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Tech. Sgt. Michael Dorsey

Korean Consul Kim Dong-Yern pins the Republic of Korea-Korean War Service Medal on George Zettler in Savannah, Ga.

Old medal carries new and different meanings

It looks the same for everyone, but getting the Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal means many things to many veterans.

For George Zettler, it was feeling of relief.

“I started to apply for it two or three times, but just never did,” said Zettler, a 26-year Marine Corps veteran. “It felt good. I’m just happy to see so many young people remember us old folks.”

Zettler and four other veterans representing each branch of service, received the medal they earned more than 50 years ago in a regional commemora-

tion ceremony in Savannah, Ga., on April 6. Hosted by the city of Savannah and the Department of Defense, the event was one of three regional commemorations the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee has scheduled for 2002.

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Donald Greer already received his Korean War Service Medal and knew the feeling of pride that it brought him, but that didn’t stop him from coming to Waving Girl Park to watch others shine in the spotlight.

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