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**Korean War Veterans to be Highlighted in the Tournament of Roses Parade**

*Soldiers escort Korean War Veterans aboard Replica of the National Korean War Memorial*

**December 5, 2012 – Arlington, Virginia** – For years the Korean War has been known as the “Forgotten War.” On New Year’s Day, the Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee will sponsor for the first-time ever a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade that is dedicated to Korean War Veterans. On this international stage, Korean War Veterans will be remembered and honored for their sacrifices and will receive the recognition they so richly deserve.

The float in this year’s parade is part of the ongoing effort by the Department of Defense to increase public awareness about the Korean War and honor the Veterans who served in the War. Colonel David J. Clark, the Director of the Committee, commented that having a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to reach millions nationwide and internationally.

“Korean War Veterans are only too keenly aware they returned to little or no recognition as compared to Veterans returning from other wars. This premiere event with its rich 124 year history will most certainly raise the visibility of Korean War Veterans,” said COL Clark. “Our float, which is a replica of the National Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C., will host six Korean Veterans including Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi Miyamura, Silver Star recipients James McEachin and Solomon Jamerson, Army Medic Minoru Tonai, Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) President Jim Ferris and California State Commander KWVA Michael Glazzy.”

This parade ranks first in television viewers in the United States compared to other major parades and is seen in 220 international territories and countries around the globe. The float, which was designed and constructed by WSI and Phoenix Decorating Company, will be decorated with approximately 10,000 roses; 10,000 carnations; over 500 Catteleyas; silver leaf; eucalyptus leaves; and light and dark lettuce. It will be 21 feet high, 55 feet long and 18 feet wide.

The United States Senate recently passed a bipartisan resolution designating 2012 -2013 as the ‘Year of the Korean War Veteran’ recognizing the significance of the contributions made by Korean War Veterans. “Participating in the Tournament of Roses Parade with a float will underscore the significance of the Senate’s action,” stated COL Clark.

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*About Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee: The Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, authorized in the 2011 Defense Authorization Bill, is dedicated to thanking and honoring all Veterans of the Korean War and their families. 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 [koreanwar.defense.gov](http://koreanwar.defense.gov)*