

Gold pins for service in Korea awarded

On Christmas afternoon just past, Val Toone and Walt Farmer, both Korean War veterans and residents of Illinois Valley, each were presented a special gold pin on behalf of the Dept. of Defense (DoD) 50th Anniversary Korean War Commemoration Committee.

Making the presentation were Kandace McClure, Roan McClure and Dallin Goodrich, three trustees of Omega Foundation, a local partner with DoD for this particular enterprise of honoring Korean War veterans during the 50th anniversary of the ending of the Korean War.

Omega Foundation in November published a short history of DuWayne Donithorne, a deceased (2001) Korean War veteran who lived in Josephine County. The book and all his medals were presented to his family members during an international gathering of veterans held Nov. 8 at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

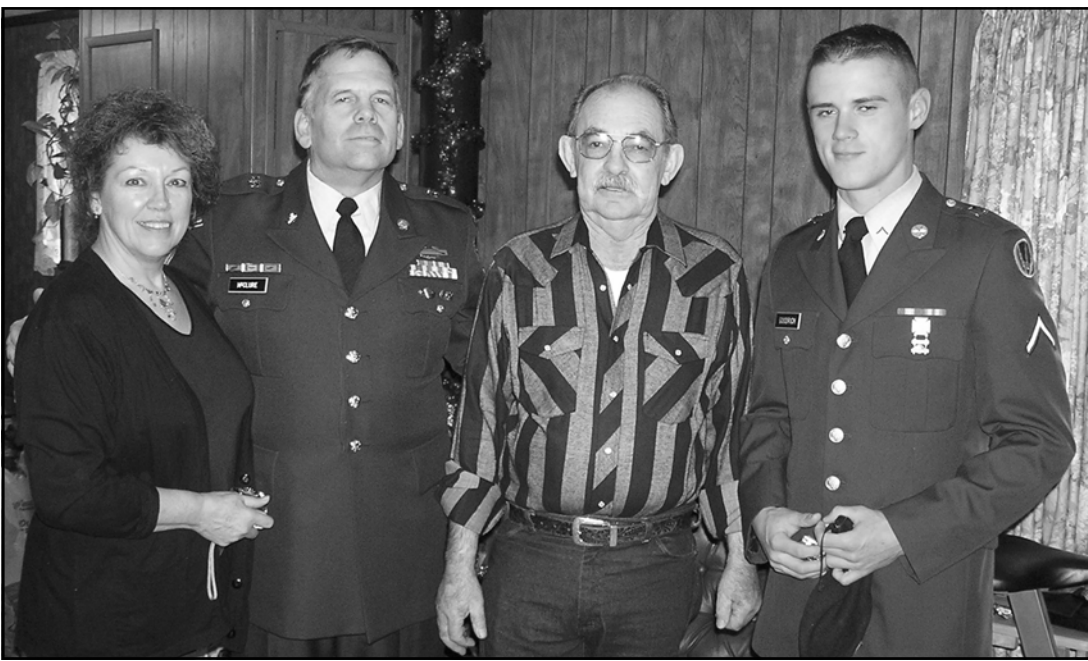
The timing of the local presentations was in conjunction with Goodrich's Christmas leave from active duty in the U.S. Army. He left for his own tour of Korea on Jan. 2.

Both Toone and Farmer were enjoying Christmas meals with their families when Roan and Kandace McClure and Goodrich appeared at their doors with Roan McClure and Goodrich in their military dress uniforms. Roan is a Vietnam veteran with nine years service.

If there are other Korean War veterans who served in Korea from 1950-1953 (or families of deceased Korean War veterans) who have not heard about this gold lapel pin being available to them, they can contact Omega Foundation at PO Box 507, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

There is also a Korean War Service Medal issued by the Republic of Korea and authorized by Congress for presentation to all Korean War veterans or family members of deceased veterans. Information on this medal can be found on the Internet by searching under Korean War Service Medal or by contacting the U.S. Air Force at HQ AFPC/DPPRK, 550 "C" St. West, Suite 12, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4712.

Although the partnering of Omega Foundation and DoD was for 2003, the 50th Anniversary of the ending of the Korean War, Omega Foundation will continue to search for and honor Korean War veterans until the supply of gold pins is depleted.



(In left photo, from left) - Dottie Toone, Roan McClure, Val Toone, and Dallin Goodrich. (At right) Walt Farmer. Val Toone and Farmer received gold pins in connection with military service during the Korean War. (Story at left)

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