

## Korean War Veterans continues

Each week I continue to feature more Korean War Veterans alphabetically.

In case you are a first time reader, the reason why I'm doing this is to get Veterans and the family members to come forward with pictures and information about military service of all Manning connected Veterans of all eras of our military history.

### #19 Dennis Drees (no military pictures or information)



Dennis Drees helped with the WWII scrap drive at his country school, Washington No. 9. His teacher, Rozora (Kuhn) Schroeder took this picture and worked with her students on the drive.

Dennis was in the military and served in the Korean War from 1952 to 1954. Following his service, he returned to Manning and initially worked as a farmhand.

### #20 Edward Drees (no military pictures or information)

### #21 Phillip Enenbach (1 military picture, no other information)



Phillip Enenbach 1983-84 Legion Commander

### #22 Charles Escher (no pictures, only brief information from obituary)

After graduating from Tenant High School in 1945, Charles proudly served one year in the Army in the 7th Infantry Division in South Korea.

### #23 Orland Fara (multiple pictures, detailed interview)



During the summer of 2016 I sat down with Orland over a several week period to gather a detailed history of his life, including his military history.

For now I'll move on to the next Korean Veteran because the purpose of this online feature is to bring attention to those Veterans and families of deceased Veterans who I need military pictures and information.



One of the over one hundred slides Orland took while in Korea

### #24 Walter Felker (no pictures or information)

### #25 Charles Frank (no pictures, only brief information from obituary)

Charles, son of Earl and Tillie (Borkowski) Frank was born on May 14, 1933, in Manning, where he grew up and was educated, graduating from Manning High School with the class of 1951.

He entered the United States Army in November of 1954 and was honorably discharged in September of 1956 serving his country stateside at Fort Bliss, Texas.

I never met this next Veteran in person, but wish I would have been able to...he contacted me by e-mail in 2002 and really enjoyed all of the history projects I was working on and featuring on my web pages. I have a number of stories in my database that Gail sent to me about his memories of growing up in the Manning area.

When I asked him if he was a Veteran he said he was and sent me some information and one picture. I asked him if he had more information but unfortunately he had moved around quite a bit so he kept very little of his military or family history.

At least I have one picture and some information from Gail to use in the Manning Veterans' book...why more Veterans or their families don't come forward is a mystery...but at least we'll be able to honor Gail and others who do come forward and preserve their memories and histories in these Manning history books.

### #26 Gaillard Frank (1 picture, brief information)



Gaillard Frank while on leave in Japan

Gaillard is the son of Earl Charles Frank and Matilda W. (Borkowski) Frank.

He grew up on a farm southwest of Manning; two miles west and a mile and half south.

Matilda grew up on a farm seven miles south of Manning and a half mile west. She attended Manning High School and graduated in 1931.

Earl grew up on a farm west of Irwin, Iowa and his dad bought the farm southwest of Manning where Gaillard grew up. Gaillard graduated from Manning High School in 1949.

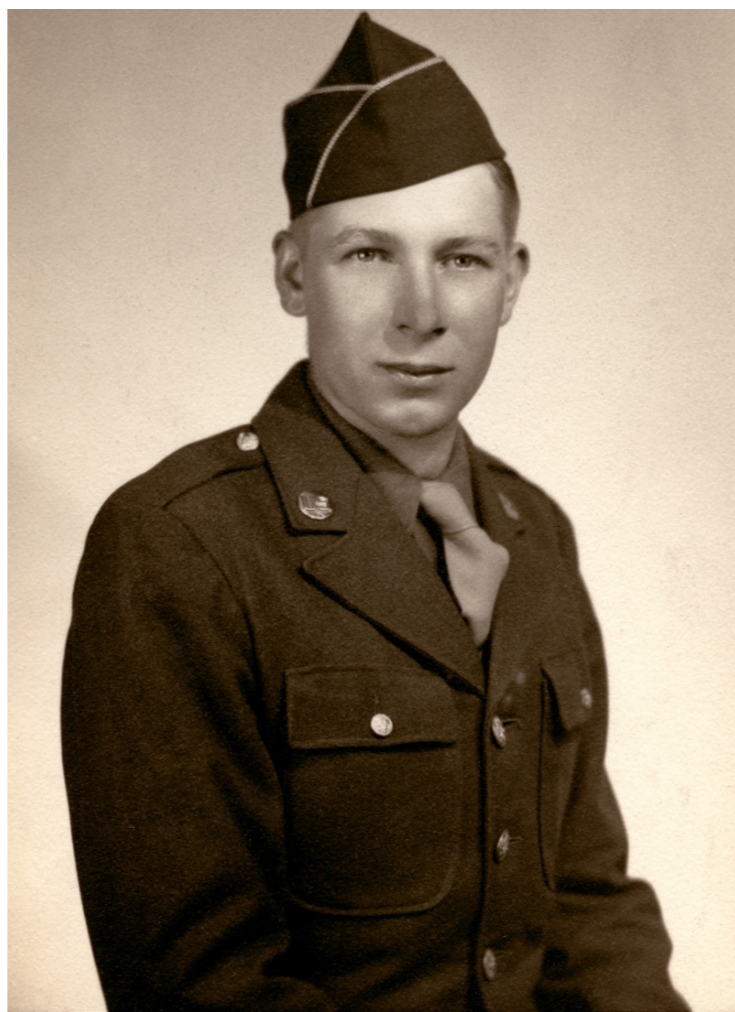
He enlisted with the U.S. Marines during the Korean War and served from February 1952 until February of 1954. When he went overseas he crossed over on a troop ship and he recalls getting sea sick coming back. "Had some rough ocean on the way back."

Gail received the Korean Service medal and the National Defense ribbon. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1400 member number 6012074.

### #27 Jack Royden Fuller (no pictures, very brief information)

On December 27, 1952, Mardel Bonnesen married Jack in Manning. The couple lived in various places in the United States and Japan while Jack served his country in the U.S. Navy. After Jack retired from the Navy they lived in Lincoln and California before settling in Seward in 1985. They moved to Utica in 1988.

### #28 Norman Gosch (many pictures, write-up submitted by Norman)



Norman Gosch was born in Manilla, Iowa, the son of Emil Gosch and Mamie (nee) Wegner.

He attended school in Manilla up to and including the 3rd grade.

His father passed away when Norman was approaching his 10th birthday. The family then moved to various locations and his schooling continued in country schools in Crawford and Carroll counties.

In 1940, Norman's uncle Eddie "Slim" Wegner needed help on his farm. This farm was one mile on the road south of the Hausbarn in Manning.

Norman lived with Eddie and Verna, drove tractor, team of horses and did various chores around the farm. He had an exclusion from the draft because he was needed on the farm.

In the winter time he worked in the Swift meat packing plant in Omaha, staying with his Uncle Otto Gosch.

In 1946 he was drafted and entered the army on February 6. After basic training he was on a ship heading out to what was rumored to be Okinawa, but ended up in Korea.

He served with the 31st Infantry where he serviced, operated, and made minor repairs on 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 ton military trucks. He also transported equipment and supplies in varying weather conditions on all kinds of roads as well as performing guard duty.

He was discharged on April 1, 1947, with the rank of Private

First Class and went back to the Wegner farm to work and to the packing plant in Omaha in the wintertime.

A local Manning girl, Patricia Siem, daughter of Pete and Elsie Siem, then came into his life and even spent time on the Wegner farm helping with household duties. Upon her graduation from high school, she enrolled at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Norman eventually moved to Valparaiso, and after Pat's graduation from college, they were married on September 9, 1951, at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning. Pat had a job in the athletic department at the University and Norman was employed in Valparaiso, so they made their home in Indiana. There were 3 daughters born to this marriage. Pat died suddenly in 1976 at the young age of 46.

Norman passed away Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Fairfield Bay, Arkansas.



"These are the Korean orphans we had in our mess hall on Christmas Day, December 25, 1946." Norman Gosch in back row - far right

After Norman passed away I was able to make contact with his daughter, Mary, and she sent me around twenty more military pictures that Norman had. Norman had captions written on some of the pictures but others he did not.

This next picture is one that Norman did not write on but I'm assuming it was one of the ships he was transported on.

The official caption on the photo was "troop transport SS Marine Devil."



SS Marine Devil: 12,500 tons, 530 feet long, 2500 troops, 9000 horse power steam turbine engine

### #29 Lyle Gross (no military pictures or information)

Lyle, son of Melvin and Luella (Moderow) Gross, was born February 23, 1932, in Durbin, North Dakota. He graduated from Casselton High School in 1949 and served in the Air National Guard from 1951 to 1954. On June 9, 1957, Lyle was united in marriage with Harriett Brown at Sac City, Iowa. They had three children: Lori, Randy, and Kyle.

### #30 Gerald Grundmeier (1 picture and write-up by Gerald)



Gerald Grundmeier - Lackland Air Force Base 1950

Gerald's parents are Clarence and Hulda (Jensen) Grundmeier. They were both born and raised in Manning, being the children of Hugo and Kate Grundmeier, and Anton and Anna Jensen.

Gerald joined the Manning 1949 graduating class in the spring when Kindergarten started and spent one year after graduating when he worked for his father in Manning at his baby chick Hatchery.

Gerald enlisted in the Air Force on July 18, 1950, right after the Korean hostilities began and served four years in the Air Force. He took basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas. Upon completing basic training he was sent to Sacramento California and stationed at Mather AFB where he was assigned to Field Maintenance working with B-25 aircraft for one year.

In the spring of 1952 until the spring of 1953 he was stationed with the 49th Fighter Bomber Wing, using F-84 Jet aircraft, located at Taegu Korea.

Returning stateside, he completed his Air Force tour at Yuma County Airport, Yuma, Arizona, where his assignment was towing targets over the desert for air-to-air rocket and gunnery training. At that time all they had were tents to live in for his final year and a half...today it is a Marine Base with barracks for the men to live in.

Gerald was discharged July 17, 1954, shortly after the airport was designated an Air Force Base. Regular barracks were built for the Airmen and the tents were taken down. Gerald returned to Manning after his discharge and in 1960 he moved his family to Southern California.

Staff Sergeant Grundmeier is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #12, in San Bernardino, California. He received the Korean Service Medal with 4 Campaign Stars, UN Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the good conduct Medal.

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During the years he spent in Manning after service (1954 until California 1960) he had a Des Moines Register Sunday farm paper route.

Gerald was married several days before being discharged and brought his wife, Judy to Manning where they lived for six years and then moved to California where they bought a poultry ranch and produced and marketed eggs.

Gerald and Judy raised five children and presently are living on the property they bought when they moved to California.

Gerald is a life-time member #04012L15203 of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #12, in San Bernardino, California.

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