

# **Korean War Veteran**

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## **Veterans from all over the world invited to 20th anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington**

### **July 27 Korean War Veterans Day in the U.S. capital**

The Korean War Veteran publication in no way wishes to detract from the fine and worthy July 27th Canadian Korean War Veterans Day services that will be held at the Wall of Remembrance in Brampton Ontario, or in Ottawa or Burnaby, BC, or any of the other key services to be held in Canada, or the British Korean War Veterans Day service at the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas in the United Kingdom, or the outstanding service held every year at the memorial in the Garden of Korea in Ankara, Turkey, or other veterans services in any of the UN Allied Nations around the world.

It assuredly in no way is meant to detract from the superb Korean War Armistice Day veterans revisit and national ceremonies that are being planned by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs in Korea, which will have some veteran representation from all of the UN Allied Nations.

The goal of the article is to assist the Korean War Veterans Association of the United States in inviting veterans from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and all of the UN Allied Nations to participate in observing the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC



In July, 1995 a large contingent of Canada's Korean War Veterans joined their comrade veterans from the United States and 20 other nations for the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Some 100 Canadian veterans were in the contingent, which was flown to Washington aboard a Canadian Forces Airbus jet transport plane.

The Memorial, which took 10 years to develop and millions of dollars to build, was dedicated with President Bill Clinton speaking for the United States and President Kim Young Sam, for the Republic of Korea.

Virtually every veteran, and every visitor to the Memorial was somberly impressed. The squad of soldiers moves through the years in endless column, faces set, tired, vigilant, fighting their sorrow, not boisterously advancing, but doing their duty quietly.

Many veterans, looking upon those faces, can feel again the hurt.

They can also feel the pride and the love for all comrades who served!



Now, this July 27, a special national ceremony will be held at the Memorial to mark the 20th anniversary of its 1995 dedication. Veterans from Canada, and all of the UN Allied Nations have been invited to participate.

Larry Kinard, the national president of the Korean War Veterans Association (USA), and Warren Wiedhahn, national 1st vice president and Washington liaison officer, have issued the invitation.

There are no special subsidies. It's a Dutch treat affair with veterans paying their own freight, but accommodation arrangements are very attractive.

The KWVA will be holding its annual convention at the same time in the Doubletree Crystal City Hotel, a short walk from the Pentagon and about two miles from the Capital Building, the White House, and the National Monument.

It is also just one mile away from Arlington National Cemetery, where a national Korean War Veterans Day service will be held on Saturday, July 25.



The Doubletree Crystal City, a Hilton subsidiary chain hotel, is a superb structure. Many of its rooms, if requested, have balconies and provide a spectacular view of the Washington panorama.

The KWVA has arranged for special room rates of just \$105 per night for a deluxe double room. It can be upgraded for additional cost.

The restaurants are superb, including Washington's only revolving restaurant on the rooftop.

Canadian Veterans who may wish to attend and who have access to the Toronto airports should give consideration to Porter Airlines, which has its own modern terminal on Harbor Island, just offshore from downtown Toronto. Porter flies Canadian-built wide-body Bombardier turbojets, with regular service directly to Washington. Rates are quite attractive, and Porter often runs a discount.

The planes have substantial knee room, the seats are wide, the service is excellent with two flight attendants on board, high quality snacks and beverages are

complimentary, and the terminal in Toronto is well appointed and also provides complimentary snacks, soft drinks and coffee.

**If there is sufficient interest, the Korean War Veteran publication will seek to negotiate a special rate with the airline.**

Porter flights lead into Toronto from every major city in Ontario and some cities in Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces, including Labrador and Newfoundland.

To give this commemoration event consideration, veterans are advised to open the KWVA website and then open the feature on the cover page that deals with the 2015 national convention. All details of the hotel and the itinerary are included.

The KWVA has planned trips to the White House, Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington Botanical Gardens, the Mount Vernon Estate of George Washington, sunset ceremonies for the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army, and there are countless things to do. Shopping in the subterranean stores of Crystal City is one of them. As in Toronto, Montreal and other Canadian metropolises, shoppers don't walk on the streets, but use passageways that run beneath the roads.

The website with all of the information is [WWW.KWVA.ORG](http://WWW.KWVA.ORG)

Warren Wiedhahn, who also is the KWVA visit coordinator with impeccable travel credentials and decades of experience escorting veterans to various world locations, can assist with travel advice for anyone who needs it. His e-Mail contact is [Jwiedhahn@aol.com](mailto:Jwiedhahn@aol.com)

**Veterans from Canada and all nations outside the United States who are interested in possibly participating are asked to send by e-Mail their name and their city and the number in their party (in the event if they may decide to go). We will try to coordinate accordingly. Registering interest in no way implies an obligation to participate. The information will provide a planning aide and perhaps be of benefit for those who decide to go. Please send a brief note to [koreavetnews@aol.com](mailto:koreavetnews@aol.com)**

