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## Korean War Display Opens in D-C

WASHINGTON, DC--Korean War veterans helped DoD open the Joint Services Korean War Commemoration Display recently near the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes.

The exhibit honors the sacrifices of U. S. Korean War veterans made during the battles from 1950 to 1953. Retired **Army General Robert W. Sennewald**, a former commander of U. S. Forces, Korea, said one mission for the exhibit is to educate Americans on the Korean War and its place in defending freedom.

Hundreds of people who take the Pentagon tour each day would view the display, he noted.

"It is an opportunity over the next three years to educate the citizens of the United States on the Korean War, its aspects and what it was all about," Sennewald said. "This exhibit presents the background on the war. This is a wonderful place to have it for all the people who will view this as they tour the Pentagon."

**Gen. Paik Sun Yup**, a guest at the opening, commanded the South Korean 1st Division when the North Koreans charged across the 38th parallel on June 25, 1950. "Four days later, Seoul fell," he told the assembled veterans during the ceremony. "It was a time of deep despair."

He recalled how he watched U.S. Army **General Douglas MacArthur** as the commander of U. S. forces in the Far East observed operations in South Korea. Paik said he felt "we would win this war" from that moment on.

Paik, who presented the Republic of Korea's Korean War Service Medal to six veterans, told the audience that South Korea today has the 10th largest economy in the world.

"This prosperity came at the expense of you American veterans of the Korean War," he said through an interpreter. "We respect and we show deep gratitude toward the American people and American veterans."

"Today, the government of Korea and the people of Korea will always have the deepest appreciation got the American veterans of the Korean War."

The exhibit consists of four large display cases that highlight the contributions of U.S. forces in Korea. One, for example, has models of Korean War-era Air Force aircraft along with photos and news stories of the fighting.

One Korean War vet pointed to a bazooka and said to a buddy, "I used one of those. It would dent the armor on the Russian tanks. Had to wait until you could get a side shot before the thing was effective."

Other Korean War vets went to the map of Korea and pointed to where they fought.

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# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,  
The Birthday Ball is over and the Christmas season is already here. It's the time of year to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. The Commandant's Table will be open at the December Meeting. For those of you who have joined us since last year, here is how it works. The members bring a couple of new toys to the December Meeting (unwrapped) and the Detachment donates the toys to needy children. We donate them to the Marine Corps reserve "Toys-for-Tots" program or donate them to area shelters. Either way, a child that would not have any Christmas gifts at all will get one due to your generosity. Our Detachment has always come through in years past and I hope we out do ourselves this year. If there is anyone you know who is in need of toys for Christmas, feel free to help yourself to a few toys from the Table before they get collected at the end of the meeting. Mess Sergeant Wil Haas has stated he would again be taking donated clothing to the shelters he has been helping the past several years. With winter upon us, if you have a coat hanging in the closet that you haven't worn for a while or have outgrown, but is in good condition, why not give it to someone who really needs it? Bring it to the December Meeting along with your toys.

I had hoped to be able to thank all of those who made it to the highway clean-up, but only a few turned out. I was glad to see at least a couple of helpers as it was a cool morning and I didn't want to

have to do the entire job alone. As it turned out, we had two Marines working from each end with Ray Krout and Bob Cody watching over us in Ray's truck. Four people can do this job, but we were out there until 10:15 or so when, with our normal turnout, we are done by 9:30-9:45. There will be another clean-up in the spring, if the Detachment votes to continue the program. It will be discussed at the next meeting. Thanks again to those who made it Saturday.

I have been busy around the house--not used to one this size yet--and have not had the chance to do anything special to write about. A few of our members attended the Veterans Day 2000 program sponsored by the United Veterans of Doylestown. The program was held in the auditorium of Central Bucks West High School. The Guest Speaker was

our friend, retired Army Major General Hugh Foster. The program was nice but it could have used more advertising. Our Junior Vice Commandant, Don Gee, PC, did a good job getting the color bearers together. With his help, they actually looked like they knew which end of the pole the flag was on. I also had the opportunity to see a picture of Don when he was about 16 years old and a drummer in the school band. There have been a few minor changes changes over the years! Thank you for coming out to the program, if you did. If you didn't, I'll be sure to let you know if they plan on doing another one next year. That's about it for now. See you at the meeting!

Semper Fi,

*Budd Prince*

## BRITISH FITNESS REPORTS

The British Military writes EPRs and Officer Fitness Reports.

The form used for the Royal Navy and Royal Marines fitness reports is the S-206.

The following are actual excerpts taken from individual "206s."

1. His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity.
2. I would not breed from this officer.
3. This officer is really not so much of a "has-been," but more of a definitely "won't be."
4. When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change whichever foot was previously there.
5. He has carried out each and every one of his duties to his entire satisfaction.
6. He would be out of his depth in a car park puddle.
7. Technically sound, but socially impossible.
8. This officer reminds me very much of a gyroscope--always spinning around at

a frantic pace, but not really going anywhere.

9. This young lady has delusions of adequacy.
10. When he joined my ship, this officer was something of a granny; since then he has aged considerably.
11. Since my last report, he has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.
12. She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.
13. He has the wisdom of youth, and the energy of old age.
14. This officer should go far--and the sooner he starts, the better.
15. In my opinion, this pilot should not be authorized to fly below 250 feet.
16. This man is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.
17. The only ship I would recommend this man for is citizenship.
18. Works well when under constant supervision and corned like a rat in a trap.



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# Patch May Deliver Nutrients to Future War Fighters

WASHINGTON--U. S. combat troops may get part of their daily diet through their arms if a new concept works out.

Army Soldier Center researchers in Natick, MA, are working on a transdermal nutrient delivery system--a skin patch similar in concept to nicotine and motion sickness patches. The new system could be a part of every combat service member's kit by 2025.

**Gerald Darsch**, joint project director for the DoD Combat Feeding Program at Natick, said the current developmental version is about the size of a conventional adhesive bandage and three to four times thicker. The final version will be encased in some polymer to be very flexible, he speculated.

"Service members probably won't even notice they have it on," he noted.

The patches would contain "micronutrient" reservoirs and microscopic "pumps" and "plumbing." The nutrients would augment or supplement a warfighter's diet during periods of high-intensity conflict. Officials see a use for the system to combat cold weather and high altitude stress, for instance.

"The idea is to keep the warfighters cognitive and physical performance sharpened at the optimal level," Darsch said. "It could mean fewer dead or wounded U.S. service members."

Darsch said the system could incorporate various micronutrients. Researchers, he said, are considering 65 to 70 chemicals that might be effective and safe. Two candidates, for example, are tyrosine, which has proven to help combat cold and high altitude stress, and glutathione, which could help reduce muscle fatigue and increase the ability of the liver and kidneys to filter out metabolic wastes.

"We have identified some that might be beneficial, but there still needs to be a lot of research done. What are the doses that we administer? What are the

lasting effects?" he asked. "We need to be sure before we start giving these to warfighters."

The system would dispense micronutrients when a self-contained near-infrared sensor determines the wearer needs them. The chemicals would be absorbed by osmosis through the skin.

Even using the transdermal patch, though, service members will still be hungry because the patches won't replace food.

"You can still eat even with the transdermal system," Darsch said. "Am I going to tell you that a Milky Way or a Snickers bar will won't find its way into the rucksack of a soldier? Our service members are pretty bright. They'll take whatever poegee bait is necessary."

Darsch said researchers could probably add an appetite suppressant or some thing that will make the hypothalamus think the stomach is full.

"We probably could do that, but would we want to? I'm not sure," he said.

Darsch said some outside agencies are interested in the concept.

"We need to get industry and academia together with us on this," he said. "Firefighters, police, mountain rescue people, all could benefit from this concept."

He said the Army has spent just "thousands" on the concept.

If accepted, he thinks a "50 percent solution" to the engineering of the transdermal patch system is possible by 2010.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CONGRESS SEEKING V-A HEPATITIS PRESUMPTION

The House Veterans Affairs Committee has announced progress on establishing a presumption of service-connection for veterans who have contracted Hepatitis C. Although the Department of Veterans Affairs (V-A) initially opposed the measure, the Committee says V-A has now agreed to support a rule of resumption. Vietnam veterans are believed to be at greater risk for Hepatitis C than other groups, since those of them who received blood or blood products prior to 1992 may have received blood infected by the Hepatitis C virus. A presumption would allow veterans who currently have Hepatitis C and who were exposed to such risk factors during military service to be compensated.

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### AGENT ORANGE REGISTRY FOR KOREAN VETS

Because Agent Orange was used in Korea, some 80,000 veterans of that war may be eligible for free Agent Orange Registry examinations from the Department of veterans Affairs (V-A). Those who apply will be surveyed and tracked, and will be added to the Agent Orange newsletter subscription list. The AOR

action does NOT entitle Korean War veterans to compensation for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure. For more information, contact your local V-A office or V-A Medical Center.

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### LARGEST M-I-A RECOVERY CONCLUDES

Remains believed to be those of 15 American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War were repatriated on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, Korea time.

This is the largest number of remains recovered during a single joint recovery operation. A U.S.-North Korea team, operating in Unsan and Kujang counties about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, recovered the remains during an operation that began Oct. 17. The area was the site of battles between Communist Chinese forces and the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division and the 2nd and 25th Infantry Divisions in November 1950. In 17 joint recovery operations since 1996, 107 sets of remains have been recovered. Five servicemen have been positively identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Another 10 are nearing the final stages of the forensic identification process.

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# Marine Corps Replacing WWII-Era Jeeps

The Marine Corps is poised to get the first of its brand-new fast-attack vehicles this month after Corps officials put the purchase on a speedy fast track.

The Interim Fast Attack Vehicle will replace, albeit temporarily, the World War II-era M-151 Jeep, considered to be unreliable and a bit unstable. Ultimately, the Corps will replace all the old Jeeps and the new fast-attack vehicle with a new generation of trucks by 2004.

In the meantime, the Corps is having 62 new IFAVs built to "bridge the gap" between now and then.

It took a miraculous 50 days to get the new truck on line. The Corps decided it needed the truck in late May, the contract was awarded to Mercedes-Benz in mid-July, and the first batch of trucks will be delivered this month.

Most Marine Corps purchases take many months or even several years from when the Corps decides it needs something to when the contract is awarded.

"They said they needed it quick," said LtCol. Tom Manley, project officer for the new truck at Marine Corps Systems Command. "This is not the normal program, it was done very fast and very well."

The new diesel-powered fast-attack vehicle can be transported inside either a CH-46E or a CH-53 helicopter, making it a good addition to a Marine Expeditionary Unit.

The interim vehicle will have coil suspension on all four wheels, "much better" ground clearance, more mobility and payload capacity.

The trucks will also have mounts for

## Today's Marines Don't Remember Mothers' Sacrifices

A Gold Star Mother recently visited a Marine base. When she met several field-grade officers she let them know she was a Gold Star mom (her son was killed in Beirut).

The officers smiled condescendingly, replying, "That's nice."

At an 8th & I parade, a general officer made a similar *faux pas*.

Seems Headquarters Marine Corps (Public Affairs) has an awareness challenge.

Every Marine should know and respect the mothers and wives who lost their children and husbands who died in combat.

Remember that old WWII ditty? "There's a Gold Star in her window that shines for all the world to see...there's a Gold Star that shines for victory."

Guess too many have not...

Sad.

It is our duty to remember!

machineguns or Mark 19 40mm grenade launchers.

Also, the manufacturer will provide worldwide support, meaning parts can be shipped for the new truck almost immediately, said Maj. Frank Motley, requirements officer for the project.

The old Jeep has been difficult to maintain because parts are scarce.

The Jeeps also are gas-powered, which means units must keep two kinds of fuel since most vehicles are diesel-powered.

"This is kind of an interim fix for the MEUs," Motley said of the interim vehicle. "They can't even take out the Jeeps."

By 2004, the "next generation" of fast-attack vehicles will become available, Manley said, and all the M-151s and the 62 interim vehicles that will begin rolling out this month will be replaced.

Corps officials are preparing to solicit contractors for the new, permanent vehicle, immediately.

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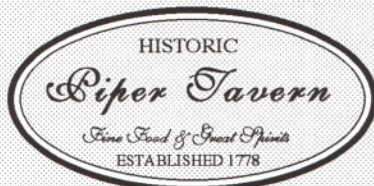
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## V-A Benefits Now Available to Veterans 'On-Line'

Veterans can now apply for benefits and health care online with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Two new systems will allow veterans quick, easy and secure access to apply for compensation, pension, rehabilitation benefits and health care.

"This is the first step toward an electronic VA," said **Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Hershel W. Gober**. "We will use the best in the business world and the latest in the high technology sector to deliver world-class benefits and care to veterans. That's a promise."

To apply for health care, veterans can fill out and submit an Internet-based 10-10 EZ application available today for the first time nationwide. Initially tested at 30 VA facilities, the 10-10 EZ is automatically e-mailed to the VA health care facility selected by the veteran. VA employees register the data, print the form and mail it back to the veteran for signature. Veterans can also print out the completed form and mail it to a VA health care facility themselves.

"Veterans On Line Applications" (VONAPP) is designed for veterans to apply for compensation, pension, and vocational rehabilitation benefits through the Internet.

Completed applications are sent electronically to the veteran's local VA office.

Processing begins right away and veterans receive a response letting them know the status of their applications.

"Of course, security is of paramount importance," said Gober. "These forms are individually encrypted, ensuring the privacy of veterans' personal data. This is part of VA's approach to department-

wide security planning and management."

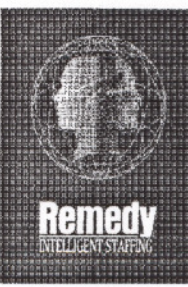
Later this year, VA plans to offer education applications on the Internet.

Currently, veterans attending school under the Montgomery GI Bill can make their monthly certification of enrollment at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

Along with 10-10 EZ and VONAPP, VA has redesigned its Web page. "When veterans access [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov), there will be no doubt that the focus and content reflects the department's commitment to veterans," said Gober.

"The new design makes it easy to find information, as well as online applications."

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