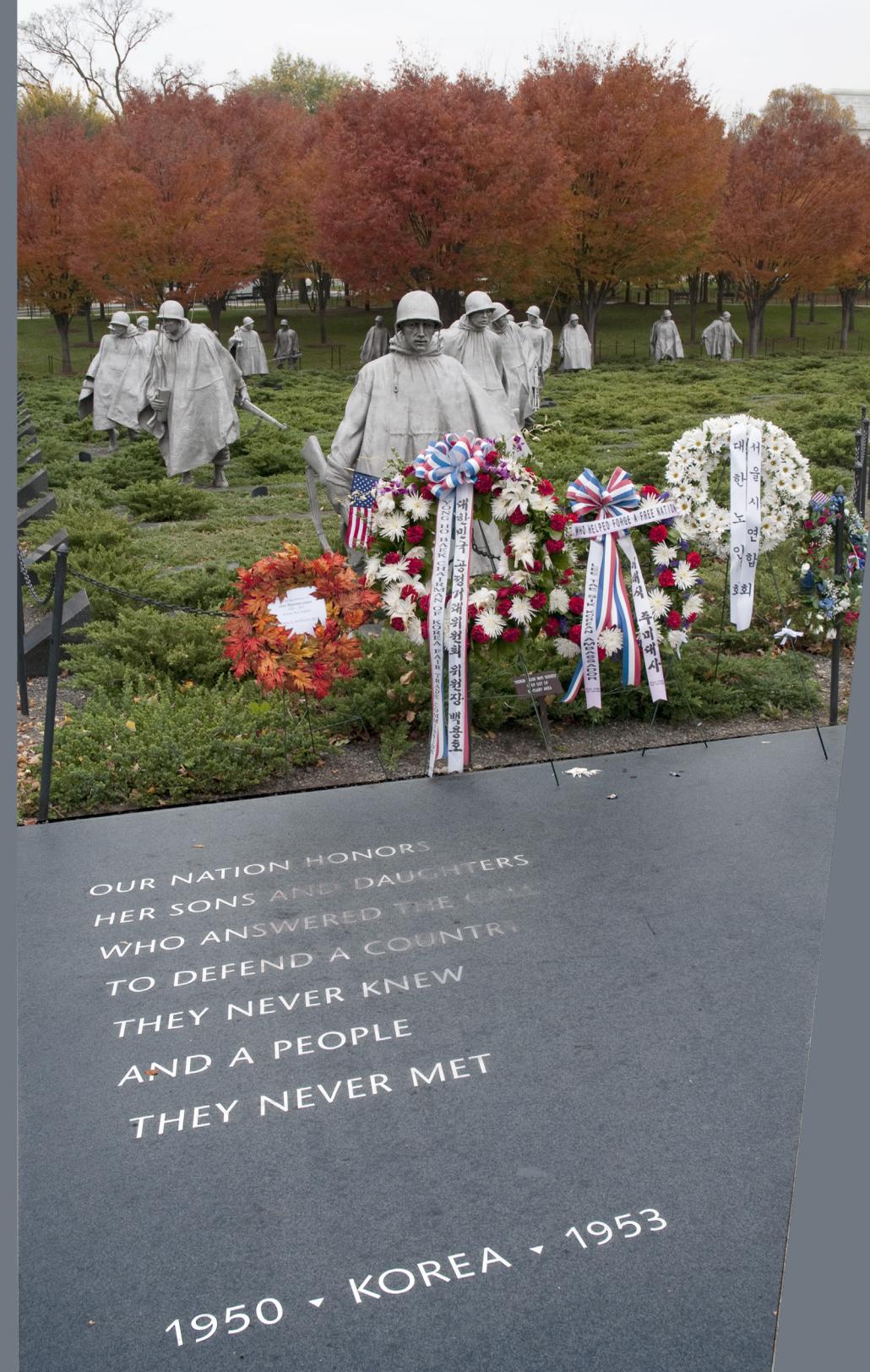


Korean War Veterans Memorial

National Mall • Washington, D.C.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall pays homage to the 1.8 million Americans who served and the 36,913 American soldiers who died during the Korean War, which began in June 1950 when North Korean forces crossed the 38th Parallel to invade South Korea and ended in July 1953 with the signing of an armistice, which remains in effect today. The war was called a “police action” due to the United Nations forces fighting against the North Koreans, who were backed by the Communist Chinese and the Soviet Union. The memorial was built in part to counter the notion that the Korean War was the “forgotten war.” The 2.2-acre triangular site features the incredibly realistic stainless steel statues of 19 U.S. soldiers on combat patrol walking carefully through dwarf juniper bushes. The statues are each seven feet tall and weigh half a ton, sculpted by Frank C. Gaylord. The figures consist of one Air Force, one Navy, three Marines, and 14 Army soldiers of varied ethnic backgrounds. The eerie effect is that of tension frozen in time. The memorial was dedicated on July 27, 1995, the 42nd anniversary of the armistice, with U.S. President William Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young Sam in attendance.







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Korean War Veterans Memorial War Memorial Plaza • Nashville, Tennessee

The Korean War Veterans Memorial, titled “The Korean War (1950-1953) Where Communistic Military Aggression Was Defeated,” was dedicated on July 4, 1992 by the Tennessee Korean War Memorial Association in cooperation with the State of Tennessee. Russell Faxon of Bell Buckle, Tenn. is the sculptor of the bronze statue, which features a relief map of Korea. The American death toll in the so-called “forgotten war” totaled 36,913. A quarter-million South Koreans lost their lives; North Koreans twice that number. Chinese deaths totaled in the millions. Ten thousand five hundred Tennesseans served in the armed forces during the war; 843 Tennesseans were killed in combat. Thirty thousand American soldiers are still stationed in South Korea to enforce the armistice.