

APPLICATION FOR KVA SEOUL REVISIT TOUR

KVA (Seoul) Revisit Purpose: "To express the gratitude of the Korean Government towards Korean War Veterans who took part in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to October 15, 1954."

Veteran's Personal History (Please type or print)

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____ Date of Birth _____

KWVA Member's # _____ Expiration Date _____

Companion Name/Relationship _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Veteran's Passport# _____ Expiration Date _____

Companion's Passport# _____ Expiration Date _____

NOTE: If you do not have a current valid passport or have just applied to KVA, write "applied for" on # line

Veteran's Military Biography

Branch of Service _____ Service Number _____

Period of Service in Korean War (month/year) from _____ thru _____

Unit Assignment _____ Location of Unit _____

Rank Achieved in Korea _____ Highest Rank Achieved while in Service _____

Personal Military Decorations for Valor _____

Veterans' Certification

I hereby certify that I have never previously accepted a KVA (Seoul) Revisit tour and that I am a member in good standing (or have applied) with the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA).

Veteran's Signature _____ Date _____

Complete and mail this form along with a \$300 deposit per person (check, money order or Visa/MasterCard only) to Military Historical Tours. Payment in full is required for all applications submitted sixty days or less prior to departure.

Credit Card Authorization

I, _____ hereby authorize Military Historical Tours to make charges to my _____ credit card, Account#: _____ Expiration date: _____ in consideration for airline tickets and any other travel or transportation services or products as requested by me or authorized users of this credit card.

Signature: _____

Mail To:

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Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Korean Veterans Association (KVA/Seoul) in 1975, the 25th anniversary year of the outbreak of the Korean War, to express their gratitude to veterans of the War and to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

KVA's Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible if you are:

1. A veteran of the Korean War and /or a war correspondent of any of the 21 nations which came to assistance of the Republic of Korea between 25 June 1950 and 15 October 1954.

2. An immediate family member of one who was killed in action in the Korean War.

Note: You are permitted to take a spouse or one immediate descendent with you to Korea. The family member must be lodged in the same hotel room with you in Korea.

Privileges Accorded Veterans by the KVA, Seoul

1. Hotel accommodations (two persons per room), meals, tours, and transportation, while in Korea for six days and five nights.

2. Tours of Seoul and vicinity. The visits are to Panmunjom, North Korean Invasion Tunnels, Korea War Memorial Monument, National Cemetery, National Museum, Korean Folk Village, Korean War Museum,

plus other cultural/industrial facilities and activities in the Seoul area. Other tours of battle sites and/or Incheon may be made through the local tour guide.

3. A special reception and dinner hosted by the President of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) during which the Korea War Medal and Certificate of Ambassador for Peace will be awarded to each veteran who has not received it before.

Sundry Notes

1. The KVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.
2. Participants are required to have a valid passport: a visa is not required for visits of 15 days or fewer in Korea.
3. KVA/Seoul is not responsible for any loss of, or damage to, personal or other items, medical expenses, injuries, or loss of like due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended.
4. Transportation costs to and from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program.
5. Applications will be received/accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Note: If you have previously accepted an official KVA/Seoul Revisit tour from any sponsoring association or group, you are NOT eligible to participate again. The reason is that so many veterans have not gone before so they get the "first right of return."

Because former Revisit Program participants have their name in the KVA/Seoul's computer database, please do not try to beat the system. If your name is rejected because of prior participation, all of us will be embarrassed and an eligible Korea War veteran might miss the opportunity to participate.

6. If you want to use your frequent flier miles or other "free" transportation, you will be charged an administrative service fee of \$300 per person.

Caution: Not traveling with KWVA group air contract can result in much higher post-tour costs to China and other Pacific location.

Note: Should you desire to have a single room or take additional family or friends with you, this can be arranged for an additional cost. Any such requests must be made in writing.

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USS Randall (AP-115)

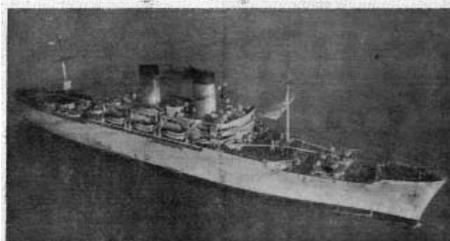
I served aboard *USS Randall* (AP-115) for a few months before I went to submarine school in New London, CT. What is unusual about the nearby photos is that they were on the front pages of the San Francisco Call-Bulletin and Green Flash.

The names of a few service members and their families appear. No doubt these pictures will bring back many memories.

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Taft Wins 2d Delegate Contest

1,835 HOME ON TRANSPORT



Here today from the Far East is the Navy transport General G. M. Randall (above) which brought 1,835 men and women home from Korea.



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On Hand As Always

FINAL NIGHT EDITION RRR TELEPHONE YU 6-5151 The Weather
THE CALL BULLETIN
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1953
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As soon as the band finished its inaugural welcome, Elsi Norwood the "GI Thrus" who has welcomed many thousands of returning service men, stepped forward.

She began her vocal greeting with "My Hero," and followed up with other semi-classical favorites which brought cheers and whistles from the men jostling at the ship's rails.

MEN DISEMBARK

The real drama of the arrival came when the ship's gangplank was put in place.

As the men filed down to the pier, each carrying heavy luggage, including duffel bags and suitcases, they passed between twin standards of United Nations flags placed at the foot of the gangplank.

Those with relatives waiting in the special enclosure were quickly shunted into the area for family reunions. Hugs, kisses and happy tears were the order of the day for the get-togethers.

The majority of the men moved into long ranks on the pier, where Red Cross canteen workers served them coffee and cookies.

RECEPTION CENTERS

Waiting nearby was a ferry boat, ordered to carry most of the men to reception centers at Camp Stoneman and at Yerba Buena Island.

A total of 565 Army and 1,088 Air Force men were among those slated to go by ferry to the reception centers. Most of them will be under way for their respective homes on furlough or as civilians within 24 to 48 hours.

Others aboard the big ship included 11 Navy men and 171 civilians, either dependents or service personnel or employees of the armed forces on overseas duty.

Welcome Given To Veterans As Big Ship Docks

With pride in a job well done and with jubilation in returning to their homeland, 1,835 service men and civilians returned from the Far East late today aboard the Navy transport General G. M. Randall.

The big ship was met at Fort Mason by a typical San Francisco Port of Embarkation welcome which included band music, entertainment, a speech of greeting and refreshments.

For some of the men, the high spot of the homecoming was the presence of relatives upon the pier, loved ones who eagerly scanned the rails of the incoming ship for familiar faces and who shouted greetings as the transport moved to her berth.

KOREA VETERANS

It was a particularly happy occasion for 415 Army men aboard the big ship, for they were returning from the battlefield of Korea.

The gala welcome got away with the strains of "California Here I Come," played by the SFPE band as the transport neared the end of the pier.