



CKVA RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING SERVICE BY KOREA VETERANS OF AMERICA



Tioga, LA- October 21. Louis Dechert, President of the *Combined KORUS Veterans Association (CKVA)* today announced an award of the Associations citation for the Korea Veterans of America (KVA) <http://www.koreaveterans.org/> . The citation is for Distinguished Service, citing the KVA as: *Peacekeepers, Guardians in East Asia, 1955-2011, Preserving the Valor of 1950-1954.*

The KVA has performed national services in remembrance of the sacrifices and service of the veterans of the Korea War during the UN resistance to the invasion of the Republic of Korea by North Korea, 1950-1954. Numerous ceremonies, observances, and monuments have been provided by the KVA since 2004. In addition the KVA was a major participant in the US Federation of Korea Veterans Associations (USFKVO) and allied in the seven year long efforts of the CKVA and USFKVO to conclude the **KOREA US FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**. Dechert also highlighted the concentrated efforts of the KVA on behalf of numerous **Wounded Warrior** projects and outreach to veterans of **OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM AND ENDURING FREEDOM**.

The KVA is also a major participant in the US Department of Defense 60th Commemoration Observances currently underway.

The KVA membership includes all who have served in Korea in the US Armed Forces from 1950 until the present time, evidencing that ***the Korea War has not ended--it has only been paused by the 1953 Ceasefire***. As many as 1200 Americans and thousands of South Koreans have been killed maintaining the terms of the Ceasefire enabling of the Republic of Korea to become a leading presence in the free nations of the world. The KVA was also instrumental in the recognition, creation, and issuance of the **Korean Defense Service Medal** by the US Department of Defense, beginning in 2005.



An estimated 3 million Americans have served and are serving in Korea since the war was paused by the 1953 Ceasefire. Approximately 1.3 million Americans served in Korea during the 1950-53 combat. **HOOAH! KVA!!**