


# KOREAN WAR PROJECT

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Washington, DC 20004

Commission Meeting, October 3, 2019  
Agenda Number 6B  
File Number 8107  
Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance

Greetings:

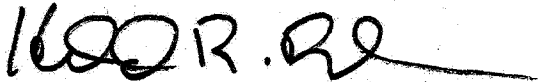
I am Harold Barker, founder of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Trust Fund established on or about December 12, 1984.

I have examined the designs for the proposed Wall of Remembrance and find the simple design of a low wall with the list of names to be the most appropriate design.

However, I take issue with the stated number of 36,574 as the number of United States forces lost in Korea. This number is widely accepted as inaccurate and does not take into account duplication of names, use of assumed names, and names that are missing.

Of substantial interest should be the well over 1000 errors relating to spelling of names contained in the list as it currently stands.

Sincerely,



Harold R. Barker  
Dallas, Texas

Documents Attached - 2

## Hal Barker

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**From:** Bill Weber <eagle187@hughes.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 09, 2014 1:40 PM  
**To:** hbarker@kwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: Reference To Korean War Project  
  
**Importance:** High

Hal:

I think your attorney's advice is appropriate. I am fully aware that your list is superior to and more accurate than those of ABMC, DOD, VA, etc. It has always been my intention to rely on yours. And yes, compensation for use is certainly appropriate. While final design of the Glass Wall of Remembrance is going to be a result of the impact of several groups such as FAC, NCMAB, etc., what will **'not change'** is that the names of U.S. KIA will be inscribed thereon!!!! Stay in touch!

Bill

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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COMMISSION MEETING

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THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 3, 2019

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The meeting convened in Room 5115, Suite 500, 401 9th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004, at 1:00 p.m., Thomas Gallas, Vice Chairman, presiding.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS  
PRESENT:

LINDA ARGO, Mayoral Appointee  
EVAN CASH, Office of the Chairman of the Council  
of the District of Columbia  
ARRINGTON DIXON, Mayoral Appointee  
THOMAS GALLAS, Presidential Appointee  
WENDY GINSBURG, U.S. House of Representatives  
PETER MAY, Department of the Interior  
PAUL MCMAHON, Department of Defense  
DANIEL SPINO, U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland  
Security and Governmental Affairs  
ANDREW TRUEBLOOD, Office of the Mayor of  
the District of Columbia

MINA WRIGHT, General Services Administration

1           supposed to go, which is to go in. And so this  
2           kind of release to be able to go to either side  
3           is going to be a really nice and welcome thing.

4                       And of course we want to welcome  
5           people coming from Ash Road and Independence  
6           Avenue also into this. So overall, I think these  
7           are minor things that you all can easily address.  
8           I just want to make sure we reinforce those  
9           points when we see it back again. Thank you.

10                      Any other comments or questions? All  
11           right, so is there a motion to approve the -- oh,  
12           Commissioner Wright.

13                      MEMBER WRIGHT: I did have one  
14           question.

15                      VICE CHAIR GALLAS: She thinks best  
16           when she's typing.

17                      MEMBER WRIGHT: No, I had a question  
18           about this letter from Mr. Barker about the  
19           inaccuracy of the names, which is one of the  
20           things that's a problem with these walls. He  
21           claims that there's over 1000 errors, that the  
22           number of names is wrong, and so forth. So I'm

1 assuming that that is going to be resolved.

2 Should I assume that?

3 COLONEL DEAN: Ma'am, my name's  
4 Colonel Richard Dean, I'm the Vice Chairman of  
5 the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation. The  
6 way the law's written is the names that are going  
7 to be inscribed on this wall have to be provided  
8 by the Department of the Interior to our  
9 foundation, and they get it from the Department  
10 of Defense.

11 It's up to the Department of Defense  
12 to provide the names to us. And the Barker  
13 brothers have the opportunity of providing that  
14 data if they want to release it to the Department  
15 of Defense. But right now they want to be paid  
16 for that data. I'll leave it at that.

17 MEMBER WRIGHT: Oh. This is a  
18 shakedown?

19 COLONEL DEAN: Could be.

20 MEMBER WRIGHT: Kind of? Oh, wow.  
21 Well, I'm glad I asked.

22 COLONEL DEAN: They've spent about 50

1 years with this database, and their life is built  
2 into this database they have. They want to be  
3 paid for it. I'll leave it at that.

4 MEMBER WRIGHT: Okay, so but since no  
5 one's going to, I don't, I mean the drama and  
6 intrigue notwithstanding --

7 VICE CHAIR GALLAS: Can't resist.

8 MEMBER WRIGHT: This is part of the  
9 problem with an undertaking like this.

10 COLONEL DEAN: So --

11 MEMBER WRIGHT: It's the accuracy, and  
12 literally it'll be set in stone. So if the  
13 Barker brothers are trying to get paid for it,  
14 well, okay, that's one thing. But how will DoD  
15 and Interior collaborate to ensure accuracy  
16 without the participation of the Barker brothers?

17 MEMBER MAY: The legislation states  
18 that the DoD shall provide the list of names one  
19 time. We do not, and we have not in the past  
20 with other memorials, gotten into the business of  
21 vetting any names. So it won't be a  
22 collaboration, we will look to receive that list

1 from them.

2 And the legislation was written  
3 specifically this way to avoid the process that  
4 has been playing out at Vietnam, where people  
5 continue to want to add names to it. Now, there  
6 are reasons why names get added, and they do get  
7 added. But we rely on DoD to provide those  
8 names. We rely on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
9 Foundation to actually add the names.

10 But you know, again, because this was  
11 further in the past and the records were not as  
12 clear, we actually insisted on this being in the  
13 legislation to make sure that what we got was one  
14 list at one time, and that is what it will be. I  
15 just, you know, I leave it up to DoD to make sure  
16 that it's correct. Got that?

17 (Laughter.)

18 COLONEL DEAN: So I'll give you an  
19 inference. If you were an Air Force bomber and  
20 you flew from some island that wasn't near Korea  
21 but you were flying there, the Barker brothers  
22 would consider that a loss from the Korean War,

1 even though they weren't in the battle area. And  
2 that's some of those boundaries and definitions  
3 that Department of Defense has to decide on to  
4 fulfill this list.

5 MEMBER WRIGHT: And so one more  
6 question. So at what, so at what point will the  
7 list, the final list be implemented?

8 MEMBER MAY: I'm not going to -- look  
9 to my fellow commissioner to answer that.

10 MEMBER WRIGHT: I mean, I think the  
11 accuracy matters here. And so is it going to,  
12 are, so are they going to deliver? They haven't  
13 made the list already final.

14 COLONEL DEAN: So our foundation has  
15 submitted three letters to the Secretary of  
16 Defense to provide the list of names to us. They  
17 still haven't provided us the list of names yet.

18 MEMBER MAY: If we need to weigh in to  
19 try to push that along, certainly we would help  
20 push the Department of Defense to provide the  
21 list of names that they're required to provide  
22 under law. But I think that there will be time



1           between now and when the memorial is constructed  
2           to get it all done and finalized.

3                       And you know, we can look at a draft  
4           list of names whenever that's ready or whatever.  
5           But if we want to, you know, at a certain point  
6           we will want to have that final list, and that's  
7           what will be needed in order to construct it.

8                       MEMBER WRIGHT:   And one last thing I  
9           swear.   So in the design, is there adequate room  
10          for addition if 20 years from now it's discovered  
11          that DoD made a mistake and left a bunch of  
12          people out?

13                      COLONEL DEAN:   Yes.

14                      MEMBER MAY:    If I might say, I have  
15          advised the design team that even though the  
16          legislation says there'll be one list of names  
17          and one time, that you never know what the  
18          Congress may decide in the future.   Right now  
19          they are debating a bill that would add a  
20          significant number of names to the Vietnam  
21          Memorial.

22                      MEMBER WRIGHT:   Right.

1 MEMBER MAY: And we don't have room  
2 for them.

3 MEMBER WRIGHT: Right, that's why I'm  
4 asking.

5 MEMBER MAY: So we, I have advised  
6 them to make sure that we plan for some  
7 additional space.

8 By the way, next month we'll bringing  
9 another memorial wall with names that needs to be  
10 enlarged.

11 MEMBER WRIGHT: Exactly, I mean, then  
12 we'll have a billboard over, you know, to the  
13 north.

14 VICE CHAIR GALLAS: We will do  
15 everything we can to plan for that possibility.  
16 This is outside of our control. We understand  
17 the process, thank you for that clarifying.

18 I'd like to look for a motion to  
19 approve the comments on concept design for --

20 MEMBER WRIGHT: So moved.

21 VICE CHAIR GALLAS: This memorial  
22 wall.