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Good Crowd and Good Times at Annual Korean War Veterans' Luncheon



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On September 17, our Korean War Veterans' Appreciation Luncheon was held at the Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel in San Francisco. This popular annual event, co-sponsored by the Marines' Memorial Club and the Korean War Memorial Foundation, attracted more than

200 attendees: Korean War veterans, their spouses, and other friends. Many of the veterans picked up free copies of the handsome "Korea Reborn" book; and several who had applied in advance received the Ambassador for Peace medal courtesy of the Korean Government.

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KWMF's Eleanor Zapanta shows medal to an arriving vet and his wife



The free "Korea Reborn" books

An informal cocktail reception was followed by a ceremonial Posting of the Colors by a Color Guard of Marines from the San Francisco Recruiting Station, and the playing of the National Anthems of the United States of America and the Republic of Korea.



Posting the Colors. In right foreground, MajGen Mike Myatt, USMC (Ret.)

Next, Korean War veteran Denny Weisgerber gave the Invocation. Denny, a retired Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant, was the recipient of the Navy Cross for valor and the Purple Heart for wounds received during the war. He is now Chaplain of the 1st Marine Division Association.



Denny Weisgerber delivers the Invocation

Supervisor Julie Christensen of San Francisco's District 3 then spoke briefly, expressing gratitude to the veterans on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco.



San Francisco Supervisor Julie Christensen

Then the "eating" part of the luncheon began with toasts, good food, and congenial conversation.



Next came the program's Special Guest Speaker Joanna Kim-Selby, a Korean-American woman who had been a teenager in Seoul when the war began. She spoke with deep emotion about the sufferings she and her parents

and siblings endured while fleeing the invading Communists. Many of the hardened veterans in the audience were moved by Joanna's recounting of a Korean civilian's perspective of the war.



Special Guest Speaker Joanna Kim-Selby

Joanna is Executive Director of the East Bay Korean-American Senior Service Center in Oakland, CA. In her long and distinguished career, she has received numerous awards for helping to improve the lives of California seniors and Korean immigrants. She has served on the Board of the California Commission on Aging and the Older Women's League (OWL). In 2003, Joanna Kim-Selby was awarded the Medal of Honor by the President of the Republic of Korea.

Following her speech, KWMF Secretary and Marine Corps Korean War veteran John Stevens presented her with a Plaque of Appreciation.



Joanna Kim-Selby with John Stevens

The next speaker was Consul General Han Dong-man of the Republic of Korea. He thanked all Korean War veterans for their service to preserve South Korea's freedom, and then presented two of the guests with the Korean

Government's Ambassador for Peace Medal. The first recipient was Crispin Salazar, a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.



Consul General Han presents medal to Korean War vet Crispin Salazar



Consul General Han with Jacqueline Wise, wearing her late father's medal

Consul General Han then presented the Ambassador for Peace Medal to Jacqueline Wise, the proud daughter of the late Reynaldo Eddy Acosta, Korean War veteran.



Listening to Joanna Kim-Selby

KWMF Treasurer and Korean War Marine veteran Donald F. Reid then briefed the guests on the Korean War Memorial Foundation's progress to date and upcoming plans.

After coffee and dessert, the Colors were retired, Chaplain Weisgerber delivered a Benediction, and the guests slowly and reluctantly said their farewells and headed for home.



KWMF Treasurer Don Reid



Good food, good conversation



A vet talks with two young Marine sergeants



A cheerful group



Veteran Ray Horton with Helen, his wife of 63 years



A veteran of three wars

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Korean Lawmakers Visit Korean War Memorial Site

On the cool, foggy morning of September 22, a group of Korean lawmakers paid a visit to the future site of the Korean War Memorial in the Presidio of San Francisco. The group, all from the Republic of Korea's National Assembly, were led by the Honorable Assemblywoman Na Kyung-won, one of Korea's leading political luminaries. They were accompanied by Consul General Han Dong-man and other members of the Consular staff in San Francisco, and greeted upon arrival by the officers of the Korean War Memorial Foundation (KWMF).

KWMF President and Chairman of the Board, Judge Quentin L. Kopp (Ret.), briefed the guests on the origins of the Foundation and our progress to date.

Judge Kopp also expressed KWMF's gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Korea for the \$1 million grant toward the cost of the Memorial. That grant was approved by a vote of the National Assembly. The Assembly members were impressed by the beauty of the location and by the Memorial design, and gratified to know that the Korean War will be remembered in the San Francisco Bay Area and the West Coast. Judge Kopp invited them all to return for the official opening of the Memorial next spring.



Judge Kopp briefs the guests



The Korean Lawmakers group with the Korean Consular staff and KWMF's officers. Sixth from the right is Assemblywoman Na with KWMF President Quentin Kopp and Vice President Man J. Kim

KWMF Benefactor Dr. Tae Yun Kim Receives Prestigious Women's Human Rights Award

At an October 5 luncheon ceremony in San Francisco presented by the Friends of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, Dr. Tae Yun Kim, a prominent Bay Area entrepreneur, was honored with the 2015 CEDAW Women's Human Rights Award for Entrepreneurship. CEDAW is the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. She was one of seven women and one man receiving this year's awards.



Dr. Kim with her 2015 CEDAW Award for Entrepreneurship

In her stirring acceptance speech, Dr. Kim had the whole audience chanting her stirring words, "Take charge of your life! Ask, seek, knock. He can do, she can do, why not me?"



Dr. Kim addressing the audience

Dr. Kim was four years old when the Korean War began. She overcame abandonment and abuse as a child and prevailed in the face of severe adversity. She became the first woman to train in Tae Kwon Do in Korea, achieve Black Belt level, and become a Master and Great Grandmaster. She went on to become the founder and CEO of Lighthouse Worldwide Solutions, Inc., an innovative high-tech firm specializing in contamination monitoring and particle counting. She is also a bestselling author and popular motivational speaker.

Dr. Kim and Lighthouse Worldwide Solutions underwrite the costs of printing and mailing all our KWMF Newsletters, saving our Foundation thousands of dollars in overheads. We congratulate Dr. Tae Yun Kim for her prestigious CEDAW honor, and thank her for her generosity in support of KWMF.

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Attention All Donors and Veterans:
Join us on Veterans' Day

**For an Update on the Progress of the Memorial
& the Grand Prize Opportunity Drawing for Free
Virgin America Airline Tickets**




When: 2:00-3:00 pm, Wednesday, November 11


**Where: Golden Gate Grill, 449 Powell St., 3rd
Floor, San Francisco**


**RSVP: By October 30. Phone (415) 921-1933 or
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We're Closing In on Our Fundraising Goal. Help Us Get There. Make Just a Small Donation, and You Could Win Two Free Round-Trip Tickets on Virgin America!

** NOTE: Tickets and payment MUST be received no later than Friday, November 6, 2015!*

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