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### **U.S. Senate Passes Bipartisan Resolution for Korean War Veterans**

December 3, 2012 – Arlington, Virginia – The United States Senate has passed a bipartisan resolution designating 2012 – 2013 as the “Year of the Korean War Veteran” and recognizing the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War. Senate Resolution 602 was co-sponsored by Senators Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), James Inhofe (R- Oklahoma), Mark Udall (D-Colorado), and Saxby Chambliss (R-Georgia), and all members of the Senate Armed Service Committee. General Walter L. Sharp (USA ret.), Honorary Chairman for the Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee has commented in the past that our nation can never do enough for the Korean War Veterans.

“Our Korean War Veterans never received the recognition they deserved after they returned home,” said Sharp. “With the passage of this Senate resolution and the ongoing efforts of the Korean War Commemoration Committee to honor Korean War Veterans, we believe citizens young and old will begin to appreciate the sacrifices made by the members of our military who served in Korea over 60 years ago.”

The Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee is expecting thousands of Korean War Veterans and individuals from across the United States to attend the capstone event that will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice. This event will take place in Washington, D.C. on July 27, 2013 where Veterans and their family members will be recognized.

**Almost two million members of the U.S. military fought during the Korean War with 120,000 killed or wounded in action.** There are also over 7,500 Korean War service members listed as missing in action (MIAs). Korean War Veterans fought in one of the most important events of the Cold War era, a fact that has become more apparent over time with the emergence of the Republic of Korea as a great power and U.S. ally. Today, the United States Military still has over 28,000 troops stationed in the Republic of Korea.

The Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, authorized in the 2011 Defense Authorization Bill, is dedicated to thanking and honoring all Veterans of the Korean War and their families. Through 2013, the Committee will honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans of all ages about the historical significance of the Korean War. For more information visit <http://koreanwar.defense.gov>

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