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2010 – 2013

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List all your addresses, (seasonal/if more than one per year) and dates of residence, no P.O. Boxes.

1. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Dates _____

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Phone # _____ Fax _____ E-Mail* _____

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Korea Revisit Only

Veterans Passport# _____ Exp Date _____ Date of Birth (DOB) _____

Companion Name/Relationship _____ DOB _____

Companion's Passport# _____ Exp Date _____

NOTE: If you do not have a passport with 6 months validity after last date of return to USA and have applied for a new one, please insert "Applied for" in the space provided and contact MHT when you receive it.

Veteran's Korean Service Information (Both Tours)

Branch of Service _____ Unit _____

Period of Service in the Korean Theater (month/year) from _____ thru _____

Veterans / family member signature _____ Date _____

Complete and mail this form along with the \$450.00 deposit / service-fee per person (check, money order or Credit Card) to Military Historical Tours. Payment in full is required for applications submitted within sixty days of tour departure.

(PCFY) Peace Camp For Youth (Only)

Grandchild: Last Name _____ First _____ DOB _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail¹ _____ Passport #² _____ Exp Date _____

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Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the **Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA/Seoul)** in 1975 for the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War to express the **Republic of Korea (ROK's)** government's gratitude to Korean War veterans and their families also to show them the bountiful results of

their sacrifices and devotion.

MPVA's Eligibility Requirements

Korean War Veterans who served in or supported ground, naval, or air operations in the Korean Theater between June 25, 1950 and October 15, 1954. **Family members** of deceased or disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the "Korea Revisit Program." An eligible applicant is allowed

to bring a family member or friend as a "travel companion."

Expanded Eligibility

- 1) For the 60th anniversaries (2010-13) there will be more quotas available. In addition, those who have been on a Revisit prior to 2006 can apply to return again. (Call MHT for more details)

2) Widows and family members of deceased veterans or those unable to travel are also eligible for the Revisit as **Veteran Representatives**.

Benefits & Schedule

Free hotel accommodations for the veteran their companion or veteran representatives, meals for 5 nights and 6 days in Seoul for 2 people. If you want to bring more people you may at your expense. Accommodations are based on (2) persons per room, if you want your own hotel room you may at your own expense. All of the above items need to be requested in writing. Tours of Seoul and its vicinity, banquet hosted by the MPVA and KVA with presentation of the "Ambassador for Peace" medal, tours of the DMZ, Pan-Mun-Jom, War Memorial Museum, and the National Cemetery.

Peace Camp For Youth (PCFY) Program for Grandchildren of Veterans

Purpose is to express the sincere gratitude of the Korean people and to build a network for future collaboration among **Families of Korean War Veterans**. Grandchildren must be at least 18 years old.

Benefits & Schedule for (PCFY)

Same as the Veterans tour with an extra day of events and subsidizes are per person, with no companions.

Sundry Notes

1. The MPVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.
2. Participants are required to have a valid passport that does not expire until 6 months after return to the USA.
3. Neither MPVA Seoul nor MHT Virginia U.S.A is responsible for any loss of or damage to personal or other items; medical expenses, injuries or loss of life due to any accident of any nature during the tour.
4. Hospitalization, Evacuation and Trip Cancellation Insurance is required by MPVA for all veterans, companions or veteran representatives. Insurance costs are included in the admin service charge for Korea only.
5. Transportation costs to/from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program. The Korean government is now subsidizing airfare for persons traveling with the MHT administered group.
6. Applications will be received/accepted on a "First-come, first-served" basis.
7. Use of frequent flyer miles or other "free" transportation is allowed, but the administrative service fee of **\$450.00** per person is still required for the insurance and administration.

Ulchi Freedom Tests Readiness on Korean Peninsula

Torn from the pages of the Air Force Daily Report, August 28, 2012

U.S., South Korean, and allied armed forces are in the midst of Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2012 on the Korean peninsula, a combined exercise meant to strengthen readiness to defend against North Korean aggression. The exercise is one of the two peninsula-wide exercises staged each year by the US-South Korean Combined Forces Command, according to a Pentagon release. It [ran] until Aug. 31, allowing senior leaders to work on decision-making, while commanders and staffs execute combined planning and command and control, and oversee military intelligence, logistics, and personnel issues.

Australia, Britain, Canada, Denmark, France, New Zealand, and Norway are also participating in Ulchi Freedom, which kicked off on Aug. 20. Seventh Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas said in a statement [that] Air Force

assets on the peninsula have an "opportunity to demonstrate US commitment" to South Korea and "stability in Northeast Asia."

As the Defense Department shifts its focus to the Asia-Pacific region, Ulchi Freedom exercises will be more important than ever, he said. (AFPS report by Donna Miles)

Thanks to John Gavel for bringing this article to our attention. Reach him at THE-GAVEL@aol.com

Did you know... The CPX used to be called Ulchi Focus Lens. Ulchi was a famous Korean General, Focus Lens was the U.S. name contribution to the combined exercise, now Freedom Guardian, which is better.

Theater Commands are assigned sections of alphabet to use for operational names, so you see names like Desert Storm, Desert Eagle, and in some cases names predating this system like Reforger...return of forces to Germany!

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navy ships were, then try to ditch the aircraft. Unfortunately, his aircraft blew up before making it to the coast.

Some of Lt. Forster's crew members who bailed out survived and became Prisoners of War. To this day, there still may be some MIAs among them.

When the Iron Curtain fell, some Korean War records were released. One of these records concerned Lt. Forster and his crew. It indicated that their aircraft was found by the North Koreans, and that four bodies were found in the wreckage. Seven chutes were seen leaving the aircraft, but not all seven crew members have been accounted for.

Of all the combat missions I flew, the 30 December 1952 mission remains foremost in my mind. My respect for Lt. Forster and Sgt. Differ has never diminished through the years. They are heroes in every respect. If they had bailed out of their burning aircraft, the chances of their survival were good.

I regret that I never attempted to contact Lt. Forster's family to inform them of his heroism. However, through luck, I was able

to speak to Sgt. Differ's son. I sincerely hope that he understands my respect for Sgt. Differ and his heroic actions.

Since I was an aircrew member who was lucky to make round trips over North Korea and return to Okinawa, I never stepped a foot on Korean soil. So, I was spared witnessing the destruction on South Korea and the horrors of war.

After viewing pictures and watching motion pictures of the ground war, and hearing from various ground troops about what the North Koreans and communists did to the South Koreans, I have a great amount of respect for our all our ground troops, Army, Marines, Navy and the airmen who flew B-26s, fighter-bombers, fighter pilots, and especially the ground crews who worked around the clock to keep the planes flying.

I am proud to say that I was a participant in the bombing raids that gave the North Koreans a taste of their own medicine.

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