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Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to Host Program on the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice
Thousands of Korean War Veterans from Across the Nation Expected to Attend the Event

July 10, 2013 – Arlington, VA – Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and other senior level government officials will participate in a special program and ceremony on July 27 at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. This event commemorates the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended three years of brutal fighting on the Korean Peninsula following North Korea's invasion of the Republic of Korea in June 1950. Thousands of Korean War Veterans from all branches of the military are expected to attend the event.

Marine Corps Colonel (Ret) Warren Weidhahn served in Korea in 1950 and had this to say, "I participated in the Pusan Perimeter, Inchon Landing, and Chosin Reservoir battles in the early months of the War. What people need to understand is that the Korean War was the beginning of the end of Communism and without the sacrifices of the men and women who fought and died in Korea; Communism might have spread throughout Asia. The Korean War is the "Forgotten Victory" against Communism."

The program on July 27th will honor Korean War Veterans and commemorate the signing of the Armistice and will include wreath laying ceremonies; special tributes; and recognize the United Nations Allies that provided combat troops, medical teams, and other support.

"The event on Saturday, July 27, will be the highlight of a week of activities planned for Korean War Veterans that kicks off with the Army's Twilight Tattoo hosted by Dr. Joseph Westphal, Under Secretary of the U.S. Army and featuring Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," said Army Colonel David J. Clark, the Committee's Director. "There will be a special Marine Corps Evening Parade hosted by the Commandant of the Marine Corps; 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 hopes this 60th anniversary is both meaningful and memorable for Veterans and their family members."

To learn more visit www.koreanwar60.com/27July .

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 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), through videos at [YouTube](#) or with photos on [Flickr](#).

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