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Korean War Project Newsletter July 27 2020

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1. Editorial July 27 2020

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Hello to everyone. We mark the 67th Anniversary of the end of hostilities on the Korean Peninsula as all parties sat down at Panmunjom to sign the formal truce documents.

Headlines around the world were banner sized announcing the years of fighting. The example shown above is just one example that can be found online or any news archive.

From "Our Documents.gov" - quote

Armistice Agreement for the Restoration of the South Korean State (1953)

The Korean War, which began on June 25, 1950, when the North Koreans invaded South Korea, officially ended on July 27, 1953. At 10 a.m., in Panmunjom, scarcely acknowledging each other, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr., senior delegate, United Nations Command Delegation; North Korean Gen. Nam Il, senior delegate, Delegation of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers, signed 18 official copies of the tri-language Korean Armistice Agreement.

It was the end of the longest negotiated armistice in history: 158 meetings spread over two years and 17 days. That evening at 10 p.m. the truce went into effect. The Korean Armistice Agreement is somewhat exceptional in that it is purely a military document—no nation is a signatory to the agreement.

Specifically the Armistice Agreement:

1. suspended open hostilities
2. withdrew all military forces and equipment from a 4,000-meter-wide zone, establishing the Demilitarized Zone as a buffer between the forces;
3. prevented both sides from entering the air, ground, or sea areas under control of the other;
4. arranged release and repatriation of prisoners of war and displaced persons; and
5. established the Military Armistice Commission (MAC) and other agencies to discuss any violations and to ensure adherence to the truce terms.

The armistice, while it stopped hostilities, was not a permanent peace treaty between nations.

President Eisenhower, who was keenly aware of the 1.8 million American men and women who had served in Korea and the 36,576 Americans who had died there, played a key role in bringing about a cease-fire. In announcing the agreement to the American people in a television address shortly after the signing, he said, in part,

"Soldiers, sailors and airmen of sixteen different countries have stood as partners beside us throughout these long and bitter months. In this struggle we have seen the United Nations meet the challenge of aggression—not with pathetic words of protest, but with deeds of decisive purpose. And so at long last the carnage of war is to cease and the negotiation of the conference table is to begin.....We hope that] all nations may come to see the wisdom of composing differences in this fashion before, rather than after, there is resort to brutal and futile battle."

"Now as we strive to bring about that wisdom, there is, in this moment of sober satisfaction, one thought that must discipline our emotions and steady our resolution. It is this: We have won an armistice on a single battleground—not peace in the world. We may not now relax our guard nor cease our quest"

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2. Korean War Armistice Agreement

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Link to full Armistice Agreement:

https://www.usfk.mil/Portals/105/Documents/SOFA/G_Armistice_Agreement.pdf

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3. DMZ Veterans (post truce)

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We have mentioned many times since 1995 that the post truce period is one of our main focus areas. We don't have the units displayed in the same manner as found on the Looking For by

service branch.

We elected to feature the message areas by decades of service:

eg: "I served in Korea from 1954-56".

DMZ Veterans Center - Messages and Information

See: <https://www.koreanwar.org/html/dmzvets.htm>

Major Vandon E. Jenerette, USA Retired, from South Carolina gave permission for us to publish his article: "The Forgotten DMZ". He did so back in 1996 when he found our growing website.

We are in the middle of updating how this article appears on our website, adding his photos, as we are doing with many other sections.

For now, if you have not read this article, please read it.

See: <https://www.koreanwar.org/html/dmz-war.html>

Excerpt: Subject: Korea DMZ Part 1 Military Review Published by US Army Command and General Staff College Volume LXVIII - May 1988 - No 5 pp 32-43

From late 1966 through 1969, the Korean peninsula provided the background for a military confrontation that included guerrilla warfare, sabotage and terrorism directed against the people of South Korea and the Americans serving there. The situation tested the willpower and reserve of the Unified States and the Republic of Korea (ROK)). This article relates some of the circumstances of a significant victory and of the combat fought along the forgotten demilitarized zone (DMZ) of Korea.

4. Membership | Sponsors

Consider supporting the mission of the Korean War Project by donations in the form of Membership/Sponsorship.

Membership: [Link to Membership | Donor page](#)

Our Pledge Drive is an ongoing process. We are recruiting from those who have not participated, so if you can, jump on in, it will be appreciated.

The site is free for all to use and those who participate help to ensure that we remain online whether the donation is \$5.00 or more!

For those persons or groups who cannot participate, we certainly understand.

Donations/Memberships are tax deductible, if you use long form IRS reports. Our EIN: 75-2695041 501(c) (3)

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5. KWP Newsletter Delivery

The newsletter is available in three formats.

1. Direct from the KWP website in our News section
See: [Click this link](#)

2. Type into your email client: news@koreanwar.org
The newsletter will be sent directly to your email.

3. Available in Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf), recommended.
This version can be enlarged for easy viewing.

See: [Click this link](#)

Note: Acrobat allows the end reader to increase or decrease the size of the font for easier reading.

Note: if you have not received either the Veterans Day 2019 or the May 25th Memorial Day newsletter by email, let us know.

All recent newsletters are online at the main News link.

6. Taps and Last Roll Call

We continue to receive notices of the passing of more and more of our KVET pen pals as well as their wives.

All these veterans or their spouses ranged in age between late forties to mid-sixties when Hal first began serious research in 1979.

Now, the Barker Boys are 72 and 75, or approximately the ages of most of our veteran pals when we first published notice of the creation of our project.

It is not easy to accept the loss of our "pals". But, none of them will ever be forgotten.

Hand Salute!

7. Accessing the KWP website

The following is a repeat of previous announcements.

Security updates for the KWP website that began in the fall of 2017

have created problems for visitors. We have had contacts from many visitors who use Apple operating systems and Safari browsers,

Visitors using Safari often get a warning notice about having a certificate or password to enter the site. There are several solutions but most require a good working knowledge of the Apple Operating system.

Some Windows 10 users have mentioned similar issues. These are usually easy to resolve by clearing browser cache to include cookies.

Then try this link: <https://www.koreanwar.org>

If you experience connection issues be sure to contact Ted Barker at: admin@kwp.org to get immediate assistance.

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8. This Mailing List Required Notice for Bulk Mail:

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We began sending this newsletter mailing in December of 1998. The first issue went to just over 2000 persons.

This list is a private list for our visitors and members. A person may join or leave the list at will. It is compiled from our Guest Book and comprises public service messages of general interest to veterans and families.

To join or leave the list: email to: Ted Barker tbarker@kwp.org
Place: Subscribe or Unsubscribe in the subject line.

Consider forwarding the Newsletter to your friends by email

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9. Family archives

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Family members have always approached us with questions about sharing photos, letters, or documents for the KVET in their lives. Many of these families have self-published books.

The trend in publishing has been changing the past few years as more and more people use online presentation for these archives

Instagram, Flickr, YouTube are three of the most popular places to publish.

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10. Bookstore | Film

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Be sure to visit the main index on the web site. The links to each offering allow viewers to learn more about each book or film.

Let us know if you are publishing or have found books/film that we have not yet reference.

Consider visiting the booksellers listed for each offering.

See: [KWP Bookstore](#)

Note: our November 2019 newsletter had a very long list of new items.

Click here to see newsletter edition and scroll down to Bookstore listings:

[Veterans Day 2019 Newsletter](#)

Many of the books are self-published. | Included are DVD and film products.

Most titles may be found online using your favorite search tool. We also post to our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

New listings will be forthcoming.

Thanks again for following the Korean War Project.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page and Twitter accounts.

Twitter: @KoreanWarVets

Facebook: [Link to Facebook page](#)

[Hal and Ted Barker](#)