

## 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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### 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 Incheon 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.

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three anxious and disgruntled officers, Col Blank, LtCol Ingals, and our Bn S3, Maj Belifeld, were waiting for me.

Col Ingals demanded, "What in blazes is wrong with that knucklehead that was sent down here to pick up the Colonel?"

"What do you mean, sir?" I asked.

The Colonel told me that about twenty minutes after he called the first time, the other pilot's airplane came buzzing up the valley, right over the firing batteries, turned around a hill, and landed "on that road over there."

The Colonel pointed to a narrow dirt road that was used by tanks and self-propelled artillery vehicles. The road was nothing but ruts, chuck holes and thick dust bordered on both sides by low barbed wire entanglements. To make matters worse, there wasn't a straight stretch of road over one hundred feet on the entire road.

Registering doubt on my face, but not wanting to question the Colonel's word, I walked over to the road. Sure enough, there were aircraft tire marks in the tank ruts.

Now, I had a fair amount of short field landing time, but the promise of anything I might wish for in the world could not induce me to land on that road.

Major Belifeld said, "That's not the half of it! He landed on this road. Naturally it was impossible to turn around. So he taxied down the road, the wing struts just missing the barbed wire, down to the first firing battery. He turned in there and attempted to turn around, but his tail wheel was hung up in a rut."

"By that time," the Major continued, "I had arrived on the scene. He motioned me to push the tail around so he could taxi out. I motioned to him that the air strip was at the head of the road he had just landed on. He nodded yes, so I

started pushing to get the tail wheel out of the rut while he gunned the engine. He blew my hat off, raised great clouds of dust, and just about blew me into the Chinese lines."

I took a close look at Major "B." It did appear as though he had been rolling in a dust bin. The Major went on.

"After he got the airplane back on the road," the Major explained, "he taxied back to the area near the strip. But he couldn't taxi onto the strip, because there was a guard shack in the way. Cannoneers were called to tip over the guard shack and drag it aside.

"He taxied on to the strip where we were standing, looked out the window at us with a big smile on his face, saluted, gunned his engine and proceeded to take off, circling the field at about one hundred fifty feet. One Colonel said to the other, 'Now that he has found the field, he is going to prove he can land on it.'"

"But no," Major "B" said to me. "He headed off in that direction," pointing north—which was directly into the Chinese lines.

That was the last they saw of him. So they called me.

I flew Col. Blank back to "I" Corps. Artillery headquarters, and reported into operations. Naturally, we were very concerned about Lt Ortiz.

Within fifteen minutes, Lt. Ortiz landed, a sheepish smile on his face.

"I looked all over the place for that battalion air strip," he said, "but I just could not find it."

We ribbed him quite a bit about this, but he wouldn't go into his low-level flight into Chinese territory.

I guess that would be a story in itself.

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