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Post 10223 History

### CWO Benjamin K. Humphreys Memorial Post 10223



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**Chartered: January 20 1996**

**Original Location: Anjung-Ri, Korea**

**New Location:**

**Commander-in-Chief: Paul A. Spera**

## Past Post Officers

**1995 - 2013**

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|-------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1995 – 1997 | John P. Faass Sr.   | 1997 – 1999 | Billy T. Haney         |
| 1999 – 2001 | Tony Samora         | 2001 – 2002 | Dan Meuse              |
| 2002 – 2003 | James Bellware      | 2003 – 2004 | Calvin Buckner         |
| 2003 – 2004 | Tony Samora         | 2004 – 2005 | James Bellware         |
| 2005 – 2006 | Billy T. Haney      | 2006 – 2007 | Drury “Mickey” Puckett |
| 2006 – 2008 | Shaun “Sammi” Sloan | 2008 – 2009 | Robert Matheny         |
| 2009 – 2010 | James D. Malott     | 2009 – 2010 | Michael Hoffman        |
| 2010 – 2011 | Michael Hoffman     | 2011 – 2012 | George Beck            |
| 2012 – 2013 | Michael Hoffman     |             |                        |
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"Pictures of the Past"

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**(1995 - 1997)**

*Our Post actually began with James Malott and Don Maas, members of Hill 180 Memorial Post 10216 in Songtan Korea outside of Osan, AB. Those two members held a Membership Drive during December 1995 at Freedoms Inn Club on Camp Humphreys. They are the ones that recruited 25 + members in order for us to get our Charter. When it was time for us to send our charter information into National we had a total of 53 members signed up. We were own our way.*

*CWO Benjamin K. Humphreys Memorial Post 10223 was Mustered on 20 January 1996, installation of officers was held at the Freedoms Inn Club.*

*Commander-in-Chief at the time was Paul A. Spera, Adjutant General was Larry J. Rivers.*

*Our [1st Post](#) Commander was John P. Faass Sr. **(1995 - 1997)***



*Our first meetings were held on Camp Humphreys at the Night Watch Club in the Game Room. Later on we started having our meetings at the "[Lone Star Saloon](#)" downtown Anjung-Ni, Korea about two blocks from the walk-thru gate.*

*Web Site created on 14 October 1997*

**(1997 - 1999)**

Our [2nd Post Commander](#) was Billy T. Haney (1997 - 1999)



During his first year Commander Haney received his first "ALL STATE" Commander's Hat for 100% + Membership.

Several members of the Post attended their first Annual Department Convention in Angeles City, Philippines.

Several members of the Post attended their first Mid-Term Department Convention in Olangapo, Philippines.

During his second year he prepared a Questionnaire in April 1998 asking Post members if they would like to have a place to call their own. Well that resulted in donations from members to the sum of \$9500.00 and on May 28, 1998, yes one month later, we opened up our own Post Home / Canteen.

During his second year Commander Haney received his second "ALL STATE" Commander's Hat for 100% + Membership.

**May 23 1998** we had the honor of having "Ronald G. Browning", Assistant Adjutant General of Marketing present at our Grand Opening of our canteen.

**July 26 1998** we had the honor of having "John E. Moon", Commander-in-Chief and "Joe Ridgley", Quartermaster General visit our canteen, a reception was held for both of them and their wives, Susan Moon and Judy Ridgley . Also present was Installation Commander "COL John M. House" and wife Marylin House. Commander-in-Chief Moon signed up John Burns as a Life Member. Commander Billy T. Haney presented Post Hats, Post Shirts, Post Mugs and Coins.

**Friday, November 6th, 1998**, will be a day that seven members of "**CWO Benjamin K. Humphreys Memorial Post 10223**" will never forget as long as they live. Those seven members, (Walter Cannon, Billy Haney, Tony Samora, Larry Jackson, Calvin Buckner, John Burns, Dan Meuse) were involved in a Repatriation Ceremony at Panmumjom, South Korea that consisted of Nine Korean War Veterans being returned home.



Standing: Walter Cannon, Billy Haney, Tony Samora, Larry Jackson, Calvin Buckner

Sitting: John Burns, Dan Meuse

*The events of that day*

*Approximately 47 VFW members representing VFW Posts 8180, 9985, 10215, 10216, 10223 and 10317 had the honor of participating in this most meaningful ceremony.*

*The LNOs (Liaison Officers) followed by 10 Veterans marched into position on the West Side of building T-2. The Veterans were lined up behind the LNOs, mixed by nation. The UNCMAC Team marched into position on the East Side of building T-1. COL Kropp, UNCMAC Secretary and his party met briefly with the KPA representatives and then placed themselves in front of the UNCMAC Team.*

*A five man team from the UNC Honor Guard, American, Thai and Korean Servicemen, led by a Sergeant moved into position and the North Koreans then moved in with the first transfer case. When the case was in the arms of the UNC Honor Guard a hand salute was rendered until the remains were out from between the buildings, they were taken to the street and placed on pre-placed casket stands. Eight times this was repeated. When the nine cases had been received, COL Kropp exchanged a few words with the KPA team and the party moved out to the street, the LNOs and Veterans on the east side of the cases, and the UNCMAC Team centered on the cases.*

*The Honor Guard NCOIC then ordered the cases draped with the United Nations flag, these brave men fought under that flag and it is only right that they be honored with it now. A Chaplain rendered a prayer and then one by one the cases were moved to a Hospital Bus for transfer to Yongsan and onward transportation to Hawaii for identification. As each case was moved, once again a salute was rendered, nine salutes for nine servicemen who made the supreme sacrifice. About 60 minutes, on a very beautiful day in Panmunjom, the DMZ between North and South Korea. If you could have only been there, you could have experienced, 60 very moving and meaningful minutes.*

*We were transported back to Camp Bonifas and had lunch at the dining facility. You could see and feel something very special in the air that day, if you looked around the room you could see faces that just a few minutes before had tears in their eyes. On the buses back to Yongsan, there was total silence. We were there, proudly wearing our VFW hats to honor our fallen Comrades.*

*All who participated felt they had been part of something very special and were moved by this simple, but very important ceremony. Hopefully, it will allow closure to nine families, who will now finally know the fate of their loved ones.*

*June 1998 four members of the Post attended the Annual Department Convention in La Union, Philippines.*

*(1999 - 2001)*

*Our 3rd Post Commander was Tony Samora (1999 - 2001)*



*During his first year Commander Samora received his first "ALL STATE" Commander's Hat for 100% + Membership.*

*Several members of the Post attended the Annual Department Convention in Angeles City, Philippines.*

*Several members of the Post attended the Mid-Term Department Convention in Alongapo (Subic), Philippines.*

**DEATHS:**

On **January 6, 2000** Comrade Joe Moore passed away. This young Comrade signed up and went home on leave before he even received his membership card. A Draping of our Charter was held at our Post Home.

On **March 20, 2000** Charter Member/Life Member, Comrade Sebastian Luizzi passed away. Memorial Services and Draping of our Charter was held at our Post Home.

On **December 2, 2000** Comrade Garn Fullmer passed away. A Draping of our Charter was held at our Post Home.

During his second year Commander Samora received his second "ALL STATE" Commander's Hat for 100% + Membership.

During his second year Commander Samora came to the conclusion that our Canteen was getting a little small for us so decided to find a bigger place. On May 19, 2001 we moved to our current location which is a more spacious and a better location for all the soldiers at Camp Humphreys.

Our **4th Post** Commander was Dan Meuse (2001 - 2002)



This year was not a good year for our Post due to the events that occurred in the United States. On September 11, 2002 the terrorist attack on the Trade Centers and the Pentagon caused all the Military Troops in Korea to be put on High Alert and lock down for several months which made it very hard on our Canteen and membership. With all that happen we still survived and Commander Meuse made 100% + Membership.

#### **DEATHS:**

On **January 02, 2002** Life Member #1427741, Comrade Tom J. McEuen passed away. Memorial Services and Draping of our Charter was held at our Post Home.

(2002-2003)

Our **5th Post** Commander James Bellware (2002 - 2003)

Commander Bellware and Quartermaster Billy T. Haney attended the Annual Department Convention in Pattaya, Thailand on 15 - 21 June 2002. It was our first trip to Thailand and we had a great time. It was motioned and carried that we have next years Annual Convention in Thailand and on December 6th - 8th the Mid-Term Convention will be in Alongapo, (Subic), Philippines.

Our **6th Post** Commander Calvin Buckner (2003 - 2004)

Commander Bellware and Quartermaster Billy T. Haney attended the Annual Department Convention in Pattaya, Thailand on 15 - 21 June 2002. It was our first trip to Thailand and we had a great time. It was motioned and carried that we have next years Annual Convention in Thailand and on December 6th - 8th the Mid-Term Convention will be in Alongapo, (Subic), Philippines.

Our **7th Post** Commander Tony Samora (2003 - 2004)

Commander Buckner resigned, Commander Samora took over.

**DEATHS:**

On **June 09, 2004** Life Member #201009, Comrade James T. Conley passed away. Memorial Services and Draping of our Charter was held at our Post Home. Past District III Commander three times.

Our **8th Post** Commander James Bellware (2004 - 2005)

Our **9th Post** Commander Billy T. Haney (2005 - 2006)

- We had our 10th Anniversary Celebration which turned out to be very successful
- We held our 1st Annual POW/MIA Ceremony at Becon Hill Memorial on Camp Humphreys
- We held our 1st Annual 9-11 Ceremony at Becon Hill Memorial on Camp Humphreys, we sat up Memorial Tables at all the dining facilities
- We had a Cinco De Mayo dinner
- We Adopted 4 Units from Camp Humphreys
- We Chartered the Cub Scouts on Camp Humphreys
- We supported the "Spooky Hallow event by setting up a booth and giving out candy
- We had a Pot Luck dinner for our Adopt-A-Unit Troops
- We attended the Loyalty Day Parade and District III Convention
- We held our Annual Super Bowl Party and served approximately 35 persons Breakfast
- We supported the "Katrina Relief by donating \$849.00
- We supported the 2nd Annual "American Steel" Bikers Rally held in Anjung-Ri, Korea
- We held our nominations and elections and was installed for the new year
- We held a Draping of our Charter Ceremony for **Bryn M. Everitt "Pappy"**
- We attended all of the District III Meetings
- We attended the Department Convention in Bangkok, Thailand
- Our Post finished the year at 351 Members, 140.96%

**DEATHS:**

- On **January 25, 2005** Life Member, Comrade Dan Jordan passed away. Draping of our Charter was held at our Post Home.
- On **February 12, 2005** Annual Member, Comrade Keith N. David passed away. Draping of our Charter was held at our Post Home.
- On **June 27, 2006** Annual Member, Comrade Bryn "Pappy" Everitt passed away. Memorial Services and Draping of our Charter was held at our Post Home.

Our **10th Post** Commander Drury "Mickey" Puckett (2006 - 2007)

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| COMMANDER          | DRURY "MICKEY" PUCKETT |
| SENIOR VICE        | SAMMI SLOAN            |
| JUNIOR VICE        | MARK LAWRENCE          |
| QUARTERMASTER      | GEORGE BECK            |
| JUDGE ADVOCATE     | TONY SAMORA            |
| CHAPLAIN           | JOSEPH MURPHY          |
| SURGEON            | MIKE BRYSON            |
| ADJUTANT           | BILLY T. HANEY         |
| JR. PAST COMMANDER | BILLY T. HANEY         |
| TRUSTEE 1 YEAR     | DAN MEUSE              |

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| TRUSTEE 2 YEAR          | DAVID WIGGINS   |
| TRUSTEE 3 YEAR          | JASON GREMOUR   |
| SERVICE OFFICER         | LEEWOOD MATHEWS |
| YOUTH ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN | MARK LAWRENCE   |
| BUDDY POPPY CHAIRMAN    | SAMMI SLOAN     |
| SAFETY CHAIRMAN         | MARK LAWRENCE   |
| GUARD                   | DOUG WILSON     |
| OFFICER OF THE DAY      | DOUG WILSON     |
| PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER  | ROBERT MATHENY  |

- We attended the Cootie Meeting Pup Tent # 8, Songtan, Post 10216, 8 July 2006
- We held our Post Meeting and Cheju Drawing, Outgoing & Incoming Commanders Party, July 15th 2006, Winner was "Joann Fisher" from Seoul, Ticket #477
- We hosted the Department Commander Visit, Post Canteen, 27th July 2006,
- We attended the Commander-in-Chief Visit, Post 8180 on 28 July 2006 & District III Meeting, Post 11016, 29th July 2006
- We held our Annual Labor Day Party, 2 September 2006
- We Instituted "Ee CHI GAE Pup Tent" Institution & Installation, 9th September 2006
- We held our Annual 9-11 Ceremony Held at Post Home 11 Sep 2006
- We held our Annual POW-MIA Ceremony on Beacon Hill 15 Sep 2006
- We had our Pup Tent 2 Scratch, 1700, 21 October 2006
- We held a Costume Halloween Party & Drawing for "Thumper 2 Glasses", 28 October 2006
- We attended the Veterans Day Ceremony, 11th November 2006 & District III Meeting
- We had our Pup Tent 2 Scratch, 1700, 18th November 2006
- We held our Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner 23rd November 2006
- Five members attended the Mid-Term Convention, Subic, 8-10 December 2006
- We held our Pup Tent 2 Scratch, 1700, 16 December 2006
- We held our Pup Tent 2 Scratch, 1500, 13 January 2007
- We held our Pup Tent 2 Scratch, 1500, 10 February 2007
- Five Members attended the District III Meeting, Post 10033, 24th February 2007
- We held our Pup Tent 2 Scratch, 1500, 10 Mar 2007, "First Nominations of Officers"

Our [11th Post](#) Commander Shaun "Sammi" Sloan (2006 - 2008)

- Held our Annual 9-11 Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual POW-MIA Day Ceremony
- Sold Hamburgers & Hotdogs at the Bike Rally in Anjung-Ri
- Sponsored a "Cheju do Raffle"
- Held our Annual Christmas Dinner's
- Hosted the District III Meeting
- Held Buddy Poppy Drives

- Attended the Loyalty Day Parade
- Attended the Retiree Appreciation Day
- Held a Saint Patrick's Day Raffle
- Held a Super Bowl Party with FREE Breakfast and Door Prizes
- Held our Post Meetings
- Held our Pup Tent Scratches
- Held Over Night Fishing Trip to Bong Jae Lake
- Visit from "Mrs. Betty Humphreys Wife of Benjamin K. Humphreys
- Visited by Commander-in-Chief George J. Lisicki presented Gold Pigs to him and his wife Gloria, along with National Security & Foreign Affairs Michael H. Wysong and Department Commander Rhett Webber.
- Held a New Year's Party at the Post Canteen
- Sammi Sloan, George Beck & Billy Haney attended the Department and Grand Scratch
- Attended District III Meeting
- Billy Haney attended the Wedding of James D. Malott & Joceyln Malott held at the Woodland Park Resort in Angeles City PI

Our [12th Post](#) Commander Robert Matheny (2008 - 2009)

- Held our Annual 9-11 Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual POW-MIA Day Ceremony
- Sold Hamburgers & Hotdogs downtown in Anjung-Ri
- Held our Annual Christmas Dinner's
- Hosted the District III Meeting
- Held Buddy Poppy Drives
- Attended the Loyalty Day Parade
- Held a Super Bowl Party with FREE Breakfast and Door Prizes
- Held our Post Meetings
- Held our Pup Tent Scratches
- Held a New Year's Party at the Post Canteen
- Attended District III Meetings
- Presented Awards to Soldiers for the Afghanistan & Iraq Wars
- Billy Haney attended the Department Convention & Grand Scratch

Our [13th Post](#) Commander James D. Malott (2009 - 2010)

- Held our Annual 9-11 Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual POW-MIA Day Ceremony
- Sold Hamburgers & Hotdogs downtown in Anjung-Ri
- Held our Annual Christmas Dinner's
- Hosted the District III Meeting
- Held Buddy Poppy Drives
- Attended the Loyalty Day Parade
- Held a Super Bowl Party with FREE Breakfast and Door Prizes
- Held our Post Meetings
- Held our Pup Tent Scratches
- Attended District III Meetings
- Presented Awards to Soldiers for the Afghanistan & Iraq Wars
- Billy Haney attended the Department Convention & Grand Scratch
- Supported the "Shamrock Run for the Booze Fighters MC in Waegwan Korea
- Supported the Family Safety Day at the CAC at Camp Humphreys

Our [14th Post](#) Commander Michael Hoffman (2009 - 2010)

- Held our Annual 9-11 Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual POW-MIA Day Ceremony
- Held Buddy Poppy Drives
- Attended the Loyalty Day Parade
- Held a Super Bowl Party with FREE Breakfast and Door Prizes
- Held our Post Meetings
- Held our Pup Tent Scratches
- Attended District III Meetings
- George Beck, Chris Winstead, Jeff Rowan attended the Department Convention & Grand Scratch
- Supported the "Shamrock Run for the Booze Fighters MC in Waegwan Korea

Our [15th Post](#) Commander Michael Hoffinan (2010 - 2011)

- Held our Annual 9-11 Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual POW-MIA Day Ceremony
- Held Buddy Poppy Drives
- Attended the Loyalty Day Parade
- Held a Super Bowl Party with FREE Breakfast and Door Prizes
- Held our Post Meetings
- Held our Pup Tent Scratches
- Attended District III Meetings
- Billy Haney attended the Department Convention & Grand Scratch
- Billy Haney was put on Special Orders by Department Commander Jim Oden for the suspension of Uijongbu Memorial Post 10215 in Uijongbu, Korea
- We were visited by the Commander-in-Chief Richard L. Eubank... Saturday, 2 APR 11

Our [16th Post](#) Commander George Beck (2011 - 2012)

- Held our Annual 9-11 Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual POW-MIA Day Ceremony
- Held Buddy Poppy Drives
- Attended the Loyalty Day Parade
- Held a Super Bowl Party with FREE Breakfast and Door Prizes
- Held our Post Meetings
- Held our Pup Tent Scratches
- Attended District III Meetings
- Several members attended several scouting events during this period including a Bridging Ceremony where we donated U.S. & ROK flags for the scouts to use in their ceremonies and a Flag Day Ceremony at which we helped with setup and teardown. Over 200 American flags were placed at USAG Humphreys for this special day.
- SVC Hoffman and ADJ Winstead participated in the 3-2 GSAB Redeployment Ceremony welcoming back 19 soldiers who had been deployed to Afghanistan.
- James M. Jackson of CWO Benjamin K. Humphreys Memorial Post 10223 was presented with the Korean War 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificate signed by Richard L. Eubanks & Allen "Gunner" Kent
- Our Post finished the year at 298 Members, 115.06% making "All American"

**DEATHS:**

On **February 06, 2011** Life Member #9955508 Comrade Alfred Hale Edwards passed away. Draping of our Charter was held at our Post Home.

On **March 14, 2011** Life Member #1333772, Comrade Mark Bortscheller passed away. Draping of our Charter was held at our Post Home.

Our **17th Post** Commander Michael Hoffman (2012 - 2013)

- Held our Annual 9-11 Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
- Held our Annual POW-MIA Day Ceremony
- Held Buddy Poppy Drives
- Attended the Loyalty Day Parade
- Held a Super Bowl Party with FREE Breakfast and Door Prizes
- Held our Post Meetings
- Held our Pup Tent Scratches
- Attended District III Meetings

Our **18th Post** Commander Christopher Coyle (2013 - 2014)

- If you have anything to add to the History of the Department of Pacific Areas, either to the Department, Districts or Posts, Please Email [dpahist@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:dpahist@vfwdeptpacific.org) with the information in Document format.