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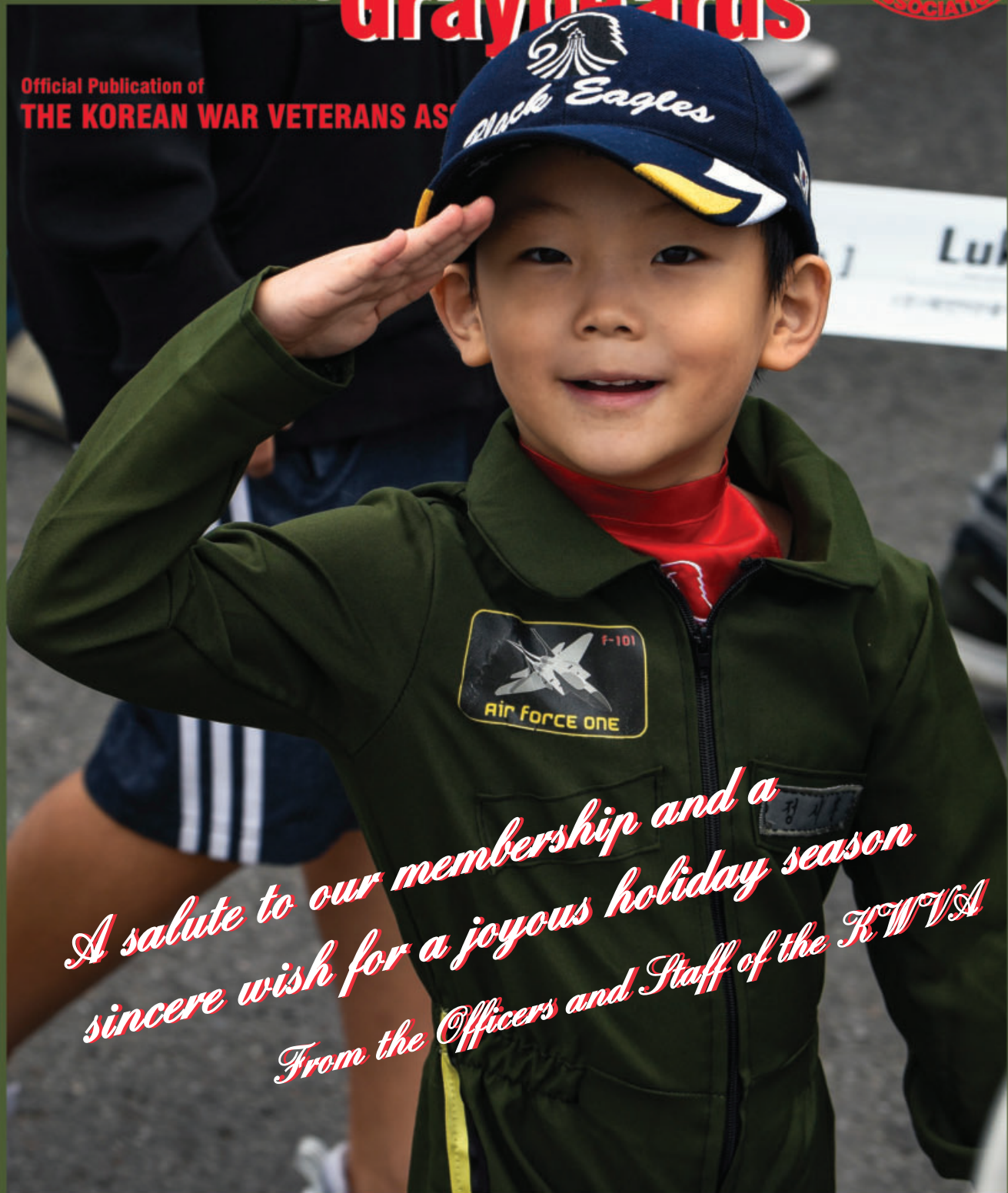
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*A salute to our membership and a  
sincere wish for a joyous holiday season  
From the Officers and Staff of the KWWVA*

**COVER: COVER:** American and Republic of Korean citizens file to enter Osan Air Base, ROK's Air Power Day, Sept. 21, 2019. ROKAF and DoD military personnel commemorated their long sustained relationship on the Korean Peninsula and embraced community members during the festivities. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Greg Nash)



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# Planes of Fame Museum opening new Korean War Memorial—maybe



In mid-2020 the Planes of Fame museum in Chino, California will be opening its new Korean War Memorial. The operators already have a MiG fighter placed and painted. They have the F-86 prepped, but it is not yet painted. It will be, providing the necessary funds can be raised.

Eric Yocum, whose father Wally was the crew chief of “Sweet Rose,” the F-86F FU-539 (s/n 52-4539) during the Korean War, is raising money to have the plane painted in its original likeness. He has a huge website that contains information and pictures of his father during his stay in Korea. The site, which is filled with valuable historical information, also contains photos of the

pilot, Kenneth C. Ewing. (Access it at <http://yocumusa.com/sweetrose/>). Wally Yocum’s Air Force career is detailed at <http://yocumusa.com/sweet-rose/2017career.htm>.

The Planes of Fame notes: “Walter Yocum Jr. (Wally), was assigned as the crew chief of the F-86F FU-539 Sabre during the Korean War. He quickly added his sweetheart’s name to the nose, “Sweet Rose.” Wally started dating Rose after high school. He eventually married her the year he returned to the United States on November 5, 1955 in Pennsylvania. They had four children: Ken, Steve, Tom and Eric. Eric heard about the Korean War Memorial at Planes of Fame and approached the

museum with the idea to paint the memorial F-86 in honor of his father.”

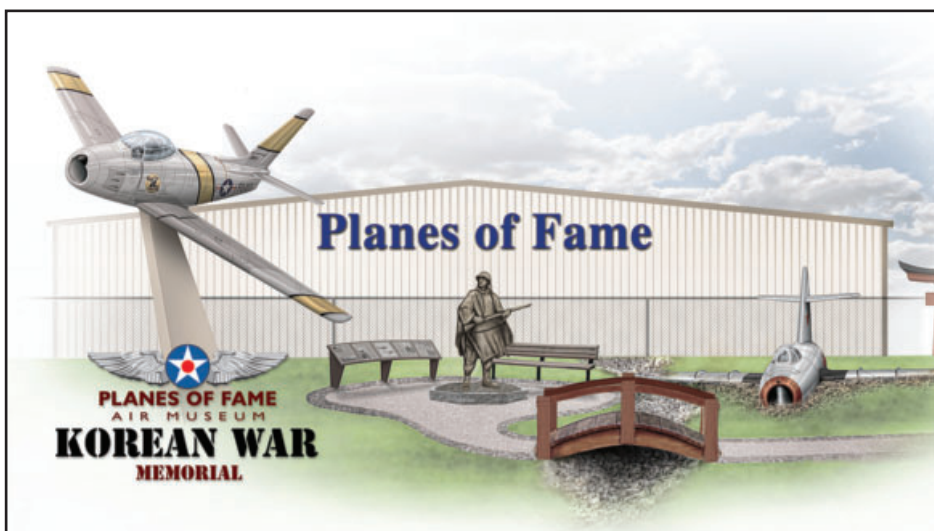
Here is the August 14, 2019 notice, “Paint Scheme Drafted!” The F-86 will be fixed in a banked position, which means the right side of the aircraft will be more difficult for visitors to see. To ensure the crew chief name, pilot name, and both aircraft names will be visible, a modified paint scheme has been proposed. The new design will keep the essence of the original artwork of FU-539 but will incorporate both “Sweet Rose” and “Dreaded Gomboo” designs on the left side of the aircraft. The right side of the aircraft will remain unchanged and true to the original design.

“The pilot of the aircraft, Kenneth C. Ewing, had “Dreaded Gomboo” painted on the nose on his side of the aircraft. The name signified an infectious disease. According to his son, the name was on the plane when he was assigned to it. Ken liked it, and decided to keep it.” – Planes of Fame Museum

The F-86 was stationed at U.S. Airbase K-14, located in Kimpo (near Seoul). Wally and Ken were a part of the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing (Far East Air Force), 336th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, known as the world famous “Rocketeers.” The plane remained in the 336th arsenal until late 1954 at Kimpo. It was dropped from inventory and transferred to the Taiwanese ROC Air Force as serial number F-86008.

To donate to the Sweet Rose/Dreaded Gomboo paint scheme fund visit the Planes of Fame website, <https://www.poftasteofflight.org/sweet-rose>.

Contact Eric Yocum at [eyocum@eagle-grp.com](mailto:eyocum@eagle-grp.com).



A sketch of what the Chino Korean War Memorial will look like



## Membership is Our Strength

It's not the price you pay to belong, It's the price you paid to become eligible to join



## WALLY YOCUM AND "SWEET ROSE"



Next year, in Chino, California, the Planes of Fame Museum is opening a new Korean War Memorial. They will display a static F-86 jet on a pedestal, MiG fighter, walkway path and history/education panels. To the right is a sketch from the museum's website. They have completed Phase One of the memorial. They are currently working towards Phase Two: installation of the F-86, educational display and path. The **Sweet Rose** paint scheme was drafted August 14, 2019.



My family is raising close to \$20,000 cost to have the museum prep, prime, base and finish coat the F-86 jet to replicate the paint scheme of our father's (Wally Yocum) jet "**Sweet Rose**" during 1954. Rose was the name of our mother. Wally and Rose dated before my father went off to Korea. They married after his return in 1955. They both lived in Dover, Delaware until they passed away (2014/2016). Any small amount donated to reduce the difference at the end of this fund raiser would be hugely appreciated! Our father was a crew chief for the 336<sup>th</sup> Rocketeers stationed in K-14 (Kimp'o Air Base) Korea. He then worked at the Dover Air Force Base until he retired in 1990. My mother worked at the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill in Smyrna, Delaware. She also used to take care of the flower gardens at St. Polycarps Church. Why would we not have our parents remembered this way? They were wonderful people that everybody loved! Any donation would be greatly appreciated. All donations go directly to the museum. Planes of Fame is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization eligible to receive tax deductible donations.

To donate, visit:

<https://www.poftasteofflight.org/sweet-rose>

If you have a smart phone, use the QR Code to the right.



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**Donations on the link go directly to the museum.** Once submitted, you will receive a special thank you letter in the mail from the Planes of Fame museum for your help in funding the new Korean War Memorial! The link above also contains more information about Wally Yocum and "**Sweet Rose**".

If this posting is still up after January 2020, please recycle. **Thank you!**