

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

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Spokane, WA 99210

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Dear Reader,

Thanks for your interest in an application for the Korean War Service Medal. The Spokesman-Review is happy to send you this packet, which contains a copy of the application and information sheet from the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas, which is processing requests; a letter from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 51 in Spokane; and an information sheet form, also from VFW Post 51.

Post 51 is collecting applications from Inland Northwest veterans or their next of kin, and helping to make sure that the documentation is adequate for obtaining the medal. If you have previously filled out an application and sent it to Post 51, there's no need to fill out another one. The Post is sending groups of completed applications to the Air Force Personnel Center, which results in the applications being processed more quickly. To make this process go smoothly, the Post must have the application and documents by June 30, 2002. The letter mentions an application for the VFW, which isn't available in this packet but can be obtained by writing the address at the bottom of the page.

Post 51 also is planning an ceremony in November, probably on or around Veterans Day, to award the medals to interested Inland Northwest veterans or family members. You do not have to attend the ceremony to receive your medal if you send the application and documents to Post 51. The Post will also make arrangements to have medals distributed after the ceremony. Details for the ceremony are still under development, so filling out the information sheet will help the Post send you details on the ceremony and picking up your medal.

It is also possible to send the application directly to the Air Force Personnel Center, at Randolph AFB, to the address on the Request Form. Those requests will be processed in the order received, and the medal sent directly to the veteran. The processing time is currently three to six months.

Again, thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

Jim Camden
Staff writer



Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the
United States



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V.F.W. Post #51
300 W Mission Ave
Spokane WA 99201-2326
509-327-9847

Greetings Fellow Veteran.

Please complete the enclosed application and the information sheet. These are required to complete a database for the award of the Korean War Medal. This is awarded from the Korean Government.

The criteria for the award of the Republic of Korea War Service Medal (ROK KWSM) have been established by the Korean Government. To qualify for the medal, the veteran must have:

- Served between the outbreak of hostilities, June 25, 1950 and the date of the armistice was signed, July 27, 1953
- Been on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days
- Performed his/her duty with the territorial limits of Korea, in the waters immediately adjacent thereto or in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations or in support of combat operations.

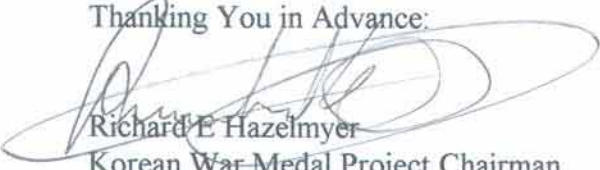
We will need a copy of your DD-214 or supporting documentation showing the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal or the Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Stars. This DD-214 must be for the period that you served during the Korean War.

Do not forget to sign and date the application. You will find an application to the Veterans Of Foreign Wars, if you are so inclined to join our group the annual dues are \$32.50 per year or a Life membership is prorated as shown on the back of the application.

All of the paperwork **MUST** be returned to us including a copy of your DD-214 covering the time that you had served in Korea. **This must be returned to us no later that the 30th of June 2002**, giving us time to process you application.

Please return to VFW Post #51 Attn: Korean Medal Project Chairman
300 W. Mission Ave
Spokane, WA 99201-2326

Thanking You in Advance:


Richard E Hazelmyer
Korean War Medal Project Chairman

VETERAN REQUEST FORM

HQ AFPC/DPPPRK
550 C Street W, Ste 12
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714

I served in the country of Korea, its territorial waters, or its airspace during the period 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953 and have enclosed a **copy** of a source document, with my Social Security Number/Military Service Number, which proves my service in Korea. I understand that the enclosed copy of my source document will not be returned, and since this is a Foreign Service award, the KWSM will only be issued once.

Please mail my Korean War Service Medal to:

(Print First Name, Middle Initial, & Last Name)

(Legibly Print Service Number)

(Print Address & Street Name)

(Print Branch of Service When in Korea)

(Print City, State & Zip Code)

(Veteran must sign here and date)

PRIMARY NEXT-OF-KIN (PNOK) REQUEST FORM

HQ AFPC/DPPPRK
550 C Street W, Ste 12
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714

As the spouse (father, mother, brother, sister, eldest son, eldest daughter) and primary next-of-kin, I request a Korean War Service Medal for my deceased/incapacitated husband's (father's/mother's or brother's/sister's) military service. He/she served in the country of Korea, its territorial waters, or its airspace during the period 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953; I've enclosed a **copy** of a source document, with his/her Social Security Number/Military Service Number, which proves his/her service. I understand this is a Foreign Service award and it will only be issued once.

Please mail the Korean War Service Medal to:

(Print First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name & Relationship to Veteran (Widow, Son, Daughter, etc..))

(Print Address & Street Name)

(Legibly Print Veteran's Service Number)

(Print City, State & Zip Code)

(Print Branch of Service When in Korea)

(PNOK must sign here and date)

(Provide complete telephone number)

**REPUBLIC OF KOREA KOREAN WAR SERVICE MEDAL (KWSM)
INFORMATION & FACT SHEET**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- To receive the KWSM, military veterans must have served in the country of Korea, its territorial waters, or airspace between 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953. Service must have been performed while on permanent assignment in Korea, or while on temporary duty in Korea for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days, or while as a crew member of aircraft in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations, or in support of combat operations.
Note: Veterans who served in Japan, Guam, Okinawa, the Philippines or other countries are not eligible.
- If the veteran is deceased, his/her primary next-of-kin (PNOK) may apply for the KWSM. If the veteran was married, the primary next-of-kin is the veteran's spouse, children, or siblings, in that order of precedence. If the spouse is living, he/she must apply before the veteran's eldest son or daughter. If the veteran's eldest son or daughter applies, the request must explain that the spouse is deceased. If the veteran was not married, the PNOK is the veteran's father/mother, or brothers/sisters, in that order of precedence. If the veteran's parents are living, they must apply before the veteran's eldest brother or sister applies. If the veteran's eldest brother or sister applies, the request must explain that the parents are deceased.
- **The KWSM is free. DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY.**

3 STEPS TO REQUEST THE KWSM:

1. The veteran, or his/her PNOK, if the veteran is deceased/incapacitated, completes and **signs** the request form on the back of this information & fact sheet. **Note: Use this form to request the KWSM only; requests for other medals, aside from the KWSM, will not be honored or answered by HQ AFPC/DPPPRK because those requests must be sent to the National Personnel Records Center only.** (For group requests, please call the 800 number below for instructions)

2. **Veterans must:** submit legible **copies** of one of these documents,

- a. 50's era DD Form 214, Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty (The one issued for service in Korea and showing the Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal. If DD Form 214/215 only shows Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Stars, that is acceptable)
- b. DD Form 215, Correction to Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty (showing the Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal).
- c. NGB Form 22, Release from Duty

(Additional documents that may be submitted to help prove eligibility to the KWSM)

- a. Assignment Orders to and from the Area of Eligibility
- b. Temporary Duty (TDY) Orders and Travel Vouchers
- c. Citations for Decorations (ex: Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal citations, showing service in Korea)

PNOK must: submit at least one, or more, of the following supporting documents,

- a. DD Form 214, Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty (The one issued to the veteran for his/her service in Korea and showing the Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal. If DD Form 214/215 only shows Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Stars, that is acceptable)
- b. DD Form 215, Correction to Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty (showing the Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal)
- c. For a veteran Killed in Action, any official military or civilian document reflecting the death of the veteran (ex: death certificate, report of casualty, official death notification telegrams and/or letters, etc..)

3. Mail the request form and legible **copies (DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS)** of the mandatory/supporting documents to the address on the request form. **If request is approved, allow 4 - 6 weeks to receive medal from date the request form arrives at HQ AFPC/DPPPRK.**

If the documentation listed above is not available to the veteran or the PNOK, it may be obtained by contacting a local Veterans Service Agency or writing to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), (Military Personnel Records), 9700 Page Ave, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Additional information on the KWSM is available Monday - Friday, 0730-1630 (CST) at (866) 229-7074.

Name _____ Serial No. _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone No _____ Branch of Svc _____

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