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The following monthly update for January 2018 is submitted by the Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association of the United States of America.

- **MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT REPORT:** Submitted by Mr. John “Sonny” Edwards – AS OF 1-26-18

NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH 36

ACTIVE MEMBERS LYTD 12,672
ACTIVE MEMBERS TYTD 12,152
DECREASE 520

DECEASED COMRADES THIS MONTH 89

DEPARTMENTS & CHAPTERS WITH 3 PLUS NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH
FL-6 NJ-3 TX-4

- **Veterans: It’s still not too late to get your flu shot Experts say one of the worst flu seasons on record still has not reached its peak**

The 2017-18 flu season is shaping up to be one of the worst on record. Featuring a particularly nasty strain of flu that is both virulent and hard hitting, this year’s flu has resulted in a number of deaths throughout the nation and has left thousands home from work and school fighting high fevers and other extreme flu symptoms. Not only that, but this flu epidemic has yet to reach its peak in terms of the number of influenza victims infected and that number is increasing daily.



Data compiled by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that the flu is currently most active in New York, Puerto Rico and 32 states experienced high activity. This includes Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Currently, nine states are experiencing moderate influenza-like illnesses activity — Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. The District of Columbia and six other states experienced low flu-like activity, including Connecticut, Michigan, New Hampshire, Utah, Vermont, and Washington. Three states — Delaware, Maine and Montana — are experiencing minimal activity.

However, there is good news in this scenario. The CDC reports that by getting an annual flu vaccination you not only help prevent infection by the flu strain for which this year’s vaccination was intended, but also that an annual flu vaccination can help lessen the effects and shorten the duration of other flu strains that are currently active.

For those living in a high-to-moderate activity area, the CDC recommends that people get an annual flu vaccination, even this late in the traditional flu season because of the virulent nature of the flu this year. This is especially important for

people over the age of 50. If you are living in one of the states with a lower incidence of infection, you should still get your flu vaccination as the rate of infection in those areas could increase at any time.

Veterans enrolled in VA health care are eligible for a no-cost flu shot at any of the over 8,000 Walgreens nation-wide in addition to local VA health care facilities. Simply present a Veterans Identification Card and a photo ID, at any participating Walgreens or Duane Reade location. Vaccinations will be available through March 31, 2018.* VA and Walgreens are committed to keeping Veteran patients healthy, and during this flu season, vaccinations are the best way to prevent the spread of flu.

• **KEY CONGRESSIONAL DATES FOR 2018**

- Jan. 3 Senate convenes Second Session, 115th Congress
- Jan. 8 House convenes Second Session, 115th Congress
- Jan 19 CR Expires
- Jan. 30 State of the Union address
- Feb. 5 Statutory deadline for president’s fiscal year 2019 budget request
- March 5 Renewals for current DACA recipients end
- March 31 FAA authorization, CHIP funding expire
- March/early April Extraordinary measures could run out if debt limit isn’t addressed
- July 30-Sept. 3 House summer recess
- Aug. 4-Sept. 3 Senate summer recess
- Oct. 1 Fiscal Year 2019 begins
- Oct. 15-Nov. 12 House election recess
- Oct. 27-Nov. 12 Senate election recess
- Nov. 6 Election Day
- Nov. 13 First day of congressional lame-duck session
- Dec. 13 Scheduled House adjournment
- Dec. 14 Scheduled Senate adjournment

• **VA BENEFITS PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Dear VA Beneficiary,

We want to provide you with some important information about your VA benefit payments.



VA education, compensation, pension, and survivor’s benefits are paid on a monthly basis. Normally, benefits for a particular month are paid the first business day of the following month. When the first business day of the month falls on a non-business day or a holiday, VA benefits will be paid on the last business day prior to the first of the month.

Provided below is the payment schedule for upcoming VA benefit payment disbursements:

Benefit Period	Benefit Payment Date
January 2018	February 1, 2018
February 2018	March 1, 2018
March 2018	March 30, 2018

You can check your latest VA benefit payments online at www.eBenefits.va.gov . If you are not receiving benefit payments from VA, but know someone who is, please share this information with them. Additionally we want you to have the resources to help you make wise financial decisions. We encourage you to visit www.mymoney.gov and www.consumer.gov for helpful financial information. We hope you find this information useful.

Sincerely,

Veterans Benefits Administration

- **REVISIT KOREA TOURS** – the Korean War Veterans Association has received the 2018 dates for the Revisit to Korea Program. Please contact Warren Wiedhahn for additional information.

- 20-26 June
- 22-28 July
- 9-15 Sept
- 7-13 Nov

- **THIS YEAR, LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST WITH VA CARE!**

What's your New Year's resolution? Whether you're looking to lose a few pounds or become more active, VA may be able to help.

Woodi, an Army Veteran, turned to VA for help with her back pain. After going through several different therapies, her physical therapist recommended incorporating yoga into her routine.

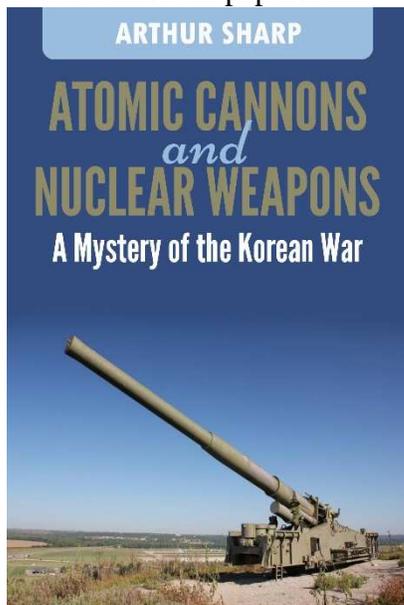
"I thought, how can you ask someone with a bad back to do yoga?" Woodi says. "I had no idea that yoga is done in so many different ways and for people of all ages and all abilities."

Veterans enrolled in VA health care not only have access to comprehensive medical benefits, but also exercise and movement services like Woodi's yoga class, weight loss programs, recreational therapies and much more.

"The VA has made a huge difference in my life," Woodi says. "The yoga class has loosened my back up, taken away a lot of my pain, helped me to be able to move better, to have a better quality of life, to take less medication."

Take control of your health. Learn how to apply for VA health care by visiting Explore.VA.gov or clicking on the button below.

Atomic Cannons and Nuclear Weapons: A Mystery of the Korean War by The Graybeards editor Arthur G. Sharp is now available in paperback.



Here is what critics are saying:

“A superb account of a war that ended in a fog of mystery. The author delved into military operations by the U.S. Army with the positioning of atomic cannons in Korea to counter the vast number of Chinese troops coming across the border. After reading this book, I came to realize how fragile our world is and the realization that the next confrontation between two nations will be atomic warfare. The author may not have intended it as a wake-up call, but it should be required reading for every member doing public service in Washington D.C. and every student studying Political Science in college and university.”

-Wolfgang Ryan
Author and Amazon Critic

“Arthur Sharp brought his writing skill to this important nook and it’s timely indeed. One thinks of B-52 bombers as the delivering agent for nuclear warheads by the U.S. Air Force, but it would do any American adversary well to read this book to become acquainted with the broad arsenal of the U.S. Army and the foot soldiers on the ground. What a timely reminder to those thinking of doing bad things to the United States.”

-Donagh Bracken
Author, The Words of War

Order your paperback copy directly from the author: Arthur G. Sharp, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573-7141 or via email at sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net.

Cost: \$22, including shipping and handling.

Remember, \$2 of each purchase goes to the Wall of Remembrance fund.

(**Atomic Cannons and Nuclear Weapons: A Mystery of the Korean War** is available in ebook format from amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.)

Stop. Take a Breath. Be Mindful

Mindfulness is the state of moment-to-moment awareness of one's experience without judgment. It is human nature to sometimes live on autopilot. We have tendencies to rehearse the future — **what will I do next?** Or rehash the past — **I shouldn't have done that.**



Being mindful is noticing what is happening right now; without judging or trying to fix it. Being mindful and aware allows you to tune into signs and signals that your body and mind are sending.

Benefits of practicing mindfulness include reduced rumination, stress reduction, boosts to working memory, less emotional reactivity, increased cognitive flexibility, and relationship satisfaction. When we are present, we can make conscious, proactive choices about every aspect of our health.

VA is here to support your mindfulness practice

Download VA's guided meditation audio files and podcasts:

- [Guided Meditation Podcast: An Intro on Mindfulness and using the Personal Health Inventory.](#) This is a tool to help you think about and assess your overall health so you may develop a plan to help you achieve your greatest well-being.
- [Guided Meditation Podcast: Paced Breathing](#) This podcast describes the "power of the mind" as it is used as a complement to healing. This podcast also includes a breathing exercise to promote mind-body well-being.
- [Guided Meditation Podcast: Mini Mental Vacation \(7:39\)](#) This podcast takes the listener on a "mini mental vacation," designed to settle the mind and increase a sense of relaxation and peace.
- VA has over 10 [downloaded audio files and podcasts.](#)

Sit back, relax, and watch an instructional video on mindfulness:

- [What is Mindfulness](#)
- [Why Mindfulness for VA](#)
- [Four Ways to Cultivate Mindfulness](#)
- [Beginning a Mindfulness Practice](#)
- [Mindfulness and Compassion](#)
Be mindful anywhere! Download VA's [Mobile App: Mindfulness Coach.](#)
- Visit www.womenshealth.va.gov to access additional information, materials, and resources for women Veterans.
[Mindfulness+Poster_FINAL1_8.5x11_508.pdf](#)
- [Mindfulness+Poster_FINAL2_8.5x11_508.pdf](#)



Thinking of filing another VA disability compensation claim? Make sure you file it through the new [Decision Ready Claim \(DRC\)](#) Program. With DRC, you can get a decision on your claim in 30 days or less.

Work with an accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO) to determine if the DRC Program is right for you and your claim. Your VSO can then help you gather and submit all relevant and required evidence so your claim is ready for VA to make a decision when you submit it.

If you plan to file any of the following types of claims, work with your VSO to file them as a DRC:

- **Direct Service Connection Claims:** Claims for a disability that was caused by or during your service.
- **Presumptive Service Connection Claims:** Claims for a disability that VA automatically presumes to be service-connected based on unique conditions or situations you experienced during your service.
- **Secondary Service Connection Claims:** Claims for a disability that you have as a result of another service-connected disability.
- **Increased Disability Claims:** Claims for a disability you have a VA rating for that has gotten worse.

Not planning to file a claim soon? Spread the word to your fellow Veterans, Service members and their families about the DRC Program to help them get faster decisions on their claims too. The DRC Program also now accepts Pre-Discharge claims for Service members about to transition to civilian life, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) claims for surviving spouses.

Learn more about the DRC Program, including eligibility requirements, what medical evidence you need to submit, and how to find an accredited VSO at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/drc.asp>.

Thank you for your service!

Veterans Benefits Administration

• **THE GREAT TED WILLIAMS – A TRUE AMERICAN HERO!**

By Andrew Mearns

Back in the 1940s, Ted Williams went from putting up MVP-caliber seasons ... to serving in the U.S. military during World War II -- all without missing a beat: Teddy Ballgame continued to throttle Major League pitching after returning to the Red Sox in 1946, winning a pair of MVPs and batting titles while making six straight All-Star teams. Prior to the 1952 season, however, he learned that that streak would have to be interrupted: His country needed him again.

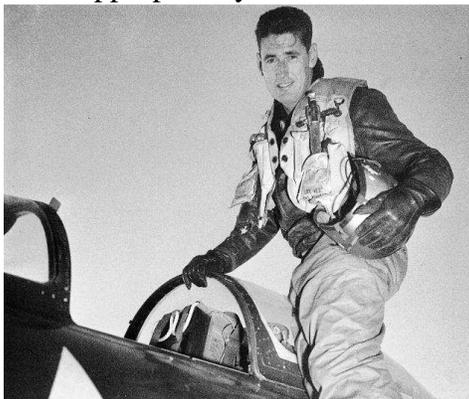
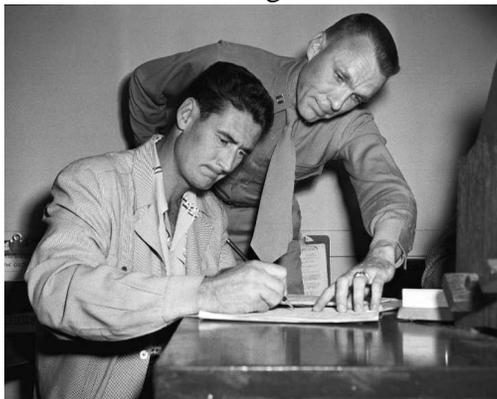
On Jan. 9, 1952, the Marines announced that they would be recalling Williams for active duty in the Korean War. He was among 1,100 senior lieutenants and captains who were told to replace the current Korean veterans who were about to be released.

Williams was surprised to learn of his return to service, but he resolved to make the most of it. He attended Spring Training with the Red Sox and played with them until he had to report for duty on May 2. His last game in 1952 came on April 30, which was declared "Ted Williams Day" in Boston, and the team paid tribute to him before the game at Fenway Park:



It was the first time the Red Sox had ever held a day in Williams' honor, and a new Cadillac was among the several gifts he received, according to the *Boston Globe*. The fans gave him an ovation, moving the normally stoic slugger enough to break tradition and doff his cap.

"This is a day I'll remember as long as I live, and I want to thank you fans in particular from the bottom of my heart," Williams said. He bid farewell in typical Williams fashion, slugging a two-run homer in his last at-bat against the Tigers' Dizzy Trout -- his lone long ball of the '52 season. He appropriately hit .400 in his six-game cameo.



Two days later, Capt. Howard A. Anderson Jr., looked on as Williams signed papers at the Naval Air Station in Willow Grove, Pa., officially bringing him back into the military.

Williams was out of baseball for the next 15 months, and the Marines kept him busy. In 1953, he traveled to Korea, where he was stationed from Feb. 4 until July 7. During this time, he flew 39 missions, served in the same squadron as future astronaut John Glenn and survived being hit three times in combat.

"He didn't shirk his duty at all. He got in there and dug 'em out like everybody else," Glenn later said. "He never mentioned baseball unless someone else brought it up. He was there to do a job. We all were. He was just one of the guys."

After a series of ear infections and the conclusion of the war, the Marines decided to send Williams home in July 1953. MLB invited him to be an honorary All-Star at the 1953 game in Cincinnati, where he threw out the ceremonial first pitch. As he prepared to return to the diamond, though, some were unsure if Williams could still play at a high level. "If Ted returns to the Marines and passes up the seasons of 1952 and 1953, he would be asked to pick up the threads of a broken career at the age of 35, so dubious an undertaking that it verges on the impossible," wrote Arthur Daley of the *New York Times*, prior to Williams' enlistment. "Unlikely to be realized, though, is his one burning ambition. After his career had ended he wanted folks to be able to point to him and say: 'There goes the greatest hitter who ever lived.'" Three weeks after Williams' appearance at the All-Star Game, he was back with the Red Sox and playing like, well, Ted Williams: In the 37 games he played in 1953, he clubbed 13 homers and hit a blistering .407.

Once again, war had failed to faze Williams' bat. He would make seven more All-Star teams and win two more batting titles before finally calling it a career in 1960. Daley's fears were unfounded -- plenty of people still call Williams "the greatest hitter who ever lived."

• **WANTED: DNA FROM VETS WHO SERVED IN SOUTH KOREA**

KIM GAMEL/STARS AND STRIPES

SEOUL, South Korea — At 68, retired Army Capt. Walter Rettberg thought he was done having children. Then he decided to trace his family tree with a DNA-testing kit and found Matthew.

Matthew Suh was a baby in South Korea when he was adopted nearly 40 years ago by an American couple. He grew up longing to find his biological mother but never thought about searching for his father because it seemed an impossible task. All he knew was that his father had been an American soldier serving in South Korea.



Matthew Suh poses with his wife, Aina Mahamedkerimova, and their daughter, Sophia, at a restaurant in Seoul, South Korea, Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017.

Enter 325 Kamra, a U.S. nonprofit that's building a DNA database to help South Korean adoptees find their birth parents, including U.S. military veterans. In many cases, troops rotating through the country didn't know the women they had sex with became pregnant, so the group is offering free DNA kits to all vets and their descendants. "So many of them have been stationed here for a long time," said Maria Savage, director of the group's South Korea operation that launched this year. "So if they remember any encounters that they had then that's enough for us." The DNA will help even if the vets didn't father children, because it might lead to another relative who did, she said. Suh heard about the program and decided to give it a try. "I didn't think anything would happen, but I said what do I have to lose?" he said during a recent interview in Seoul.

Citizenship search

The baby's mother never gave him her full name, so a nun at the orphanage listed hers on the adoption papers — Suh.

He became Matthew Scherer upon arriving at his new home in Fort Benning, Ga., but he grew estranged from his adopted parents after they had children of their own and left him feeling neglected.

At 24 he applied for a passport only to be told he wasn't a U.S. citizen. His parents never filed the paperwork to apply for citizenship, which was not granted automatically as part of the adoption process until 2000.

The new Child Citizenship Act was not retroactive so Suh, who was an adult when it was passed by Congress, did not benefit from it. That meant he was still South Korean according to the law.

"All my life I always felt all-American. That's the only life I knew," he said. "I was devastated to discover that I'm not a citizen."

He spent years fighting his status and finally got a green card only to be told it would be another half-decade or more before he could get actual citizenship. So he obtained a South Korean passport and flew to his birth country in 2010. "I didn't want to wait until I'm an old man to travel. And the time was already running out for me to try to find my mother," who was born in 1936, he said.

His search only brought more pain. Suh's birth mother died before he could meet her, and he said the uncles he did find wanted nothing to do with him. He learned about his mother's funeral after the fact.

Meanwhile, he was stranded in a country that gave him citizenship but was not home. He now goes by his original name.

Suh didn't speak Korean but couldn't take advantage of the free language courses and other benefits usually enjoyed by returning adoptees because he was considered a citizen, not a visitor.

He found work as an English teacher and decided to start his own family. He got married and had a baby girl named Sophia.

Then, in August 2016, he received a DNA kit from 325 Kamra, swabbed his cheek and waited. More than a year later, the phone rang.

Fateful decision

Like millions of other Americans, Rettberg had randomly submitted his DNA to Ancestry.com in August, hoping to learn more about his European background.

"I was looking for somebody from Germany to say that they were looking for me and I had a long-lost castle or something," he said in a recent telephone interview. "Instead I got Matthew."



This composite photo shows Matthew Suh, left holding his daughter, and his birth father, retired Army Capt. Walter Rettberg.
COURTESY OF MATTHEW SUH

It was the first direct match for a father at 325Kamra, which was founded by a group of adoptees in 2015. The organization has made 41 matches; however, most were via siblings or cousins.

Rettberg, who married another South Korean woman and has two children 29 and 26, was skeptical and suspected fraud when he got the call about the match Nov. 1.

“You get so many emails that might not be real — usually wanting money — so naturally I’m leery about things like that,” he said.

That was compounded by an initial error in dates. But after those were corrected and he saw similarities in pictures shown to him of Suh, he let down his guard.

The final straw was the mention of Uijeongbu, the area near North Korea where he had been based at Camp Stanley. “Everything fell into place. When they mentioned Uijeongbu, then I knew,” he said.

Rettberg only vaguely remembers the night in 1977 when Suh would have been conceived with a local woman he met at the base’s Enlisted Club.

“It was just a one-time thing. She didn’t seem to want to pursue it further and the next morning we just went our separate ways,” he said. “That’s kind of how it was in Korea back then. It was kind of wild and loose.”

He was transferred back to the United States soon after and never knew she was pregnant.

After getting permission, 325 Kamra passed on contact information to both men. Suh was happy but also nervous that he would be rejected again.

“In the back of my mind I thought if I did ever find my father it’s possible that he’d be married and wouldn’t want his wife to know about it. You know how the military is,” he said. Rettberg made the first move.

“It was a very accepting first email,” Suh said. “He said you can call me by my name or if you feel comfortable you can call me Dad. Whatever you feel comfortable with. He said, ‘I love you.’ ”

Suh then called him and they talked for nearly six hours. He also has talked to his new sister, although his brother is busy with Marine boot camp so they haven’t had time to connect.

They now speak regularly on Skype. Rettberg, who lives in Norfolk, Va., is talking to immigration attorneys to help Suh get U.S. citizenship.

Suh’s case has many complications and hurdles; Rettberg hopes his new family members will at least visit next year.

“The thing is that he should’ve been granted citizenship as an adoptee,” Rettberg said. “He’s almost like a man without a country because he doesn’t belong to Korea.”

Legacy of war

More than 110,000 Koreans have been adopted by Americans since 1958, according to Korea Adoption Services. Many were the product of a thriving sex industry fueled by U.S. and U.N. troops who flooded the country during the 1950-53 Korean War and remained as a deterrent after it ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

Officially sanctioned prostitution was rampant in so-called camptowns outside the military bases in the 1960s and ’70s.

Katharine Moon, who has extensively studied the period for her book “Sex Among Allies,” said many of the officer clubs also allowed in prostitutes and other women to entertain the troops.

“That’s the time when the U.S. dollar was almighty,” Moon said. “It was very fast and loose ... lots of irresponsible behavior by men and women.”

That left a legacy of mixed-race children who were shunned by society and often relinquished to orphanages by their mothers. The stigma was compounded by the fact that South Korean law until 1997-98 allowed only fathers to pass on citizenship, leaving “hundreds of thousands of stateless children,” said Moon, a fellow at the Washington-based Brookings Institution.

- **LOCATIONS OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS:**

If you are looking for a VA Hospital or Medical Center near you, please click on to the attached site and each hospital and medical center is located under the state you line on.

<https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/allstate.asp>

- **VA ON-LINE INFORMATION SITES:**

- The digital 2017 Benefits Book is here: https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp
- The Benefits Assistance Service (BAS) has a BAS also has a summary of VA benefits available here: https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/benefits_summary_materials.asp
- Veteran Data Pocket Card: Attached and at the following link: <https://www.va.gov/vetdata/docs/pocketcards/fy2018q1.pdf>

- **VA Cemetery Factsheet on Weekend Burial:**

https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/docs/factsheets/NCA_Weekend_Burial_Program.pdf

- **COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA):** Based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index, there will be a 2.0 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for most retired pay and Survivor Benefit Plan annuities effective Dec. 1, 2017. Retirees will see the change in their Dec. 29, 2017 payment and annuitants in their Jan. 2, 2018 payment.

- **GET READY FOR TAX SEASON**

Tax season is a busy time. As you prepare for doing your taxes, here are some tools and resources we provide to make it easier for you.



The best way to prepare is to use myPay to get all of the information you need. Here are some helpful tips for using myPay, as well as for getting your IRS Form 1099R in other ways.

Get your 1099R and pay information 24/7 in myPay

The fastest and most secure way to obtain a copy of your 1099R is through myPay. Retirees and annuitants can log in to myPay, and print a 1099R from the comfort of their home. Instructions are at:

<https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/manage/taxes/getting1099r/viamypay1099R>

If you cannot access your myPay account, here is how you can get access:

How to request a temporary password

A. Go to <https://mypay.dfas.mil>

B. Click “Forgot or Need a Password?”

C. Enter your Social Security Number and click the “Yes” button on the bottom right.

D. Choose “mail to my address of record with Military Retired” and click “Send me a Password.” Or, if you have a valid email address in myPay, you can have it emailed.

If you don’t receive the temporary password

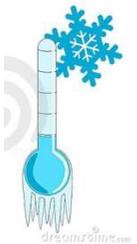
You should receive your temporary password in 10 business days by mail or two hours by email. If you don’t, you need to update your mailing address.

- **WINTER HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offer a number of tips to stay healthy and safe through the winter.

INSIDE:

- Have your heating system serviced professionally to ensure it is clean, as well as working and venting properly.
- Inspect and clean your fireplace to prevent chimney fire or smoke problem.
- Test batteries on your smoke detectors.
- Have a safe alternate heating source ready in case of a power outage.
- Install a carbon monoxide (CO) detector and watch for symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain and confusion



OUTSIDE:

- Wear outer layers of tightly woven, wind-resistant material and inner layers of light, warm clothing. Also wear mittens or gloves, a hat and scarf and waterproof boots.

- Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches to prevent slips or falls.
- Work slowly when doing outside chores like shoveling or blowing snow.
- Take a friend and keep an emergency kit handy when participating in outdoor activities.
- Carry a cell phone in case of emergency.
- Check out CDC's website for additional information: cdc.gov/features/winterweather

• **MIA UPDATE:**

-- **Army Sgt. 1st Class Eugene J. Colley**, 48, of Edenton, N.C., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Jan. 9 in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C. Colley was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. In late November 1950, his unit was assembled with South Korean soldiers into the 31st Regimental Combat Team on the east side of the Chosin River, North Korea, when his unit was attacked by Chinese forces. Colley was among 1,300 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory and was declared missing on Dec. 2, 1950.



-- **Army Pfc. Albert E. Quintero**, missing from the Korean War, has now been accounted for.

<http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1412283/soldier-missing-from-korean-war-accounted-for-quintero-a/>

In late November 1950, Quintero was a member of Battery D, 15th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Self-propelled 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 attacked by overwhelming numbers of Chinese forces. American forces withdrew south with the Chinese continued to attack. By December 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 Quintero could not be accounted for by his unit after reaching Hagaru-ri, he was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950.

Interment services are pending; more details will be released 7-10 days prior to scheduled funeral services.

Quintero's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Courts of the Missing in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, along with the other MIAs from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

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-- **Army Pfc. James J. Leonard, Jr.**, 22, of San Francisco, whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Jan. 23 in his hometown. Leonard was a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. In the early hours of July 20, 1950, Leonard's regiment arrived east of Yongdong, South Korea, and began preparing to assume the defense of the city. North Korean forces began attacking their positions on July 23 and took control of Yongdong by July 25. Leonard was reported as killed in action on July 25, 1950. Read about Leonard.

--**Army Sgt. 1st Class Pete W. Simon**, killed during the Korean War, has now been accounted for.

<http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1420650/soldier-killed-during-the-korean-war-accounted-for-simon-p/>

In September 1950, Simon was a member of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, participating in a defense of the Pusan Perimeter, a large defensive line west and north of Pusan, South Korea. Simon was reported to have been killed in action Sept. 5, 1950, but his remains were not located following the battle.

Interment services are pending; more details will be released 7-10 days prior to scheduled funeral services. DPAA is grateful to the South Korean government and the Department of Veterans Affairs for their assistance in this recovery.

Simon's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at an American Battle Monuments Commission site along with the others who are missing from the

Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

--**Army Pfc. Lamar E. Newman**, missing from the Korean War, has now been accounted for.

<http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1421280/soldier-missing-from-the-korean-war-accounted-for-newman-l/>

In November 1950, Newman was a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, taking part in a defensive operation in the vicinity of the village of Kujang, North Korea. The Division suffered heavy losses, with many Soldiers going missing or being killed or captured. Newman went missing near the village of Kujang as a result of heavy fighting on Nov. 27, 1950. Interment services are pending; more details will be released 7-10 days

prior to scheduled funeral services.

Newman's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the National

Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, along with the others unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.



Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2018 Update January 2018



Summary: Keeping the families of our missing as well as veterans informed is a primary objective of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA) mission. This update is intended to provide an overview of recent efforts to account for our missing.

Items of Note:

Budget Status

Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 began on October 1, 2017, as passed by the U.S. Congress, the federal government has operated under three consecutive Continuing Resolutions (CR). CRs temporarily fund federal agencies, while capping spending at FY2017 levels. To date, DPAA has only received \$34 million (M), of its \$131M budget request. While we had scheduled our first quarter field operations anticipating a CR, having it extended to January 19, 2018, and likely into February/March, continues to create adverse impacts to our operations because we are forced to either cancel investigations and recoveries, or reduce their scope. Details of the FY 2018 DPAA budget request can be found at:

http://comptroller.defense.gov/Portals/45/Documents/defbudget/FY2018/budget_justification/pdfs/01_Operation_and_Maintenance/O_M_VOL_1_PART_1/DPAA_OP-5.pdf

Family Member Updates (FMU)

We hosted our first FY 2018 FMU in Boise, Idaho on November 4th, with 100 World War II, Korea/Cold War, and Vietnam War family members in attendance. We will be hosting family update meetings in San Diego, CA, on January 20, 2018. The full FMU and Annual Meetings schedule can be found on our website at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/Families/Family-Events/>

Family and Veterans Delegations Visiting Southeast Asia

Separate delegations from the National League of POW/MIA Families and Special Operations Association (SOA)/Special Forces Association (SFA) are concurrently visiting Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Thailand this month. Both delegations will meet with U.S. Ambassadors and Embassy officials, DPAA Detachment personnel, and Defense Intelligence Agency Stony Beach specialists in each country. The League delegation is also meeting with senior officials in Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, to share perspectives and discuss topics of mutual interest to advance the accounting mission. The SOA/SFA delegation is meeting with American veterans as well as foreign veterans, who fought as enemies during the war. While in Laos, representatives of both delegations will visit DPAA recovery sites to thank U.S. and host nation personnel for their hard work and dedication to account for missing loved ones and unreturned fellow veterans.

Cambodia Update

The 52nd Joint Field Activity (JFA), scheduled to begin January 6, 2018, had to be cancelled last month due to the Cambodian government's decision to suspend cooperation with the United States in the Vietnam War accounting mission. DPAA is working with Department of State and other US Government officials to persuade the Cambodians to resume these humanitarian operations.

Repatriation Ceremony in Vientiane, Laos

DPAA and Lao officials participated in a Repatriation Ceremony on December 7, 2017. Possible remains from the Vietnam War were returned to the U.S. and are now in the DPAA Laboratory in Hawaii. Key Lao participants included Ambassador Khouanta, Director General, Europe-Americas Department and Mr. Somxai, Director of Americas Division, Europe-Americas Department, both from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Repatriation Ceremony in South Korea

DPAA Deputy Director, RDML Jon Kreitz, participated in a November 21, 2017 Repatriation Ceremony for remains disinterred from the UN Cemetery in Pusan, South Korea. These remains were buried as a British Unknown because of an associated dog tag. At the time, DNA capabilities were not able to identify the remains; however, with improved technology and an increase in family reference sample collection, DPAA scientists discovered the Unknown is in fact American. After coordinating with the UN Cemetery Commission-Korea, disinterment was approved and the UN Command Commander, GEN Vincent Brooks, presided at the Yongsan Army Garrison ceremony.

DPAA Reaches Milestone in USS *Oklahoma* Identifications

In November 2017, DPAA made the 100th identification from the ship's casualties, who had been buried as Unknowns. "This milestone is illustrative of our talented laboratory professionals and strong partnerships with the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of the Navy," said Kelly McKeague, DPAA Director. "Most importantly, it helps resolve the uncertainties 100 families had harbored for 76 years." To read the entire article, please visit <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1385453/dpaa-reaches-milestone-in-uss-oklahoma-identifications/>.

Ministry of National Defense Agency for KIA Recovery and Identification (South Korea) Visit

Members of MAKRI visited DPAA in mid-November to build upon an already strong relationship and to discuss ways to further collaborate. Col Lee Hak-Ki, MAKRI Commander, and the DPAA leadership in Hawaii, reviewed the current status of joint operations in South Korea and the laboratory's ongoing Korean War Project.

Congressional Dedication: Commemorative Chair Honoring POW/MIA

Lawmakers celebrated the addition of a new chair to the U.S. Capitol, honoring American POWs and the thousands of service members missing in action. The commemorative chair, which sits in Emancipation Hall at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, was unveiled during a ceremony on November 8, 2017. Lawmakers stated the empty chair will serve as a reminder to visitors as well as Members of Congress, of those who served, but have not yet returned home. The chair was made possible by the National POW/MIA Remembrance Act, at the urging of veterans group Rolling Thunder, which also raised funds to place the

chair at the U.S. Capitol and worked with the architect of the Capitol on its design. Video of the ceremony can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXx-KY17oUM>.

Profiles of Unaccounted For Personnel:

Over the past year, DPAA has been publishing to its website profiles of the missing summarizing the circumstances in which these courageous service members dutifully served our country. We invite you to browse our collection at: <https://dpaa.secure.force.com/dpaaProfileHome>.

Overview: In the 1st Quarter of FY 2018, there were 186 personnel deployed in support of operations around the world.

Asia-Pacific Region: RDML Kreitz traveled to South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, and Laos over Thanksgiving to visit field sites in Laos and Vietnam, and operations in Thailand.

- Operations in Last 90 Days: ○ Tarawa, (via HistoryFlight Group, DPAA partner)
- Vietnam, 4x Recovery Teams (RT)/ 3x Research and Investigation Teams/ 1x Unilateral Excavation Team
- Laos, 3x RT/ 1x Investigation Team (IT)
- **South Korea, 1x IT**
- Philippines, (via University of Illinois-Chicago, DPAA partner)
- India, 1xIT
- Palau, 1x Underwater IT
- South Korea, 1x IT

- Upcoming Operations (next 30 days): ○ Laos, 1x IT/ 3x RT
- Burma, 1x IT
- Palau, 1x Underwater RT
- Papua New Guinea, 1x IT
- Philippines, (via University of Illinois-Chicago, DPAA partner)
- India, (via SEARCH, DPAA partner)

- Disinterment Operations: ○ Punchbowl Cemetery (Hawaii): Excavated 23 Unknowns in October 2017; 8 Unknowns on January 8, 2018. The next disinterment is scheduled for January 22, 2018.
- Manilla American Battle Monuments Commission: Excavated 5 Unknowns in October 2017; the next disinterment is scheduled for January 2018.

Europe-Mediterranean Region: During 1st Quarter, operations in Europe involved investigation missions and host-nation engagements to set conditions for future investigations and recoveries. Director Kelly McKeague participated in the US-Russia Joint Commission (USRJC) 21st Plenum in Moscow from November 7-9, 2017, and then moved on to conduct foreign engagements in Luxembourg and Germany. Invited by the Russian Side, representatives from the National League of POW/MIA Families and the Veterans of Foreign Wars participated as observers in the Plenum. Finally, the Europe-Mediterranean Directorate began preparations for upcoming 2nd and 3rd Quarter investigation and recovery missions, and began development of partnership options for both terrestrial and underwater missions.

- Operations in Last 90 Days: ○ Sicily, 1x IT ○ France, 1x Isolated Burial ○ Romania, 1x Pre-Deployment Site Survey
- Upcoming Operations (next 30 days): ○ USRJC Technical Talks on WWII Cases in Russia (February, 2018) ○ 18-2 IT IT (Anzio, Italy) – February 19 – 28, 2018
- Disinterment Operations ○ Excavated one Unknown in October 2017 ○ Disinterment Operations in Europe scheduled for Spring 2018

Scientific Analysis: During 1st Quarter, the Scientific Analysis Directorate successfully completed a five-year assessment for continued accreditation under American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) in affiliation with the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB); this included inspections in both the Hawaii and Nebraska DPAA laboratories. Exhumations from the Punchbowl Cemetery were completed for the USS *West*

Virginia (35 caskets). The large scale project teams (i.e., Korean War Project, Tarawa Project, USS *Oklahoma* Project etc.), continue to work diligently and are adding to the cases for identification in monthly loss review meetings.

Statistics:

FY 2018 Identifications, as of December 31, 2017:

- Total = 16 (16 identifications of unaccounted-for personnel)
- WWII = 13
- KoreanWar = 2
- ColdWar = 0
- VietnamWar = 1

ANNA MAE HAYS, NURSE WHO BECAME US MILITARY'S FIRST FEMALE GENERAL, DIES AT 97



Brig. Gen. Anna Mae Hays served in three wars, rubbed elbows with Presidents, and helped change policies that increased service and career opportunities for women in the Nurses Corps and the Army. Hays and Elizabeth Hoisington, who at the time was Director of the Women's Army Corps, were promoted to brigadier general in the same ceremony in June 1970.

Anna Mae Hays, an Army nurse who served in a mud-caked jungle hospital in World War II, guided the Army Nurse Corps through the bloodiest years of the Vietnam War and became the first female general in American military history, died Jan. 7 at a retirement home in Washington, D.C. She was 97.

The cause was complications from a heart attack, said a niece, Doris Kressly.

The daughter of Salvation Army officers, Gen. Hays had dreamed of becoming a nurse since she was a young girl, wrapping bandages around the legs of a kitchen table where her parents frequently invited the infirm to dinner. She went on, in Vietnam, to oversee a 4,500-person nursing corps whose robust use of antibiotics, whole-blood transfusions and speedy helicopter evacuations was unforeseen when she began assisting doctors at a dirt-floored hospital in Ledo, India, in January 1943.

Working in a malaria-infested stretch of the China-Burma-India theater, she treated gangrenous construction workers who were building a new roadway that supplied the Chinese military in its war against Japan, as well as lice-infested members of the special-operations Army unit known as Merrill's Marauders.

Most of her staff was sick with malaria, dysentery, or dengue fever, she later said in an Army oral history, and at one time she found herself hospitalized and spotted a cobra under her bed. She calmly asked a guard to shoot it, later explaining, "When one lives in the jungle, one can expect that sort of thing."

Gen. Hays treated some of the earliest casualties of the Korean War, helping establish the first military hospital in Inchon, and as chief of the Army Nurse Corps from 1967 until her retirement four years later, she helped bolster its ranks during the conflict in Vietnam.

As part of an effort to expand scholarship opportunities and educational requirements for Army nurses, Gen. Hays "persuaded the Army that nursing was important enough to spend money on - a hard sell at that time," said Sanders Marble, senior historian in the Army's Office of Medical History.

She also helped push through Army policy changes that paved the way for women in the military, including the 1970 establishment of maternity leave for female officers. Through her efforts, married officers were no longer automatically discharged from the ranks for becoming pregnant, and a provision was removed that limited mothers' ability to join the Army Nurse Corps Reserve.

Gen. Hays resisted a close association with feminism - "Let's not talk about this," she told the New York Times in 1970, when asked about the burgeoning women's liberation movement. But she nonetheless became a symbol of unprecedented female advancement on June 11, 1970, when she was promoted to the one-star rank of brigadier general.

Anna Mae Violet McCabe was born in Buffalo on Feb. 16, 1920, and graduated from high school in Allentown, Pa. She received a nursing diploma in 1941 from Allentown General Hospital's School of Nursing and soon joined the Army Nurse Corps, inspired to serve after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Gen. Hays, who took her last name from her husband William Hays, who died in 1962, performed much of her peacetime service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, where she rose to become chief nurse in the emergency room. It was there that she met Eisenhower, who was hospitalized for an intestinal disease for about one month in 1956 and whom she considered a lifelong friend.

Gen. Hays received a bachelor's degree in nursing education from Columbia University's Teachers College in 1958, and graduated from the Catholic University of America in 1968 with a master's degree in nursing. Her military honors included the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

A former resident of Arlington, Virginia, she leaves no immediate survivors, although friends sometimes encouraged her to start a family.

One day after she was promoted to general, she found herself at the hairdresser's next to Westmoreland's wife, Kitsy, Westmoreland later said. "I wish you'd get married again," Kitsy said. When Gen. Hays asked why, she replied: "I just want some man to know what it's like to be married to a general."

ASTRONAUT JOHN YOUNG DIES; FLEW IN GEMINI, APOLLO AND SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAMS

Astronaut John Young, who walked on the Moon during Apollo 16 and commanded the first space shuttle mission, has passed away at the age of 87.

Legendary astronaut John Young, who walked on the moon and later commanded the first space shuttle flight, has died, NASA said Saturday. Young was 87.

The space agency said Young died Friday night January 5, 2018, at home in Houston following complications from pneumonia. NASA called Young one of its pioneers — the only agency astronaut to go into space as part of the Gemini, Apollo and space shuttle programs, and the first to fly into space six times. He was the ninth man to walk on the moon.

"Astronaut John Young's storied career spanned three generations of spaceflight," acting Acting NASA administrator Robert Lightfoot said in an emailed statement. "John was one of that group of early space

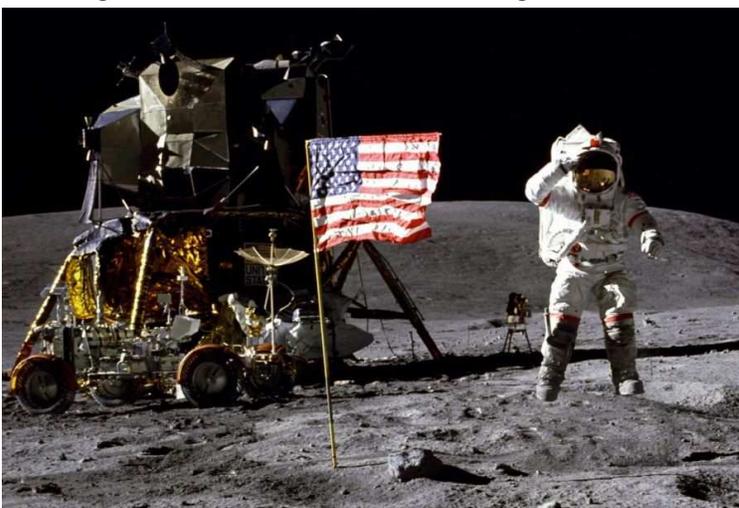


pioneers whose bravery and commitment sparked our nation's first great achievements in space."

Young was the only spaceman to span NASA's Gemini, Apollo and shuttle programs, and became the first person to rocket away from Earth six times. Counting his takeoff from the moon in 1972 as commander of Apollo 16, his blastoff tally stood at seven, for decades a world record.

He flew twice during the two-man Gemini missions of the mid-1960s, twice to the moon during NASA's Apollo program, and twice more aboard the new space shuttle Columbia in the early 1980s.

His NASA career lasted 42 years, longer than any other astronaut's, and he was revered among his peers for his dogged dedication to keeping crews safe — and his outspokenness in



challenging the space agency's status quo.

Young was born Sept. 24, 1930 and grew up in Orlando, Florida. He became interested early on in aviation, making model planes. He spent his last high school summer working on a surveying team. The job took him to Titusville due east of Orlando; he never imagined that one day he would be sitting on rockets across the Indian River, blasting off for the moon.

He earned an aeronautical engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1952 and went on to join the Navy and **serve in Korea as a gunnery officer**. He eventually became a Navy fighter pilot and test pilot.

Young received more than 100 major accolades in his lifetime, including the prestigious Congressional Space Medal of Honor in 1981.

- **NEW SECRETARY OF THE ARMY TAKES POST:**

Dr. Mark T. Esper as the 23rd secretary of the U.S. Army. The secretary was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1986 from West Point. He would go on to serve with the 101st Airborne Division in Operations Desert Shield/Storm, as well as command an airborne rifle company in Europe before retiring from the Reserve Component in 2007. He is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Esper has served in senior positions with Raytheon, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Aerospace Industries Association, the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations and Government Affairs Committee. He also served as a deputy assistant secretary of defense for negotiations policy, and was the legislative director and senior policy advisor to Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska.



SAVE THE DATE!!!



Korean War Veterans Association
Annual Membership Meeting

ORLANDO, FLORIDA



October 17 – 21, 2018

Stay Tuned for additional information and registration.

In the process of selecting the venue.

- **MY COMMITMENT TO REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS**



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As a Veteran and the 6th Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs at the National Cemetery Administration (NCA), I am deeply honored to serve our national cemeteries. Every day we have the honor and privilege to fulfill President Lincoln’s promise, “to care for those who

During my 27-years in uniform, I served with great men and women—dedicated patriots all. I think about them often. Some

It has been said that we all die two deaths. The first, a physical one, and the second, the last time someone speaks our names and our country, are never forgotten for their service to our Nation. As long as we remember and continue to speak their names and

Our Veterans represent the very best of our American citizenry. What is left to us, the living, is to honor them, their service

Veterans Legacy Program Website

When thinking of our duty and commitment to remember our Veterans, I am reminded of the words of the great Shawnee Chief Tecumseh, “Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people.” Making use of the time we have should, rightfully, be in service to the people and Veterans of this great Nation.

Randy Reeves
Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs

Home Loan Refinance Protections: The Senate recently introduced S. 2304, a bipartisan bill designed to stem the number of bad refinance opportunities to which veterans can fall victim. The VA home loan program is an excellent benefit that has been used by millions of veterans over the years. While most of the refinance opportunities are offered in good faith, there are some bad actors who look to prey upon VA home loan users and offer beneficiaries loans which have front-end benefits, but increase the long-term costs. The bill would limit home loans from being refinanced unless they meet the **net tangible benefit** test in which offers must benefit the VA user, not the institution. The bill would also make permanent a requirement for VA home loan beneficiaries to wait six months before being eligible to refinance their loans. The six months seasoning period was established by VA and Ginnie Mae to control the rapid increase in interest rates for homeowners which is caused by frequent refinancing of VA home loans. The KWVA is encouraged that Senators Tillis and Warren have taken up this issue and we are glad to see that protection of veterans is always a priority in Congress. [Read the bill text.](#)

SEOUL HONORS OUTGOING U.S. NAVAL COMMANDER FOR CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIANCE

SEOUL, Jan. 9 (Yonhap) -- The South Korean government bestowed a medal Tuesday on Rear Adm. Brad Cooper, the outgoing commander of the U.S. Naval Forces Korea, for his contribution to the alliance.

Adm. Um Hyun-seong, South Korea's chief of naval operations, awarded him the Cheonsu Medal, the third-highest class in the Order of National Security Merit, on behalf of the government, according to the South Korean Navy.

Cooper is leaving Korea this week after a 16-month stint. He has served as the U.S. Navy's top representative here, playing an active role

Rear Adm. Brad Cooper (R), commander of the U.S. Naval

in policy coordination and joint programs between the allies, said the Navy.



Forces Korea, receives a Korean name -- Goo Tae-il -- from the South Korea-U.S. Alliance Friendship Association on July 20, 2017. (Yonhap)

Under his command, the troops successfully took root in their new headquarters in Busan, a southern port city, where South Korea's Fleet Command is located.

The unit's presence on the peninsula dates back to 1957, when it was created to support the mission of the UNC and advise the organization, training, administration and readiness of the South Korean naval forces.

In 2016, its headquarters was relocated to Busan from Yongsan Garrison in central Seoul.

Cooper is also credited with helping promote the two sides' combined operation capabilities through frequent meetings with South Korea's naval officers, where the two sides shared information and discussed ways to improve the joint risk management ability, the Navy said.

The U.S. Naval Forces Korea received the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC), which is the highest unit-level award given by the South Korean government, last September.

Two months earlier, Cooper was given a Korean name -- Goo Tae-il -- from the South Korea-U.S. Alliance Friendship Association.

He will be replaced by Rear Adm. Michael Boyle, formerly director for international engagement for the Chief of Naval Office, at a change of command ceremony slated for Thursday.

Cooper will reportedly lead the Okinawa-based Task Force 76/Expeditionary Strike Group Seven, which is the 7th Fleet's amphibious force.

-----2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS-----

GENERAL WALTON WALKER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

2018-19 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The General Walton Walker Memorial Foundation was established in 1971 by Ri-Jin Kim, a Korean War veteran, to honor General Walton H. Walker, the first 8th Army Commander in Korea. General Walker, who issued the order, “Stand or Die”, is a hero who defended the Pusan Perimeter, and the Nakdong River Line during the Korean War despite being outnumbered and outgunned by North Korean forces. The Foundation under the leadership of current Chairman, Jong Min Kim, is proud to provide scholarships to descendants of Korean veterans to express appreciation for the sacrifices made by veterans that has allowed South Koreans to enjoy freedom and peace today.

Scholarship Program

The General Walton Walker Memorial Foundation Scholarship Program consists of fifteen (15) \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships. The funds may be used for any term during the next academic school year following receipt of the scholarship. Although this scholarship is not renewable, the applicants may reapply for the scholarship in subsequent years.

Qualifications

- The applicant **MUST** be a descendent (child, grandchild, or great-grandchild) of a Veteran of Korea who is a Regular Member, currently in good standing, of the Korean War Veterans Association. Descendants of deceased veterans are eligible to apply with proof of the Veterans service.
- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- First year students must have a Letter of Acceptance as a full-time student from the applicant’s university or college.
- Must be pursuing an Associate, Bachelor, or Advanced Degree in any discipline.
- Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. GPA stated on application must be verifiable from transcript. High school and college transcripts must be submitted and must have school names printed on them.
 - For high school students entering college this is cumulative GPA for grades 9-11 and first semester of 12th grade.
 - For students currently at a freshman level in college it is cumulative GPA for grades 9-12 and first semester of college.
 - For college students who are sophomores or higher, it is their college transcript for all semesters completed.
- Must submit a 300-400 word personal essay entitled, “*What should the United States do to combat the world threat posed by the North Korean regime*”.
- Descendants of Korean War Veterans who are currently serving as a member of the **National KWVA** Board of Directors and descendants of members of the Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible.

Deadlines

All scholarship applications and requested materials must be submitted via US Postal Service and **RECEIVED** by **May 1, 2018**.

- The Scholarship Selection Committee will not acknowledge receipt of applications. For verification that it was received, send the application via US Postal Service Certified Mail.
- Faxes or emails will not be accepted.

Notification to Recipients

All scholarship recipients will be notified on or about May 10, 2018. **Only recipients will be notified.** Checks will be delivered to the Financial Aid Officer at the recipient's college or university to be credited to the student's account. All decisions made by the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized in Washington, D. C. on May 28, 2018 during the Memorial Day ceremony at our Korean War Memorial. Detailed information will be provided to scholarship recipients at a later date. Although attendance is not mandatory, scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend. Underage recipients are encouraged to travel with an accompanying adult.

Required Materials

The following items are required to complete the application process. These items must be submitted in a single envelope in the order listed. All items received separately, except transcripts which may be mailed directly from your school, will not be considered.

- Application – must be on the original form, printed legibly or typed and signed.
- Essay – must be typed (double spaced) consisting of 300-400 words.
- GPA – submit all applicable high school and college transcripts.
- First year student's Letter of Acceptance.
- Proof of service for applicants deceased Korea Veteran ancestor.

Mailing Address

General Walton Walker Memorial Foundation
Scholarship Selection Committee
310 Clay Hill Drive
Winchester, VA 22602

**GENERAL WALTON WALKER
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

APPLICATION FORM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

Student Information

Applicant's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Name of Applicant's Korea Veteran Ancestor _____
Applicant's Relationship to Veteran _____ KWVA Member # _____
Note: If Applicant's Ancestor is deceased, applicant must provide proof of service.

College or University Information

School the student will be attending or is currently attending on a full-time basis leading to an Associate, Bachelor or Advanced degree.

In the 2018 Fall Semester I will enroll as a:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Advanced Degree

School _____ Degree Sought _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Financial Aid Officer _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Current Information

Cumulative GPA (as described on information sheet) _____/4.0 scale.

In the space provided in each of the following categories, list your most prominent activities, leadership positions held and honors/awards received.

Scholastic Activities

In-School Extracurricular Activities

Community Activities

**AMERICAN VETERANS OF
KOREA FOUNDATION
HONORABLE KIM, JUNG HOON, CHAIRMAN**

2018-19 KOREA VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Korea Veterans Scholarship Program is an outreach of the American Veterans of Korea Foundation (AVKF), a foundation founded by the Honorable Representative Kim, Jung Hoon, member of the Republic of Korea National Assembly. The AVKF's mission is to provide support to American Veterans of Korea and their families in appreciation for the selfless sacrifices of United States veterans for Korea's peace and freedom during the Korean War and to honor their legacy.

Scholarship Program

This Scholarship Program consists of multiple \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships. The funds may be used for any term during the next academic school year following receipt of the scholarship. Although this scholarship is not renewable, the applicants may reapply for the scholarship in subsequent years.

Qualifications

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- Must submit a 300-400 word personal essay entitled, ***“Historical Lessons Learned from the Korean War”***.
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Note: You MUST use the 2018-19 Application Form which supersedes all previous Application Forms and add no extra sheets.

- Essay – must be typed (double spaced) consisting of 300-400 words.
- GPA – submit all applicable high school and college transcripts.
- First year student's Letter of Acceptance.
- Proof of service for applicant's deceased Korea Veteran ancestor.

Mailing Address

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Scholarship Selection Committee
310 Clay Hill Drive
Winchester, VA 22602

**AMERICAN VETERANS OF
KOREA FOUNDATION
KOREA VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

APPLICATION FORM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

Student Information

Applicant's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Applicant's Korea Veteran Ancestor _____

Applicant's Relationship to Veteran _____ KWVA Member # _____

Note: If Applicant's Ancestor is deceased, applicant must provide proof of service.

College or University Information

The name of the school the student will be attending or is currently attending on a full-time basis leading to an Associate, Bachelor or Advanced degree.

In the 2018 Fall Semester I will enroll as a:

() Freshman () Sophomore () Junior () Senior () Advanced Degree

School _____ Degree Sought _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Financial Aid Officer _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Current Information

Cumulative GPA (as described on information sheet) _____/4.0 scale.

In the space provided in each of the following categories, list your most prominent activities, leadership positions held and honors/awards received.

Scholastic Activities

In-School Extracurricular Activities

Community Activities

Employment History including Military Experience

By my signature, I certify that all information and documents included in my application for this scholarship are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, my signature certifies I understand that if the terms of the scholarship are violated, the scholarship will be withdrawn. (Terms: I understand that I must be officially accepted for enrollment in 2018 classes at the school stated.)

Signature _____ **Date** _____



APPLY TO BE A 2018 KOREA DEFENSE VETERAN ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR

KDVA is awarding University and College Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each.

Applications to become a KDVA Scholar are due by April 13, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST

The KDVA Scholarship Program provides scholarships to KDVA members and their spouses, children, grandchildren (including step children) to help them attain their educational goals.

Scholarships are awarded only for coursework from accredited institutions.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a member of KDVA or the spouses, children or grandchildren, (including step children) of a KDVA member who served honorably.
2. Applicant must be accepted into an accredited college or university.
3. Applicant must be a high school graduate with a minimum of a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) to apply.

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Evaluation Criteria:

The application will assess five major areas: GPA, Essay, Extracurricular Activities, and Leadership in Extracurricular Activities, and Financial Need.

The five categories are evaluated and weighted as follows:

- GPA – 25 points
- Essay – 25 points
- Extracurricular Activities – 20 points
- Leadership – 20 points
- Financial Need – 10 points

Total points possible – 100

Refer to KDVA Application – This form is required and must be submitted online.

Awards:

Selection of the KDVA Scholarship recipients are made by a Scholarship Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the KDVA.

Scholarships are awarded only to students accepted to accredited institutions. The funds will be sent to the academic institution for documented expenses and must be used in the academic year awarded. The academic year of the award begins the Fall semester after the award announcement. These funds may not be used for prior academic expenses.

If selected, KDVA Scholarship recipients are to provide: a) a photograph and a statement for use in KDVA publications, newsletter, website, social media, and marketing materials, etc. and b) follow-up information and feedback as to how the KDVA scholarship assisted in their education for KDVA research and marketing.

Application Deadline:

All application materials, including the application form, official transcript(s), proof of matriculation at designated accredited academic institution, essay, list of involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership positions in extracurricular activities, and written statement of need.

Application must be submitted and received via email scholarship@kdva.vet not later than Friday, April 13, 2018.

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 1

CONTACT INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

I AM A KDVA MEMBER OR CHILD, GRANDCHILD, STEP-CHILD, SPOUSE OF KDVA MEMBER.

CHECK YES

NAME OF KDVA MEMBER: _____

RELATIONSHIP OF KDVA MEMBER: _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

NAME/ADDRESS OF CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY:

DATE OF GRADUATION AND/OR EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL POINT OF CONTACT (EX: GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, ADVISOR OR TEACHER)

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL POINT OF CONTACT:

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): _____

**Must include high school transcript or grade point average for most recent semester completed with application.

LIST NAME AND ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AND PLAN TO ATTEND/OR ARE ATTENDING:

**Must include letter of acceptance from college or university you plan to attend.

PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN ESSAY on “The Importance of the ROK-US Alliance – Now and Into the Future” **

Essay must be 2 pages or less, typed, 12 font, Times New Roman, double-spaced and attached with application

PREPARE AND ATTACH A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED In 250 words or less describe your financial need for this scholarship. **Statement must be typed, 12 font, Times New Roman and attached with application

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 3

LIST OF SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (SPORTS, CLUB ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY /CIVIC ACTIVITIES, EMPLOYMENT, ETC):

1 _____
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

2 _____
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

3 _____
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

4 _____
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

5 _____
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

LIST OF LEADERSHIP ROLES IN ACTIVITIES LISTED ABOVE, AS APPLICABLE:

1 _____
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

2 _____
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

3 _____
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

4 _____
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

5 _____
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 4

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: SCHOLARSHIP@KDVA.VET
(DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018)

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:

I certify that the foregoing facts set forth in this application are true and accurate. I understand that if any statements contained herein are false, I will not be considered for a scholarship or if such a scholarship has been granted, it is subject to forfeiture. I further authorize and give permission to KDVA or their duly authorized representative to investigate the statements contained in this application, to contact any person or institution named herein, and to require any information it may desire with respect thereto. If awarded a scholarship, KDVA Scholarship recipients agree to provide: a) a photograph and a statement for use in KDVA publications, newsletter, website, social media, and marketing materials, etc. and b) follow-up information and feedback as to how the KDVA scholarship assisted in their education for KDVA research and marketing.

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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Check list of what must be sent in with application for consideration.

1. Completed typed or computer-generated application
2. Verification of KDVA membership or child, grandchild, step child, spouse of KDVA member
3. Official transcript from high school/university through the most recent semester completed showing your grade point average.
4. Letter of acceptance from the University/College you have applied to or are attending.
5. Essay on “The Importance of the ROK-US Alliance – Now and Into the Future”
6. Financial Statement of Need
7. List of school, community activities, and/or employment experience
8. List of leadership roles therein in activities listed above.

For more information visit: www.kdva.vet/programs/scholarship

PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES OF KOREAN WAR MIA/KIA SERVICEMEN

REVISIT KOREA PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES OF KOREAN WAR MIA/KIA SERVICEMEN

is an initiative and underwritten by:

Ministry of Patriot and Veterans Affairs

9, Doum 4-ro Sejong

Republic of Korea 339-012



To apply or for additional information go to: www.Heroesremembered.net

Or email: ROKMIAKOREAFAMILIES@gmail.com

Or call Mike at: 713-728-4954 or Brenda at 812-369-8587



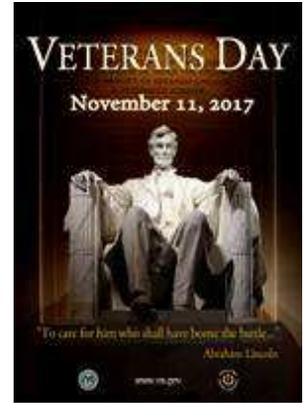
Your loved ones will always be our heroes

--Ministry of Patriot and Veterans Affairs

2018 National Veterans Day Poster Contest

Calling all artists! The 2018 National Veterans Day Poster Contest is underway. Each year the Veterans Day National Committee publishes a commemorative Veterans Day poster. The poster is selected from artwork submitted by artists nationwide and is distributed to VA facilities, military installations around the world across cities and town in our nation. It also serves as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery.

Over the years these posters have illustrated the rich history of our country's service men and women. The poster clearly reflects our pride and patriotism in saluting Veterans while providing the thematic artistry for the year.



2018 marks the Centennial Commemoration of the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. The theme for the 2018 Veterans Day Poster is: “The War to End All Wars”.

The origin of Veterans Day came from Armistice Day.

Poster guidelines, submissions must:

- Be 18” x 24” at 300 dots per inch, scale down submissions to 9”x12.”
- Submissions are not restricted to “human centric” presentations, such as a joint color guard. Imagery of American icons, monuments or scenery can qualify, for example, the American flag.
- Representative of the Veterans serving during World War I. The Committee may select a particular submission but ask the artist to make modifications to the original design. Additional changes may be required prior to printing.
- Include sufficient information to demonstrate that the image is the work of the artist and is not copyrighted material (i.e. photos and concepts).
- To view examples of past winning submissions visit: <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery.asp>.

Submit electronic versions as jpg images or PDF files by email to vetsday@va.gov or send copies of artwork on a CD with artwork files to:

Veterans Day National Committee (002D)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

The deadline for submissions is 1 April, 2018. The Veterans Day National Committee will convene a selection subcommittee in May 2018 to review submissions and make a final selection.

Questions? – contact the Veterans Day Coordinator at vetsday@va.gov.

• **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 November 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.

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL
WALL OF REMEMBRANCE**

Help us commemorate those who served and sacrificed.

To make a contribution, please visit:



WWW.KOREANWARVETSMEMORIAL.ORG

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt foundation chartered in the District of Columbia as a 501 C3 Foundation.

Donations made to the Foundation are justified as a tax deduction by the donor

Bridging Past And Present

June 24-27, 2018



Charleston, South Carolina

Hosted by The Korean War Legacy Foundation, Inc.



DATES

- Check in: June 24th
- Conference: June 25th to 26th
- Check out: June 27th

ELIGIBILITY

The conference is open to educators who are willing to either:

- Complete 1 interview of a veteran
- Complete 1 transcript of a veteran interview in the archive.
- Educators who exceed expectations will be considered for a research trip to South Korea.

LOCATION

Patriots Point Maritime Naval Museum (Quality Inn)

COST

Thanks to the generous support of the KWLF, there is **NO COST** for double occupancy room, meals and conference speakers. Attendees only pay a \$55 registration fee.

- New attendees are eligible for a \$450 airfare scholarship.

Join educators and Korean War historians to learn more about the Korean War and its legacy. Participants will hear from top experts and learn how to bring veterans and their stories into the classroom.

- **EXPLORE** the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown. Feeling adventurous? Take the option to stay overnight on the ship on June 24th.
- **LEARN** how to set up an interview day at your school, and how to incorporate veteran artifacts into the classroom.
- **CREATE** lesson plans for the coming year that allow students to learn history straight from veterans.
- **HONOR** our veterans with a special banquet event in remembrance of June 25, 1950, the start of the Korean War.

REGISTER TODAY

www.kwdhproject.org/teacher-conference



Helpful Services: Phone Numbers and Web Sites

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Regional Office (Benefits)	800.827.1000	VA.gov
Office of the Secretary	202.273.4800	VA.gov
Office of the Inspector General	202.461.4702	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
Government Life Insurance	800.669.8477	www.insurance.va.gov
Personal Locator	202.273.4950	

Other Veteran Government Agencies

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

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

Other Veteran Related Offices and Agencies

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

POW/MIA

Department of Defense, POW/MIA Affairs	703.699.1169	http://www.dpaa.mil/
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Incarcerated Veteran

Federal Bureau of Prisons	202.307.3198	https://www.bop.gov
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PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)

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

Locator and Reunion Services

Army Worldwide Locator	866.771.6357	hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/per_locator.htm
Navy Times Locator Services	901.874.3388	https://www.navytimes.com
Personnel Locator	800.333.4636	

Archives

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
United States Army Center of Military History	866.272.6272	www.history.army.mil

Women Veterans

Women in Military Service-America Memorial Foundation	703.533.1155	www.womensmemorial.org
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US ARMY DIRECTORY

<p>Arlington National Cemetery: (877) 907-8585 http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil</p> <p>Armed Forces Retirement Home: (800) 422-9988; http://www.afrh.gov</p> <p>Army & Air Force Exchange Service: www.shopmyexchange.com Army</p> <p>Echoes: http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes Editor's e-mail address: ArmyEchoes@mail.mil</p> <p>Army Echoes Blog: http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/blog</p> <p>Army Emergency Relief: (866) 878-6378; http://www.aerhq.org</p> <p>Army Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/USArmy</p> <p>Army Flickr: http://www.flickr.com/photos/soldiersmediacenter/</p> <p>Army Homepage: http://www.army.mil</p> <p>Army Live Blog: http://armylive.dodlive.mil/</p> <p>Army mobile phone apps: http://www.army.mil/mobile/</p> <p>Army Retirement Services: http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement</p> <p>Army Stand To!: http://www.army.mil/standto/</p> <p>Army Lodging Program: (877) 711-8326; http://www.pal.army.mil Reservations: http://www.ihgarmyhotels.com</p> <p>Army Twitter: https://twitter.com/USArmy/</p> <p>Army YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/usarmy</p> <p>Casualty Assistance Checklist for Retired Soldiers: http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/docs/Post/CasualtyAssistanceChecklist.pdf</p> <p>Chief of Staff, Army Retired Soldier Council: http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/RetireeCouncil</p> <p>Combat-Related Special Compensation: (866) 281-3254 opt.4; https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/CRSC</p> <p>Commissary: http://www.commissaries.com</p> <p>Concurrent Retired & Disability Pay: (800) 321-1080, http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/disability/crdp.html</p> <p>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: (855) 411-2372 http://www.consumerfinance.gov/</p> <p>Death — Report a Retired Soldier's Death: Call HQDA Casualty Operations Center, (800) 626-3317; from overseas, call (502) 613-3317 collect. https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Reporting%20A%20Death</p> <p>DS Logon: https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/</p> <p>Funeral Honors (Military): Army Coordinator: (502) 613-8218 https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/</p> <p>ID Card Facilities: (800) 538-9552; Nearest facility: www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl</p> <p>Legal Assistance Locator (Military): http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/locator.php</p> <p>Long Term Care Insurance: (800) 582-3337 http://www.ltcfeds.com/</p> <p>MyArmyBenefits: http://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/ Help Desk: (888) 721-2769 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST Monday - Friday);</p> <p>Survivor Outreach Services: (855) 707-2769, https://www.sos.army.mil/</p> <p>Reserve Component Retirements (888) 276-9472 https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Reserve%20Component%20Retirements</p> <p>RC Application for Retired Pay: Human Resources Command; ATTN: AHRC-PDR-RCR; 1600 Spearhead Division Ave.; Dept 482; Ft Knox, KY 40122-5402; (888) 276-9472; download the application from: https://www.hrc.army.mil/Default.aspx?ID=13664</p> <p>Soldiers Magazine: http://soldiers.dodlive.mil/</p> <p>Space-Available Travel: http://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site</p> <p>Soldier for Life on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CSASoldierForLife</p>	<p>Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act: http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/usfspa</p> <p> U. S. Army Retired Lapel Button and Badge: Type "Soldier for Life" into the search box at https://www.shopmyexchange.com</p> <p>Veterans Service Records — Replace DD Form 214, awards: Retired 4/1/1996 or later: Visit http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/, Click on "Army White Pages" at the bottom, then log in. Next click on "Click Here to Access Your Army Record."</p> <p>Retired 3/31/1996 or earlier: Call Human Resources Command at (888) 276-9472 or visit http://vetrecs.archives.gov National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records); 1 Archive Drive. St. Louis, MO 63138-1002</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Medicare (800) 633-4227 http://www.medicare.gov</p> <p>TRICARE http://www.tricare.mil</p> <p>Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator: http://www.tricare.mil/bcacdcao, or nearest military treatment facility</p> <p>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</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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</p> <p>TRICARE Overseas: (888) 777-8343; http://www.tricare-overseas.com</p> <p>TRICARE for Life: (866) 773-0404; TDD (866) 773-0405 http://tricare.mil/Plans/HealthPlans/TFL.aspx</p> <p>TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery: (877) 363-1296; http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery/</p> <p>TRICARE Network Pharmacy: (877) 363-1303; http://www.express-scripts.com</p> <p>TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan: (888) 838-8737; http://www.TRDP.org</p> <p>US Family Health Plan: http://www.usfhp.com/</p> <p>Armed Forces Recreation Centers http://www.armymwr.com</p> <p>Hale Koa Hotel, Hawaii: (800) 367-6027; http://halekoa.com</p> <p>Edelweiss Resort, Bavaria: 011-49-8821-9440 http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com</p> <p>Shades of Green, Florida: (888) 593-2242; (407) 824-3665 http://www.shadesofgreen.org/reservations.htm</p> <p>Dragon Hill, Korea: 011-822-790-0016 http://www.dragonhilllodge.com</p> <p>Veterans Affairs (VA) Information http://www.va.gov</p> <p>Burial & Memorial Benefits: http://www.cem.va.gov/ (877) 907-8199</p> <p>Benefits and Services: (800) 827-1000 (Retired Soldiers overseas should contact the American Embassy/consulate); TDD (800) 829-4833 http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/</p> <p>GI Bill: (888) 442-4551; http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/</p> <p>Health Care Benefits: (877) 222-8387; http://www.va.gov/health</p> <p>Insurance: SGLI/VGLI: (800) 419-1473; All other insurance: (800) 669-8477</p>
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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

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

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



- **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:

Chairman, Alves J. Key, Jr., Tell America Program
5506 Emerald Park Blvd.
Arlington, TX 79912
817-472-7743

- **ATTENTION ALL RETIREES AND ANNUITANTS.**

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service's addresses changed. The old addresses are being discontinued and will be replaced by addresses in Indianapolis. The new addresses are:

Retired Pay:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Retired Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-1200

Annuitant Pay:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-1300

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Fisher

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National Executive Director
Korean War Veterans Association, USA