

Pledge: Mike Cannon

Prayer: Gary Tucker

Guests: Terry Halliburton, John Vish, and Hugh Doyle

The Korean War

Ray Nasser characterized the Korean War as 'one of the most misunderstood in our history.' The war, which began on June 28, 1950 and ended on July 27, 1953 cost over 50,000 American lives.

Korean veterans are observing the 50 year anniversary from 2000-2003, "Not because we want war, but to remember sacrifices that have been made," on our behalf by members of the Armed Forces of the United States. To that end, there will be a banquet at the Ramada Inn on Friday, Sept. 13 starting at 6 p.m., and a parade on Saturday, Sept. 14, starting at 9:30 a.m.

The parade will assemble at the corner of Walnut and Main Streets then proceed to Vermilion Street to Williams Street to the Korea/Vietnam Memorial on Hazel Street. Then there will be a full day of activities at the Vermilion County Airport complete with re-enactors, entertainment and displays.

Membership Corner

Don Beard has been a member since 1959 and a big hatter since 1966, and is, I think, our most senior member...and of course the wisest. And now for a few newbies: Eric Bolser joined in 2001 as did Betty Carlton.

Summer Sounds & Bears Drawing

We had our final summer sounds last Friday night - what a season! We also had the drawing for the Bear's tickets. For more information on both, you'll have to come to our meeting, or watch this space next week!

Activity Reports

Letter from our AMBUCS camp kids were circulated at our lunch meeting...it was another huge success. Lori Lyons hopes to form a baseball team to go to the Tom Jone's Challenger baseball camp. A planning meeting will be held on Oct. 15.

The annual AMBUCS raffle tickets are in and about 210 out of 300 are out being sold. The raffle will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3 with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. This year's raffle will be held a bit earlier than in years past. Raffle with dinner tickets are \$130, dinner only tickets are \$25. Prizes will be given away to ticket holders every half hour.

Melissa Bodensteiner put out a call for AMBUCS to join in the Heart Walk to be held on Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Village Mall. The day will kick off at 1 p.m., walking starts at 2 p.m. with 1 to 3 mile walks on tap. Those interested please e-mail her at melba103@yahoo.com.

Fall Raffle

We're starting the Fall Raffle sale this week. We've had good success starting early and keeping it (more-or-less) low key. So help out! Buy a ticket, sell a ticket! For more information, check with Curt Ellis or co-chair Phil Ferguson.

As with last year, the tickets are \$130 and include a complimentary dinner. Dinner only tickets are \$25. We'll be having dinner at the Beef House again this year. The date to set aside is October 3, 2002 at 6pm. For more information, visit our web site at danvilleambucs.com/fundraisers/Raffle.html



Future Program

8/28 Orientation with Tacos!

9/4 Vicki Stewart

9/25 Dave Johnson UofI Sports

Board Meeting

September 9 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, please park in the lot.

Meeting Notes

This newsletter correspondent will no longer take requests for renditions of Brittany songs—previously spoken on D102-FM.

When gathered AMBUCS if there were any Korean War vets, there were none—but our club's elder statesman, Don Beard, did admit to being a Civil War vet.

Nomenclature

Scorecard

A form clubs use to report their progress quarterly. Merit Awards are given to club presidents at the national conference based on the final scores.

History

The National Headquarters was once again moved, from Danville (sigh) to High Point, NC in 1961. The new building was dedicated on November 4, 1961 at the mid-year board meeting. It was a gift of two local chapters, High Point and Furniture City.

Bill Pearson of High Point was hired as the National Executive Secretary, and the restructuring of the association was in full force. "It was during this interval, 1961 to 1964, that the regional educational programs were started, training manuals written and other procedures established to fit the needs of the organization and its operation," Natoli writes.