

# Illinois Remembers the Forgotten War **Korea 1950 – 1953**

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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## **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance June 27 at Illinois Korean War Memorial**

*SPRINGFIELD-* The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War will be commemorated with a special observance on Sunday, June 27 at 11 a.m. at the Illinois Korean War Memorial in Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery. The public is invited to attend.

Chul Huh, Counsul General of the Republic of Korea will be the keynote speaker. VFW Post 755 will provide the Honor Guard for the ceremony, with C.I. Greenwood, President of the Illinois Korean Memorial Association, serving as Master of Ceremonies.

The Illinois Korean War Memorial is located in Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery, the same cemetery that contains the Lincoln Tomb. Oak Ridge is the nation's second most visited burial ground behind only Arlington National Cemetery.

Dedicated on June 16, 1996, the memorial consists of a 12-foot-tall bronze bell mounted on a granite base. At the circumference of the base are four niches, each with a larger-than-life figure representing a branch of the armed services. Inscribed on the base are the 1,754 names of Illinoisans killed in Korea.

The Korean War began June 25, 1950 and lasted until July 27, 1953. The United States lost 54,246 soldiers in the war, with 8,177 reported missing and 7,140 captured. The U.S. wounded totaled 103,284.

The Illinois Korean War Memorial is administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and may be visited daily free of charge.

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