

Korean War Veteran

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Canadian “Snowbird” Korean War Veteran Advocates Host Medal Ceremonies for U.S. Veterans in Florida



Canadian member of KVA Canada Hoojung Jones Kennedy presents citation certificate for Korea's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs Ambassador for Peace medal to a U.S. Korean War veteran during reception in Florida.

Canadian Korean War Veteran advocate Hoojung Jones Kennedy and her husband Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy recently did a very remarkable thing during their winter residency in Florida.

The Kennedys liaised with local government officials and with the Korean Consul General and Korean Embassy in Washington and arranged presentations of the Ambassador for Peace Medal to veterans in various Florida communities.

The effort involved more than liaison work. Hoojung spent a week preparing traditional Korean foods for the presentation receptions and she served as the Ambassador's representative in presenting the medals to the qualified veterans.

For those who wish to review her entire report, it is attached and opens with Adobe Reader, which is available free on the Internet if it is not already part of your computer or smartphone software.

Hoojung is a member of the Heritage Unit of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada and for many years she has been the Association's deputy editor for its website www.kvacanada.com



Ambassador For Peace Medal Presentation
Tuesday March 24, 2015 11:00 A.M.
American Legion 7, 1760 Turner St. Clearwater, Fl

Organized By: Korean War Veterans Association Sunshine Chapter 159

Don and I had (we are snow birds) three memorable Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentations in Florida working with Atlanta Korean Consulate General's office. We hosted over 300 guests in 3 locations and we also had 3 luncheon receptions for over 300 guests.

Many of the local Korean War Veterans Associations have limited funds thus, they were unable to provide the reception thus. I cooked for over a week making handmade dumplings, Bulgogees, Korean meat balls, egg and turkey sandwiches, baked Canadian Butter tarts including the home made Ambassador for Peace medal cake decoration.

Today the 41 Korean War Veterans are wearing their Ambassador for Peace medals proudly with smiles and tears (many Veterans never even heard about the Ambassador for Peace Medal or Korea Revisit program). Somehow, we became the Ambassadors of the Ambassador for Peace Medal.

Please see the attached full detailed event program which contains the order of service including City of Clearwater, City of Leesburg, City of Lake Wales mayors, Government Representatives, event photos and the various newspaper articles.



"The Korean War Veterans are our heroes and my mother and grandparents were saved by the US Merchant Naval ship, Merchant Victory on Dec 24, Christmas Eve 1950 at the Hungnam evacuation along with 14,000 refugees and 5 babies born on the ship. It is often called the "Ship of Miracles". Without your help, my mother would not have been saved and I would not have been born. Thank you very much and all of you are the Ambassadors for Peace and God Bless you all!" - HoJung Junes Kennedy-

We also presented the "Letter of Appreciation" from US Senator Bill Nelson to the 6 exceptional Korean War Veterans who have contributed to the Korean War Veterans Associations and the community. Together, we helped to increase awareness of the legacy of the Korean War Veterans who contributed to Korea's

freedom, peace and prosperity. We also handed out the Korea Reborn books that are available through the U.S. Department of National Defence.

Some of Korean War Veterans are 2 purple heart veterans and Edmond Clmenzi is a 97 years old WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War Veteran with many distinguished medals. He used his Samsung phone to email the photo and he still drives a car.



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VETERANS RECEIVE KOREAN PEACE MEDALS



MISSISSIPPI ANGEL KENNEDY, officer in the Republic of Korea President Park Geun-Hye, presents a Korean Peace Medal to James Steel, left, during a program honoring local Korean veterans who served during the Korean War at Fort Belvoir in Lake Wales, Fla. Fort Belvoir Korean War veterans received the Korean Peace Medal for their service in Korea.

