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38th Parallel salutes those who joined together to honor Korean War veterans and their families

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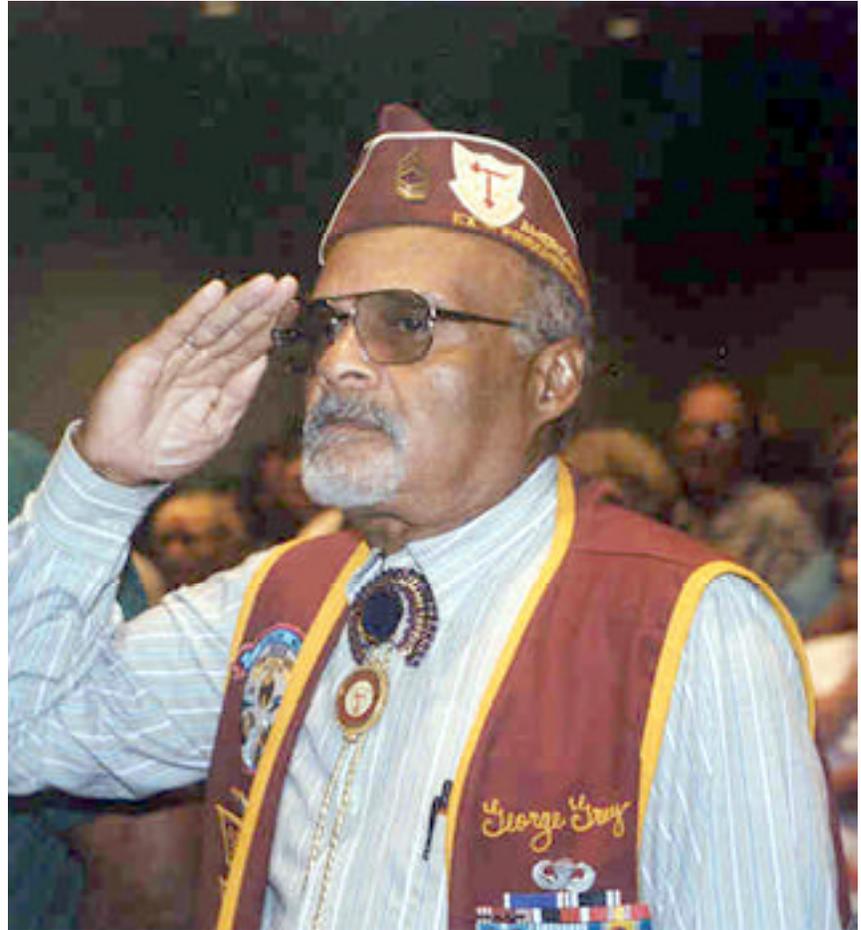
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Korean War veteran and former prisoner of war George Gray salutes the U.S. flag during a Korean War commemoration Ceremony in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in August. For more photos from this event, see Page 6.

This issue of the 38th Parallel is a reflection of commemoration events, ceremonies and other events held across the nation in 2002 that honored Korean War veterans and family members for their sacrifices and service to their country.



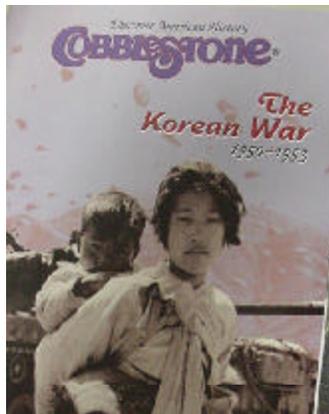
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Savannah, Ga. plays host for first regional Korean War commemoration ceremony



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Michael Dorsey

Savannah, Ga. hosted the first regional Korean War commemoration ceremony April 6, 2002. The event featured traditional Korean song and dance and a fly-by that included AH-64 Apache helicopters. Two other regional events were held in 2002 to thank and honor Korean War veterans and their families.



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Korean War veterans were thanked and awarded for their service and were then entertained by singers from the Korean Association Choir.





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Above, So Hee performs a folk dance for Korean War veterans during a commemoration ceremony held May 4 in Phoenix. The event featured keynote speaker and Korean War veteran James McEachin. Below, Bemon Ray receives the Korean War Service Medal.



Veterans shine at Phoenix event

The City of Phoenix hosted the second regional Korean War commemoration ceremony in 2002.

The event, held May 6 at the Steele Indian School Park, drew on the emotion of the pride Korean War

veterans had in their service to their country.

“When you see people here who are 70 and 80 years old saluting, that swells the heart,” said veteran Pete Martinez, who was part of the 483rd Troop Carrier Wing.

Events, ceremonies prove Korean War is not forgotten



Courtesy Photos

Left, The Spirit of America show in Washington D.C. Sept. 28 honored Korean War veterans and a performance (above) gave the audience a brief history about the war.



A wreath from the government of the Republic of South Korea at the Korean War Veterans Memorial is a reminder to all that sacrifices made during the war are not forgotten.



Official KWCC Photo

Robert Wood talks with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley after receiving the Silver Star in a ceremony in July. Wood received the award 50 years after his actions during the Korean War.



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Above and center right, a commemoration event in San Diego, Calif., Sept. 11, 2002, brought out the emotion the Korean War still evokes in many veterans.



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Above, Ed McMahon speaks to veterans at the Musical Tribute to Korean War Veterans at Constitution Hall in Washington D.C., July 27. Left, French military personnel lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns May 25.

First and Final: 2002's final regional hosted by first state to commemorate

Oklahoma was the first state to become a commemoration partner.

On Aug. 3, they joined forces with the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee to host a regional event to thank and honor Korean War veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice to halt communist aggression in South Korea.

This ceremony paid special attention to the large number of Native Americans who served their country during the Korean War.

Oklahoma boasts the largest state-military history museum in the nation. The 45th Infantry Division museum is a 16-acre military park located in Oklahoma City.



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Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin gives the keynote address during the commemoration ceremony in Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 3.



Above, Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Alford L. McMichael, talks with Korean War veterans at the event. Other photos show the traditional Korean entertainment those in attendance enjoyed.



Courtesy Photos

Consul General Ji Doo Lee of the Korean Consulate in Honolulu (center left) and Lt. Col. Taek Ho Shin of the Republic of Korea Marine Corps lay a wreath in honor of POW-MIA during the ceremony.

Families honored during POW-MIA Day at Punchbowl on Oahu, Hawaii



Above, a joint service color guard posts the colors during the ceremony. Left, audience members of the POW-MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific stand for the National Anthem.

HONOR ROLL

Mitchell Red Cloud Jr.

Rank: Corporal

Organization: U S. Army, Company E, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

Place and date: Near Chonghyon, Korea, Nov. 5, 1950.

Entered service at: Merrillan, Wi.

Birth: 1924, Hatfield, Wi.

Citation: Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company E, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Chonghyon, Korea on 5 November 1950.

From his position on the point of a ridge immediately in front of the company command post he was the first to detect the approach of the Chinese communist forces and give the alarm as the enemy charged from a brush-covered area less than 100 feet from him. Springing up he delivered devastating point-blank automatic rifle fire into the advancing enemy. His accurate and intense fire checked this assault and gained time for the company to consolidate its defense. With utter fearlessness he maintained his firing position until severely wounded by enemy fire. Refusing assistance he pulled himself to his feet and wrapping his arm around a tree continued his deadly fire again, until he was fatally wounded.

This heroic act stopped the enemy from overrunning his company's position and gained time for reorganization and evacuation of the wounded. Corporal Red Cloud's dauntless courage and gallant self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon himself and uphold the esteemed traditions of the U.S. Army.

