

**Walk for Peace
Silent Candlelight Vigil
Pray for Peace in the Mid-East**

**November 15, 2000
Meet at Rudder Fountain at 8 p.m.
And Walk to Evans Library.
Candles will be provided.
All People Praying for Peace in the Middle-East
are Welcome**

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In memory

"Forgotten war" vets reminisce for students



The forgotten ...

remember.

By HILLARY GANT
The Battalion

Korean War veterans brought history to life for Texas A&M students Wednesday when a group of Marines spoke about their experience in the "forgotten war" 50 years ago. Sitting erect on the dias, their shoulders squared toward the audience, some of the men wore their crisply starched and pressed uniforms from half a century ago.

The Korean War ended in 1953 when a cease-fire was negotiated by the United Nations between North and South Korea. Several years of communist occupation and contentious battle took its toll on the American troops fighting there. Staff Sgt. Norman Beal said that he still feels a kinship with the men who suffered alongside him in Korea.

"They are my brothers," Beal said. "I might not know all of them, but they are my brothers because I know what they've been through."

The Marines' history lesson hit home with many students.

Kris Kapchinski, a sophomore kinesiology major, said the veterans helped bring a face to the stories he reads in books.

"It definitely helps instead of reading it in some book," Kapchinski said. "You realize it's real."

During the veterans' discussion, Beal said that he thinks the Korean War should not be downplayed by labeling it an incident, or a police action.

"I'm not saying this war was worse than anything else, because if anybody's shooting at you, that's a great battle as far as you're concerned," Beal said. "I don't care if it's Grenada, Panama or Desert Storm."

Several of the veterans reacted emotionally when they told their sto-

ries to the packed auditorium. Beal said he thought the troops involved in Korea were relatively inexperienced and not ready for battle. He said he thinks that the war was worse because of their inexperience.

"I do not want to glorify war in any way because war is the most obscene activity that human beings can get involved in," Beal said. "I want to glorify the people who fight the war."

When the troops tried to land at Inchon, Korea, in September 1950, Beal said, it was difficult because of

zero while they were on the field and traveling over rugged terrain.

"Once you're in the high country when you get cold, you stay out," Harper said. "You just freeze."

Harper still has visible frost damage on his hands.

Harper said he and his troops fought one battle for more than 10 days without sleeping or eating. Before they could get to safety, one of the men in Harper's troop was wounded. The commander had the chance to leave the battleground, Harper said, but he was told to leave the wounded men behind so the unhurt men could get to safety.

"My general said, 'Hell, no, we're going to fight our way out. So we stuck our chests out and stayed back,'" Harper said.

That decision meant Harper and the troops had to continue fighting in sub-zero weather. He said it was hard to see so many people dead.

"We had men that put the bodies up in front of their sandbags," Harper said. "They just lined the dead and frozen bodies while [the Chinese] still came."

Harper and Beal visited professor Arnold Kramer's American history 106 class, as they do every year. Kramer has been a professor of History at A&M for 27 years, and he said he thinks firsthand testimonies are effective for teaching history.

"I want to bring history as close to the students as I can," Kramer said. "Why should they learn it from me who learned it from a book, if I can find speakers to come in and tell them what it was like?"

Harper and Beal know first-hand. "It's nasty, it stinks, and it's dangerous," Beal said. "But we've gotta have somebody there."

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— Staff Sgt. Norman Beal
Korean War veteran

the fluctuating tide, the mud flats and a communist-held island just off the beach that made the troops vulnerable to enemy fire. He said they had to time their landing perfectly to line up with the tides.

"If you had to pick a place to make an amphibious landing, you sure would put Inchon as last," he said.

Another veteran, Marine Gunnery Sgt. James Harper said one of the biggest shocks in the war was adjusting to the weather. He said temperatures regularly dropped below

Nov. 12
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