



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE
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Department of Defense Commemorates the 59th Anniversary of the Signing of the Korean War Armistice

Korean War Veterans and Their Families Will be Honored for Their Service and Sacrifice

WHAT: The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee will conduct the commemoration of the 59th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice. This event, hosted by the Secretary of Defense, will acknowledge the historical significance of the signing of the Armistice and honor the service and sacrifices of Korean War Veterans and their families.

WHO: Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta will provide the keynote address and will be joined by Vice Chairman and Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral James Winnefeld; Republic of Korea Ambassador to the U.S., Choi-Young Jin; Republic of Korea Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, Park Sung Choon; Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki; Mr. David Mills, Outpost Harry Survivor and former POW; Mr. Jim Ferris, President, Korean War Veterans Association; and Medal of Honor Recipients Rodolfo Hernandez and Ronald Rosser. The program will begin with a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and then transition to the Amphitheater. Korean War Veterans, their families and guests being honored at the event, as well as the general public, will view the ceremony on video screens within the Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater.

The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, a three-year program authorized by Congress, is dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifices of Korean War Veterans, commemorating the key events of the war and educating the public about the historical significance of the Korean War.

WHERE: Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater
Arlington, Virginia

WHEN: Friday, July 27, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
(Media shuttle runs from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. from the Navy Annex parking lot to Memorial Amphitheater)

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Please arrive no later than 7:45 am. Parking is provided at Navy Annex Parking located off Columbia Pike. Check in at press table and be escorted to event site. The shuttle will begin running at 7:00 am with last shuttle at 8:00 am.

The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, authorized in the 2011 Defense Authorization Bill, is dedicated to thanking and honoring all the Veterans of the Korean War, their families and especially those who lost loved ones in that war. Through 2013, the Committee will honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans of all ages about the historical significance of the Korean War. For more information, visit our website

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