, Glendon Philbrick, who was killed in the Korean Conflict serving in the Army for our freedom. He died 3 days before the war was over.

Tina Marie Richard, Clinton



Glendon Philbrick

I will be voting in honor of Joe Mahoney, USMC, my first buddy killed in Korea.

*Richard G. Chick, Winthrop
Served in Korea*

Equally touching are responses that honor the sacrifice, patriotism, and dedication of loved ones who did their duty abroad and then came home:

My grandfather, Kenneth L. Hall, Sr., was in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was a gunner's mate on a ship. While he was serving, he contracted pneumatic fever and was sent home. He and my grandmother were married for 45 years before he passed away in 1995. I would like to vote in his memory and in honor of a time in his life of which he was very proud but spoke little.

Jennifer M. Bassett, Auburn

I will vote in honor of my wife, Shirley Ayer Lupo, who joined the Navy in 1952 but was required to be discharged in 1955 because she got married. (At that time if a female married, she had to leave the military.) Her most interesting flight was in 1954 when she took French troops from Indo-China back to Paris.

Raymond R. Lupo, Hampden

*Served 5 years in the Navy and 15 years
in the Air Force in Korea, Vietnam and the Congo*



My father, Frank William McDade, fought in Korea. I am proud that he helped secure the freedom we now hold so dear. This is a great way to honor him.

Earl Matthew McDade, Bangor

Frank William McDade

Army Nurse Corps personnel serving in Korea followed time-honored traditions in accepting the challenging responsibilities of combat nursing. They managed overwhelming numbers of critically wounded soldiers in MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) units, in Field Hospitals, and Evacuation Hospitals.

The exact number of Army Nurse Corps officers who saw action in the Korean War is unknown; estimates of nurse participants vary from 540 to 1,502.

The **Air Force Nurse Corps** assisted in the evacuation of about 3,900 patients after the Chinese intervention in the war. By the end of the war, they had helped evacuate about 350,000 patients.

The **Navy Nurse Corps** served in hospitals as well as aboard ships where battle casualties were admitted. Hospital ships were a new type of mobile hospital moving from place to place, supporting invasions, aiding evacuations, or staying near the coast as needed.



—U.S. Army photo



I am voting in honor of my companion, Jeannie Harrington, who was a CT in the Navy in the early 50's and served as a reservist on active duty. She was the founder of WAVES National with a unit in Maine.

Ralph Dicks, Milo

*Jeannie
Harrington*

My son, Russell Lane Jr., served his country in the Army in Korea. I'm proud he served. Everyone should. It would be a better place to live.

Russell Lane, Sr., Bristol

My brother, Vaughan L. Tardiff, is the oldest of 12 children, 9 boys and 3 girls. Vaughan served in Korea. All the rest of the brothers also served in the military for a total of 106 years.

Gerald E. Tardiff, Brewer
Served in Vietnam, USMC (Ret.)

When I vote, I will be paying tribute to my husband, Sylvio L. Thibodeau, a veteran who served in Korea. He is a very active V.F.W. member. He puts up 16 flags in our town on each holiday when flags are designated to be flown.
Lucille F. Thibodeau, Lee



Sylvio L. Thibodeau



I am voting in honor of Cornelius J. Begin, Jr., my husband, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 - 1955 aboard the *USS Wasp*. He was honorably discharged in 1955.

Dorothy L. Begin, Winslow

Cornelius J. Begin, Jr.

It was the patriotism of my father, Cornelius J. Begin, Jr., and his love for his country that encouraged me to join the Navy thirty years later.

Donna J. Fenton, Vassalboro

Served in U.S. Navy from 1981-86



Norman O'Clair

My brother, Norman O'Clair, served our country in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He was the sole survivor of a landslide and was seriously injured. He is now 71 years old. I admire his bravery and sacrifice. He is the oldest of fourteen children and I am the youngest. He got news of my birth while on a hospital ship on his way back home to the states. Another brother, Paul, wanted to be with Norman in Korea and lied about his age to join the Army. He was on his way to Korea the same time Norman was on his way back home.

Catherine Herson, Sorrento

**I am voting in honor of my husband, William R. Gilbert,
who served in the Army in Korea from 1956-1958.**

Alice M. Gilbert, Fairfield



William R. Gilbert

Aftermath of the Korean War

The United States, North Korea and China signed an armistice. However, the agreement failed to bring about a permanent peace.

U.S. forces had not previously seen a conflict like Korea. The battles were hard-fought, the enemy was unpredictable, and the weather was extreme. Over 1.7 million Americans served in Korea. Estimates are that more than 33,000 service members died. There were over 103,000 casualties and 7,140 military personnel taken as prisoners of war.

MEDALS OF HONOR

There were 131 Medals of Honor awarded to U.S. servicemen for their actions during the Korean War. Three Medals of Honor were given to veterans from Maine.

Army



Navy



Airforce



Major Charles J. Loring The last Air Force Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously to **Major Charles J. Loring Jr.** Loring was an F-80 pilot and flight leader assigned to the 80th Fighter-Bomber Squadron. On November 22, 1952, he led a quartet of F-80's against enemy artillery emplacements on Sniper Ridge which were harassing friendly ground troops. After verifying his target, Loring began his bombing run. Enemy fire was extremely heavy and accurate throughout his dive and his aircraft was hit and crippled.



Major Charles J. Loring

Disdaining any attempt to head for safety, Loring pulled up in a deliberate and controlled maneuver. He then turned and dove into a group of active gun emplacements, destroying them.

In a ceremony in the White House held on May 5, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower presented the Medal of Honor to Loring's widow.

On October 1, 1954, Limestone Air Force Base, Maine, was renamed **Loring Air Force Base** in his honor."

—from The Archives of the **Portland Press Herald**

Corporal Clair Goodblood, of Fort Kent, served in the U.S. Army, Company D, 7th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War.

According to his Medal of Honor Citation:

"Corporal Goodblood distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action against an armed enemy of the United Nations on 24 and 25 April 1951 near Popsu-dong, Korea. Corporal Goodblood, a machine gunner, was attached to Company B in defensive positions on thickly wooded key terrain under attack by a ruthless foe. In bitter fighting which ensued, the numerically superior enemy infiltrated the perimeter, rendering the friendly positions untenable. Upon order to move back, Corporal Goodblood voluntarily remained to cover the withdrawal and, constantly vulnerable to heavy fire, inflicted withering destruction on the assaulting force... He fearlessly maintained his one-man defense, sweeping the onrushing assailants with fire until an enemy banzai charge carried the hill and silenced his gun. When friendly elements regained the commanding ground, Corporal Goodblood's body was found lying beside his gun and approximately 100 hostile dead lay in the wake of



*CPL Clair Goodblood
Medal of Honor Memorial
Burnham, Maine
Dedicated on May 25, 1998
Built by
CPL Clair Goodblood
Chapter, KWVA, Augusta,
Maine*

*For more information visit:
<http://www.kwva.org>*

his field of fire. Through his unflinching courage and willing self-sacrifice the onslaught was retarded, enabling his unit to withdraw, regroup and resecure the strongpoint. Corporal Goodblood's inspirational conduct and devotion to duty reflect lasting glory on himself and are in keeping with the noble traditions of the military service."

Captain Lewis L. Millett, of Mechanic Falls, served in the U.S. Army, Company E, 27th Infantry Regiment, during the Korean War.

According to his Medal of Honor Citation:

"Captain Millett distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action in the vicinity of Soam-Ni, Korea on February 7, 1951. While personally leading his company in an attack against a strongly held position he noted that the 1st platoon was pinned down by small-arms, automatic, and antitank fire. Captain Millett ordered the 3rd platoon forward, placed himself at the head of the two platoons, and, with fixed bayonet, led the assault up the fire-swept hill... His dauntless leadership and personal courage so inspired his men that they stormed into the hostile position and used their bayonets with such lethal effect that the enemy fled in wild disorder. During this onslaught Captain Millett was wounded by grenade fragments but refused evacuation until the objective was taken and firmly secured. The superb leadership, conspicuous courage, and consummate devotion to duty demonstrated by Captain Millett were directly responsible for the successful accomplishment of a hazardous mission and reflect the highest credit on himself and the heroic traditions of the military service."

*Colonel (Ret.) Lewis L. Millett, one of the four surviving Maine Medal of Honor recipients, currently resides in Idyllwild, California

*from **United States of America's Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients and Their Official Citations**, provided by the Office of the Adjutant General, State of Maine*

Special Citations Given to Two Medal of Honor Recipients Born in Maine

Corporal David B. Champagne, entered the service in Rhode Island but was born in Waterville, Maine, and served in U.S. Marine Corps, Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, in Korea. On 28 May 1952, "Cpl. Champagne, by his valiant leadership, fortitude, and gallant spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of almost certain death, undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his fellow Marines. His heroic actions served to inspire all who observed him and reflected the highest credit upon himself and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

Sergeant George D. Libby, entered the service in Connecticut but was born in Bridgton, Maine, and served in the U.S. Army, Company C, 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion, 24th Infantry Division, near Taejon, Korea. On 20 July 1950, Sgt. Libby's "sustained, heroic actions enabled his comrades to reach friendly lines. His dauntless courage and gallant self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon himself and uphold the esteemed traditions of the U.S. Army."

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Additional Tributes Submitted Online

Tribute to my father, James H. Young:

My father, James H. Young fought in the Korean War. He was injured there and suffered throughout the rest of his life. He was always proud of his service to his country and would have gone again in an instant if they asked him. He was passionate about flying the Stars and Stripes and was known to let others know the right way to respect our flag. Up until his death, he never changed his support of our country and freedoms. Fittingly, he passed away on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2000. Today, my brothers and I and our families carry the tradition of support for our troops and pride in our country.

Juanita E. Spaulding, Plymouth Me.

Tribute to my father, David W. Stuart Sr.:

Once a Marine, always a Marine, proud to be an American. He taught me well, to follow in his footsteps of pride, honor and respect.

Jeanne M. Cameron, Merrill, Maine

Tribute to my Father, David L Kelley:

I wish I knew more of what took place during this time, I am proud to be his daughter, and I am also proud of his service to the Korean war, Army, Air Force. He is a very dedicated and caring man. He also served as a medic in the Army. He has many special traits and is a dedicated father and husband. God Bless him and those that served for our country!

Gail Moor, Hermon

Tribute to my My Uncle, Stowell Eustis:

I'm honoring my Uncle Stowell. Stowell was the oldest of ten children and a student at the University of Maine at Farmington when he was drafted. Stowell was a role model to his younger siblings. He was helping to support his family and going to school full time. He had to help support his brothers and sisters because his father was killed just a few years before he was drafted. Stowell knew he wouldn't make it back from Korea alive. How sad for his mother and siblings who had just lost their husband/father so tragically. In reading his letters you can really get a sense of what a wonderful man Stowell was. He had a gentle kindness and love of life and family. I wish I had known him in life, though I do feel close to him just the same and know he is safe and happy with his father in Heaven.

Sandra Eustis, Gorham

Tribute to my Uncle, Maj. Ronald Alley:

"Major Alley served his country with distinction in the Army Field Arty. He was captured by the North Koreans and held for three years. He was the Ranking individual in the POW camp in North Korea. He was eventually released and hospitalized for two years."

Dale Alley, Palmyra

Tribute to my Grandfather, Ernest Alvard Varney Jr.:

I'm honoring my Grandfather Ernest Alvard Varney Jr., who was part of the Medical Company of the 7th Infantry Regiment. He passed away July 26, 1999. Although he has passed away he is still my hero. I Love You Grampy.

Michelle Stevens, Lewiston, Maine

Tribute to my Grandfather, Harold W. Grant, Sr.:

He served in the Navy in Korea. He was a good man and a great human being. He died in April, 2002. He never once regretted serving his country.

Jeremy Stevens, Lewiston, ME

Tribute to my Dad, Norman Foss:

We lost you this year Daddy, but I want to honor your service in the forgotten war, The Korean Conflict. You were there when I was born and it must have been hard to leave a new bride and come home to Mom and a baby. You talked often of those years, especially toward the end and I always wanted to hear about your time there. I know you were proud when Jimmy joined the Army, following in your steps. I don't know if you understood Perry was going to Iraq, but he is there and he often speaks of you. I miss you Daddy and I was, am, and always will be proud of your service in the USA!

Ruth Malcolm, Waterville, Maine

Tribute to my Father, Rodney Waldron:

I am very proud to say that this wonderful man is my father, he has been through a lot in his life and he served proudly. The Marines should be proud and I thank God for him.

Ronnie Waldron, Gardiner, Maine

Tribute to my Father, Philip Norman Kneeland:

To the strongest, kindest, most gentle Hero that ever lived: You lived your life in service, never thinking of yourself. You left the world a better place, touching so many and brightening so many lives. You gave your all to your country, to your family and to your community. You helped to shape the lives of so many young men and women and your distinguished service and legacy shall live on through their lives and accomplishments. You are truly my American Hero and I salute you. May God bless you and keep you, until we are reunited on the other shore. Rest well faithful soldier, your son.

Ernest Vinal Kneeland, Dexter, ME

Tribute to my Father, Roland A. Toussaint:

I am very proud to be your daughter. I am proud that you served your country. I only know some of what you went through. I love you very much.

Linda A. Bolduc, Old Orchard Beach

Tribute to my Father, Felix Young Sr:

I vote in honor of my father, who served with the Marines in Korea. Dad, you'll never know how much I look up to you and respect you for your sacrifice. He is my role model, and I can only hope that I accomplish half as much as you have.

Christopher Young, Kittery

Tribute to my Husband, A. Robert Orsini:

My Husband, A. Robert Orsini, served in the Korean Conflict. Having come from Italian Immigrants he was especially proud of his country and flag. He served with pride - hoping his children and grandchildren would continue to live in freedom.

Lynne Orsini, Harrison

Tribute to my Friend, Robert E. Molinaro:

I will forever be proud of you BOB.

Deirdre, Ireland

Tribute to my Husband, Herbert L. Walker:

My tribute is to my husband "Buster" a nickname given him by his grandfather. He is now deceased he served his country for 4 years with the Army serving time State side, Japan and Korea.

Theo A. Walker, Farmington, Maine

Tribute to my Husband, Melcon E. Ray:

He was very patriotic man until the day he died.

Lucille V. Ray, Oxford, Maine

Tribute to my Grandfather, Melcon Ray:

He was so proud of the time he was enlisted in the Army; he served his country proud and was proud to be an American until the day he died.

Jeremy Flint, Oxford, Maine

Tribute to my Grandfather, Robert Flint:

He never talks about it as it was a very difficult time in his life. He is deaf in one ear because of the loud sound of the cannons.

Brian C. Flint, Oxford, Maine

Tribute to my Brother, Gerald E. Withee:

He is a Proud Marine, I will miss him dearly. He is in great company, two brothers, his dad, one sister and his mom.

Arthur Withee, Fairfield, Maine

Tribute to my Father, Richard L. Curtis Sr.:

Dad I love and miss you so much, you were a true hero. I love you, all my love, Sherry

Sherry Curtis, Swanville, Maine

Tribute to my Grandfather, Wallace C. Berard:

Pep was one of the most influential people in my life. Without him, I wouldn't be where I am today. Forever in my heart!

Brad Berard, Vassalboro, Maine

Tribute to my friend, Clifford P. Workman:

This man has dedicated his life to helping all veterans with their rights and pensions. He served with Disabled American Veterans as the past state Commander, also chapter commander. He helps 2 chapters even though only a member of one. Was appointed Aid to the Governor. Very active in the Legion and holds various positions. Taken vets into his own home, given money, rides, and advocacy to many veterans in need.

Teresa Lownds, New harbor, Maine

Tribute to my Grandfather, Frederick C.E. Bishop:

My grandfather served 20+ years in the United States Navy. He was stationed at one point at Brunswick Naval Air Station. His wife had passed in 2003 and he passed in 2007. He served his country in both Korean Conflict and Vietnam Conflict. He was a great father to his children and an awesome grandfather. He is an American that needs to not be forgotten. Thank you. God bless him and God bless our fallen heroes and God bless America.

James Sinko, Brunswick, Maine

Tribute to my Husband, Michael Foster:

For his 10 1/2 years of service to our country in the US Navy. His love of his country shows with every Flag he sees or song he hears about his Country the -USA !! He salutes all flags he sees when traveling and even though wheelchair bound, will struggle to stand when the National Anthem plays.

Lorna Foster, Monson, Maine

Tribute to my brother-in-law, Everett L. (Roy) Merrill:

Roy proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict.

Cindy M. Lowell, Clinton, Maine

Tribute to my Father, Raymond D. Fogarty:

In honor of a great East Greenwich Son, Father, brother, and friend.

Tom Fogarty, Auburn, Maine

Tribute to my Father, Frank K. Potter:

He was my hero in my life. He was a wonderful man and father. He is deceased and I miss him more than words can say.

Marsha Elston, Levant, Maine

Tribute to my Husband, William P. Eddy:

For faithful service in the U.S. Navy while engaged in the Korean Conflict and in the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Georgeann F. Eddy, Rangeley, Maine

Tribute to my Father, William P. Eddy:

I very proudly honor my dad, William Eddy, who is a proud 20 year veteran of the US Navy - having served aboard a destroyer off the coast of Korea during the Korean conflict and later transferring to submarines where he was a silent warrior in the Cold War under the sea. Diesel Boats Forever - right Dad?

Samuel Eddy, Yarmouth, Maine

Tribute to my Brother, Earland L. Luce:

Rest in Peace

Walter H. Luce, Marshfield, ME

Tribute to my Father, Francis H. Affayroux:

Disabled Vet, Passed away in 2007 in a Florida VA Hospital

Lisa Rackliff, Wilton, Maine

Tribute to my Father, Floyd Curtis:

Floyd Curtis served in the Korean War. Thank you for your service!

paul curtis, Exeter, Maine

Tribute to my Dad, Donald D. Duquette:

My father was a combat photographer who covered all of Korea and the "big shots" like MacArthur and Mark Clark as well as photos of terrible atrocities. His pictures appeared in magazines worldwide. He died 3/14/14 of multiple myeloma. So proud of you, Dad, and miss your voice and your stories so much. Check out kwvdm.org for interviews of Korean War vets!

Barbara Sylvain, Fort Kent, Maine

Tribute to my Husband, Herbert M. Adams:

May you love, the world you have served and love for the freedom/peace of all Americans.

melanie adams, Presque Isle, ME

Tribute to my Husband, Sgt. Luther C. Choate:

A true patriot in every sense of the word!! Thank you for your service to our country!

Donna Tomkiewicz-Choate, Addison, ME

Tribute to my Father, John S. Fowler:

In honor of my father, who recently passed. He spent the last few years of his life in the Minneapolis Veterans' Home. Many thanks to that wonderful facility. We will all miss him.

Elizabeth Fowler, Portland, ME

Tribute to my Father, Walter Sukeforth:

U.S. Coast Guard working on patrol/submarine watch during Korean War. Thank you for your service Dad!

Jeff Sukeforth, Camden, Maine

Tribute to my friend - deceased, Richard Bissell:

Richard told me of an experience as a member of a unit that crossed into China on an undisclosed mission. As US troops they were not supposed to be in China in the Korean conflict. They were forbidden to discuss it. They were discovered. Many were killed. He was one of a few that survived. They crossed back out of China by walking through Chinese lines via a safe passage. As he mentioned to me the severe physical and mental stress of that experience effected him greatly after his service. I procured a Korean Conflict challenge coin from the Maine Troop Greeters and was privileged to give it to him prior to his passing. I was honored that he confided in me about his service to our country. Richard lead a productive and fruitful life.

Bob Dion, Holden, Maine

Tribute to my Father, Billie Gean Brough:

My father served Honorably in the Korean War. He died a pauper in a Veterans Home from Dementia

Daniel Gene Brough, Norway

Tribute to my brother, Roger W. Mills:

He served in the Army, stationed in Korea near the DMZ, did his duty for his country. Returned home with honor, welcomed by all.

Theodore F. Mills, Waldoboro, Me.

Tribute to my Father, Harry Roswell Davis Jr.:

In honor of our Dad, Harry R Davis Jr. May 23,1932-January 19, 2019

Karen Davis Turner, Deer Isle