



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
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**Heroes Remembered: Defense Department to  
Mark the 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice**

*Defense Department seeks Korean War Veterans from around the country to gather in Arlington, Virginia and celebrate the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice*

Arlington, Virginia - The Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee announced today its efforts to reach out to Korean War Veterans and their families across the country and encourage them to join a commemorative program celebrating the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice. The program, titled *Heroes Remembered*, is open to the public and will take place on July 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery.

Featuring a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the program includes official remarks in Arlington National Cemetery's Amphitheater with high ranking Defense Department officials and other senior government representatives. The event also includes additional special activities for Korean War Veterans and their families.

**"Our Committee seeks to educate the American people on Korean War Veterans' stories and strives to make their sacrifices known to the next generation of Americans,"** said Committee Executive Director Colonel David J. Clark. **"Their fight for the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today must be, and will be, remembered forever,"** Colonel Clark added.

The Korean War was the first test of the United Nations' resolve to stand against tyranny. Twenty-one nations banded together with the United States and the Republic of Korea in a remarkable display of solidarity to turn back North Korea's naked aggression and stem the tide of communism on the Korean Peninsula. The Armistice, signed on July 27, 1953, remains in effect today and highlights the need to remain vigilant against the forces of tyranny and oppression in Korea and around the globe.

Korean War Veterans fought to halt the tide of communism that threatened to sweep over the Korean peninsula. Today, the Republic of Korea stands as a modern, prosperous, vibrant democracy because of their courage and selfless sacrifice.

Korean War Veterans, family members, and friends interested in attending the event can RSVP online <http://koreanwar.defense.gov/july27rsvp.html>.

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The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, authorized in the 2011 Defense Authorization Bill, is dedicated to thanking and honoring all the Veterans of the Korean War, their families and especially those who lost loved ones in that war. Through 2013, the Committee will honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans of all ages about the historical significance of the Korean War. For more information, visit our website <http://koreanwar.defense.gov> or contact us at [koreanwar@conus.army.mil](mailto:koreanwar@conus.army.mil).

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