



Colonel Lewis L. Millett Hill 180 Memorial Post No. 8180



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OUTSTANDING VFW POST OF THE YEAR 2015-2016

OUTSTANDING POST COMMANDER, QUARTERMASTER, OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTOR BUSINESS (COOL SPORTS), AND OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTOR INDIVIDUAL (BARB COLWELL) DEPT OF PACIFIC 2015-2016

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VFW NATIONAL ALL-AMERICAN POST 2007-2008

VFW NATIONAL ALL-AMERICAN POST 2005-2006

Located outside Osan AB's Main Gate in Songtan, Pyongtaek City, Republic of Korea. Our address is: VFW Post 8180, Pacific Hotel, 301-4 Shinjang-2Dong, Songtan-Si, Pyongtaek, Kyonggi-Do, South Korea, 459-122.

Original Location: Victoria Hotel, Songton-Si, Korea, 1964 - 1977 (moved to Anjung-Ri for one year in 1969).

How to Get There: It is only a two-minute walk out the Osan AB Main Gate, into the Shin Jang Walking Shopping Mall, past Songs Coins on the left, turn right at Mikes Shirt shop, go down the small decline. We are on the left under the Pacific Hotel.



Captain Lewis L. Millett led a bayonet charge up Hill 180 on 7 February 1951

Website: www.vfw10216.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/VFW10216/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/569811843087730/>

Our website provides excellent information on our Post history, a description of the “Battle of Hill 180”, photo albums of all of our major Post events and downloadable copies of our Post minutes. You can also sign up for Post informational e-mails.

Post Name: VFW Post 8180 is named in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Lewis L. Millett and the famous Korean War Battle of Bayonet Hill, where then Captain Millett earned his MOH. The Post was initially named “Hill 180 Memorial Post,” and the charter was changed in 2010 following Colonel Millett’s death to “Colonel Lewis L. Millett Hill 180 Memorial Post”, thus maintaining the heritage of our original name while honoring the colonel.

Chartered: April 12, 1970

Post Consolidation:

Sep 11, 2017, Bonifas – Barrett Memorial Post 8180 (Yongsan, Seoul) consolidated with Post 10216 bringing over its number making us Colonel Lewis L. Millett Hill 180 Memorial Post 8180. Post 8180 was named for Maj Arthur G. Bonifas and 1st Lt Mark T. Barrett. These two soldiers were brutally massacred in the August 1976 tree-trimming detail in the DMZ by ax and pike-wielding North Korean troops (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hte5erv_vCE). Post 8180 had absorbed Perimeter Memorial Post 10086 (Taegu) in April 1997 and Pusan Memorial Post 8830 (Pusan) in January 1998 during previous consolidations.



PDC Lyons leads the merger of 10216 and 8180 into Colonel Lewis L. Millett Hill 180 Memorial Post 8180 and installs the new Officers



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September 22, 2017

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RE: CONSOLIDATION
Bonnie Barrett Memorial Post No. 8180
Seoul, Korea and
Colonel Lewis L. Millett Hill 180 Memorial
Post No. 10216
Songtan-Si, Korea

Dear Gerald:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 11, 2017, transmitting resolutions adopted by the above captioned Posts requesting permission to consolidate under the provisions of Section 209 of the National By-Laws.

The letter of transmittal indicates that the Department Commander has approved the consolidation, and the Commander-in-Chief has also approved it as of this date. A charter certificate will be issued, reciting the facts of the consolidation.

It is noted the consolidated Post is to be known as *Colonel Lewis L. Millett Hill 180 Memorial Post No. 8180, Songtan-Si, Korea*. The senior muster date is *April 12, 1970*.

Announcement of the consolidation will appear in General Orders No. 2, 2017-2018 series.

My best wishes and personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Prohaska", written over a horizontal line.

David E. Prohaska, Director
Administrative Operations

DEP:tg
Enclosure
cc: Department Commander
Post Commander

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

news briefs...

Kunsan AB—

Thanks to the members of the 2213th Communications Squadron (CS) at Bergstrom AFB, Tex., \$65 was donated to the Shin Kwang Orphanage of Kunsan, Korea. The Bergstrom unit chipped in after the 2075th CS at Kunsan donated \$260 to buy rice for the children. The Texans' donation will be used for Christmas presents for the orphans.

Kwang Ju AB—

Two new officers have begun duties with the 6171st Combat Support Squadron at Kwang Ju AB. First Lt. James McMurray, formerly of Whiteman AFB, Mo., is the new transportation officer. Captain Henry F. Iwasiewicz is a new Kwang Ju maintenance officer. He was formerly assigned at Eglin AFB, Fla.

AF Academy—

Lt. Col. Harold J. Walter has been appointed as assistant basketball coach for the U.S. Air Force Academy. Colonel Walker previously coached the Falcon freshman basketball teams from 1962 until 1968.

Osan AB—

Two members of the 2148th Communications Group were recently honored by the Far East Communications Region. Selected as junior officer of the

quarter for the July-September period was Capt. William M. Merrill, of the unit's materiel division. Outstanding noncommissioned officer for the same period was SSGT. Harold A. Teagarden, shift supervisor for the navigational aids communications electronics management branch.

Osan AB—

Col. John T. Phillips, 2148th Communications Group commander, recently presented three Air Force Communications Service Certificates of Appreciation to Sgt. Arthur L. Andrews in a special ceremony. Sergeant Andrews received them in honor of his being selected for the Semiannual Outstanding Supply Award of the group. Far East Communications Region and Pacific Communications Area.

Policing up

"Pick up everything that isn't tied down," were the orders given at a Taegu AB clean-up day recently. Following instructions in the letter were two nancons of the 6169th USAF Dispensary, TSgts. Julio Flores (left) and Lew Sports, with a bewildered pooch as their unsuspecting victim. The dog was later released, and the base was spic 'n span at the end of the day.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. Dennis Kiser

Korean charities ask AF help

314TH AIR DIV. HQ.— The 1970 Annual Fund Drive for the Korean National Red Cross and the Korean National Tuberculosis Association is under-

way throughout the Republic of Korea from now until Dec. 5. The voluntary contributions received in the fund drive will be used to help needy Korean citizens and

to help eradicate the number one killer in Korea—Tuberculosis.

Maj. Gen. Robert W. Maloy, 314th Air Division commander, recently pointed out the importance of the fund drive. "Tuberculosis was the most deadly disease in this small country for many, many years," the general said. "The Korean National TB Association has been very successful in isolating victims of the disease to prevent its spread to other Koreans and to American servicemen."

Maloy continued. "General Maloy continued. He explained that the Korean National Red Cross works "in much the same way as our own American National Red Cross. They provide aid to disaster victims, notification of personnel in emergencies and emergency relief for the needy."

"Your generous contributions during this fund drive," General Maloy said, "will be greatly appreciated by thousands of Koreans."

"The association has established health clinics, hos-

Osan Post forms

By SSgt. Dick Walters
OSAN AB — It couldn't have been a more appropriate time or place when 25 Osan AB veterans signed their names to a charter application for a Veterans of Foreign Wars post at Osan AB. It was Veteran's Day 1970 and

the place was within a club atop what was once known as Bayonet Hill—a bloody battleground of the Korean war. The VFW members are establishing the post as a memorial to the men of Co. E, 27th Infantry Regt., who died in what Brig. Gen. S. L. A. Marshall (retired) once termed, "the greatest

bayonet attack by U.S. soldiers since Cold Harbor in the Civil War." The purpose of the post is to give members of stateside posts an opportunity for active membership and to aid in service projects during their tour in Korea. The VFW is in no way connected with the Air Force. A national organization of veterans, it is dedicated to helping the widows and orphans of deceased veterans and to insuring that disabled veterans receive adequate care and attention. Its motto is "to honor the dead by helping the living."

Pending election of officers, SSgt. Earl Dowd of Det. 9, 47th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron has been appointed by the Korea District of the VFW as acting post commander. Next meeting of the organization is set for 8 p.m. Monday at the hill 186 club.

Veterans open local VFW

On the way up at Taegu AB



(U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. Ken Thompson)

Sgt. John L. Bloodgood, is a small arms specialist in the 6168th Combat Support Squadron Air Police section at Taegu AB. Sergeant Bloodgood is a 1965 graduate of Clarkson High School in Nyack, N.Y. and has also attended Ashland College at Ashland, Ohio for two years. He has been in the USAF for two years and in the Korean Republic for almost five months.

Holiday menu set

- Assorted Fresh Fruits
- Shrimp Cocktail with Crackers
- Roast Turkey with Giblet Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes and Candied Sweet Potatoes
- Broccoli Polonaise and Buttered Green Beans
- Garden Vegetable Salad
- Blue Cheese or Salad Dressing
- Sweet and Rippe Olives — Celery Sticks
- Hot Parker House Rolls and Butter
- Fruitcake—Mincemeat Pie
- Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Topping
- Coffee—Tea—Milk



(U.S. Air Force photo)

Top fuels man

The first Air Force honor earned by SSgt. Charles W. Flaig was a big one for the 24-year-old Okian. He was chosen by Fifth Air Force as its Outstanding Fuels Airman of the Month. Flaig, a petroleum fuels supervisor, is assigned to the Services Division of the 6175th Headquarters Sq. at Kunsan AB. Presenting the award certificate is Lt. Col. Matthew Loar, 354th Tactical Fighter Wing Vice Commander.

The beginning of our Post:

The following is a historical record from the first 10216 post commander, Earle L. Dowd. Department of Pacific Areas Aid-de-Camp Neil Tremblay was TDY to Osan AB from the 555th TFS out of Naha AB, Japan in 1970. Earle Dowd was assigned to Det 9, 47th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service (ARRS) (PEDRO) at Osan AB. Neil started informal discussions with the possibility of forming a post, which had twice before failed. It began with approximately six names, no monies from Dept. they were assigned a charter membership and temporary positions of post-formation to organize. A meeting was held with the Osan Air Base Commander, the Airman, NCO, & Officers Club managers to grant permission to operate the proposed VFW on military grounds. The charter said that they would not attempt to open a VFW Canteen for profit on base and try to compete with club operations. The clubs furnished meeting space without charge.

Jim Price supplied transportation for several trips to the Seoul VFW Post at no cost to attend meetings to form the post. A Post number was suggested as Post 180 but numbers cannot be picked and are assigned by VFW National. A name had to be chosen, Osan AB, Task Force Smith, Hill 180, or Memorial Post Hill 180 were the contenders. To get the word out an no league bowling team was formed with jerseys to advertise the Post. It worked well being that anyone assigned to Korea was authorized the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal which qualified them for membership. We hosted meetings with Seoul to also help Camp Humphreys create a post. Finally, our charter was established. The original leadership of our new post was:

Commander: Earle L. Dowd, Previous Active Member
Sr. Vice: Fritz Barber, Previous Active Member
Jr. Vice: Jack Fowler, New Member
Quartermaster: Frank B. George, Previous Member
Chaplain: William E. Tidrich
Asst. Chaplain: Jim Price
Adjutant: Dick Walters
Transportation Chairman: Jim Price

In early 1971 the ARRS was downsized and Commander Dowd had to leave, some members were advanced and special elections were held to fill the vacancies. Below are some photos and newspaper clippings from back during that time.

NEW POST MEMBERS SIGNING UP FOR THEIR CARD APR 1971
JR VICE JACK FOWLER IN PIC.



VFW (HEAVIES) FROM SEOUL / DEPT. PACIFIC AREA
ONE NATIONAL AID DE CAMP PLUS MYSELF.
THEY MUST BE STILL IN COUNTRY? APR 1971

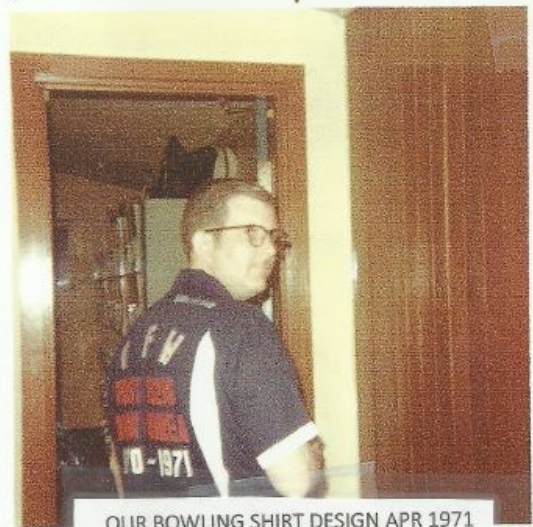


VFW 10216 FIRST ELECTED POST OFFICERS APR 1971

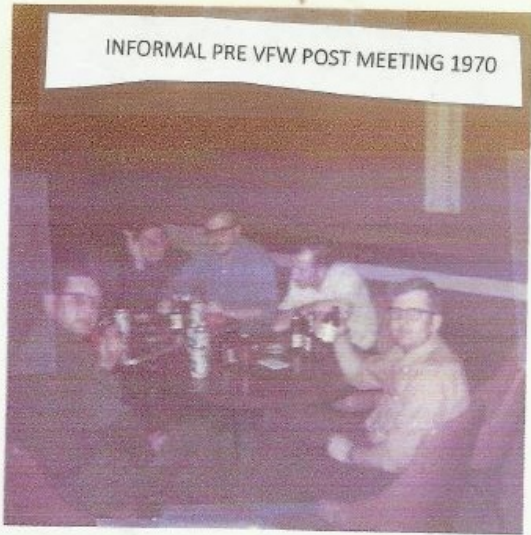


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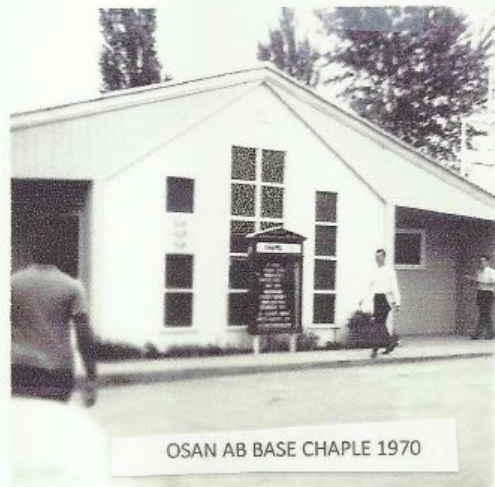
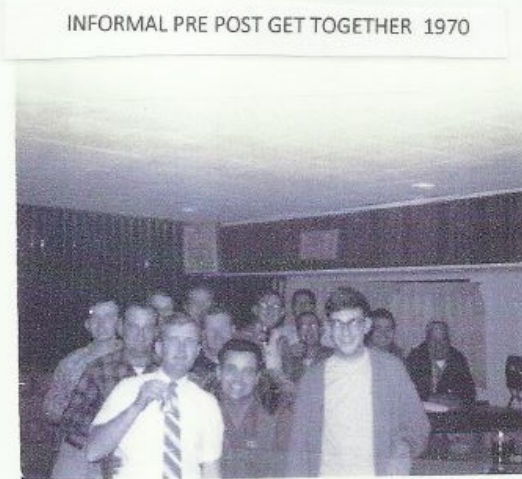
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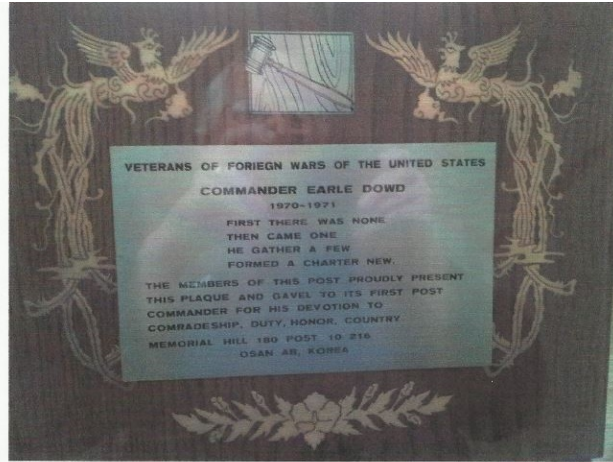


OUR BOWLING SHIRT DESIGN APR 1971



ALL OF THE FIRST POST MEMBERSHIP WERE NOW A OFFICAL VFW POST 10216 APR 1971





HOME MADE GAVEL MADE FOR USE DURING INFORMAL, MEETINGS WHEN WE EXPERIENCED THE OFFICAL SWEARING WITH OFFICERS.THE LOCAL MANUFACTURED GAVEL WAS UTILIZED, THE GAVEL WAS RETIRED AND MEETING WAS CLOSED WITH VFW OFFICIAL ISSUED GAVEL.



AFTER RETURNING TO THE "ZI", THE VIEWED PLAQUE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE POST MEMBERSHIP WITH THE HOME MADE GAVEL, WHERE BOTH HAVE A PLACE OF HONOR FOR ALL TO VIEW.



A new Veterans of Foreign Wars post became a reality here recently when officers from the Korea District VFW brought the approved charter to the post meeting and swore in the officers and members.

The post was officially designated as Post No. 10216.

Officers of the post are: Earl Dowd, commander; Jack Fowler, junior vice commander; Fritz Barber, senior vice commander; Frank B. George, quartermaster; William E. Tidritch, chaplain; and Jim Price, assistant chaplain. Dick Walters was appointed adjutant.

Pacific Stars & Stripes 7
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1970

BAS, VFW meet

OSAN AB — The Brotherhood Association for Servicemen (BAS) meets each Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Double Five Service Club. Meetings are open to anyone wishing to join.

Veterans of Foreign War Post 10216 meets at the Airmen's Open Mess at Osan on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Open to all VFW members and to any military man wishing to join, the meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

Paper flower sale nets \$650

OSAN AB — Disabled veterans in Veterans Administration hospitals and nursing homes in the U.S. will benefit from \$650 collected by Air Force and Army members of Hill 180 Memorial Post No. 10216, Veterans of Foreign Wars last weekend.

In a two-day drive that saw the VFW men selling red paper flowers, known as "Buddy Poppies," personnel of Osan and Su-

won ABs, as well as Camp Humphries made the donations which added up to the \$650.

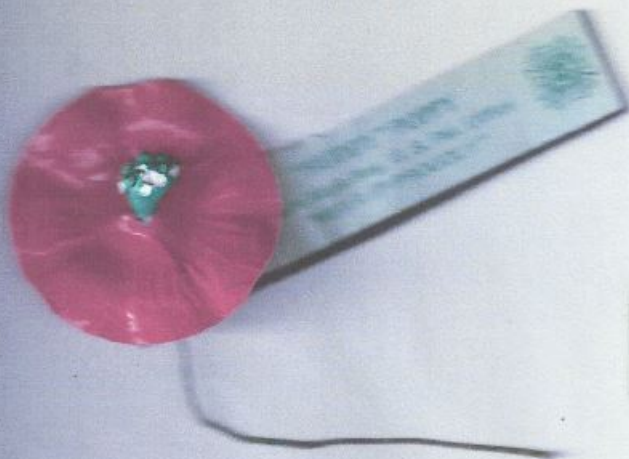
"We sold 2,000 of the poppies," said MSgt. Frank B. George, post commander, "and we could have sold twice that many if we'd ordered them. The support we received in the drive was wonderful."

"It looked for a while like everyone on Osan 'airplane patch'

had one of our little red flowers," said SSgt. Fritz Barber, chairman of the drive, "and I know for a fact that several people bought as many as three."

The buddy poppies are made by the disabled vets and the money that is earned in the drive goes to help them. A percentage of the money is held in the local post relief fund to help veterans with problems they can't handle alone — a death in the family, sickness, house fire, or whatever.

"The success of the drive depended on a lot of people," said Sergeant George, "we owe our thanks to Colonel Behan at Osan and Colonel Yentz at Suwon and Sergeant Major George at Camp Humphries for authorizing it on base, and a special thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy."



OSAN AB NEWS ARTICLES FROM 1970 TO 1971
WITH POPPY SENT TO ME FROM POST MEMBERS

History of Post 8180 Commanders:

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| 1970-1971 Earle L Dowd | 1971-1973 Ronald L. Kirby | 1973-1974 Raphael L. O'Conner |
| 1974-1975 Bill Voger | 1975-1977 Larry W. Palmer | 1977-1978 Charles Saab Jr. |
| 1978-1979 Richard L. Gilbert | 1980-1981 Oscar J. Madere | 1981-1982 Michael E. Berzinski |
| 1982-1984 Steven C. Kehran | 1984-1986 Gerald L. Kraus | 1986-1989 David Kamin |
| 1989-1990 Billy "Q" Quintero | 1990-1992 Ken Tretow | 1992-1993 Frank Sass |
| 1993-1994 Randolph Becher | 1994-1995 Okey Warden | 1995-1996 Roy Banning |
| 1996-1997 James Malott | 1997-1998 Jerry Ross | 1998-1999 Jim Proctor |
| 1999-2000 Keith Michael | 2000-2001 Ron Davis | 2001-2002 Daryl Vroom |
| 2002-2003 Jerry Ross | 2003-2004 Phil Moore | 2004-2005 Billy "Q" Quintero |
| 2005-2007 John "Moby" Dyck | 2007-2008 Billy "Q" Quintero | 2008-2009 Ron Tichota |
| 2009-2010 Shawn Watson | 2010-2011 Patrick "Doc" Higgins | 2011-2012 Alan "Hammer" Hammerstrom |
| 2012-2014 Ernest Lee | 2014-2015 Daniel Delaney | 2015-2016 Warren Maxson |
| 2016-2017 Cynthia Schmitz | 2017-2018 Warren Maxson | 2018-2019 Leon Ellison |
| 2019-2020 David Gley | 2020-2021 Leon Ellison | |



This is a truly historical picture that was taken at the Cebu, Philippines Convention of 2013 and represents seven generations of Post 10216 Commanders

Shown from left to right: Jim Malott, Keith Michael, Shawn Watson, Pat "Doc" Higgins, Billy "Q" Quintero, Jerry Kraus and Frank Sass



In February 1998, our Post sponsored retired Colonel Millett's return to the scene of his historic battle for the very first time since that battle on Hill 180. He was invited as the guest speaker during the annual Hill 180 Memorial Ceremony that year and on 6 February gave a most memorable and tear invoking speech. Sponsored by our Post and the 8th US Army 3rd Battlefield Coordination Detachment-Korea (BDC) Col Millett returned to Osan AB every year following through 2003 to participate in the Hill 180 ceremonies and spend time with the members of our Post named in his honor.



Our Post hosted Col Millett at a dinner at the Post Home in February 1998. Post Commander Jerry Ross was presented a bronze statue from the Colonel and enjoys dinner with Post members (Past Post Commander and Department Commander Frank Sass is on the right).



Col Millett returned many times over the following years (1999, 2001 & 2003) to participate in the Hill 180 ceremonies and spend time with the members (shown here with Dave Beil).

Osan honors leader of bayonet charge

BY JIM LEA

Osan bureau chief

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — In February 1951, then-Army Capt. Lewis L. Millett led what military historians say was the only organized U.S. bayonet charge since the Civil War.

Millett was awarded the Medal of Honor for his exploits.

On Friday, about 500 U.S. and South Korean soldiers, airmen and family members gathered at this base to honor Millett, who retired a colonel.

Millett, 82, journeyed to Osan from his California home for the ceremony.

The 51st Fight Wing sponsored the ceremony, and the Army's 3rd Battlefield Coordination Detachment at Osan and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10216 hosted it.

Millett, from Mechanic Falls, Maine, served in three wars. He received the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and a battlefield commission while serving in Europe during World War II.

At the outbreak of the Korean War, he came to Korea with the 27th Infantry Regiment in Japan as part of the 25th Infantry Division. When the 27th's E Company commander was killed, Millett volunteered for the job.

During Friday's ceremony, Maj. Barry Graham of the Battlefield Coordination Detachment detailed Millett's action at Hill 180.

On Feb. 5, 1951, he said, E Company was fired on by Chinese troops at a hill near what today is Osan Air Base. Its 1st Platoon immediately was pinned down. Millett ordered two platoons to fix bayonets and charge, routing the Chinese soldiers from their foxholes and sending them scurrying down the hill's reverse slope.

"That night, the regimental commander began the paperwork that would bring Millett the Distinguished Service Cross," Graham said. "But little did he know that charge had been only a rehearsal for what would come just 48 hours later."

On Feb. 7, 1951, Millett and two platoons were moving with two tanks toward a 600-foot knoll hill known only as "Hill 180." The name came from its height in meters.

Chinese troops who occupied the hill's crest opened fire. Millett leaped onto a tank and began returning fire with its .50-caliber machine gun. The gun jammed. Millett raced through heavy fire to his 1st Platoon, ordering the troops again to "Fix bayonets! We're going up that hill!"

Millett led the charge, Graham said, "so far in front of his men that he had to dodge grenades thrown by both sides. Although seriously wounded in the back and legs by grenade fragments, he continued to urge his men onward and upward shouting, 'Kill 'em with the



JIM LEA/Stars and Stripes

Retired Col. Lewis L. Millett and retired Gen. Paik Sun-yup, South Korea's most decorated Korean War soldier, chat at a ceremony honoring Millett on Friday at Osan Air Base.

bayonet!" Jumping into a trench near the crest of the hill, he killed three Chinese soldiers with his own bayonet," Graham said.

When the fight ended, E Company had taken the hill and nearly 100 enemy soldiers lay dead, at least 30 killed with bayonets. Only nine U.S. soldiers were killed.

Millett spent several months recovering from his wounds and received the Medal of Honor from President Truman in a White House ceremony on July 5, 1951.

Millett also served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division and helped establish the Vietnamese Ranger School and a commando training program in Laos before retiring from the Army in 1973.

Retired Army Col. Robert L. Howard, who received the Medal of Honor for action as a Green Beret in Vietnam, was guest speaker at Friday's event. He said many Americans "can remember only two things about the Korean War."

"First of all, a very famous general (Douglas MacArthur) was fired by the president because he couldn't follow orders. The second thing is that it was the first war we lost.

"Americans are impatient," he said. "We expect instant victory. Lewis Millett was impa-

tient when he charged up this hill. There's no doubt in my mind that this air base is here today in part because of his impatience and his service to our country."

Howard, who said he and Millett have been friends for years, recalled an incident in which Millett exhibited his patriotism in Washington, D.C.

"In 1973, when we attended President Nixon's second inauguration, we pulled up in front of the White House on a bus that was immediately attacked by a bunch of anti-war protesters," he said. "Col. Millett told me, 'We're not going to tolerate this.'"

"He jumped off the bus and grabbed one protester and destroyed his sign. He shamed about 500 protesters into throwing down their signs and walking away. There were 101st Airborne soldiers protecting the White House and there's no doubt in my mind that if [Millett] had yelled, 'Charge!', those soldiers would have cleaned all the protesters out of Washington, D.C."

Friday's ceremony ended with a wreath-laying at the Hill 180 monument, a flyover by eight AH-64 Apache helicopters from Camp Humphreys, a rifle salute and taps.

E-mail Jim Lea at: lea@pstrips.ood.mil



As one enters the Post, there are tables around the room and a pool table. To the left is the bar. The walls are decorated with pictures of a military theme and there is a shelf of military aircraft models. The atmosphere is friendly and a smile greets you when you approach the bar.

The Flood: in the summer of 2000 the remnants of a typhoon went through and flooded much of the Osan AB area, 21 inches of rain fell in 36 hours. Due to the design of the VFW exhaust vents, water filled the post up to the ceiling. After a massive cleanup effort from our dedicated members, we were back up and running in three months.



What the Post looked like after the water was drained



Tuskegee Airmen Dedication 14 May 2008

There is a dedication wall to the Tuskegee Airmen in honor of our own Tuskegee Airmen MSgt (Ret) James” Jim” Price who unfortunately passed away on 20 July 2008. Jim had been with our Post since its beginning.

Post Activities:

- The VFW year is July 1 through June 30, in which the elected officials serve
- Meetings ran efficiently and effectively in accordance with the VFWs highest standards
- Run formal induction ceremonies for all new members that includes the oath, Cross of Malta ceremony and presentation of the Cross of Malta pin and VFW coin
- Effectively utilize the VFWs Adopt-A-Unit program and use the VFWs MAP initiative to support military functions at Osan Air Base
- Post 8180 is the largest Post in the Pacific and has a high turnover of its military members (most with 1-year tours), as well as the largest number of “continuous members” to recruit for the VFW’s retention goals. Several membership drives are held every year.
- Participate in the VFW Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher’s Awards. These programs celebrate education from scholarship chances toward college for Middle and High School students to awarding teachers that promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette, and patriotism.
- Publish meticulous Post Meeting Minutes that also include a highly-acclaimed Post Newsletter (available on the Post website)
- Maintain one of the best websites in all of the VFW at www.vfw10216.com and keep it current by posting all Post events and documentation.
- Work close with base leadership to support military personnel with donations, relief funds support and community involvement.
- Achieve excellent rapport with community organizations such as the Songtan Chamber of Commerce, Chief’s Group, NCO Association and 1st Sergeants Group, which improves our outreach to the community.
- Superbly work with and support the Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent #8.

- Our House Rules Committee and Leadership provides outstanding oversight of Canteen operations profits go directly to our General Fund to support our numerous VFW activities.
- Post 8180 is an active participant in Departments Special Programs (EMT/Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter).
- The Post supports youth activities by supporting the local Girl Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, AFJROTC and Cub Scouts.
- The post also teams up with the Osan AB USO throughout the year to provide a free lunch for the base populace, as well as travel to Kunsan AB, which does not have a USO, to do the same.
- Annually host District 3 meetings.
- Every August is the Memorial Service for Major Bonifas and 1st Lt. Barrett, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hte5erv_vCE).
- Every April is the Memorial Service for the deaths of two American and two South Korean soldiers during the 1968 truck ambush at the DMZ: <https://www.stripes.com/news/survivor-thought-ambush-was-all-out-attack-1.19274>
<https://www.stripes.com/aftermath-of-an-ambush-at-the-korean-dmz-1968-1.183110>
- Conducts monthly visits to patients at area hospitals to include the Osan AB Hospital
- There are Buddy Poppy drives throughout the year to support veterans.
 - o Among all the flowers that evoke the memories and emotions of war is the red poppy, which became associated with war after the publication of a poem written by Col. John McCrae of Canada. The poem, "In Flanders Field" describes blowing red fields among the battleground of the fallen. The VFW was the first veterans' organization to adopt the poppy and develop a national distribution campaign. For more than 75 years, the VFW's Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the well-being of their dependents.
 - o For more on the Buddy Poppy program see <http://www.vfwpost4103.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/HISTORY-OF-THE-BUDDY-POPPY.pdf>.
- Every July is the Task Force Smith Ceremony, remembering the first U.S. ground engagement with North Korea. The memorial and museum is only a short drive from Osan AB, down the business (little) 1 between the cities of Osan and Suwon <http://www.nj.gov/military/korea/factsheets/tfsmith.html>.
- Every October is the Korean American Friendship Festival, which we have a food booth in.
- Every November is Veteran's Day.
 - o In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given

America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..." An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans' service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

- For more Veterans Day history go to <https://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>
- We hold two large feasts a year for Thanksgiving and Christmas, that the whole family can attend for free. There is also the Super Bowl breakfast.
- Every February is the Hill 180 Ceremony.
 - This ceremony remembers the Medal of Honor earning bayonet charge by Capt Millet and his men on what is now Osan AB.
- Every May is the Armed Forces Day parade.
 - On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, also.
 - For more Armed Forces Day history go to <http://afd.defense.gov/History/>.

The Sun House is a Korean nursing home we sponsor with a Korean War vet living there. We are helping to upgrade the building and provide donated food.



Year-by-year History:

Below is the year-by-year history since historical documents have been kept. The VFW year goes from July 1 through June 30.

VFW Year 2020-2021

Officers:

| Post Commander | Senior Vice Commander | Junior Vice Commander |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Leon Ellison | Warren Maxson | Robert Chatman |
| <i>Quartermaster:</i> | Ron Davis | |
| <i>Judge Advocate:</i> | Marcus Brown | |
| <i>Surgeon:</i> | Michael Connolly | |
| <i>Trustee 1 Year:</i> | Anthony Mosley | |
| <i>Trustee 2 Year:</i> | Jerry Prowant | |
| <i>Trustee 3 Year:</i> | Terrance Smith | |
| <i>Chaplain:</i> | William Quintero | |
| <i>Service Officer:</i> | Charles Clifford | |
| <i>Adjutant</i> | Dan Delaney | |

Membership Challenge:

- This year held a new challenge, which is to achieve over 101% by the end of the year.

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels:
 - o District III Judge Advocate, Dan Delaney; Adjutant, Warren Maxson; Surgeon, Leon Ellison; Chaplain, Robert Chatman; Service Officer, Trustee 2 Year, David Gley
 - o Department of Pacific Areas Junior Vice Commander, Warren Maxson; Chaplain, Ron Davis; Public Relations, Leon Ellison

VFW Year 2019-2020

Officers:

| Post Commander | Senior Vice Commander | Junior Vice Commander |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| David Gley | Leon Ellison | Warren Maxson |
| <i>Quartermaster:</i> | Ron Davis | |
| <i>Judge Advocate:</i> | Marcus Brown | |
| <i>Surgeon:</i> | Michael Connolly | |
| <i>Trustee 1 Year:</i> | Charles Clifford | |
| <i>Trustee 2 Year:</i> | Anthony Mosley | |
| <i>Trustee 3 Year:</i> | Jerry Prowant | |
| <i>Chaplain:</i> | William Quintero | |
| <i>Service Officer:</i> | Ricki Rice | |
| <i>Adjutant</i> | Dan Delaney | |

Membership Challenge:

- Due to COVID-19 this year, the challenge was greater than normal on recruiting but we were able to meet it.



Induction ceremonies throughout the year

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels:
 - o District III Judge Advocate, Dan Delaney; Adjutant, Warren Maxson; Surgeon, Leon Ellison; Chaplain, Robert Chatman; Trustee 1 Year, Mark Narkon; Trustee 3 Year, David Gley; Inspector Ron Davis
 - o Department of Pacific Areas Chaplain, Ron Davis

Post-Performance:



26 May, Osan AB, Civil Air Patrol VFW Medal Presentation



25 May, Memorial Day Ceremony, Camp Humphreys



23 May, Memorial Day Softball Tournament





7 Feb, Hill 180, Battle of Bayonet Hill Ceremony



4 Feb, Superbowl



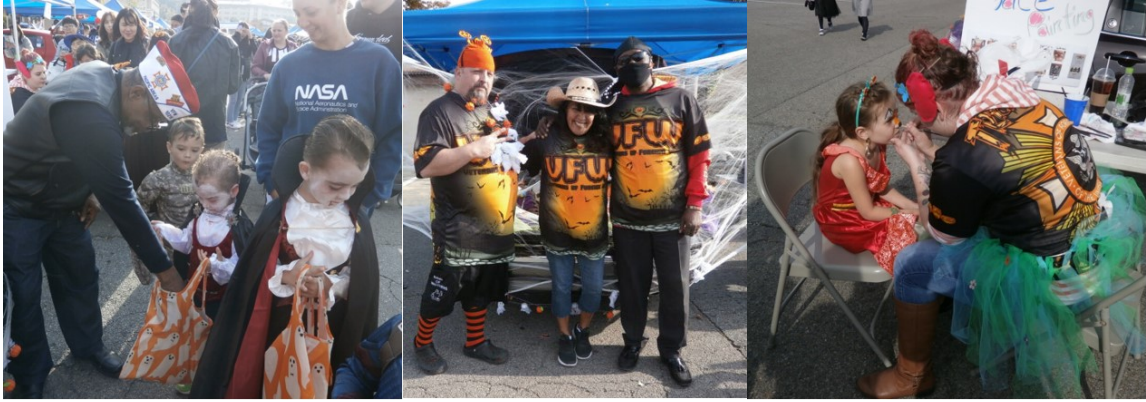
21 Dec, Christmas Meal



28 Nov, Thanksgiving Feast



11 Nov, Veterans Day, Camp Humphreys



31 Oct, 51 FSS Trunk-Or-Treat



21-22 Sep, Korean American Friendship Festival





2 Aug, 3rd Annual James T. Price Memorial Golf Tournament



6 Jul, Task Force Smith Ceremony
(In the wheelchair is Retired MG Yoon Sung Guk)
(ROK LNO to TF Smith)

VFW Year 2018-2019

Officers:

Post Commander
Leon Ellison

Senior Vice Commander
David Gley

Junior Vice Commander
Owen Powell

Quartermaster:

Ron Davis

Judge Advocate:

Stephen Tharp

Surgeon:

Warren Maxson

Trustee 3 Year:

Charles Clifford

Trustee 2 Year:

Jose Garcia

Trustee 1 Year:

Terrance Smith

Chaplain:

William Quintero

Service Officer:

Richard Martinez

Adjutant

Dan Delaney

In Memoriam



On 27 January 2019, Two-time Past Post Commander Jerry Ross passed away after a week-long stay in the hospital for a major issue. Luckily within that week his children were able to make it to say goodbye. He was laid to rest on 29 January 2019 and was honored by friends and comrades at the 16 February 2019 post meeting with the draping of the charter memorial.

Membership Challenge:



Induction ceremonies throughout the year

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels:
 - o District III Commander, Warren Maxson; Past Junior Commander, Ron Davis; Surgeon, Leon Ellison; Chaplain, Robert Chatman; Advocate, Dan Dulaney; Trustee 2 Year, Mark Narkon
 - o Department of Pacific Areas Chaplain, Ron Davis

Post-Performance:



6 Jun, JVCinC Hal Roesch visited Osan AB for a QoL tour on his way to the DPA Convention in Saipan



30 May, Korean VFW Convention



24-27 May, we sponsored the PACWIDE Military Softball Tournament



16 May, Cadet Gp CC Jadya Tolliver accepting the VFW JROTC Medal on behalf of Cadet Laraina Lavergne



25 Apr, VFW CinC BJ Lawrence visited the area



12 Apr, DMZ Truck Ambush memorial



3 Apr, Osan AB Retiree Appreciation Luncheon



28 Mar, AAFES Vietnam Memorial Day



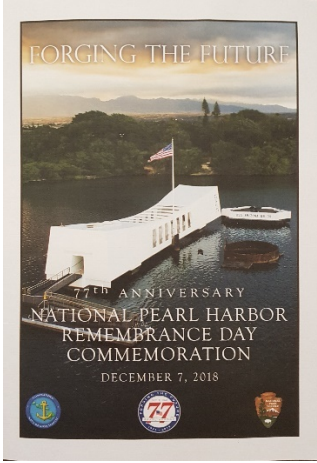
8 Feb, Battle of Bayonet Hill Ceremony



4 Feb, Super Bowl Party



22 Dec, Christmas Feast



7 Dec, Pearl Harbor Commemoration in Hawaii



22 Nov, Thanksgiving Day Feast



21 Nov, CPL Jang Ceremony



17 Nov, Retiree Appreciation Day



11 Nov, Veterans Day Ceremony, Camp Humphries



10 Nov, Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Drive



27 Oct, Osan AB Trunk or Treat



17 Oct, 2nd Annual James T. Price Memorial Golf Tournament



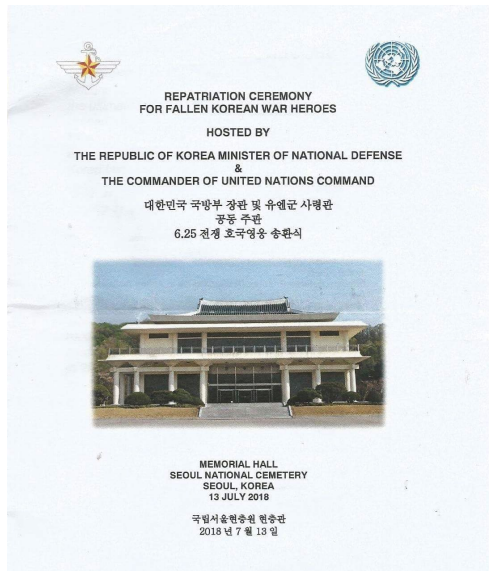
17-21 Sep, POW/MIA Week



15 Sep, Pyongtaek Fashion Show Recognizing U.S. Veterans



8-9 Sep, Korean American Friendship Festival



13 Jul, Repatriation Ceremony for Fallen Korean War Heroes



6 Jul, Task Force Smith Ceremony



USO lunch on the go

Total Community Service numbers are 238 projects, 536 volunteers, 3,121 hours, 10,096 miles driven, and \$10,455.46 recognized

VFW Year 2017-2018

Officers:

Post Commander

Warren Maxson

Quartermaster:

Judge Advocate:

Surgeon:

Trustee 3 Year:

Trustee 2 Year:

Trustee 1 Year:

Chaplain:

Service Officer:

Adjutant

Senior Vice Commander

Leon Ellison

Ron Davis

Jim Yarbrough

Dan Delaney

Jose Garcia

Terrance Smith

Mark Narkon

William Quintero

Patrick Higgins

Dan Delaney

Junior Vice Commander

Owen Powell

Membership Challenge:

The post hit a monumental milestone this year, after the consolidation of the posts, we needed approximately 260 members in six months to reach 2009 members, we over achieved and finished the year with a staggering 2033 members; making us the largest post in the Pacific and the fourth largest in national.



The Post received the 100% membership and All-American streamer



Induction ceremonies throughout the year

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels:
 - o National Surgeon General, Patrick Higgins
 - o District III Commander, Patrick Higgins, Senior Vice Commander Warren Maxson; Chaplain, Ernie Lee; Trustee 3, Jose Garcia
 - o Department of Pacific Areas Chaplain, Warren Maxson

Post-Performance:



7 Jun, Truck Ambush Ceremony



28 May, Buddy Poppy Drive for Memorial Day



26 May, Commander in Chief Keith Harman visiting the post



20 May, National Reps came to assist Vets with benefit claims



20 May, Armed Forces Day Parade



67th Anniversary of the Battle of Bayonet Hill (Hill 180) Ceremony



23 Dec Christmas Dinner



5 Dec Pearl Harbor Remembrance during the Monthly Post meeting



23 Nov Thanksgiving Day



18 Nov Retiree Appreciation at Yongsan



11 Nov Veterans Day Memorial Service



20 Oct James T. Price Inaugural Memorial Golf Tournament



23 Sep 50th Anniversary Vietnam Memorial Day



11 Sep 9/11 Remembrance during the Monthly Post meeting



9-10 Sep Korean American Friendship Festival



5 Jul Task Force Smith



10 Jul was Jaqueline's last meeting, she was last year's Women in the Military representative as well as our Osan AB Hospital spokesperson



10 Jul Col Hensley the 3 BCD/CC and Lt Col Demasi accepted the new Task Force Smith statue



USO lunch on the go throughout the year

Total Community Service numbers are 219 projects, 624 volunteers, 3,114 hours, 7,334 miles driven, and \$16,911.83 recognized

VFW Year 2016-2017

Officers:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Post Commander Cynthia Schmitz | Senior Vice Commander Warren Maxson | Junior Vice Commander Leon Ellison |
| Quartermaster: Ron Davis | Judge Advocate: Jim Yarbrough | |
| Surgeon: Owen Powell | Trustee 3 Year: Terrence Smith | |
| Trustee 2 Year: Mark Narkon | Trustee 1 Year: Patrick Doc Higgins | |
| Chaplain: William Quintero | House Rules Committee: Harold VanHazel | |
| Adjutant Dan Delaney | | |

Awards:

- Department Pacific Outstanding Post Adjutant, Ernie Lee
- Department of Pacific Outstanding Post Membership Chairman, Warren Maxson



Membership Challenge:

| State | Post | Dst | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Adjusted Prior Year | Percent | Div | RS | City | State | N/R LM | Prior Annual | Retention |
|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|--------|------|-------|---------------------|---------|-----|----|-------------------|-------|--------|--------------|-----------|
| 55 | 10216 | 3 | 983 | 137 | 9 | 89 | 1218 | 1178 | 103.39% | 1 | | SONGTAN-SI, KOREA | | 38 | 248 | 49.19% |



The Post received the 100% membership streamer



Leon was presented his Commander-in-Chief Duffy 25-membership coin and citation



QM Ron and Jessica Martinez were presented their 5-member pin and Terrill Miller was presented his 5, 10, and 15-member recruitment pins.



Induction ceremonies throughout the year



Membership drive events throughout the year

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels:
 - o District III Commander, Ron Davis; Junior Vice Commander, Warren Maxson
 - o Department of Pacific Areas Chaplain, Warren Maxson; Council Member, Ron Davis; Americanism Chairman, Ron Davis

Post-Performance:



5 Jul Task Force Smith



11 Jul the Rough Riders Motorcycle club and the HRC Chairman, Van were recognized for their outstanding support and contributions to the Post



14 Jul USO visiting 6-52 ADA during field exercises



31 Jul Rededication of new Jim Price Memorial Statue



8 – 9 Oct Korean American Friendship Festival



11 Nov Veteran's Day



12 Dec Post VOD winners announced: Seth Green, Carson Nugent, Jose Charming, Asher Woods, Easton Clark, and Sofia Bradshaw



25 Dec Christmas Day Feast



3 Feb Hill 180



25 Mar the post adopted an old folks home that needs a lot of work, there was also a ROK Korean War Veteran living there



8 May Jaqueline presented Commander Cynthia a plaque thanking the Post for its support to Nurse Tech Week



20 May Armed Forces Day parade



28 Apr Teamed up with the Osan AB USO to provide a free lunch to Kunsan AB Airmen, Kunsan does not have its own USO



16 Jun Ricky presented Maj Kim a Humanitarian award to thank his tireless efforts as the main PCM for all retirees that attend the Osan AB clinic



19 Jun Department of Pacific Areas Commander John Gilbert visit



USO lunch on the go throughout the year

Total Community Service numbers are 213 projects, 998 volunteers, 4,972 hours, 12,187 miles driven, and \$14,528.01 recognized

VFW Year 2015-2016

Officers:

| Post Commander | Senior Vice Commander | Junior Vice Commander |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Warren 'Max' Maxson | Robbie Normand | Cynthia Schmitz |
| <i>Quartermaster:</i> | Ron Davis | |
| <i>Judge Advocate:</i> | Jim Yarbrough | |
| <i>Surgeon:</i> | Mark Narkon | |
| <i>Trustee 3 Year:</i> | Leon Ellison | |
| <i>Trustee 2 Year:</i> | Dan Delaney | |
| <i>Trustee 1 Year:</i> | Frank O'Donnell | |
| <i>Chaplain:</i> | William Quintero | |
| <i>House Rules Committee:</i> | Harold VanHazel | |
| <i>Adjutant</i> | Patrick Higgins | |

Awards:

- Department Pacific Commander of the Year
- VFW Department of Pacific All State Post

- Outstanding VFW Post Department of Pacific

Membership Challenge:

| State | Post | Dst | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Adjusted Prior Year | Percent | Div | RS | City | State | N/R LM | Prior Annual | Retention |
|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|--------|------|-------|---------------------|---------|-----|----|-------------------|-------|--------|--------------|-----------|
| 55 | 10216 | 3 | 930 | 144 | 6 | 98 | 1178 | 1150 | 102.43% | 1 | | SONGTAN-SI, KOREA | | 23 | 237 | 51.05% |



Induction ceremonies throughout the year



Post 10216 was ranked in the top 10 recruiting posts in the division by VFW National Membership Director, Robert Crider.



Membership drive events throughout the year

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels:
 - o District III
 - o Department of Pacific Areas

Post-Performance:



21 Aug Ernie met with single-leg amputee Chris Melendez, an Iraq War Veteran who is now a professional wrestler during a USO tour



9/11 Ceremony



17 – 18 Sep POW/MIA Week



26 Nov Thanksgiving Day Feast



25 Dec Christmas Day Feast



During the 11 Jan post meeting Col Gwon and SGM Moore from the US Army 3d Battlefield Coordination Detachment presented the post with framed memorabilia of (then) Captain Millett posing with KIA Captain Desiderio's wife and son. There was also a photograph presented of Col Millett's son's sculpture of a POW.



1 Feb 51 Security Forces was officially adopted by the post



5 Feb Hill 180



19 Feb Patriots Pen winners



11 Apr Scouting Representatives presented the post with a charter to thank the post for 36 years of continual support to the organization.



16 May Pack 86 Committee Chair Zac Wood recognized as the District Committee Chair of the year and Cubmaster Zack Kalingauskas was awarded Cub Master of the Year and the district's distinguished White Tiger Award.



21 May Armed Forces Day parade



13 Jun Jay Delaney was recognized as being the VFW Department of the Pacific Areas Outstanding Contributor Award winner for 2015-2016. Mr. Lee (accepted by his wife) was recognized as being the VFW Department of the Pacific Areas Outstanding Contributor (Business) Award Winner for 2015-2016



28 Jun CINC visit



USO lunch on the go throughout the year

Total Community Service numbers are 145 projects, 1066 volunteers, 2,372 hours, 6,264 miles driven, and \$12,553.86 recognized

VFW Year 2014-2015

Officers:

| Post Commander | Senior Vice Commander | Junior Vice Commander |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Daniel DeLaney | Dean “Dino” Yoder | Travis Gunter |
| <i>Quartermaster:</i> | David Hance | |
| <i>Judge Advocate:</i> | Robert Madison | |
| <i>Surgeon:</i> | Jimmy Bosch | |
| <i>Chaplain:</i> | Burke Manuel | |
| <i>Trustee 3 Year:</i> | Frank O’Donnell | |
| <i>Trustee 2 Year:</i> | Dennis Huggler | |
| <i>Trustee 1 Year:</i> | Warren Maxson | |
| <i>House Rules Committee:</i> | Takeshi “Oki” Okazaki | |

Awards:

- Post 10216 won four VFW National Recognition Awards for outstanding program activities

Membership Challenge:

| State | Post | Dst | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Adjusted Prior Year | Percent | Div | RS | City | State | N/R LM | Prior Annual | Retention |
|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|--------|------|-------|---------------------|---------|-----|----|-------------------|-------|--------|--------------|-----------|
| 55 | 10216 | 3 | 912 | 122 | 9 | 96 | 1139 | 1193 | 95.47% | 1 | | SONGTAN-SI, KOREA | | 20 | 343 | 43.15% |



Induction ceremonies throughout the year

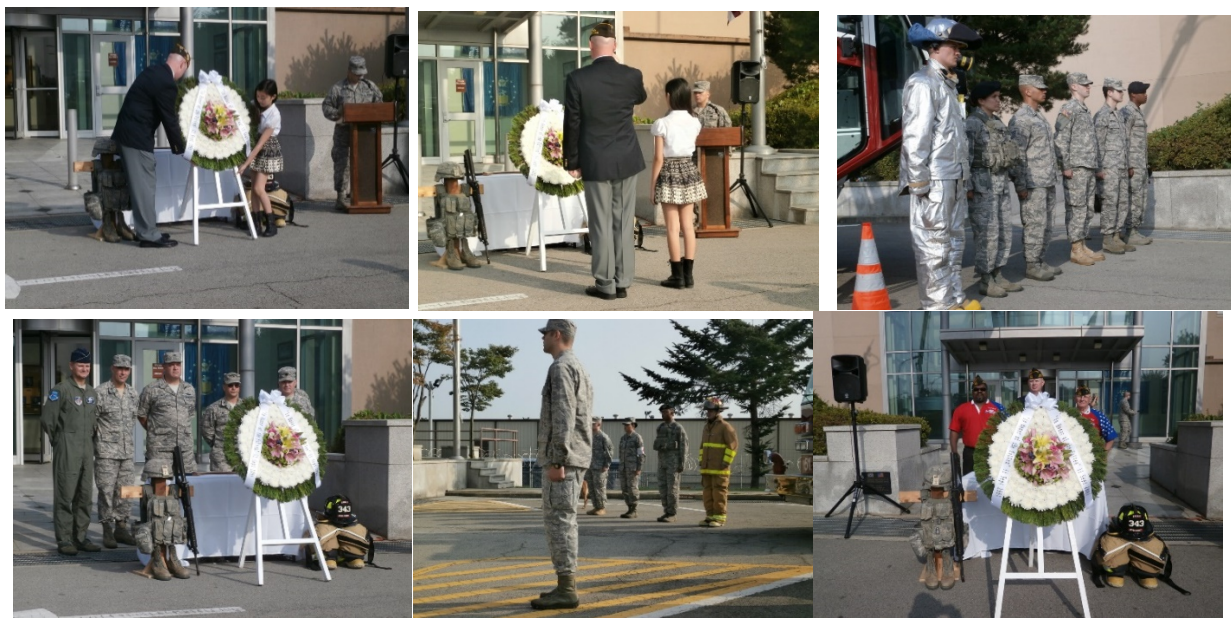


Membership drive events throughout the year

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels:
 - o District III
 - o Department of Pacific Areas
 - o VFW National:

Post-Performance:



9/11 Remembrance



22-25 September POW/MIA



Korean American Friendship Festival on 24-25 October was a huge success, selling out of ribs by 8 PM Sunday.



Trunk or Treat on 31 October was a lot of fun for everyone.



10 Nov Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony



Thanksgiving Day Feast



The first and second place Voice of Democracy winners were presented their plaques and monetary awards. First place was Nick White \$100 and Hanna Ohler \$50.



Chief Thornton, President of the Osan AB Chief's Group, presented Ernie Lee with honorary Chief Master Sergeant chevrons in honor of his unrelenting involvement and dedication to the Osan AB community, its programs, and its people.



6 Feb Hill 180 ceremony



20 Feb our very own Ernie Lee was made an honorary Chief Master Sergeant for his commitment to the Osan AB Enlisted Corp



14 Mar Suwon Victory Day



Armed Forces Day parade 16 May



Buddy Poppy drive 23 May raised \$1506 in donations



USO lunch on the go throughout the year

Total Community Service numbers are 111 projects, 671 volunteers, 2,704 hours, 9,357 miles driven, and \$51,299.36 recognized

VFW Year 2013-2014

Officers:

Post Commander

Ernest Lee

Quartermaster:

Judge Advocate:

Surgeon:

Chaplain:

Senior Vice Commander

Daniel Delaney

Shawn Watson

Laurence Lyons

Dean Yoder

William Quintero

Junior Vice Commander

Jerry Prowant

Trustee 3 Year: Warren Maxson
Trustee 2 Year: Matthew Pierce
Trustee 1 Year: Robert Madison
House Rules Committee: Damian Cone

Awards:

- Department Pacific Commander of the Year
- VFW National All-American Post
- VFW Department of the Pacific All State Post

Membership Challenge:

| State | Post | Dst | Life | New | Reinst | Cont | Total | Adjusted Prior Year | Percent | Div | RS | City | State | N/R LM | Prior Annual | Retention |
|-------|-------|-----|------|-----|--------|------|-------|---------------------|---------|-----|----|-------------------|-------|--------|--------------|-----------|
| 55 | 10216 | 3 | 845 | 228 | 19 | 69 | 1161 | 1151 | 100.87% | 1 | | SONGTAN-SI, KOREA | | 34 | 340 | 31.18 |



100% membership streamer



Induction ceremonies throughout the year



Membership drive events throughout the year

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels:
 - o District III
 - o Department of Pacific Areas
 - o VFW National:

Post-Performance:



28 Jul Armistice/Monument Commission and Dedication Ceremony in Pusan



140 ROK Marines attended the ROK Marine BBQ held 10 August. It was held as an appreciation for the ROK Marine Band and Rifle Drill Team participation in the annual Armed Forces Day Parade



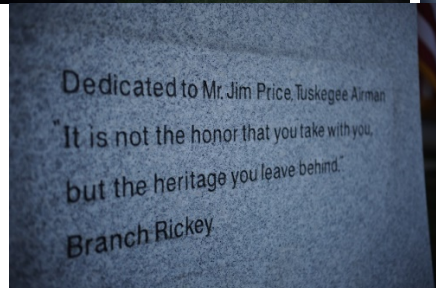
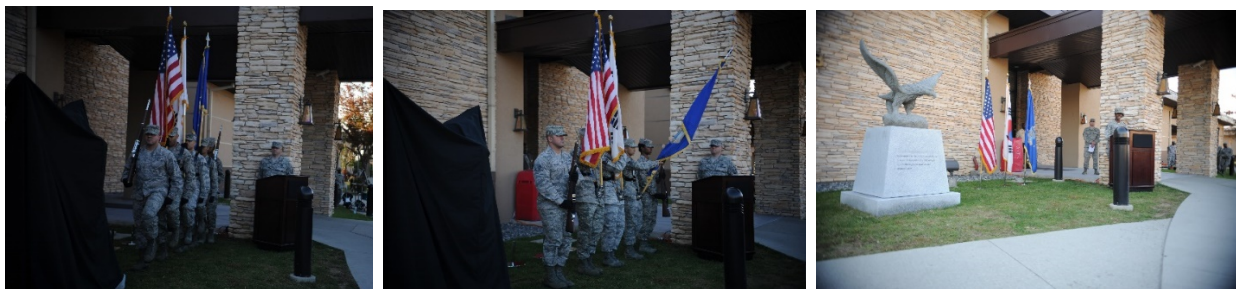
September POW/MIA Week started with the raising of the flags and a ceremony at Reville. Throughout the week there was info booths at the BX as well as briefings at the Osan High School. There was a candlelight ceremony at the base chapel as well as a 24-hour run. The closing POW/MIA Commemoration Ceremony guest speaker was Dept Commander Watson



Remembering the 12th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001



U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, Harry K. Thomas, Jr., attended a ceremony at the Clark Cemetery. Post 10216 is a supporter of the cemetery, and Patrick “Doc” Higgins and Joe Mortimer visited to honor our “fallen comrades”



18 October Jim Price Memorial Statue presentation at the Osan AB Enlisted Club



9 November UFG Victory Party at Suwon AB



Buddy Poppy drive on 11 November, Veteran's Day



Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony at Yongsan Army Garrison, Commander Lee represented Post 10216 and laid a wreath. District Chaplain Ron Davis said the ceremony prayer and Larry Lyons represented District 3 as Commander



12 November Veterans Day and Buddy Poppy drive



Thanksgiving Day Feast



Dave Nelson returned from Afghanistan and presented a flag, certificate, and shrapnel to the post that was flown and soiled from helicopter landings and battle at a Forward Operating Base. A case was purchased for it and it hangs in the VFW now



Christmas Day Feast



15 January Teacher of the Year presentation to Ronnie Holley



3 February Pack 86 Pinewood Derby



Department Commander Shawn Watson was the Master-of-Ceremonies for the Hill 180 ceremony and Post Commander Lee laid a wreath on behalf of the VFW



22 February 7 AF Annual Awards Banquet



28 February membership drive



14 March celebrating Key Resolve Victory Day at Suwon AB



21 March The Women in the Military wall dedication ceremony went great with Rear Adm. Lisa Franchetti, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Korea (CNFK) as the guest speaker



30 April Patriots Pen presentation



13 May 694th Spring Picnic and Pig Roast



17 May Armed Forces Day parade with over 1,000 participants from 35 different military and community organizations



26 May Buddy Poppy went great, collecting \$1500 in donations



USO lunch on the go throughout the year

Total Community Service numbers are 250 projects, 823 volunteers, 3,206 hours, 13,565 miles driven, and \$32,239.90 recognized

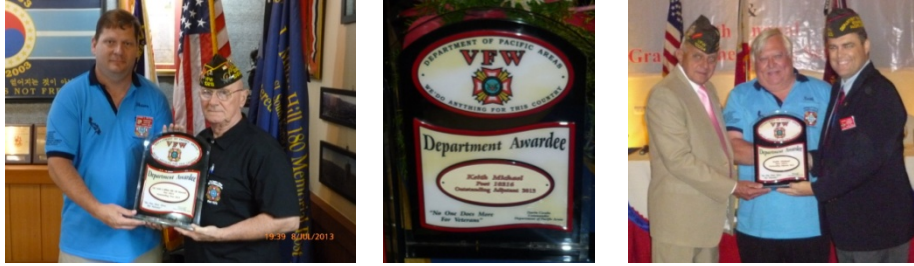
POST 10216 HISTORIES – 2012-2013

Awards for 2012-2013:

- Post 10216 won both All State and All American, an extremely prestigious achievement for the Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Post 10216 swept most of the Department of Pacific Awards (shown below)



Outstanding VFW Post in Pacific 2013; Post members seen accepting the award at the Cebu Convention and presented by Past VFW Commander-in-Chief Ed Banas and Department Commander Darin Combs



Commander Lee accepts Outstanding Post Award from the new Department Commander Shawn Watson & Outstanding Adjutant Keith Michael receives award from Ed Banas and Darin Combs



Outstanding VFW Member of the Year Takeshi "Oki" Okazaki & Outstanding Service Officer Patrick "Doc" Higgins



Outstanding Contributor Ms Barbara Colwell & Outstanding Outside Organization the Republic of Korea Marching Band and Rifle Drill Team

Challenge for 2012-2013:

- Post 10216 is the second largest Post in the Pacific, has the highest turnover of its military members (with 1-year tours) and the largest number of "continuous members" to recruit for the VFW's new retention goal.
- Post 10216 met all of these membership challenges ...the numbers speak for themselves:
 - o **At 229 continuous members, Post 10216 has the highest continuous membership in all of Department; 4 times the next highest Post representing 37% of continuous members for the entire Department!**

- **Achieved a staggering 92.94% retention rate.**
- **At 87 new members, the second highest in all of Department!**
- **The second highest “new life members” in all of department at 13, behind only the Angeles City post.**
- **With all these numbers combined, Post 10216 contributed the most to Pacific Areas membership of any single post.**
- **Post 10216 now becomes the second largest Post in the Department of Pacific Areas**
- **Post 10216 was selected for All State and currently meets all requirements for All American status.**



Commander Ernie Lee led Post 10216 to great success in 2013

Post Performance:

- Post 10216 had developed one of the strongest relationships with their host community than any Post in Pacific Areas. It hosts over 10 major functions with Osan Air Base each year, leading the community in such major events as Armed Forces Day Parade, POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony and our famous Hill 180 Commemoration Ceremony.



Major events included Hill 180 Ceremony, Armed Forces Day Parade and Veterans Day Ceremony

- Post officers are known on a personal basis by base leadership and routinely consulted on community events; Commander Lee is on a “first name basis” with 7th Air Force, US Army and 51st Fighter Wing Leadership



Commander Lee with Chairman JCS General Dempsey, 7th Air Force Commander General Jouas and Sergeant Major of the 35 ADA Brigade

- Submitted all reports and audits on a timely manner with perfect detail.
- Meetings were run extremely efficiently and effectively in accordance with the VFW's highest standards.
- Continue with a highly successful formal induction ceremonies for all new members that include the oath, Cross of Malta ceremony and presentation of the VFW pin and coin.



Post 10216 conducts a formal VFW Induction Ceremony for all of its new members

- Easily passed all District and Department Inspections by ensuring our records and requirements exceeded standards.
- Participated in the VFW Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher's Awards.
- Published meticulous Post Meeting Minutes that also included a highly acclaimed Post Newsletter.
- Post History on Department Website: Completely revamped and updated the Post History in what was described the best of any Post History on the website.
- Maintain one of the best websites in all of the VFW at www.vfw10216.com and keep it current by posting all Post events and documentation. Our website is continually updated with Post reports and boasts an extensive photographic gallery of events.
- Worked close with base leadership to support military personnel with donations, relief funds support and community involvement.
- Achieved excellent rapport with community organizations such as the Songtan Chamber of Commerce, Chief's Group, NCO Association and 1st Sergeants Group, which improved our outreach to the community. Our Post Officer's personally met with these groups to expound on VFW goals and mission.
- Superbly worked with and supported the Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent #8. All Post leadership is members of the MOC – a superb marriage.
- Our House Rules Committee and Leadership provided outstanding oversight of Canteen operations and the Canteen can brag that they made a profit each and every month of

the past year. Canteen profits go directly to our General Fund to support our numerous VFW activities.

- Post 10216 was an active participant in Departments Special Programs (EMT/Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter).
- Post 10216 is a strong supporter of the VFW National Buddy Poppy Program; ***purchased the most Buddy Poppies (by far) at \$685.00 – of any Post in the Department!***



Post 10216 hold very successful Buddy Poppy events with all of the Youth Groups at Osan AB (Scouts, Junior ROTC and Civil Air Patrol).

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels and five 10216 members hold elected or appointed positions in District 3 Korea, including the key positions of District SVC Larry Lyons, JVC Ernie Lee, Chaplain Ron Davis, Trustee 2-Year Shawn Watson and Adjutant Keith Michael. The most representation of any Post in Korea.
- SVC Lyons was elected as the new District 3 Commander and Ernie Lee moved up to SVC
- Strong support to Department: Post member Shawn Watson is the incoming Department of Pacific Commander, Doc Higgins is the Department Surgeon and Billy Quintero is the Department Americanism Chairman.



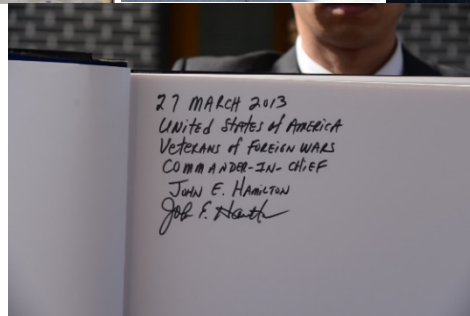
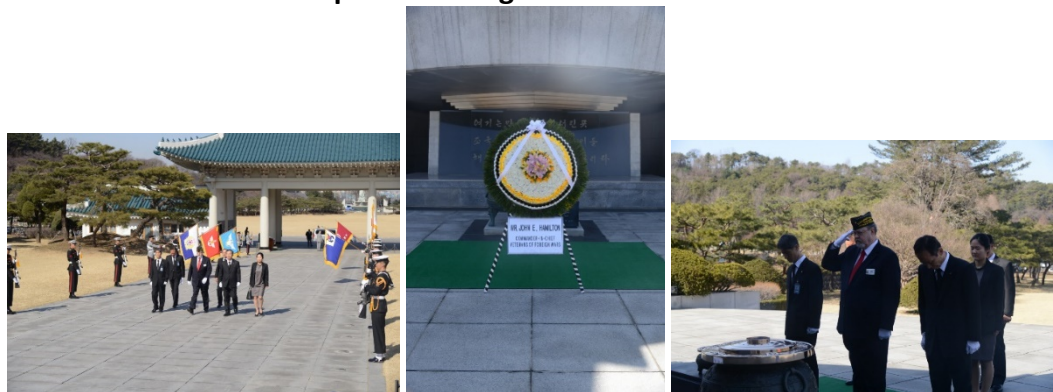
Five Post members are senior District Officers and three are senior Department Officers

- Post Member Patrick Higgins is running (and stands an excellent chance of winning) for VFW National Surgeon for 2013-2014; requested to run by Adjutant General Gunner Kent!
- Our Post was superbly represented at all District and Department Meetings, Conventions and Councils of Administration – total dedication to the cause.
- Regularly provided inputs for Department “Around the Pacific” and Typhoon.

- Post members Shawn Watson, Larry Lyons and Patrick Higgins will attend the VFW National Convention
- Members extensively involved in the MOC Grand of Pacific with three members holding Grand elected or appointed positions.
- Provided strong support to all District and Department initiatives and programs.
 - o Utilizes the VFW's Adopt-A-Unit Program extremely effectively with two units representing the US Air force (694th ISRG) and US Army (35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade). Hosted eight major MAP events throughout the year.
 - o Effectively use the VFW's MAP initiative to support military functions at Osan Air Base.
- Post members hosted a very successful visit to Korea by the VFW CINC John Hamilton.
 - o Post members Larry Lyons, Ernie Lee and Patrick Higgins were the CINC's escort for the entire 3-day visit.
 - o The Post hosted a great "feast" in honor of CINC John Hamilton and over 100 members attended



The Post hosted the VFW CINC John Hamilton, providing escorts throughout the Korea trip and hosting a dinner in the CINC's honor



The CINC also laid a wreath at the Seoul National Cemetery

Youth Activities:

- Extensive participation in Youth Activities and participated in events with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Junior ROTC, Girl Scouts, Brownies and Civil Air Patrol.
- Provides funds to support functions for all of these organizations



- Post 10216 hosted and paid costs for the very successful Boy Scout's "Pinewood Derby 2013", a major Scouting event for the year.



- The Post supported all Boy Scout events such as Eagle Scout ceremonies



Our Youth Groups participate in all VFW events, such as Buddy Poppy, Armed Forces Day Parade and Hill 180 Ceremony

- Strong support to Osan's Civil Air Patrol
 - o Osan has an active CAP program and we partnered with them to provide financial and adult leadership for CAP Cadets
 - o Purchased new gear for the CAP Honor Guard
 - o CAP marched in the VFW Parade for the first time this year
 - o Post members attend every CAP meeting
 - o Utilize the VFW's CAP Awards Program with great success

- Commander Lee oversaw their Annual Awards Banquet and presented the Cadets with their awards
- Participated in the CAP's "Encampment 2013" with leadership and funds
- CAP Commandant is an active VFW member



Post 10216 sponsors CAP activities and participate in CAP Awards Program

- Sponsored the VFW's Voice of Democracy, Teachers Awards and Patriot Pen at Osan's local schools.
- Strong sponsorship with the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies
 - Concluded our 29th anniversary year of charting the local Boy Scouts
 - Scout Master Tim Kinmon is an active VFW member of the Post and our Post's Boy Scout Committee Chairman
 - Ten VFW members are active scout leaders and the Post paid for all of the adult sponsors fees
 - The Post paid for charter fees, attended awards banquets and provided monetary support for awards program
 - Assisted in Scout Merit Badge Program by assisting in three merit badge awards
 - The Scouts were active participants in major VFW events such as the Hill 180 Ceremony, Armed Forces Day Parade and all of our Buddy Poppy events.
 - The Girl Scouts and Brownies attended every major VFW event this year, to include every Buddy Poppy, Armed Forces Day Parade and the Hill 180 Ceremony; every participating Girl Scout received their Buddy Poppy Volunteer Pin!



Our Youth Groups participate in all VFW events, such as Buddy Poppy, Armed Forces Day Parade and Hill 180 Ceremony

- Forged our closest relationship to date with Osan High School's Junior ROTC

- Junior ROTC participated in all major Post events of the year, to include Hill 180 Ceremony, Armed Forces Day Parade, Buddy Poppy and POW/MIA Day
- Donated \$200.00 for the Junior ROTC summer event
- Met with the Osan High School Principal to coordinate VOD, Patriot Pen and Teacher's Awards for the upcoming 2013-2014 VFW Year

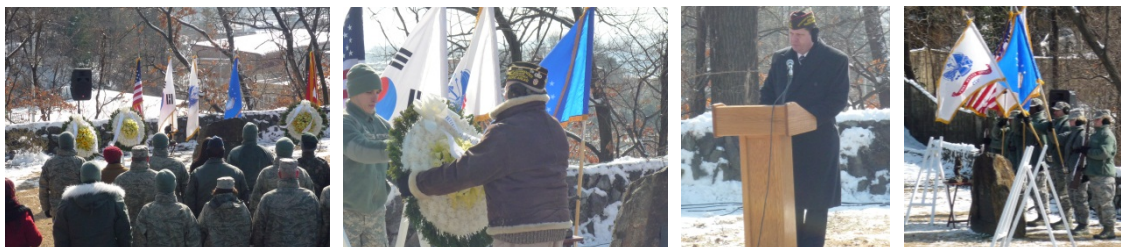


Commander Lee established strong ties with the Osan HS Principal

- Continued support to the Osan Youth Center by teaching classes and instruction on computers and ITT.
 - Post members donated over 200 hours of volunteer time to the Youth Center
 - Post member Ed Jankowski conducted a very successful "Robotics Class" for the local Youth Center

Special Functions:

- Hill 180 Ceremony: Hosted the most successful Hill 180 Ceremony to date.
 - Worked closely with the U.S. Army's Battlefield Coordination Detachment on this solemn ceremony that commemorates the Battle that occurred at Osan on 7 February, 1951.
 - One of the major events for Osan Air Base for the Year
 - Represented the VFW at the ceremony with wreath laying
 - Over 300 active duty participants
 - Post member Shawn Watson was the Master-of-Ceremonies and District Commander Ernie Lee laid a wreath on behalf of the VFW



Hill 180 Ceremony is one of Osan AB largest events and is hosted by Post 10216. Commander Lee lays a wreath at the Monument and Department SVC Shawn Watson was the Master of Ceremonies

- Armed Forces Day Parade 2013: The largest parade in its 21 year history with over 850 participants from 45 organizations and including 3 marching bands!

- The largest VFW event in all of the Department of Pacific Areas with over 850 military, civilian and VFW participants. Highest level of support to the VFW -- 7th Air Force Commander General Jouas was the Reviewing Officer.
- Receives extensive media coverage through AFKN, local newspapers and Stars and Stripes. This parade generates extensive favorable coverage for the VFW.



VFW Armed Forces Day was the biggest ever with 3 marching bands and 30 organizations!

- POW/MIA Ceremony: Hosted Osan's POW/MIA Ceremony on POW/MIA Day with in excess of 200 members and active duty military participating.
 - The VFW was an integral part of this year's events; our Post assisted in planning, paid for the cake and refreshments and brought the ceremony wreath.
 - Post members ran in the 24-hour POW/MIA Run, led by Doc Higgins!
 - Commander Lee manned a POW/MIA Booth at the AAFES Mall



Post 10216 are key participants in Osan's annual POW/MIA Recognition Day

- The Post sponsored huge and delicious Thanksgiving and Christmas Day feasts for members and active duty, hosting over 150 people at each event. Made these feasts the "home-away-from-home" for our military veterans.
- Hosted a hugely successful "Super Bowl Breakfast Bash" for our members
- Held special social events every Friday night with free food for members and visitors. This drew many active duty members to visit our Post and many became members.
- Held a solemn ceremony at the Post Home to commemorate 9/11, presided over by our Chaplain Billy Quintero with 50 Post members attending
- The Post is a strong supporter of the Clark Cemetery and voted this year to include a \$100.00 donation "in perpetuity" during our annual visits to Angeles City.

Military Community Relations:

- Established the strongest bond ever between Osan Air Base military leadership and the VFW

- Post leadership is known on a first name basis with Commanders; “whatever you need, just let us know”
- Formalized Base support with approval of a memorandum that sanctions VFW activities on Osan Air Base.
- Established strong ties with military organizations such as 1st Sergeants, Top 3, Air Force Sergeants Association and Chief’s Group and Air Force Association. Many of these groups became VFW members due to their direct contact with our Post recruiters.



Post leadership has excellent relationships with the military; Commander Lee shown with our Adopted-Unit Commanders Colonel Shane Hamilton, 303rd IS Commander Lt Col Sgarlata, 7th Air Force Commander General Jouas and 51st Maintenance Group Commander Colonel Clossen

- Superbly uses the VFWs Adopt-a-Unit Program to host two large military units from each of our services at Osan AB – 694th ISR Group and 35th ADA Brigade
 - o Provides plaques for their Soldier and Airmen of the Quarter Award Program, which is personally presented by the Post Commander
 - o Made donations for each of these units major spring picnic event
 - o Host professional military development seminars at the Post Home for military groups and present instruction on veteran’s groups and history of the Korean War
 - o Expanded our adopt-a-unit with the adoption of the all squadrons of the 694th ISR Group!



Department MAP Chairman described Post 10216 as “the best use of the MAP and Adopted-Unit Programs of any Post in all of the Department of Pacific Areas”.

- The Post partnered with USFK (Bob Henault) of Post 8180 to conduct DMZ tours for our adopted units; extremely popular with our young troops.



DMZ visit with our adopted Unit the 303rd Intelligence Squadron

- Official approval from AAFES to allow VFW activities in their facilities and obtained numerous contributions such as American Flags for our Parade.



- **Invited by AAFES to be the judges at the 2012 Osan Community Olympics**
- Supported Osan's Red Cross Association with donations.
- The VFW provides free non-alcoholic drinks to Town Patrol Security Forces to when they visit our Post Home.
- Actively support the Osan's Retiree Affairs Office and Post member Takeshi "Oki" Okazaki manages the monthly Retiree Appreciation Day Luncheon
- Participated in the AAFES "Fun Fitness Day" and sponsored the Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" with a \$100.00 donation



Community support in "Relay for Life" and "Fun Fitness Day"

Korean Community Involvement:

- Post 10216 operates the only formal VFW Motorcycle Riders in the entire Pacific Areas. This group is sponsored by the Post with the goal of improving comradeship and enjoying the great sport of riding.



The Post's Motorcycle Riders hosted the 1st Annual Songtan Motorcycle Rally that raised over \$2,000.00 for a local orphanage.

- The Post was a key participant in the 2012 Korean-American Friendship Festival and hosted a "Southern BBQ Ribs" booth; this was extremely popular with the Koreans and garnered over \$5,000.00 in profit for the Post.



Participated in Songtan's Korea-American Friendship Festival

- Our connections with the Korean community paid off with the entry of both the ROK Air Force and the ROK Marine Band and Rifle Drill Team in this year's VFW Armed Forces Day Parade.



Strong Korea community participation in VFW events such as our Armed Forces Day Parade

- Established excellent relationships and rapport with local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and garnering VFW member discounts at many facilities
 - o Received monetary donations from businesses to support Post events.

- Task Force Smith: Members represented the VFW at the 2012 Task Force Ceremony at Osan City, commemorating the first engagement of the US ground forces in the Korean War on 5 July, 1950
- Commander Lee and other members were invited guests of Osan City to the Grand Opening of the Task Force Smith Museum in April 2013.



Grand Opening of the Task Force Smith Memorial and Museum



Commander Lee, Chaplain Quintero and Past District III Commander Pat Higgins attended the Task Force Smith Ceremony on 5 July to commemorate the Korean War event of the first engagement between American Forces and north Korean forces on 5 July, 1950. The Commander and 10 other members also attended the Grand Opening of the Task Force Smith Museum on 23 April

Relief Efforts:

- Post 10216 has one of the most effective and utilized Relief Fund efforts in the Pacific, raising over \$5,000.00 in donations and donating over \$3,000 to needy veterans.
- Provided another \$3,000.00 in grants to active duty and retired members from our Relief Fund to assist them in their times of need.
- Conducted two major and very successful Buddy Poppy events for Veteran's Day and Memorial Day, raising over \$5,000.00 for our Relief Fund.
 - o Created new banners that effectively convey the Buddy Poppy message and improved donations.
 - o Involved the Junior ROTC, CAP Cadets, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in our events.
- Made a direct \$200.00 donation to the VFW National Home, in addition to any contribution made individually by our members.

VFW Membership and Member Activities:

- Held ten successful membership drive events throughout the year.
- Energized Post membership to support Post activities and functions; made it "fun" to come to the VFW again.
- Ensured that the Canteens Friday Social events were well planned and occurred every week. Free food was provided to Post members and guests on a weekly basis. Friday's became major Post events with increased patronage resulting in increased profit for the Canteen.
- Sponsored two dart teams and two pool teams in Songtan's league play. This ensured at least four profitable nights for the Canteen and was a major source of recruitment for the Post.



**Christmas and Thanksgiving Day feasts at the Post Home
The Post hosts dart and pool teams for its members**

- Held free social events throughout the year, which included Christmas Day Dinner, Thanksgiving Day and Super Bowl breakfast. Members donated all food and material.
- Continued the program supporting Osan's MWR Outdoor Recreation's with their fishing trips
 - o Provided free gear and bait for active duty members.



Post 10216 sponsors fishing trips for military members and their families, providing all the gear and assistance

POST 10216 HISTORIES – 2011-2012

Post Award 2011-2012

All American Post, VFW National HQ

Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Post for 2011-2012

Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Post Member: Ernie Lee

Post Officers:

Post Commander/Alan Hammerstrom
Sr. V. Commander/Ronald Tichota
Jr. V. Commander/Ernest Lee
Quartermaster/Ron Davis
Assistant Quartermaster/Shawn Watson
Surgeon/Ron Colwell
Chaplain/Billy Quintero
Advocate/Greg Papke
Adjutant/Keith Michael
Service Officer/Jack Terwiel
Trustee 1 Yr/Dennis Huggler
Trustee 2 Yr/Carter Urban
Trustee 3 Yr/Francis O'Donnell
HRC Chairman/Damian Cone

Challenge for 2011-2012:

- Post 10216 began the year with the tremendous challenge of overcoming the problem of attaining membership due to our merging with Post 11016 (Songnam, Korea), which was deactivated in 2011.
- Post 10216 had to obtain their own membership quota, plus those additional numbers from Post 11016.

- The Post met the challenge and attained 100.95% as of 1 June – and we’re still recruiting!
- This represents 140 new members, 35 reinstated members (total 175 n/r members) and 11 new Life Members – **the highest recruiting number in all of Department of Pacific Areas**; the next closet Post had only 119 n/r members!
- Post 10216 now becomes the **second largest Post in the Department** of Pacific Areas
- Meets all criteria for All American and well on the way in achieving this prestige



Commander Alan Hammerstrom led Post 10216 to great success in 2012, supported by strong leaders such as incoming Commander Ernie Lee

Post Performance:

- Post 10216 has developed one of the strongest relationships with their host community than any Post in Pacific Areas. It hosts over 10 major functions with Osan Air Base each year, leading the community in such major events as Armed Forces Day Parade, POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony and our famous Hill 180 Commemoration Ceremony.
- Post officers are known on a personal basis by base leadership and routinely consulted on community events; JVC is on a “first name basis” with all of Wing Leadership
- Submitted all reports and audits on a timely manner with perfect detail.
- Meetings were run extremely efficiently and effectively in accordance with the VFW’s highest standards.



Post 10216 conducts a formal VFW Induction Ceremony for all of its new members

- Continue with a highly successful formal induction ceremonies for all new members that include the oath, Cross of Malta ceremony and presentation of the VFW pin and coin.

- Easily passed all District and Department Inspections by ensuring our records and requirements exceeded standards.
- Participated in the VFW Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher's Awards with nominations in each competition.



District Commander Pat Higgins and JVC Ernie Lee present the Teacher's Award for 2012 Post 10216 has the only sanctioned VFW Motorcycle Riders in the Pacific Areas, their Chairman H. VanHazel shown here in the Korean-American Friendship Parade

- Published meticulous Post Meeting Minutes that also included a Post Newsletter.
- Provided these inputs to Department and District for our VFW History.
- Maintain one of the best websites in all of the VFW at www.vfw10216.com and keep it current by posting all Post events and documentation. Our website is continually updated with Post reports and boasts an extensive photographic gallery of events. We added a new "message dissemination" feature to the website, whereby members can sign-up to receive Post notifications.
- Worked close with base leadership to support military personnel with donations, relief funds support and community involvement.
- Achieved excellent rapport with community organizations such as the Songtan Chamber of Commerce, Chief's Group, NCO Association and 1st Sergeants Group, which improved our outreach to the community. Our Post Officer's personally met with these groups to expound on VFW goals and mission.
- Superbly worked with and supported the Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent #8. All Post leadership is members of the MOC – a superb marriage.
- Our House Rules Committee and Leadership provided outstanding oversight of Canteen operations and the Canteen can brag that they made a profit each and every month of the past year. Canteen profits go directly to our General Fund to support our numerous VFW activities.
- Post 10216 operates the only formal VFW Motorcycle Riders in the entire Pacific Areas. This group is sponsored by the Post with the goal of improving comradeship and enjoying the great sport of riding.
- Post 10216 was an active participant in Departments Special Programs (EMT/Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter). Post 10216 Service Officer Jack Terwiel is the most effective VFW Service Officer in the Pacific and continues to support countless veterans and their widows in Korea; he also continues to run as a full time volunteer his Osan Retiree Affairs Office.

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels and five 10216 members hold elected or appointed positions in District 3 Korea, including the key positions of District Commander Pat Higgins, Junior Vice Commander Larry Lyons, Chaplain Billy Quintero, Advocate Ernie Lee and Adjutant Keith Michael. The most representation of any Post in Korea.
- Post member Ernie Lee was elected as the new District III Junior Vice Commander for the incoming 2012-2013 year, continuing our Post's history of involvement
- Post member Shawn Watson is the current Department JVC and projected to be our next SVC
- Post member Keith Michael is the Department Americanism Chairman, assisted ably by Billy Quintero



**Post 10216 supports all District III events; shown here at the District Memorial Day Ceremony and Larry Lyons representing the Post at the Yongsan Veterans Day Ceremony
Five Post 10216 members hold District III office, to include Commander, JVC, Chaplain, Advocate and Adjutant**

- Our Post was superbly represented at all District and Department Meetings, Conventions and Councils of Administration – total dedication to the cause.
- Provided inputs for every Department “Around the Pacific” published this past VFW year.
- Post members Larry Lyons and Patrick Higgins attended the VFW National Convention
- Members extensively involved in the MOC Grand of Pacific with three members holding Grand elected or appointed positions.
- Provided strong support to all District and Department initiatives and programs.
 - o Utilizes the VFW's Adopt-A-Unit Program extremely effectively with two units representing the US Air force (303rd Intelligence Squadron) and US Army (35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade). Hosted six major MAP events throughout the year.
 - o Effectively use the VFW's MAP initiative to support military functions at Osan Air Base.

Youth Activities:

- Extensive participation in Youth Activities and participated in events with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Junior ROTC and Girl Scouts.
- New for 2012: Sponsorship of the Osan Civil Air Patrol

- Osan has an active CAP program and we partnered with them to provide financial and adult leadership for CAP Cadets
- Purchased rifles and other items for their CAP Honor Guard
- CAP marched in the VFW Parade for the first time this year
- Post members attend every CAP meeting
- JVC Lee oversaw their Annual Awards Banquet and presented the Cadets with their awards



**Post 10216 sponsors CAP activities and purchased their rifles for the Honor Guard;
JVC Lee and Surgeon Colwell participate in CAP Awards Ceremony**

- Sponsored the VFW's Voice of Democracy, Teachers Awards and Patriot Pen at Osan's local schools.
- Strong sponsorship with the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies
 - Concluded our 28th anniversary year of charting the local Boy Scouts
 - Scout Master Terralus Lowe is an active member of the Post and our Boy Scout Committee Chairman
 - The Post is pursuing the "stand up" of a new BSA Venturing Crew 86 at Osan AB. "Venturing" is a dynamic program with the BSA that is designed for youth (14-20) and young adults that emphasizes leadership, ethics and moral character.
 - Ten VFW members are active scout leaders and the Post paid for all of the adult sponsors fees
 - Paid charter fees, attended awards banquets and provided monetary support for awards program
 - Donated \$350.00 for their annual "Blue and Gold Banquet" , their largest social event of the year
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 - Assisted in Scout Merit Badge Program by assisting in three merit badge awards
 - The Scouts were active participants in major VFW events such as the Hill 180 Ceremony, Armed Forces Day Parade and all of our Buddy Poppy events.
 - The Girl Scouts and Brownies attended every major VFW event this year, to include every Buddy Poppy, Armed Forces Day Parade and the Hill 180 Ceremony; every participating Girl Scout received their Buddy Poppy Volunteer Pin!



Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Civil and Civil Air Patrol participating in Post events: Buddy Poppy, Hill 180 Ceremony and the VFW Parade

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 - o Post member Ed Jankowski was instrumental in the Youth Center winning a \$10,000.00 grant from Disney Corporation for the purchase of new computer and graphics equipment for the Youth Center
 - o Check was awarded at a special ceremony with the 51st Wing Commander

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 - o The 8th US Army Commander Major General Johnson was the guest speaker



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Post 10216 are key participants in Osan's annual POW/MIA Recognition Day

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Post leadership has excellent relationships with the military, shown here with the 8th Army BCD Commander at Hill 180 Ceremony; JVC Ernie with USFK CINC at Veterans Day Ceremony and Shawn Watson with 51st Wing Commander at the POW/MIA Ceremony

- New in 2012, the Post began a partnership with the Osan United Services Organization (USO) with great success
 - o The Post hosts a “Dine for a Dime” dinner program with the USO and pays for a free meal to our veterans once a quarter.
 - o Obtained approval from the USO to display VFW informational and recruiting material at the USO
 - o Began a new initiative to pay respects to veterans departing Korea on the Osan “Freedom Bird” where Korea veterans are returning to the USA. This provides a great opportunity for the VFW and USO to say “thank you for your service”.
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 - o Provides plaques for their Soldier and Airmen of the Quarter Award Program, which is personally presented by the Post Commander
 - o Made donations for each of these units major spring picnic event
 - o Host professional military development seminars at the Post Home for military groups and present instruction on veteran’s groups and history of the Korean War
 - o Expanded our adopt-a-unit with the adoption of the 6th Intelligence Squadron; this resulted in over 20 new members from this unit alone!
- The Post partnered with USFK (Bob Henault) of Post 8180 to conduct DMZ tours for our adopted units; extremely popular with our young troops.
- Official approval from AAFES to allow VFW activities in their facilities and obtained numerous contributions such as American Flags for our Parade.

- Supported Osan's Red Cross Association with donations.
- The VFW provides free non-alcoholic drinks to Town Patrol Security Forces to when they visit our Post Home.
- Actively participate with Osan's Retiree Affairs Office (Jack Terweil) to improve support to our retired community and their spouses. Jack is Chairman of our Post Retiree Affairs Committee and Service Officer for 2010-2011.
- Continued the program supporting Osan's MWR Outdoor Recreation's with their fishing trips
 - o Provided free gear and bait for active duty members.
 - o 8 VFW volunteers provided their time to assist MWR with over 15 very successful trips.
- Participated in Osan Air Bases "Airpower Day" with a VFW booth; 25 VFW volunteers and resulted in recruitment of new members and profits for the Post



Post 10216 participated in Osan AB Airpower Day

Korean Community Involvement:

- Also new in 2012, our Post began a partnership with the Songtan Civic Center by donating funds for their operation and attending their opening ceremonies.
- Post leadership met with the Pyongtaek City Mayor, who lauded the VFW's support to his community



Post 10216 member attending the opening of the Songtan Civic Center. We're traditional members of the annual Korean-American Friendship Festival.

- The Post was a key participant in the 2011 Korean-American Friendship Festival and hosted a “Southern BBQ Ribs” booth; this was extremely popular with the Koreans and garnered over \$4,000.00 in profit for the Post.
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- Established excellent relationships and rapport with local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and garnering VFW member discounts at many facilities
 - o Received monetary donations from businesses to support Post events.
- Task Force Smith: Members represented the VFW at this year’s Task Force Ceremony at Osan City, commemorating the first engagement of the US ground forces in the Korean War on 5 July, 1950



JVC Lee, Chaplain Quintero and District III Commander Pat Higgins attended the Task Force Smith Ceremony on 16 July to commemorate the Korean War event of the first engagement between American Forces and north Korean forces on 5 July, 1950.

Relief Efforts:

- Post 10216 has one of the most effective and utilized Relief Fund efforts in the Pacific, raising over \$6,000.00 in donations and donating over \$4,000 to needy veterans.
- Provided another \$1,500.00 in grants to active duty and retired members from our Relief Fund to assist them in their times of need.
- The Post made a donation of \$500.00 to financially assist the family of a Post member who was hospitalized in Korea; the member subsequently passed away, but the family was very grateful for the VFW assistance.
- Conducted two major and very successful Buddy Poppy events for Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day, raising over \$6,000.00 for our Relief Fund.
 - o Created new banners that effectively convey the Buddy Poppy message and improved donations.
 - o Involved the Junior ROTC, CAP Cadets, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in our events.
- Made a direct \$200.00 donation to the VFW National Home, in addition to any contribution made individually by our members.
- Established a new “Relief Fund Chairman” in the post hierarchy to oversee the best use and monitoring of our Relief Funds

VFW Membership and Member Activities:

- Post 10216 recruited the most new and reinstated members in the entire Department of Pacific Areas with 175 new members!
- Held twelve successful membership drive events throughout the year.
- Energized Post membership to support Post activities and functions; made it “fun” to come to the VFW again.
- Ensured that the Canteens Friday Social events were well planned and occurred every week. Free food was provided to Post members and guests on a weekly basis. Friday’s became major Post events with increased patronage resulting in increased profit for the Canteen.
- Sponsored two dart teams and two pool teams in Songtan’s league play. This ensured at least four profitable nights for the Canteen and was a major source of recruitment for the Post.



**Christmas and Thanksgiving Day feasts at the Post Home
The Post hosts dart and pool teams for its members**

- Held free social events throughout the year, which included Christmas Day Dinner, Thanksgiving Day and Super Bowl breakfast. Members donated all food and material.



Post 10216 sponsors fishing trips for military members and their families, providing all the gear and assistance

Installation of new officers for 2011-2012 as Ernie Lee takes the helm as Post Commander

POST 10216 HISTORIES – 2010-2011

Post Awards 2010-2011

Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Post for 2010-2011

Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding Post Commander: Patrick "Doc" Higgins

Outstanding Post Service Officer for the Department of Pacific Areas: Jack Terwiel

Post Officers:

Post Commander/Patrick Higgins

Sr. V. Commander/Alan Hammerstrom

Jr. V. Commander/Ron Tichota

Quartermaster/Ron Davis

Assistant Quartermaster/Shawn Watson

Surgeon/Thomas Dillingham

Chaplain/Billy Quintero

Advocate/Greg Papke

Adjutant/Keith Michael

Service Officer/Jack Terwiel

Trustee 1 Yr/Matthew Pierce

Trustee 2 Yr/Shawn Watson

Trustee 3 Yr/Dennis Huggler

HRC Chairman/Damian Cone

Post Performance:

- Post 10216 has developed one of the strongest relationships with their host community than any Post in Pacific Areas. It hosts over 10 major functions with Osan Air Base each year, leading the community in such major events as Loyalty Day Parade, POW/MIA Ceremonies and our famous Hill 180 Commemoration Ceremony.
- Post officers are known on a personal basis by base leadership and routinely consulted on community events.
- Submitted all reports and audits on a timely manner with perfect detail.
- Meetings were run extremely efficiently and effectively in accordance with the VFW's highest standards.
- Continue with a highly successful formal induction ceremonies for all new members that include the oath, Cross of Malta ceremony and presentation of the VFW pin and coin.
- Easily passed all District and Department Inspections by ensuring our records and requirements exceeded standards.
- Published meticulous Post Meeting Minutes that also included a Post Newsletter. Established a wide distribution e-mail list to "get the word" to our members. Praised by Department Commander Jim Oden for their high quality and frequent inputs.
- Provided these inputs to Department and District for our VFW History.

- Maintain one of the best websites in all of the VFW at www.vfw10216.com and keep it current by posting all Post events and documentation. Our website is continually updated with Post reports and boasts an extensive photographic gallery of events.
- Worked close with base leadership to support military personnel with donations, relief funds support and community involvement.
- Achieved excellent rapport with community organizations such as the Songtan Chamber of Commerce, Chief's Group, NCO Association and 1st Sergeants Group, which improved our outreach to the community. Our Post Officer's personally met with these groups to expound on VFW goals and mission.
- Assisted the newly established "MIG Alley Chapter" of the Air Force Association by providing our Post Home for their membership meetings, providing guidance on chapter operation, inclusion in our base activities and assisting in their recruiting. This mutual cooperative effort has greatly benefited both the AFA and the VFW.
- Superbly worked with and supported the Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent #8. All Post leadership are members of the MOC – a superb marriage.
- Our House Rules Committee and Leadership provided outstanding oversight of Canteen operations and the Canteen can brag that they made a profit each and every month of the past year. Canteen profits go directly to our General Fund to support our numerous VFW activities.
- Post 10216 operates the only formal VFW Motorcycle Riders in the entire Pacific Areas. This group is sponsored by the Post with the goal of improving comradeship and enjoying the great sport of riding. In 2011, the Group complied with all Department and National By-Laws and procedures for the registration and operation of the Motorcycle Riders. The group now boasts over 25 members.



- Post 10216 was an active participant in Departments Special Programs (EMT/Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter).
- Membership recruitment has been an extremely difficult task in Korea for this VFW Year and all Korea Posts experienced this "dry spell". Regardless, Post 10216 recruited 116 new or reinstated members, representing 27% of all new members recruited in Korea.



Post 10216 hosts the largest VFW event in the Department of Pacific Areas – their annual Loyalty Day Parade. Post members plan all aspects of the parade; over 600 people participated in the 2010 parade and 2011 will prove to be even bigger!

Leadership in the VFW:

- Post members support the VFW at all levels and four 10216 members hold elected or appointed positions in District 3 Korea, including the key positions of District Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Chaplain and Adjutant. The most representation of any Post in Korea.
- Patrick Higgins is projected as the incoming District 3 Commander.
- Our Post was superbly represented at all District and Department Meetings, Conventions and Councils of Administration – total dedication to the cause.
- Provided inputs for every Department “Around the Pacific” published this past VFW year. The entertaining and thoughtful inputs garnered praise from VFW members throughout the Pacific. The Post worked closely with Typhoon & ATP Editor Jim Malott and he lauded the post for their contributions.
- Members extensively involved in the MOC Grand of Pacific with three members holding Grand elected or appointed positions.
- Provided strong support to all District and Department initiatives and programs.
 - Utilizes the VFW’s Adopt-A-Unit Program extremely effectively with two units representing the US Air force (303rd Intelligence Squadron) and US Army (35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade). Hosted six major MAP events throughout the year.
 - Effectively use the VFW’s MAP initiative to support military functions at Osan Air Base.
 - Working with Osan’s First Sergeants to understand and maximize the “Unmet Needs” program.
 - Post 10216 hosted a very successful visit to the Post Home by CINC Richard L. Eubank
 - Provided briefings and tours of Osan Air Base and the Post Home
 - Excellent social event at the Post with maximum Post participation

- Assisted District 3 Commander Watson in all aspects of the CINC's Osan visit



Post Commander Doc Higgins with VFW CINC Richard Eubank

- Post 10216 ran a very successful "Penny Board" project to help raise funds for the Department of Pacific's Hospitality Room at the upcoming National Convention, donating \$750.00 towards this great cause; may be the most donated by any single post!

Youth Activities:

- Extensive participation in Youth Activities and participated in events with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Junior ROTC and Girl Scouts.
- Sponsored the VFW's Voice of Democracy, Teachers Awards and Patriot Pen at Osan's local schools.
- Strong sponsorship with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts
 - Concluded our 27th anniversary year of charting the local Boy Scouts
 - Scout Master James McCallen is an active member of the Post and our Boy Scout Committee Chairman
 - Eight members are active scout leaders
 - Paid charter fees, attended awards banquets and provided monetary support for awards program
 - Arranged and provided all gear for fishing trips to support the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Brought over 50 military members on fishing trips to educate our youth in the practice the American sport of fishing – all at VFW and member expense!
 - Assisted in Scout Merit Badge Program by assisting in three merit badge awards
 - The Scouts were active participants in major VFW events such as the Hill 180 Ceremony, Armed Forces Day Parade and all of our Buddy Poppy events.



Post 10216 is active with the Boy Scouts as their chartering organization, as well as Girl Scouts, Brownies and Cub Scouts in such activities as Buddy Poppy, Loyalty Day Parade and Hill 180 Ceremony. Scout Master Terralus Lowe is a Life Member of Post 10216

- Forged our closest relationship to date with Osan High School's Junior ROTC
 - o Junior ROTC Commander is an active member of the Post
 - o Junior ROTC participated in all major Post events of the year, to include Hill 180 Ceremony, Armed Forces Day Parade, Buddy Poppy and POW/MIA Day
 - o Provided instruction and guidance for flag burning ceremony
- Post members perform considerable volunteer work with our Osan Youth Center by teaching classes and instruction on computers and ITT. Over 80 hours of volunteer work was contributed over the year on this project.
- The Post donated \$250.00 for the purchase of new "practice jerseys" for the Osan High School Baseball team. They now proudly wear a VFW logo during practice!

Special Functions:

- Hill 180 Ceremony: Hosted the most successful Hill 180 Ceremony to date.
 - o Worked closely with the U.S. Army's Battlefield Coordination Detachment on this solemn ceremony that commemorates the Battle that occurred at Osan on 7 February, 1951.
 - o One of the major events for Osan Air Base for the Year
 - o Represented the VFW at the ceremony with wreath laying
 - o Over 300 active duty participants



60th Anniversary of the Battle of Bayonet Hill Commemoration Ceremony

When: February 8, 2011

Where: Hill 180, Osan AB

Time: 0930hrs

Join the VFW and our military
in honoring our "Fallen Comrades"



"We're going up the hill. Fix bayonets!
Charge! Everyone goes with me!"
-COL Lewis Millet

Hill 180 Ceremony is one of Osan AB largest events and is hosted by Post 10216. Commander Higgins lays a wreath at the Monument and Shawn Watson was the Master of Ceremonies

- Armed Forces Day Parade 2011: All plans are set for the 19th Annual VFW Parade at Osan AB. The VFW knows this as our “Loyalty Day Parade”, but at 51st Fighter Wing Commander request, we are holding as the “Armed Forces Day Parade”
 - o By the time of this award selection, the parade will have been completed and the event publicized in our Around-the-Pacific. Over 30 base squadrons and organizations have signed up so far this year.
 - o The largest VFW event in all of the Department of Pacific Areas with over 700 military, civilian and VFW participants
 - o Receives extensive media coverage through AFKN, local newspapers and Stars and Stripes. This parade generates extensive favorable coverage for the VFW.
- POW/MIA Ceremony: Hosted Osan’s POW/MIA Ceremony on POW/MIA Day with in excess of 150 members and active duty military participating.
 - o The VFW was an integral part of this year’s events; our Post assisted in planning, paid for the cake and refreshments and brought the ceremony wreath.
 - o Osan Air Base expanded the POW/MIA Monument with a special “ring of stones” representing all 50 US states and our territories. Post 10216 and it’s members sponsored 12 of these stones at \$100.00 cost each.
 - o A special “stone dedication” commemorating the completion of the monument will be held on 21 May 2011. PDC Larry Lyons will be the guest speaker for the event and Post 10216 is contributing funds to pay for this event.

POW/MIA MEMORIAL WALKWAY



- The Post sponsored huge and delicious Thanksgiving and Christmas Day feasts for members and active duty, hosting over 200 people at each event. Made these feasts the “home-away-from-home” for our military veterans
- Held special social events every Friday night with free food for members and visitors. This drew many active duty members to visit our Post and many became members.
- Held a solemn ceremony at the Post Home to commemorate 9/11, presided over by our Chaplain Billy Quintero with 50 Post members attending
- Post 10216 honors those who departed us during the past year and held formal “Draping of the Charter” Ceremony for four departed comrades. These events were well attended by the VFW, family and community

- The Post paid special tribute to fallen comrade Curley Knepp, our Korean War Veteran who passed away on 5 August 2010. and a “Draping of the Charter Ceremony” was held at our Post Home. Our Service Officer also assisted his widow in receiving VA benefits and help get her life back in order.



Post members were the pall bearers at his cremation ceremony.



VFW Post 10126 held the official VFW “Draping of the Charter Ceremony” at their Post Home on 10 August 2010. Family, friends and Comrades gather to honor Curley Knepp



The VFW, Osan's 51st Fighter Wing and the US Army's Battlefield Coordination Detachment honored Major Curley Knepp in a special retreat ceremony held on 27 August at Osan's Hill 180 Memorial Park.

In a most poignant statement that sums it all up, Curley wrote in a message to his wife as the last entry of his Last Will and Testament: "Trust the VFW; they will take care of you".

- The Post is a strong supporter of the Clark Cemetery and voted this year to include a \$100.00 donation "in perpetuity" during our annual visits to Angeles City. In addition, Commander Higgins personally researched all past Post 10216 members who are interred at the cemetery and began a tradition of visiting their graves during each of our visits to the Philippines.



The Post donates annually from their budget to the Clark Cemetery and visits grave sites during our trip to the Philippines

Military Community Relations:

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- Post leadership is known on a first name basis with Commanders; "whatever you need, just let us know"
- Formalized Base support with approval of a memorandum that sanctions VFW activities on Osan Air Base.
- Established strong ties with military organizations such as 1st Sergeants, Top 3, Air Force Sergeants Association and Chief's Group and Air Force Association. Many of these groups became VFW members due to their direct contact with our Post recruiters.
- Superbly uses the VFWs Adopt-a-Unit Program to host two large military units from each of our services at Osan AB – 303rd Intel Squadron and 35th ADA Brigade
 - o Provides plaques for their Soldier and Airmen of the Quarter Award Program, which is personally presented by the Post Commander

- Made donations for each of these units major spring picnic event
- Host professional military development seminars at the Post Home for military groups and present instruction on veteran's groups and history of the Korean War
- The 35th ADA held a very successful "Soldier of the Year Selection Board" at our Post home with refreshments furnished by the VFW.
- Effectively uses the VFW MAP Program to support military units.
 - Most recent event will be the 303rd Summer Picnic & Awards Ceremony. Our Post worked with Department MAP Chairman Ken Swierzewski to procure \$600.00 for purchase of a roast pig for the picnic. In addition, Commander Higgins will be a guest speaker and present Quarterly Award Winners with a VFW Plaque.
 - The Post presented the 303rd Intelligence Squadron with a check for \$750.00 to support their squadron 60th Anniversary Dining Out that was held on 20 November. They effectively used VFW National HQ MAP Program to support our troops. Commander Higgins attended on behalf of the VFW.
- The Post hosted a very successful "video gaming completion" at our Post Home with the US Army's BOSS Program. Over 50 young Army troops participating, with food and beverages donated by the VFW.
- Official approval from AAFES to allow VFW activities in their facilities and obtained numerous contributions such as American Flags for our Parade.
- Hosted unit events at our Post Home, such as the 51st Medical Support Squadron Commander's Call and offered our facilities and monetary donations. Commander Higgins forged a strong relationship with the 51st Medical Group, arranged for the Hospital Commander to brief at a Post meeting and was appointed by the Commander as a representative of the VFW for veteran's issues. Doc Higgins was given special authority to brief a program called "S.I.C.K." (Self Initiated Care Kit), which now allows veterans to receive over-the-counter medicine from the Base Hospital.
- The Post worked closely with 51st Medical Group in a blood drive to procure a rare blood type for retiree Jack Terwiel. The Commander of the Hospital Support Squadron Greg Papke was able to locate and procure the blood – not coincidentally, Greg is a Life Member of Post 10216!
- Supported Osan's Red Cross Association with donations.
- The VFW provides free non-alcoholic drinks to Town Patrol Security Forces to when they visit our Post Home.
- Actively participate with Osan's Retiree Affairs Office (Jack Terweil) to improve support to our retired community and their spouses. Jack is Chairman of our Post Retiree Affairs Committee and Service Officer for 2010-2011.
- Continued the program supporting Osan's Outdoor Recreation's with their fishing trips
 - Provided free gear and bait for active duty members.
 - 10 VFW volunteers provided their time to assist MWR with over 25 very successful trips.
 - Resulted in a major source of membership recruitment.

- Brought over 50 military members on fishing trips to help them witness the beauty of Korea and practice the American sport of fishing – all at VFW and member expense!



VFW Fishing Trips for the troops!

- Participated with Osan Air Bases “Airpower Day” with a VFW booth; supported by 20 VFW volunteers and resulted in recruitment of new members and profits for the Post



Post 10216 participated in Osan AB Airpower Day

Korean Community Involvement:

- Established excellent relationships and rapport with local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and garnering VFW member discounts at many facilities
 - Received monetary donations from businesses to support Post events.
- Worked closely with the Songtan Chamber of Commerce and received a special invitation for participation in their American-Korean Friendship Festival
- Task Force Smith: Members represented the VFW at this year’s Task Force Ceremony at Osan City, commemorating the first engagement of the US ground forces in the Korean War on 5 July, 1950



Commander Higgins and Chaplain Quintero attended the Task Force Smith Ceremony on 16 July to commemorate the Korean War event of the first engagement between American Forces and north Korean forces on 5 July, 1950. This event is sponsored annually by Osan City and is attended by Osan City Mayor, Kyongi-Do Province Governor and US & ROK military leadership. They were accompanied by John Okonski, the 51st Fighter Wing Historian and also a VFW member. The trio laid flowers on the monument.

Relief Efforts:

- Post 10216 has one of the most effective and utilized Relief Fund efforts in the Pacific, raising over \$5,000.00 in donations and donating over \$3,000 to needy veterans.
- Provided another \$2,000.00 in grants to active duty and retired members from our Relief Fund to assist them in their times of need.
- The Post had supported a young active duty airman from the 5th Recon Squadron who needed assistance to support a family emergency. We worked with the squadron 1st Sergeant to provide a \$700.00 grant to the young airman. Another example of the VFW assisting our veteran's in time of need.
- The Post made a donation of \$500.00 to a Post member to assist him during a family emergency; his brother was involved in a motor cycle accident in the US and he and his wife were returning to assist the family. The recipient later wrote: "To my VFW Comrades and friends from Post 10216: I cannot put into words the gratitude and appreciation that I feel for the donation that was provided from our Post in my family's emergency situation. I was astounded and surprised to say the least. A sincere and heartfelt "thank you" is owed to each and every one in our Post."
- Conducted a major and very successful Buddy Poppy events for Veteran's Day and a similar event is scheduled for Memorial Day.
 - o Created new banners that effectively convey the Buddy Poppy message and improved donations.
 - o Involved the Junior ROTC, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in our events.
- Made a direct \$200.00 donation to the VFW National Home, in addition to any contribution made individually by our members.
- Participated in Amazon.com "Wish List" for the VFW National Home with donations totaling \$1100.00, buying dinnerware, plates and glasses for our Children's Home.

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VFW Membership and Member Activities:

- Held ten successful membership drive events throughout the year.
- Energized Post membership to support Post activities and functions; made it “fun” to come to the VFW again.
- Ensured that the Canteens Friday Social events were well planned and occurred every week. Free food was provided to Post members and guests on a weekly basis. Friday’s became major Post events with increased patronage resulting in increased profit for the Canteen.
- Sponsored two dart teams and two pool teams in Songtan’s league play. This ensured at least four profitable nights for the Canteen and was a major source of recruitment for the Post.
- Held free social events throughout the year, which included Christmas Day Dinner, Thanksgiving Day, Super Bowl breakfast and 10 separate free BBQ events. Members donated all food and material.



Post functions for members and active duty troops include Thanksgiving, Christmas, Super Bowl and Friday night socials; Thanksgiving Feast and Super Bowl breakfast are shown here.

- Post 10216 recognizes the achievements of its members! The Post nominated Life Member Colonel Keith Andrews for the VFW National Life Saving Award for Keith’s heroic efforts in saving the lives of two girls from drowning. The article was published in the Around-The-Pacific.



Colonel Keith Andrews being presented the VFW National Life Saving Award by CINC Eubanks

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Trustee 2 Yr/Damian Cone
Trustee 3 Yr/Ron Tichota
HRC Chairman/Harold VanHazel

Post Awards 2009-2010

All American Post, VFW National HQ
All State Post, Department of Pacific Areas
Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Post for 2009-2010
Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Post Commander: Shawn Watson
Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Post Member: MSgt (USAF) Shane Price
Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Post Membership Chairman: Alan Hammerstrom
Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Post Adjutant: Keith Michael

Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Post Quartermaster: Ron Davis
Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Outside Contributor - Organization: JJ’s Cantina

Department of Pacific Areas Outstanding VFW Outside Contributor - Individual:
Mr. Yong Ho Kim (VFW Lawyer)

Post Performance:

- One of the most successful membership years in the Posts history, achieving 105% membership with a staggering 170 new members recruited. The Post quickly recovered from the previous 2008-2009 year's failure to meet recruiting quotas and not obtain All American. Recruiting was the top priority for Post leadership.
- Awarded All State Commander and All State Quartermaster.
- Exceed all requirements for All American.
- The highest Post membership activity and participation by its members of any Post, with upwards of 100 members supporting Post events.
- Highest morale of any Post, as witnessed in their frequent Around-the-Pacific articles.
- Submitted all reports and audits on a timely manner with perfect detail.
- Meetings were run extremely efficiently and effectively in accordance with the VFW's highest standards.
- Initiated formal induction ceremonies for all new members that include the oath, Cross of Malta ceremony and presentation of the VFW pin and coin. District 3 Commander Darin Combs participated in such an event and said "this is the best I've seen".
- Developed a close and productive relationship with Osan Air Base military leadership; they all know and trust our Post leadership. This resulted in the approval of all Post activities at Osan.
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the past year. Canteen profits go directly to our General Fund to support our numerous VFW activities.

- Honored the American hero Colonel Lewis Millett with a renaming of the Post name to “Colonel Lewis Millett Hill 180 Memorial Post 10216”; worked closely with the Millett family and Department of Pacific Areas to initiate this important change.
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- Post 10216 was an active participant in Departments Special Programs (EMT/Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter). We were proud to hear that two of our nominations were selected by Department of Pacific Areas and received recognition at the National level. Law Enforcement Officer of the Year MSGT Richard A. Brunet, 51st Security Forces Squadron and Emergency Medical Technician of the Year SrA Nicholas S. Cardin, 51st Medical Operations Squadron.
- Junior Vice Commander Higgins implemented a new health support effort with Suwon Hospital to conduct complete physical examinations for VFW members at a cost of only 300,000 Korean won (\$250.00). This examination includes the full battery of blood tests, scans, etc and is a very thorough examination. A great improvement for our member’s health care!

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- Working with Osan's First Sergeants to understand and maximize the "Unmet Needs" program, as recently espoused by our VFW CINC Tommy Tradewell.
- Post 10216 hosted the most successful District 3 Conventions to date and were attended by the VFW Commander-in-Chief Tommy Tradewell.
 - Set in an excellent decorum of the Officer's Club
 - Excellent preparation with all required documentation and resources readily available to District leadership.
 - Convention results were tastefully reported in the Department's Around The Pacific Newsletter.
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 - o Represented the VFW at the ceremony with wreath laying
 - o Over 300 active duty participants
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 - o The largest VFW event in all of the Department of Pacific Areas
 - o Attended by VFW CINC Tradewell with the 51st Fighter Wing Commander as the reviewing officer
 - o Received extensive media coverage through AFKN, local newspapers and Stars and Stripes. Generated extensive favorable coverage for the VFW.
- POW/MIA Ceremony: Hosted Osan's POW/MIA Ceremony with in excess of 150 members and active duty military participating.
 - o Ceremony included the dedication of a beautiful granite POW/MIA Monument; this site will be used for all future events
 - o The VFW was an integral part of this year's events; our Post assisted in planning, paid for the cake and refreshments and brought the ceremony wreath.
 - o PDC Larry Lyons was also the guest speaker for the event
- Tuskegee Airmen Dedication: Post 10216 is working closely with Osan's Chief's Group (E-9) for the naming of the new NCO Club as the 'MSgt James Price NCO Club' in honor of Tuskegee Airman Jim Price, who was also a founding member of Post 10216.
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- Continued the program supporting Osan’s MWR Outdoor Recreation’s with their fishing trips
 - o Provided free gear and bait for active duty members.
 - o 12 VFW volunteers provided their time to assist MWR with over 25 very successful trips.
 - o Hosted BBQ’s at the Post following each fishing trip.
 - o Resulted in a major source of membership recruitment.
 - o Brought over 50 military members on fishing trips to help them witness the beauty of Korea and practice the American sport of fishing – all at VFW and member expense!
- The Post donated \$300.00 towards the retirement, medical care and adoption of Osan’s K-9 working dog “Bony”, that precluded euthanasia .
- Post Junior Vice Commander Doc Higgins forged a strong relationship with the 51st Medical Group, arranged for the Hospital Commander to brief at a Post meeting and was appointed by the Commander as a representative of the VFW for veteran’s issues. Doc Higgins was given special authority to brief a program called “S.I.C.K.” (Self Initiated

Care Kit), which now allows veterans to receive over-the-counter medicine from the Base Hospital.

- Participated with Osan Air Bases "Airpower Day" with a VFW booth; supported by 15 VFW volunteers and resulted in recruitment of new members and profits for the Post
- Osan Air Base and VFW Post 10216 held a solemn Retreat Ceremony on 14 December to honor Medal of Honor recipient Lewis L. Millett. This event was dedicated to Col. Lewis Millett, an Army veteran of three wars who received the Medal of Honor for leading a bayonet charge up at Hill 180 located here at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. The Battle of Bayonet Hill is the namesake for VFW Post 10216 "Hill 180 Memorial Post".
- Post 10216 strongly supports our host military unit the 51st Fighter Wing and made a \$300.00 donation for their Annual Awards Banquet. The donation goes directly to the banquet which recognizes Osan's 2009 outstanding performers from Airman, NCO, SNCO and Civilian category.

Korean Community Involvement:

- Supported the Pyongtaek Handicapped Home with over 10 visits
- Donations of food, fuel oil and clothing totaling over \$500.00.
- Established excellent relationships and rapport with local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and garnering VFW member discounts at many facilities
 - o Received monetary donations from businesses to support Post events.
- Worked closely with the Songtan Chamber of Commerce and received a special invitation for participation in their American-Korean Friendship Festival 2010
- Worked with local business to collect over \$500.00 in contributions for a fund raiser support veteran Scotty Cornett in his time of need.
- Post 10216 worked with the Suwon Foundation to host a formal visit and tour of Suwon historical sites. This was a huge effort that had 30 active duty members visit Suwon City, attended a giant banquet hosted by the Suwon Mayor, an overnight stay at a Korean hotel and visits to all of the cities historical sites. A major community event that was a great success!

Relief Efforts:

- Post 10216 has one of the most effective and utilized Relief Fund efforts in the Pacific, raising over \$8,000.00 in donations and donating over \$6,000 to needy veterans.
- Conducted a special fund raising drive to raise money for veteran Scotty Cornett, a local veteran who sustained a tragic injury and was medically evacuated to a VA hospital in the US.
 - o Raised \$2000.00 that was donated to the Cornett family and allowed the reuniting of Scotty with his son and family, after 15 years of being apart.
 - o Worked with local businesses to obtain \$556.00 in local donations
 - o \$500.00 donated directly from Post Relief Funds
 - o The remainders were donations from Post 10216 members!
 - o Worked closely with Department Commander Jim Malott on this cause

- Continue to provide material and spiritual support to Scotty and his family
- Provided another \$4000.00 in grants to active duty and retired members from our Relief Fund to assist them in their times of need.
 - In a major Relief effort for the year, Post 10216 responded quickly to a tragic fire of an Osan Airman that lost everything. Post 10216 was the first organization to respond to a “call for help” from Osan’s Chief’s Group, with a donation of \$500.00 within 33 minutes of the call being made!
 - An active duty military member of the VFW had a tragic loss in his family that included his sister and four of his nieces and nephews. Post 10216 donated \$500.00 to our member from the Relief Fund to assist him in defraying costs related to his return to the US. In another effort to assist his family, the Songtan Dart League held a special Dart Tournament and raised over \$1000.00 for a special trust set up for the children. Donations were made through the VFW.
 - A VFW Life Member received \$500.00 financial assistance from our Relief Fund to assist in defraying costs for an MRI procedure that is being required by their doctor.
 - Another VFW Life Member received \$2000.00 financial assistance from our Relief Fund to assist in defraying costs for a required operation following a previous illness.
 - The 303rd IS had a tragic family event with the passing away of a young Airman’s father. The military paid for return to the US at the first port of entry, but the Air Force does not pay for travel costs to the actual home of record. This young veteran paid \$194.00 out-of-pocket expenses. Post 10216 donated \$300.00 to help defray incidental costs.
- Conducted two major and very successful Buddy Poppy events for Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day.
 - The recent Memorial Day Buddy Poppy resulted in our highest contribution total in our history of over \$3400.00 with 25 volunteers.
 - Created new banners that effectively convey the Buddy Poppy message and improved donations.
 - Involved the Junior ROTC, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in our events.
- Made a direct \$200.00 donation to the VFW National Home, in addition to any contribution made individually by our members.
- A VFW Post in New Hampshire requested our assistance in getting a US flag flown over Korea, to be presented as a special 80th birthday present for a local Korean War Veteran – Private Billy Burton. Of note, Billy is also a Purple Heart Recipient and lost a leg in battle during the Korean War. Post members went ‘above and beyond” with the request and had a US flag flown on an operational U-2 mission over Korea. The flag was accompanied by a special certificate signed by the 5th Reconnaissance Squadron Commander Lt Col Spencer Thomas. We subsequently received e-mails from the daughter thanking the VFW for their efforts.

VFW Membership and Member Activities:

- Completed an extremely successful membership recruiting year with near 105% membership.
- Held twelve successful membership drive events throughout the year.
- Energized Post membership to support Post activities and functions; made it “fun” to come to the VFW again.
- Ensured that the Canteens Friday Social events were well planned and occurred every week. Free food was provided to Post members and guests on a weekly basis. Friday’s became major Post events with increased patronage resulting in increased profit for the Canteen.
- Sponsored two dart teams and two pool teams in Songtan’s league play. This ensured at least four profitable nights for the Canteen and was a major source of recruitment for the Post.
- Hosted a very successful District Meeting on 8 May
- Held free social events throughout the year, which included Christmas Day Dinner, Thanksgiving Day, Super Bowl breakfast and 10 separate free BBQ events. Members donated all food and material.