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70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice

The "Forgotten War"



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The Korean war began on June 25, 1950, when over 75,000 soldiers from the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th parallel, the boundary between North and South Korea.

The north's invasion was the first military action of the Cold War. By July, on behalf of South Korea, American troops had entered the war as American officials were concerned it was a war against the forces of international communism itself. For this reason, not intervening was not considered by many of the senior decision makers.

The National Security Council recommended in April 1950, the U.S. use military force to "contain" communist expansionism anywhere it seemed to be occurring, "regardless of the intrinsic strategic or economic value of the lands in question" (US State Department).

Said Harry Truman, "If we let Korea down, the Soviet[s] will keep right on going and swallow up one [place] after another."

Soldiers fought in temperatures below 25 degrees during the winter months, where foxholes could not be dug in frozen ground and explosives and bulldozers made no difference.

Then U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson said, "If the best minds of the world had set out to find us the worst possible location in the world to fight this damnable war, the unanimous choice would have been Korea."

After three years of war, the United States, the People's Republic of China, North Korea and South Korea agreed to armistice July 27, 1953.

The Korean War is called the "Forgotten War" due to the *lack of attention* it received compared to more well-known conflicts, like WW I and WWII.

The AVM always will remember the veterans and families of the Korean War. Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

You will never be forgotten.

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**SAVE THE DATE
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY – AVM**

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

