

The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

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President Orval Mechling, Treasurer Wayne Semple, and William Hanes represented us at Mt. Zion High School, Mt. Zion, IL, on 10 February 2020. Their experiences were shared with 1 class, 1 teacher, and 27 students.

Orval and Wayne also made a presentation to 4 classes, 6 teachers and 80 students on 21 February 2020 at Clinton High School, Clinton, IL.

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We Need Your Help to Build the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance!

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization entrusted with the responsibility to ensure the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C., will be maintained in perpetuity. The Memorial honors the sacrifices of the 5.8 million Americans who served in the U.S. armed services during the Korean War.

In October 2016, legislation was passed tasking the Foundation with raising the funds necessary to build and establish a Wall of Remembrance to be incorporated with the existing Memorial. The Wall will become the permanent home to the names of the 36,574 American and over 8,000 Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) service members who gave their lives defending the people of South Korea from aggression and ensuring their freedom.

The projected construction cost to build the Wall of Remembrance is \$31 million. Financial support is dependent upon private donations from individual donors and major corporations from around the world. The overall success of this project will focus on creating a detailed and highly disciplined approach to the management of significant donor prospects. This momentous endeavor to build the Wall of Remembrance will ensure that the brave U.S. military personnel and members of the South Korean military, who served in South Korean and U.S. units during the war, will be remembered for generations. It will also educate the four million visitors to the Memorial each year about the cost of freedom.

The current Memorial has as a column of 19 stainless steel sculptures representing the totality of American Soldierly (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard) who served in the war and defended South Korea.

The Mural Wall, created by muralist Louis Nelson, characterizes "America's Mantelpiece," with over 2,700 actual images of men and



The proposed Korean War Wall of Remembrance

women who served during the Korean War. As the statues are reflected in the Mural Wall, their numbers grow to 38, symbolic of the 38th Parallel, which in 1950, was the Demilitarized Zone

(DMZ) between North and South Korea. On the Mural Wall is etched the inscription "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE." The addition of the Wall of Remembrance will define the cost of FREEDOM with each individual name of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to FREEDOM.

We cannot build this wall without your help! Please help us raise the necessary funding to complete the Wall of Remembrance for our fallen soldiers and support the Foundation's goals. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. You may visit www.koreanwarvetismemorial.org to submit your secure online donation. If you prefer, checks can be mailed to: **The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, 950 North Washington Street, Suite 311, Alexandria, VA 22314**

As we approach the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War, now is the time to remember. If not now, when? Our nation has a responsibility to make sure we do not forget our men and women in the military who sacrificed to defend the freedoms we enjoy.