

ARMY
GOOD
CONDUCT ↓

KOREAN
SERVICE
WITH 4
BATTLE
STARS

AUTHORIZED
20 AUG 1999
KOREAN
WAR
SERVICE
(AWARDED
1954)

UNITED
NATIONS
KOREAN
SERVICE ↓

N.Y. STATE
CONSPICUOUS
SERVICE ↓

BELGIAN
APRIL 8, 1952
BAR ACROSS
STATES PUGNATOR
(FOR KOREAN
BATTLEFIELD VETS) ↓

25th
DIVISION
(KOREA) ↓

2ND CORPS
ARTILLERY
(BROOKLYN, N.Y.)
PATCH ↓

1ST ARMY -
955 FA BN
ATTACHED TO
1ST ARMY
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

RIEBBON →

MEDAL →

FAR
EASTERN
COMMAND
RIEBBON

NATIONAL
DEFENSE
SERVICE

(RED RIBBON)
ARMY
MERIT-
ORIOUS
UNIT
CITATION

CIVIL →
WAR PIN
(BAPTIZED
BY FIRE,
40 BATTLES
IN
CIVIL WAR
(955 FA)
PIN.)



I CORPS
(KOREA)

6th
ARMY -
FORT
LEWIS,
WASH.
ARTILLY
TRAINING

WORN ON TOP
OF OVERCOAT
OR
SHIRT (KOREA)

(BLUE) PRESS ALUMINUM (2) IDENTITY TAGS
TRUMAN UNIT CITATION
KOREAN PRESS (SIGMUND)
UNIT CITATION (WHITE) PRESS

MY MILITARY MISSAL BOOK
DISABLED (CATHOLIC MASS - KOREA)
AMERICAN
VETERAN (PIN)

955 FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION -
TOM F. CACCIOLA (A-BATTERY)

24th DIV
(KOREA)

30 CALIBER (CARBINE)
RIFLE

Written by Tom F Cacciola - 955 FA Bn - A' Btry (HISTORIAN)

The CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (NEW YORK STATE AWARD TO NATIONAL GUARD MEN ONLY) GIVEN BY GOVERNOR GEORGE PETRICKI (NOV 1997) - WITH 8 1/2 X 11 GOLD CERTIFICATE. NOTE: TOM CACCIOLA WORKED FOR 1 FULL YEAR WITH N.Y. STATE MILITARY PERSONNEL GIVING COPIES OF "COMBATS REPORTS", INDICATIVE OF KOREAN WAR COMBAT - ONLY 1 BRONZE STAR WAS NECESSARY TO GET THIS AWARD. (I HAVE 4 STARS!)

How do you know that I (or you) got all those patches, medals, pins, etc.??

(1) I dated my "personal Diary" (my entire time of combat in Korea) in my diary I had names, dates, of all things, Divs, battle names, who we supported, etc. I got this info from the "wire netting"!

AND

(2) I took out of the military Army Archives (I have home copies) cost \$100 - Wash DC, "Command Reports" (8 1/2 x 16") typewritten in the field + signed by the respective officer. Each Day, 3 reports (since Ammo Report); Battalion Commander + Executive Reports - all secret but now declassified, in 1995 - all the patches, units eg 60th, 35th, 1st Cav, 2nd Div, 1st Coy 9 Corp, 1st Coy 301 Div, were described in detail in the Command Reports, Number of Chinese killed, trucks destroyed, shells used each day, quadrants, side men, replacements, general corp intelligence recommendations, etc were in these reports. these reports should be read - very informative!

The Far Eastern Command Ribbon (1 Silver Star) was awarded to me (and I know Jack Gallagher of A' Btry got it also) in Kokura Japan, while on Rest + Recuperation (R+R) in July 1951.

We deserved more Presidential (Truman) Unit Citations (2 of those) - Our Battalion Commander, Lt. Colonel Knowlton was awarded (and he did). He was ordered by I Corp Artillery Division Commander (General Pyone (it's in the Command Report + my Diary too) to award 955 FA Bn the Presid Unit (TRUMAN). He did not!! I spoke to Col Knowlton (in 1990) about it. He was a bum! - award for ACCURATE FIRING OF THE GUNS!

My Unit had lineage going back to the Civil War (1861). It started in 1847 as a NY State Militia, fought 10 battles in the Civil War in 1861 (hence Baptized by Fire (see top) Pin!

The 4 Bronze STARS Represents 4 periods that I fought in the Korean War. - I gave out about 25 of these 8 1/2 X 11 (color) photos of these patches medals, etc to my brother in MAY, 1999.

all of the above is true + is written by Tom F Cacciola - medic A' Btry - on MAY, 1999 (955 FA Bn).

The Korean War Service Medal was awarded to all Combat Troops in Korea, awarded in 1954, The Defense Dept was against this medal, then VET Affairs was awarded in AUG 1999. BELGIUM Medal was awarded to Combat Vets in APR 8, 1952.

(Tom Cacciola)
I did obtain in 1995, 4 UNII Citations (2 Presid Korea) + (2 Truman) - in which the
Units (Divisions & Corps) Got the citations and we got citations (that is, as Units attached (955F))

= The dates match the archival Command Reports (Truman was presid) Unit Citation, which we had
Note: We did NOT get the Presidential (Truman was presid) Unit Citation, which we had
= to get, but our Colonel (who was told to put us in for it) did not do it. He was lazy!

The FAR (Far Eastern Command) Ribbon was given
to me when on Rest + Recuperation (5 day Vacation in Kokuwa, Japan - July 8 1951,
It has one silver star on it (in center)

The ~~Compassionate~~ Service Medal (NY state) was awarded by Gov. Rockefeller (NOV 1997) with an 8X11 Gold
Certificate

These patches, ribbons, pins were in ① my personal "Diary" and this
Diary was reinforced by:

② the Command Reports, typed reports of "Battles in Korea",
every day, from 3 different sources of 955F ABN,
signed by the officers in charge. Originally secret and
and now declassified, I have the 2000 copies (in a box)
obtained in 1995, from the Army Military Archives Office,
Wash, DC.

I gave Tom 8X11
Color photo to
about 15 men of
955F. (NOV 3, 1998)

+
(Other men - other times)

My Unit started as NY State Militia in 1847 and
in 1861 fought 10 battles in the Civil War (known as "Battled by Fire")

This written by Tom F Cacciola
C. Nov 3, 1998