

APPLICATION FOR KOREA REVISIT & PEACE CAMP FOR YOUTH (PCFY) TOURS

(UPDATED 01/14/11)

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

KWVA Member, # _____ Expiration Date (Exp date) _____

NOTE: If you have not yet received your membership # from KWVA please insert "applied for."

List all your addresses, (seasonal/if more than one per year) and dates of residence, no P.O. Boxes.

1. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Dates _____

2. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Dates _____

Phone # _____ Fax _____ **E-Mail*** _____

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Korea Revisit Only

Veterans Passport# _____ Exp Date _____ Date of Birth (DOB) _____

Companion Name/Relationship _____ DOB _____

Companion's Passport# _____ Exp Date _____

NOTE: If you do not have a passport with 6 months validity after last date of return to USA and have applied for a new one, please insert "Applied for" in the space provided and contact MHT when you receive it.

Veteran's Korean Service Information (Both Tours)

Branch of Service _____ Unit _____

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

Veterans / family member signature _____ Date _____

Complete and mail this form along with the \$450.00 deposit / service-fee per person (check, money order or Credit Card) to Military Historical Tours. Payment in full is required for applications submitted within sixty days of tour departure.

(PCFY) Peace Camp For Youth (Only)

Grandchild: Last Name _____ First _____ DOB _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail¹ _____ Passport #² _____ Exp Date _____

NOTES: 1- CRUCIAL FOR IMMEDIATE TOUR UPDATES 2- If no passport put Applied for in this block and call in when received.

Credit Card Authorization:

I authorize **Military Historical Tours** by my signature above to charge my Visa, Master Card or Amex **\$450.00** Per Person,

The amount of **\$450.00** Per Person Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____ **please include the 3-Digit code on back of card** _____

Name as it appears on the Credit Card _____

Korea Revisit related material please send to:

KWVA Revisit Korea Program
C/O MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS
13198 CENTERPOINTE WAY STE #202
WOODBIDGE, VA 22193-5285

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Fax: 703-590-1292
E-Mail: mhtours@miltours.com
www.miltours.com

Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the **Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA/Seoul)** in 1975 for the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War to express the **Republic of Korea (ROK's)** government's gratitude to Korean War veterans and their families also to show them the bountiful results of

their sacrifices and devotion.

MPVA's Eligibility Requirements

Korean War Veterans who served in or supported ground, naval, or air operations in the Korean Theater between June 25, 1950 and October 15, 1954. **Family members** of deceased or disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the "Korea Revisit Program." An eligible applicant is allowed

to bring a family member or friend as a "travel companion."

Expanded Eligibility

- 1) For the 60th anniversaries (2010-13) there will be more quotas available. In addition, those who have been on a Revisit prior to 2006 can apply to return again. (Call MHT for more details)

2) Widows and family members of deceased veterans or those unable to travel are also eligible for the Revisit as **Veteran Representatives**.

Benefits & Schedule

Free hotel accommodations for the veteran their companion or veteran representatives, meals for 5 nights and 6 days in Seoul for 2 people. If you want to bring more people you may at your expense. Accommodations are based on (2) persons per room, if you want your own hotel room you may at your own expense. All of the above items need to be requested in writing. Tours of Seoul and its vicinity, banquet hosted by the MPVA and KVA with presentation of the "Ambassador for Peace" medal, tours of the DMZ, Pan-Mun-Jom, War Memorial Museum, and the National Cemetery.

Peace Camp For Youth (PCFY) Program for Grandchildren of Veterans

Purpose is to express the sincere gratitude of the Korean people and to build a network for future collaboration among **Families of Korean War Veterans**. Grandchildren must be at least 18 years old.

Benefits & Schedule for (PCFY)

Same as the Veterans tour with an extra day of events and subsidizes are per person, with no companions.

Sundry Notes

1. The MPVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.
2. Participants are required to have a valid passport that does not expire until 6 months after return to the USA.
3. Neither MPVA Seoul nor MHT Virginia U.S.A is responsible for any loss of or damage to personal or other items; medical expenses, injuries or loss of life due to any accident of any nature during the tour.
4. Hospitalization, Evacuation and Trip Cancellation Insurance is required by MPVA for all veterans, companions or veteran representatives. Insurance costs are included in the admin service charge for Korea only.
5. Transportation costs to/from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program. The Korean government is now subsidizing airfare for persons traveling with the MHT administered group.
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 the administrative service fee of **\$450.00** per person is still required for the insurance and administration.

Fellow Korean War veterans, families and friends,

The 2012 Revisit Korea dates have been received. They are:

- May 19-25 June 22-28 Sept 12-18 and Nov 8-14
- July 7-14 Peace Camp for Youth (Grandchildren's program)

For new KWVA members, the eligibility requirements are on the KWVA web site: www.kwva.org or below the "Revisit" application form in The Graybeards magazine.

Please be reminded that these sponsored tours are subsidized. All expense's in Korea (minus incidentals) are paid for by the ROK government. Additionally, 50% of the veterans airfare and 30% of the spouse/companion's air will be reimbursed to you upon completion of the tour. This includes both your domestic and international airfare from your hometown to Seoul and return.

These quotas go very fast, so if you're interested, don't hesitate to register. You can always cancel for health reasons, but when the space is gone, it's gone!

Please call our office at 800-722-9501 or 703-590-1295. You can also email us at: JWiedhahn@miltours.com.

New for 2012: Military Historical Tours will be offering optional pre tours to the Chorwon Valley in the North, along the DMZ, or the Pusan Perimeter in the South. The other options are a post tour to Beijing and Xian, China, or Vietnam. (The optional tours are at your expense).

A question often asked: Can we take an additional son/daughter/friend with us to see where I fought during the war? Answer: Absolutely! However, the additional person's air, meals and hotel will be at your expense. They can ride the tour bus, visit the DMZ and attend the award banquet with you, gratis.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn, Revisit Korea Coordinator
Military Historical Tours, Woodbridge, Virginia
1950 Korean War Veteran - Pusan, Inchon, Seoul and "Chosin"

Were the Chinese troops better "hidiers?"

The Chinese managed to move large numbers of troops into North Korea in 1950 without being detected. That may have been due in part to the UN commanders' unwillingness to see them. But, even after that the Chinese were masters at hiding. Consider this excerpt from a Korea War diary:

Early in February 1951, after units of the 40th and 66th Chinese Armies move through Hongch'on they stay hidden during the day, unless there is a heavy cloud cover close to the ground. Vehicles are always hidden during the day. Anytime an airplane is heard all soldiers freeze in place. Thus UN forces do not know how many troops are south of Hongch'on, or where they are located. However, at night they move forward to positions from which they think they can attack the advancing ROK Divs.

The same is true of the 42nd Chinese Army north of Chip'yong-ni.

How were they able to stay so well hidden? And were they better at it than North Korean troops? Or did the North Koreans even try to "hide?" Let us know. Send your thoughts to GB Editor, 895 Ribaut Road #13, Beaufort, SC 29902.