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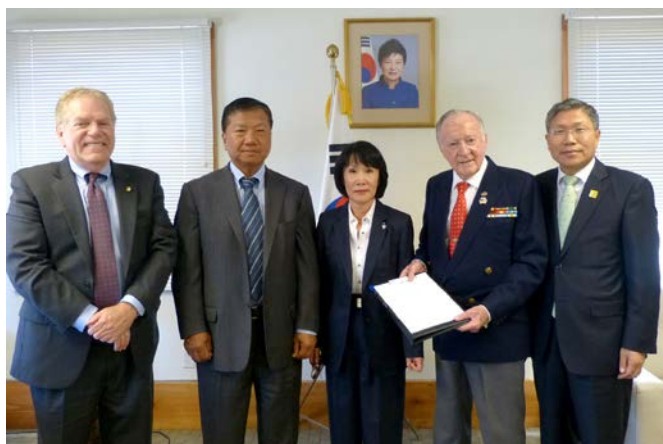
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### Koret Foundation Approves \$250,000 Grant to the Korean War Memorial Foundation

**San Francisco, July 25, 2014:** In a ceremony at the Korean Consulate General in San Francisco, Mrs. Susan Koret, Chair of the Koret Foundation, [www.koret.org](http://www.koret.org), presented a grant agreement to Donald Reid, Treasurer of the Korean War Memorial Foundation, <http://kwmf.org>. Consul General Han Dong-man hosted the participants and officiated at the ceremony. The agreement confirms that the Koret Foundation has approved a grant of \$250,000 to KWMF. Thanks to this generous gift, KWMF's fundraising total now stands at just under \$1.9 million. With an additional \$1 million pledge from the Republic of Korea pending, the total could reach or exceed \$3 million before the end of the year, and bring KWMF closer to its target of just under \$3.5 million.



From left: Gerard Parker, Executive Director, KWMF; Man J. Kim, Vice President, KWMF; Susan Koret, Chair, Koret Foundation; Donald Reid, Treasurer, KWMF; and Han Dong-man, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, San Francisco

Several days earlier, on July 22, Consul General Han held a dinner reception at his residence. Among the distinguished guests were Mrs. Koret and San Francisco Mayor Edwin M. Lee. The reception included a brief ceremony in which Consul General Han presented Mrs.

Koret with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Government of the Republic of Korea, in acknowledgement of her generous support of the Korean War Memorial Foundation.



Consul General Han, Mayor Lee, and Mrs. Koret with the Certificate of Appreciation

Based in San Francisco, the Koret Foundation supports organizations that promote a vibrant and distinctive Bay Area. Joseph Koret was the foundation's founder and first chairman—a position he held until his death in 1982, when his portion of his substantial estate flowed to the foundation, and his wife, Susan, became board chair for life. Over the years, the Foundation's priorities have evolved along with the landscape of the Bay Area. Today, Koret's primary focus areas include connecting and strengthening the Jewish community and supporting Bay Area anchor institutions. Since 1979, the Koret Foundation has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in strengthening the communities of the Bay Area, Israel, and, most recently, Poland. Its cumulative philanthropic investment is currently approaching \$500 million.

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# Key Korean Government Official Visits Memorial Site

**The Presidio, San Francisco, August 13, 2014:** Director-General Lee Kyung Gun of the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs paid an official visit to the future site of the Korean War Memorial today. Mr. Lee is in charge of the Ministry's Commemoration and National Cemetery Bureau, which has oversight responsibility for all memorials to the Korean War outside of his own country. This visit has special significance, because the Ministry has requested that a government grant of as much as \$1 million be authorized toward the cost of the Memorial.



Director-General Lee (gesturing) speaks with Man J. Kim (arms folded), as Song Mi Ran, Gerard Parker, Lee Sang Ryol, and Jung Kwan Hoe listen.

Director-General Lee was accompanied by several staff members from Korea and by Deputy Consul General Lee Sang Ryol of the Korean Consulate General in San Francisco. Welcoming them to the site were KWMF Vice President Man J. Kim and KWMF Executive Director Gerard Parker, both of whom expressed their appreciation for the Ministry's generosity and for the Director-General's visit. Director-General Lee, in turn, expressed his appreciation for the fact that the sacrifices of the Korean War were not being forgotten here in this country – sacrifices that made possible today's democratic and prosperous Republic of Korea. All parties agreed to stay in close communication in the months leading up to the official opening of the Memorial.



At the entrance to the National Cemetery



Director-General Lee in the San Francisco National Cemetery, where 2,273 Korean War veterans lie buried. In the left background, beyond the white gate columns, is the Korean War Memorial site.

*Photos courtesy of Hwan Lee, Korean Consulate General*

## Attention All Korean War Veterans: You're Invited to a FREE Luncheon

The Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel invites all Korean War veterans and their guests to attend a free luncheon being held in their honor on **Thursday, September 18, 2014** at the **Marines' Memorial Club, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94102**. **Complimentary cocktails** will be served starting at **11:30 am**, and the **luncheon** will begin at **12 noon**. Each veteran may bring one guest. Both will attend free of charge. All others will be charged \$39 each. This annual event is extremely popular. So reserve a place for you and your guest now, while seating is still available:

**RSVP by August 29 to:**

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# Announcing *Remembrance*: A Concert by Ensemble Ari In Honor of the Korean War Memorial

The Korean War Memorial will soon be honored by a very special event. At 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in San Francisco, Ensemble Ari, a Bay Area group of classically-trained Korean musicians, will present in concert the debut of an original composition titled *Remembrance*, written for instrument and voice. The composition is dedicated to the Korean War Memorial, in remembrance and honor of those who lost their lives in the Korean War.



St Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco

Ensemble Ari was founded in 2013 by composer and educator Jean Ahn, Ph.D. Born in the Republic of Korea, Dr. Ahn earned her BA and MM degrees from Seoul National University and then came to the United States, where she earned her Doctorate from UC Berkeley. She has won numerous prizes and awards, and has been a lecturer at the University of the Pacific at Stockton since 2008. A more detailed biography of Dr. Ahn is posted on her website at [www.jeanahn.com](http://www.jeanahn.com).

"Ari" is a Korean word with several meanings: big river, wisdom, and beauty. The mission of Ensemble Ari is to build a bridge between Korea and other world communities with western musical instruments, while honoring Korean history and culture. *Remembrance*, composed by Dr. Ahn, will be Ensemble Ari's first project.



Jean Ahn, Ph.D., Composer and Educator

Among Dr. Ahn's colleagues is Sarah Hong, an accomplished cellist. Ms. Hong was born in Seoul, Republic of Korea. She has been playing cello since the age of six, and was selected as the most promising young cellist in Korea at sixteen. Ms. Hong earned her BM and MM degrees from the Juilliard School, and her artist certificate in chamber music at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. She has won numerous competitions, and has performed in Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, Carnegie's Weill Hall, and the Herbst Theater. A more detailed biography is posted on her website at [www.cellistsarahhong.com/#!about/c786](http://www.cellistsarahhong.com/#!about/c786).



Sarah Hong, Cellist

The other members of Ensemble Ari include:

- **Joo Won Kang, Baritone**, San Francisco Opera Adler Fellow
- **Sharon Lee Kim**, Pianist, St. Mary's College of California Professor
- **Ju Yeon Moon**, Violinist, Joongang University Faculty
- **Jae Hee Jeong**, Violinist, ChoongNam University Faculty
- **Evelyn Kwark**, Violinist, Berkeley Symphony

The concert will be followed by a reception with light refreshments at the Church. If you would like to be part of this very special evening, you are advised to book early, because the project has been attracting an exceptionally high level of attention, and seating is limited. Please email your full contact details and the number of seats you want to: Jean Ahn, [ahnjean@hotmail.com](mailto:ahnjean@hotmail.com).

Please note that a portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Korean War Memorial Foundation. KWMF thanks Ensemble Ari for its generosity.

**What:** *Remembrance* - Ensemble Ari Presents the Korean War Memorial Concert

**When:** 7:00 pm, Saturday, October 18, 2014

**Where:** St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, CA

**Ticket Price:** \$30 for adults, \$15 for students with ID

**Book now:** Email your full contact details and the number of seats you want to: Jean Ahn, [ahnjean@hotmail.com](mailto:ahnjean@hotmail.com).

# Korean War Veterans Annual Appreciation Dinner: A Memorable Evening

On June 25, the 64th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War, the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Dinner was once again held at the Golden Gate Grill in San Francisco. Close to 150 people, including 60 Korean War veterans and their spouses and guests, attended the festive event sponsored by the Korean War Memorial Foundation (KWMF). Good food, wine, and conversation; the renewal of old friendships and the beginning of new ones; and first-rate live musical entertainment all contributed to a very memorable evening.



The guests enjoying the food and music

The event is always free of charge for all Korean War vets and their guests. Man J. Kim, KWMF Vice President and owner of the Golden Gate Grill, deserves the lion's share of the credit for this annual get-together. He plans and organizes it, supervises his capable and hard-working staff, and coordinates the musical artists and performances. More significantly, as the dinner's host, he absorbs the entire cost of the event himself, as he has so generously done every year for more than a decade now.



KWMF Vice President Man J. Kim and his wife Jeong A. Kim

The purpose of the dinner, as its title indicates, is to show appreciation to all Korean War veterans for the sacrifices they made more than sixty years ago in defense of South Korea's freedom – sacrifices that have made possible today's democratic and prosperous Republic of Korea. This gratitude was reinforced by Consul General Han Dong-

man, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in San Francisco. He presented every Korean War veteran in attendance with a personalized certificate of appreciation and a special Ambassador for Peace Medal prepared by his Government.



KWMF Secretary and Korean War veteran John Stevens just after receiving his Ambassador for Peace Medal from Consul General Han Dong-man

Next year's Annual Appreciation Dinner will be held on June 25, 2015. Any Korean War veteran who would like to attend should get on the mailing list by providing his full contact details to Gerard Parker, KWMF, at [gvparker@kwmf.org](mailto:gvparker@kwmf.org), or 415 750 3862. People who want to donate to the Memorial may do so by emailing or phoning Mr. Parker, or by visiting the KWMF website, [www.kwmf.org/donate](http://www.kwmf.org/donate).



Consul General Han Dong-man (R) and KWMF Treasurer and Korean War veteran Donald Reid

*Photos courtesy of Sunita Maharjan and Korean Consulate General*



## Hoover Ginn, 1932-2014: Rest in Peace and Semper Fidelis

Hoover Ginn, (Gok Hung), loving father and husband, Korean War veteran, and Marine, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on May 26, 2014 at the age of 81. Hoover was born on October 18, 1932 in Oakland, California. He grew up in Oakland, where he worked hard at menial jobs such as shelling shrimp, shining shoes, bussing tables, washing dishes, and helping in the family grocery stores on 6th street and East 25th street.

In 1949, Hoover graduated from Oakland Technical High and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He proudly served his country in the Korean War from January 1951-January 1952 as a Scout/Observer and Basic Intelligence Man with the 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Between March, 1951 and January, 1952, he fought in four combat campaigns. He was wounded in action on September 16, 1951, struck twice by an enemy mine explosion, and later returned to duty. Corporal Ginn was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with 4 Bronze



Hoover Ginn, Marine, 1932-2014

Service Stars, Purple Heart, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Korean Medal, ROK Korean War Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Presidential Unit Citation with 1 Star, Navy Unit Commendation, Occupation Medal, and United Nations Ribbon.

Hoover worked in sales for over 40 years, mostly at Sun Life of Canada where he served the Chinese community, often translating and transporting clients to appointments and services. He lived life to the fullest, and enjoyed food, socializing and community service. He also enjoyed traveling, including recent visits to Korea, Hawaii and Mexico. Hoover was involved with Chinese service organizations such as The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA) and was a past president and founding director of The Wa Sung Service Club, in Oakland Chinatown. Later in life he was very active in many U.S. Military organizations, including the Chinatown VFW Post 4618; American Legion, Cathay Post No. 384 in San Francisco; and Detachment 942, Military Order of the Devil Dogs. He was also past president (1991-92) of the Northern California Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association. Most important in his life was his family: his children, his grandchildren and his wife Amy.

On June 7, family and friends attended services with military honors at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland, after which Hoover was interred at the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland. Hoover's service to his country and Corps will be commemorated on an inscribed plaque at the Korean War Memorial. Rest in Peace, Hoover, and Semper Fidelis.

**Help us honor Hoover and all those who fought in the Korean War. Help us get this Memorial built now. Donate to KWMF today: [www.kwmf.org/donate](http://www.kwmf.org/donate)**

## Join Admiral Gorman and the Legacy Circle: Make the Memorial a Part of Your Legacy Today

Rear Admiral Russell W. Gorman, USN (Ret.), Director Emeritus of the KWMF Board, recently made a significant bequest to KWMF in his will. The funds will be applied toward the cost of long-term maintenance of the Memorial, which will be a considerable ongoing expense. In making this generous bequest, Admiral Gorman has now been recognized as the Founding Member of the Korean War Memorial Legacy Circle.



Admiral Gorman with Korean Consul General Han Dong-man at a recent ceremony honoring the Admiral

Join Admiral Gorman, and be part of the Korean War Memorial Legacy Circle. Let us know that you plan to include KWMF in your estate plan, whether through a bequest in your will or trust, a life income gift, or simply by naming KWMF as the beneficiary of an account or insurance policy. Your help with these critical maintenance costs will ensure that the Korean War Memorial will be properly protected for future generations, including your descendants.

As a member of the Korean War Memorial Legacy Circle, you will receive:

- Name recognition in perpetuity at the Memorial site
- Recognition on the KWMF website, [www.kwmf.org](http://www.kwmf.org)
- Recognition in the KWMF Newsletter
- The satisfaction of knowing that you will be helping to preserve the Memorial for generations to come.

**For additional information on how you can become a Member of the Korean War Memorial Legacy Circle, please contact KWMF Secretary John R. Stevens, LtCol, USMC (Ret.) at 415 921 1933, or [usmcable6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:usmcable6@sbcglobal.net).**

# San Francisco Mayor Edwin M. Lee Proclaims June 25, 2014 to Be “Korean War Memorial Day in San Francisco”

**San Francisco, CA, June 18, 2014:** In a ceremony at his City Hall Office, the Honorable Edwin M. Lee, Mayor of San Francisco, presented the Korean War Memorial Foundation (KWMF) with a Proclamation stating that June 25, 2014 has been designated as “Korean War Memorial Day in San Francisco”. June 25 is a deeply symbolic date, particularly to the people of the Republic of Korea: the Korean War began on that date in 1950.



KWMF President and former U.S. Congressman Pete McCloskey, a decorated Korean War veteran (seated on left), and the Honorable Han Dong-man, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in San Francisco (seated on right), accepted the Proclamation from the Mayor (center). Also present for the ceremony were (standing from left to right) Seoul-San Francisco Sister City Committee Chairman Hagen Choi, KWMF Vice President Man J. Kim, KWMF Secretary and Korean War veteran John Stevens, and KWMF Treasurer and Korean War veteran Donald Reid.

KWMF is in the process of raising \$3.5 million to build a Memorial to the Korean War in the Presidio of San Francisco. To date the group has raised just under \$1.9 million, with an additional \$1 million grant from the Republic of Korea now pending final approval. Full details on KWMF's progress to date and plans may be found at [www.kwmf.org](http://www.kwmf.org).

The Proclamation is the City of San Francisco's way of honoring the sacrifices made by all who fought for a democratic and prosperous Republic of Korea, and the close ties between the two nations. As Mayor Lee put it:

“Let this Memorial stand as a testament not just to war but to the friendship between the United States and the Republic of Korea, who together have built a partnership that provides us with significant opportunities for cultural, educational and economic collaborations.”

The Korean War Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, EIN 27-2773272. Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

*Photo by Tom Graves, [twiceheroes.com](http://twiceheroes.com)*

# 81-Year-Old Korean War Vet Will Compete in Alcatraz Swim in Support of KWMF

On Sunday, September 14, youthful 81-year-old Wallace T. “Wally” Stewart, a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, will compete in the 2014 Alcatraz Invitational Swim. This 1.25-mile open-water swim, presented by San Francisco's South End Rowing Club, will begin at a point abeam Alcatraz Island and finish at the South End Rowing Clubhouse at the foot of the Hyde Street Pier. The swim will begin at approximately 10:00 am, depending on tide conditions.

Wally is requesting that people make a donation to KWMF in support of his efforts. He felt this would be most appropriate because the following day, September 15, is the 64th anniversary of the Marines' Inchon Landing in 1950, a crucial turning point in the war. Wally has completed the Alcatraz Invitational Swim five times between 1970 and 1990, and has also swum the Golden Gate four times. He's back in the water this year because his grandson Tom invited him to make it a family affair.

*If you'd like to make a donation to KWMF in Wally's name, please phone 415 750 3862, or email [gyparker@kwmf.org](mailto:gyparker@kwmf.org). Be sure to tell us that you're donating in honor of Wally Stewart's Alcatraz swim.*

## It Was Sixty-One Years Ago... For Those Who Were There, It Was Yesterday

The front page of the final extra edition of the San Francisco Chronicle from July 27, 1953, the day the Korean War armistice was signed:



Photo courtesy of the San Francisco Chronicle



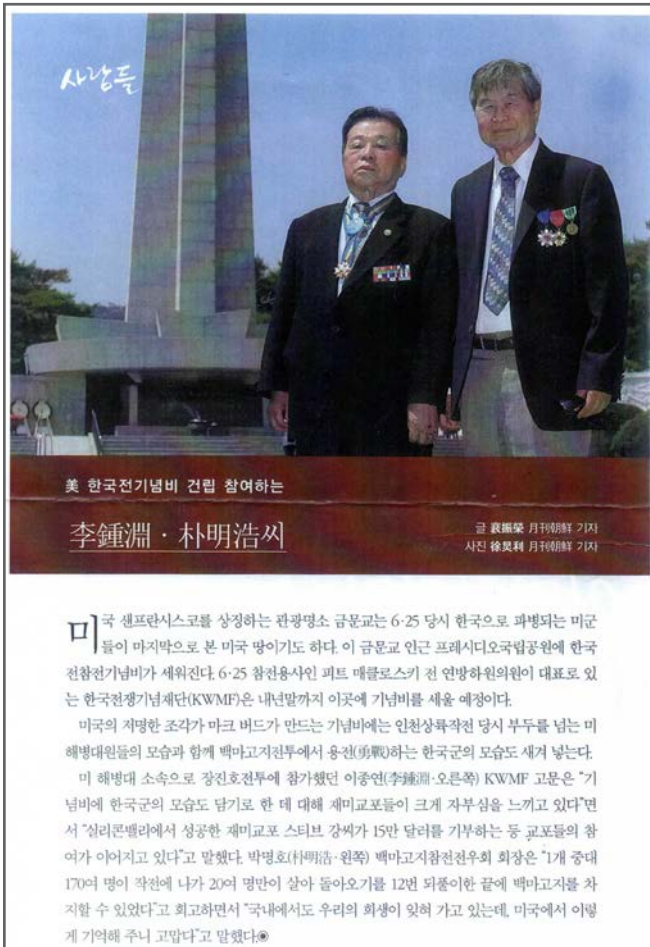
# The ROK's White Horse Mountain Battle Association Lends Its Support to KWMF

**Seoul, July, 2014:** John Y. Lee (Lee, Jong-yun), KWMF's Special Advisor in Seoul, recently met with Pak, Myung-ho, President of the White Horse Mountain Battle Association to express their joint support of the Korean War Memorial project.

Mr. Pak's Association represents veterans of the 1952 Battle of White Horse Mountain, in which the Republic of Korea's 9th Infantry Division won a resounding victory in the face of overwhelming odds. Ever since the battle, the 9th has been known as the "White Horse Mountain Division". He and his veteran colleagues feel a special tie

to the Korean War Memorial because one of the three large bronze bas-relief panels to be installed on the site will specifically honor the bravery of the ROK soldiers, including Mr. Pak, who fought in that battle.

Below is an article about the meeting between Mr. Lee and Mr. Pak that recently appeared in the July, 2014 issue of "Monthly Chosun" Magazine. The story was written by Bae, Jin Yung, Reporter, and the photo was taken by Seo, Gyeong-ri, Press Photographer.



Pak, Myung-ho (L) and John Y. Lee

Monthly Chosun, July 2014

Written by Bae, Jin Yung, Reporter

Pictured by Seo, Gyeong-ri, Press Photographer

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Mr. Lee, Jong-yun and Mr. Pak, Myung-ho, who are involved in the building of Korean War Monument in the United States.

The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco is a symbol of the City with the tourist attraction; also it is the part of the United States which the service men who were embarked to Korea had seen last. Near this Bridge in the national park Presidio, a Korean War Monument is being built. Korean War Memorial Foundation whose president is Mr. Pete McCloskey, a Korean War veteran, and the former Congressman, is planning to build the monument by the end of the next year.

Mr. Mark Byrd, a renowned sculptor, is creating large bronze base-reliefs, depicting the US Marines climbing the bridges over the sea-wall at the of Incheon Landing. One of the reliefs depicts the Korean Soldiers counter attacking at the White Horse Mountain Battle.

Mr. Lee, Jong-yun, who fought with the US Marines at Chosin Reservoir, an advisor for the KWMF, (left in the above picture) said that the Korean Americans are very proud of the Korean soldiers being honored in the Monument. Many of them made donations. Mr. Steve Kahng, a successful Silicon Valley Business man and his associates donated \$150,000.00.

Mr. Pak, Myung-ho, president of the White Horse Mountain Battle Association (right in the above picture) reflected that 170 soldiers in one company at the Mountain had attacked but only 20 of them returned alive and we had to repeat the similar attack 12 times to secure the mountain. He also said that while our sacrifices are being forgotten in Korea, they are recognized in the United States. He thanks them for their actions to commemorate.

## Thank you, Lighthouse Worldwide Solutions

KWMF wishes to thank Dr. Kim Tae Yun and her staff at Lighthouse Worldwide Solutions in Fremont, CA ([www.golighthouse.com](http://www.golighthouse.com)) for their generosity in underwriting the costs of printing and mailing this newsletter.



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