



A MEMBER'S WELCOME

2019 was a year for reshaping KDVA. There was significant reassessing and developing of KDVA's mission and priorities, implementing new programs, building new partnerships, providing more services for members, establishing a new website, managing more social media, and firmly establishing KDVA's foothold in advancing the ROK-U.S. Alliance in South Korea and the United States. Thank you for all your support!

RECENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Lt. Gen. Mike Bills, Eighth Army Commander, served Thanksgiving meal to Soldiers of the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command on Nov 28, 2019.



Former CFC Commanders and Deputy Commanders met legendary Gen. (Ret.) Paik, Sun Yup. As part of the 1st Former CFC Commander/Deputy Commander Forum in Seoul on Nov 14, 2019, Generals Kwon, Scaparrotti, Tilelli, Sharp, Thurman, and Jung visited the 99 year old General Paik who was the first ROK Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, ROK Ambassador to several countries, and an infrastructure pioneer. General Paik helped build the ROK-U.S. Alliance into one of the most important in the world.



KDVA's partners, the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, ROK Embassy, and the Korean War Veterans Association took part in a Veteran's Day Ceremony at the National Korean War Veterans Memorial, Nov 11, 2019.



OUR PEOPLE ...



Gen. (Ret.) Kwon, Oh-Sung

KDVA thanks Gen. (Ret.) Kwon very much for his unmatched efforts for KDVA and the ROK-U.S. Alliance as the first ROK Vice Chairman of the Board and first President of the KDVA Korea Chapter. He was with KDVA from the beginning, and he was singularly important in leading KDVA to its current place as the premier organization whose sole purpose is to enhance and support the ROK-U.S. Alliance

Gen. (Ret.) Kwon has been a very large reason why an increasing number of people and organizations in South Korea and the United States recognize the very important role KDVA plays in the ROK-U.S. Alliance. We will remember him as the one with the kind personality and sage advice who helped mentor and grow our organization.

We wish him all the best as he dedicates more time and effort to the Military Evangelical Association of Korea. We hope that this next calling will lead more people to meaningful lives in service to the Alliance.

We truly thank him for his work "Together for the ROK-U.S. Alliance."

Please check out our new KDVA website. Same address (kdva.net), but much better!

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.

KDVA would like to sincerely thank our members, donors, partners, and supporters for making 2019 a great year of significance in supporting the ROK- U.S. Alliance. We wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year! We are looking forward to an even more impactful 2020!

NOVEMBER NEWS HEADLINES

Nov 14: ROK Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Park, Hanki and U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Mark Milley, presided over the 44th U.S.-ROK Military Committee Meeting (MCM) in Seoul.

Nov 15: ROK Minister of National Defense Jeong, Kyeongdoo and U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper met during the 51st ROK-U.S. Security Consultative Meeting in Seoul. They pledged to continue close communication and cooperation to develop the ROK-U.S. Alliance, which has served as the linchpin of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and the Northeast Asian region, in a mutually reinforcing and a future-oriented manner.

Nov 21: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un rejected ROK President Moon, Jae-in's invitation to the 2019 ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit.

Nov 22: South Korea conditionally suspended the termination of the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) with Japan. South Korea has military information-sharing agreements with 34 countries, including Japan, and NATO. Japan maintains such intelligence-sharing pacts with around 60 countries.

Nov 28: North Korea fired two unidentified projectiles from the country's eastern South Hamgyong Province into the waters off the east coast. This was the latest in a series of military moves amid stalled denuclearization talks with the United States. It is the 13th time this year that North Korea has carried out such a weapons test, with the last test-firing taking place on Oct. 31.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 3-4:** 1st KDVA-KUSAF Joint Boards of Directors Conference in DC
- Dec 4:** "Wartime OPCON Transition Conference: South Korea Leads the Combined Defense" in The Mayflower Hotel, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Dec 25:** U.S. and ROK Christmas Holiday