

Subject: Korean War Project - 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration - June 25 2010

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Re: June 25th Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War

Today marks the commemoration of the beginning of the war in Korea. Our duty is to remember the cost of the war for those who served, bled, or died while prosecuting the defense of the South Korean people. This tribute includes a special recognition for the families and friends of those men and women who rushed to the aid of South Korea.

Until July 27th 1953, there was a continual flow of men and materiel to support the war effort. The uneasy truce that followed also required a substantial commitment of manpower and equipment.

Medical staff of many nations provided urgent care for the injured. Those facilities reached far and wide across the globe. Many of those injured required medical care for extended periods of time. Even today, thousands of those men and women are still under care of medical providers.

The civilian population was turned upside down with the events of the fighting. The death, suffering, and destruction of lives, homes, and the economy of the region was witnessed by those who served in the war zone. Many of those men and women stepped forward to render a variety of humanitarian assistance to those in need.

Hal traveled to Korea in 1989 to pay tribute to the men who helped him understand the job our own father performed in Korea as a US Marine helicopter pilot (VMO-6) (HMR-161). Hal returned with 2nd Infantry Division veterans in 1994.

While there, Hals' camera recorded both urban and rural communities. The vibrancy of the people and their economic rise is evident in those photographs. Hals' two trips are symbolic of many thousands of pilgrims who have revisited Korea.

Among our visitors are a younger generation who served after the truce. In fact, a large amount of our email correspondence and web visitors are those men and women who served in Korea from 1954 through today.

Thousands of you have received email, letters or calls from students, news reporters, and governmental agencies from your interaction on this website since its inception in February, 1995. We thank all of you who have helped each other.

Please visit the KIA/MIA Database section to add your Remembrance

tributes. Please inform us of birth dates, small unit designations, and actual hometowns with burial locations. Of key importance are battle loss locations. Each bit of information allows us to provide a better historical record.

Please visit our Map section that features the Japanese Tokyo Survey era maps with grid markings. Our maps section has a companion Google Earth series. Hal has marked many thousands of battle locations on those Google Maps.

Do visit often.

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