



**KDVA's Mission** is to enhance the ROK-U.S. Alliance by advocating for the Alliance and supporting the people who built and serve the Alliance.

### OCTOBER NEWS HEADLINES

**Oct 2:** North Korea test-fired its new Pukguksong-3 SLBM from a sea-based platform off the coast of Wonsan, just days before its meeting with the United States. The two-stage, solid-fuel missile flew on a steep, upward trajectory, reaching a peak altitude of 950 km and landing about 450 km from the launch point.

**Oct 5:** The United States and North Korea resumed denuclearization talks in Stockholm, Sweden. The talks ended when North Korea walked away from the U.S.'s new proposals. The talks were the first since the second summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim, Jong Un collapsed in Vietnam in February 2019 over how much sanctions relief should be given to the North in return for dismantling its main nuclear complex.

**Oct 22-24:** The United States and the Republic of Korea met in Honolulu, Hawaii for consultations on the Special Measures Agreement (SMA). The SMA, a type of burden-sharing agreement, is the mechanism by which the Republic of Korea shares the costs of U.S. forces to defend the Republic of Korea. The Alliance has had a SMA since 1991, and this new agreement will replace the existing SMA which expires at the end of 2019.

**Oct 31:** North Korea fired two short-range projectiles from South Pyongan Province in an easterly direction over the sea. They flew 370 km at a maximum altitude of 90 km.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 11:** U.S. Veterans Day
- Nov 13:** 1st Former CFC Commander/Deputy
- Week of Nov 14:** ROK-U.S. Military Committee Meeting and Security Consultative Meeting (MCM and SCM) in Seoul
- Nov 14:** KUSAF/KDVA Alliance Dinner
- Nov 28:** U.S. Thanksgiving
- Nov 29:** Deadline for submitting articles for new KDVA Journal

### A MEMBER'S WELCOME

Hello! I have been a part of KDVA since its founding in 2017, and I am very proud of what we have done for the ROK-U.S. Alliance. The experiences and lessons I learned as a KATUSA have carried forward the rest of my career as a CEO and proud advocate of the Alliance. I sincerely invite every former KATUSA and ROK personnel of CFC to join KDVA!  
~ Kim, Jong-Wook (KDVA Board Member)

### RECENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**KDVA sponsored the great USFK Army Ten Miler Team at the Pentagon on October 13, 2019.** Gen. Abrams, the commander of USFK (and CFC & UNC), presented a certificate of appreciation to KDVA's Senior Vice President of Operations, Col. (Ret.) Steve Lee. USFK thanked KDVA for its honorable support that contributed significantly in promoting the Republic of Korea as an "Assignment of Choice."



**The Korea Corporate Members of AUSA hosted the annual Korea Night Reception during the AUSA convention in Washington, DC on October 15, 2019.** The event attracted friends of the ROK-U.S. Alliance from the USG and ROKG, ROK and U.S. industry, as well as former members of the Combined Forces Command including several former commanders, deputy commanders, and command sergeants major, and family members.



**Key KDVA leaders attended the annual ADEX (Seoul International Aerospace & Defense Exhibition) in Seoul, October 15-20, 2019.** During ADEX, General (Ret.) Walter Sharp, President and Chairman of KDVA, spoke at the ROK Army Association's annual meeting and emphasized how the ROK Army is recognized for its professional force that served in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and that it currently has units deployed in several UN peacekeeping missions in South Sudan, the UAE, and Lebanon. These efforts and many others contribute greatly to the ROK-U.S. Alliance's efforts for security and prosperity.



### OUR PEOPLE ...



**Army Cpl. Lloyd B. Odom**

41 U.S. Troops' Remains Identified from North Korea.

A 2018 meeting between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim, Jong Un resulted in 55 boxes of remains and relics from U.S. Armed Forces being sent home to the United States for possible identification.

Along with the bodies of U.S. troops, pairs of boots, two helmets, several canteens, dozens of buttons, buckles, a bayonet handle, and a dog tag are amongst items turned over by North Korea. The North Korean efforts to return those remains have been the result of a wider U.S. effort to establish diplomacy with Pyongyang.

"We are up to 41," Air Force Lt. Col. Kenneth Hoffman said as he spoke on the number of U.S. Service Members identified thus far. "We can't speculate at this point about how many more Soldiers may be identified."

Service Members are still being identified and Army Cpl. Lloyd B. Odom, of Odessa, Mo. is this week's latest to be accounted.

Odom was 19 years old when he was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, during the Korean War's Battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

**Facebook followers:** "May they Rest In Peace and Honor."

"Great news, but way too many still missing."