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Attn: Mr. Jerry Colbert:

Dear Mr. Colbert:

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Larry Kinard, President of the Korean War Veterans Association. For the first time, along with several other Korean Vets, I was able to attend the Memorial Concert on the Capitol lawn this year. We were fortunate to sit in chairs right in front of the stage. I have watched this wonderful program at home for years and have been inspired by the chill and thrill of patriotism every time. I love your programming but feel there is a severe lack of any mention of the Korean War. This year I noticed several times the Korean War Memorial was shown but there were no specific thoughts about the War itself. WW II, Vietnam, Desert Storm and up to Iraq and Afghanistan were all highlighted at one time or another.

When I returned home from the trip to Washington for the Memorial Day program I had several telephone calls from members of the KWVA, all asking the same question "Why do they continue to leave us out?" One of them actually said that it made him depressed. I have the same question and cannot understand, when the story of the Korean War is actually a good one. Sixty-five years ago we saved a nation and its people and now they are a thriving economic power and the most appreciative and strongest ally the U. S. has today. To me, South Korea is a wonderful example of a nation the U.S. defended and one who took advantage of the opportunity to live and flourish in a free and democratic society. As veterans of the war we are very proud of what they have accomplished and feel strongly that this should not be labeled as the "Forgotten War" but highlighted as the "Forgotten Victory." This is what should be the legacy of the Korean War and a recognition of the 36000 who gave their lives there. We would appreciate your help in making this known to our own citizens.

Thank you for any help you can give us in overcoming this "forgotten" concern and obvious lack of understanding on the part of our fellow citizens. If you have any questions or need any information I will be happy to consult with you any time. I would certainly appreciate hearing your thoughts on this situation.

Sincerely,

Larry C. Kinard, President-KWVA-US