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Friends, I hope you will bear with me in what has become a political tug of war over information that is important to veterans, families and friends and belongs to the American people.

Neither Hal nor I wish to become more political over something that should have been extended to us as a courtesy and for the widest possible dissemination for the American public. That, however, has become the case, politically involved, over refusal to fully disclose information that is part of the American heritage.

Over 82 of our online friends called Ex-Gov Carey after last week's email press release, we thank you. More of you went farther and called Sub-committee and Congressional leaders, for that we are grateful.

Today we got a letter from an Army officer refusing to co-operate with a Freedom of Information Request. More information will be on our main web site indexing page, keep tuned. A short call to these active duty officers at the ABMC will be the final assault. Our only next recourse is a Federal Lawsuit, a sad situation.

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We do not wish to burden our wonderful visitors who have helped our website become a truly wonderful information tool. As you have witnessed over the years, we try to refrain from editorializing about political issues.

Hal and Ted Barker

====Press Release: Internet====

ABMC Denies Full Access to Public Honor Roll Database

Please Contact Col. Anthony Corea  
Freedom of Information Officer, American Battle Monuments Commission Telephone - 703-696-6897

April 21, 1999 - Dallas, Texas

In an April 19, 1999 letter to the Korean War Project, The American Battle Monuments Commission has formally denied access to the full Korean War Veterans Memorial Honor Roll database as lawfully requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

This denial is a clear challenge to the Freedom of Information Act.

While the American Battle Monuments Commission did in fact present an alleged copy of the database to the Korean War Project, it was in fact an abridged copy of the database, and certain important information was removed from the source file of the entire database.

In production of the database, the ABMC sent what was alleged the entire Honor Roll on a single compressed 1.44 meg floppy disk. It is not technically possible for the entire Honor Roll database to fit on a single floppy disk.

An attempt last week to obtain the help of former Governor Hugh Carey has totally failed. Governor Carey is Vice Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The next step may be a class action filing in the Federal Court of the Northern District of Texas asking a federal judge

to issue an injunction against the American Battle Monuments Commission for willful failure to produce records under the Freedom of Information Act.

If a lawsuit is instituted, the government is required to defend the lawsuit at taxpayer expense even if no defense is possible.

You may view the documents involved at [http://www.koreanwar.org/html/abmc\\_foi.html](http://www.koreanwar.org/html/abmc_foi.html)

Korean Veterans and families, these records are your records paid for by federal funds and now on public display only at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The United States Government is unwilling to produce the full Honor Roll database, a violation of federal law.

Make your feelings know to Colonel Corea at the ABMC at 703-696-6897.

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