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MONTHLY REPORTS FOR April 2016
 Washington, D.C.

The following from the Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association is given for the month of April 2016.

1. **MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT REPORT:** Submitted by Mr.

John "Sonny" Edwards - As of April 30, 2016

New members April 2016	38
New members April 2015	55
New members TYTD	212
New members LYTD	251
Deceased Comrades reported this year	403
Active members LYTD	14,145
Active members TYTD	13,427
Decrease	718

Departments with 4 or more new members April FL 6 PA 4

This Month was not as active as last Month. With the Month of May around the corner and with warm weather I ask each of you to make plans to start recruiting. I suggest that you appoint a recruiting chairman to take charge of this mission. Recruiting is a daily activity.

New motto:

CHECK YOUR APPS-HIT THE STREETS-SIGN UP THOSE YOU MEET.

Thanks to each of you for your Prayers and e-mails for my wife. Her surgery went well and she is home. Dr. said she should have a full recovery.

2. **AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE MEDAL PRESENTATION:**

Southern California and the city of Los Angeles conducted a ceremony honoring Korean War veterans and presented the Ambassador for Peace medal to Korean War Veterans on, April 23, in San Pedro, CA. The event took place on Saturday, April, 23, 2016. The site of the ceremony was at the Angels Gate Park.

3. **ELECTIONS:** Chairman of the Elections Committee, Albert H. McCarthy has published in the next copy of the Greybeards magazine the ballots for those seeking election to the following positions: Korean War Veterans Association President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and four Directors.

- President to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2018
- First Vice President to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2018
- Second Vice President to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2018
- Four (4) Directors to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2019

The following members of the Korean War Veterans Association have applied to run for the following positions:

President: Mr. Thomas Stevens
1st Vice President: Mr. Warren Wiedhahn and Mr. George Covell

2nd Vice President: Mr. Jeffery Brodeur and Mr. Stanley J. Grogan

Directors: Mr. Dave Clark
Mr. William Bishop
Mr. George Bruzgis
Mr. Paul Cunningham
Mr. Luther W. Drappen
Mr. Bruce Harder
Mr. Wilfred Lack

PLEASE VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE!!!!

4. **LEGISLATIVE:**

- The Senate Armed Services Committee will meet in May. One of the areas of discussion will be to consider the nomination of General Vincent Brooks to become head of U.S. Forces Korea. General Curtis Scaparrotti, will be considered to become head of U.S. European Command.

General Vincent K. Brooks **Commanding General**

General Vincent K. Brooks is the Commanding General of US Army Pacific (USARPAC), the Army service component of the United States Pacific Command (USPACOM). The command exercises administrative control over all US Army forces in the PACOM area of responsibility (AOR), provides trained and ready, combat enabling forces, and performs theater security programs with 36 countries from the Asia-Pacific Regions of Alaska, Japan and Korea.

On July 2, 2013 he took command of US Army Pacific. The command is home-based at Fort Shafter, Hawaii with portions of the command-forward deployed throughout the Asia-Pacific Region.



General Brooks graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1980. During his 33 years as a commissioned officer, he served in command and staff positions in the United States; in Germany during the Cold War; in Korea; in Kosovo; and in the Middle East. His tours of duty with fighting units include the 82d Airborne Division as a lieutenant; the 1st Infantry Division (Forward) as a captain; the 1st Cavalry Division as a major and again as a brigadier general; the 2d Infantry Division as a lieutenant colonel; the Third Army Central (with duty in Headquarters, Coalition Joint Task Force – Kuwait) and the 3d Infantry Division (with duty in North Atlantic Treaty Organization-Kosovo Forces) as a colonel; Headquarters, United States Central Command; Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division (with duty as Headquarters, Multi-National Division-Baghdad) and Headquarters, III Corps and Fort Hood as a brigadier general; Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division (with duty as Headquarters U.S. Division - South) as a major general; and most recently as the Commanding General of Third United States Army/US Army Central (ARCENT) continuously deployed to the Middle East countries of Kuwait, Qatar, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Jordan and United Arab Emirates.

General Brooks served at the national-level in the Pentagon. Within Headquarters, Department of the Army, he fulfilled staff duties as aide-de-camp to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, and later as the Army's Chief of

Public Affairs. Within The Joint Staff, he fulfilled duties as Deputy Director (J5) for Political-Military Affairs for the Western Hemisphere, and later as the Deputy Director (J5) for the War on Terrorism.

General Brooks holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy; a Master of Military Art and Science from the School of Advanced Military Studies at the United States Army Command and General Staff College; and an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the New England School of Law in Boston. He also served as a National Security Fellow at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

General Brooks is married to Dr. Carol P. Brooks, an educator and physical therapist. Both the general and his wife are from career military families.

- **Cardin, Boozman Call for Wall of Remembrance to be Added to Korean War Memorial on National Mall**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and John Boozman (R-Ark.) today have introduced legislation that would authorize a Wall of Remembrance to be added to the Korean War Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. This addition to the current memorial, to be built without the use of public funds, would recognize individual members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in theater during the Korean War, as well as the number of service members who were wounded in action, are listed as missing in action, or who were prisoners of war during the Korean War. The Wall of Remembrance also would list the number of members of the Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army, the Republic of Korean Armed Forces, and other nations of the United Nations Command who were killed in action, wounded in action, are listed as missing in action, or were prisoners of war.

“The Korean War Memorial in our Nation’s Capital is a moving experience that literally reflects the veterans of what has often been called America’s ‘Forgotten War.’ But missing are the individual men and women who answered the call to serve their nation during this three-year war,” said Senator Cardin. “We honor the service and sacrifice of our Korean War veterans and hope that this expanded recognition will bring solace and pride to their families through the knowledge that their loved ones will never be forgotten.”

“This is a fitting recognition that shows our nation’s appreciation to the men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to our country during the Korean War. The Korean War Memorial Wall will serve as a reminder of the human cost of the Korean War in which more than 36,000 American service members gave their lives. I am proud to join Senator Cardin in support of this tribute to honor those who served in defense of our nation,” Senator Boozman said.

The full text of the bill can be downloaded [here](#).

The Korean War began on June 25, 1950. During the three-year war, some 5.7 million Americans were called to serve, and by the time the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed in July 1953, more than 36,000 Americans sacrificed their lives, 103,284 were wounded, 7,140 were captured, and 664 were missing.

To honor the Americans who served during the Korean War, on October 28, 1986, Congress passed H.R. 2005 (Public Law 99-572) authorizing the construction of the Korean War Veterans Memorial located in West Potomac Park, southeast of the Lincoln Memorial and just south of the Reflecting Pool on the National Mall.

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- Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2015 - Introduced in Senate (08/05/2015)

Authorizes a Wall of Remembrance, as part of the previously authorized Korean War Veterans Memorial, to include: (1) a list by name of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who died in theater in the Korean War; (2) the number of members who were wounded, listed as missing in action, or prisoners of war; and (3) the number of members of the Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army, the Republic of Korea Armed Forces, and the other nations of the United Nations Command who were killed, wounded, missing, or prisoners. Prohibits using any federal funds to construct the Wall.

Former legislation H.R. 5903 “To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat recipients of the Korea Defense Service Medal as war veterans for purposes of determining whether contributions to posts and organizations of war veterans are charitable contributions.” Mr. David Eiselsberg and Mr. Jett Thompson whom both work in Representative Sam Johnson’s are in charge of making this H.R. happen quickly. They stated to us that after H.R. 1475 is through mark-up, they will be putting a “full court press” on to make the old 5903 legislation up to date.

The following Senators have Co Sponsored S-1982. If you see a Senator from your State that has not already signed up to co-sponsor this Bill, please call his office and request that he do so **IMMEDIATELY!**

Cosponsor	Date Cosponsored
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]*	08/05/2015
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	09/08/2015
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	09/08/2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	09/10/2015
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	09/16/2015
Sen. Toomey, Pat [R-PA]	09/22/2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard [D-IL]	09/24/2015
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	09/28/2015
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	10/21/2015
Sen. Tillis, Thom [R-NC]	10/27/2015
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	10/27/2015
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	10/27/2015
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	10/27/2015
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	11/03/2015

Cosponsor	Date Cosponsored
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	11/03/2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	11/03/2015
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	11/04/2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	11/09/2015
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	11/16/2015
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	11/30/2015
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	12/15/2015
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	02/02/2016
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	02/04/2016
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	02/11/2016
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	02/23/2016
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	03/01/2016
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	03/15/2016
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	04/04/2016
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	04/19/2016

Congressman Johnson strongly stated that he will be personally pushing this legislation through. He firmly believes that it will be passed.

He also stated that he will need **ALL OF OUR HELP** in reaching out to his colleagues on the Hill encouraging them to support this Bill.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that when the new House Resolution is ready to be introduced **ALL KOREAN WAR VETERANS, DEFENSE VETERANS AND FAMILIES** will need to flood their Congressman's office with requests to support this new House Resolution (HR). We will keep you informed once the new HR is published.

We will be publishing a one page fact sheet on this legislation with talking points to share amongst all our members and chapters to say when contacting their Congressmen and women.

5. 2016 ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING:

As we all know, we will be heading to Las Vegas Nevada for our annual Korean War Veterans Association Membership meeting and Biannual Board Meeting.

- The dates for the meetings will be October 10-14, 2016.
- The venue for the meetings will be the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, 4000 West Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV.
- The website for the venue is: www.GoldCoastCasino.com
- Room Rates are as follows:

Deluxe Rooms

Sunday- Thursday \$35.00 plus tax and resort fee = \$53.75
Friday & Saturday \$99.00 plus tax and resort fee = \$125.43

Premium Rooms

Sunday – Thursday \$42.00 Plus Tax & Resort Fee = \$ 61.58
Friday & Saturday \$ 114.00 Plus Tax & Resort Fee = \$ 142.23

- To make reservations on-line go to <http://www.goldcoastcasino.com/groups>
- To receive your special KWVA group rate, you will need to enter the assigned **Group Reservation ID: A6KOREA**
- If you are calling to make reservations, please call 888-402-6278 and identify yourselves as members of a group convention. **Group Reservation ID: A6KOREA**

SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **CUT-OFF DATE** September 9, 2016 – It is HIGHLY recommended that you make your reservations now. We are expecting a large contingent of Korean War Veterans and their families to attend this year.
- Parking is free
- Swimming Pool and Jacuzzi is free
- 73 Lane Bowling Alley on site
- Restaurants on site:
 - Cortez Room
 - Ping Pang Pong
 - Noodle Exchange
 - Port O'Call Buffet
 - T.G.I. Fridays
 - Red Zone
 - Java Vegas Coffee
 - Bowling Snack Bar
- Free shuttle bus every 30 minutes to the Las Vegas Strip and back to the hotel
- Shuttle Bus to and from airport \$9.00 each way
- Day trip/tour to the Hoover Dam and Grand Canyon
 - Evening show on the strip. To Be Determined
- Major General Shinn and his wife have already RSVP'd along with that they will be attending.
- Minister Park (MPVA) and Congressman Kin have received invitations to attend.

6. **REVISIT TO KOREA PROGRAM:** Quotas for the Revisit to Korea Program are now published. Please contact to 1st Vice President Warren Wiedhahn or to Mr. Jamie Wiedhahn if interested when the tours are being conducted.

- **Announcing the 2016 Peace Camp For Youth -21–28 July 2016**

With the 65th Anniversaries of the Korea War commemorations continuing this year, the Republic of Korea (ROK) government has made the decisions to once again commemorate not only the veterans from all the United Nation Countries and their contributions to saving their country from Communism, but to welcome all the veteran's grandchildren to Korea on a very special program in July. Called the "Peace Camps for Youth" (PCFY), this program was a huge success in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 & 2015 and we have quotas to continue the program this year.

General information & requirements:

1. Participant must be a Grandchild or Great-grandchild of a Korean War Veteran in a college program.
2. Be at least eighteen (18) years old (waivers for 17 year-old high school graduates.)
3. Grade Point Average of 2.5 required.
4. Be in "relatively" good health since some physical hiking/walking is involved.
5. Have a current passport.
6. There are forty quotas and it will be first come, first served. The group will have a tour escort.
7. All expenses for the grandchild while in Korea, will be paid for by the ROK government (Double occupancy.) Each participant will receive subsidized air to Korea. (The ROK Government will pay a 50% portion of both the domestic & international roundtrip airfare.)
8. A service charge of just \$250 is required for administrative handling, U.S. tour escort, ticketing, health and disability insurance (required by the ROK government.)

All programs are conducted in English. See the attachment and application to this email.

7. **POW/MIA Report:** Rocky Harder represented the KWVA at the monthly DPAA POW/MIA Teleconference Update. This is the first time that the KWVA has participated in this DPAA monthly teleconference meeting, which was discussed during our meeting with DPAA in February 2016.

The meeting was chaired by DPAA Director Mike Linnington.

The most important piece of information on Korean War personnel accounting that were passed in the meeting was that Director Linnington will be traveling to China and ROK from April 22 to around May 2, 2016 for talks with officials from both countries about the U.S. personnel accounting effort. He will travel to China first and then to the ROK.

Dr. Tom Holland, Director of the new Strategic Partnerships Directorate, talked for a long time about what his directorate is doing. Dr Holland is the former Director of the Central Identification Laboratory (CIL). His directorate was formerly known as the P3 Directorate or Public/Private Partnerships. The name of the new directorate was changed to reflect a wider responsibility of the director at and avoid confusion with the term P3.

No information was passed in the meeting about resuming U.S. Korean War remains recovery operations in North Korea or about the current situation on the Korean Peninsula. However, I was not expecting that subject to be raised by DPAA at this meeting since it was an overall update on DPAA activities from past wars.

Army **Cpl. Dudley L. Evans**, 24, was buried with full military honors on April 23 in his hometown of Greenville, Miss. He was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, engaged in a battle in the vicinity of Chipyeong-ni, South Korea. It would be later learned he died in captivity after being taken prisoner on Feb. 15, 1951.

8. **HONOR FLIGHTS:** The Honor Flight schedule for the month of May is HUGE. Please see the attachment for the list of days and the Honor Flights that will be attending on these days. If you can make it out to the KWV Memorial to greet them, I know they would be very appreciative.

9. **TELL AMERICA PROGRAM:**

The Map Poster of the Korean War continues to be requested. The map is available to those participating in the Tell America Program. If you would like maps for your presentations, please contact:

Director Roy Aldridge
Chairman, Tell America Program
6544 Grand Ridge, Dr
El Paso, TX 79912
Phone: 915-581-4725
email: Royaldridge@sbcglobal.net

10. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Submitted by the Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Fred Lash.

- No Report submitted for April 2016

11. **EMBASSY NEWS:** Ambassador Ahn is planning a possible visit to Ann Arbor, Michigan in the near future and requested that I identify the nearest Korean War Veterans Association Chapter near Ann Arbor and some names of Korean War Veterans who live in this area. No further information given at this time as to whether there will be a trip and what the trip is for. I will provided the information as it becomes available.

12. **FUND RAISING:** Director Tom McHugh has published the 2016 flyer for the Korean War Veterans Associations annual fund raiser. The goal for 2016 is to raise \$70,000.00 to be applied toward administrative costs to run our organization. PLEASE help and sell the fund raising tickets below.



"Freedom Is Not Free"



1950-1954



1954-Present

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC.



KWVA Coins - \$20
Bulk Sales 25/50 Available

Winners to be drawn at October banquet 2016.
Donation \$20 for each ticket. To enter this fundraiser,
**complete the attached form. Winners will be
announced on www.KWVA.org and in the Greybeards.**



Special KWVA Coins - \$20
20th Anniversary Memorial

Deadline for ticket donations is Sept 15, 2016

Super Cash Prizes!

1st Prize

\$1,500

2nd Prize

\$1,000

3rd Prize

\$1,000

4th Prize

\$1,000

5th Prize

\$1,000



FIVE ALL CASH PRIZES FIVE HAPPY MEMBERS

This (ALL CASH DRAWING) will allow the winners to: Enjoy life.

Go on vacation. Buy a rifle. Fix a car. Get an item of your choice.

Most importantly, SUPPORT THE KWVA

For more tickets, copy or go to www.KWVA.org For applications click "HOW TO JOIN" link

KWVA INC. Korea War and Korea Service Veterans

Contact: Thomas Mc Hugh, Director Chairman Fundraiser Committee, tomchugh@msn.com for info.

Make check payable to: **KWVA** or Pay by Credit Card Visa Master Card

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____ V-Code _____

You need not tear the page out of the Greybeards magazine. You may copy the page and send tickets
with your payment to: **KWVA Membership Office, P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407**

Return this ticket with donation of \$20

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13. GENERAL NEWS:

- President Larry Kinard was the keynote speaker at the State of Florida's Korean War Veterans Association State Meeting on April 16, 2016.
- President Kinard and his wife along with Director Tom Stevens and his wife have been invited to Korea by Elder Kim of the Sae Eden Presbyterian Church in Seoul Korea to attend the annual Remembrance Day commemorating the start of the Korean War. The event will take place during the week of June 18 – 23, 2016. A group of MIA/POW families from the United States will also be attending the ceremony
- **Marine who earned Medal of Honor at Chosin Reservoir dies.** Marine Pfc. Hector A. Cafferata Jr., who earned the Medal of Honor at the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War, died on April 12 at the age of 86. He was buried with full military honors at Quantico Military Cemetery on April 22, 2016.
- **CHANGE OF DATE:** The **KWVA Virginia State** meeting that was originally scheduled Saturday, 16 April 2016. The meeting will be held at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, VA at **1:00 on May 14 2016**. Much more information will be forthcoming about the Meeting but the immediate concern is to get the applications for the Ambassador of Peace Medal and the DD214s in time to be processed by the Korean Embassy.

This email is going to every KWVA member who has a email address listed on the National Roster, Active and Inactive alike. We are also advertising to Korean War Veterans who have never been affiliated with the KWVA. The Medal is being given as an expression of gratitude for the sacrifices you made to secure and ensure the on-going freedom of the people of the Republic of Korea. We will be grateful to you for sharing the attached information with any veteran who meets the criteria.

I have provided my email, twhit35@gmail.com. Please get the information to me as soon as possible as the Embassy will need at least 30 days lead time.

- Time is running out for those individuals planning to come to Washington, D.C. over the Memorial Day weekend, I have secured rooms at the Comfort Inn located on South Glebe Road in Arlington, VA. The room rate for one night is \$119.00 plus tax. This rate also includes a FULL American breakfast each day, transportation to and from Reagan International Airport, free parking and van transportation to the METRO station. I will need to know **SOONEST** if you would like for me to secure a room for you at this hotel. This rate applies for May 28th, 29th and 30th with departure on the 31st.
- If any Korean War Veterans would like to march in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. on Monday, May 30, 2016, Please let me know soonest. If any KWVA Chapter Honor Guard would like to April in the one mile long parade, I need to know ASAP. We have 3 - Jeeps, 1- ¾ ton truck and 1 - 2 ½ ton truck for Korean War Veterans to ride in during the parade.
- **WONDERFUL EVENT:** The Republic of Korea's Army Chief of Staff visited Washington, D.C. on Monday, April 13, 2016. He presented a wreath at the Korean War Veterans Memorial at 4:30PM on this day. The Army Chief of Staff also invited five United States Army Korean War veterans to attend the wreath presentation and have dinner with him and MG Shin after the ceremony The following Korean War Veterans will be attended this event: Mr. Bill Weber, Mr. James Butcher, Mr. John C. Phillips, Mr. Jack Cloman, Mr. Earl A. House and Mr. Warren Wiedhahn.
- **Puerto Rican Regiment Receives Congressional Gold Medal:** A Puerto Rican Army regiment, the 65th Infantry Regiment known as the "Borinqueneers," was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal during

a ceremony inside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday. The VFW-supported recognition comes more than 50 years after the unit was disbanded, and the effort was largely due to the leadership of Congressional Gold Medal Alliance chairman Frank Medina, who is a member of VFW Post 3822 in Panama. Learn more at: <http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/politics/2016/04/13/congressional-gold-medal-awarded-to-puerto-rican-army-regiment/>.

- **GREAT TURNOUT** at the Maryland/Viginia Gathering: Mr. Les Bishop and KWVA Chapter 312 conducted a regional get-together of Maryland and Virginia Korean War Veterans Association chapters. The gathering was conducted on April 13th 2016 at the Funkstown American legion Post 211 located in Funkstown, MD 21734.



- I have been informed by the 65th Infantry Regiment Task Force (Borinqueneers) out of New York City that they will be submitting 25 applications for the ROK Ambassador for Peace Medals to be presented at a banquet on April 23, 2016 in New York City. They have reached out to me to see if MG Shin can come to the banquet and present the medals to these Korean War Veterans. I informed MG Shin's staff that they may be receiving an invite to do this.

Met with MG Shin, LTC Lee from the Republic of Korea's Embassy along with COL Bill Weber, Mrs. Weber and COL Rick Dean to discuss the fund raising efforts for the maintenance fund to take care of the Korean War Veterans Memorial, which is in need to some repairs. We also discussed the ceremony to honor the KATUSAs on June 25, 2016 and the two Gala's to raise money for the KWVMF maintenance fund.

- We have been receiving requests for the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) to award a Junior ROTC medal to existing programs in high school who participate in this program. The Korean War Veterans Association **DOES NOT** have an existing program to award JROTC medals to students. The organizations who have this existing award programs for JROTC are the **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** and the **Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)**. If you receive any requests for this award, please direct them to one of these two Veteran Service Organizations.

14. **UPCOMING EVENTS:** All Korean War Veterans, Korean Defense Veterans and Korean American War Veterans are allowed to participate in the parade. Anyone with vintage Korean War vehicles are also welcomed to participate.

The parade will be nationally televised on a cable station and for the Armed Forces Network around the world.

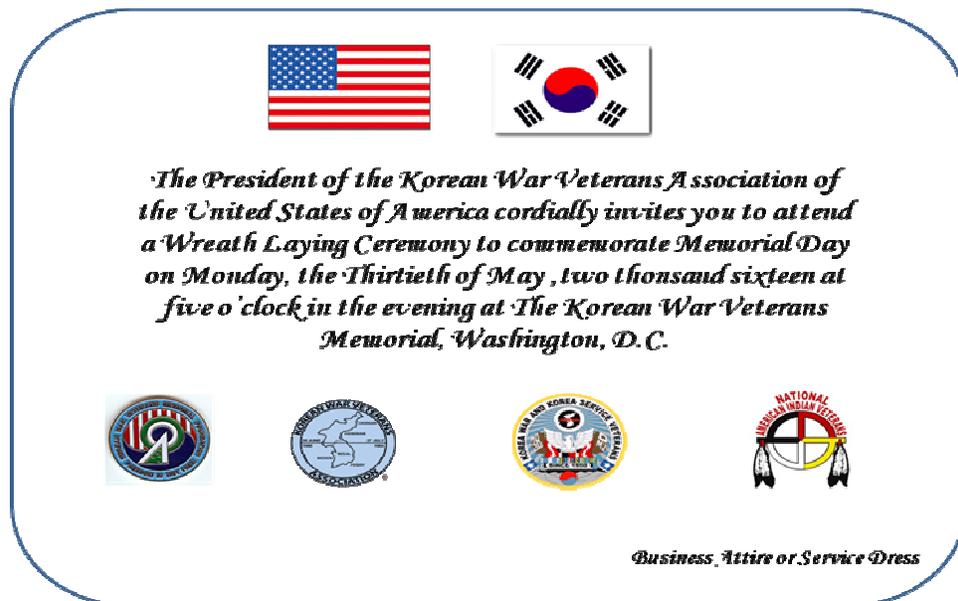
Additional areas covered in our monthly meeting were:

• Memorial Day in Washington, D.C. Monday, May 30, 2016

2:00PM – 4:00PM – National Memorial Day Parade – Washington, DC- Constitution Ave from 7th-17th Street, NW. Parade website: <http://www.americanveteranscenter.org/avc-events/parade/>

5:00PM – 6:00PM – Wreath Presentations at the Korean War Veterans Memorial

- a. Wreath Presentations by:
 - ~ Korean War Veterans Association
 - ~American Indian Veterans of the USA
 - ~Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation
- b. Bugler to play Taps
- c. Performance by “Operation Song” - Bob Regan <http://www.operationssong.org>
- d. Performance by “Rocky Lynn” <http://www.rockielynne.com>
- e. Remarks by: Larry Kinard, Don Loudner, COL Weber and MG Shin



- **Korean Memorial Day Ceremonies** – Saturday, June 25, 2015. The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation in partnership with The Embassy of Korea will conduct a memorial ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 9:00AM. This year’s ceremony will pay tribute to the Korean Augmentation Forces (KATUSA’s) who fought with the United States during the Korean War and continue to work side by side with American Forces in the Republic of Korea. KATUSA’s from both the United States and the Republic of Korea will be in attendance for this special event. The children’s choir from the Far East Broadcasting Company-Korea will be performing at both of these events at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.
- **KWVMF Fund Raising Galas:** Thursday, July 7, 2016 at the Sheila Hotel in Seoul, Korean and on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, Building Museum, Washington, D.C. Gala is raise money for the maintenance program at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.
- **CHANGE OF DATE: San Francisco Korean War Memorial Dedication:** Opening Ceremony Monday, August 1, 2016, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Lincoln Boulevard at Sheridan Avenue, The Presidio, San Francisco. Here is the update posting on the KWVMF website: <http://www.kwvmf.org/memorial-opening-ceremony/>. The change was necessitated by conflicting events in San Francisco, as well as by schedule conflicts for several of the guest speakers.

- All veterans and their families, as well as friends, supporters and members of the media are invited to participate. For additional information, or to request an invitation, contact Eleanor Zapanta at, 415- 921-1933 or Email: eleanor@kwmf.org.
- **Armistice Day** – Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 10:00AM. A wreath presentation and a special speaker will be commemorating the Armistice of the Korean War with a ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. Korean War Veterans who reside in the surrounding Washington, D.C. area are encouraged to come to this special event.
- **Congressional Reception:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016 in the evening there will be a reception in Congress. More details to follow!
- **Peace Vigil** - 9th annual Remember727's Armistice commemoration and Peace Vigil will take place on Saturday, July 23, 2016 from 6-8pm in front the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. It will of course include a wreath laying at the KWV Memorial. Miss Hannah Kim from Congressman Rangel's office is the person in charge of this very special event. All Korean War Veterans are encouraged to attend.
- **CHANGE OF DATE:** General Olmstead has informed the Korean War Veterans Association that the **Chosin Few Memorial Dedication** has been moved to Thursday, September 15, 2016 at Quantico Marine Corps Base (Museum).

15. **NORTH KOREA IN THE NEWS:**

- **US warns North Korea of strong response to another nuclear test.** A senior U.S. diplomat warned North Korea that America would respond strongly to a fifth nuclear test or any other provocations by North Korea, saying Pyongyang should learn from the example of the nuclear deal with Iran.

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The warning came days after the North reportedly tried but failed to launch an intermediate-range missile. Many officials and analysts have speculated that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, in defiance of harsh U.N. sanctions, was preparing a fifth nuclear test as a show of power ahead of a ruling party congress next month.. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said the sanctions, which were imposed after the last nuclear test in January, should be given time to work. But he stressed the international community would respond strongly to any new provocations by North Korea.

“If North Korea undertakes additional provocations, the existing Security Council resolution calls for additional significant measures so we would anticipate that in that event that is exactly what the international community would do,” he said at a joint news conference after trilateral talks with his South Korean and Japanese counterparts.

He called on the North to follow the example of the nuclear deal reached last year with Iran. Tehran, the United States and five other world powers agreed to a deal to curb Iran's nuclear activities in exchange for the lifting of sanctions that had frozen billions of dollars in assets and oil revenue.

“If a country, even one with which we've had the most profound differences, is prepared to engage seriously and credibly in answering the demands of the international community, we are also prepared to engage,” Blinken said.

Blinken said Iran had made a “fundamental choice” to “freeze and roll back its nuclear program and allow inspectors to come in and create the time and space to see if we could agree on a comprehensive agreement.” “It's our hope that the DPRK will be inspired by that example,” he said, using an acronym for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

North Korea has stepped up its bellicose rhetoric and weapons tests despite the fresh round of U.N. sanctions.

The South Korean military said Tuesday that it was strengthening its surveillance of the North. Monday, amid reports of increased activity at Pyongyang's main nuclear site, South Korean President Park Geun-hye said the North was preparing a fifth nuclear bomb test. She did not elaborate on what led her to that conclusion.
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- **US RESEARCHERS SEE MORE SIGNS N. KOREA IS PRODUCING PLUTONIUM**

As North Korea intensifies testing of its ballistic missile technology, a U.S. website said Friday it also sees further signs from satellite imagery that North Korea is looking to produce more plutonium for nuclear weapons.

The website 38 North, which monitors sites in North Korea associated with its weapons programs, says an image taken Monday at the Nyongbyon nuclear facility shows a rail flatcar at a radiochemical laboratory complex where the North separates weapons-grade plutonium from waste from a nuclear reactor.

It says the tanks or casks seen on the flatcar could be used to supply chemicals or haul out waste products. In recent weeks, exhaust plumes have been seen at the laboratory complex, also suggesting that nuclear reprocessing activity could be in the works.

"The presence of a loaded flatcar, together with the presence of exhaust plumes, suggest that North Korea is preparing or conducting a reprocessing campaign to separate more plutonium for weapons," says the analysis by Joseph S. Bermudez, a specialist in satellite imagery and North Korea's military.

South Korean and U.S. officials said Friday that North Korea conducted a failed launch of what was reportedly an untested mid-range missile that could one day be capable of reaching far-off U.S. military bases in Asia and the Pacific. It is the latest in a series of provocations. The North conducted its fourth, underground nuclear test explosion in January and a long-range rocket launch in February that drew the strongest international sanctions yet against Pyongyang.

Separating plutonium is one of two avenues North Korea has to produce fissile material for bombs. The North announced in 2013 its intention to restart a reactor which had been shuttered for years. This February, U.S. Director of National Intelligence James Clapper told Congress that North Korea has been operating the reactor long enough that it could begin recovering material for nuclear weapons "within a matter of weeks to months." Last week, the Institute for Science and International Security, a Washington-based think tank, said that there's growing indications that North Korea is separating plutonium but said it's hard to say with certainty. It estimated that the reactor could have produced about 11 to 15 pounds of weapon-grade plutonium since its 2013 restart — enough for one to three nuclear weapons.

Pyongyang is already believed to have a handful of crude nuclear bombs and is making progress toward having a nuclear-tipped missile that could reach the U.S. mainland.

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CONCERT IN NEW YORK CITY

- **Dr. Billy Kim**, Chairman of the Far East Broadcasting Company-Korea "Christ to the World by Radio" will be conducting a concert at 7:30PM, Carnegie Hall in New York City on Friday, June 24, 2016. President Larry Kinard and his wife will represent the Korean War Veterans Association along with over 140 Korean War Veterans and their wives at the concert.
- This organization was founded by American Missionaries just prior to the war breaking out. They hold American Korean War veterans in high esteem. This group is legit. I have researched them and they are above board. They have conducted numerous concerts in the past in the United States honoring our Korean War Veterans.
- They have invited all Korean War Veterans and their families to attend a free concert in their honor at Carnegie Hall in New York City.
- Mr. Sal Scarlato is the KWVA point person for this event. I consider him our liaison with New York City. Sal will take the lead in getting Korean War Veterans and their wives to attend the concert.

KASF Scholarship for Descendants of American Korean War Veterans

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To express our gratitude to these Veterans for their sacrifices, KASF-ERC will offer their descendants an opportunity to apply for a scholarship. KASF-ERC scholarship program will recognize outstanding students who have demonstrated outstanding talents and potential for success. Awardees will receive a check of \$2,000 scholarships from KASF and be able to attend the KASF-ERC Award Ceremony & Banquet in Washington, D.C.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements**The applicant should be:**

1. Direct descendants of an American Korean War Veteran who served in Korea from June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955 (Korean War Era, as designated by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs)
2. Enrolled as a full-time student during the 2016-2017 academic year
3. Attend a school located in the KASF Eastern Region: DC, DE, IN, KY, MD, NC, PA, VA, & WV

Timeline

Applications Available Online: **April 1, 2016**

Application & Recommendations Deadline: **July 8, 2016** (Postmarked by)

Announcement of Awardees: **August 2016**

Award Ceremony: **September 2016**

How to apply

Complete the application form online at <http://www.kasf.org/eastern>

If you have any questions, please contact us at erc.scholarship@kasf.org

Founded in 1969 by a small group of concerned Korean American community leaders in Washington, D.C., KASF began as a local organization with limited focus and funding resources. However, with the dramatic growth of Korean immigrant communities in the U.S. and ever increasing need for financial aids for Korean American students, KASF became a national organization in 1989. While headquartered in Washington D.C., KASF has six regional chapters in Washington D.C., Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, Chicago, and Detroit (see states that are covered by each regional chapters). While all regional chapters operate under a single KASF bylaws, each chapter operates independently to raise funds, manage educational/cultural programs, and to award scholarships.

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- Prayer List:
 - Director J.D. Aldridge – feeling much better
 - Mrs. Virginia Edwards (Sonny’s wife) – Recovering from surgery – 4/25/2016
 - Sonny Edwards – Recovery from shingles
 - COL Bill Weber – recovery from a broken leg
 - Director George Bruzgis – Continued strength in recovering from lack of circulation in leg.
 - Director Richard Brown – continued healing of his heart condition
 - Director Tine Martin’s wife – recovery from recent heart surgery
 - Dody Green – Upcoming heart surgery

It is an honor to work with each of you and I hope we continue to look forward to continuing our progress in the coming year.

May God Bless our Korean War Veterans, our Korean Defense Veterans and our families and may God continue to Bless the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Fisher

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