

In addition, those that have gone on a previous Revisit tour, can apply to return again. (Call Military Historical Tours for details)

2. Widows and family members of deceased veterans, or of those veterans physically unable to travel, are also eligible to go on a Revisit tour.

### Benefits and Itinerary

Free hotel accommodations and meals for 5 nights and 6 days.

Accommodation is based on (2) persons per room.

Tour of Seoul and its vicinity

Banquet hosted by the Chairman of the KVA with presentation of the "Ambassador for Peace" medal and its certificate

**Day 1:** Arrival and hotel check-in

**Day 2:** Wreath laying Korean National Cemetery, Visit the KW Memorial.

**Day 3:** Visit Panmunjom, Banquet.

**Day 4:** Tour of Korean Folk Village.

**Day 5:** Visit the Incheon Landing Memorial, Museum, & Freedom Park.

**Day 6:** Departure

### 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 life due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended.

4. Hospitalization and evacuation insurance is required for and provided to all veterans and spouse/companion by MHT. Cost is contained in the administrative service charge.

5. Transportation costs to and from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program.

6. Applications will be received/accepted on a "First-come, first-served" basis.

7. Use of frequent flyer miles-or other "free" transportation, is allowed but an administrative service fee of \$400.00 per person is still required.

**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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## 60th Anniversary Commemoration's 2010 DATES

9-15 May ♦ 23-29 May ♦ 10-16 Sept.

26 Sept. - 2 Oct ♦ 12-18 Oct ♦ 8-14 November

We have finally received the 2010 Revisit Korea program, and it's all good news! In the final hours of 2009, the ROK government passed the Revisit Korea program budget. This expanded the Revisit Korea program over three times, and KWVA USA has received a quota of one thousand (1,000) veterans, and their families/companions, for the year 2010. The other good news is that the government will subsidize 50% of the veteran's airfare and 30% for the family member/companion.

What can you do to get registered? First, go to the KWVA web site at [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) and click on "Revisit Korea Tours". There is also an application form in each issue of *The Graybeards*, magazine of the KWVA.

Since KWVA has a policy of "First come, First served", you should register ASAP! If you don't have a computer, or do not get *The Graybeards*, call MHT at 800-722-9501 or 703-590-1295 in

Virginia. You can also go to the MHT website [www.miltours.com](http://www.miltours.com).

The new November tour dates will coincide with the (MARFORK) Marine Forces Korea Birthday Ball and has become the Military event to attend, as all Combined Forces Command Korea, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines come out for this event. The 29th USMC Commandant, General Al Gray has been invited.

Eligibility: We have had numerous questions: "I have been before, can I go again"? The answer is, apply! If the quotas are not filled by those who have not gone before, you can return again! Since the 2010 quotas are very large, the possibility that you can go again is "Excellent to Outstanding." However, if you haven't registered, you may not receive your first choice.

Fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn

KWVA USA Revisit Coordinator

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The "steward's dept." included a chief steward, chief cook, 2nd Cook, baker, (6) messmen, and a galleyman.

The ships were armed. The Naval armed guard aboard included the commanding officer and an ensign or lieutenant (jg) who oversaw a crew of 12 to 27 men, e.g., gunners mates, radio operators, and signalmen.

President Truman sent a "well done" to the American Merchant Marine for its outstanding support of the United Nations forces in Korea.

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