

## APPLICATION FOR KVA SEOUL REVISIT TOUR

KVA (Seoul) Revisit Purpose: "To express the gratitude of the Korean Government towards Korean War Veterans who took part in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to October 15, 1954."

### Veteran's Personal History (Please type or print)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Members# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Companion Name/Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Passport# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Companion's Passport# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: If you do not have a current valid passport or have just applied to KVA, write "applied for" on # line*

### Veteran's Military Biography

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Service Number \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Service in Korean War (month/year) from \_\_\_\_\_ thru \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Assignment \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Achieved in Korea \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank Achieved while in Service \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Military Decorations for Valor \_\_\_\_\_

### Veterans' Certification

I hereby certify that I have never previously accepted a KVA (Seoul) Revisit tour and that I am a member in good standing (or have applied) with the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA).

Veteran's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail this form along with a \$300 deposit per person (check, money order or Visa/MasterCard only) to Military Historical Tours. Payment in full is required for all applications submitted sixty days or less prior to departure.

### Credit Card Authorization

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize Military Historical Tours to make charges to my \_\_\_\_\_ credit card, Account#: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

in consideration for airline tickets and any other travel or transportation services or products as requested by me or authorized users of this credit card. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To:

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**c/o MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS** Fax: 703-212-8567  
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### Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Korean Veterans Association (KVA/Seoul) in 1975, the 25th anniversary year of the outbreak of the Korean War, to express their gratitude to veterans of the War and to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

### KVA's Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible if you are:

1. A veteran of the Korean War and /or a war correspondent of any of the 21 nations which came to assistance of the Republic of Korea between 25 June 1950 and 15 October 1954.

2. An immediate family member of one who was killed in action in the Korean War.

*Note: You are permitted to take a spouse or one immediate descendent with you to Korea. The family member must be lodged in the same hotel room with you in Korea.*

### Privileges Accorded Veterans by the KVA, Seoul

1. Hotel accommodations (two persons per room), meals, tours, and transportation, while in Korea for six days and five nights.

2. Tours of Seoul and vicinity. The visits are to Panmunjom, North Korean Invasion Tunnels, Korea War Memorial Monument, National Cemetery, National Museum, Korean Folk Village, Korean War Museum,

plus other cultural/industrial facilities and activities in the Seoul area. Other tours of battle sites and/or Inchon 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.

## FLASH! REVISIT KOREA - 2007

We are pleased to announce that the 2007 "Revisit Korea" dates from the ROK Government arrived early this year. This will afford all Korean War veterans and their families more opportunities to prepare for the journey and get passports and visas for the Revisit Korea and China Post Tour.

The quotas have again been increased, for which we have our President, Lou Dechert, to thank. He flew to Korea twice last year to meet with KVA in Seoul. In addition to official business, he lobbied for increased quotas. His logic was that, although we don't like to admit it, we are getting older and each year. More and more veterans are becoming unable to make that long journey and receive the appreciation of the Korean people.

### Korea

- May 13-19  
June 20-26  
September 12-18  
November 7-13

### China Option

- May 19-26  
June 26 - July 3  
September 18-25  
November 13-20

In the last several years, many veterans have elected to join our post tour to China. Beijing and Xian (the Old and New Capitals of China) are less than two hours flight time from Incheon. Since you are already in Asia, you can also enjoy the mysteries of China, from the "Forbidden City" to the "Great Wall" to the "Terra Cotta Warriors" at Xian. My wife has joined me for this tour and she loved every minute of it! China is very exciting (and affordable), especially since you have already flown across the Pacific and your Revisit Korea tour has been subsidized by the ROK government. The ladies especially enjoy the shopping in both Korea and China.

AS IN THE PAST, these quotas will go very fast. and we allot them on KWVA's strict "first come, first served" basis. The bottom line is: "**He who hesitates is lost!**"

Please call our office, Military Historical Tours, at 800-722-9501 in Alexandria, VA with ANY questions. You can also apply on the phone, with a credit card, to place your name on the reservation list. Eligibility for these subsidized quotas is contained on the application form located elsewhere in *The Graybeards*.

Sincere and fraternal regards,

*Warren*

Warren Wiedhahn  
Korea, 1950  
Revisit Korea Coordinator

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In addition, three correspondents were taken POW by the Communists and languished in prison for close to three years before being released at the end of the war. They were Maurice Chanteloup from AFP, Frank "Pappy" Noel, AP cameraman, and Philip Deane from the London Observer. Noel was a Pulitzer Prize winner in WW II for his photo in 1943.

In 1963 Mr. Randolph joined the editorial department of the Pacific Stars and Stripes newspaper in Tokyo. He was working there when he died of an apparent heart attack on January 5, 1977.

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