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We're on the Way! Memorial Construction Activity Gathers Momentum

Work has now begun in earnest on the Korean War Memorial site. Spearheading the effort is primary contractor Plant Construction Company of San Francisco, under the supervision of the Presidio Trust. The site has been built up and graded, and much of the initial preparation work has now taken place, including the excavation of a long, curving trench. This trench will hold the foundation upon which the Memorial wall will stand.

Plant Construction's Superintendent Marty Shoemaker has been on-site

nearly every day since the job began, supervising all aspects of the work. And he'll be there right up to completion of the project in early July. "We're making good progress," Marty said, "and I don't anticipate any delays as long as everything gets here on time." Coincidentally, Marty's late half-brother Bill Shoemaker was a platoon sergeant in the 5th Marines during the Korea War, and wounded at the Chosin (Jangjin) Reservoir in November, 1950. Bill made the Marine Corps a career, served in Vietnam, and retired as a



Michael Lamb, Historic Landscape Architect, the Presidio Trust, confers with Marty Shoemaker, Superintendent, Plant Construction Company

sergeant major. He is now interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Early on the morning of April 11, Marty was joined on-site by Michael Lamb, the Presidio Trust's Historic Landscape Architect. Michael commented, "We're fortunate to be working with a group of excellent contractors and craftsmen. Their attention to detail will result in a wonderful and lasting memorial." For over two years now, Michael and his Presidio Trust colleagues Genevieve Bantle and Paul Scardina have been coordinating closely with KWMF, develop-



March 25: The newly-dug trench for the Memorial wall's foundation



April 11: The trench partially filled with crushed rock, in preparation for the pouring of concrete for the wall.

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ing the stunning design that will soon move from concepts on paper and computer screen to reality.



A stately tree will be planted here, in the center of the Memorial Plaza, with stones from major Korean War battlefields embedded around its base. The area will then be bordered by a circular bench.



These wooden panels will form the structure into which concrete will be poured for the Memorial wall. While construction proceeds here in San Francisco, back in Minnesota, huge panels of polished black granite etched with iconic images from the Korean War are now being fabricated at Coldspring, the granite panel supplier. In a few weeks the panels will be shipped to the site and mounted on the Memorial wall.



These are not the actual wall panels, but “trial runs” to evaluate the quality of the photographic images on the black granite.

Work on the main Memorial wall, as well as the entrance walls, interpretive panels with historical images and information, donor recognition plaques and tiles, landscaping, lighting, bench seating, and other features



will soon begin. By mid-summer, after six years of effort by scores of dedicated people and the generosity of hundreds of donors providing \$3.5 million in donations, the Korean War Memorial will be open to the public. It will be a most worthy addition to the Presidio, and a potent reminder that the so-called “Forgotten War” is not forgotten.

Invitation to the 12th Annual Korean War Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Attention All Korean War Veterans: KWMF cordially invites you to join us at the 12th Annual Korean War Veterans Appreciation Dinner. This event is sponsored by KWMF Vice President and prominent Bay Area restaurateur Man J. Kim at his Golden Gate Grill restaurant. It is **free of charge** for any Korean War veteran and spouse or guest. The gala event includes good food and drink, live musical entertainment, and a relaxed atmosphere conducive to renewing old friendships and forging new ones.

This FREE annual get-together is highly popular, and seating is limited. So you are encouraged to RSVP early.

Event: 12th Annual Korean War Veterans Appreciation Dinner
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2016
Time: 12:00 noon
Place: Golden Gate Grill
 449 Powell Street, 3rd Floor
 San Francisco, CA 94102
RSVP: Please RSVP by Friday, June 10, 2016 to: Eleanor Zapanta, eleanor@kwmf.org, 415 921 1933, or 415 750 3862

Thank you. We hope you'll be able to join us for this festive event.

Korean War Memorial Opening Ceremony Set for Monday, August 1, 2016



Artist's rendering of Memorial design by Art Zendarski

After more than six years of planning, fundraising, and hard work, and thanks to the generosity of hundreds of individuals and organizations, the Korean War Memorial will soon be a reality. The Opening Ceremony will take place from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Monday, August 1, 2016 on the Memorial site, Lincoln Boulevard at Sheridan Avenue in the Presidio of San Francisco. All Korean War veterans, their families and descendants, donors, members of the media, and other supporters and friends are encouraged to attend what promises to be a memorable landmark event. Full details on the program and guest speakers will be announced in the coming weeks.

*** NOTE TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS:** If you have not yet received the Ambassador for Peace medal from the Government of the Republic of Korea, please contact Eleanor Zapanta of our staff, eleanor@kwmf.org, 415 921 1933, or 415 750 3862. Representatives of the Republic of Korea will be present at the Opening Ceremony to award these medals to eligible veterans.

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 — for their generosity in underwriting the costs of printing and mailing this newsletter.

Farewell Luncheon in Honor of Consul General Han Dong-man

On Monday, March 7, KWMF's officers and directors hosted a luncheon at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco to bid a fond farewell to Consul General Han Dong-man. His three-year posting in San Francisco was about to come to an end, and we at KWMF wanted to honor his unparalleled support for our Memorial project.

Consul General Han has been a strong, proactive ally of KWMF since he first arrived in San Francisco to assume his new post in May, 2013. Thanks to his strong leadership and selfless dedication, he has made a significant contribution to getting KWMF the \$1 million grant from the Korean Government, as well as several hundred thousand dollars from Korean and Korean-American organizations and individuals. We at KWMF, and all Korean War veterans and their families, owe him a debt of gratitude.

The guests included Presidio Trust executives, major donors, senior

Consular staff, and other friends. Following homages paid to Consul General Han by several of the guests, KWMF's President and Chairman, Judge Quentin L. Kopp (Ret.), presented the Consul General with a handsome commemorative plaque signed by all the KWMF officers, as a memento of his stay here.

Consul General Han received his Bachelor's at Yonsei University in Korea and his Master's in International Organization Law at the Pantheon-Sorbonne University in Paris. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1985 and has held Secretary posts in Algeria, the United Kingdom, and Australia as well as in the Office of the President in Korea. In 2002, he served as the Director of the Security Policy Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and as Consul at the Korean Consulate General in New York. He also served as the Minister-Counselor at the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Prior to his post in San Francisco, he served as the Director-General of the International Economic Affairs Bureau of the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2011 – 2013). Consul General Han received the Order



Judge Quentin L. Kopp (Ret.) presents Consul General Han with the commemorative plaque

of the Service Medal in 2012 and he has written four books, including *The Next 10 Years of Korea* (ISBN 9788959753666), an insightful look at the future of Korea on the international stage for the coming decade. He is married and has two sons.

Consul General Han Dong-man will be missed by all of us who had the pleasure to know him during his tenure in San Francisco. We hope and trust that he will be able to rejoin us on the occasion of the Opening Ceremony for the Korean War Memorial on July 31.

Photos by Dong Kim, Hyundai News USA; Chris Kim, Weekly Morning Korean News; and others



Consul General Han Dong-man



From L: The Presidio Trust Chief of Park Development & Operations Michael Boland; major donor Maria Kahng; Consul General Han; Marines' Memorial Club President & KWMF Board member J. Michael Myatt, MajGen, USMC (Ret.); and East Bay Korean-American Senior Service Center President Joanna Kim-Selby



Consul General Han, you will be missed by all of us.

Oakland Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ Receives Medal from the Republic of Korea

On Wednesday, March 23, a ceremony was held at the Diocese of Oakland Chancery Offices. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea, Deputy Consul General Jung Yoon-ho presented the Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland, with the Ambassador for Peace Medal. The Republic of Korea presents this medal to U.S. veterans of the Korean War or their survivors to express gratitude for the veterans' service. In this case, it was in recognition of the service of Bishop Barber's late father, Adlai Charles Barber, who served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War from 1950-52 and passed away in 1985 at the age of 56.

Also present were Harry Nang and Joanna Kim-Selby, respectively Chairman of the Board and President of the East Bay Korean-American Senior Service Center in Oakland,

who helped organize the ceremony; and Gerard Parker, Executive Director of the Korean War Memorial Foundation.

Bishop Barber was ordained to the episcopate and installed as the fifth Bishop of the Archdiocese of Oakland on May 25, 2013 in the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Earlier in his life, after attending Saint Pius X Prep School in Galt, California, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1973 and was ordained a priest in 1985. He studied at Loyola Marymount University and in 1978 received his BA in Philosophy and History at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. He subsequently studied at Regis College at the University of Toronto and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.



The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland, with Ambassador for Peace Medal

Bishop Barber has held positions as a missionary in Western Samoa and as tutor and chaplain at Oxford University in England. Since 1991 he has served as a chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve, achieving the rank of Captain. Barber, a Jesuit, was the first American bishop appointed by Pope Francis, who is the first Jesuit pope.



From L: Harry Nang, Chairman of the Board, and Joanna Kim-Selby, President, East Bay Korean-American Senior Service Center; Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland; Deputy Consul General Jung Yoon-ho, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea; and Gerard Parker, Executive Director, Korean War Memorial Foundation (photo by Dong Kim, Hyundai News USA)

Fallen Korean War Soldier Finally Laid to Rest



Then-PFC Robert Perry Graham, U.S. Army, before he went MIA in February, 1951

On April 8, 2016, the remains of San Francisco native Corporal Robert Perry Graham, U.S. Army, were laid to rest with full military honors at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma, California. In 1950, then-PFC Graham was sent to Korea as a member of Company A, 13th Engineer Combat Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. In early February, 1951, Graham's unit came under attack; and on February 13, he was declared Missing in Action. Right after the Armistice in 1953, it was learned that Graham had died while a POW, some time around May 31, 1951. He was posthumously promoted to Corporal.

Decades after Cpl Graham's death, the North Korean Government turned over boxes containing the recovered remains of U.S. servicemen who died during the war to the U.S. Government. Later analysis matched the DNA in some of the remains with DNA from Graham's nieces and nephews. His brothers and sisters always believed that he would be found some day. They have since passed away, except for one sister and many nieces and nephews. Cpl Graham was only 21 when he died. Welcome home, Robert Perry Graham. May you now rest in peace.

Coming in May:
The Annual Veterans Memorial Cruise
On the SS Jeremiah O'Brien –
FREE for All World War II &
Korean War Veterans!



The SS Jeremiah O'Brien hosts the **Veterans Memorial Cruise on May 21, 2016**; an annual tradition for the O'Brien to commemorate the gallantry of all veterans who have served in defense of America's freedom.

The excursion takes us just outside the Golden Gate Bridge and back around SF Bay before returning to port at Pier 45. Music will be provided by Natural Gas Jazz Band.

Continental breakfast, hot dog lunch and ice cream are provided complimentary, including beer and wine.

WHEN: May 21, 2016. Sailing from 10am to 2pm.

WHERE: Aboard the SS Jeremiah O'Brien, located at Pier 45 in Fisherman's Wharf.

HOW MUCH: **FREE FOR WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS,**
but registration is still required

For all others, tickets are \$125 Adults, \$75 Children, \$300 Family (up to two adults and two children).

Tickets will be \$140 Adults, \$85 Children, \$375 Family after March 31, 2016 at 4:00pm.

GET TICKETS: **Eligible veterans need only call (415) 544-0100 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 4pm) for their FREE ticket.** All others may call the same number, or click on the following link to print out the Order Form: <http://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org/doc/2016-cruise-order-form.pdf>



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