

plus other cultural/industrial facilities and activities in the Seoul area. Other tours of battle sites and/or Inch eon may be made through the local tour guide.

3. A special reception and dinner hosted by the President of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) during which the Korea War Medal and Certificate of Ambassador for Peace will be awarded to each veteran who has not received it before.

### Sundry Notes

1. The KVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.

2. Participants are required to have a valid passport: a visa is not required for visits of 15 days or fewer in Korea.

3. KVA/Seoul is not responsible for any loss of, or damage to, personal or other items, medical expenses, injuries, or loss of like due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended.

4. Transportation costs to and from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program.

5. Applications will be received/accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

**Note:** If you have previously accepted an official KVA/Seoul Revisit tour from any sponsoring association or group, you are NOT eligible to participate again. The reason is that so many veterans have not gone before so they get the "first right of return."

Because former Revisit Program participants have their name in the KVA/Seoul's computer database, please do not try to beat the system. If your name is rejected because of prior participation, all of us will be embarrassed and an eligible Korea War veteran might miss the opportunity to participate.

6. If you want to use your frequent flier miles-or other "free" transportation, you will be charged an administrative service fee of \$300 per person.

**Caution:** Not traveling with KWVA group air contract can result in much higher post-tour costs to China and other Pacific location.

**Note:** Should you desire to have a single room or take additional family or friends with you, this can be arranged for an additional cost. Any such requests must be made in writing.

# Revisit Korea - 2006

I am pleased to announce that we received the 2006 "Revisit Korea" quotas from the ROK government early this year. This will afford all Korean War veterans and their families more opportunity to prepare for the journey and get passports and visas in order. (Remember, visas are required for those going on to China.)

The 2006 quotas have been increased, for which we have our President Lou Dechert to thank. He traveled to Korea last year and lobbied for these increases. His logic was simple: although we don't like to admit it, we are all getting older. Each year more and more veterans are becoming unable to make that long trip and receive the appreciation of the Korean people. His visit was successful. Therefore, the new quota dates are:

KOREA	CHINA OPTION
May 14 - 20	May 20 - 25
June 21 - 27	June 27 - July 2
Sept 10 - 16	Sept 16 - 21

In the last several years, more and more of the veterans have elected to do a post tour of China. Beijing is less than two hours flight time from Inchon. Since you are already in Asia, you might as well also enjoy the mysteries

of China from the "Forbidden City" on Tian An Men Square to the "Great Wall." My wife and son have done this with me, and loved every minute of it!

China is very exciting—and affordable—since you have already paid to fly across the Pacific and your Revisit Korea tour has been subsidized by the ROK government. The ladies will especially like the shopping in both Korea and China!

AS IN THE PAST, these quotas will go very fast. And, we are required by KWVA to allot them on a strict "first come first served" basis. The bottom line: "He who hesitates may be lost!"

Please call my office, Military Historical Tours, at 703-212-0695 in Alexandria, VA on any questions. You can also apply on the phone, with a credit card, to place your name on the registration list. The eligibility for these subsidized quotes is contained on the application form located elsewhere in The Graybeards magazine.

Sincere and fraternal regards,

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Warren Wiedhahn

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Revisit Korea Coordinator

### FATE from page 68

I received the photo on December 6, 2003. I could not believe it; it was him. The article had been wrong, apparently.

On January 25, 2004, Perry came to Stafford Springs, CT. I had tears in my eyes when I saw him. He said he remembered me now. We spent the day looking at pictures I have of Korea. We had had a great time, and my wife Anna Mae took photos of the two of us.

In April 2004, Perry called me to say he had suffered a heart attack, and the medical staff at the hospital in Springfield, VT had inserted a stint. So, on April 19, I called him. Perry reported that he was feeling better. On May 11th Anna Mae and I drove up to Springfield to visit Perry and his wife Charlotte. He looked healthy and seemed to

be doing okay. But, only eight days later his daughter Carol called to tell us that Perry had suffered a massive heart attack. We were shocked.

Sad to say, on May 26th, 2004, Perry died, only three days short of the 51st anniversary of the day he was wounded on that hot May 29th, 1953. On June 26, 2004, we attended a memorial service for Perry. It was an emotional day for me and the people of Vermont. They lost a great guy.

Granted, the time he and I spent together after reuniting was short. But, I cherish the time we did have. Fate works in strange ways. Strange, yes—but in a positive manner, as this story demonstrates.

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