

NEWS RELEASE

With all the news about the Korean Summit to be held June 12th and the release of the three prisoners by North Korea, it is fitting that we have a short program honoring the sacrifices of our Korean Veterans at the Veterans Memorial here in Rochester, MN.

Korean War Veterans Advocate Hannah Kim To Visit Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial in Rochester on May 31, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Hannah Y. Kim, a woman with a mission, will visit the Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial and present a commemorative wreath. This will be her 27th stop on an ambitious three-month journey visiting Korean War memorials in all 50 states, to honor and remember those who served in that long ago, faraway conflict, 1950-53, and to help promote peace on the Korean Peninsula. Given the alarming level of tensions and the possibility of a permanent peace in the region today, her mission could not be timelier.

Hannah also hopes that her journey will raise awareness about the Wall of Remembrance, the long-overdue addition to the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Wall was approved by Congress in 2016, but a lack of funding has delayed its construction for two years. As a result, the names of the nearly 37,000 Americans who died in Korea are still waiting to be inscribed for posterity.

Hannah's devoted activism on behalf of Korean War veterans began in 2008 when she was a 24-year-old graduate student in

Washington, D.C. and established Remember727, an organization dedicated to honoring veterans of the so-called "Forgotten War." Hannah lobbied Congress to enact legislation, signed by President Obama in 2009, that established July 27 as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

She subsequently worked for Congressman Charles B. Rangel, a decorated Korean War veteran, as his communications director and later as his chief of staff. When Congressman Rangel retired in 2017, Hannah embarked on an epic journey around the world, visiting every country that was a part of the UN effort during the war. She interviewed 200 veterans to memorialize their stories, because, as she told them, "If you hadn't fought in Korea, I wouldn't be here."

Representatives of the Korean War Veterans Club will be present for the brief ceremony, which is open to the public and the media. Following the ceremony, Hannah Y. Kim will be available for media interviews.

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Hannah Kim at the UN Korean War Cemetery , Busan, Republic of Korea (Courtesy <http://www.remember727.org>)



Korea Veterans Memorial Service, May 31, 2018, 11:00am
Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial 300 7th Street SW Rochester, MN

- Introductions Merle “Pete” Peterson
- Opening Greeting Mayor Ardell Brede
- Prayer Pastor Paul Baker
- Posting of the Colors American Legion Honor Guard
- Pledge of Allegiance Merle “Pete” Peterson
- Introduction of Hannah Kim Merle “Pete” Peterson
- Short Talk Hannah Kim
- Laying of the Memorial Wreath Hannah Kim, Cy Kubista, Les Griebenow
- Benediction Pastor Paul Baker
- Retrieve the Colors American Legion Honor Guard
- Taps Gene Eiden
- Closing Remarks



Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial Rochester, MN (Courtesy <http://www.soldiersfieldveteransmemorial.org>)