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## KOREA ~ THE NEVER DECLARED FORGOTTEN WAR

The **Korean War** was a war between the Republic of Korea (South Korea), supported by the United Nations, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), supported by the People's Republic of China. It was primarily the result of the political division of Korea by an agreement of the victorious Allies at the conclusion of the end of World War II. The Korean Peninsula was ruled by the Empire of Japan from 1910 until the end of World War II. Following the surrender of the Empire of Japan in September 1945, American administrators divided the peninsula along the 38th parallel, with U.S. military forces occupying the southern half and Soviet military forces occupying the northern half.

On June 25, 1950, the Communist forces of North Korea, with backing from the Soviet Union, invaded South Korea. President Harry S. Truman ordered American troops to the Korean peninsula where they were soon joined by soldiers from 15 other United Nations member countries. This operation is officially referred to as the "Korean Conflict".

Suddenly the Cold War was a lot hotter. Things got really bad when the Chinese joined on the

side of North Korea. After three years, the fighting ended with the signing of an armistice on July 27, 1953. There was no victor. War was never officially declared. Peace was never declared.

The country remained divided. And the Korean conflict was soon pushed off the front pages by events in a place called Vietnam.

This year will mark the 50th anniversary of the war's end.

*\*Source: Wikipedia*

### Casualties of the Korean War

The United States Armed Forces suffered 33,665 Americans killed in action in Korea; 3,275 died there from non-hostile causes. **\*TOTAL:** 36,940 Americans gave their lives in the Korean Theater.

There were 92,134 Americans wounded in action in 103,284 incidents. A total of 1,789,000 Americans served in the Korean theater during the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953.

There are still 7,979 MIAs as of February, 2012, according to VFW Magazine



*A soldier comforts a grief-stricken American infantryman whose buddy was killed in action near Haktong-ni, Korea, in 1950. In the background, a corpsman methodically fills out casualty tags*

South Korea sustained 1,312,836 military casualties, including 415,004 dead; casualties among other United Nations allies totaled 16,532, including 3,094 dead.

Estimated Communist casualties were 2 million. The economic and social damage to the Korean nation was incalculable.

*\*Source: Office of Secretary of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, Directorate for Information Operations and Reports (WHS/DIOR); Defense Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Office (DPMO). Data released 10 January 2000.*

## KOREAN CONFLICT IMAGES



Marines take up temporary defensive positions in the retreat from the Changjin (Chosin) reservoir. (*U.S. Marine Corps photo.*)



Marine Capt. Francis "Ike" Fenton ponders his fate and the fate of his men after being told that his company is nearly out of ammunition, Korea, 1950. (*Life Magazine photo*)



Marines in the retreat from the Changjin (Chosin) reservoir halt while leading elements clear a Chinese road-



Frozen bodies of American marines, British commandos and South Korean soldiers are gathered for group burial at Koto-ri. (*U.S. Marine Corps photo.*)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

### Travis Goff receives promotion.



*Travis made Petty Officer !!!  
Congratulations Petty Officer Goff!*

**Girls and Boys State** applications are available. The three girls who attended Girls State in 2012 will be making a presentation to all high school juniors about this valuable program.

American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills & an appreciation for rights and responsibilities of citizens. Participants run for office, learn public speaking, create and enforce laws and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working gov-

ernment in this exciting and fun summer program. If you know a high school junior who is interested in the program contact Minnie Knych at 378-7040 for more information.

**Fish for Teeth**, the free dental care van that comes to Friday Harbor, several times a year received another \$500 donation from the American Legion Auxiliary.

**Fallen Heroes Project donation**—At the last board meeting, the American Legion Auxiliary board voted to donate \$500 to the Fallen Heroes Project in honor of our own fallen hero, Curtis Duarte.

This Fallen Heroes project honors American Fallen Heroes for their ultimate sacrifice during the war against terrorism. The foundation provide the resources to produce and distribute to each family a hand-drawn portrait of their Fallen Hero.



*LCPL Curtis Duarte*

stan on August 1, 2012.

As you may recall, LCPL Curtis Duarte was a friend of the family of Post 163 member, Peter DeLorenzi. LCPL Duarte was killed in action in Afghani-

We have a new soldier on our list for the care packages. Anthony Livano is the son-in-law of Lori Brown who is employed at Islander's Bank. He is currently serving in Afghanistan.



*Anthony Livano*

Lori tells us that Anthony is in a small team that works closely with the Afghan police force, training and working alongside them to help them learn how to police their own people. His team travels around in rural areas and spends about four weeks training each group. The biggest threat for him right now is getting shot by one of his own trainees.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Collection for troops
3 Cribbage Tournament 1:00PM Karaoke 6:00PM	4	5 Team Trivia 	6 Troop care packages packing @ 4:00PM	7	8	9
10 Cribbage Tournament 1:00PM Karaoke 6:00PM	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Cribbage Tournament 1:00PM Karaoke 6:00PM	18	19  LEGION MEETS 5:30PM	20	21  LEGION AUXILIARY MEETS 5:30PM	22	23
24 Cribbage Tournament 1:00PM	25	26	27	28		