

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE 2530 CRYSTAL DRIVE, SUITE 1400 ARLINGTON, VA 22202



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**Department of Defense to Honor Hundreds of Korean War Veterans in Hawaii**Pentagon Officer to Commemorate Memorial Day and Asian Pacific Islander Month

**WHAT**: The Department of Defense (DOD) 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee will participate in over 10 events including wreath laying ceremonies and other programs to honor hundreds of Korean War Veterans in Hawaii. Tripler Army Medical Center, American Legion Post 17, and the Pacific American Foundation are among several organizations that have planned the events. Veterans from all branches of the military that served during the Korean War will be honored for their service and sacrifice. They will receive certificates of appreciation signed by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel.

**WHO:** Colonel David J. Clark, Director of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, will provide remarks at the events. Lieutenant Governor Shan S. Tsutsui will participate in the event Friday morning while Maui Mayor Alan M. Arakawa will be a special guest at Friday afternoon's wreath laying ceremony at Maui Veterans Cemetery. Governor Neil Abercrombie will lead the Memorial Day Observance Monday afternoon at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe.

The Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

WHEN: Friday, May 24 – Honor Ceremony near the Hawaii State Capitol Building – 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 24 – Wreath Laying Ceremony at Maui Veterans Cemetery – 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 24 – Commemoration Event at the University's Paini Dining Facility – 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 25 – Tripler Army Medical Center Auditorium Event – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 25 – Event at American Legion Post 17 in Honolulu – 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 25 – Pacific American Foundation at the Punchbowl Cemetery – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 26 – Candlelight Ceremony at Punchbowl National Cemetery – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27 – Mayor of Honolulu Memorial Day Observance at Punchbowl – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Observance with Governor Abercrombie – 1:00 p.m.

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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 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.