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**President Barack Obama to Provide Keynote Remarks at 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Korean War Event**  
*Korean War Veterans from Across the Nation Expected to Travel to Washington*

**July 24, 2013 – Arlington, VA** – President Barack Obama will participate in a special program with Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and other senior government officials on July 27 to honor Korean War Veterans and commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice that ended three years of fighting on the Korean Peninsula following North Korea’s invasion of the Republic of Korea in June 1950. President Obama will provide the keynote remarks at the event that will be held at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

“The Republic of Korea today has one of the world’s strongest economies and is a staunch U.S. Ally due to those service members who made the ultimate sacrifice and the service and sacrifice made by our Korean War Veterans,” said Colonel David J. Clark, Director of the Department of Defense (DoD) 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee. “What people need to understand is that the Korean War was a “Forgotten Victory” and marked the end of Communist aggression in Northeast Asia. We expect thousands of Veterans from across the nation to attend the program.”

The program on July 27th to honor Korean War Veterans and commemorate the signing of the Armistice is being planned and organized by DoD’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Committee and will include wreath laying ceremonies. United Nations Allies that provided combat troops, medical teams, and other support will also be recognized.

Other activities planned for Korean War Veterans the week leading up to the July 27 capstone event include the Army’s Twilight Tattoo featuring Soldiers from The 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment (Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own”. In addition, the Marine Corps will present a special Evening Parade dedicated to honoring the Korean War Veterans with performances by the United States Marine Corps Band. There will be a play entitled Unforgettable: Letters from Korea, and the dedication of a memorial statue of Staff Sgt Reckless, a Mongolian mare that served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

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 at [www.koreanwar60.com](http://www.koreanwar60.com) Keep connected with the Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), through videos at [YouTube](#) or with photos on [Flickr](#).

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