

The mission was to establish a partisan base and eventually expand partisan operations through the northeast sections of North Korea. After they landed, the base of operations was established. Sgt. Miles performed reconnaissance and security operations, initially under the direction of a British Captain. The officer was evacuated two days later via helicopter with a back injury, so Sgt. Miles became the eyes and ears of the operation.

After an aerial supply drop on the wrong drop zone, Sgt. Miles and two team members were on the drop zone recovering the supply bundles when they were ambushed by a Chinese Infantry Company. The following citation for the Distinguished Service Cross details Sgt Miles' actions.

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**Citation for the Distinguished Service Cross:**



**AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS**

On 6 July 1951 Sergeant William T. Miles, Jr. RA 13 266703, U.S. Eighth Army, Miscellaneous Group, 8086th Army Unit, on a classified mission, code named SPITFIRE, behind enemy lines in the vicinity of Karyoju-ri, North

Korea, was, along with two other special operations soldiers, attempting to retrieve supply bundles dropped earlier that morning on the wrong drop zone when his group came under fire from a Chinese company advancing toward SPITFIRE's main base of operations. Sergeant Miles could have broken contact and evaded but elected to engage in a delaying action to give SPITFIRE's main body time to escape and evade despite knowing he and the other two were facing impossible odds and this decision would likely result in his own death, which it did.

Surviving SPITFIRE members reported the ensuing firefight lasted thirty or so minutes, giving them time to clear the area and evade, eventually reaching friendly lines after a twenty-one day odyssey.

Sergeant Miles' actions saved his fellow team members from death or capture and are well above and beyond the call of duty. His heroism, valor, and leadership characteristics are in the finest traditions of the United State's Army and reflect great credit upon him and the military service. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Miles has already been inducted in the RANGER Hall of Fame, Fort Benning, Georgia. His record of extreme hazardous duty and his demonstrated courage and valor should be an inspiration for the present day Rangers and those to come.  
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## 2009 Revisit Korea Tour Dates changed

Korean Veterans Association (KVA), Revisit Korea tour dates:.

- 13 - 19 September, 2009 ..... 68
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Note: Air Force veterans have a preference in October since this is the 60th Anniversary of the ROK Air Force, to include a special Seoul Air Show.

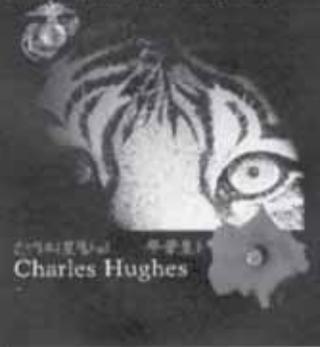
New Eligibility: KVA has decided that some veterans can repeat a Revisit Korea tour! Eligible are those who joined the program more than ten (10) years ago (before 1999) but only if KWVA cannot fill the quotas with "new" veterans. Since we have had to turn back quotas for the past three years, this should not be a problem! Sincerely and Fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn  
KWVA USA Revisit Korea Coordinator

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