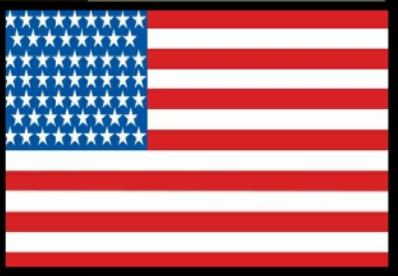

Ambassador For Peace Medal Presentation

Sunday, March 20, 2016 2:00 P.M.

Highland Village Community Centre

375 Brannen Rd, Lakeland, Fl

THANK YOU!

WITH BEST WISHES,

Bill Nelson

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

Korean War Veterans Association
125 Moller Way
Lakeland, Florida 33813

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to be a part of this recognition of the recipients of the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal. This medal serves as an expression of appreciation from the South Korean government to United States service men and women who served in the Korean conflict.

These brave men and women answered our Nation's call by serving our country in a time of great need and peril on the world stage. They served with honor and dedication. I commend these recipients for their devotion to duty and to our country's ideals. I know each of them, along with their family and friends gathered here today are justly proud of their military service.

Their sacrifices, along with all of their fellow veterans, have helped secure democracy, liberty and freedom for people throughout the world.

On behalf of all Floridians and myself, it is an honor to recognize and thank each of you for your military service.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson

RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

Ms. HooJung Jones Kennedy
Chair
Peace Medal Presentation Organization Committee
125 Moller Way
Lakeland, Florida 33813

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

On behalf of all Floridians, I want to thank you for recognizing our veterans who answered the call to serve our country during the Korean War.

As we support Florida's veterans, our state demonstrates its commitment to being our country's most military-friendly state. As Governor and a Navy veteran myself, I am committed to making sure Florida maintains that position. In addition to supporting the more than 1.5 million veterans in our state, we also applaud our active military and their families.

Our goal is to make Florida the global destination for families to find jobs and great opportunities. None of this would be possible without the dedicated service of our veterans. For that reason, we remain focused on our goal to cut taxes, eliminate burdensome regulations, and invest in education so that job creators and families can succeed in our state.

Thank you and your have my best wishes for your success.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott
Governor

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DENNIS A. ROSS
15TH DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

March 20, 2016

Dear Friends, Honorees and Distinguished Guests:

It is my great privilege to extend greetings to those of you who have gathered here today to honor Mr. David Sears, who will receive the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal for his brave service as a combat engineer during the Korean War.

Mr. Sears, you answered the call of duty at a time when we were a war-weary nation, responding to the defense of civilians suffering in a tragic civil war. Your service was not forgotten, and today we celebrate this expression of gratitude and honor from the Republic of Korea.

My thanks go out to the co-chairs of the Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation Committee, Major Don Kennedy and Mrs. HooJung Jones Kennedy, Advisor of the Republic of Korea President Park Geun Hye, National Unification Advisory Council, and Members of the Korean War Veterans Association.

Thank you and congratulations, Mr. Sears, and best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Ross
Member of Congress

DR/SH

Ambassador Seong-Jin Kim, Consulate General

Republic of Korea Atlanta Consulate General Office

Consul General
of the Republic of Korea
Atlanta, Georgia

I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to each of the veterans whose dedication and service during the Korean War was so vital to preserving freedom and democracy in Korea.

The Korean War is not a forgotten war. Korea has not forgotten the soldiers who fought for a country not their own, for a people who they did not know. Korea has not forgotten the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice so that our country could grow, thrive, and help other nations as they once helped us.

Today, each of you will receive the Ambassador for Peace medal issued by the Korean government with deep appreciation for the service you provided during the Korean War. This medal serves as a reminder that the Korean War is not a "forgotten war." What each of you fought for – democracy and freedom – is alive in the hearts and minds of the Korean people. We haven't forgotten you.

I give my best wishes for each of you. God bless America. God bless Korea.

S. J. Kim

Ambassador Seong-jin Kim

Consul General

-ORDER OF SERVICE-

Introduction by: Barbara Pfaff , Highland Village Fling Editor

MC: Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy, Co-Chair of Ambassador for Peace Medal Ceremony

Introduction of Guests:
Frank Cohee, Commander of Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 158
Dann Oliver, Royal Canadian Legion Post 144 Post Commander
David Sears, Korean War Veteran, Ambassador for Peace Medal Recipient
Donald Selvage, Lakeland City Commissioner, Colonel (Ret'd) Marine Corps
JR Hafner, 20th Century Aviation Magazine
Lt. Col. Phil Zedonek, Civil Air Patrol, Government Affairs
Ron Payne, Veterans Advocate, US Veteran Marine Corps

US National Anthem and Korean National Anthem

Moment of Silence – for Fallen Soldiers , POW and Missing in Action
Invocation and Benediction

Senator Bill Nelson, Governor Rick Scott and Congressman Dennis Ross's Greeting letters read by Don Kennedy

Ambassador Seong-Jin Kim's Greeting letter read by HooJung Jones Kennedy

Video Presentation - "Thank you USA" and "Arirang News" and " Smart Love"

"Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation" by
HooJung Jones Kennedy,
Advisor to the Republic of Korea President Park Geun Hye,
National Unification Advisory Council, and KWVA Chapter Member 158 & 169

Ambassador For Peace Medal issued by the Government of the Republic of Korea to Recipient:

Mr. David Sears, Korean War Veteran, US Army Combat Engineer

"Korea Reborn Book" and "Korean Fan" Presentation to
Mr. Ray Dubois and Mr. Roy Philips -Korean War Veterans

Remarks: JR Hafner, CEO of 20th Century Aviation Magazine
Donald Selvage, Lakeland City Commissioner

M.C. Closing Remarks - Don Kennedy

We send our special thanks to Barbara and David Pfaff and Highland Village for honouring Korean War Veterans and for their support.

They are dedicated volunteers, great supporters and Korean War Veterans advocates.

Barbara Pfaff and David Pfaff from Highland Village

David Sears, a Korean War Veteran wearing the Ambassador for Peace Medal which was presented by HooJung Jones Kennedy.

Roy Phillips and Ray DuBois, local Korean War Veterans who attended the ceremony were presented "Korean Reborn books and Korean fans from HooJung Jones Kennedy.

Major (Ret'd) Don Kennedy conducted numerous Ambassador for Peace Medal Presentation Ceremonies as a Co-chair in Canada and US.

Don Kennedy with Dann Oliver, Royal Canadian Region 144 Commander a great advocate of Korean War Veterans and a tireless volunteer.

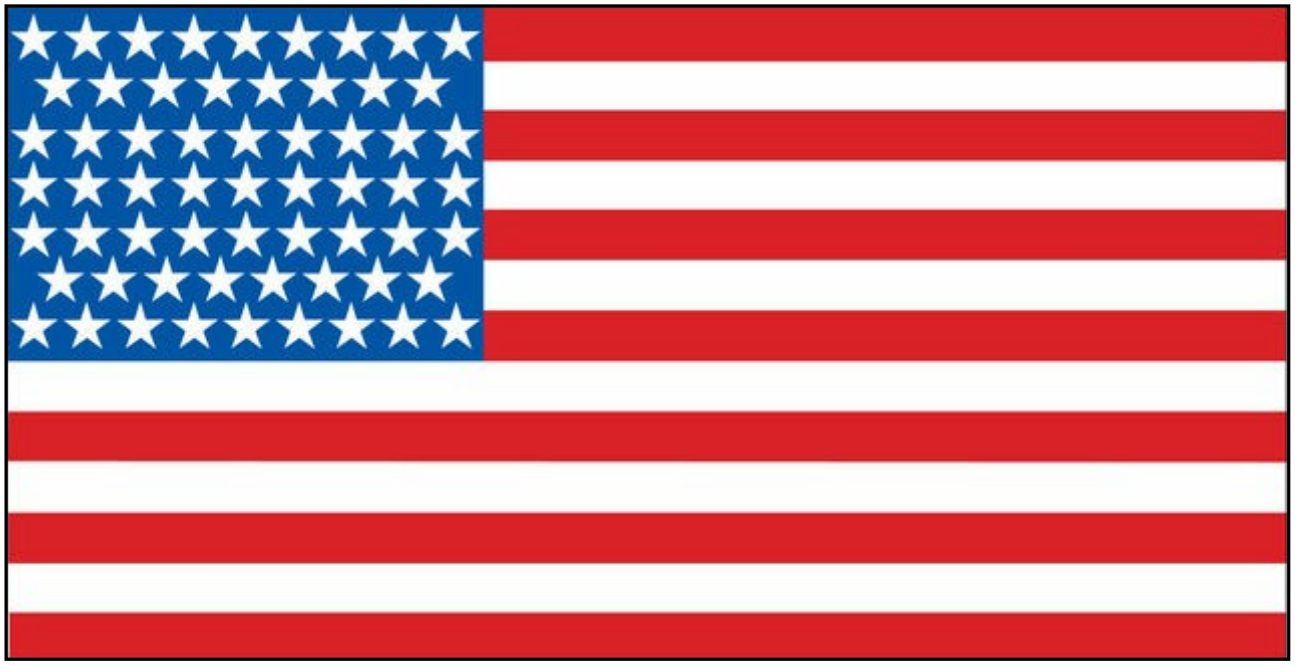
Frank Cohee, Commander of Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 158, Dann Oliver Commander of Royal Canadian Legion 144 congratulating David Sears, a recipient of the Ambassador for Pearce Medal and a Korean War Veteran.

Over 80 guests attended the medal ceremony including Donald Selvage, a Lakeland City Commissioner. They enjoyed the Korean foods, Cake and cookies.

We thank many volunteers including Joann Casterline serving a delicious cake that Barb Pfaff brought and Korean foods Galbi, Jabche, dumpings, spicy pork that HooJung cooked.

The sugar cookies that HooJung baked and painted were presented to Lois Sears, a wife of David Sears a Ambassador for Peace Medal recipient.

Korean War (1950-1953)
UN Peace Keeping (1953-1955)



- **Over 1.7 Million US Armed Forces Served**
- **Killed in Action -36,574**
- **Wounded -103,284**
- **MIA - 8,099**
- **POW -7,140**

June 25, 1950 the Korean War began

July 27, 1953 the Armistice was signed

We Will Remember Them

“Legacy of the Korean War Veterans”

The Korea -US Free Trade Agreement was signed in 2013 by the Republic of Korea President, Park Geun Hye and US President Barrack Obama. The trade value exceeds over $110 Billion, creating many jobs in various sectors such as, Manufacturing, Science, Information technology, R&D, Tourism, Education, Arts and Cultural exchanges of US and Korea.

From one of the poorest nations in the World, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) became the 12th largest economic power in the World thanks to all the Korean War Veterans who fought during the Korean War and the UN Peace Keeping Mission to help preserve our land, peace, freedom and who saved many innocent lives including my parents. We will always remember them as our heroes and thank them.”

By HooJung Jones Kennedy,

Advisory Member of the National Unification Advisory Council, Toronto Chapter

Member of Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 158 and Chapter 169. Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26, Hamilton