



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 3.

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REQUESTED BY: John Winecoff, North Carolina Military Historical Society

SHORT TITLE: Presentation of Books on Behalf of the South Korea Government Expressing Gratitude to United States Veterans of the Korean War (1950-1953).

BACKGROUND: To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the official end of the Korean War, the government of the Republic of Korea (South Korea) has issued a book, Korea Reborn: A Grateful Nation Honors War Veterans for 60 Years of Growth. As long as copies are available the book is available to veterans of that war, their spouses, and their children if the veteran is deceased or unable to personally receive the book. While there is no monetary charge for the book, it is not free—it has been paid for by the sacrifices made by those who served in what many refer to as “The Forgotten War.”

This gift was produced to cap the three-year Korean War 60th Commemorative period, with 2013 decreed by the United States Congress as the Year of the Korean War Veteran. Through historical narrative, stories and stunning photography, this book describes the struggle for a foreign land’s freedom and, ultimately, the fruits of that struggle—a democratically and world class economic engine.

Funding for the large-scale gift was provided by an alliance of South Korean public and private sectors. The North Carolina allotment is being handled by Wes Morrison of the NC National Guard Association and Board member of the NC Military Historical Society.

We are honored to have a number of Korean War veterans here today who also represent the many who could not be here and we wish to present their copies to them now.

Korean War veterans in Pender County or their family may obtain copies by contacting:

- Pender County Public Libraries in Burgaw (ph. 259-1234) & Hampstead (ph. 270-4603).
- Bob Andrews, American Legion Post 167 in Hampstead (ph. 330-5006).
- Lonnie Davenport, American Legion Post 165 in Burgaw (ph. 620-9268).
- Veterans Services in Burgaw (259-1203) and Hampstead (270-5005).