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

1. MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT REPORT: Submitted by Mr. John “Sonny” Edwards - as of 03-26-17

Recruiting Results	
New Members TYTD	181
This Month (April)	52
Last year (April)	37
New Members LYTD	211
Active Members LYTD	13432
Active Members TYTD	12566
Decrease	866
Deceased comrades TYTD	318

Chapters with 3 plus new members this Month - CA-4, FL-10. NV-3, TX-13 (Chapter 222 10), VA-3

NOTE. The past 90 days only 42 Chapters out of 203 recruited new members. This is only 20% of the Chapters recruiting. I think you will agree this shows our major problem is the Chapters are not trying to recruit new members. Please commend the Commander of Chapter 222 in TX for the great job he is doing. This shows it can be done.

2. HR 1329 - VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2017 -

On March 2, 2017, the Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Disability and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee, Congressman Mike Bost (IL) and Ranking Member Elizabeth Esty (CT) introduced H.R. 1329, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2017. This bill, if enacted, would provide an increase, effective December 1, 2017, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

Disabled veterans' disability compensation has not kept pace with the rest of the economy; even in years when there were COLA payments, disability benefits lagged. Many disabled veterans and their survivors are on fixed incomes and rely on COLAs to keep pace with their current living expenses. Please use the prepared electronic letter or draft your own to urge your member in the House to cosponsor H.R. 1329.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/79FzXcUO7woWGIM4mV9f7w>

3. ARLINGTON FACES FUTURE BURIAL ISSUES: On Wednesday, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs held a hearing to discuss current operations and concerns with shrinking space for future burials at the Arlington National Cemetery. Currently, Arlington is estimated to reach capacity around the year 2040 unless more space is added or eligibility is changed. This means a veteran from the 1991 Gulf War who lives to normal life expectancy would not have the option of being buried at Arlington. The Army and subcommittee members are looking for ways to keep Arlington open for new burials beyond 2040. Options discussed include: costly expansions, some of which would be annexes not physically connected to Arlington; changes of eligibility for burial in Arlington, which range from

restricting eligibility for military retirees to reducing the amount of eligible veterans to those who have earned certain valor awards such as the Medal of Honor and service members who were killed in action. The VFW is working closely with Congress to find the best solutions that keep the integrity of ANC intact and honors the lives those who have worn our nation's uniform. Click [here](#) for audio of the hearing.

4. NO MORE BURIALS AT ARLINGTON IN 25 YEARS? CEMETERY IS RUNNING OUT OF SPACE

WASHINGTON -- When Arlington National Cemetery was established in 1864, it served as an overflow for other Washington, D.C.-based burial grounds overburdened by the rising tide of Civil War casualties. More than 150 years later, the site has become a national shrine to the sacrifices of American military members, and faces the opposite problem: Diminishing space at the northern Virginia site could force veterans' families to choose other locations for their loved one's final resting place, if changes aren't made in coming years. On March 29, the Senate Appropriations Committee held a field hearing at the well-known Army cemetery to discuss the current operations as well as future plans to honor the nation's fallen veterans.



At the top of the list of looming challenges is the issue of space. Presently, Arlington National Cemetery is nearing total capacity. The cemetery staff maintains a high burial pace, conducting 27 to 30 ceremonies each weekday and 10 more on Saturdays. In 2016 alone, Arlington buried or inurned 7,140 veterans and eligible family members.

The Millennium Project, a southern expansion of the cemetery that will add 27 acres of land and 28,000 new grave sites, is set to open in fall of 2017.

But Karen Durham-Aguilera, executive director of Army National Military Cemeteries, said despite that work, by the year 2041, "Arlington National Cemetery will not be a burial option for those service members who served in the Gulf War and any conflict afterwards" without changes to the current footprint or eligibility policies.

That's a looming challenge for a cemetery already racked by scandal in recent years. In 2010, Army investigators found more than 100 unmarked graves, numerous mistakes on cemetery maps and at least four burial urns dumped into storage areas for excess grave dirt.

The following year, Army auditors discovered that \$12 million appropriated between 2004 and 2010 could not be accounted for, leading to the resignation of the cemetery's superintendent and deputy superintendent. Officials have also struggled to shift site records from paper to digital records. But the site remains one of the most revered spaces in American military history. Founded more than 150 years ago to lay to rest Union soldiers killed in the Civil War, the cemetery has become the final resting place for revered men and women such as George C. Marshall, Anita Newcomb, John F. Kennedy and Thurgood Marshall.

Arlington, while an active cemetery, has become a national tourist site. It is a place for Americans to come and honor those who have served.

Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kansas, chairman of the panel's military construction subcommittee, spoke of Arlington's importance in honoring veterans and providing a link between "American history, traditions and customs." He said whatever issues face the cemetery, lawmakers are committed to "working with you closely to ensure the perpetual success of this hallowed ground."

That will likely include discussions of who will be eligible to be buried at the site in years to come. That debate is still ongoing.

Durham-Aguilera said a change in those rules could extend the life of the cemetery, but will require conversation with the public, members of Congress, veterans and military service organizations. Recommendations for eligibility have been put forth in a report by Arlington staff, but have not yet been released to the public. Budget restrictions have also capped the cemetery's funding at the same levels for the last five fiscal years, and officials said they are now straining their ability to keep up with civilian pay increases, annual contract inflation and new security requirements.

At the hearing, Durham-Aguilera also acknowledged the “huge problems with accountability in the past” but said staff have made great strides in repairing those problems. Technological improvements have ensured every grave is now geo-mapped, with digital records to substantiate each grave site. Officials have stressed the importance of the chain of custody to “make sure we know where every single person is buried here.”

But those fixes don’t change the looming space problems facing the cemetery. After the hearing, senators toured the grounds to see first-hand the new southern expansion plans, including land in the shadow of the Air Force Memorial, built 10 years ago to honor a service that was still decades away from being born when Arlington Cemetery was established.

It serves as a reminder of the changes the cemetery has already weathered, and the changes ahead. Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, said that Congress’ job now is “to ensure that it remains an active cemetery for generations to come.”

5. **“WHO WILL SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO LAY SO SILENT?”**

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“Who will speak for those who lay so silent?”

The line comes from a pamphlet of poems collected by Bernard Hoffman, 85, of Merrick, referring to the lives of soldiers who were killed fighting overseas. As Director of the Nassau County chapter of the [Korean War Veterans Association](#), Hoffman shared the poems with fellow members over a plate of rice and chicken. On April 17 the organization celebrated its 25th anniversary at Ayhan’s Shish Kebab in Baldwin. Like Hoffman stitched together his book of poems, members of the KWVA said that being part of the organization allows them to stitch together their war stories with those of their comrades. This happens when they meet people who may have served at the same time or even in the same regiment as them, explained Harold Prummel, 86, of Carle Place.

One member, Buddy Epstein, 86, of Long Beach, remembered his teenage years watching World War II films and imagining himself in the boots of the soldiers on-screen. “I was young, immature and thought it would be glorious,” Epstein said. “Real war is nothing like [the movies].” As a combat soldier in the Third Infantry Regiment, Epstein lived through one of the coldest winters in the history of South Korea in which he saw more casualties from frostbite than gunshot. He spent some time living in a foxhole to avoid the latter. Epstein said that those years were the scariest of his life, but that he will always be proud to say that he lived through them.

The Nassau County chapter of the KWVA was formed in 1992 and began hosting its meetings in a spare room at American Legion Post 1711 on North Jerusalem Road in Levittown. In 2001, the chapter built and dedicated a Korean War monument in Eisenhower Park. Three years later they “spoke for those who lay silent” by inscribing on the monument the names of over 100 soldiers who were killed in battle. From 1950 to 1953, conflict raged in Korea between the democratic South and the communist North. American soldiers helped prevent the North from taking over the South by creating a demilitarized zone along the 38th parallel, which still exists today and is guarded by roughly 50,000 troops. Hoffman served as a combat soldier in the 31st Infantry Regiment and worked for a heavy weapons company. He spent three years firing mortars and rifles, which eventually impaired his hearing. He said that he found solace in writing letters to Florence, who was his girlfriend at the time. After he mentioned this, Florence recalled a specific letter in which he wrote that he would come home, marry her and they would raise a family. When he came home, he kept his promise.

Although the conflict is sometimes called the “Forgotten War,” Hoffman said that he feels anything but forgotten as a Korean War veteran. “The Korean people really appreciate what we did for them,” he said, adding that he experienced their gratitude firsthand when he traveled to the country in 2010. Hoffman and his wife, Florence, took the trip as part of a U.S. delegation of combat veterans to mark the 60th anniversary of the start of the war. The South Korean government covered half of his travel expenses and fronted the bill for a five-star hotel in which Hoffman and Florence stayed.

<http://www.liherald.com/stories/korean-war-veterans-keep-their-stories-alive,90432>

6. AN EDITORIAL FROM THE WATERLOO, IOWA COURIER

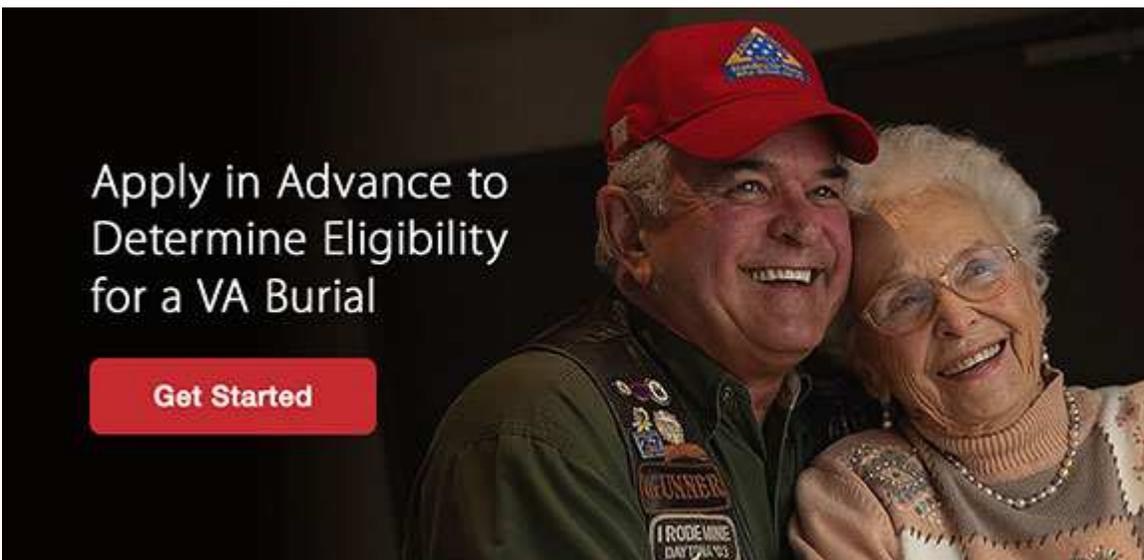
- The Korean War is sometimes referred to as the “forgotten war,” but the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum will be doing its part to make sure it’s not forgotten around here.
- A Korean War exhibit is scheduled to arrive at the Waterloo museum in July. The exhibit will focus on the experiences of servicemen, especially those from Iowa, as well as the weaponry and equipment they used. It also will include names and photos of Iowa residents killed in the war.
- The Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum honors the service and sacrifice of all Iowa veterans from the Civil War to present. In recent years, visitors have been able to see their stories through a variety of exhibits, including interactive activities and an electronic Wall of Honor. There are many interactive exhibits, as well as interviews collected via the “Voices of Iowa Oral history Project.”
- We were heartened when Korean War vets began to take a larger part in the Honor Flights that had been transporting World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., to view the World War II memorial there. Obviously, there was a time element there, with WWII veterans aging.
- Local Korean War vets waited their turn, and back in 2012, the fifth Honor Flight out of the Waterloo Regional Airport included 39 Korean War veterans joining 53 of their fellow vets from WWII.
- Sandwiched between WWII and the Vietnam War, the Korean War oftentimes is overlooked. Those who served during that time, however, will always remember the losses and sacrifices suffered in Korea.
- “It’s kind of been the forgotten thing and we (Korea veterans) kind of get swept under the carpet, Waterloo’s Duane Nottger, a Navy veteran, said before that 2012 Honor Flight. The war was especially hard on ground troops. “They went through a lot of bad times over there. Especially the winters; it was nasty.”
- This upcoming exhibit is another important step for those who served during the Korean War. It’s also an opportunity for all of us to learn more about those who served.
- Veterans on the exhibit’s planning committee will help curate video-recorded oral histories of veterans and their photo albums, diaries and artifacts to be displayed.
- That’s a lot of work, and we thank them for taking on this project.

7. A MARINE’S M107 SNIPER RIFLE FAILED DURING A FIREFIGHT SO HE CALLED CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Barrett M107 .50-caliber long-range sniper rifle is a firearm made for the modern war on terrorism. Officially adopted by the U.S. Army in 2002 and boasting a 2,000-meter range, a suppressor-ready muzzle brake, and recoil-minimizing design, the semi-automatic offers “greater range and lethality against personnel and materiel targets than other sniper systems in the U.S. inventory,” in an assessment by Military.com. While Barrett’s reputation of “flawless reliability” has made the M107 the sniper weapon of choice, the rifle is just like any other essential tool: It often breaks when you need it most. And that’s apparently what happened to one Marine Corps unit pinned down in a firefight, according to one of Barrett’s longtime armorers. Don Cook, a Marine veteran who’s been maintaining M107s for more than two decades, told National Geographic in 2011 that he one day received a call to Barrett’s workshop from a harried young Marine. During maintenance of the unit’s M107, the Marine had bent the ears of the rifle’s lower receiver; the next day, after engaging the enemy, they discovered the rifle wouldn’t fire consistently. Despite the unit’s lack of tools (and time), Cook knew exactly what to do. The armorer instructed the Marines to use the bottom of the carrier to bend the ears back down. Within 45 seconds, the weapon was firing properly. “Thank you very much,” Cook says they told him, then he heard a dial tone. They had a firefight to get back to. “It’s probably one of the biggest highlights of my life, to be able to help a Marine unit during a firefight,” Cook told National

Geographic. Watch him recount the incident himself in this excerpt from *Sniper Inc*, the National Geographic documentary about the Barrett family and the story of the M107 (the story begins at 9:26).

8. **APPLY IN ADVANCE TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR A VA BURIAL**: The VA's new pre-need eligibility determination program allows you to find out in advance if you are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. This allows families to plan ahead, and streamlines access to the burial benefits that Veterans have earned through military service for themselves and their eligible family members. Want more information about this new program? Visit [ExploreVA](#) or click the button below to learn how to apply in advance for burial in a VA national cemetery.



- **How to Apply**

To find out in advance if a Veteran or family member is eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery, click “Apply for Pre-Need Burial Eligibility” to fill out and submit the application.

[Apply for Pre-Need Burial Eligibility](#)

If pre-need eligibility has not been determined, upon the death of the Veteran or his or her spouse or dependent (also called the time of need), family members should locate the Veteran’s [DD-214](#) or other discharge papers if readily available and click “Schedule a Burial” to begin the process. Then make arrangements with a funeral home, National Cemetery Scheduling Office, or directly with a VA national cemetery.

[Apply for Pre-Need Burial Eligibility Schedule a Burial](#)

VA Memorial Benefits

VA takes special care to pay lasting tribute to the memory of Veterans who served and sacrificed and that of their families. VA meticulously maintains 135 VA national cemeteries in 40 states and Puerto Rico and is working to increase access to accommodate Veterans and eligible family members close to home. In a few years, 95 percent of Veterans will have a burial option in an open VA, state or tribal veterans cemetery located within 75 miles of their home. Some benefits are also available for Veterans who choose burial in a private cemetery.

Veterans with a qualifying discharge are entitled to VA burial benefits. Spouses and dependent children are eligible too, even if they predecease the Veteran.

The following burial benefits may be provided:

Burial in a VA national cemetery

- Opening and closing of the grave or burial of cremated remains or placement in an above-ground vault, also called a columbarium
- A government furnished grave liner
- Perpetual care of the gravesite
- A headstone or marker with an inscription
- A burial flag
- A Presidential Memorial Certificate
- Transportation of flower arrangements from the committal service shelter to the gravesite

Burial in a private cemetery

- A government headstone, marker, or medallion
- A [burial flag](#)
- A [Presidential Memorial Certificate](#).
- Some survivors may also be entitled to VA [burial allowances](#) as partial reimbursement for the costs of funerals and burials for eligible Veterans.

Please note that gravesites in a VA national cemetery cannot be reserved in advance. To prepare for a private cemetery burial, VA suggests families [review these questions and complete required forms](#) in advance.

VA Requirements

- [Discharge papers](#) to establish your [eligibility](#) for burial services

[Explore VA Memorial Benefits Today](#)

VA Application Process

Burial in a VA national cemetery

- To determine eligibility before the time of need: (Read More)
- To request burial at the time of need when eligibility has been determined: (Read More)
- To establish eligibility at the time of need: (Read More)

Burial in a private cemetery

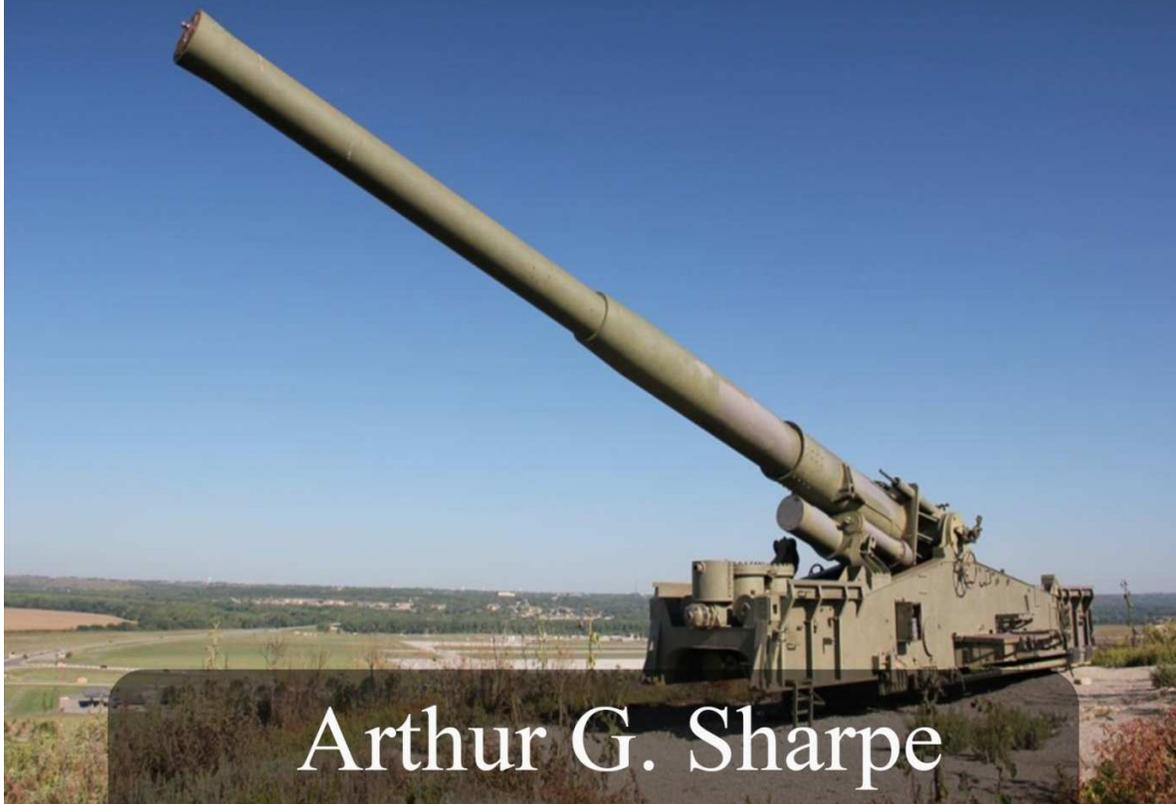
- To receive a headstone, marker, or medallion: (Read More)
- To receive a burial flag: (Read More)
- To receive a Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC): (Read More)
- To apply for a VA Burial Allowance: (Read More)

You can learn more about VA Burial Allowances and eligibility on this [special compensation overview page](#).

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ATOMIC CANNONS and NUCLEAR WEAPONS

A Mystery of the Korean War



Arthur G. Sharpe

9. SOUTH KOREA, CHINA AGREE ON ACTION TO END NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR THREAT

WASHINGTON — South Korea and China say they have agreed they will take strong action against North Korea if Pyongyang conducts more nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missile tests. The top nuclear envoys from North Korea's neighbors, Kim Hong-kyun and Wu Dawei, discussed the latest developments Monday in Seoul.

On Sunday, U.S. National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster said President Donald Trump has asked officials to give him options for removing the threat of a nuclear-armed North Korea. As a U.S. Navy strike group steamed toward the Korean Peninsula to send a message to North Korea, McMaster told Fox News, "This is a rogue regime that is now a nuclear-capable regime. ... So the president has asked us to be prepared to give him a full range of options to remove that threat to the American people and our allies and partners in that region."

McMaster described the U.S. decision to send the *Carl Vinson* Strike Group to safeguard U.S. interests in the Western Pacific as "prudent." He said that Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed at their summit in Florida last week that Pyongyang's "provocative behavior" developing nuclear weapons was unacceptable. "Presidents before and President Trump agreed this is unacceptable, that what must happen is the denuclearization of the peninsula," McMaster said. A South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman said Monday the deployment of the *Carl Vinson* to the Western Pacific region was in response to the "serious situation on the Korean Peninsula." Moon Sang-gyun said it is understandable that the U.S. and South Korea are "fully preparing for possible provocations by North Korea, considering that possibilities of Pyongyang's strategic provocations, including nuclear and missile tests, are increasing."

North Korea has been trying to develop a long-range missile carrying a nuclear warhead that is capable of hitting the U.S. mainland, a distance of about 8,000 kilometers. It has staged five nuclear tests so far and could be preparing a sixth. North Korea last week conducted a ballistic missile test in spite of U.N.

Security Council resolutions banning such launches. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, without directly naming North Korea, told ABC News, "If you violate international agreements, if you fail to live up to commitments, if you become a threat to others, at some point a response is likely to be undertaken." The *Carl Vinson* Strike Group was making a port call in Singapore and was scheduled to sail for Australia when the U.S. Pacific Command ordered the ships to sail north instead. "Third Fleet ships operate forward with a purpose: to safeguard U.S. interests in the Western Pacific," Commander Dave Benham, Director of Media Operations for the U.S. Pacific Command Third Fleet, told VOA. "The number one threat in the region continues to be North Korea, due to its reckless, irresponsible, and destabilizing program of missile tests and pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability," Benham said. The strike group includes its namesake aircraft carrier, the USS *Carl Vinson*, as well as three guided-missile destroyers.

Pyongyang's reaction

Pyongyang has repeatedly defied international warnings about conducting missile launches and testing nuclear devices.

On Sunday, a North Korean Foreign Ministry official was quoted on state-run media as vowing to step up the country's defenses to protect itself from airstrikes like the U.S. carried out against Syria last week.

The unidentified official told the Korean Central New Agency the airstrikes were "absolutely unpardonable," and proves Pyongyang is justified in having nuclear weapons.

While Trump has not set out a clear strategy for dealing with the isolated nation, he has criticized the administration of former President Barack Obama for its policy of "strategic patience," in the face of North Korea's ongoing efforts to develop long-range nuclear strike capability. Trump has also called on China, North Korea's strongest ally, to take stronger action to curb those nuclear ambitions.

Unilateral action?

Earlier this month, Trump suggested the U.S. might take action unilaterally if China wasn't willing to do more.

"If China is not going to solve North Korea, we will," Trump told The Financial Times on April 2. "China will either decide to help us with North Korea or they won't. If they do, that will be very good for China, and if they don't, it won't be good for anyone." Tillerson said that Xi, at his summit with Trump, signaled a willingness to do more to rein in North Korea. "They have indicated that they will and I think we need to allow them time to take actions," Tillerson said of China.

10. VA OFFERS TRAINING FOR CLERGY: The VA has training programs for local clergy to assist veterans in their communities. “We want to reach out to anyone who will help us connect veterans to the local VA,” said Jeffrey Weir, chaplain for the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System. “We want to connect with not only clergy, but with helping organizations who serve veterans.” Weir was the guest speaker at the Care Leadership Team’s April meeting. The Care Leadership Team is made up of people representing local agencies and organizations, communities, churches, schools, volunteers and hospitals who network to share community concerns, information and to connect resources. “If you run into veterans who have needs we have resources for them,” Weir said. “One issue is that not everyone who says they’re veteran is a veteran. Don’t worry about that, we’ll sort that out.”

Central Texas Veterans Health Care System includes the Olin E. Teague Veterans’ Medical Center, Waco VA and six outpatient clinics, including a large Austin clinic. “We have 39 counties in Texas that we cover and most are rural,” he said. “You could drive in any direction from here and within a few minutes you’d be out in the country.” Weir talked about training available to clergy. In small communities many times the person in distress will reach out to a church leader, he said. The VA training modules are On Military Culture and The Wounds of War. This provides an overview of military culture with an emphasis on its conflict with civilian culture. This involves a discussion of the fundamentals of pastoral care with attention given to spirituality in relation to the development of meaning and purpose in life. This is designed to provide community clergy with an overview of mental health services available in rural communities. n Building Community Partnerships. Local communities are often the most important and most neglected resources for reintegration of returning service members. “We want to make people aware of what’s going on with veterans,” Weir said.

There are physical wounds as well as other wounds — sexual trauma, traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder, he said. The wounds impact families and the community, Weir said. A veteran who can’t work may have to get help from community resources. About 20 veterans a day commit suicide and most of those victims never come to the VA for help, he said. The Central Texas Veterans Health Care System serves about 100,000 veterans and had more than a million outpatient visits last year. “That’s not all of the veterans in our service area, that’s the number of veterans served by the VA,” Weir said.

For information, call Weir at 254-743-0991.

11. VA UNVEILS WEBSITE ON QUALITY OF CARE, TOUTS ACCOUNTABILITY: The Department of Veterans Affairs unveiled a new website Wednesday aimed at providing information on the quality of care at VA medical centers, touting new accountability even as it grappled with fresh questions of patient safety in its beleaguered health system.

The VA website, www.accesstocare.va.gov, is a work in progress. It provides preliminary data on the VA's 1,700 health facilities, along with more than a dozen private-sector hospitals and national averages. Three years after a wait-time scandal at the Phoenix VA medical center, the website offers comparative data on wait times as well as veterans' satisfaction ratings in getting timely appointments.

It comes at a time of change at the VA, after President Donald Trump promised during his 2016 campaign to give veterans more choices between VA and private-sector hospitals to receive the best care possible. On Wednesday, fresh problems at the government's second largest agency emerged after the VA inspector general's office released a report finding patient safety issues at the VA medical center in Washington D.C. The urgent, preliminary report by inspector general Michael Missal pointed to poor inventory practices that put patients at risk, from dirty storage areas for syringes to lack of checks to remove medical equipment and supplies that had been subject to safety recalls. The findings prompted the VA to announce by Wednesday afternoon that it had relieved the facility's director in Washington D.C., Brian Hawkins, of his duties.

Poonam Alaigh, the VA's acting undersecretary for health, told The Associated Press that she had decided to reassign Hawkins to VA headquarters after reviewing the IG's report and indicated he could be subject to disciplinary action pending a fuller investigation. In the meantime, VA senior adviser Lawrence Connell has been named acting director for the Washington D.C. medical center. Alaigh said the VA was adopting immediate fixes and that she would order a broader review of the VA health system for similar patient safety issues. "When it's about patient safety, it warrants immediate action," Alaigh said. "There should not be a situation where a veteran can be harmed." As to its new website, the VA said it had gotten more than 700,000 hits by Wednesday afternoon, the first day of its rollout. Intended to spur competition for improvement among its medical facilities as veterans assess how their local hospital is doing, the site also will allow veterans to compare VA quality of care rankings with private-sector hospitals.

Data for just over a dozen or so private hospitals was accessible. The data is drawn from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The VA said it hoped to have a fuller rollout of data by May 1 and will update data monthly once the site is fully operational. The website was generally welcomed as a good first step, although some veterans groups wondered how meaningful the information will be.

The Government Accountability Office has long questioned how accurate the VA's wait time data is, noting that it does not include the amount of wait time from when a veteran initially asks for care and when a scheduler reaches out to set an appointment, which it said could be lengthy. In addition, GAO continues to find evidence that VA data can be unreliable due to schedulers recording wrong dates or changing dates outright, though the VA says it is implementing new checks and training to help identify "outliers" in scheduling.

Dawn Jirak, a deputy director at Veterans of Foreign Wars, said her organization is worried that "this is just yet another website that VA has come up with" but said she looked forward to improvements the VA says it will make to the site. "The way VA is depicting its wait times for appointments is skewed from how the typical person would look at it," she said.

12. VETERANS MAY ACCESS VA CENTER WAIT TIMES ONLINE: The Department of Veterans Affairs is increasing transparency by launching a new online tool for veterans to get information on wait times and quality of care. The Access and Quality Tool is an easy-to-use, easy-to-understand way of accessing data, giving veterans more information about services and holding VA medical centers accountable, according to a Department of Veterans Affairs press release. "Veterans must have access to information that is clear and understandable to make informed decisions about their health care," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. David J. Shulkin. "No other health care system in the country releases this type of information on wait times. This allows veterans to see how VA is performing." The tool allows veterans to access the average times patients are waiting to be seen in their local area; how veterans describe their experiences scheduling primary- and specialty-care appointments at specific VA facilities; timeliness of appointments for care needed right away; and the quality of health care delivered at VA medical centers compared with local private-sector hospitals. "This tool is another example of VA leading the way," said Acting Under Secretary for Health Dr. Poonam Alaigh. "No one in the private sector publishes data this way. This tool will instill a spirit of competition and encourage our medical facilities to proactively address access and quality issues." VA will continue to make improvements to this tool based on the feedback it receives. The Access and Quality Tool can be found at www.accesstocare.va.gov.

13. VA TAKES ACTION ON EMERGENCY CALL: The nation's hospital system for military veterans is not yet out of trouble, as a report on Wednesday warning of danger to patients at the Washington, D.C., veterans hospital demonstrates. But the new head of the VA reacted quickly to the report, almost immediately replacing its director. And he announced that he welcomes public complaints about his department's performance.

According to Dr. David Shulkin, recently confirmed as Secretary of Veteran Affairs, the best way to improve service at VA hospitals is to expose them to public pressure for change. To that end, he announced the creation of a new website that will eventually compare every VA hospital's performance with that of nearby public hospitals, and also provide reports on how long it takes to get service.

Certainly, the notion that transparency encourages quick action was the motivating factor in VA Inspector General Michael J. Missal's decision to issue a rare interim report on conditions at the Washington VA Medical Center.

"We have not seen anything quite like this at a VA facility," Mr. Missal told The Washington Post. "Hospitals are typically chaotic places, but this was the highest levels of chaos. Staff was literally scrambling every day. Sometimes they would have to go to other hospitals to get equipment as a procedure was going on."

Dr. Shulkin said the problems experienced by the VA have the attention of President Donald Trump. "He wants to fix it. My answer to him is, the way that you fix this is not by internally motivating people to fix it — you actually need the external environment.

"In my experience in health care — but it's like every other industry — industries don't change from within, they change from outside competition, and they change from outside forces, and that's very much my philosophy."

That is a philosophy very much at odds with the prevailing culture at the VA, and a welcome revision of policy.

Dr. Shulkin not only is encouraging criticism of his department's performance, on Wednesday he acted quickly to correct an identified problem. On receiving the Inspector General's report, Dr. Shulkin immediately replaced the hospital's director and on Thursday dispatched a team of experts to rectify shortcomings in the adequacy and management of hospital supplies.

Video Century old former state hospital gets new life

In his interim report, Mr. Missal warned that supply mismanagement had reached a critical stage that endangered patients' lives and expressed a "lack of confidence" that the hospital could correct the problem.

Dr. Shulkin said he replaced the hospital director because it was essential to take "decisive action when there's risk involved."

"We are not aware of any veterans who have experienced harm, but we are going to continue to do a thorough investigation from the top to the bottom," he said Thursday. "If there are veterans who have been harmed, we're going to find out about that and hold people accountable for those decisions."

Meanwhile, the IG's investigation will continue.

The struggle to improve health care at veterans' hospitals is clearly not over, but the reform effort at last appears to be in capable hands.

14. VA HOSPITALS OUTPERFORM NON-VA HOSPITALS ON PATIENT OUTCOME MEASURES

Though the Veterans Affairs health system has been under fire for various reasons, a look at quality data shows VA hospitals actually outperform non-VA hospitals in outcomes, readmission and mortality measures, according to a [research letter in JAMA Internal Medicine](#).

However, the data suggest VA hospitals need to work on patient experience and behavioural health.

Researchers examined hospital-level quality and patient experience data on 129 VA hospitals and 4,010 non-VA hospitals on CMS' Hospital Compare website.

They found VA hospitals had better outcomes than non-VA hospitals for six of the nine patient safety indicators and found no significant difference on the three other indicators. VA hospitals also had better mortality and readmission rates than their non-VA counterparts.

When it came to patient experience measures, however, non-VA hospitals outperformed VA hospitals on nursing and physician communication, responsiveness, quietness, pain management and if the patient would recommend the hospital. Non-VA hospitals also outperformed VA hospitals on most of the behavioral health metrics examined by the researchers.

The research letter authors speculate that VA hospitals outperform non-VA hospitals on outcome measures because the VA invested time and effort into quality improvement and care coordination in the last 30 years and the system has a leg-up on care coordination because patients usually receive all of their care within the one system.

"While concerns remain about the validity of some of the measures used in current public reporting of health quality, the available data suggests that VA hospitals have a similar or more favorable quality compared with non-VA hospitals," the authors conclude. "On the other hand, these results suggest that VA hospitals should focus on improving certain aspects of patient experience and behavioral health."

The VA [recently launched a tool](#) that allows veterans to compare patient wait time and quality data of VA hospitals with non-VA hospitals in the area in an attempt to be more transparent with its patients and empower veterans to choose the best care option for themselves.

15. TRUMP SIGNS EXTENSION OF VA CHOICE PROGRAM, CALLS IT A 'GOOD START'

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed a bill extending the often-criticized Veterans Choice Program beyond its August 2017 expiration date, a move that Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin said would buy him time to work with Congress on program improvements.

“This new law is a good start, but there is still much work to do,” Trump said before the signing. “We will fight each and every day to deliver the long-awaited reforms our veterans deserve.”

Congress established the Choice Program with \$10 billion following the VA’s 2014 wait-time scandal in order to get veterans quicker access to care. The program allows veterans to seek care in the private sector if they have to wait more than 30 days for an appointment or live more than 40 miles driving distance from a VA facility.

Some veterans have criticized the Choice Program for being complex and confusing, and while many congressmen and veterans groups applauded Trump’s signing of the bill, they did so with the caveat that the program improves. Shulkin has promised it will.

“The Choice Program was passed as a quick fix to the wait list manipulation scandal that broke three years ago, and while it’s helped, too many veterans still are forced to seek care at failing VA facilities,” said Mark Lucas, director of Concerned Veterans of America, a conservative-leaning veterans group. “Congress now has some time to work with Shulkin on broader, more permanent choice reforms.”

In an interview Sunday on C-SPAN, Shulkin said he was working with Congress on a legislative fix to the program that he expected to introduce publicly this fall.

“We need to make sure the Choice Program continues, but it works better for veterans,” Shulkin said. “It’s too complex; it’s too hard to use, so we’re working hard now with Congress to redesign an improved way of accessing care in the community.”

Because of the extension signed Wednesday, veterans can seek care in the private sector after August and until a new program is established. Shulkin said last month that the looming expiration had already been affecting veterans’ appointments in cases when they were scheduling procedures months in advance.

Shulkin said a new program needs to pass Congress and be implemented by the end of the year.

The Choice Program will have an estimated \$990 million remaining after August, but those funds will likely run out before 2018, he said.

“It’s a tight time schedule, but I’m confident that when it comes to protecting and honoring the commitment to our veterans, the Congress — and certainly the president — is committed to doing whatever it needs to do to make sure we meet that time frame,” Shulkin said.

Details of a new program have not yet been released, but Shulkin announced soon after his appointment as VA Secretary his intention to do away with the 40-mile, 30-day rule. He’s also attempted to ease worries the VA would move completely into the private sector, which has been a concern of some groups that say VA care is uniquely fit for veterans.

“I came to the conclusion we have to maintain a strong VA,” Shulkin said on C-SPAN. “The care we deliver in the VA can’t be, and wouldn’t be, replaced by the private sector. That doesn’t mean we shouldn’t be working closely with the private sector.”

Shulkin went on to say he was designing a system that was “seamless” and an “integrated approach” to veteran treatment.

At the signing Wednesday, Trump said he would hold a news conference April 27 about the VA. Details of the news conference weren’t made available.

“The veterans have poured out their sweat and blood and tears for this country for so long and it’s time we now take care of them and take care of them properly,” Trump said.

16. THE EVOLUTION OF THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS

For years, sentinels guarding the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery voluntarily had their lives defined by four constant and silent witnesses: the Unknown of World War I, the Unknown of World War II, the Unknown of the Korean War, and the Unknown of the Vietnam War. Until 1998. That's when the Unknown of the Vietnam War was identified as First Lieutenant Michael Joseph Blassie. The tombs—the first of which was erected in 1921—represent the American soldiers who died in conflict and were never identified. Blassie was originally tallied as one more unidentified service member lost to the war, either missing or killed in action. In the longer course of history, however, he came to occupy a place at the nexus of old and new in how the United States cares for its dead.



Members of a military honor guard perform a changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery

Major James Connally spotted Blassie's plane as it went down outside An Lộc on the morning of May 11, 1972—28 days into the battle for which the city gave its name. "The aircraft flew a short distance on its own and then slowly rolled over, exploding on impact in enemy-held territory," Connally later recalled in a letter to the Blassie family. Though Connally knew the site of the crash, recovery took nearly six months from when anti-aircraft fire clawed the A-37 Dragonfly from the sky to when a South Vietnamese Army patrol eventually found some remains, an ID card, a beacon radio, and other small fragments of an identity. Though the materials found were enough to initially mark the remains as Blassie's, a flawed bone fragment-based forensics process later overruled this verdict by miscalculating the supposed height of the individual to which the fragments belonged. It would take another 26 years before Blassie completed his odyssey from An Lộc, to the Tomb of the Unknown of the Vietnam War, to the Jefferson Barracks Memorial Cemetery near his childhood home of St. Louis, Missouri.

A rise in both care and capability borne out over centuries of warfare has caused the number of unidentified to gradually dwindle. Only three individuals who took part in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2010 have yet to be accounted for, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, which is responsible for the recovery of missing personnel. It's a considerable drop from the thousands of American service personnel unaccounted for from past wars. The reasons for the decline are varied, but include both the changing character of war as well as advances in technology like DNA testing, which have made unknowns largely a phenomenon of the past. "The generation that the tomb was built for, and the unknown soldier honored and buried here ... that generation of people has come and gone," said Sergeant of the Guard Paul K. Basso.

The nation needed something universal that could represent that final missing part of the process—a body. After World War I, calls for the repatriation of bodies, which lay on the fields of Europe, flooded politicians' offices in Washington, D.C. To many who had lost loved ones on hotly contested grounds or through the ubiquitous flash of an artillery explosion, even the full brunt of the government's efforts to send home their loved ones often wasn't enough. For these families, whose mourning was rendered incomplete, the nation needed something universal that could represent that final missing part of the process—a body. Though the U.S. had previously established tombs of the unknown for some 2,000 Civil War dead gathered from the fields of Bull Run and near Rappahannock, this new creation would represent those who could never be brought back, much less identified. The U.S. turned to its allies, whose own losses dwarfed America's in the war, to seek inspiration for this memorial.

According to Bill Niven, a professor of contemporary German history at Nottingham Trent University, England, the effect of World War I on how countries memorialize conflict was a cultural turning point—one most neatly embodied in the sharp contrast between France's modest Tomb of the Unknown and the imposing Arc de Triomphe. Constructed in the early 1800s, the arch memorializes the "glory of [Napoleon's] Grand Armée," while the tomb that rests in its shadow, and built more than a century later, has a subdued visage. The arch

reflects the aggrandizement of war through extravagant uniforms, neat battle lines, and the ever-present murmur of honor and fidelity, but World War I had trod such formal conceptions through the muddy trenches of France and the Eastern Front. And it was that more desolate aspect of war that the tomb personifies. Here were average citizens—rather than professional soldiers—charging, fighting, and dying seemingly at random and on an industrialized scale few at home could fathom, much less fully comprehend. War itself had been radically altered, and so too had the mourning of those lost to it.

“These guys will all tell you, every single one of them, they will tell you they don’t do it for the badge,” Captain Jean J. Gwon said of the Honor Guard Badge, one of the rarest awarded in the U.S. Army. “It’s always for the unknown.” As she spoke, Gwon, the commander of the Tomb Guards, motioned to an 18-year-old soldier walking through the door to the subterranean guard quarters before his shift. The quarters, where three “reliefs” of seven sentinels spend 24 hours on duty before two days’ rest, lie beneath the risers where visitors to Arlington gather from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Visitors watch the soldier on duty take 21 measured steps past the tomb and back again, over and over during a shift; it’s a tacit nod to the military’s highest honor: the 21-gun salute. Near the hour mark, the crowds swell, standing on tiptoes to catch the intricate changing-of-the-guard ceremony, a moment when the unit’s strict standards are performed as each new guard takes the post. “If there was no guard, people would not come here,” Basso lamented. “People would not know what the tomb is. There would not be Facebook posts; there would not be memes; there would not be YouTube videos.” James Mayo, a professor of urban planning at the University of Kansas, explained the attraction in a 1988 article on war memorials: “Rituals transform a landscape and the memory associated with it ... Through rituals, people can focus on war memory, and their performances temporarily renew the importance of these memorials in the landscape.” “Today, the tomb and the unknown soldiers continue to serve their original purpose, and that’s important.” And so, in January 1998, when CBS Evening News reported that Blassie was indeed the Vietnam Unknown, Americans had to collectively reconsider the role of memorials and rituals dedicated to the unknown. In an interview, Blassie’s sister, Patricia, called for a DNA test of her brother’s remains to confirm the CBS report. The military obliged. On May 14 of that year, the fourth unknown was exhumed from his resting place at the tomb for testing, and just 47 days later, Assistant Secretary of Defense Kenneth Bacon notified the Pentagon press corps that the link between the Vietnam Unknown and Blassie was absolute. It was that combination of shoddy forensic science and the lack of other suitable candidates that likely marked Blassie unidentified in the first place. Here the airman once rested now lies a cenotaph in Arlington. The empty tomb’s cover, initially designed for the Unknown of the Vietnam War, instead reads: “Honoring and Keeping Faith with America’s Missing Servicemen, 1958-1975.” Because science virtually assures that any unidentified body could one day become identified—and thus known—then-Defense Secretary William Cohen decided that Blassie’s former tomb should remain vacant. No remains would be interred in the tomb, said Undersecretary of Defense Rudy de Leon, unless “it can be assured in perpetuity that the remains of the American serviceman would be forever unidentifiable.” And so, the tomb was sealed from gaining another member. But that hasn’t stopped its continued evolution in the minds of millions of Americans who visit it annually. Today, the tomb and the unknown soldiers continue to serve their original purpose, and that’s important,” said Basso, “but they also serve a whole new purpose for many Americans and the world.” War losses may now be identifiable, but they are no less poignant or profoundly grieved. After all, when visitors make the trek up to the tomb, take in the landscape, align their various screens to best capture the grandeur of the space, and hit send on their social-media accounts, those crypts—including the fourth—lie in full view. And maybe that’s enough.

Film on the Tomb of the Unknowns

<https://youtu.be/1JCYQ7v08vM>

17. KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL OF REMEMBRANCE:

Are you aware that the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation (a non-profit Foundation chartered in the District of Columbia is seeking funding to place the names of the 36,574 fallen veterans on a Wall of Remembrance (WOR) to be added to the National Korean War Veterans Memorial in our Nation's Capital, so as to honor all who gave their all during that War? That Wall of Remembrance will finally give credence to the Memorial's theme that "Freedom is not Free." Just as Huntsville honors its veterans from every war, so will the Foundation honor our nation's veterans fallen in battle during the Korean War.

Someone once said that "our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay, but we can honor their sacrifice" and that the Foundation seeks to do. It was just last October when the Foundation's efforts to shepherd legislation through numerous Congresses finally succeeded in having the legislation signed into law (Public Law 114-230) to build that Wall - using solely private, tax-deductible, funding.

If you are interested in writing another or follow up story on particularly the Korean War Veterans to let your community know of the Foundation's efforts, please get back in touch with me.

Thank you. Annelie

Annelie Weber, Secretary/Treasurer

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18. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP URGES UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO READY NEW SANCTIONS ON NORTH KOREA

WASHINGTON (REUTERS/AFP) - The United Nations Security Council must be prepared to impose new sanctions on North Korea amid escalating tensions over its missile and nuclear programs, US President Donald Trump said on Monday (April 24) ahead of a lunch with ambassadors from countries on the UN council. Trump, speaking to reporters, said the council also failed to act in response to a recent Syrian chemical weapons attack, which he called a "great disappointment". "The status quo in North Korea is also unacceptable and the council must be prepared to impose additional and stronger sanctions on North Korean nuclear and ballistic missile programs," Trump said. "This is a real threat to the world, whether we want to talk about it or not. North Korea is a big world problem and it's a problem that we have to finally solve," he said. Trump also discussed the "urgent security challenge" posed by North Korea with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in a phone call on Monday, the White House said. A White House statement said the two leaders also discussed Syria and Yemen and the need for a peaceful settlement to the conflict in Ukraine. US defense leaders and other top officials will give a classified briefing on North Korea to all senators in an unusual meeting at the White House, the Pentagon said on Monday. The briefing will be conducted Wednesday (April 26) by Pentagon chief Jim Mattis, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats and General Joe Dunford, who is America's top officer and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They "will be briefing all senators on the current strategic situation with regards to North Korea," Pentagon spokesman Navy Captain Jeff Davis said. While lawmakers often receive classified briefings, these are usually conducted in secure rooms in the Capitol building and not at the White House. The briefing comes at a time of soaring tensions between Washington and Pyongyang. An official North Korean website warned Monday that Pyongyang will "wipe out" the United States if Washington starts a war on the peninsula, the latest tit-for-tat saber-rattling between the two countries. The United States has deployed an aircraft carrier strike group led by the USS Carl Vinson to the western Pacific, and observers say North Korea appears to be readying a sixth nuclear test. US officials have warned that "all options are on the table" in dealing with the North Korean threat but have so far relied on China to rein in its unpredictable ally.



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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.

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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"

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Office of the Secretary	202.273.4800	VA.gov
Office of the Inspector General	202.461.4702	https://www.va.gov/oig
Office of the National Cemetery System	202.461.6240	www.cem.va.gov
Arlington National Cemetery	703.607.8585	www.arlingtoncemetery.mil
Board of Veterans Appeals	202.565.5436	www.bva.va.gov
Central Office (Main Switchboard)	202.273.5400	
Funeral Arrangements & Eligibility	703.607.8585	www.cem.va.gov
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Veterans Employment & Training Office	202.693.4700	https://www.dol.gov/vets
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Congressional Committees

Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs	202.224.9126	www.veterans.senate.gov
House Committee on Veterans Affairs	202.225.3527	https://veterans.house.gov
Congressional Rural Health Care Coalition	202.225.6600	www.ruralhealthinfo.org

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U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	202.418.3453	uscourts.cavc.gov
Questions on specific Cases	202.501.5970	
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Department of Defense, POW/MIA Affairs	703.699.1169	http://www.dpaa.mil/
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VA Readjustment Counseling Service	202.273.8967	www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/317
VA PTSD Information	802.296.6300	www.ptsd.va.gov
VA PTSD Help – In Crisis – Suicide Prevention	800.273.8255	www.veteranscrisisline.net
National Center for PTSD – Behavioral Science Division	857.364.4172	www.ptsd.va.gov/PTSD/about/divisions

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Personnel Locator	800.333.4636	

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Air Force Support Office	202.404.2264	www.afhistory.af.mil
Marine Corps Historical Office	703.432.4877	guides.grc.usmcu.edu/archives
National Archives – Military Records	866.272.6272	www.archives.gov/research/military
Naval Historical Center (Operations Archives)	202.433.3170	www.history.navy.mil
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Women in Military Service-America Memorial Foundation	703.533.1155	www.womensmemorial.org
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Casualty Assistance Checklist for Retired Soldiers: <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/docs/Post/CasualtyAssistanceChecklist.pdf>

Chief of Staff, Army Retired Soldier Council:
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Combat-Related Special Compensation: (866) 281-3254 opt.4;
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/CRSC>

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

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<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/>

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

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

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

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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/bcadcdao>, 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.dragonhilllodge.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
• Ft. Rucker (334) 255-9124/9739 usarmy.rucker.usag.list.retirees@mail.mil

ALASKA

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

ARIZONA

• Ft. Huachuca (520) 533-5733/1120 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

COLORADO

• Ft. Carson (719) 526-2840 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
• Rest of FL, see Ft. Stewart, Ga.

GEORGIA

• Ft. Benning (706) 547-1805/2715 usarmy.benning.imcom.mbx.g1hrd-rso@mail.mil
• Ft. Gordon (706) 791-2654/4774 usarmy.gordon.imcom.list.fg-retiree-service-office@mail.mil

• Ft. Stewart (912) 767-5013/3326 usarmy.stewart.usag.mbx.dhr-retirement-services@mail.mil

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

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

KENTUCKY

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

LOUISIANA

• Ft. Polk (337) 531-0363 rso@polk.army.mil

MAINE

See Ft. Drum, N.Y.

MARYLAND

• Aberdeen Proving Grnd (410) 306-2322

usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.imne-apg-hrm@mail.mil

MONTANA

See JB Lewis-McChord, Wash.

NEBRASKA

See Ft. Riley, Kan.

NEVADA

See Pres. of Monterey, Ca.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

See Ft. Drum, N.Y.

NEW JERSEY

• JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (609) 562-2666

usarmy.jbmdl.imcom-northeast.mail.dhr-hr-m-rso@mail.mil

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20. 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



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.



VA Caregiver Support

United Hospital Fund (UHF) has released a [detailed guide](#) for home care patients and their family caregivers that explains in straightforward text and graphics how to safely maintain a peripherally inserted central catheter, familiarly known as a PICC line.

The guide was developed in response to a survey of the needs of patients and family caregivers, who are increasingly taking on complex medical tasks at home. It fills an important resource void, and is designed to supplement personal instruction and guidance by home health nursing professionals.

This is the second product of a collaboration between United Hospital Fund and two grant recipients, Montefiore Health System and Northwell Health. Last year the partnership released a [related toolkit](#) for home health and infection control professionals. Both advance UHF's broad-ranging work to improve patient care and safety in both the inpatient and outpatient settings, with a particular focus on preventing infections and avoidable hospitalizations.

The new guide, [Caring for Your Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter \(PICC\): A Guide for Patients and Family Caregivers](#), is free and can be downloaded from the UHF website. We hope you will share it.



With VA's Caregiver Support Line assistance is just a quick phone call away. Whether you're in need of immediate assistance or have questions about what services you may be eligible for, the caring licensed professionals who answer the support line can:

- Tell you about the assistance available from VA.
- Help you access services.
- Connect you with the Caregiver Support Coordinator at a VA Medical Center near you.
- Just listen, if that's what you need right now.

If you're just getting started with VA, calling the Caregiver Support Line is a great first step to take to learn more about the support that's available to you.

21. REVISIT TO KOREA PROGRAM:

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 there are 160 allocations for Korean War Veterans and a family member to participate in 2017. The only current figures we're working on are 60 Revisit Korea quotas 21-27 June and 30 "Peace Campers", 23-30 June. The months are usually June, July, September, and October. These quotas go very fast so it's highly recommended that you submit your registrations ASAP. For more information see: www.KWVA.org or www.miltours.com

22. THE SAE EDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN KOREA—The Sae Eden Presbyterian Church is planning an event in Houston, Texas in June 17, 2017. President Thomas Stevens and Past President Larry Kinard will represent the KWVA.

23. TELL AMERICA PROGRAM: The Map Poster of the Korean War continues to be requested. The map is available to those participating in the Tell America Program. If you would like maps for your presentations, please contact:
Director Roy Aldridge, Chairman, Tell America Program
6544 Grand Ridge, Dr
El Paso, TX 79912
Phone: 915-581-4725 ~ Email: Royaldrige@sbcglobal.net

24. 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



25. 2017 Retired and Annuitant Pay Dates:

Entitlement Month	Retiree Payment Dates	Annuitant Payment Dates
January 2017	February 1, 2017	February 1, 2017
February 2017	April 1, 2017	April 1, 2017
April 2017	April 31, 2017	April 3, 2017
April 2017	May 1, 2017	May 1, 2017
May 2017	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2017
June 2017	June 30, 2017	July 3, 2017
July 2017	August 1, 2017	August 1, 2017
August 2017	September 1, 2017	September 1, 2017
September 2017	September 29, 2017	October 2, 2017
October 2017	November 1, 2017	November 1, 2017
November 2017	December 1, 2017	December 1, 2017
December 2017	December 29, 2017	January 2, 2018

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. 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 30th 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

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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





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

- **ARMY CPL. WILLIAM R. SADEWASSER**, unaccounted for from the Korean War, has now been identified. In late November, 1950, Sadewasser was a member of Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. Approximately 2,500 U.S. and 700 South Korean soldiers assembled into the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT), which was deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, when it was engaged by overwhelming numbers of Chinese forces. By Dec. 6, the U.S. Army evacuated approximately 1,500 wounded service members; the remaining soldiers had been either captured or killed in enemy territory. Because Sadewasser could not be accounted for by his unit at the end of the battle, he was reported missing in action as of Nov. 28, 1950. During the 32nd Joint Recovery Operation in 2004, recovery teams conducted operations on the eastern side of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, on Hill 1221. During the excavation, the recovery team recovered possible human remains of at least 11 individuals. Laboratory analysis and circumstantial evidence were used in the identification of his remains. Interment services are pending. For more information on DPAA please visit our website at www.dpaa.mil, find us on social media at www.facebook.com/dodpaa or call 703-699-1008.
- **ARMY CPL. WILLIAM R. SADEWASSER** served with Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, as part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. The RCT was attacked by an overwhelming number of Chinese forces in late November 1950. Sadewasser was among the more than 1,000 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory. He was reported missing as of Nov. 28, 1950. [Read more here.](#)
- **ARMY SGT. HOMER R. ABNEY**, 24, of Dallas, will be buried April 7 in his hometown. Abney was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, when his unit was engaged in heavy fighting with Chinese forces on the road from Kunu-ri to Sunch'on, North Korea — later named “The Gauntlet.” After several days of fighting, his regiment declared Abney missing on Nov. 30, 1950. [Read more here.](#)
- **ARMY CPL. JAMES T. MAINHART**, 19, of Butler, Pennsylvania, will be buried April 8 in his hometown. Mainhart served with Company I, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. The RCT was attacked by an overwhelming number of Chinese forces in late November 1950. Mainhart was among 1,300 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory. He was reported missing as of Nov. 30, 1950. [Read more here.](#)
- **ARMY SGT. DONALD D. NOEHREN**, 23, of Harlan, Iowa, will be buried April 3 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. Noehren was a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. While conducting a delaying action against Chinese forces south from the Ch'ongch'on River to Kunu-ri, North Korea, his unit encountered heavy fire and continuous enemy mortars. Noehren was captured during the withdrawal and was declared missing in action as of Nov. 30, 1950. [Read more here.](#)

- **ARMY CPL. FREDDIE L. HENSON**, unaccounted for from the Korean War, has now been identified. In late November 1950, Henson was a member of Battery A, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. Approximately 2,500 U.S. and 700 Korean soldiers assembled into the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT), which was deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, when it was engaged by overwhelming numbers of Chinese forces. By Dec. 5, only 385 of the approximately 3,200 Americans and South Koreans assigned to the 31st RCT were still fit for duty. As the 57th FA BN accounted for its men from the battles, Henson was reported missing as of Dec. 6. During the 36th Joint Recovery Operation in 2004, recovery teams conducted operations on the eastern bank of the Chosin Reservoir, Changjin County, North Korea, based on information provided a Korean witness. The site was in the vicinity of Twikkae Village. During the excavation, the recovery team recovered possible human remains of at least five individuals. Laboratory analysis and circumstantial evidence were used in the identification of his remains. Interment services are pending.
- **ARMY CPL. DANIEL F. KELLY**, missing from the Korean War, has now been identified. In late November 1950, Kelly was a member of C Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, when his unit was ordered to advance as part of preparations for an offensive to push the North Koreans to the Yala River. By the night of November 25, the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) had begun relentless attacks which continued throughout the night and into the next morning. After the battle, it was determined that Kelly became Missing in Action on Nov. 26, 1950. In 2002, a joint U.S. and Korean People's Army recovery team conducted operations in North Korea, recovering possible remains. Laboratory analysis and circumstantial evidence were used in the identification of his remains. Interment services are pending.
- **ARMY PFC. RICHARD A. LUCAS** has now been accounted for. Lucas, of Company C, 1st Battalion 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, was reported Missing in Action, Nov. 26, 1950, in North Korea. Interment services are pending.
- **ARMY SGT. 1ST CLASS RICHARD G. CUSHMAN** has now been accounted for. Cushman, of Company A, 72nd Medium Tank Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, was reported missing in action Dec. 5, 1950 in North Korea. DPAA appreciates the Korean People's Army, as well as Korean witnesses Mr. Man Hyon Ho and Mr. Anh Il Chang, for their assistance and partnership in this recovery effort. Interment services are pending.
- **ARMY PVT. WALTER F. PIPER** has now been accounted for. Piper, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, was reported missing in action, Feb. 13, 1951 in North Korea. Interment services are pending.
- **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/>.
- **POW/MIA FOREVER STAMP**: A MESSAGE 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
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. 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, 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

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 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 of Representatives 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) 225-4740 Fax: (202) 225-3178, 1010 Park Avenue Suite 105 Baltimore, MD 21201, (410) 685-9199; Fax: (410) 685-9399

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Monthly Field Operations Summary

As of April 09, 2017

Summary: Keeping the families of our missing and veterans informed is an important 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 March 31, 2017, there were 128 personnel deployed in support of operations around the world.

DPAA continues to operate under the impact of the Continuing Resolution (CR).

The Director position closed on April 6. Please note that the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy or the Secretary of Defense will announce when a selection is made.

The Acting Director of DPAA traveled to South Korea on April 9-13, 2017. A highlight of the visit was the commemoration of the 10 year anniversary of the Ministry of National Defense Agency for KIA (Killed in Action) Recovery and Identification (South Korea) (MAKRI). Recovery operations in the DPRK, under the current environment, are not possible. However, DPAA stands ready should the opportunity arise to deploy teams or to receive remains turnover south of the DMZ.

The main operational focus for the 3rd Quarter (April/May/June) is the recovery missions in Southeast Asia. In the Europe and the Mediterranean region we are shifting focus to recovery efforts and disinterment operations as weather conditions improve. The majority of our long-term disinterment projects this year will be from U.S. cemeteries in the Philippines, Hawaii and Europe.

DPAA conducted mission analysis and planning for the Fiscal Years (FY) 18-19 Operations Plan (OPLAN). The OPLAN takes into account the potential for another CR through the 1st Quarter of FY18. Based on this plan, DPAA will focus on conducting field recovery operations for Vietnam War losses. The primary effort to achieve our goal of identifying the remains of 200 unaccounted-for personnel annually in FY18 and FY19 will come from the disinterment of service members buried as Unknowns.

Asia-Pacific Region: DPAA continues to conduct missions at a reduced level of effort due to the impact of the CR. To

maintain momentum for Vietnam War accounting, we will maintain the planned number of Investigation Teams (IT) and Recovery Teams (RT) to Laos. The reduced size of the JFA in Vietnam in the 3rd Quarter will be partially offset by the Vietnamese unilateral operations. The planned JFA in Vietnam in the 4th Quarter will not be reduced.

- Within the last 30 days DPAA conducted missions in the following countries:
 - Vietnam, 1xRT/2xResearch Investigation Team (RIT)
 - Laos, 1xIT/3xRT
 - Tarawa, (via History Flight Group, DPAA partner)
 - Philippines, (via DPAA partner University of Illinois, Chicago)
 - Cambodia, 1xRT
 - Burma, 1xRITo Palau, 1xUnderwater Investigation Team (UIT)
- DPAA has the following missions planned in the 3rd Quarter (April-June):
 - Tarawa, Field Forensic Review
 - Philippines, Disinterment
 - Laos, 1xIT/3xRT
 - Vietnam, reduced from 2xIT/7xRT to 1xRT, 1xVietnam Recovery Team, 1x Underwater Recovery Team
 - Korea, 1IT/1xRT
 - Philippines, (via DPAA partner University of Illinois, Chicago)
- 3rd Quarter missions cancelled due to Continuing Resolution impacts:
 - Solomon Islands, 3xIT
 - Malaysia, 1xIT
 - Burma, 1xRT
 - Japan, 1xIT

Europe-Mediterranean Region: In addition to ongoing operations, we are planning partnered missions with History Flight, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, University of Maryland, and the University of New Orleans in the 4th Quarter will be important to overall success in FY17.

- Within the last 30 days DPAA conducted missions in the following countries:
 - Sicily, Italy, 1x Terrestrial IT
 - Italy, 1xUIT
 - Germany/ Poland, 1xIT
 - Moldova (Transnistria)/Ukraine IT
- DPAA planned missions in the 3rd Quarter (April-June):
 - France, 1xIT/2RT
 - Moldova/Ukraine, 1xIT
 - Netherlands, 1xUIT
- Disinterment Operations scheduled for the 3rd/4th Quarters
 - Seven (7) scheduled for American Battle Monuments Commission Cemeteries (5 in Ardennes, 1 in Brittany, and 1 in Cambridge)
- The U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs (USRJC) held Technical Talks in Washington, D.C. on March 20-23 to discuss issues concerning missing U.S. and former Soviet service personnel from past wars. The next planned Technical Talks will occur in Washington D.C. on June 20-23 and will discuss issues concerning the Vietnam War and the Cold War. The National League of POW/MIA Families have invited them to speak at their 48th Annual Meeting.

Scientific Analysis: The incoming Medical Examiner will report in May. We continue to make identifications using the Medical Examiner provided to us by the Office of the Armed Forces. **Medical Examiner.** Laboratory testing is proceeding at full speed and we expect to be back on pace later this summer.

Statistics:

- Identifications: 54 Fiscal Year To Date (FYTD)/ six (6) in March 2017

29. TRUMP SAYS US WILL ACT ALONE ON NORTH KOREA IF CHINA FAILS TO HELP

'If China is not going to solve North Korea, we will', says US president as he prepares for meeting with Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping later this week. Donald Trump has issued China with an ultimatum that if it fails to put pressure on North Korea to disable its nuclear programme, then the US is prepared to take action against Pyongyang on its own. "Well, if China is not going to solve North Korea, we will," the president said in an interview with the Financial Times that has alarmed experts on the region. Asked how he would tackle North Korea, Trump said: "I'm not going to tell you. You know, I am not the United States of the past where we tell you where we are going to hit in the Middle East." The White House press secretary is aggressive, antagonistic and flustered. And, in the spotlight of live TV, he can appear to be channeling his pugnacious master. Trump will host the Chinese president, Xi Jinping, on Thursday and Friday at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, where the two leaders are expected to discuss North Korea, China's ambitions in the South China Sea and trade. There is speculation that North Korea could conduct another nuclear missile test to coincide with the talks. Trump said he had "great respect" for Xi and "great respect for China", adding: "I would not be at all surprised if we did something that would be very dramatic and good for both countries and I hope so." on North Korea, he said: "China has great influence over North Korea. And China will either decide to help us with North Korea, or they won't. And if they do that will be very good for China, and if they don't it won't be good for anyone."

30. (LEAD) S. KOREA, U.S. REAFFIRM IRONCLAD ALLIANCE AGAINST NORTH KOREA

SEOUL, April 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's defense minister and the U.S. Pacific Fleet commander on Monday stressed the need for a watertight security partnership between the two countries to counter North Korea's provocations.

Minister Han Min-koo held talks with Adm. Scott Swift, who arrived in Seoul on the day for a three-day trip.

Han pointed out that the North's nuclear and missile capabilities are continuing to make headway, with the communist nation all set to conduct another nuclear test at the leadership's choosing..

South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-koo (R) holds talks with Adm. Scott Swift, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, in Seoul on April 3, 2017

"Under the grim security circumstances, Han was quoted as saying a robust response posture and watertight coordination against North Korea are more important than ever,". The allies' ongoing annual joint military drills are making a big contribution to successfully deterring the North, he added. The navies of South Korea, the U.S. and Japan also launched a rare combined anti-submarine exercise on Monday, mobilizing some major warships and other assets. The minister emphasized the importance of defense cooperation among the three countries, saying the trilateral training is a clear show of their resolve to deal resolutely with the North's threats. The U.S. commander assured him that Washington's "ironclad" security commitment to the defense of South Korea remains unchanged, said the ministry. Swift said the U.S. Pacific Fleet will keep playing a pivotal role in promoting cooperative ties between the two countries' navies, it added. He plans to attend the Pacific Amphibious Leaders Symposium (PALS), an annual international forum largely on the Marine Corps, followed by a series of bilateral meetings with senior South Korean military officers. The admiral will then head to Japan.



31. Changjin (CHOSIN FEW) MEMORIAL DEDICATION at Quantico Marine Corps Base (Museum) will be dedicated on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 2:00PM. The Memorial dedication will take place at the United States Marine Corps Museum located off of Route 1 in Triangle, Virginia.

32. PANMUNJOM, South Korea — Vice President Mike Pence wasn't expected to go outside during his visit to the so-called Freedom House on Monday, which stands within eyesight of North Korea.

The vice president made remarks to reporters inside the hall, calling the unique border area “the historic frontier of freedom” as he looked out through glass doors onto the blue buildings straddling the demarcation line that divides the peninsula.



Vice President Mike Pence, standing near U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Vincent Brooks, looks out toward North Korea from the steps of the Freedom House at the Joint Security Area of the Demilitarized Zone, Monday, April 17, 2017.

But suddenly American and South Korean soldiers rushed out to form a security cordon, and Pence — accompanied by the commander of U.S. Forces Korea Gen. Vincent Brooks and their entourage — walked out onto the steps. Two North Korean soldiers filmed the scene from their side of the concrete berm that separates the two sides in the truce village of Panmunjom. He said his visit to the tense border showed the U.S. resolve and warned the North not to test President Donald Trump.

North Korea tried but failed to launch a missile on Sunday, the day the vice president arrived in South Korea to start his first regional tour since taking office. Pence hammered home Washington's insistence that it would like to deal with the growing threat from North Korea through peaceful means such as negotiations — but is prepared to get tough. **The vice president, whose father was awarded a Bronze Star for his service as a soldier in the 1950-53 Korean War,** also offered reassurances to South Korea that the United States will stand by its ally of nearly seven decades. "All options are on the table to achieve the objectives and ensure the security of the people of this country and the stability of this region," he said in his remarks to reporters.

"We seek peace, but America has always sought peace through strength, and my message here today ... is a message of resolve," he said, reiterating that "the era of strategic patience is over."

Trump has been outspoken in calling President Barack Obama's policy toward the North, which relied heavily on diplomatic pressure and economic sanctions, a failure. But the administration has offered few details about how things will change, other than to say that China needs to take more action to rein in its communist ally. Pence said he was "heartened" by China's recent moves regarding the North but insisted more needed to be done. "Either China will deal with this problem or the United States and its allies will," he said. "We want to see change. We want to see North Korea abandon its reckless path." Pence, who arrived at nearby Camp Bonifas by helicopter, also viewed North Korea from the hilltop Observation Point Ouellette. He later greeted U.S. and South Korean soldiers at a dining facility before rain forced him to ride in a motorcade back to Seoul for a meeting with South Korea's acting president, Hwang Kyo-ahn. "Just in the past two weeks, the world witnessed the strength and resolve of our new president in actions taken in Syria and Afghanistan," Pence said later at a joint press conference. "North Korea would do well not to test his resolve or the strength of the armed forces of the United States in this region." Pence is scheduled to travel to Japan on Tuesday, where he will meet with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Speaking to the national Diet on Monday, Abe called for more pressure on the North Koreans so they will respond seriously to talks. "Needless to say, diplomatic effort is important to maintain peace," Abe said, according to The Associated Press. "But dialogue for the sake of having dialogue is meaningless." On Wednesday, Pence is scheduled to speak to sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan at Yokosuka Naval Base.

33. US TELLS NORTH KOREA: WE DON'T WANT A FIGHT, DON'T START ONE

UNITED NATIONS — The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations had a message for North Korea on Wednesday: "We're not trying to pick a fight so don't try and give us one." "The ball is in their court," Ambassador Nikki Haley told reporters. "They shouldn't try and play at this point."

Haley's comments followed President Trump's recent statement that the U.S. wants peace — and that how much North Korean ruler Kim Jong Un also wants peace will be a deciding factor in easing tensions between the two countries. Trump has been pressuring China, North Korea's main benefactor, to help defuse the situation over North Korea's development of atomic weapons and long-range missiles but he has also warned that the U.S. will settle the issue alone if other countries won't help. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told reporters the United Nations fully backs efforts of all states trying to ensure "that North Korea doesn't acquire the capacities that would become a threat, not only for the region but in a wider area of the world." Tensions have escalated over North Korean moves to accelerate its arms programs, including developing an intercontinental ballistic missile that could reach the United States.

The North conducted two nuclear bomb tests and 24 ballistic missile tests last year, defying six Security Council sanctions resolutions banning any testing, and it has conducted additional missile tests this year, including one on Saturday that failed. Developing a hydrogen bomb is also a declared priority of North Korea, officially the Democratic People's Republic of Korea or DPRK.

Guterres singled out the countries "in the front line" of contacts with North Korea — the U.S., China, South Korea, Russia and Japan — and said everybody involved should "make sure that everything is done for the threat represented by the development in relation to missiles and in relation to the potential for nuclear capability not to become a threat to the international community."

North Korea, however, withdrew from the six-party talks aimed at the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula in 2009 and has shown no interest in returning.

Haley, the current president of the U.N. Security Council, said members were working on a statement condemning the latest failed missile launch.

Diplomats said the U.S.-drafted statement would strongly condemn the launch and express the council's "utmost concern" at North Korea's "highly destabilizing behavior and flagrant and provocative defiance" of council resolutions. It would also demand an immediate end to the North's nuclear and missile tests, threaten to take "further significant measures" — U.N. code for new sanctions — and state that North Korea's illegal activities "are greatly increasing tension in the region and beyond."

The diplomats, who agreed to discuss the statement only on condition of anonymity because consultations have been private, said China had signed off on it. But they said Russia objected because a sentence in the draft expressing the council's commitment "to a peaceful, diplomatic and political solution to the situation" dropped the words "through dialogue" that had been in previous statements.

Whether agreement can be reached on a statement remains to be seen.

North Korea will definitely be in the U.N. spotlight on April 28 when U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson presides at a Security Council meeting where Guterres will brief members on the North's nuclear program. The U.S. has invited foreign ministers from the 14 other council nations and many are expected to attend.

A concept paper circulated to council members ahead of the meeting states that North Korea's "pursuit of weapons of mass destruction represents one of the gravest threats to international peace and security the Security Council faces."

The paper, obtained by The Associated Press, says the North's latest actions "make clear that further international pressure is required for the DPRK to change its behavior if there is to be any hope for meaningful denuclearization talks to resume."

It says the meeting will give council members an opportunity to discuss ways to maximize the impact of existing U.N. sanctions "and show their resolve to respond to further provocations with significant new measures." Council members can also "recommit to implementing all existing and future sanctions to maximize pressure on the DPRK to return to meaningful negotiations on denuclearization," the paper says.

34. SENATOR: TRUMP WON'T LET NORTH KOREA BUILD MISSILE TO REACH US

WASHINGTON — A senior Republican senator says he emerged from a dinner meeting with Donald Trump confident the president will not allow North Korea to build a nuclear-tipped missile capable of striking the United States. "If I were North Korea, I would not underestimate President Trump's resolve to stop them from getting a missile to hit our homeland," Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina told reporters Tuesday. Graham joined Sen. John McCain of Arizona for the dinner at the White House on Monday evening. Graham and McCain are defense hawks and have been two of Trump's sharpest GOP critics on foreign policy matters. But both senators are backing Trump's approach on North Korea, which has threatened to use pre-emptive strikes or any other measures it deems necessary to defend itself against the "U.S. imperialists." The Trump administration has warned that all options, including a military strike, are on the table to block North Korea from developing a nuclear-tipped missile that could reach the U.S. mainland. But a pre-emptive strike against North Korea's nuclear and missile facilities isn't likely. The Trump administration is instead seeking to put pressure on North Korea with the help of China. Graham said it's uncertain whether North Korea may actually launch a weapon of mass destruction at the U.S. But, he said, Trump "is not going to allow this problem to get any worse than it is today." The key, Graham added, is to make North Korea realize there's a "new sheriff in town." McCain, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, declined to discuss the specifics of the meeting with the president. But he said the Trump administration's tough talk of defusing North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs is justified. "Obviously you have to follow words with action, but I think their expressed concern is very legitimate. And I don't think it's inflammatory rhetoric," McCain said. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un "is intent on having the capability to strike the United States of America. That is the threat." McCain said Trump is "exploring all options" on North Korea. But a pre-emptive strike, he said, "would be the last one." In a show of force, Trump has dispatched to waters near the Korean Peninsula what he's called an "armada" of ships, including an aircraft carrier. South Korea's navy is planning to hold joint naval drills with U.S. aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson battle group, which has trained with Japanese destroyers in recent days,

around the weekend. Trump also has sought to press Chinese President Xi Jinping to exert greater pressure on North Korea, given China's status as the country's economic lifeline and sole major ally. McCain said he welcomed the outreach to China. But he also criticized Beijing for repeatedly refusing to use its influence to bring North Korea to the negotiating table and curb what McCain considers Pyongyang's bellicose behavior.

"Instead, China has chosen to bully South Korea for exercising its sovereign right to defend itself from the escalating North Korean threat," McCain said, referring to a decision to deploy the THAAD missile defense system to the Korean Peninsula. China, in response, has waged a campaign of economic retaliation against South Korea, which McCain said has inflicted real damage. "The twisted reality is that China is doing all of this to stop the deployment of a missile defense system, which is only necessary because China has aided and abetted North Korea for decades," he said.

35.

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. Fred Ragusa's Wife – Back Problems
- e. Fred Ragusa – Broken Arm
- f. Our Country (USA)
- g. Our Countries Leadership
- h. Men and Women serving in the Armed Forces
- i. Situation in the Korean Peninsular

36. **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"

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Line 6: 1-1/2"

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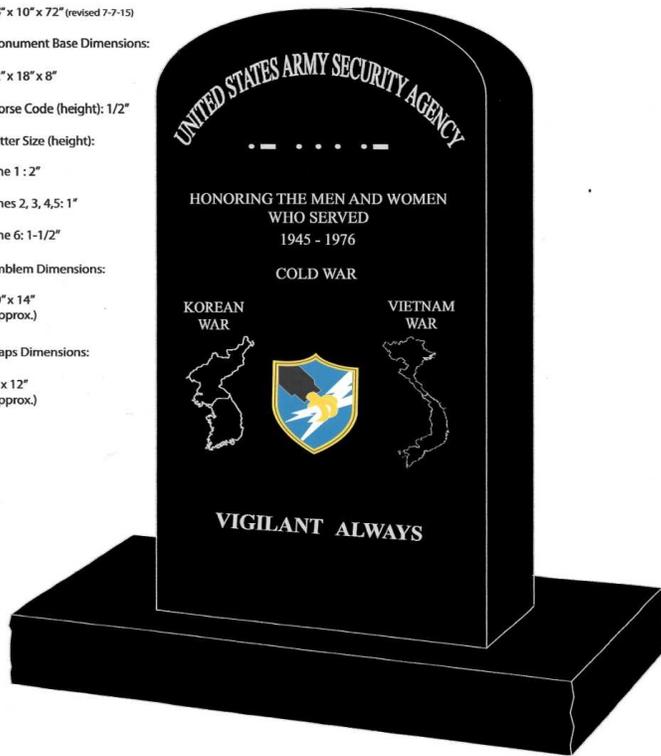
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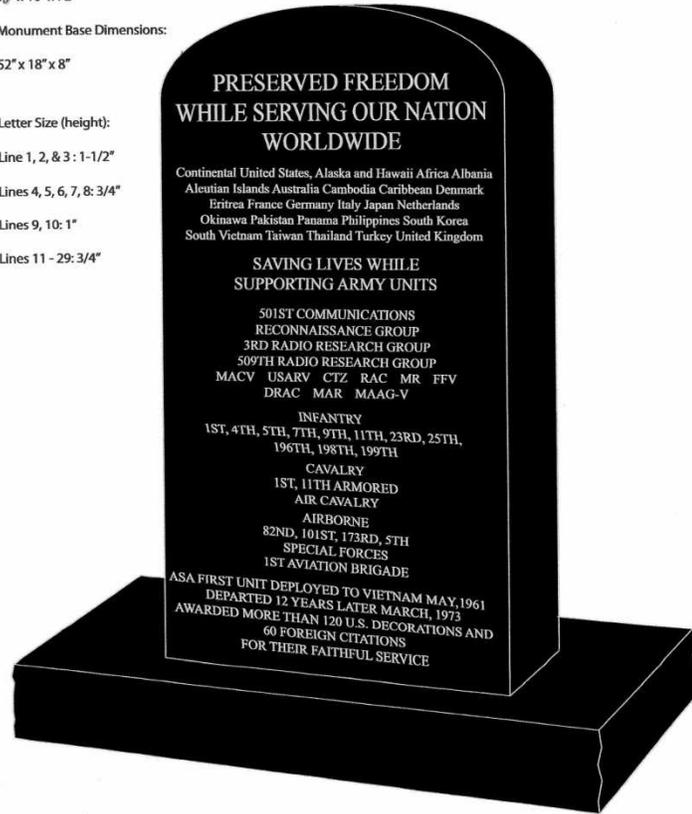
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2013



2015

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Development Conference

Digital history of
Korean War and
post-Korean War
developments

2016



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Background

In 2000, the Maxwell School established The Ambassador Pyo Wook Han Lecture Series on US-Korean Affairs. Ambassador Han (SU alum '42) founded the Korean Embassy in Washington D.C. in 1948 and met with President Truman for US aid during and after the war. Local KWWs invited to the Lecture Series brought pictures and other historical artefacts. In 2005, SU's digital library project with Kim Chaek University of Technology, D.P.R.K. was completed, and the idea of making a digital

memorial to preserve veterans' artefacts was formed.

Purpose

To preserve memories of Korean War Veterans, to honor their sacrifice and services, and to educate our young generations on the legacy of the Korean War—the U.S.'s most successful involvement since WWII and its strategic alliance with Republic of Korea and Korea's simultaneous economic development and democratization.

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- Project I. Completion of KWWs Digital Archive
- Project II. Making Digital History Teaching Materials
- Project III. Teachers Professional Development Conference
- Project IV. "Korea Residency" Programs
- Project V. International Educators Cooperation



Teachers, Youth Corps members, and Veterans at the annual Conference (June 2016, Orlando, FL).

Digital Archive

With the average age of KWWs being 85, it is imperative to document every possible oral history and historical artefact as soon as possible. Currently, the KWWLF has accumulated more than 1,000 in depth-interviews and 8,000 historical artefacts including pictures, letters, diaries, flyers, posters, and private & public documents related to the Korean War. The KWWLF's Teacher Fellows are working to turn this digital archive into the "Korean War Memory Bank," which teachers and students can use in classrooms.

Programs for Our Educators

Focusing on the foundation's major theme, "What good can come out of the Korean War?", the KWWLF has run the following programs for teachers:

- 1) Annual Teachers Conferences
- 2) Annual Korea Visit
- 3) Korea Ambassadorship
- 4) U.S.-Korea Exchange Residency
- 5) International Cooperation

Korean War History Project

To challenge the myth of the so-called "Forgotten War," the KWWLF—with official endorsement of National Council of Social Studies—launched a series of educational projects based on its digital archive (kwwlm.org):

- 1) Korean War Memory Bank
- 2) Curricular Resources
- 3) Documentary Film

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<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Wednesday, October 4</u>				
8:00a	- 4:00p	KWVA Board Members/Officers Arrive		Hotel
5:00p	- 8:00p	Registration Desk Open		Lobby
6:30p	- 8:30p	Welcome Reception		Monticello Room
<u>Thursday, October 5</u>				
8:00a	- 11:00p	KWVA Summer Board Meeting		Brandon A & B
9:00a	- 5:00p	Registration Desk Open		Lobby
11:30a	- 4:00p	Tour – US Naval Facility - Norfolk	\$52.00	Tour
10:00a	- 6:00p	Hospitality Room Open		Monticello Room
<u>Friday, October 6</u>				
9:00a	- 5:00p	Registration Desk Open		Lobby
9:00a	- 11:00p	KWVA Annual Membership Meeting		Providence Ballroom 3 rd Floor
1:00p	- 4:00p	Tour–Nauticus Museum & USS Battleship Wisconsin	\$36.00	Nauticus
1:00p	- 9:00p	Hospitality Room Open		Monticello Room
1:00p	- 5:00p	Korean War Veteran Interviews		Westover Room 4 th Floor
<u>Saturday, October 7</u>				
9:00a	- 11:00a	Korean War Veteran Interviews		Westover Room 4 th Floor
10:30a	- 3:00p	Tour -Victory Rover Harbor Cruise	\$65.00	Hampton Roads Harbor
		Tour- General Douglas McArthur Memorial Wreath Presentation		McArthur Memorial McArthur Memorial
11:00p	5:00p	Hospitality Room Open		Monticello Room
6:30p	- 10:00p	Reception and Banquet	\$35.00	Providence Ballroom 3 rd Floor
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- Next visit **Nauticus**, a unique and thriving campus of visitor attractions that explores the economic, naval, and natural powers of the sea. Features here include a series of interactive exhibits, 3D, high-def films in the 250-person theater, and aquariums of marine life. Also housed here is the **Hampton Roads Naval Museum**, one of ten museums officially operated by the U.S. Navy. Highlights of the naval battles and exhibits of detailed ship models, artwork, and memorabilia are showcased throughout.
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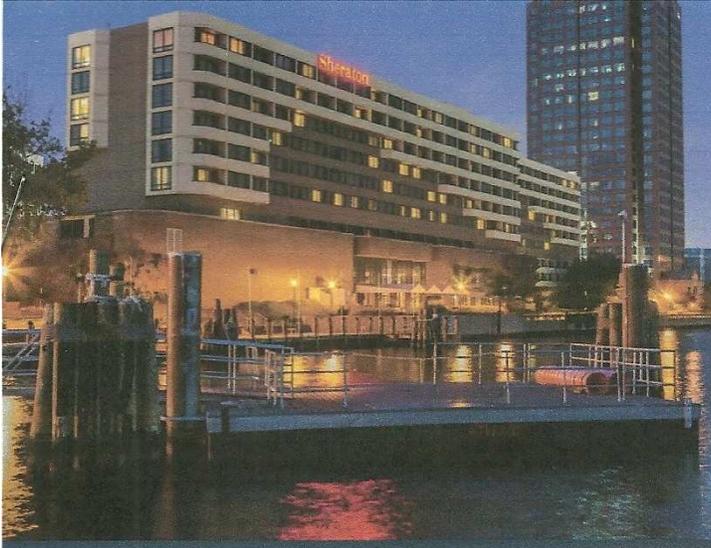


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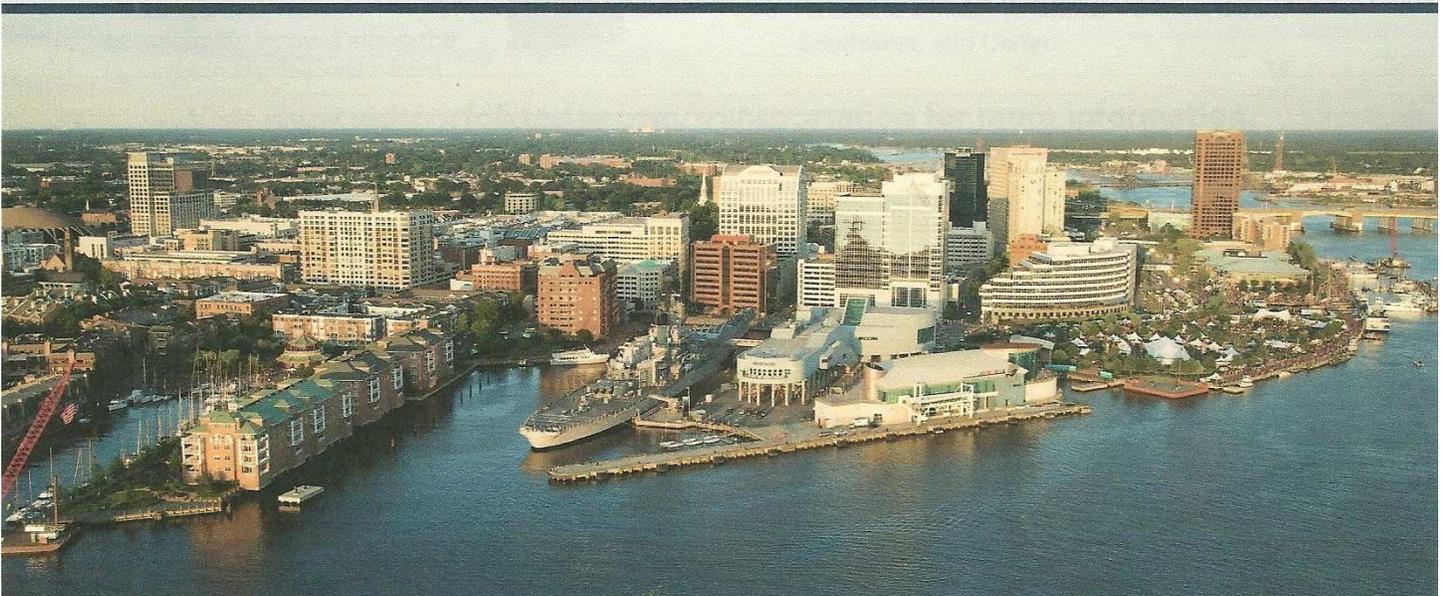
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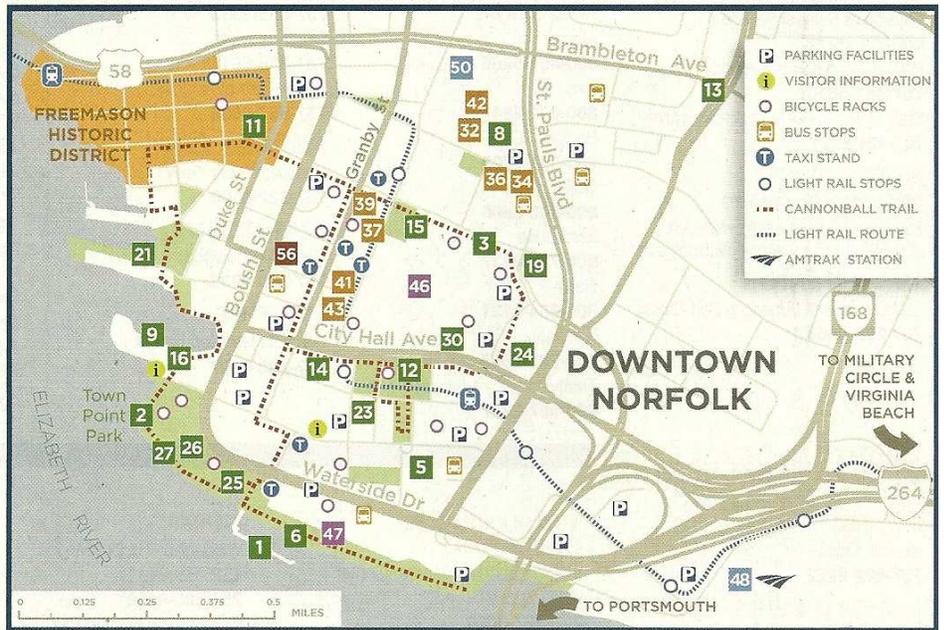
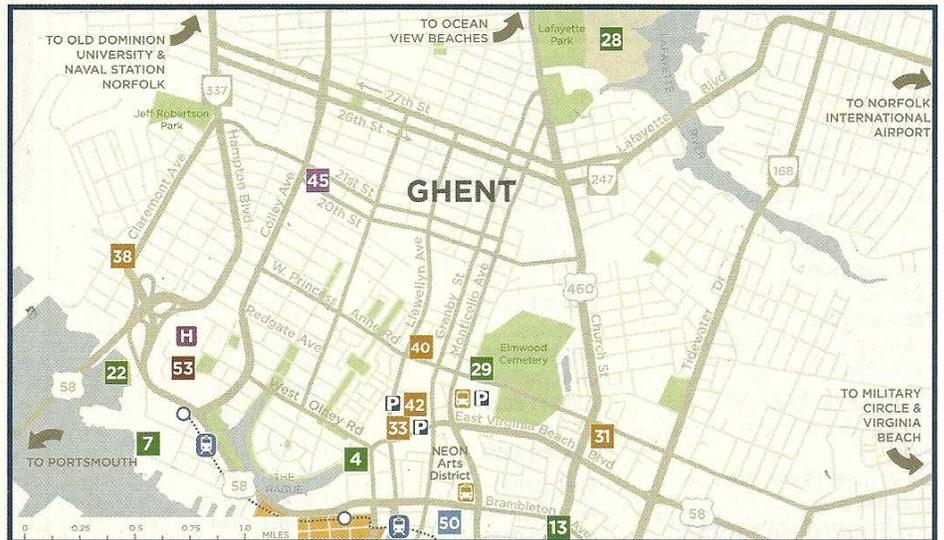


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757-627-SAIL (7245) | americanrover.com
- 2 Armed Forces Memorial
1-800-368-3097
- 3 The Cannonball Trail
- 4 Chrysler Museum of Art / Glass Studio
757-664-6200 | chrysler.org
- 5 Confederate Monument
- 6 Elizabeth River Ferry
757-222-6100 | gohrt.com/services/ferry
- 7 Fort Norfolk
norfolkhistorical.org/ftnorfolk
- 8 Generic Theater
757-441-2160 | generictheater.org
- 9 Hampton Roads Naval Museum
757-322-2987 | hrnm.navy.mil
- 10 Hermitage Museum and Gardens
757-423-2052 | thehermitagemuseum.org
- 11 Hunter House Victorian Museum
757-623-9814 | hunterhousemuseum.org
- 12 The MacArthur Memorial
757-441-2965 | macarthurmemorial.org
- 13 Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument
- 14 Monticello Arcade
monticelloarcade.com
- 15 Moses Myers House
757-664-6200 | 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 | halfmoone.org
- 17 Naval Station Norfolk
757-444-7955 | cnic.navy.mil/norfolksta/index.htm
- 18 Norfolk Botanical Garden
757-441-5830 | norfolkbotanicalgarden.org
- 19 Norfolk History Museum at the Willoughby-Baylor House
757-664-6200 | chrysler.org/about-the-museum/historic-houses
- 20 Ocean View Station Museum
757-531-0445 | ovsm.org
- 21 The Pagoda and Garden
757-622-0506 | pagodagarden.org
- 22 Plum Point Park
- 23 Slover Library
757-644-7323 | sloverlibrary.com
- 24 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
757-627-4353 | stpaulsnorfolk.org
- 25 Spirit of Norfolk
866-304-2469 | spiritofnorfolk.com
- 26 Town Point Park
757-441-2345 | festevents.org
- 27 Victory Rover Naval Base Cruises
757-627-7406 | navalbasecruises.com
- 28 Virginia Zoo
757-441-2374 | virginiazoo.org
- 29 West Point Monument, Elmwood Cemetery
757-777-8192 | norfolksocietyforcemeteryconservation.org/west-point-cemetery
- 30 Windows on History

PERFORMING ARTS FACILITIES

- 31 Attucks Theatre
757-664-6464 | sevenvenues.com



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| 32 Chrysler Hall
757-664-6464 sevenvenues.com | 41 Virginia Stage Company
757-627-1234 vastage.com |
| 33 Harrison Opera House
757-664-6464 sevenvenues.com | 42 Virginia Symphony Orchestra
757-892-6366 virginiasymphony.org |
| 34 The Hurrah Players & The Perry Family Theatre
757-627-5437 hurrahplayers.com | 43 Wells Theatre
757-664-6464 sevenvenues.com |
| 35 L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center
757-823-2063 nsu.edu/wilder | |
| 36 Robin Hixon Theater
757-282-2800 | |
| 37 The NorVa
757-627-4547 thenorva.com | |
| 38 The Little Theatre of Norfolk
757-627-8551 ltnonline.org | |
| 39 Tidewater Community College / Roper Performing Arts Center
757-822-1450 tcc.edu/roper | |
| 40 Virginia Opera
1-866-OPERA-VA (673-7282) vaopera.org | |

SHOPPING

- 44 Military Circle Mall
shopmilitarycircle.com
- 45 Ghent Shopping & Antiques
ghentnorfolk.org
- 46 MacArthur Center
757-627-6000 | shopmacarthur.com
- 47 Waterside District
norfolkwatersidedistrict.com

2017 Honor Flight Tour Schedule

Tour Date	Honor Flight Chapter	More Information
May		
5/7/2017	Honor Flight Kern County (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/2/2017	Honor Flight Arizona (Arizona)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/2/2017	Heartland Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/3/2017	Covington Region Honor Flight (Georgia)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/4/2017	Kansas Honor FLight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/4/2017	Honor Flight of the Quad Cities (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/5/2017	Honor Flight Bay Area (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/5/2017	Honor Flight Dallas Fort Worth (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Honor Flight Houston (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Coastal Georgia Honor Flight (Georgia)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Honor Flight Twin Cities (Minnesota)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Honor Flight Southland (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight (Iowa)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Honor Flight of Southern Indiana (Indiana)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Freedom Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Honor Flight Long Island (New York)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Honor Flight Buffalo-Niagara (New York)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Honor Flight Central Florida (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Leatherstocking Honor Flight (New York)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/6/2017	Southwest Florida Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/7/2017	Honor Flight Kern County (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/8/2017	Honor Flight Northern Colorado (Colorado)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/9/2017	Greater Peoria Honor Flight (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub

5/10/2017	Honor Flight Bluegrass (Kentucky)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/12/2017	Rocky Mountain Honor Flight (Colorado)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/12/2017	Utah Honor Flight (Utah)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/13/2017	South Willamette Valley Honor Flight (Oregon)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/13/2017	Great River Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/13/2017	Honor Flight Columbus (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/13/2017	Screaming Eagle Honor Flight (Tennessee)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/13/2017	Honor Flight Rochester (New York)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/13/2017	Badger Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/13/2017	Blue Ridge Honor Flight (North Carolina)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/13/2017	Collier County Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/16/2017	Honor Flight of the Ozarks (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/17/2017	Upper Peninsula Honor Flight (Michigan)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/18/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/20/2017	Permian Basin Honor Flight (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/20/2017	Honor Flight San Antonio (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/20/2017	Hudson Valley Honor Flight (New York)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/20/2017	Honor Flight Kentucky (Kentucky)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/20/2017	Franklin County Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/20/2017	Lone Eagle (Various States)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/20/2017	Honor Flight Tallahassee (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/20/2017	Space Coast Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/20/2017	Southeast Florida Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/21/2017	Stars & Stripes Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/22/2017	Never Forgotten Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/22/2017	Central Missouri Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/23/2017	Land of Lincoln Honor Flight (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/23/2017	Honor Flight Tri-State (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/23/2017	Mid-Michigan Honor Flight (Michigan)	Contact Honor Flight Hub

5/24/2017	Eastern Iowa Honor Flight (Iowa)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/24/2017	Honor Flight Northeast Indiana (Indiana)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/24/2017	Honor Flight Arizona (Arizona)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/24/2017	Always Free Honor Flight (WestVirginia)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/24/2017	The Villages Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/26/2017	Utah Honor Flight (Utah)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/27/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
5/29/2017	Honor Flight Austin (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
June		
6/1/2017	Honor Flight of Northern New Mexico (NewMexico)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/2/2017	Honor Flight Dallas Fort Worth (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/3/2017	RI Fire Chiefs Honor Flight (Rhode Island)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/3/2017	Honor Flight Houston (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/3/2017	Honor Flight Central Florida (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/6/2017	Honor Flight West Central Florida (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/7/2017	Old Glory Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/7/2017	Flag City Honor Flight (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/8/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/8/2017	Honor Flight of the Quad Cities (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/9/2017	Honor Flight Bay Area (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/9/2017	Stars & Stripes Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/10/2017	Franklin County Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/10/2017	Honor Flight Columbus (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/10/2017	Leatherstocking Honor Flight (NewYork)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/13/2017	Greater Peoria Honor Flight (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/17/2017	Honor Flight Rochester (NewYork)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/10/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/20/2017	Land of Lincoln Honor Flight (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/22/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub

6/24/2017	Great River Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/24/2017	Lone Eagle (Various States)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/24/2017	Space Coast Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/29/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
July		
7/1/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
7/5/2017	Honor Flight Austin (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
August		
8/19/2017	Space Coast Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
8/22/2017	Honor Flight Tri-State (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
8/29/2017	Honor Flight of the Ozarks (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
8/31/2017	Honor Flight of the Quad Cities (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
September		
9/2/2017	Honor Flight Dayton (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/7/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/8/2017	Honor Flight Bay Area (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/9/2017	Honor Flight Columbus (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/9/2017	Lone Eagle (Various States)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/9/2017	Space Coast Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/9/2017	Indy Honor Flight (Indiana)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/11/2017	Never Forgotten Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/12/2017	Honor Flight West Central Florida (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/16/2017	Honor Flight Kentucky (Kentucky)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/16/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
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9/16/2017	Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight (Iowa)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/18/2017	Greater Lafayette Honor Flight (Indiana)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/18/2017	Honor Flight Northern Colorado (Colorado)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/18/2017	Eastern Iowa Honor Flight (Iowa)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
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9/20/2017	Flag City Honor Flight (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/21/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/23/2017	Franklin County Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/23/2017	Collier County Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/23/2017	Honor Flight Huntington (WestVirginia)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/26/2017	Greater Peoria Honor Flight (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/26/2017	Heartland Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/30/2017	Honor Flight Dayton (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/30/2017	Honor Flight Columbus (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/30/2017	Honor Flight Syracuse (NewYork)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/30/2017	Honor Flight Twin Cities (Minnesota)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
October		
10/7/2017	South Willamette Valley Honor Flight (Oregon)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
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10/9/2017	Never Forgotten Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/10/2017	Central Valley Honor Flight (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/13/2017	Honor Flight Bay Area (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/14/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
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10/14/2017	Franklin County Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/14/2017	Lone Eagle (Various States)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/14/2017	Space Coast Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/14/2017	Honor Flight Savannah (Georgia)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
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November		
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