



**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
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**Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee**  
**Honors the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment as Part of Black History Month Observance**  
*24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Won the First U.S. Victory in the Korean War*

**WHO:** The Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee will participate in a recognition event hosted by the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Association to highlight the contributions of African Americans in the Korean War. The 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment made history by launching a counterattack against the North Koreans and winning the first ground battle of the War for the United States at Yechon in July of 1950. It was one of the most highly decorated units in the Korean War with two Medal of Honor recipients among other commendations.

**WHAT:** The Pentagon's Colonel David J. Clark, Executive Director of the Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee and other Pentagon Officers, along with Veterans of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, will tell the story of the African American experience in the Korean War through presentations and a video about the unit's experiences in Korea from July 1950 through September 1951. A segment from the critically acclaimed film "For Love of Liberty" will be screened, and 32 Veterans of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment will receive Certificates of Appreciation signed by Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta.

**WHERE:** Willingboro Senior Citizens Center, 429 JFK Way, Willingboro, NJ 08046

**WHEN:** Monday, February 11, 2013  
Friday Time: 1:00 PM

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The Department of Defense Korean War 60th Anniversary 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. Over the next three years 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 [www.kwvahouston.org](http://www.kwvahouston.org) and <http://koreanwar.defense.gov>.