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The following monthly update for February 2017 is submitted by the Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association of the United States of America.

**MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT REPORT:** Submitted by Mr. John “Sonny” Edwards - as of 02-22-17

New members this Month	47
New members LYTM	36
New members TYTD	83
New members LYTD	80

2016 56 AVG/Month

Active members	LYTD	13,510
Active members	TYTD	12,775
Decrease		-735
Deceased Comrades TYTD		155

Departments with 3 plus new members this Month

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## No-Cost Flu Shots for VA Enrolled Patients

If you're enrolled in the VA Health Care System, getting your flu shot at Walgreens or Duane Reade is easy.



There has been a resurgence of influenza infections late in this flu season, so give yourself a Valentine’s Day gift of health by getting a *no cost* flu vaccination by simply walking into your nearest VA medical facility or one of the 8000 partnering Walgreens Pharmacies and getting a vaccination!

The Department of Veterans Affairs has once again teamed up with Walgreens Pharmacies nationwide to allow all veterans who are currently enrolled in the VA healthcare system to be able walk into any of the over 8000 Walgreens nationally (and the Duane Reade pharmacies in the New York metropolitan area) to receive a vaccination *at no cost*. Vaccinations will be available through March 31, 2017.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention does not recommend the high dose (HD) vaccine for people over 65 and so this no-cost vaccination through Walgreens is of Trivalent at the standard dosage. If you wish to receive an HD vaccination please visit your nearest VA Medical Center or Community Based Outpatient Clinic for that vaccination. Veterans wishing to receive the no cost vaccination at Walgreens simply need to present a Veterans Identification Card and a photo ID, at any participating Walgreens to receive the vaccination.

In addition, after the Walgreens pharmacist administers the vaccine Walgreens will transmit that information securely to VA where it becomes part of the patient's electronic medical record.

VA is committed to keeping Veteran patients healthy, and during this flu season, vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of flu. No matter where you live, visit your local VA clinic or Walgreens to get a free flu shot.

- To find your local VA, visit [va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp](http://va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp)
- To locate a Walgreens store near you, call 800-WALGREENs (800-925-4733), or go to [com/findastore](http://com/findastore)
- To learn more about the partnership, call 1-877-771-8537 or visit <http://www.va.gov/PURCHASEDCARE/programs/veterans/immunization.asp>
- To get more information on flu and flu vaccine, visit [publichealth.va.gov/flu](http://publichealth.va.gov/flu) or [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

## **2. NORTH KOREA AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA AS MATTIS HEADS TO SEOUL**

SEOUL, South Korea — Plans to deploy an American anti-missile battery to South Korea and the growing North Korean threat will be at the top of Jim Mattis's agenda this week when the new defense secretary visits South Korea and Japan on his first foreign trip. Mattis, a retired Marine Corps general, will meet with Han Min-koo, the South Korean defense minister, in Seoul Thursday before heading to Tokyo. Han is expected to reiterate South Korea's commitment to hosting the Terminal High Altitude Aerial Defense system, or THAAD.

But with China exacting economic revenge on South Korea over its decision to host the missile battery and the South Korean government in crisis, some in Seoul now have jitters about the plan.

Moon Jae-in, the progressive candidate currently running at the top of the presidential polls, has said decisions on the THAAD deployment should wait until the next South Korean administration is in place.

That could take months, with the constitutional court now deciding whether to uphold the national assembly's motion to impeach President Park Geun-hye, who made the decision to host THAAD, for her role in a sensational political scandal. If the court forces her from office, elections must be held within 60 days. Otherwise, they will take place in December as scheduled.

In the meantime, the Chinese government — which has made no secret of its opposition to the THAAD plan — is trying to convince South Korean political leaders to change their minds. Although both Washington and Seoul insist it is to guard against the threat of North Korean missiles, Beijing views the system as another attempt to curtail its military expansion. In recent weeks, China has slapped a number of trade sanctions on South Korea in an apparent effort to dissuade Seoul from going ahead with the deployment.

China is one of the biggest reasons why people are opposing THAAD, and I would say that it's based on reasonable concerns," said Kim Dong-yub of the Institute for Far Eastern Studies in Seoul. "Just go into a department store and you can feel the change," he said, referring to the sudden drop in Chinese tourists coming to South Korea. In the last month alone, China has banned imports of South Korean bidet toilet seats and South Korean cosmetics, which are hugely popular among young women who love Korean dramas. Classical musicians have joined "K-pop" stars in having visas denied and concerts canceled.

Meanwhile, department stores in China run by Lotte, the South Korean retail group, have been subject to a sudden flurry of safety and hygiene inspections and tax audits, although Beijing rejects any suggestion this is related to THAAD. Lotte owns the country club 200 miles from Seoul earmarked for the THAAD battery, which it will swap with the government for another parcel of land. Lotte appeared to be going slow on the internal procedures needed to be completed before the swap can take place, a possible sign it was worried about the impact on its business in China. It has more than 150 stores in China and is currently building a huge retail and amusement park complex in the southwestern city of Chengdu . Chinese tourists accounted for more than 70 percent of Lotte Duty Free's sales in the first quarter of last year. "It is true that we are sandwiched between our role as a South Korean enterprise, South Korea's relations with China and possible economic loss," the Yonhap News Agency quoted a senior Lotte official as saying. Small South Korean companies are suffering, too. There has been a sharp decrease in Chinese tourists, said Kim Seo-kyung, who owns a clothing store in Myeongdong, a fashion district usually teeming with Chinese shoppers. "Maybe it's because of THAAD and because the relationship between South Korea and China has soured," Kim said. She estimated that her revenues had fallen about 40 percent since last year. Businesses around South Korea reported a sharp drop in tourist numbers over the Lunar New Year holiday this past weekend. American proponents of THAAD say they hope South Korean authorities will not waver. "The THAAD is a far more effective ballistic missile defense system than anything South Korea has or will have for decades," said Bruce Klingner, a northeast Asia specialist at the Heritage Foundation. "To not deploy THAAD is to choose to put South Korea and U.S. forces stationed there at grave risk to North Korean nuclear, chemical, and biological attack."

## **3. DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS.** Read about the top reports and investigations in December 2016

4. **VETERANS DAY POSTER CONTEST:** The 2017 Veterans Day Poster Contest is now open for submissions from all artists. The selected poster will be distributed to all VA facilities and military installations, as well as serve as the cover of the official Veterans Day program at Arlington National Cemetery. The submission deadline is April 15. [Get additional submission details](#) and submit your entry today.
  
5. **ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR VA'S NATIONAL GOLDEN AGE GAMES:** The 2017 National Veterans Golden Age Games will take place in Biloxi, Mississippi, May 7-11. Nearly 800 athletes are expected to compete in the national multi-sport competition for senior veterans embracing the “Fitness for Life” motto. The event encourages participants to make physical activity a central part of their lives and supports VAs recreation and rehabilitation therapy programs. Competitive events include air rifle, badminton, boccia, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, nine ball, powerwalk, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis and track and field. Exhibition events include: air pistol, archery, basketball, blind disc golf and pickleball.
  
6. **DOD INCREASES DISCHARGE AND RECORDS REVIEW OUTREACH:** The Department of Defense is renewing its efforts to make more veterans aware of military discharge and records review opportunities. In a press release, DOD said it is reviewing and consolidating all related policies to reinforce its commitment to ensuring fair and equitable review of separations for all veterans. Whether the discharge or other correction is the result of PTSD, sexual orientation, sexual assault, or some other consideration, the department is committed to rectifying errors or injustices and treating all veterans with dignity and respect. Veterans who desire a correction to their service record or who believe their discharge was unjust, erroneous, or warrants an upgrade, are encouraged to apply for the review. [Learn more about the DOD’s outreach efforts.](#)
  
7. **WHO REALLY SHOULD GET SCREENED FOR LUNG CANCER?**

Back in 2013, the U.S. Preventive Task Forces recommended annual lung cancer screening in adults ages 55 to 80 who had a 30 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke, or have quit within the past 15 years. This was determined after a 2011 study called the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST) found that screening could prevent lung cancer deaths in high-risk people.

Undertaken by the Veterans Administration (VA), the study found that the rate of false positives was more than double that which was found in the NLST. Of the 2,106 patients screened, about 60 percent had nodules, but only about 2 percent required further evaluation—and just 1.5 percent actually had lung cancer.

“Lung cancer screening is particularly fraught with difficulty and always has been,” says Leena Gandhi, M.D., Ph.D., of NYU Langone’s Perlmutter Cancer Center. One reason? The test itself, which relies on CT scans, is less reliable at specifically picking up cancer than other tests are, she says. (These [5 tests can save your life.](#))

“When you use a CT scan, you pick up all kinds of things that aren’t cancer, especially on a smoker or former smoker,” she says. Those include benign nodules and inflammation. When doctors see them, it sparks false positives that could lead to more invasive procedures like biopsies—not to mention a whole lot of anxiety.

What’s more, CT scans also emit radiation, which in itself has been shown to be a cancer risk with cumulative exposure, Dr. Gandhi notes. Finally, another sticking point is that lung cancer screening requires a sophisticated screening program that’s backed by a lung cancer team—something not found in many areas, says Dr. Gandhi. The VA study was only done in certain parts of the country where those programs were in place, she adds.

So, should you get screened? It turns out that’s a more difficult question than it seems.

The best strategy is to talk with your doctor about risk factors. If you’re a smoker and experiencing symptoms like chronic cough, and/or you have a history of lung cancer in your immediate family, it’s likely that screenings will be used as a diagnostic tool. (Reduce your risk by stop smoking now. These [3 guys who finally quit smoking tell you how.](#)) But for younger guys who either don’t smoke or quit more than 15 years ago, and have no symptoms and no family history, a screening is usually not used as a preventive test.

***Interesting Fact:*** *The March 1957 issue declared that the “The Army Goes Rolling Along” was designated the official Army song. After an 8-year search involving a 1948 nationwide song contest and a 1952 appeal to leading writers, publishers, and record manufacturers in the music industry failed, the Army asked its major commanders what they thought. They voted to use the artillery’s “Caisson Song” for the melody. The new lyrics were chosen from 140 nominations and molded into final form by Dr. Harold W. Arberg, Soldier Music Advisor.*

## RETIREE APPRECIATION DAYS

Attend and receive benefits information, renew acquaintances and ID Cards, get medical checkups, and receive other services. Some RADs include dinners or golf tournaments. For more information, contact the Retirement Services Officer sponsoring the RAD.

Location	Location	Date	Contact
Altoona, IA			
Rosemount	Fort Huachuca	Feb. 11	(520) 533-5733
Fort McCoy	Fort Stewart, GA (Orlando)	Feb. 25	(912) 767-3326
Fort Belvo	JB Lewis-McChord, WA	April 21	(253) 966-5884
Fort Leonard	Peoria, IL	April 22	(309) 453-1867
Schofield I	JB McGuire- Dix-Lakehurst, NJ	April 29	(609) 562-2666
Fort Sill, OK	West Point, NY	April 29	(845) 938-4217
Selfridge,	Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD	May 13	(410) 306-2320
Fort Drum	Fort Buchanan, PR	May 16	(787) 707-2984
Twin Ports	Ft. Jackson, SC	May 18-20	(803) 751-6715
Fort Lee, VA	JB Langley- Eustis, VA	May 20	(757) 878-5884
Fort Bliss,	JB Elmendorf-Richardson	May 20	(907) 384-3500
Fort Campbell	Presidio of Monterey, CA	Jun. 3	(831) 242-5232

### How to report the death of a Retired Soldier

Contact the Department of the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center anytime by calling (800) 626-3317. You will be immediately referred to a local Casualty Assistance Center, who will report the death to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to stop retired pay and initiate the survivor benefits process. When reporting the death, please provide as much of the information below as you have:

- Full name
- Next of kin information
- Social security number and/or service number
- Circumstances surrounding the death
- Retirement date
- Copy of the death certificate
- Retired rank
- Copy of the Statement of Service (Last DD Form 214)

8. **JAPAN, US CONDEMN NORTH KOREA'S MISSILE LAUNCH OVER THE SEA OF JAPAN**, - The United States and Japan held a joint press conference on Saturday night following reports that North Korea fired a ballistic missile in what would be its first such test of the year. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe condemned North Korea's latest missile launch calling it, "absolutely intolerable." President Donald Trump assured Japan that the U.S. stands behind the country completely. "The United States of America stands behind Japan, its great ally, 100 percent," Trump said during the conference at Trump's south Florida estate. Abe read a brief statement in which he called on North Korea "to fully comply with relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions." He said Trump has assured him of U.S. support and that Trump's presence showed the president's determination and commitment. North Korea reportedly fired a ballistic missile early Sunday in what would be its first such test of the year and an implicit challenge to President Donald Trump's new administration. A spokesman for U.S. Strategic Command said in an emailed statement to Fox News that the, "U.S. Strategic Command systems detected and tracked what we assess was a North Korean missile launch." The missile splashed down into the sea between the Korean Peninsula and Japan, according to the U.S. Strategic Command. Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters that the missile did not hit Japanese territorial seas. The appropriate officials "remain vigilant in the face of North Korean provocations and are fully committed to working closely with our Republic of Korea and Japanese allies to maintain security," the spokesman said in the statement, adding that the launch was from "a medium- or intermediate-range ballistic missile." The missile launch reports come as Trump was hosting the Japanese leader and just days before North Korea is to mark the birthday of leader Kim Jong Un's late father, Kim Jong Il.



**"Freedom Is Not Free"**



# 2017 FUNDRAISER

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## KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC.

Winners to be drawn at October banquet 2017.  
Donation \$20 for each ticket. To enter this fundraiser



### ANNOUNCING THE 2017 KWVA FUNDRAISER

The time has come to enter the 2017 KWVA Fundraiser. As always, we need your help to keep the KWVA functioning. Several things are threatening our future. With your help we can eliminate them.

First and foremost, I want to thank every member that participated in the 2016 fundraiser. Our 2016 goal of \$70,000 was surpassed with \$75,026 raised. This included individuals that preferred not to participate in the drawing and gave direct donations. A few others wrote KWVA and their member number on tickets. Had they been drawn, the prize would have been put into the fundraiser total. Thank you all, it is greatly appreciated. That being said, let's reach our goal of \$70,000 again this year. There are no administrative costs. All donations go to helping support the Graybeards, "Tell America" and other KWVA programs.

The "ALL CASH PRIZES" are: FIRST PRIZE \$1500 plus FOUR \$1000 PRIZES. Winners can: Take a vacation; pay bills; or purchase a special item. These are "MEMBER ONLY PRIZES". Each ticket requires a donation of \$20.00. Be certain to put your member number on the ticket. I look forward to again notifying the winners. President Stevens enjoyed picking the 2016 Winners and looks forward to picking the 2017 winners. We thank you and wish "GOOD LUCK" to all members that donate.

I especially again ask all members that have not had to pay dues, in at least the last 10 years, including "LIFE", "POW" and "HONORARY" members to please help support the costs of the Graybeards Magazine. It is not our goal to reduce issues of the magazine just to save the money.

In addition to the chances in the enclosed flyer, KWVA Challenge Coins, with Bulk Prices, Hats, Pins, Patches (including the "NEW KOREA WAR and KOREA DEFENSE PATCH") are available through our Membership Office. Please call Sheila 217-345-4414 or visit the KWVA.org website to purchase these items. KWVA Coins are an excellent way to raise funds for your Chapters. They make fantastic gifts for your supporters and our Wounded Military cherish these coins. I personally, along with 2nd VP Jeff Brodeur, and others have given hundreds of these challenge coins to our Wounded Warriors over the last several years when visiting Bethesda/Walter Reed hospitals. The wounded troops are always happy to receive these special coins from the Korean War Veterans. We are proud to do it, and you can do it also. Buy some coins at bulk prices. Sell some for \$20.00 and give some away to the wounded personnel in the hospitals and veterans homes. Donate some of the profit back to the KWVA. We need your support.

If anyone has a question, problem or needs help in any way, please contact Director Thomas McHugh, Chairman, Fundraiser Committee 908-852-1964 tmmchugh@msn.com Address available in the Graybeards. Thanking you in advance for your participation.

Always Remember: "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

Thomas McHugh, Director  
Chairman, Fundraiser Committee

Winners will be announced on [www.KWVA.org](http://www.KWVA.org) and in the Greybeards Magazine

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,

**Return this ticket with donation of \$20**  
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9. **2017 COLA ADJUSTMENT:** Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is 0.3% and it applies to retired pay, SBP annuities, and SBP premiums

10. **MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

I am grateful to President Trump and to Members of Congress for entrusting me with the privilege of serving Veterans and the dedicated employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs as your Secretary. It is my highest professional honor. Together, we'll ensure our Nation's obligation to provide care and benefits to those "who shall have borne the battle" and fulfill our institutional I-CARE Values: Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence.

That obligation and those values are sacred to me, first, as an American - a beneficiary of the service and sacrifices of Veterans and their families who defend our uniquely American freedoms and opportunities. They're also sacred to me because my father served the Nation as an Army psychiatrist, and both my grandfathers were Army Veterans. My paternal grandfather served as Chief Pharmacist at the VA hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, and as a young doctor, I trained in VA hospitals. So, serving the Nation and serving Veterans is a family tradition.

It was a privilege to serve as VA's Under Secretary for Health over the past year and a half. Now, I look forward to continuing our collective efforts across the Department and our country to deliver the care and services our Veterans need and deserve. Among many critical efforts already underway, we will continue building on significant progress increasing access for Veterans, preventing suicide, addressing unique needs of women Veterans, supporting Veterans' families and caregivers, continuing to drive down the disability backlog and Veteran homelessness, and pursuing necessary legislation to reform the outdated appeals process and for other critical legislative priorities.

With the support of the President, Congress, Veterans, their service organizations, and the American people, we - the dedicated employees of VA - will continue to fulfill President Lincoln's promise.

There is no nobler mission. There is no higher calling for any American. I am humbled and proud to serve with you. David J. Shulkin, M.D.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### **Veteran-focused Employees: Living our VA I-CARE Values, Serving our Nation's Veterans**

Dear VA:

After almost eight years at VA, and the last year plus as the Chief of Staff, I have decided that it is time to retire from VA and federal service, effective March 4<sup>th</sup>. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve with you during my time here. I have had the opportunity to serve our Nation's Veterans and the chance to work with truly outstanding public servants. One cannot ask for more!

I am absolutely convinced that the VA is on a positive trajectory and look forward to hearing of the Department's continued transformation under Dr. Shulkin's tremendous leadership.

This will be my last message to you as Chief of Staff. I hope these MyVA success stories have and will continue to serve as a reminder of what is really important – the difference you are making in the lives of Veterans.

Finally, I want to personally thank you for your commitment to VA's mission and core values. As the son of a World War II Veteran, the brother of a Vietnam Veteran, an Army Veteran of 26 years myself, and the father of an Army First Lieutenant, I greatly appreciate what you do each and every day. Thank you!

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Check out [MyVA NEWS](#), VA's blog for VA employees. It's full of useful news, from information about VA's transformation ... to health and wellness tips ... to news on VA innovations. Mark it as a "favorite" today! This week, MyVA News brings you the following stories:

- **Joe and Donna Azok initially were skeptical of VA care**, saying, "We only go to the best doctors!" Then they met VA's "Momma Nadine" ... found out their private sector doctor also worked at VA ... and discovered even more good news from VA. Learn more [here](#).
- **VA has made ending homelessness among Veterans a top priority**, along with finding gainful employment as an avenue to personal stability. And now, VA volunteers are helping Veterans [dress for success](#), too.
- **Get Your Groove On!** A VA program has Florida Veterans [moving to the rhythm of the beat](#).
- **The North Texas Patriot Guard Riders hold a monthly ceremony** at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery to honor Veterans who did not receive military burial honors. Click [here](#) to read more about this group of riders and their ceremonies for Veterans.

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I would like to highlight some of the many "MyVA" stories we received about employees who demonstrate our commitment to put Veterans first and practice our values.

There are great things happening at VA every single day that make a real difference to Veterans. If you have an inspirational story, click [here](#) to share it with us. We would love to hear about it. To read other submitted MyVA stories, click [here](#).

#### **Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System**

A Vietnam Veteran, who served in the Special Forces of the United States Army, recently passed after a long journey dealing with Alzheimer's. His widow writes, "His journey was completed under the care of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System."

She shared, "I find it hard to express the appreciation I have for all the doctors and staff in Ward 2. His time spent with the 'family of Ward 2' was an all-enveloping, caring environment for both him and me. I really believe that there is nowhere else in Arizona where he could have received this quality of care."

She continued, “I have expressed my appreciation to all the staff but I also want to spread the word to the rest of the community to counter all the bad publicity the VA has received over the years. The VA does an exceedingly great job caring for the people who give so much for their country.”

“Thank you Veterans Affairs. We are blessed to have you here in Southern Arizona.”

**Caring for Women Veterans at the  
Atlanta Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Office, Decatur, GA**

A female Veteran wrote about the care she received at the Atlanta VA Regional Office on one of her low days.

When she met with the Women Veterans Coordinator, she felt the Coordinator was able to pick up on how upset she was. The Coordinator told her, “...to calm down and breathe.” The Veteran said, “I was able to talk with her and she LISTENED TO ME, she made me feel that she cared, the gentleness of her voice was pleasant and warm. My story is so hard to talk about because of the horrific nightmares.”

The Coordinator asked the Veteran if she was in counseling and reminded her to use some of the coping skills she was learning in cognitive behavior training to help her understand her thoughts and feelings when discussing her past combat experiences.

The Veteran said, “The Coordinator exemplified the compassion ALL VETERANS like me love to feel from the other side of a desk, phone and from anyone reading our claims. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY.”

These employees took the time to find out what mattered most to the Veterans and provided compassionate care that exemplifies VA’s I-CARE values of Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence.

Again, thank you for all that you do.  
Bob Snyder

## 11. Helpful Services: Phone Numbers and Web Sites

### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Regional Office (Benefits)	800.827.1000	VA.gov
Office of the Secretary	202.273.4800	VA.gov
Office of the Inspector General	202.461.4702	<a href="https://www.va.gov/oig">https://www.va.gov/oig</a>
Office of the National Cemetery System	202.461.6240	<a href="http://www.cem.va.gov">www.cem.va.gov</a>
Arlington National Cemetery	703.607.8585	<a href="http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil">www.arlingtoncemetery.mil</a>
Board of Veterans Appeals	202.565.5436	<a href="http://www.bva.va.gov">www.bva.va.gov</a>
Central Office (Main Switchboard)	202.273.5400	
Funeral Arrangements & Eligibility	703.607.8585	<a href="http://www.cem.va.gov">www.cem.va.gov</a>
Government Life Insurance	800.669.8477	<a href="http://www.insurance.va.gov">www.insurance.va.gov</a>
Personal Locator	202.273.4950	

### Other Veteran Government Agencies

Department of Defense	703.545.6700	<a href="https://www.defense.gov">https://www.defense.gov</a>
Veterans Employment & Training Office	202.693.4700	<a href="https://www.dol.gov/vets">https://www.dol.gov/vets</a>
Small Business Administration (VA)	202.205.6600	<a href="https://www.sba.gov">https://www.sba.gov</a>

### Congressional Committees

Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs	202.224.9126	<a href="http://www.veterans.senate.gov">www.veterans.senate.gov</a>
House Committee on Veterans Affairs	202.225.3527	<a href="https://veterans.house.gov">https://veterans.house.gov</a>
Congressional Rural Health Care Coalition	202.225.6600	<a href="http://www.ruralhealthinfo.org">www.ruralhealthinfo.org</a>

### Other Veteran Related Offices and Agencies

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	202.418.3453	<a href="http://uscourts.cavc.gov">uscourts.cavc.gov</a>
Questions on specific Cases	202.501.5970	
National Organization for Vets Advocates (Attorneys)	877.483.8238	<a href="https://vetadvocates.org">https://vetadvocates.org</a>
USO	888.484.3876	<a href="https://www.uso.org">https://www.uso.org</a>

### POW/MIA

Department of Defense, POW/MIA Affairs	703.699.1169	<a href="http://www.dpaa.mil/">http://www.dpaa.mil/</a>
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### Incarcerated Veteran

Federal Bureau of Prisons	202.307.3198	<a href="https://www.bop.gov">https://www.bop.gov</a>
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### PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)

VA Readjustment Counseling Service	202.273.8967	<a href="http://www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/317">www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/317</a>
VA PTSD Information	802.296.6300	<a href="http://www.ptsd.va.gov">www.ptsd.va.gov</a>
VA PTSD Help – In Crisis – Suicide Prevention	800.273.8255	<a href="http://www.veteranscrisisline.net">www.veteranscrisisline.net</a>
National Center for PTSD – Behavioral Science Division	857.364.4172	<a href="http://www.ptsd.va.gov/PTSD/about/divisions">www.ptsd.va.gov/PTSD/about/divisions</a>

### Locator and Reunion Services

Army Worldwide Locator	866.771.6357	<a href="http://hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/per_locator.htm">hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/per_locator.htm</a>
Navy Times Locator Services	901.874.3388	<a href="https://www.navytimes.com">https://www.navytimes.com</a>
Personnel Locator	800.333.4636	

### Archives

Air Force Support Office	202.404.2264	<a href="http://www.afhistory.af.mil">www.afhistory.af.mil</a>
Marine Corps Historical Office	703.432.4877	<a href="http://guides.grc.usmcu.edu/archives">guides.grc.usmcu.edu/archives</a>
National Archives – Military Records	866.272.6272	<a href="http://www.archives.gov/research/military">www.archives.gov/research/military</a>
Naval Historical Center (Operations Archives)	202.433.3170	<a href="http://www.history.navy.mil">www.history.navy.mil</a>
United States Army Center of Military History	866.272.6272	<a href="http://www.history.army.mil">www.history.army.mil</a>

### Women Veterans

Women in Military Service-America Memorial Foundation	703.533.1155	<a href="http://www.womensmemorial.org">www.womensmemorial.org</a>
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**Arlington National Cemetery:** (877) 907-8585  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil>

**Armed Forces Retirement Home:** (800) 422-9988; <http://www.afrh.gov>

**Army & Air Force Exchange Service:** [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com) **Army**

**Echoes:** <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes>

Editor's e-mail address: [ArmyEchoes@mail.mil](mailto:ArmyEchoes@mail.mil)

**Army Echoes Blog:** <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/blog>

**Army Emergency Relief:** (866) 878-6378; <http://www.aerhq.org>

**Army Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/USArmy>

**Army Flickr:** <http://www.flickr.com/photos/soldiersmediacenter/>

**Army Homepage:** <http://www.army.mil>

**Army Live Blog:** <http://armylive.dodlive.mil/>

**Army mobile phone apps:** <http://www.army.mil/mobile/>

**Army Retirement Services:** <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>

**Army Stand To!:** <http://www.army.mil/standto/>

**Army Lodging Program:** (877) 711-8326; <http://www.pal.army.mil>

Reservations: <http://www.ihgarmyhotels.com>

**Army Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/USArmy/>

**Army YouTube:** <http://www.youtube.com/usarmy>

**Casualty Assistance Checklist for Retired Soldiers:** <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/docs/Post/CasualtyAssistanceChecklist.pdf>

**Chief of Staff, Army Retired Soldier Council:**  
<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/RetireeCouncil>

**Combat-Related Special Compensation:** (866) 281-3254 opt.4;  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/CRSC>

**Commissary:** <http://www.commissaries.com>

**Concurrent Retired & Disability Pay:** (800) 321-1080,  
<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/disability/crdp.html>

**Consumer Financial Protection Bureau:** (855) 411-2372  
<http://www.consumerfinance.gov/>

**Death — Report a Retired Soldier's Death:** Call HQDA Casualty Operations Center, (800) 626-3317; from overseas, call (502) 613-3317 collect.  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Reporting%20A%20Death>

**DS Logon:** <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/>

**Funeral Honors (Military):** Army Coordinator: (502) 613-8218  
<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/>

**ID Card Facilities:** (800) 538-9552; Nearest facility: [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl)

**Legal Assistance Locator (Military):** <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/locator.php>

**Long Term Care Insurance:** (800) 582-3337 <http://www.ltcfeds.com/>

**MyArmyBenefits:** <http://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/>  
Help Desk: (888) 721-2769 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST Monday - Friday);

**Survivor Outreach Services:** (855) 707-2769, <https://www.sos.army.mil/>

**Reserve Component Retirements** (888) 276-9472  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Reserve%20Component%20Retirements>

**RC Application for Retired Pay:** Human Resources Command; ATTN: AHRC-PDR-RCR; 1600 Spearhead Division Ave.; Dept 482; Ft Knox, KY 40122-5402; (888) 276-9472; download the application from:  
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/Default.aspx?ID=13664>

**Soldiers Magazine:** <http://soldiers.dodlive.mil/>

**Space-Available Travel:** <http://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site>

**Soldier for Life on Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/CSASoldierForLife](http://www.facebook.com/CSASoldierForLife)

**Soldier for Life on Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/csaSoldier4Life](http://www.twitter.com/csaSoldier4Life)

**Soldier for Life on Linked In:**  
[www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=6627257&trk=anet ug h](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=6627257&trk=anet ug h)

**Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program:** (800) 325-4715;  
<https://www.sfl-tap.army.mil/>

**Survivor Benefit Plan:** <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/sbp>

## Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act:

<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/usfspa>



**U. S. Army Retired Lapel Button and Badge:** Type "Soldier for Life" into the search box at <https://www.shopmyexchange.com>

## Veterans Service Records — Replace DD Form 214, awards:

**Retired 4/1/1996 or later:** Visit <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/>, Click on "Army White Pages" at the bottom, then log in. Next click on "Click Here to Access Your Army Record."

**Retired 3/31/1996 or earlier:** Call Human Resources Command at (888) 276-9472 or visit <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records); 1 Archive Drive. St. Louis, MO 63138-1002

**DFAS** (800) 321-1080 (M-F, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST) <http://www.dfas.mil/myPay> (888) 332-7411; <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>  
Retiree/Annuitant web page <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html>

**Social Security** (800) 772-1213 <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>; If overseas, contact the American Embassy/consulate, or visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/foreign/phones.html>.

**Medicare** (800) 633-4227 <http://www.medicare.gov>

**TRICARE** <http://www.tricare.mil>

## Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator:

<http://www.tricare.mil/bcacdcao>, or nearest military treatment facility

**TRICARE North:** (877) 874-2273; <http://www.hnfs.com>; CT, DC, DE, IL, IN, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, VA, WI, WV, some ZIPs in IA, MO, TN

**TRICARE South:** (800) 444-5445; <http://www.humana-military.com/> AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, OK, SC, TN (except 35 TN ZIP codes near Ft Campbell), and TX (except the extreme SW El Paso area)

**TRICARE West:** (877) 988-9378; <https://www.uhcmilitarywest.com/>; AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, IA (except 82 Iowa ZIP codes near Rock Island, IL) KS, MO (except the St. Louis area), MN, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OR, SD, SW TX, UT, WA, WY

**TRICARE Overseas:** (888) 777-8343; <http://www.tricare-overseas.com>

**TRICARE for Life:** (866) 773-0404; TDD (866) 773-0405  
<http://tricare.mil/Plans/HealthPlans/TFL.aspx>

**TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery:** (877) 363-1296;  
<http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery/>

**TRICARE Network Pharmacy:** (877) 363-1303; <http://www.express-scripts.com>

**TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan:** (888) 838-8737; <http://www.TRDP.org>

**US Family Health Plan:** <http://www.usfhp.com/>

**Armed Forces Recreation Centers** <http://www.armymwr.com>

**Hale Koa Hotel, Hawaii:** (800) 367-6027; <http://halekoa.com>

**Edelweiss Resort, Bavaria:** 011-49-8821-9440  
<http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com>

**Shades of Green, Florida:** (888) 593-2242; (407) 824-3665  
<http://www.shadesofgreen.org/reservations.htm>

**Dragon Hill, Korea:** 011-822-790-0016 <http://www.dragonhillodge.com>

**Veterans Affairs (VA) Information** <http://www.va.gov>

**Burial & Memorial Benefits:** <http://www.cem.va.gov/> (877) 907-8199

**Benefits and Services:** (800) 827-1000 (Retired Soldiers overseas should contact the American Embassy/consulate); TDD (800) 829-4833  
<http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>

**GI Bill:** (888) 442-4551; <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

**Health Care Benefits:** (877) 222-8387; <http://www.va.gov/health>

**Insurance:** SGLI/VGLI: (800) 419-1473; All other insurance: (800) 669-8477

## Sister Service Publications for Retired Service Members

**Air Force Afterburner:** <http://www.Retirees.af.mil/afterburner/>

**Coast Guard Evening Colors:** <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews/>

**Marine Corps Semper Fi:** <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/> then click Career/Retired Marines, then Semper Fidelis Newsletter

**Navy Shift Colors:** <http://www.navy.mil/> then click Links/Shift Colors



## RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICERS (RSOs)

Do you have questions about benefits, SBP, Retiree Appreciation Days, or anything else retirement-related? Then contact the RSO for your area or go to the Army Retirement Services website <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/rso>.

### INSTALLATION RSOs

(states/territories without Army installations list the RSO serving that area)

#### ALABAMA

• Redstone Arsenal  
(256) 876-2022  
[usarmy.redstone.imcom.mbx.retirement-services@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.redstone.imcom.mbx.retirement-services@mail.mil)  
• Ft. Rucker  
(334) 255-9124/9739  
[usarmy.rucker.usag.list.retirees@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.rucker.usag.list.retirees@mail.mil)

#### ALASKA

• JB Elmendorf-Richardson  
(800) 478-7384 (AK only)  
(907) 384-3500  
[rso@richardson.army.mil](mailto:rso@richardson.army.mil)  
• Ft. Wainwright  
(907) 353-2099  
[fwarso@wainwright.army.mil](mailto:fwarso@wainwright.army.mil)

#### ARIZONA

• Ft. Huachuca  
(520) 533-5733/1120  
[usarmy.huachuca.imcom-central.mbx.retirement-services-officer@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.huachuca.imcom-central.mbx.retirement-services-officer@mail.mil)

#### ARKANSAS

See Ft. Sill, OK  
**CALIFORNIA**  
• Presidio of Monterey  
(831) 242-4986 [usarmy.pom.imcom-central.mbx.retirement-services-officer-pom@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.pom.imcom-central.mbx.retirement-services-officer-pom@mail.mil)

#### COLORADO

• Ft. Carson  
(719) 526-2840  
[usarmy.carson.imcom-central.mbx.retirement-services-ft-carson-co@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.carson.imcom-central.mbx.retirement-services-ft-carson-co@mail.mil)

#### CONNECTICUT

See West Point, N.Y.

#### DELAWARE

See Ft. Meade, Md.

#### D.C.

See JB Myer-Henderson Hall, Va.

#### FLORIDA

• Central & West MacDill AFB (813) 828-0163  
[army.rso@amc.af.mil](mailto:army.rso@amc.af.mil)  
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#### GEORGIA

• Ft. Benning (706) 567-1805/2715  
[usarmy.benning.imcom.mbx.g1hrd-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benning.imcom.mbx.g1hrd-rso@mail.mil)  
• Ft. Gordon (706) 791-2654/4774  
[usarmy.gordon.imcom.list.fg-retiree-service-office@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.gordon.imcom.list.fg-retiree-service-office@mail.mil)

#### HAWAII

• Ft. Stewart (912) 767-5013/3326  
[usarmy.stewart.usag.mbx.dhr-retirement-services@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.stewart.usag.mbx.dhr-retirement-services@mail.mil)  
• Schofield Barracks (808) 655-1514  
[usaghi.dhr.rso@us.army.mil](mailto:usaghi.dhr.rso@us.army.mil)

#### IDAHO

Ft. Carson, Colo. or JB Lewis-McCord, Wash.

#### ILLINOIS

Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo  
Ft. McCoy, Wisc., Ft. Knox, Ky.

#### INDIANA

Ft. Knox, Ky.

#### IOWA

Ft. McCoy, Wisc.

#### KANSAS

• Ft. Leavenworth (913) 684-2425 [usarmy.leavenworth.imcom-west.mbx.retirement-svcs-offic@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.leavenworth.imcom-west.mbx.retirement-svcs-offic@mail.mil)

• Ft. Riley (785) 239-3320  
[usarmy.riley.imcom.mbx.rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.riley.imcom.mbx.rso@mail.mil)

#### KENTUCKY

• Ft. Campbell (270) 798-5280  
[usarmy.campbell.imcom-southeast.mbx.dhr-mpsdr-retire@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.campbell.imcom-southeast.mbx.dhr-mpsdr-retire@mail.mil)  
• Ft. Knox (502) 624-1765  
[usarmy.knox.imcom-atlantic.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.knox.imcom-atlantic.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil)

#### LOUISIANA

• Ft. Polk (337) 531-0363  
[rso@polk.army.mil](mailto:rso@polk.army.mil)

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• Aberdeen Proving Grnd (410) 306-2322  
[usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.imne-apg-hrm@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.imne-apg-hrm@mail.mil)  
• Ft. Meade (301) 677-9603  
[armyrsomeade@mail.mil](mailto:armyrsomeade@mail.mil)

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• Lower Mich. Selfridge ANGB (586) 239-5580

#### MINNESOTA

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#### MISSISSIPPI

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• Ft. Leonard Wood (573) 596-0947  
[usarmy.leonardwood.usag.mbx.dhr-rso-flw@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.leonardwood.usag.mbx.dhr-rso-flw@mail.mil)

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#### NEW JERSEY

• JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (609) 562-2666  
[usarmy.jbmdl.imcom-northeast.mail.dhr-hr-m-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbmdl.imcom-northeast.mail.dhr-hr-m-rso@mail.mil)

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• Ft. Drum (315) 772-6434  
[usarmy.drum.imcom-atlantic.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.drum.imcom-atlantic.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil)  
• Ft. Hamilton (718) 630-4552  
[usarmy.hamilton.imcom.mbx.rso-org-box@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.hamilton.imcom.mbx.rso-org-box@mail.mil)

#### NEW YORK

• Watervliet Arsenal (Wed/Thurs 0800-1300) (518) 266-5810  
[wvarso@gmail.com](mailto:wvarso@gmail.com)  
• West Point (845) 938-4217  
[rso@usma.army.mil](mailto:rso@usma.army.mil)

#### NO. CAROLINA

• Ft. Bragg (910) 396-8591  
[usarmy.bragg.imcom-atlantic.mbx.bragg-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.bragg.imcom-atlantic.mbx.bragg-rso@mail.mil)

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#### OKLAHOMA

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[usarmy.sill.imcom-central.mbx.ft-sill-retirement-services@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.sill.imcom-central.mbx.ft-sill-retirement-services@mail.mil)

#### OREGON

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#### PENNSYLVANIA

• Carlisle Barracks (717) 245-4501  
[usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.rso@mail.mil)  
• Tobyhanna Army Depot (Tu/Wed/Thur) (570) 615-7019  
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#### RHODE ISLAND

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[usarmy.bliss.imcom-central.mbx.rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.bliss.imcom-central.mbx.rso@mail.mil)  
• Ft. Hood (254) 287-5210  
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[usarmy.belvoir.imcom.mbx.retirement-services@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.belvoir.imcom.mbx.retirement-services@mail.mil)  
• JB Langley-Eustis (757) 878-5884/3220  
[usarmy.jble.imcom.mbx.eustis-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jble.imcom.mbx.eustis-rso@mail.mil)  
• Ft. Lee (804) 734-6555 (804) 734-6973  
[usarmy.lee.imcom.mbx.leece-ima-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.lee.imcom.mbx.leece-ima-rso@mail.mil)  
• JB Myer-Henderson Hall (703) 696-5948/3689  
[usarmy.jbmhh.asa.hrd-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbmhh.asa.hrd-rso@mail.mil)

#### WASHINGTON

• JB Lewis-McChord (253) 966-5884  
[usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-mpsdr-retirement-services@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-mpsdr-retirement-services@mail.mil)

#### WEST VIRGINIA

See Ft. Knox, Ky.

#### WISCONSIN

• Ft. McCoy (800) 452-0923  
[usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil)

#### WYOMING

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#### PUERTO RICO

• Ft. Buchanan (787) 707-2061  
[mi.guel.a.apontecapeda.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mi.guel.a.apontecapeda.civ@mail.mil)

#### UTAH

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[usarmy.jble.imcom.mbx.eustis-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jble.imcom.mbx.eustis-rso@mail.mil)  
• Ft. Lee (804) 734-6555 (804) 734-6973  
[usarmy.lee.imcom.mbx.leece-ima-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.lee.imcom.mbx.leece-ima-rso@mail.mil)

• JB Myer-Henderson Hall (703) 696-5948/3689  
[usarmy.jbmhh.asa.hrd-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jbmhh.asa.hrd-rso@mail.mil)

• West Point, N.Y. (703) 696-5948/3689  
[usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-mpsdr-retirement-services@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-mpsdr-retirement-services@mail.mil)

• West Virginia (703) 696-5948/3689  
[usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-mpsdr-retirement-services@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-mpsdr-retirement-services@mail.mil)

• Wisconsin (800) 452-0923  
[usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil)

• Wyoming (787) 707-2061  
[mi.guel.a.apontecapeda.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mi.guel.a.apontecapeda.civ@mail.mil)

• Puerto Rico (787) 707-2061  
[mi.guel.a.apontecapeda.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mi.guel.a.apontecapeda.civ@mail.mil)

• Okinawa (6117) 44-4186  
[RSO@okinawa.army.mil](mailto:RSO@okinawa.army.mil)

• Korea (0503) 323-3735  
[usarmy.yongsan.imcom-pacific.usag-yongsan-retirement-servic@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.yongsan.imcom-pacific.usag-yongsan-retirement-servic@mail.mil)

• Camp Humphries (0503) 353-3872  
[usarmy.yongsan.imcom-pacific.list.usag-yongsan-retirement-servic@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.yongsan.imcom-pacific.list.usag-yongsan-retirement-servic@mail.mil)

### OVERSEAS RSOs

#### HQ IMCOM

**Europe**  
06032-67-5806  
[usarmy.sembach.imcom-europe.mbx.usarmy.sembach.imcom-europe-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.sembach.imcom-europe.mbx.usarmy.sembach.imcom-europe-rso@mail.mil)

#### German

**Ansbach**  
0981-183-3301  
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#### Baumholder

06783-6-6080

[usarmy.baumholder.imcom-europe.list.retirement-service@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.baumholder.imcom-europe.list.retirement-service@mail.mil)

**Grafenwoehr**  
09641-83-8709  
[usarmy.grafenwoehr.imcom.list.rso@grafenwoehr@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.grafenwoehr.imcom.list.rso@grafenwoehr@mail.mil)

**Rheinland-Pfalz**  
0631-411-8405  
[usarmy.rheinland-pfalz.imcom-europe.list.usag-r-p-ret-svcs@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.rheinland-pfalz.imcom-europe.list.usag-r-p-ret-svcs@mail.mil)

**Stuttgart**  
07031-15-2010  
[usarmy.stuttgart.imcom-europe.mbx.retirement-services@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.stuttgart.imcom-europe.mbx.retirement-services@mail.mil)

**Wiesbaden**  
0611-143-548-1614  
[usarmy.wiesbaden.imcom-europe.list.retire-svcs-wbn-dist-list@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.wiesbaden.imcom-europe.list.retire-svcs-wbn-dist-list@mail.mil)

#### Belgium

0032-65-44-7267  
[usarmy.belux.imcom-europe.mbx.rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.belux.imcom-europe.mbx.rso@mail.mil)

#### England

See HQ IMCOM Europe

#### Middle-East

See HQ IMCOM Europe

#### Netherlands

0032-65-44-7267  
[usarmy.belux.imcom-europe.mbx.rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.belux.imcom-europe.mbx.rso@mail.mil)

#### Italy/So. Europe/Africa

**Vicenza**  
0444-71-7262  
[usarmy.vicenza.imcom-europe.mbx.retirement-service@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.vicenza.imcom-europe.mbx.retirement-service@mail.mil)

#### Japan

**Camp Zama**  
046-407-3940 [usarmy.zama.imcom-pacific.mbx.usagi-mpsdr-rso@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.zama.imcom-pacific.mbx.usagi-mpsdr-rso@mail.mil)

#### Okinawa

06117-44-4186  
[RSO@okinawa.army.mil](mailto:RSO@okinawa.army.mil)

#### Korea

**Yongsan**  
0503-323-3735  
[usarmy.yongsan.imcom-pacific.usag-yongsan-retirement-servic@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.yongsan.imcom-pacific.usag-yongsan-retirement-servic@mail.mil)

#### Camp Humphries

0503-353-3872  
[usarmy.yongsan.imcom-pacific.list.usag-yongsan-retirement-servic@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.yongsan.imcom-pacific.list.usag-yongsan-retirement-servic@mail.mil)

## **12. NEW APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE MEDAL**

### **Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal**

If you are a Korean War veteran, you may be eligible for the **Korean Ambassador Peace Medal**. The medal is an expression of appreciation from the Korean government to US service men and women who served in the Korean conflict.

To be eligible, the veterans must have served in country during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. It is also available for the veterans who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations until the end of 1955.

If a veteran was a Navy service member and had served aboard a naval vessel, then he or she is eligible if the naval vessel was assigned into Korean waters during the 1950 to 1953 time frame.

Please note that both men and women are eligible for this medal. The military had support positions such as nurse, clerical and administrative, and other positions that were predominantly held by women service members.

Criteria:

1. **To establish eligibility, you need a copy of your DD 214.** The DD 214 need not be certified or notarized, but it should be legible.
2. **There are no costs or fees to the family or to the veteran.** There are no legal agreements that need to be made, nor any documents to be signed. This is an appreciation in the form of the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal from the Republic of South Korea for the sacrifices, service and friendship of our American service men and women who served in the Korean War.
3. Fill out the attached application and send it along with a copy of your DD214 to:

**koreadefense@mofa.go.kr**

OR

**Embassy of the Republic of Korea**

**Office of Defense Attaché**

**2450 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.**

**Washington, DC 20008**



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### **Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal Application**

Name of Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include this along with a copy of your DD 214.**

13.



# JULY 11-14, 2017 KWDH PROJECT 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TEACHER CONFERENCE

**Now accepting applications for attendees and presenters. All expenses paid for teachers who become legacy certified.**

### **Who is eligible?**

We welcome any educator who can incorporate veteran stories and artifacts from the Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial into the classroom.

**A cohort of teachers from this conference will be selected to attend a week long research trip to South Korea.**

### **Want to learn more?**

Visit our website at [www.kwdhproject.org/teacher-conference](http://www.kwdhproject.org/teacher-conference)

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- 14. 10th Korea-America Student Conference (KASC):** Conference Date: July 23rd - August 13th, 2017  
Registration Deadline: March 1, 2017 --- Join 56 students from Korea and the United States in this three-week student conference to make new friends, discuss modern issues, and learn more about yourself. Apply before the priority deadline for a \$150 discount on your participation fee.

## The 10th Korea-America Student Conference

The 10th KASC will be held in the United States from **July 23 - August 13, 2017**.

A delegation of 56 students will be competitively selected to represent the U.S. and Korea in the conference (28 American students, and 28 Korean students). Delegates will travel to three locations in the United States: **Washington, DC; Dallas, TX; and San Francisco Bay Area**, and engage in academic, cultural, and professional exchange, including participating in lectures, seminars, networking events, cultural activities, and community service.

Delegates will discuss, analyze, and co-create solutions to four pressing bilateral and global topics throughout the month, and will present their joint solutions to a panel of experts and the general public at the conclusion of the conference. KASC seeks a diverse delegation, and all majors are welcome to apply. No prior experience with Korea or Korean necessary.

**[Applications to join the 10th KASC are open today. We accept applications on a rolling basis, apply soon!](#)**

**International Student Conferences, Inc.**  
1211 Connecticut Ave. NW · Ste. 420 · Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: (202) 289-9088 ·  
[info@iscdc.org](mailto:info@iscdc.org)

- 15. VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP DATA:** We are asking all Korean War Veterans Association Members to contact Publishing Concepts (PCI) to update their member information. PCI is a trusted partner of the Korean War Veterans Association of the United States of America. They will be printing your membership information as part of the Member Publication. Please call 1-800-829-4999 (toll free) to verify the accuracy of the data currently listed on file.

**16. VA NOMINEE: 5 THINGS DAVID SHULKIN SAID:**

**1. No to privatizing VA health care:** “There should be no doubt that if confirmed as secretary, I will seek major reform and a transformation of VA. There will be far greater accountability, dramatically improved access, responsiveness and expanded care options, but the Department of Veterans Affairs will not be privatized under my watch. If confirmed, I intend to build a system that puts veterans first and allows them to get the best possible health care wherever it may be — in VA or with community care.”

**[Welcome to The Intel, a blog examining the hot military news of the day](#)**

**2. What went wrong:** “I came to VA during a time of crisis, when it was clear veterans were not getting the timely access to high-quality health care they deserved. I soon discovered that years of ineffective systems and deficiencies in workplace culture had led to these problems. I concluded it would take years to fix the problems, but because veterans’ lives were at stake, there was no time to waste.”

And also: “It is unfortunate that a few employees who deviated from the values we hold so dear have been able to tarnish the reputation of so many who have dedicated their lives to serving those who have served.”

**3. How to reform the Choice program** (which allows veterans to see private doctors if the wait or commute is too long): “I’ve demonstrated my commitment to moving care into the community where it makes sense for the veteran. When I began my tenure as under secretary for health, 21 percent of care was delivered in the community, today that figure stands at 31 percent. But veterans still tell us that even with the ability to seek care in the community, they want VA services. ...Should I be confirmed, I intend to build an integrated system of care that would strengthen services within VA that are essential for veteran well-being, and use services in the community that can serve veterans with better outcomes and greater value to the taxpayer.”

**4. Does he agree with President Trump that the VA is a ‘disaster’:** “The president and I spoke about where the VA needs to go, and that’s where I will focus my attention ... He and I agree we need to do a lot better for our veterans.”

**5. How to reduce the appeals backlog for disability claims:** “We have no hope without a modernization act passed through Congress. ... I hope you pass one this year.”

## **17. VA’S NATIONAL CEMETERIES LEAD NATION IN SATISFACTION SURVEY- *Ranking tops private firms, federal agencies***

WASHINGTON – For the sixth consecutive time, the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration (NCA) was ranked first in customer satisfaction among the nation’s top corporations and federal agencies in an independent survey conducted by the CFI Group utilizing the science of the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI). “NCA continues to embody our MyVA principles focusing on a culture of continuous performance improvement so that families trust us during important times of need,” said Interim Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Snyder. “We are simplifying operations and providing Veterans quality care and services. We want them to view VA as MyVA; a world-class, customer-focused, Veteran-centered service organization.”

The ACSI is the only national, cross-industry measure of satisfaction with the quality of goods and services available in the United States. Beginning in 1999, the federal government began using the ACSI methodology to measure citizen satisfaction with its agencies.

For 2016, NCA achieved a customer satisfaction index of 96, currently the highest ACSI score in either the private or public sector. The score is nearly 32 points above the 64 point average for federal agencies. NCA participates in the ACSI every three years, previously in 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013. This is the sixth time NCA participated and the sixth consecutive time NCA received the top rating among participating organizations.

The ACSI survey polled the next-of-kin or other people who arranged for the interment of a loved one in a VA national cemetery, six months to one year prior to the survey’s commencement.

NCA received ratings in the categories of: customer service, respectfulness of the service and interment and maintenance of the national cemetery, achieving an aggregate score of 96 out of a possible 100 points, indicating respondents are extremely pleased with their experience at VA national cemeteries and with its employees. The score for customer service was the highest received for this measure since the survey’s inception. Respondents also reported particularly high levels of satisfaction around the respectfulness of the service and interment and the maintenance of the national cemetery. In addition, respondents were willing to recommend NCA’s services to others.

According to Interim Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Ronald E. Walters, NCA is continually seeking to improve customer services to Veterans.

“NCA has a proud tradition as an industry leader in both the public and private sectors,” Walters said. “These results demonstrate NCA’s continued commitment to providing dignified burials and lasting memorialization for Veterans and their family members.”

For a complete listing of ACSI’s results, visit: <http://www.theacsi.org/acsi-benchmarks-for-u-s-federal-government-2016>.

### **About NCA**

Burial in a VA national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, as applicable, and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or who die while on training duty under certain circumstances are also eligible for burial, as are servicemembers and former servicemembers who were eligible for retired pay at the time of their death.

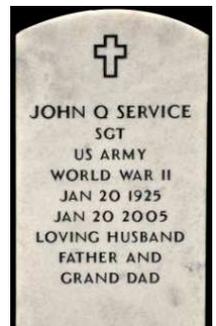
A Veteran's spouse, widow or widower, minor children, and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities, may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran.

VA provides the gravesite, grave liner, opening and closing of the grave, government headstone or marker, U.S. burial flag, Presidential Memorial Certificate and perpetual care of the gravesite at no cost to the family. VA operates 135 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites in 40 states and Puerto Rico. More than 4 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA's national cemeteries. VA also provides funding to establish, expand, improve, and maintain 105 Veterans cemeteries in 47 states and territories including tribal trust lands, Guam, and Saipan. For Veterans not buried in a VA national cemetery, VA provides headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service. In 2016, VA honored more than 345,000 Veterans and their loved ones with memorial benefits in national, state, tribal and private cemeteries.

Information on VA burial benefits is available from local VA national cemetery offices, from the Internet at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov), or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.

## **18. WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS?**

- Military members who died while on active duty or in the Selected Reserve
- Former military members who served on active duty or in the Selected Reserve and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions
- Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions
- Further clarification on eligibility is available on our [DoD Policy page](#).



### **Who is NOT eligible for Military Funeral Honors?**

- Any person separated from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions or whose character of service results in a bar to veteran's benefits
- Any person who was ordered to report to an induction station, but was not actually inducted into military service
- Any person discharged from the Selected Reserve prior to completing one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service for reasons other than a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty
- Any person convicted of a Federal capital crime and whose conviction is final (other than a person whose sentence was commuted by the President)
- Any person who has been convicted of a State capital crime and whose conviction is final (other than a person whose sentence was commuted by the Governor of a State)
- Any person who
  - a. is found to have committed a Federal capital crime or a State capital crime, as set forth in [section 2411\(c\) of title 38](#), but,
  - b. has not been convicted of such crime by reason of such person not being available for trial due to death or flight to avoid prosecution

For additional information, refer to [Title 38, United States Code, Section 2411](#) on the Department of Defense policy of this website.

See also paragraph 4.7.4 of Department of Defense Instruction 1300.15 on the Department of Defense policy of this website.

**How do I establish veteran eligibility?** The preferred method is to provide the member's DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. If the DD Form 214 is not available, any discharge document showing honorable service can be used. The DD Form 214 may be obtained by completing a Standard Form 180; once the DD Form 214 is received send it to:

National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63132

If requested, the NPRC can provide a Standard Form 180 by mail, or it can be downloaded from the Internet at: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>

**Is anyone else eligible to receive Funeral Honors?** Yes, members of the Commissioned Officer Corps of the Public Health Service (PHS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Certain Civilian or Contractual Groups who have been given Active Duty Service Determinations are **eligible as well as National Guard members.**

**How is PHS eligibility for Funeral Honors established?** For PHS Personnel, Funeral Honors eligibility is established by submitting PHS Form 1867, Statement of Service (equivalent to the DD Form 214). If the family does not have a copy of the Statement of Service, it may be obtained by contacting the Privacy Coordinator for the Commissioned Corps at (240) 453-6041 or by writing:

Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support  
Attention: Records Officer  
1101 Wootton Parkway  
Plaza Level, Suite 100  
Rockville, MD 20857

**How is NOAA eligibility for Funeral Honors established?** For NOAA personnel, eligibility is established by submitting NOAA Form 56-16, Report of Transfer or Discharge. If the family does not have a copy of the NOAA Form 56-16, it may be obtained by contacting the Chief, Officer Services Division, NOAA Commissioned Personnel Center at (301) 713-7715 or by writing:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Commissioned Personnel Center  
Chief, Officer Services Division (CPC1)  
8403 Colesville Rd.  
Suite 500  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

**How does a family request Funeral Honors for NOAA or PHS decedents?** The families of PHS and NOAA decedents request Funeral Honors through their funeral director. The funeral director will contact the applicable points of contact at PHS or NOAA to arrange the Funeral Honors detail. Military Funeral Honors for PHS or NOAA decedents is provided by the Coast Guard.

**How is Funeral Honors eligibility for Civilian or Contractual Groups established?** By virtue of Public Law (P.L.) 95-202, individuals other than current/former uniformed service members can be considered 'veterans' under Title 38 (which contains the laws administered by the VA). Section 401 of P.L. 95-202 established a process whereby the Secretary of Defense could designate certain groups' service as active duty for the purpose of 'all laws administered by the Veterans' Administration.' These 'Active Duty Designees' would be eligible for

## Military Funeral Honors.

The Secretary of the Air Force has been delegated the responsibility, under Department of Defense Directive 1000.20., to make determinations under P.L. 95-202. This directive can be found at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/100020p.pdf>. The groups who could be considered for an 'active duty' designation by the Secretary must have rendered service to the Armed Forces of the United States in a capacity considered civilian employment or contractual service at the time the service was rendered.

**Section 1491 of Title 10, U.S.C.**, requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a Funeral Honors detail upon request to any 'veteran.' Section 1491 defines 'veteran' as, among other things, 'a decedent who served in the active military, naval, or air service (as defined in section 101(24) of title 38)... 'Section 101(24), in turn defines the term 'active military, naval, or air service' to include 'active duty.' Since Active Duty Designees have served on 'active duty' for purposes of Title 38, Active Duty Designees would therefore be 'veterans' under title 10, U.S.C. Section 1491 for purposes of receiving Funeral Honors required by that statute.

- 19. BURIAL BENEFITS REQUIRE VETS TO PLAN:** No one likes to think about death, but if a veteran wants to be buried with military rights, or in a national cemetery, pre-planning is a must. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has a website which includes information about national cemeteries, preparing in advance, donating burial flags and burial benefits for veterans buried in a private cemetery. To insure eligibility of burial in a VA cemetery, discharge papers are required. Family members should be made aware of where these papers are kept. The discharge papers are also required for burial benefits in a private cemetery. The VA has 131 national cemeteries and those eligible for the benefits are entitled to a gravesite at one of the national cemeteries, providing space is available. Opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a government headstone or marker, a burial flag and a Presidential Memorial Certificate are provided at no cost to the family. Burial benefits are also available for spouses and dependents of the veteran in a national cemetery even if they predecease the veteran, according to the website <http://www.cem.va.gov> (click on Veteran Services, then on burial benefits in the drop-down menu). Family members need to contact a funeral home to assist with making burial arrangements at a national cemetery. To schedule a burial, fax documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117. Many VA national cemeteries display an Avenue of Flags on patriotic holidays and during special events. The Avenue of Flags consists of burial flags donated by the families of deceased Veterans and provide a unique visible tribute. Veterans are entitled to burial benefits when buried in a private cemetery including a government headstone or marker, a burial flag and a Presidential Memorial Certificate at no cost to the family. Some veterans may also be eligible for burial allowances.
- For more information on eligibility call 1-800-827-1000. Arrangements for military burials in private cemeteries can also be arranged by calling the local VFW or American Legion Post.

## **20. VA NATIONAL CEMETERIES NOW OFFERING PRE-NEED ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS**

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced it now provides eligibility determinations for interment in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program, upon request, individuals can learn if they are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery. “MyVA is about looking at VA from the Veterans’ perspective, and then doing everything we can to make the Veteran Experience effective and seamless,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald. “This new program reaffirms our commitment to providing a lifetime of benefits and services for Veterans and their families.”

Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery, and supporting documentation, such as a DD Form 214, if readily available, to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office by: toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8299; email to [Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov](mailto:Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov); or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151. The VA will review applications and provide written notice of its determination of eligibility. VA will save determinations and supporting documentation in an electronic information system to expedite burial arrangements at the time of need. Because laws and personal circumstances change, upon receipt of a burial request, VA will validate all pre-need determinations in accordance with the laws in effect at that time.

The VA operates 135 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots in 40 states and Puerto Rico. More than 4 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA's national cemeteries. VA also provides funding to establish, expand and maintain 105 Veterans cemeteries in 47 states and territories including tribal trust lands, Guam, and Saipan. For Veterans buried in private or other cemeteries, VA provides headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service. In 2016, VA honored more than 345,000 Veterans and their loved ones with memorial benefits in national, state, tribal and private cemeteries.

Eligible individuals are entitled to burial in any open VA national cemetery, opening/closing of the grave, a grave liner, perpetual care of the gravesite, and a government-furnished headstone or marker or niche cover, all at no cost to the family. Veterans are also eligible for a burial flag and may be eligible for a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Information on VA burial benefits is available from local VA national cemetery offices, from the Internet at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov), or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117. [Pre-Need+Eligibility++Fact+Sheet-Final.docx](#)

**21. TAXES FROM A TO Z: V IS FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS:** Under the Tax Code, income is reportable and taxable unless otherwise excluded. Fortunately, when it comes to veterans' benefits, those paid under any law, regulation, or administrative practice administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are completely excludable. Excludable benefits for veterans includes educational benefits, including education, training, and subsistence allowances. Likewise, benefits under a dependent-care assistance program are not taxable. Excludable benefits for veterans also include compensation and accommodation for disabilities. Specifically, disability compensation and pension payments for disabilities paid either to veterans or their families as well as grants for homes designed for wheelchair living and for motor vehicles for veterans who lost their sight or the use of their limbs are not taxable. Payments made under the compensated work therapy program are similarly excludable. Death benefits for veterans and their families are also excludable. Veterans' insurance proceeds and dividends paid either to veterans or their beneficiaries, including the proceeds of a veteran's endowment policy paid before death are not taxable, as are death gratuities paid to a survivor of a member of the Armed Forces who died after September 10, 2001. Any interest on those insurance dividends you leave on deposit with the VA are also excludable. Finally, any bonus payment by a state or political subdivision because of a veteran's service in a combat zone is tax free. And remember, it's not just benefits paid to veterans that are excludable. As noted above, those veterans' benefits paid to family members are treated the same as those paid to veterans and are tax free. For more information about taxes and the military, check out [IRS Pub 3, Armed Forces' Tax Guide](#) (downloads as a pdf).

**22. REVISIT TO KOREA PROGRAM:**

The Revisit Korea program is over for 2016. Over 350 veterans and family members returned to Korea on the ROK government subsidized program that was commenced in 1975. The big change this year was that the Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA) approved Korea Defense Veterans, and their families, going for the first time. We have been told that the program will continue in 2017. We don't receive the actual quotas and specific dates until after the first of the year. However, the months are usually June, July, September, October and December. These quotas go very fast so it's highly recommended that you submit your registrations ASAP. For more information see: [www.KWVA.org](http://www.KWVA.org) or [www.miltours.com](http://www.miltours.com)

**23. THE SAE EDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN KOREA**—The Sae Eden Presbyterian Church is planning an event in Houston, Texas in June 7, 2017. President Thomas Stevens and Past President Larry Kinard will represent the KWVA.

**24. 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

**25. VETERANS DAY 2017:** Director Paul Cunningham has been appointed Chair of the Veterans Day 2017 Committee. Other members include Director Whitmore and Executive Director Jim Fisher. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please inform Director Cunningham.

Our urgent interest in this planning lies in the necessity for the Korean War Veterans to prepare for Veterans Day, 2017 when we will be Host VSO.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and agenda items included:

- Review of quotes from caterers for Reception. Polish food items were included in the menu and reflected in the quotes of just under **\$32,000 (this includes all taxes and usage fees)**. This represents the largest single expense.
- Logistics of setting up the reception area to provide informative information regarding the PLAV, membership applications, National Service Director on Benefits available to veterans. Volunteers to “man” the tables, greeters and personnel to check the names of guests against the issued invitations. (Must meet restrictions and/or rules set by VA) Signage and its display.
- Invitation Cards for the reception.
- Ordering Lapel Pins for reception attendees and possibly members who will be unable to attend.
- Reception location. Women in Military Service Memorial Building. **RENTAL FEE: \$5,000.00** (SUBJECT TO CHANGE).
- Determination of Need for a Specific Checking Account for the 2017 Veterans Day Event with the requirement that 2 signatures be required for all checks.
- Hotels and Transportation needs for Departments. Consideration of “Specials” such as tours and monument visitations. Several area lodging sites had been visited and were discussed.
- Seating for the Ceremonies at Arlington Amphitheater and Bus information. Early arrival for PLAV is encouraged because of expected crowds. Amphitheater seating is limited and opens to the public on a “first come-first seated” basis after 8:00A

**26. READING OF THE FALLEN:** The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation has been conducting a reading the names of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Korean War. In 2015, all of the American Servicemen who died during the war had their names announced in a very dignified and solemn ceremony. This year all of the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldier’s names who were killed had their names read at the Memorial. **On June 25, 2017, The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation will read all of the fallen from the Allied Countries who came to the aid of South Korea will have their names read at the Memorial.**



**27. POW/MIA REPORT:** Submitted by Mr. Rocky Harder, KWVA POW/MIA Coordinator. Monthly Teleconference, DPAA-Family Organizations/VSO/MSO



Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Monthly Field  
Operations Summary  
As of February 07, 2017



**Summary:** Keeping the families of our missing and veterans informed is a part of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA) mission. This Field Operations Summary is intended to provide an overview of past and future efforts to account for our missing.

**Overview:** As of February 7, 2017, there were 60 personnel deployed in support of operations around the world.

We continued our Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Joint Field Activities this month. Our main operational focus is to conduct recovery missions in Southeast Asia in order to account for our personnel lost during the Vietnam War. Our operations in Europe and the Mediterranean region focused on investigations to enable future recovery efforts in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY17.

The majority of our long-term disinterment projects this year will be from U.S. cemeteries in the Philippines, Hawaii and Europe.

The Continuing Resolution that goes until April 28 remains a factor in our ability to conduct field operations. The budget horizon beyond April is uncertain; therefore, we will allocate limited funds in order to achieve the fullest possible accounting for the remainder of this fiscal year.

In addition to the Continuing Resolution impacting our ability to request additional funds as highlighted in last month's summary, DPAA is also impacted by the recently announced freeze on hiring civilian employees. Positions that are currently unfilled continue to impact operations and operational support functions; however, we have received guidance on the requirements for submission of exceptions to policy and are working to request exceptions to fill our most critical positions.

We have begun mission analysis and planning for the Agency's FY18-19 Operations Plan (OPLAN). The main effort for field recoveries continues to be Vietnam War losses. The primary effort to achieve our goal of identifying the remains of 200 unaccounted-for personnel in FY18 and FY19 will come from the disinterment of service members buried as Unknowns.

**Asia-Pacific Region:** DPAA recently began missions in the Asia-Pacific region for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY17 (January-March 2017). To maintain momentum for Vietnam War losses, DPAA deployed Investigation Teams (IT) and Recovery Teams (RT) to Laos as planned; however, DPAA did reduce the number of teams conducting operations in Vietnam and Cambodia. The Vietnamese will conduct a unilateral operation to help offset this reduction. Additionally, DPAA reduced the size and number of teams, and in some cases cancelled missions altogether in other countries in Asia and the South Pacific. DPAA will continue to reevaluate planned missions, adjusting the size and scope of field activities as dictated by budgetary constraints, degradation of sites by acidic soil, unexploded ordnance (UXO), increased development activity, and host nation requests.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, DPAA will deploy one IT and one RT to Vietnam, as well as a Field Forensic Review (FFR) and Joint Forensic Review team. Our Vietnamese counterparts will provide one Research and Investigation Team (RIT) and one Unilateral Investigation Team (UIT).

- Within the last 30 days DPAA conducted missions in the following Asia Pacific region countries:
  - Laos, 1xIT/3xRT
  - Tarawa, (via History Flight Group, DPAA Partner)
    - Philippines, (via DPAA Partner University of Illinois, Chicago)
    - Cambodia, Pre Deployment Site Survey (PDSS) in prep for 1xRT 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- DPAA planned missions in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (January-March):
  - Tarawa, FFR
  - Philippines, Disinterment
  - Laos, 2xIT/6xRT
  - Vietnam, reduced from 3xIT/5xRT to 2xIT/2xRT 1xRT, 1xURT
  - Burma, reduced from 1xRT/1xIT to 1xRIT
  - Palau, 1xIT/1xRT (via SEARCH H2O DPAA Partner)
- DPAA missions cancelled due to Continuing Resolution impacts:
  - Micronesia, 1xIT
  - Solomons, 1xIT
  - India, Outsourced RT
  - Kirabati, 1xIT
  - China, 1xIT
  - Papua New Guinea, 2xRT
  - Philippines, 1xIT/1xRT
  - Indonesia, 1xIT

**Europe-Mediterranean Region:** Under the current funding arrangement DPAA has sufficient funding to operate at full capacity in the Europe-Mediterranean region through April 2017.

- DPAA had no Field Operations planned for the month of January in the Europe-Mediterranean region
- DPAA mission related engagements for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (January-March)
  - Coordination with U.S. Army Europe planners to complete, later in FY17, a joint recovery of a WWII aircraft loss in Eastern Europe
  - United States-Russia Joint Commission (USRJC) technical talks in Moscow February 20-21. In a continuing effort to reinvigorate the USRJC, these will be the first technical talks held since 1997 to cover all four conflicts (WWII, Korea, Cold War, and Vietnam)
  - History Flight, Incorporated, a DPAA partner, will return to Germany to complete a site they began excavating in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.
- DPAA planned Missions in the European-Mediterranean Region, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:
  - Italy/Sicily, 1xIT
  - Germany/Poland, 1xIT
  - Italy, 1xIT
  - Netherlands/Germany, 2xRT, History Flight Pilot Program (DPAA Partner)

**Disinterments:**

- Coordination continues with multiple agencies for the repatriation of unknown remains disinterred from the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) cemetery, in Margraten, Netherlands.
- Eight (8) scheduled for ABMC Cemeteries (5 in Ardennes, 2 in Sicily, 1 in Tunis)

**Scientific Analysis:** DPAA laboratories are adequately funded through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY17. The pace of identifications has slowed due to the retirement of our primary Medical Examiner. Our second Medical Examiner provided to DPAA by the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System will continue to validate/authorize identifications in the interim.

- Statistics:
  - Identifications: 35 Fiscal Year To Date (FYTD)/0 in January 2017
  - Disinterments: 93 FYTD/38 in January 2017
  
- **Army Sgt. Donald D. Noehren**, missing from the Korean War, has now been accounted for. In late November 1950, Noehren was a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, fighting units of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) in North Korea, in a delaying action south from the Ch'ongch'on River to Kunu-ri. The unit was ordered to withdraw, and encountered a number of heavily defended enemy roadblocks, continuous enemy mortar, small arms and machine-gun fire. Many soldiers, including Noehren, were captured. He was declared missing in action as of Nov. 30, 1950. DNA analysis and circumstantial evidence were used in the identification of his remains. Interment services are pending.
  
- **Army Cpl. Melvin R. Hill**, 19, of Pomona, California, will be buried Feb. 4 in Alex, Oklahoma. In late November 1950, Hill's unit was assembled with South Korean soldiers in the 31st Regimental Combat Team on the east side of the Chosin River, North Korea, when his unit was attacked by Chinese forces. After several days of intense fighting, approximately 1,300 members of the RCT were killed or captured in enemy territory. Hill was among those declared missing on Dec. 6, 1950. [Read more about Cpl. Hill.](#)
  
- **Army Master Sgt. Ira V. Miss, Jr.**, 23, of Frederick, Maryland, will be buried Feb. 8 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. Miss was a member of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, operating in the area known as the Central Corridor in South Korea. Miss was reported missing in action on Feb. 13, 1951, after Chinese forces overran the roadblock he was manning. [Read more about Master Sgt. Miss.](#)
  
- For more information on DPAA please visit our website at [www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil) <<http://www.dpaa.mil/>> , find us on social media at [www.facebook.com/dodpaa](http://www.facebook.com/dodpaa) or call 703-699-1008.
  
- **MIA Families Sought:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is seeking families of missing American service members to attend informational update meetings and to collect DNA samples if one is not already on file. Learn more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/Families/Family-Events/>.
  
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8. POW/MIA  
FOREVER  
A  
MESSAGE

**STAMP:**

FROM TOM THIEL ~ KWVA CID169 Sec, Ed, Web, DoF Web, AL#41. 19147 Park Place Blvd, Eustis, FL 32736 [352-408-6612](tel:352-408-6612), [kwvathiel@gmail.com](mailto:kwvathiel@gmail.com)

There are more than 83,000 MIAs in all wars starting with WWII to the present. According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, More than 7,800 Americans remain unaccounted-for from the Korean War. They were our brothers and sisters in arms, and U.S. Citizens. The Korean War and Korea Defense Service Veterans of Lake County, Chapter 169 Inc., has pledged to do all that it can to return all MIAs so that their families may gain some peace. We must do still more to keep the public aware of these 83,000 Missing in Action Americans. A First Class POW/MIA Forever Stamp would surely help us do this, and we want to convince the U.S. Postal Service to issue such a stamp. But the Post Office objects. Fortunately, one of our Korean War brothers, a POW for some 33 months, the late William “Bill” Allen, author of “*My Old Box of Memories*,” had already done a lot of spadework on this effort. But, sadly, Bill was not able to convince the Postal Service. So he went to his Congressman, Gus Bilirakis of Florida's 12th District who in 2013 introduced HR2794, the Perpetual POW/MIA Stamp Act. In December 2015, Mr. Bilirakis reintroduced it as H.R. 3558 with the same name.

I obtained this new information from Congressman Ron DeSantis, of FL 11th District. According to Mr. DeSantis, “This legislation would provide for the issuance of a forever stamp depicting the National League of Families POW/MIA flag to honor members of the Armed Forces who are still prisoners, missing, or unaccounted for.” Mr. DeSantis went on to say “H.R. 3558 has been referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.” Mr. DeSantis continued “As a member of this committee, I will diligently review this legislation with my colleagues and keep your thoughts in mind should this, or any similar measure, come to the House floor for a vote.” Sadly, our legislation is still buried in the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. We sincerely appreciate all that have contacted their U.S. Representatives on behalf of the original bill. But now you need to do it again—contact your Congress person, our FL representatives on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and leaders of this committee. Please also send this to your Veteran’s Group’s National Level so that this action might be implemented throughout the U.S., not just in Central Florida. Selected addresses follow:

**Congressman Gus Bilirakis** 2187 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-5755; Fax:(202) 225-4085 7132 Little Road New Port Richey, FL 34654 (727) 232-2921; FAX:(727) 232-2923

**Congressman John Mica** 2187 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-4035; Fax:(202) 226-0821 100 East Sybelia Avenue, Suite 340 Maitland, FL 32751-4495 407-657-8080; Fax: 407-657-5353

**Congressman Ron DeSantis** 308 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 202-225-2706; Fax: 202-226-6299 1000 City Center Circle Port Orange, FL 32129 386-756-9798; Fax: 386-756-9903  
United States House Committee on Oversight & Government Reform

**Congressman Jason Chaffetz**, Chairman, UT-3 2236 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-7751 51 S University Ave., Suite 318 Provo, UT 84601 Phone: (801) 851-2500

**Congressman Elijah Cummings**, Ranking Mbr, MD-7 2230 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-4741; Fax: (202) 225-3178, 1010 Park Avenue Suite 105 Baltimore, MD 21201, (410) 685-9199; Fax: (410) 685-9399

29. **HONOR FLIGHTS:** Honor Flights for the remainder of the year have not been scheduled to the unpredictable weather in Washington, D.C. Honor Flights will resume starting in April 2017.
30. **RESCHEDULED: KWVMF FUND RAISING GALAS:** A Gala Benefit is scheduled for, July 27, 2017, at the Sheila Hotel, Seoul, Korea to raise money for the maintenance program at the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Wall of Remembrance in Washington, D.C.
31. **Changjin (CHOSIN FEW) MEMORIAL DEDICATION** at Quantico Marine Corps Base (Museum) will likely be dedicated in April of 2017. More information to follow as it is given to us.
32. **CHINA SAYS OPPOSES N KOREAN MISSILES TESTS THAT VIOLATE UN RESOLUTIONS**  
BEIJING (Reuters) - China opposes North Korean missile tests that run contrary to U.N. resolutions, the Foreign Ministry said on Monday after North Korea said it had successfully test-fired a new type of medium- to long-range ballistic missile the previous day. Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang made the comment at a daily news briefing in Beijing. North Korea fired the ballistic missile on a high arc into the sea early on Sunday, the first test of U.S. President Donald Trump's vow to get tough on isolated North Korea that tested nuclear devices and ballistic missiles last year at an unprecedented rate.
33. **NEW MEMORIAL PROPOSED FOR ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY:**

Upper Monument Dimensions:

36" x 10" x 72" (revised 7-7-15)

Monument Base Dimensions:

52" x 18" x 8"

Morse Code (height): 1/2"

Letter Size (height):

Line 1 : 2"

Lines 2, 3, 4, 5: 1"

Line 6: 1-1/2"

Emblem Dimensions:

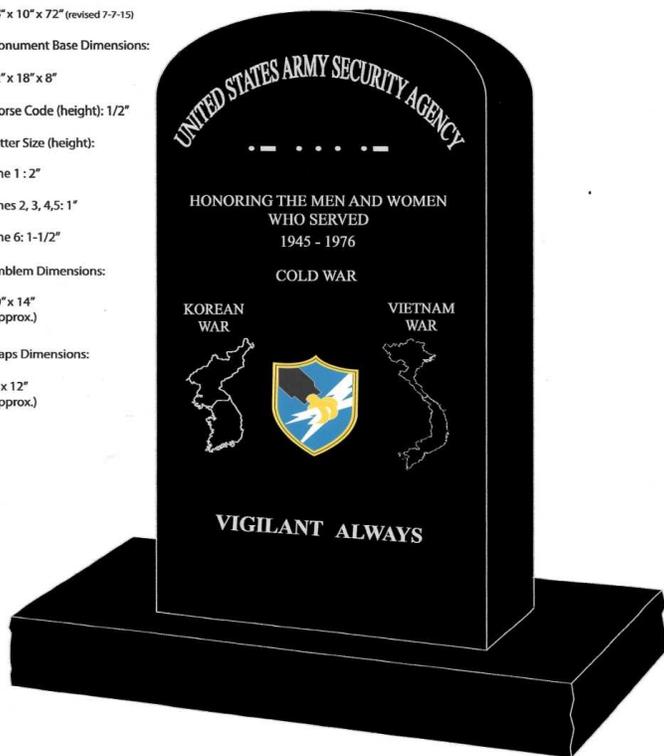
10" x 14"  
(approx.)

Maps Dimensions:

6" x 12"  
(approx.)

Note for Colors:

White areas are recessed



Upper Monument Dimensions:

36" x 10" x 72"

Monument Base Dimensions:

52" x 18" x 8"

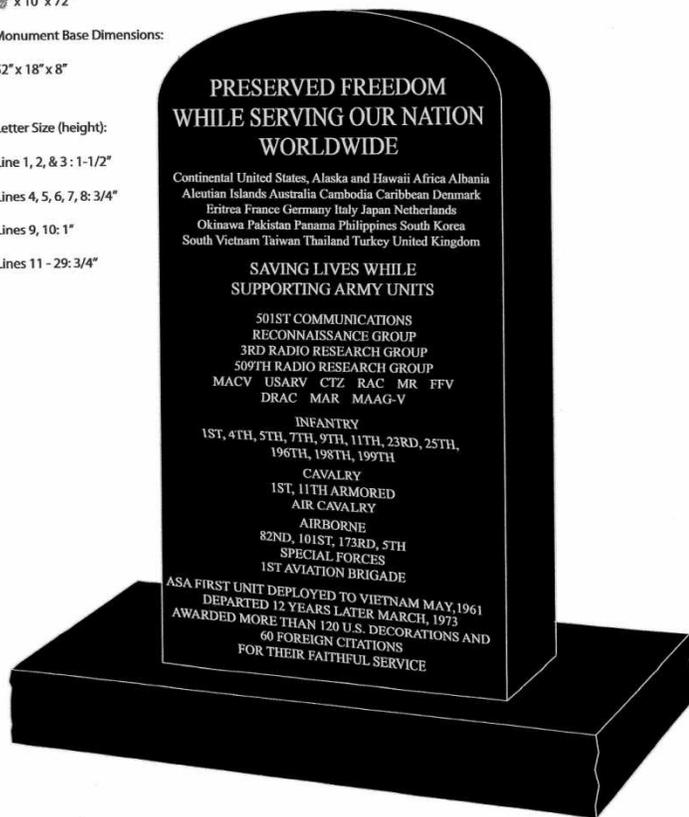
Letter Size (height):

Line 1, 2, & 3 : 1-1/2"

Lines 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: 3/4"

Lines 9, 10: 1"

Lines 11 - 29: 3/4"



34.

**KWVA PRAYER LIST**

- a. Mrs. Virginia Edwards (Sonny's wife) – remission from cancer and Hip Replacement
- b. COL Bill Weber – Fitting of new prosthesis
- c. Director George Bruzgis – Operation on his legs – Circulation problems
- d. Our Country (USA)
- e. Our Countries Leadership
- f. Men and Women serving in the Armed Forces

**35. TRICARE: PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

WASHINGTON – Don't wait for fraud against TRICARE beneficiaries to be in the news. Always protect your personal information! Whether you're active duty or retired, don't share your uniformed service identification card, or personal or family information with someone you don't know. Protecting your personal information is vital to your privacy, and prevents abuse of taxpayer dollars.

Fraudsters often target TRICARE beneficiaries. For example, they conduct fake surveys to collect personal information. They call saying they know you have TRICARE and want to let you know you qualify for a free or low cost knee brace or walker. They then bill TRICARE for services or supplies you don't need and never get.

No one from TRICARE will ever recommend a particular product or medicine. If someone does, don't share any personal information. If you think you're the victim of TRICARE-related fraud, report it to the Defense Health Agency. Also, report when you think a provider or company is trying to defraud TRICARE. For example, if your TRICARE explanation of benefits (EOB) shows a charge for services you didn't get, tell your TRICARE regional contractor.

TRICARE won't just call or email you asking for personal identifying information, such as your

uniformed service ID number, social security number, or Department of Defense benefits number. Only give that kind of information to a trusted person or office, like your doctor, a TRICARE claims processor or regional contractor. Be wary of an unknown person offering a gift or reward in exchange for a health service. They may be trying to commit fraud.

### **36. INVITATION: RECOGNITION AND HONORING KOREAN WAR VETERANS**

Good afternoon Korean War Veterans Association.

I want to let you know about an important event we are hosting in Concord NC on Sunday, July 30. It is an event to recognize and honor Veterans of the Korean War. This special event is free for Korean Veterans and 1 guest. Please help us get the word out. I have attached the event and sponsor fliers. We would welcome someone from your organization to attend and make a short presentation.

See event introduction below

The “We Honor Veterans” program at Hospice & Palliative Care Center and Rowan Hospice & Palliative Care is hosting a July 30<sup>th</sup> dinner to recognize and honor Veterans of the Korean War, similar to the two Spirit of ’45 Celebrations we facilitated for our WWII Veterans on 10/15/15 and 8/28/16.

The Embassy Suites in Concord has agreed to participate again and is holding the afternoon of Sunday, July 30 open for this event. This special event will begin at 4:00 pm and continue to 7:00 pm.

The Korean “Police Action” has become known as the “Forgotten War”. For many people their knowledge of this war is a TV comedy show called MASH. These Veterans have never received the recognition they deserve and we, with your help, would like to change that for them. This war was as difficult and brutal as any, and in some ways more so. See details below.

#### **The Korean War by the numbers:**

- June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953.
- **Americans Killed: 33,664**
- Americans wounded: over 100,000
- Medal of Honor winners: 131
- **Americans MIA – Still Unaccounted for: 8,176**
- Americans POW: 7,140 (Liberated: 4,418, Died as a POW: 2,701, Refused repatriation: 21)
- Over 5 million people killed – **over 50% were civilians**

I am confident that the Veterans of the “Forgotten War” will be just as grateful, if not more so.

Thanks...Don Timmons

Veteran, Army – 1969 & 1970

Community Partnership and Veterans Support Coordinator

Hospice & Palliative Care Center and Rowan Hospice & Palliative Care

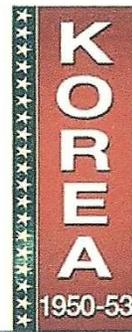
Office: 336 331-1309 Mobile: 336 403-1964

[don.timmons@hospicecarecenter.org](mailto:don.timmons@hospicecarecenter.org)

**SEE FLYER BELOW**

# "No Longer Forgotten"

A Special Event to Recognize and Honor Those Who Served in the **Korean War**



*Please join us for this special event to honor Veterans of the "Forgotten War" for their service to our country. There will be a reception and dinner followed by entertainment featuring Letters From Home.*

☆☆☆☆☆☆ **Sunday, July 30, 2017** ☆☆☆☆☆☆  
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Charlotte-Concord/Golf Resort & Spa  
5400 John Q. Hammons Dr. NW, Concord, NC 28027

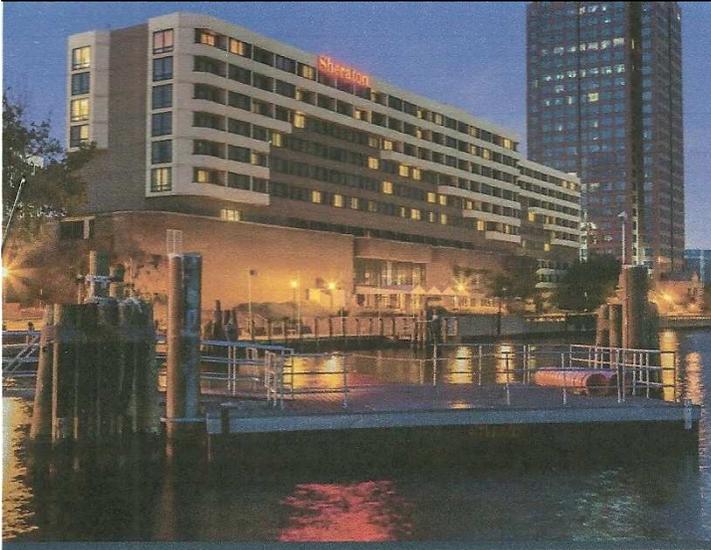
Check-In Begins at 3:00 pm  
Group Photo @ 4:00 pm, Followed by Program & Dinner

This special event is **FREE to Veterans of the Korean War and one guest**  
Individual tickets to the event are \$45 for other attendees

**Sponsor Packages Available - Call Don Timmons at 336 331-1309**



## 37. 2017 KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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#### **BOOKING LINK**

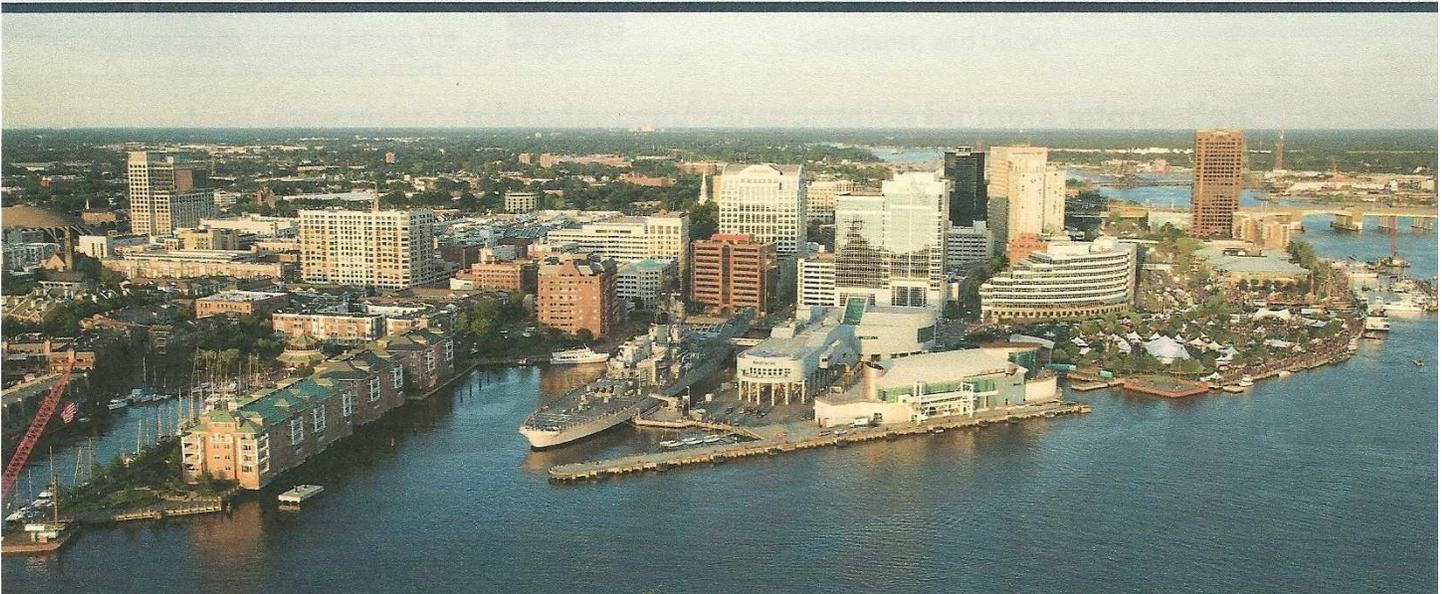
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/KWVA2017> or call 1-800-325-3535 and ask for the Korean War Veterans Association

#### **RATES**

Standard room at \$104.00 plus tax, Balcony room at \$114.00 plus tax, Club Level king at \$134.00 plus tax. Choice of two queen size beds or one king size bed, harbor view or city view. Club level rooms include access to complimentary continental breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres.

#### **LOCATION**

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510 [www.sheraton.com/norfolk](http://www.sheraton.com/norfolk) (757) 622-6664.

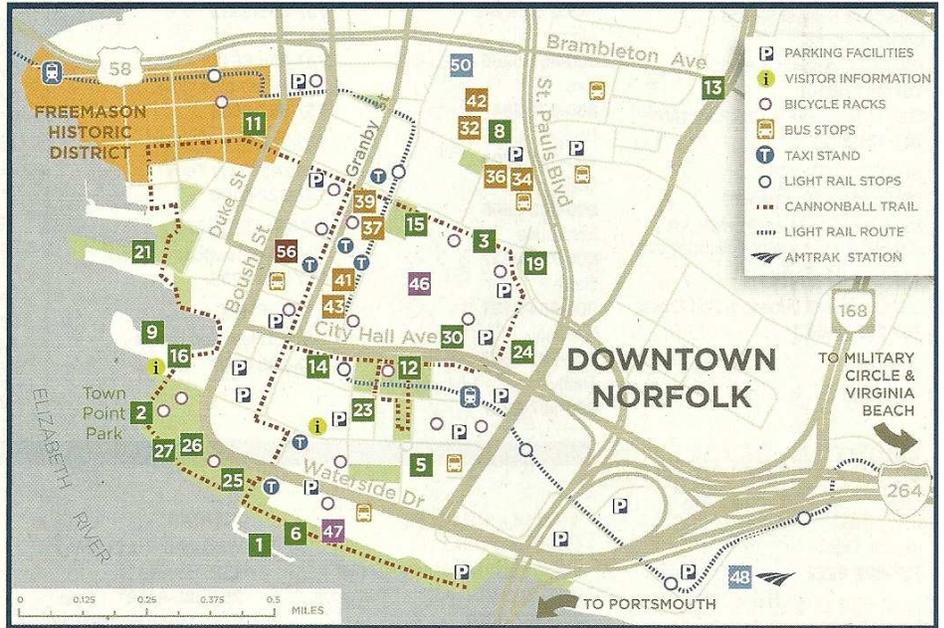
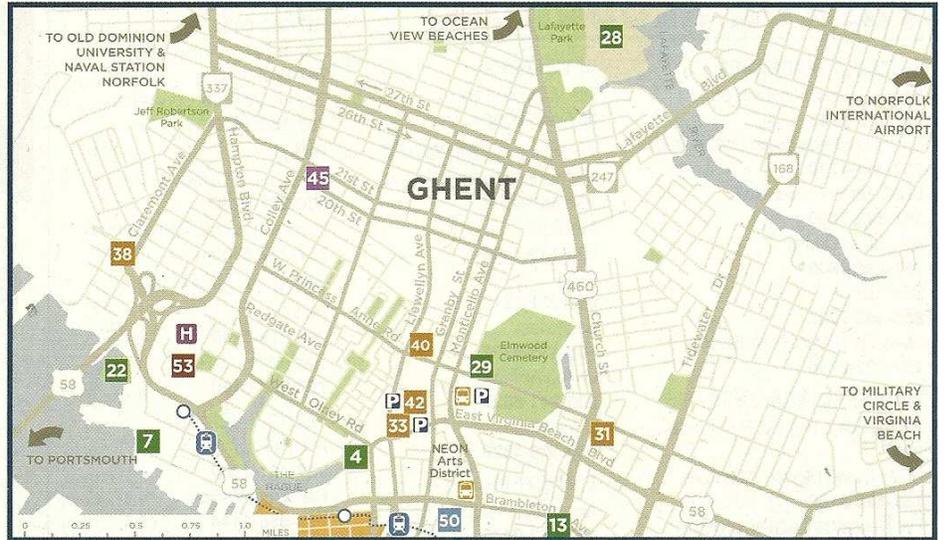


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- 1 American Rover Tall Ship Cruises  
757-627-SAIL (7245) | [americanrover.com](http://americanrover.com)
- 2 Armed Forces Memorial  
1-800-368-3097
- 3 The Cannonball Trail
- 4 Chrysler Museum of Art / Glass Studio  
757-664-6200 | [chrysler.org](http://chrysler.org)
- 5 Confederate Monument
- 6 Elizabeth River Ferry  
757-222-6100 | [gohrt.com/services/ferry](http://gohrt.com/services/ferry)
- 7 Fort Norfolk  
[norfolkhistorical.org/ftnorfolk](http://norfolkhistorical.org/ftnorfolk)
- 8 Generic Theater  
757-441-2160 | [generictheater.org](http://generictheater.org)
- 9 Hampton Roads Naval Museum  
757-322-2987 | [hrnm.navy.mil](http://hrnm.navy.mil)
- 10 Hermitage Museum and Gardens  
757-423-2052 | [theheritagemuseum.org](http://theheritagemuseum.org)
- 11 Hunter House Victorian Museum  
757-623-9814 | [hunterhousemuseum.org](http://hunterhousemuseum.org)
- 12 The MacArthur Memorial  
757-441-2965 | [macarthurmemorial.org](http://macarthurmemorial.org)
- 13 Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument
- 14 Monticello Arcade  
[monticelloarcade.com](http://monticelloarcade.com)
- 15 Moses Myers House  
757-664-6200 | [chrysler.org/about-the-museum/historic-houses](http://chrysler.org/about-the-museum/historic-houses)
- 16 Nauticus, Half Moone Cruise & Celebration Center & Battleship Wisconsin  
757-664-1000 | 1-800-664-1080  
[nauticus.org](http://nauticus.org) | [halfmoone.org](http://halfmoone.org)
- 17 Naval Station Norfolk  
757-444-7955 | [cnic.navy.mil/norfolksta/index.htm](http://cnic.navy.mil/norfolksta/index.htm)
- 18 Norfolk Botanical Garden  
757-441-5830 | [norfolkbotanicalgarden.org](http://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org)
- 19 Norfolk History Museum at the Willoughby-Baylor House  
757-664-6200 | [chrysler.org/about-the-museum/historic-houses](http://chrysler.org/about-the-museum/historic-houses)
- 20 Ocean View Station Museum  
757-531-0445 | [ovsm.org](http://ovsm.org)
- 21 The Pagoda and Garden  
757-622-0506 | [pagodagarden.org](http://pagodagarden.org)
- 22 Plum Point Park
- 23 Slover Library  
757-644-7323 | [sloverlibrary.com](http://sloverlibrary.com)
- 24 St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
757-627-4353 | [stpaulsnorfolk.org](http://stpaulsnorfolk.org)
- 25 Spirit of Norfolk  
866-304-2469 | [spiritofnorfolk.com](http://spiritofnorfolk.com)
- 26 Town Point Park
- 27 Victory Rover Naval Base Cruises  
757-627-7406 | [navalbasecruises.com](http://navalbasecruises.com)
- 28 Virginia Zoo  
757-441-2374 | [virginiazoo.org](http://virginiazoo.org)
- 29 West Point Monument, Elmwood Cemetery  
757-777-8192 | [norfolksocietyforcemeteryconservation.org/west-point-cemetery](http://norfolksocietyforcemeteryconservation.org/west-point-cemetery)
- 30 Windows on History

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| 32 Chrysler Hall<br>757-664-6464   <a href="http://sevenvenues.com">sevenvenues.com</a>  | 41 Virginia Stage Company<br>757-627-1234   <a href="http://vastage.com">vastage.com</a>                        |
| 33 Harrison Opera House<br>757-664-6464   <a href="http://sevenvenues.com">sevenvenues.com</a>                                   | 42 Virginia Symphony Orchestra<br>757-892-6366   <a href="http://virginiasymphony.org">virginiasymphony.org</a> |
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| 35 L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center<br>757-823-2063   <a href="http://nsu.edu/wilder">nsu.edu/wilder</a>                 |   |
| 36 Robin Hixon Theater<br>757-282-2800   |   |
| 37 The NorVa<br>757-627-4547   <a href="http://thenorva.com">thenorva.com</a>  |   |
| 38 The Little Theatre of Norfolk<br>757-627-8551   <a href="http://ltonline.org">ltonline.org</a>                                |   |
| 39 Tidewater Community College / Roper Performing Arts Center<br>757-822-1450   <a href="http://tcc.edu/roper">tcc.edu/roper</a> |   |
| 40 Virginia Opera<br>1-866-OPERA-VA (673-7282)   <a href="http://vaopera.org">vaopera.org</a>                                    |   |

# SHOPPING

- 44 Military Circle Mall  
[shopmilitarycircle.com](http://shopmilitarycircle.com)
- 45 Ghent Shopping & Antiques  
[ghentnorfolk.org](http://ghentnorfolk.org)
- 46 MacArthur Center  
757-627-6000 | [shopmacarthur.com](http://shopmacarthur.com)
- 47 Waterside District  
[norfolkwatersidedistrict.com](http://norfolkwatersidedistrict.com)



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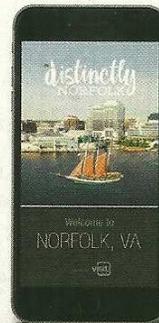
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- 48 Lambert's Point Golf Club  
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- 50 Norfolk Scope / Norfolk Admirals  
757-664-6464 | 757-640-1212  
[sevenvenues.com](http://sevenvenues.com) | [norfolkadmirals.com](http://norfolkadmirals.com)
- 51 Ocean View Golf Course  
757-480-2094 | [norfolk-golf.net](http://norfolk-golf.net)
- 52 Ted Constant Convocation Center  
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- 53 Eastern Virginia Medical School  
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- 54 Norfolk State University  
757-823-8600 | [nsu.edu](http://nsu.edu)
- 55 Old Dominion University  
757-683-3000 | [odu.edu](http://odu.edu)
- 56 Tidewater Community College  
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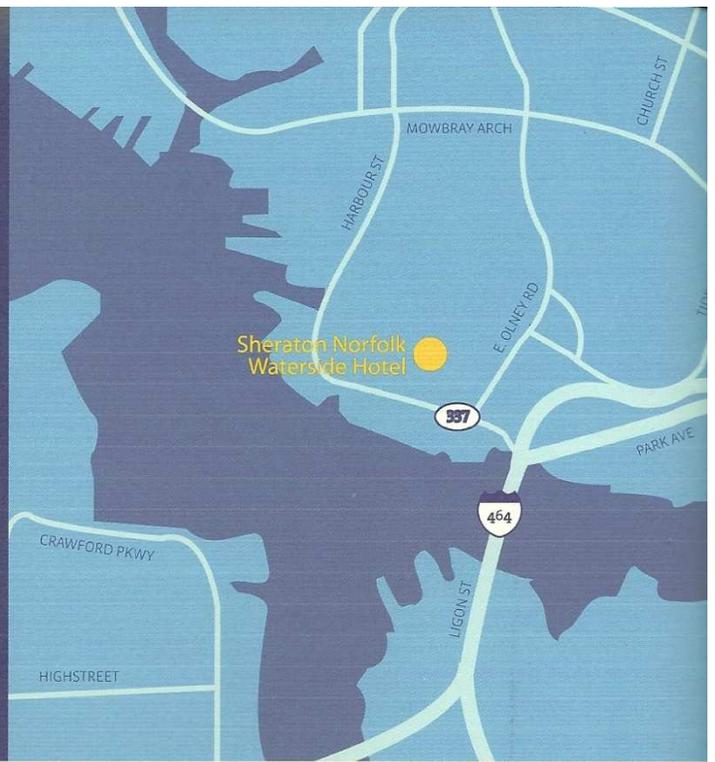
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It is an honor to work with each of you and I hope we continue to look forward to continuing our progress in the New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

*James R. Fisher*

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National Executive Director  
Korean War Veterans Association, USA