The very beginning of the expiring year found our Committee being the victim of a slanderous and malicious attack on the part of Ms. Kim and her cohort Mr. John Kenney. It is unfortunate that many of the recipients of their calumnious letters gave credence to them and chose to resign from membership of our National Sponsoring Committee. At the time, the legal counsel of our Board, Lt. Col. David Passamanec advised against taking any legal action.

The worst effect of this campaign of defamation was that in early February Rep. Paul J. Hammerschmidt (R, AR) withdrew the Resolution he had introduced to the House authorizing the erection of the Korean War Memorial. At the same time the 1st American Bank of Washington DC. withheld and eventually suspended the loan (credit line) which it had extended to the Committee in November of 1982. Without Congressional support and deprived of money to operate, it seemed that the NCKWM was doomed.

It took extraordinary tenacity and determination to stay afloat. These qualities present in the character of Mr. McKee and the cooperation of the firm of Eberle & Associates kept the Committee in existence.

In April Rep. Charles Rose (D, N.C) introduced H.J. Res. 236. In May Senator Boschwitz introduced S.J. Res. 97. Also in April the Committee signed an exclusive contract with Eberle & Assoc., that launched a direct mail fund raising campaign.

Thanks to advances from Eberle & Assoc. we were able to purchase a wordprocessor and make the down payment for our XEROX copier. June we were adequately organized to function as an office.

There were 2,865 pieces of mail dispatched in the period between June and the present and over $4,000,- resulted from these mailings. Thanks some of our correspondents the number of House co-sponsors increased within two months from 145 to 166 and the number of sponsoring Senate from 60 to 64.

There were twelve articles published in local newspapers and magazines the most important being the July issue of the DAV dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the end of hostilities in Korea. The ensuing support from members of the DAV is the mainstay of our activity.

It was unfortunate that Senator Charles Mathias, in spite of our efforts chose not to include S.J. Res. 97 in the schedule of the Senate Ru committee before the end of this year's session.