

## **Change to the KWVA schedule!**

*Wednesday's Welcome Reception* has been **moved to SATURDAY** evening from 1800-2000. Your reservation will automatically be transferred. If you are unable to attend on Saturday you must notify the registration desk by 10am on Thursday.

## **TWILIGHT TATTOO**

The Department of Defense has invited all KWVA members and guests to attend the Wednesday evening Twilight Tattoo at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and a reception just prior to the Tattoo. Transportation and seating at the Tattoo will be provided.

1645 – Buses will load at the entrance to the hotel  
2030 – Approximate return time to the hotel



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Fellow KWVA members, families and friends,

WELCOME to the annual convention and reunion of the KWVA and the 60th Anniversary commemoration of the signing of the Armistice, that ending the fighting on 27 July 1953.

Your KWVA Officers, Directors and the Convention/Reunion planning and coordinating committee, are here to ensure that everything that can be done, will be done, to make your visit to Washington, DC as interesting, historical, safe and comfortable as humanly possible!

The enclosed "Schedule of Events" contains the most recent changes. Please read it carefully and carry it with you!

My only request is that you be as understanding as possible regarding the program. There have been numerous changes, all to the good, but it has necessitated us making some last minute adjustments, some of which have not gone as smoothly as we would have liked. The schedule is tight and the July weather is hot. Please maintain your personal "cool" temperament and, working together, we can all go home Sunday with a great feeling of satisfaction of having been appreciated for what we did, along with our Allies, to help save the world from Communism in the early 1950's.

**FREEDOM IS NOT FREE - THE "FORGOTTEN VICTORY"!**

Sincere and fraternal regards,

Larry Kinard

President

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION REUNION  
JULY 24-18, 2013  
SHERATON PENTAGON CITY, ARLINGTON, VA**

**Wednesday, July 24**

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| 1300 - 1800 | <b>Reunion Registration Open</b><br>Hospitality Room opens for the duration of the reunion  | Lobby<br>Pentagon - 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Floor |
| 1645 - 2030 | Twilight Tattoo, Whipple Field on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. <i>The KWVA are the special guests of the Department of Defense. Buses will be provided, as will seating. See the description below for more information.</i> |   |

**Thursday, July 25**

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|             | Breakfast on your own  |              |
| 0900 - 1100 | <b>Reunion Registration Open</b>   | Lobby        |
| 0830 - 1400 | KWVA Board of Directors Meeting  | Concourse Rm |
| 0930 - 1500 | CITY TOUR  |              |
| 1500 - 1730 | <b>Reunion Registration Open</b>   | Lobby        |
| 1530 - 1700 | <b>Banquet table assignments for Friday's Banquet Dinner</b><br><i>Please refer to the blue instruction sheet in registration packet</i> | Lobby        |
| 1630 - 1730 | Light Buffet dinner available in hotel restaurant  |              |
| 1745 - 2100 | "Unforgettable: Letters from Korea" – <i>see description below</i>   |              |
| 1815 - 2230 | MARINE BARRACKS SUNSET PARADE  |              |

**Friday, July 26**

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|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0730 - 0830 | Breakfast Buffet                | Cavalier Ballroom     |
| 0830 - 1500 | KWVA General Membership Meeting | North Ballroom        |
| 0930 - 1130 | Ladies Brunch                   | Galaxy Ballroom       |
| 1730 - 2200 | KWVA Banquet Dinner             | Commonwealth Ballroom |

**Saturday, July 27**

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| 0600 - 0645 | Breakfast Buffet  | Galaxy Ballroom |
| 0700        | Bus transportation boarding for the 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony. The Ceremony will begin at 1000.   |                 |
| 1145        | Immediately following the Ceremony, bus transportation will begin departing the Ceremony for the Pentagon North parking lot. KWVA buses will be waiting at the Pentagon lot to return attendees to the hotel. |                 |
| 1800 - 2000 | Farewell Reception at the hotel ( <i>rescheduled from Wednesday evening</i> )   | Galaxy Ballroom |

**Sunday, July 28**

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| 0800 - 0930 | Memorial Breakfast Buffet | Galaxy Ballroom |
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## TWILIGHT TATTOO

Wednesday, July 24

Please join Under Secretary of the Army, Dr. Joseph W. Westphal and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington for a special Twilight Tattoo commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War. Twilight Tattoo is one of the Army's most popular outdoor ceremonial programs in the DC-Metro area. Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long military pageant featuring Soldiers from The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." Experience a glimpse into American history through performances by The U.S. Army Blues, vocalists from The U.S. Army Band Downrange, The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, and The U.S. Army Drill Team. *Transportation will be provided by the Department of Defense, and ALL KWVA members and family/guests are invited to attend. Prior to the Tattoo there will be a special reception. Seating will also be provided.*

**1645 buses load at the hotel, 2030 approximate return time.**

## CITY TOUR

Thursday, July 25

See the sites of our nation's capital during a driving tour of Washington, D.C. Ride by the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, WWII Memorial, the Mall, Capitol Building, Washington Monument, White House, and other notable monuments and federal buildings. Free time will be allowed at the Korean Memorial, a stunning tribute to all those who served in the "forgotten war". Afterward, stop at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, which is the largest building (3.1 million square feet) in Washington, DC and is the first and only federal building dedicated to both government and private use. While there, enjoy lunch on your own at the Reagan Building food court - named one of the "best family food courts" in DC.

**A photo ID is required for entrance to the Ronald Reagan Building.**

**0930, board bus, 1500 back at the hotel**

**\$45/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.**

## EVENING PARADE AT MARINE BARRACKS

Thursday, July 25

Korean war veterans will be honored during the opening ceremonies at the Evening Parade at Marine Barracks at 8th and I Streets, Washington, D. C. Korean veterans who attend the parade will be recognized for their efforts in the historic campaign. With a private performance, we promise a memorable evening viewing the Silent Drill Team and enjoying the U.S. Marine Band as well as the ceremonial Drum and Bugle Corps. Even if you have been there before, tonight is for Korean Veterans!

**1815 board bus, 2230 back at hotel**

**\$28/Person includes bus and escort. There is no admission charge for the Evening Parade.**

## UNFORGETTABLE: LETTERS FROM KOREA

Thursday, July 25

For those not attending the Evening Parade at the Marine Barracks, you may enjoy this musical production, presented at the Korean War Memorial.. The play's performance is based on letters written during the Korean War between 2nd Lt. Dwight S. Thompson (1931-2004) and Cleora B. Barnes Thompson (1931-2010). This play is dedicated to the Thompsons and to all the Veterans who served in that unforgettable conflict. The Department of Defense will provide transportation to the Korean War Memorial for those who wish to go

**1745 Board bus, 2100 back at the hotel (approximately)**

## 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

Saturday, July 27

*This is for optional transportation only.* The buses will take KWVA attendees from the Sheraton Hotel to the Pentagon Parking lots, where we will disembark, clear security, and then re-board Department of Defense buses to be transported to the Ceremony site at the Korean War Memorial. After the ceremony the Department of Defense buses will pick up from the ceremony site and return you to the Pentagon Parking lot, where you will reboard the KWVA buses to be returned to the hotel. The Ceremony will begin at 10am, but all **attendees must be seated no later than 8:45am.** **\*\*\*All individuals must pass through Secret Service security/magnetometers at the Pentagon Parking lots or at the Memorial. Please do not bring umbrellas, pocket knives or any other type weapon with you. Backpacks and large purses are also prohibited. Cameras and video recorders are permitted.\*\*\***

**0700 board bus, 1145am begin returning to hotel**

**\$28/Person includes bus and escort to and from the Pentagon Parking lot.**

**Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices. Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.**