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## **Ceremony Recognizing the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Held at New York State Memorial Veterans honored for their service**

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner, John C. Egan today announced that a remembrance ceremony was held at the Korean War Memorial in Albany, New York honoring those who served in the war, to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the war.

"More than 325,000 New Yorkers served in the United States armed services during the Korean War and nearly 3,000 lost their lives," Governor David A. Paterson said. "It is fitting that on this 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war that veterans and members of the Korean community gather at the memorial built in their honor to pay tribute to their courage and their sacrifice."

June 25, 2010 marks the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War that broke out when North Korea invaded South Korea in 1950. The United States and 20 other countries under the banner of the United Nations, sent troops to Korea to help defend democracy and the freedom of the South Korean people.

"The Korean War Memorial stands as a testament to the 1,500,000 brave soldiers from New York and the rest of the United States who proudly served during this difficult time," Commissioner Egan said. "It is our hope that the people who served; their families and loved ones; and those of Korean decent come to this Memorial to reflect on those days and find comfort in their surroundings."

"It is an honor and privilege to partner with the Korean Community, Veterans of the Korean War, and the New York State Office of General Services on this 60th Anniversary of the Korean War.," said William Kraus, acting director, Division of Veterans Affairs. "We join together on this day as friends and allies to remember and commemorate the sacrifices of many and to educate all generations. The Division of Veterans' Affairs stands ready to provide services and benefits counseling to all veterans of all conflicts."

"Today we pay tribute and express sincere appreciation to the Korean War veterans and the American people for defending the freedom and democracy of the Republic of Korea 60 years ago," Chae-hyun Shin, Deputy Consul General, New York State Korean Consulate said. "The Korean War is not a forgotten war, and we thank them for contributing to the peace and the security of the Korean Peninsula."

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