

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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# SUMMARY

Since the Association's founding in 2017 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, KDVA has grown from a start-up to a renowned and respected organization that brings together senior leaders, thought leaders, and Veterans from the Republic of Korea and the United States for the united cause of enhancing the ROK-U.S. Alliance and supporting the people who built the Alliance and continue to support it. We are very thankful for each of our 1,781 members and over 21,550 Facebook followers in the United States and the Republic of Korea. All this work for the betterment of the Alliance is made possible by our 60 major private and corporate donors.

During our assessment of KDVA operations in 2019, we received consistent feedback that at a time of friction in the ROK-U.S. Alliance, KDVA was needed even more to advocate for and support the Alliance. With renewed support for KDVA's mission, we set out in 2020 to conduct smaller and more frequent activities and programs that would be more impactful and maintain a steady stream of information and awareness about the Alliance and our Veterans. For example, the Association started its quarterly "ROK-U.S. Alliance" Journal as a platform for our members, partners, and supporters to voice their opinions and experiences. The digital Journal has been well received with people asking for hard copies.

The global pandemic limitations on in-person gatherings in 2020 drove us to adjust our approach, by offering webinars and hybrid on-site/webinar events. KDVA's 16 webinars in 2020, many with new partner organizations, provided our virtual audiences a chance to interact with KDVA members and leaders whose expertise and experiences are found nowhere else. We continued to build on existing programs like the KDVA Internship Program or "KIP" to give young professionals and college students an opportunity to learn more about the ROK-U.S. Alliance and its diverse topics, gain invaluable professional experience, and make contributions to the ROK-U.S. Alliance. We continued the Former Combined Forces Command Commander and Deputy Commander Forum which brings together the senior military leaders responsible for deterring and defending against the North Korean threat. These former four-star commanders provided their perspective on crisis management and prospects for building toward peace on the Korean Peninsula. All KDVA events are well covered by ROK and U.S. media, with many media outlets seeking interviews with KDVA leaders.

All our webinars, monthly newsletter, and journals are available in the KDVA.vet Digital Library, and our videos are also on the KDVA YouTube Channel. This significantly expanded the reach of the Association and our impact on the understanding of the Alliance, more than in the pre-COVID 19 era. KDVA had a 22% increase in its membership, a 90% increase in KDVA's Facebook views (<https://www.facebook.com/kdva.us/>), a 310% increase in our website views (<https://kdva.vet/>), and increased our partnerships with well-known organizations like the World Affairs Council of America, The Korea Society, and The Heritage Foundation.

In 2020, KDVA also assembled a group of volunteers to form the KDVA Language Team so that more of our internal and external communications are in English and Korean. We believe that this Team is representative of the volunteer spirit that helps run KDVA and expands our work and messaging to Korean speaking audiences.

Looking into 2021, we are optimistic about our planned activities and programs. Our theme will be “Defense and Diplomacy Together for the ROK-U.S. Alliance,” because we believe Alliance issues and its relationship and negotiations with North Korea will involve both defense and diplomatic considerations and approaches. Under this theme, a highlight for 2021 will be the introduction of the “Defense and Diplomacy Dialogue” or “3-D” Series that will bring together very senior leaders of the Alliance to look for ways to make the Alliance better. We will extend our reach into other defense and diplomatic areas to include defense, health, and technology industries that help defend the Alliance and its interoperability. We will further advance our outreach efforts, including doubling KDVA membership in 2021. KDVA will open Local Chapters (LC) and Common Interest Groups (CIG) so that our members can connect in their local communities and/or virtually from anywhere in the world.

Throughout this annual report, we would like to introduce people who make KDVA an original and the Alliance so great. Their individual stories are remarkable, and their enthusiasm for the Alliance and our Veterans are truly inspirational.

Finally, KDVA realized in 2019 that we did not recognize and thank our donors enough. Therefore in January 2020, KDVA and the Korea-U.S. Alliance Foundation (KUSAF), our partner organization that raises funds in Korea for KDVA, wrote a joint letter of appreciation to all our major donors and pledged to recognize them and thank them more. Even though our donors did not ask to be recognized, KDVA believes that their support demonstrates the immense devotion and passion that our donors have for our cause ... and KDVA must meet and exceed their commitment to us in all our actions.

The Korea Defense Veterans Association encourages anyone interested in being a part of this irreplaceable Alliance and supporting our Veterans to join the Association so that we can build a better Alliance that enables a more secure and prosperous life for Koreans and Americans.

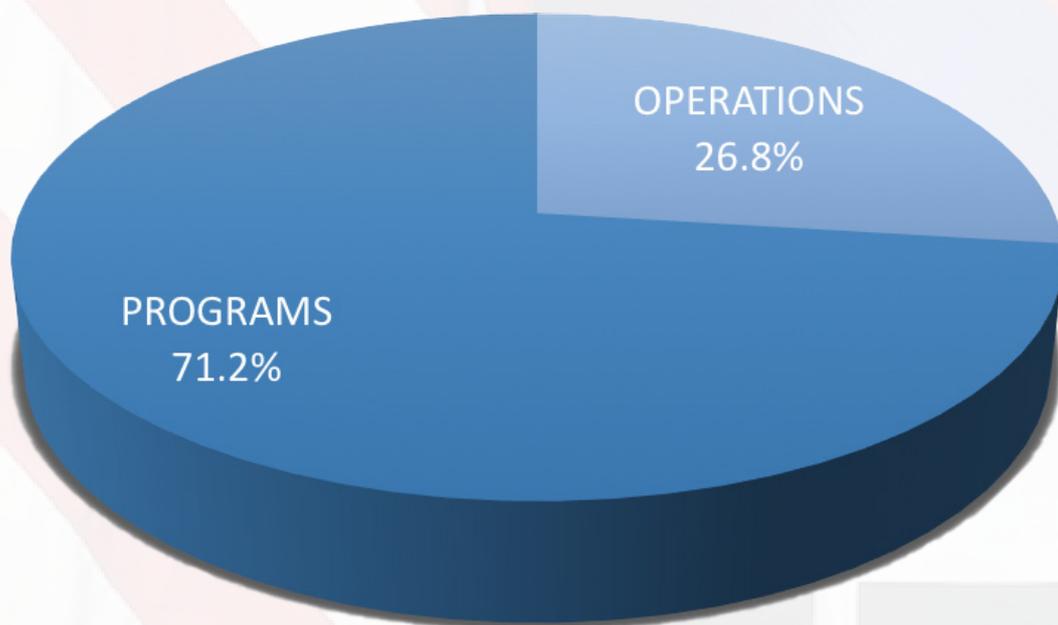
***“Together for the ROK-U.S. Alliance!”***

# KDVA BUDGET

As a good steward of our donors' funds, KDVA devoted 73.2% of its budget in 2020 to programs and 26.8% to running the operations of KDVA to support programs and fulfilling our mission. These figures are improvements of KDVA's budget in 2019, which used 71.2% for programs and 28.8% for operations.

KDVA has a strong relationship with the Korea-U.S. Alliance Foundation (KUSAF) which raises funds in the Republic of Korea for KDVA.

There is no membership fee, which is one less obstacle for people to join.



# KDVA Programs and Activities in 2020

Even with the global COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, KDVA was very active in our activities and messaging to support the ROK-U.S. Alliance and our Veterans. These are KDVA's major programs and activities, with more information and pictures starting on page 12:

## ON-SITE EVENTS.

- KUSAF and KDVA Delegation to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) for KDVA Local Chapter Establishment (February).
- KDVA leaders invited to meet with ROK Minister of National Defense and ROK Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C. (February).
- KDVA Meet & Greet in DC (February).
- KDVA leaders in events hosted by Hudson Institute and KEI (March and May).
- KDVA-KR Change in Leadership Meeting (April).
- KDVA's COVID-19 Support to Eighth Army in Korea (April).
- 70th Commemoration of Korean War (25 June).
- KUSAF-KDVA 6th Alliance Forum in ROK (July).
- 67th Armistice Day Commemoration (27 July).
- Transition of KDVA Chairman and President (October).
- 2020 KDVA-KUSAF Honors Night in DC (Postponed to 2021 in Seoul).
- Education Conferences for Junior Enlisted / NCOs / Officers in Korea (November).
- Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) and KDVA Conference on ROK-U.S. Alliance (postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19).
- Defense Veterans Revisit Korea Program (on hold due to COVID-19).
- ROK-U.S. Alliance Peace Conference and Former Combined Forces Command Commander and Deputy Commander Forum (December).

## Webinars.

- Webinars with Stimson Center and World Affairs Council (June, September, and October).
- Webinar about CFC Crisis Management (June).
- Webinars about Korean War Veterans (June).
- Webinar about the United Nations Command (July).
- Tribute webinar following the death of General Paik, Sun-yup (July).
- Webinar about CFC's Command Post Exercises (August).
- Webinar about KDVA Internship Program (September).
- Webinar about Korea Defense Veterans (September).
- Webinar with Institute for Security and Development Policy (Swedish think tank) (November).
- Webinar about Combined Forces Command (November).
- Webinar on General Paik's 100th birthday (November).

## Virtual/Digital Library (<https://kdva.vet/digital-library/>).

- 2020-2021 KDVA Internship Program.
- "I Know a Korean War Veteran Campaign."
- KDVA Website and Facebook daily news updates.
- KDVA Monthly "Unsung Heroes" Newsletter.
- KDVA Quarterly "ROK-U.S. Alliance" Journal.
- All KDVA video recordings of webinars and other videos.



## KDVA MISSION:

KDVA's mission is to enhance the Republic of Korea – United States Alliance by advocating for the Alliance and supporting the people who built and serve the Alliance.

## VISION:

KDVA's mission supports its vision to help the ROK – U.S. Alliance provide a peaceful and secure life for Americans and Koreans.

## MOTTO:

*"Together for the ROK-U.S. Alliance"*



# KDVA ACCOMPLISHES ITS MISSION THROUGH THESE PRIORITIES:



Enhance, advocate for, and educate about the ROK-U.S. Alliance which is an essential part of each nation's security and prosperity, through forums, social media, newsletters, research, and events.



Recognize and support service members, government civilians, and their families who have or are serving in the ROK-U.S. Alliance.



Serve its members with professional networking, mentoring, volunteering, and researching opportunities.



Honor and support the veterans who defended South Korea during the Korean War.

# Benefits of KDVA Membership

KDVA MEMBERSHIP IS FREE! ([KDVA.VET/MEMBERS/](https://kdva.vet/members/)). IN 2020, EVEN DURING A HISTORIC GLOBAL PANDEMIC, KDVA WAS ABLE TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP BY 21%!



We appreciate that people value these benefits for Association membership:

- Being part of a growing, premier professional organization that supports the ROK-U.S. Alliance that our members helped build and continue to serve!
- Networking and having access to experts and experiences found nowhere else.
- Connecting with those who served with members in Korea.
- Participating in forums, webinars, and events.
- Volunteering opportunities in leadership positions, as interns, and in community service.
- Getting their thoughts published in our quarterly Journal.



**KDVA'S MEMBERSHIP IS IN THREE CATEGORIES.**

## REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

- Former and current U.S. military & DOD personnel of U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) or Combined Forces Command (CFC).
- Retired ROK military personnel who served in CFC, MND, JCS, and/or Service HQs for at least three continuous months.
- Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) Veterans.
- U.S. military & DOD personnel who meet the requirements for the Korea Defense Service Medal (KDSM).
  - 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days serving in Korea.
  - KDSM requirements are in the updated (as of 5 March 2019) AR 600-2-88, Military Awards in paragraph 2-22 (see [excerpt](#)).
- Former and current ROK government civilians of CFC and USFK, if ROK law or regulations do not prohibit.



## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

- Adult supporters of the ROK-U.S. Alliance.
- College students who are interested in the U.S.-ROK Alliance.



## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- ROK & U.S. distinguished personnel who are dedicated to enhancing ROK-U.S. Alliance.
- Former and current U.S. and ROK government interagency personnel who directly worked or work on ROK-U.S. Alliance topics.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sometimes, we forget how remarkable it is that people are so dedicated to a cause and an organization that they are willing to devote so much of their time and energy. In the KDVA Board of Directors, that is what we are so thankful to have. Each member of our Board has helped build and served the ROK-U.S. Alliance for decades – yes, decades!

Their personal involvement and advocacy provide the vision and support that the Association needs each day to fulfill its mission.



**Gen. (Ret.) Vincent K. Brooks**  
CHAIRMAN



**Gen. (Ret.) Curtis M. Scaparrotti**  
U.S. VICE CHAIRMAN



**Gen. (Ret.) Leem, Ho-Young**  
ROK VICE CHAIRMAN



**Gen. (Ret.) Jung, Seung Jo**  
37TH CHAIRMAN OF THE ROK  
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF



**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) David Valcourt**  
FORMER COMMANDING  
GENERAL, EIGHTH ARMY



**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) JD Johnson**  
FORMER COMMANDING  
GENERAL, EIGHTH ARMY



**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Bernard Champoux**  
FORMER COMMANDING  
GENERAL, EIGHTH ARMY



**Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Lee, Seo Young**  
FORMER DEFENSE ATTACHÉ  
TO THE UNITED STATES



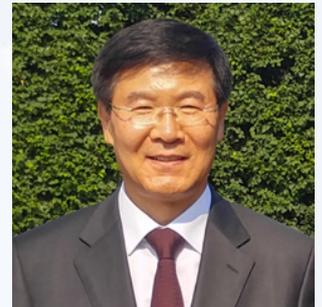
**CSM. (Ret.) Troy Welch**  
FORMER CSM, UNC/CFC/USFK



**CSM. (Ret.) Robert Winzenried**  
FORMER CSM, EIGHTH ARMY



**Col. (Ret.) Rocky Harder**  
KWVA REPRESENTATIVE



**Mr. Kim, Jong-Wook**  
KATUSA VETERANS ASSOC.  
REPRESENTATIVE

# KDVA Headquarters

The KDVA HQ Team is very proud to work for an Association whose sole purpose is to support the ROK-U.S. Alliance and the people who built it and serve it.



**Gen. (Ret.) Vincent K. Brooks**  
PRESIDENT



**Col. (Ret.) Steve Lee**  
SENIOR VP OF OPERATIONS



**Col. (Ret.) Doug Morrision**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Earlene Hollerith**  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

## Meet Ms. Earlene Hollerith, Executive Assistant ...



Earlene joined the KDVA Team in January 2020, and she has taken control of all administrative functions for this fast-growing organization. Due to her demonstrated skills and ability to work several projects and actions simultaneously and her willingness to take on more responsibility, we added roles as the Assistant Editor of the KDVA Journal, Deputy Director of the KDVA Internship Program, and Deputy Director of the KDVA Language Team.

Earlene has excelled in all these roles which have been invaluable for KDVA's increased programs and activities in 2020, including a 22% increase in membership and immense increase in our social media presence – KDVA's website traffic increased by 310% and our Facebook views increased by 90%.

"I have gained so much insight into the ROK-U.S. Alliance and see the lasting impression the Alliance has on people all over the world. It makes me proud to be a Korean-American, contributing in a small way to bringing people together and raising awareness about the close ties that Americans and Koreans share."

Thank you, Earlene, for all the work that you do behind the scenes to keep KDVA running on time and in the right direction!

# KDVA PARTNERS

KDVA's partners help KDVA accomplish our mission to support the ROK-U.S. Alliance and our Veterans.

**KDVA's Partners**

**In 2020, KDVA added:**

- 한미동맹재단 (Korea-US Alliance Foundation)
- Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation
- KATUSA Veterans Association
- Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the USA
- Korean Veterans Association
- KWVA Korea War Veterans Association
- The Heritage Foundation
- The Korea Society
- STIMSON 38 NORTH
- NCOA
- World Affairs Councils of America
- Institute for Security & Development Policy
- KEI Korea Economic Institute of America
- The University of Texas at Austin Clements Center

**In 2021, KDVA will add at least:**

- 아산정책연구원 (The Asian Institute for Policy Studies)
- NBR The National Bureau of Asian Research

# KUSAF & KDVA DONORS

KDVA is very thankful for all our major donors. Their passion and commitment to the Alliance are great examples for Americans and Koreans who care about the Alliance and our Veterans.

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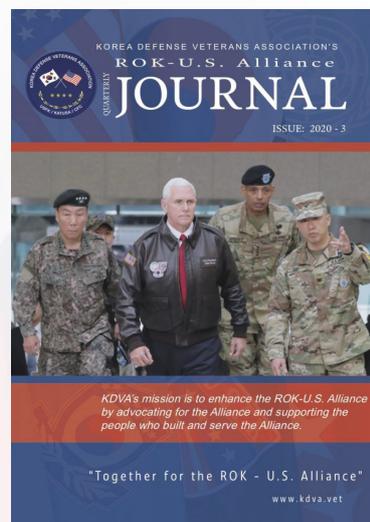
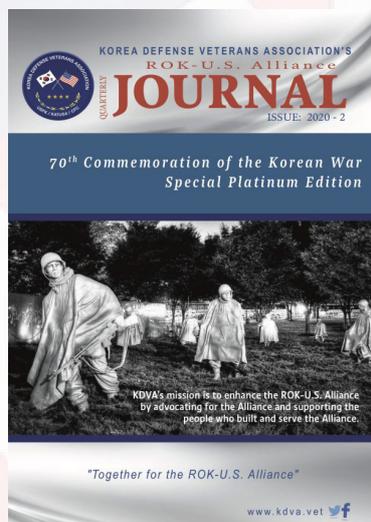
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- SM그룹, KICPA, PONGSAN 증산, SK 네트워크, ACE, CJ, FILA
- 국동방송, Shinheng Global, ROK-US Alliance Promoters Association, LIG Nex1, UNID, YOUNGSAN, 대한민국재향군인회
- 군인공제회, TORAY, iSystem, 3M, CLECELL, navcours, SAMJINLND, 주식회사 올림
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# THIS IS KDVA'S 2020 STORY IN PICTURES AND WORDS ...

## KDVA's Quarterly "ROK-U.S. Alliance" Journal

Each quarterly Journal contains stories about Korean War and Korea Defense Veterans, security and strategy, Korean and American culture, serving in Korea, and the ROK-U.S. Alliance. In 2021, KDVA will publish the Journal in Korean as well. Although digital for now, KDVA will seek sponsors to publish hard copies in the United States and South Korea.

Check out all our Journals in the KDVA Digital Library: [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](http://Korea Defense Veterans Association (kdva.vet))



## Our People

2020 marked the 70th year since the start of the Korean War on June 25, 1950. KDVA started the "I Know a Korean War Veteran" Campaign to collect stories of these selfless and unsung heroes. Here is one of the unforgettable and touching stories ...

Read Story, Click [Here](#).

Read the other stories in the KDVA "ROK-U.S. Alliance" Journals: Publications – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](http://Korea Defense Veterans Association (kdva.vet))



### ROBERT EXTROM'S LETTER TO HIS PARENTS, SEPTEMBER 28, 1950

Submitted by Janice Extrom Sheridan

Dear Mom and Dad,

Received your letter of the 16th yesterday. We are now 3/4 of Seoul secured. Our Regiment/1st Marine had the privilege and hard task of going through the heart of the city and it was hard with resistance heavy. Our casualties were not too bad though. Yesterday and last night our Battalion was given a rest, much needed. As ROK forces came into Seoul to relieve us for a spell.

Sept. 25th almost spelled doom for this company I'm with. We made a big push the 24th and our flank companies were pinned down by the enemy. Only our H Company could advance. We lost communication with everyone and got lost behind enemy lines and Emplacements. For 16 hours straight we were seeing heavy fire from every side.

Believe me we prayed a lot and someone else must have been praying hard too. For with God's will did we finally gain communication and fought our way out of the trap back to our lines. But it's over with now and yesterday's rest we're ready to take the rest of the city. It's much harder in a city than out in the hills and mountains.

We receive very little, if any, news at all pertaining to the armies down south. But we do believe it won't be long before this is over. I believe I've lost close to 25 lbs so far. But some good meals (not rations) and some sleep would

put that back on. Hope you write often. You don't know how good it is to receive mail over here especially after the past two weeks. I wish I had time to write to everyone individually but that's impossible.

Hope you write though. The days are warm and the nights very cold. Sure hope we don't have to fight during the winter months. In another week or so we should be taken off the line and return to a rest camp known as de lousing camp. It sure will be good and get new clothes. If you'd like to send a box, I could use some heavy socks and a muffler. You could add some goodies.

Thinking of you mother and dad and everyone. God bless you all.

All my love, Bob

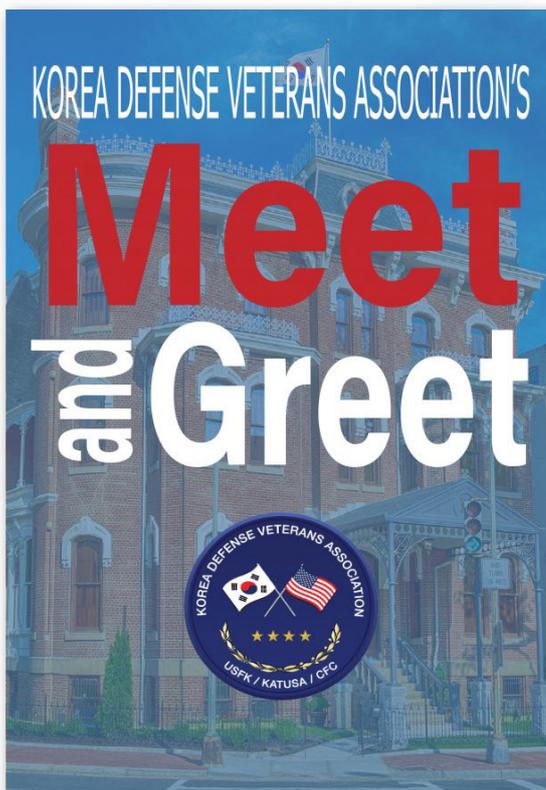


# KDVA'S MEET & GREET AT THE OLD LEGATION HOUSE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Over 70 KDVA members, U.S. and ROK government officials, think tank scholars, Veterans, and friends of the Alliance gathered for KDVA's first event of the New Year at the Old Korean Legation House in Washington, D.C. on February 28, 2020. KDVA's Meet & Greet events have been held quarterly in the Washington, D.C. area. U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Ambassador Harry Harris, made time during his visit to Washington to say a few words about the importance of KDVA in supporting the great ROK-U.S. Alliance.

In 2021, KDVA will expand these social and professional networking events to Seattle, New York City, Austin, and other locations where we are looking to establish local KDVA Chapters.

Check out more pictures on the KDVA website:  
[KDVA Meet & Greet at Old Korean Legation Building](#)  
(Washington, D.C.) – Korea Defense Veterans Association



**Friday, February 28, 2020**  
**Old Korean Legation Building**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**RSVP by February 21**  
**[www.kdva.vet](http://www.kdva.vet)**





**OLD KOREAN LEGATION  
IN WASHINGTON D.C.  
주미대한제국공사관**



If you have never visited the Old Korean Legation House, you are in for an amazing experience – and it's free!

The first and second floors were restored based on historical research, true to the original form of the late nineteenth century when the Korean Legation was in operation, and the third floor was refurbished into an exhibition space intended to inform visitors on the history of Korea-U.S. relations and the Old Korean Legation building.

Online reservations are required for a guided tour of the legation building, and the admission fee is free of charge.

Plan a visit starting at their website: [Old Korean Legation – Cradle of the Korea-U.S. Friendship](#)



# KDVA PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HUDSON INSTITUTE

On March 4, 2020, KDVA participated in and partnered with the Hudson Institute for a seminar, "Crash Landing into Freedom: The Stories of Former North Korean Soldiers." KDVA's Senior Vice President, Colonel (Ret.) Steve Lee discussed his experiences as the Secretary of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission when a North Korean defector ran across the Joint Security Area while being shot by North Korean soldiers in November 2017.

## Panelists were:

- **Dr. Patrick M. Cronin**, Asia-Pacific Security Chair, Hudson Institute (Moderator).
- **Colonel Steve Lee, U.S. Army (Ret.)**, Senior Vice President of Operations, Korea Defense Veterans Association.
- **Oh, Cheong Seong** is a former driver in the North Korean Panmunjom Military Police Unit. Mr. Oh defected from North Korea on November 13, 2017 via the DMZ by driving a military truck right up to the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) and running on foot towards the South Korean side, while getting shot at by his fellow North Korean soldiers. Surveillance footage of Oh's daring escape for freedom and news of his injuries and his recovery caught the attention of the world. Though gravely wounded with five bullets in his body, Oh survived the ordeal and made a full recovery.
- **Lee, Unggil** is a former member of the North Korean People's Army 11th Corps Special Forces and the North Korean People's Liberation Front. Mr. Lee was a former soldier in North Korea's 11th Corps Special Forces who escaped while completing university studies. He explained the plight of North Korean soldiers and the motivations for those seeking freedom.

## See the video in the KDVA Digital Library:

[Webinar Videos – Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](https://kdva.vet)



# KDVA SUPPORTS EIGHTH ARMY IN KOREA

KDVA Korea Chapter President, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Lee, Seo Young, visited Eighth Army (8A) at U.S. Army Garrison-Humphreys on April 20, 2020 to deliver food and beverages to support 8A's COVID-19 response.

Under General Lee's leadership in 2020, KDVA's Korea Chapter has significantly increased the people-to-people connections with 8A and U.S. Forces Korea (USFK). General Lee also grew the chapter's leadership to better coordinate and advocate for KDVA activities with the ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command and USFK.



## Meet the KDVA Korea Chapter President, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Lee, Seo Young ...

When you attend one of our great Korea Chapter events, General Lee will be one of the easiest people to spot because he will be one of the tallest people there! He will have a big smile on his face, and he will be speaking – fluently – in both Korean and English about U.S. Service Members, the Korea Chapter's events, your experiences in Korea and the United States, and his lifelong love and passion for the ROK-U.S. Alliance.

### Check out his bio at:

Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Lee, Seo Young – Korea Defense Veterans Association ([kdva.vet](http://kdva.vet))

# KDVA'S FIRST WEBINAR

On June 2, 2020, KDVA started our webinar series and for the first session, the topic was “Combined Forces Command Leadership During Crisis” with the former Commander of CFC, General Walter Sharp, and former CFC Deputy Commander, General Jung, Seung Jo.

This was a rare look behind the curtains of CFC’s command and staff coordination, crisis management, and crisis decision-making. KDVA received countless feedback on the importance of this insight as a primer for deeper understanding in how CFC and the ROK-U.S. Alliance may view and react to the North Korean threat.

See this webinar in the KDVA Digital Library:

Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](http://kdva.vet)



The graphic features the KDVA logo on the left, which includes the text "KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION" and "USFK / KATUSA / CFC" around a circular emblem with the South Korean and American flags. To the right, the text reads "KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION" in blue, followed by "ROK-U.S. Leadership During Crisis Webinar Series" in a larger blue font. Below this is the topic: "Topic: 'Combined Forces Command Leadership During Crisis'" in italics. The date and time are listed as "Tuesday, June 2, 2020" and "8:30 a.m. EDT | 9:30 p.m. KST", with "Livestream via Zoom" underneath. A large, 3D-style word "CRISIS" is shown with a blue ribbon running through it. At the bottom left, it says "Register at [www.kdva.vet/upcomingevents](http://www.kdva.vet/upcomingevents)" and "The webinar is free, but you must register in-advance." On the bottom right, there are two circular headshots of the speakers: Gen. (Ret.) Walter Sharp and Gen. (Ret.) Jung, Seung Jo.

KDVA really appreciated the positive feedback for our first webinar. People said that they liked General Jung and General Sharp’s insights that they had not heard before and how they complemented each other’s points. People liked the professional process of the invitations and the appearance, flow, pace, and content of the discussions.

They also appreciated the chance to connect in our waiting room before the event and interact with our speakers during the questions and answers session. In fact, they wanted more time to ask questions!



## Meet Amy Fisher, the KDVA Webpage and Social Media Manager ...

We thank Ms. Amy Fisher of Fisher Events for her excellent graphics, website and social media work for KDVA. We are very thankful for her love for Korean Veterans!

Check out her website at:  
[Fisher Events - Event Marketing and Management](http://Fisher Events - Event Marketing and Management)

# KDVA BEGINS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STIMSON CENTER AND THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

On June 15, 2020, KDVA was very proud to partner with the Stimson Center and the World Affairs Council to bring a webinar series that addressed “why Americans should care about Korea and the ROK-U.S. Alliance.” The Stimson Center, World Affairs Council, and KDVA originally intended to conduct these at World Affairs Council locations around the United States. But due to the global pandemic, we adjusted to webinars.

Once safe to do so, we will conduct these as on-site events around the United States in 2021.

The video is on the KDVA Digital Library:  
Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association](#)

During the webinar, Colonel (Ret.) Steve Lee, KDVA's Senior Vice President, used this graphic to show how the alliance with America has supported South Korea's development into a world leader, while an isolated North Korea continues to fail.

**DCOWA**  
DAYTON COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

WELCOMES THE STIMSON CENTER, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH 38NORTH, THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NATIONAL SECURITY LEADERS & KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION, IN PRESENTING:

## THE US-SOUTH KOREA ALLIANCE AMIDST UNCERTAINTY

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 6:00PM ONLINE

Register on Zoom Here:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/WH\\_vntaFvUjRkayE37kAuboAG](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom/register/WH_vntaFvUjRkayE37kAuboAG)

**STIMSON**  
**38 NORTH**

Maj. General (Ret) Rick Martin (American College of National Security Leaders)

Col. (Ret) Steve Lee (Korea Defense Veterans Association)

Jenny Town (Deputy Dir. Of Stimson's 38 North Program)

Clint Work, Moderator (Stimson Center Fellow)

CATEGORY	NORTH KOREA	SOUTH KOREA
Population	25.6 Mil	51.8 Mil (50% in Seoul area)
Life Expectancy	71.6 years	82.6 years (11 years longer)
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$40 Bil (118 <sup>th</sup> in world)	\$2 Tril (14 <sup>th</sup> in world) (50 times > NK)
Vehicle Production	3,000	3.95 Mil (7 <sup>th</sup> in world) (1,317 times > NK)
Shipbuilding	No ranking	1 <sup>st</sup> in world
Smartphone Production	No ranking	Samsung is #1 in world
Imports	\$2.3 Billion (2018) 160 <sup>th</sup> in world	\$457.5 Billion (9 <sup>th</sup> in world) (199 times > NK)
Exports	\$222 Million (188 <sup>th</sup> in world)	\$577.4 Billion (5 <sup>th</sup> in world) (2,600 times > NK)
Smartphone Use	14% (134 <sup>th</sup> in world)	95% (3 <sup>rd</sup> in world)
Internet Speed	No ranking	1 <sup>st</sup> in world
Patent Applications	No ranking	4 <sup>th</sup> in world per GDP
Tertiary Education	No ranking	1 <sup>st</sup> in world
Inbound Tourists	< 100,000	15.3 Million (Seoul - 10 <sup>th</sup> most visited city in world)

# KDVA HONORS KOREAN WAR VETERANS



## KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION'S 70<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Korean War 2-Part Webinar Series



## Webinar Part 1 - Honoring Those Who Served: 70 Years of the Irreplaceable ROK-U.S. Alliance

**REGISTER**  
[www.kdva.vet](http://www.kdva.vet)

**Thursday, June 25, 2020**  
8:30 a.m. EDT | 9:30 p.m. KST  
*Livestream via Zoom*

On June 25, 2020, KDVA hosted Part 1 of KDVA's 2-part webinar series for the 70th commemoration of the Korean War to honor those who served during the Korean War.

They thanked KDVA and our donors for providing them this opportunity to share their love and respect for the Korean people. The stories of Veterans and a Veteran's daughter were truly inspirational.



Ms. Sharon Extrom, is the daughter of Robert (Bob) Extrom, Korean War Veteran:

After moving back home to be the caretaker of her parents, Ms. Extrom happened to come across a box of medals and memorabilia from her dad's time in the military. She brought them out and put them out for display. When her father was getting older and one day needed help from paramedics, she was surprised by the look of awe on their faces as they saw all the awards and war medals. They thanked him for his service as they were taking care of him.

She was so proud and realized for the first time how special her father and his service were. This was something that she had not thought much about. Her newfound realization led her to seek out other ways to have him understand something that he kept mostly to himself. So, she started to have him participate in veterans parades and other community activities.

Check out the webinar in the KDVA Digital Library: Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](http://Korea Defense Veterans Association (kdva.vet))



**Moderator**  
**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Bernard Champoux**  
Former Commanding General, Eighth Army



**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Phil Shutler**  
Korean War Veteran



**Ms. Sharon Extrom**  
Daughter of Robert Extrom,  
Korean War Veteran



**Mr. Sal Scariato**  
Korean War Veteran

# KDVA AND KUSAF WEBINAR ON THE ENDURING NATURE OF “ALLIANCE FOR THE AGES”



KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION'S  
70<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Korean War 2-Part Webinar Series

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

**Webinar Part 2 - Fulfilling Our Veterans' Legacy:  
Enduring Nature of “Alliance for the Ages”**

**REGISTER**  
[www.kdva.vet](http://www.kdva.vet)

**Friday, June 26, 2020**  
8:30 a.m. EDT | 9:30 p.m. KST  
*Livestream via Zoom*

On June 26, 2020, KDVA hosted Part 2 of KDVA's 2-part webinar series for the 70th commemoration of the Korean War which addressed fulfilling our Veterans' legacy.

## TOPICS

- Look back on those who served and sacrificed during the war; include perspective of families through the decades
- Discuss why they think their service was worth fighting the war
- Look now at recognizing and honoring service members and their families

Check out the webinar in the KDVA Digital Library:

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**Moderator**  
**Gen. (Ret.) Walter Sharp**  
Former Commander USFK,  
UNC, & CFC from 2008 to  
2011



**Gen. (Ret.) John Tilelli**  
Former Commander USFK,  
UNC, & CFC from 1996 to  
1999



**Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Shin,  
Kyoung Soo**  
Former ROK Defense Attaché  
to the United States from  
2014 to 2016



**Dr. Bruce Bennett**  
Adjunct International /  
Defense Researcher at the  
RAND Corporation



# KDVA AND KUSAF PAID TRIBUTE TO THE GREATEST LEADER AND MENTOR OF THE ROK-U.S. ALLIANCE

On July 17, 2020 in memory of Gen. and Amb. Paik, Sun-yup, KDVA and KUSAF hosted a webinar to pay tribute to the greatest leader and mentor of the ROK-U.S. Alliance. Gen. Paik passed away on July 10, 2020 at the age of 99.

Even with short notice, several prominent ROK and U.S. leaders did not want to miss this opportunity to provide their tributes and personal stories about General Paik.

**Gen. (Ret.) Walter Sharp (Moderator)**  
Former Commander, UNC/CFC/USFK

**Amb. Kathleen Stephens**  
Former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

**Amb. Ahn, Ho-young**  
Former ROK Ambassador to the United States

**Mr. Marc Knapper**  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

**Gen. (Ret.) Jung, Seung Jo**  
Former Chairman, ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff

**Gen. (Ret.) Curtis Scaparrotti**  
Former Commander, UNC/CFC/USFK

**Gen. (Ret.) Vincent Brooks**  
Former Commander, UNC/CFC/USFK

**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) David Valcourt**  
Former Commander, U.S. Eighth Army

**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Chun, Inbum**  
Former Commander, ROK Special Warfare Command

**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Bernard Champoux**  
Former Commander, U.S. Eighth Army

**Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Lee, Seo Young**  
Former ROK Defense Attaché to the United States

**Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Robert Winzenried**  
Former Command Sergeant Major, UNC/CFC/USFK

The webinar is on the KDVA Digital Library: Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.net\)](http://kdva.net)

We realize that some people may not always have an hour to watch a webinar in its entirety, so we have broken them down into short segments that are also available at the website above. You can choose each speaker for their 3-5 minute tributes.



# KDVA WEBINAR ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

On July 27, 2020, KDVA hosted the United Nations Command webinar. This webinar highlighted KDVA's unique capability to bring unequalled expertise and experiences about a topic like the United Nations Command. The webinar focused on the United Nations Command and the signing of the Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953 that halted open warfare on the Korean Peninsula.

The United Nations Command is the oldest military command in Korea, but it is also the least understood. In this webinar, we raised awareness of UNC's mission, its relationship with the Combined Forces Command and the Republic of Korea, and its vital role in maintaining stability in the Korean Peninsula and the region.

Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](http://kdva.vet)

**KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
**KDVA Webinar: United Nations Command**  
*Significant role of the UNC in maintaining stability on the Korean Peninsula*

**Moderator**  
**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) JD Johnson**  
*Former Commander  
Eighth Army*

**Gen. (Ret.) Curtis Scaparrotti**  
*Former Commander  
United Nations Command*

**Gen. (Ret.) Vincent Brooks**  
*Former Commander  
United Nations Command*

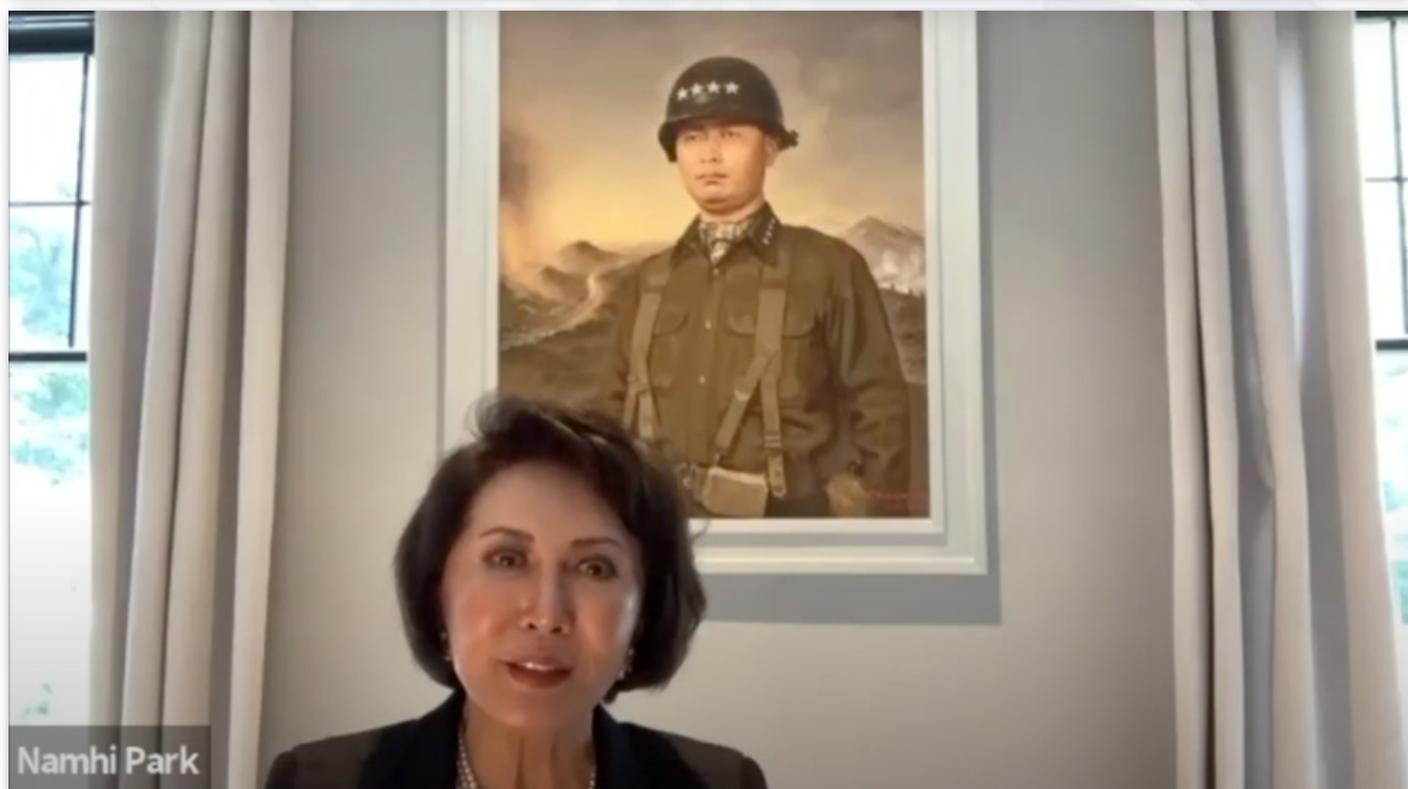
**REGISTER**  
[www.kdva.vet](http://www.kdva.vet)

**Monday, July 27, 2020**  
8:30 a.m. EDT | 9:30 p.m. KST  
*Livestream via Zoom*

# KDVA WEBINAR OF TRIBUTE TO GENERAL PAIK BY HIS DAUGHTER

On July 30, 2020, Ms. Namhi Park, daughter of General Paik Sun-yup, shared her heartfelt tribute about her father with the Korea Defense Veterans Association.

Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](http://kdva.vet)



# KDVA WEBINAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF COMBINED EXERCISES IN KOREA

On August 13, 2020, KDVA hosted a webinar on the “Importance of Combined Forces Command’s Command Post Exercises (CPXs).” These are computer-driven exercises based on different scenarios that the Combined Forces Command (CFC) could face and would need to train for. They train the commanders and staffs of CFC, U.S. Forces Korea, ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff, United Nations Command, and subordinate units. These exercises are essential to ensure readiness and deterrence against North Korea.

This webinar highlighted another subject expertise level that only KDVA has with senior leader and insider perspectives. Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](https://kdva.vet)

**KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
**Webinar: The Importance of Combined Forces Command's Command Post Exercises (CPXs)**  
Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. EDT / 9:30-10:15 p.m. KST

**REGISTER**  
[www.kdva.vet](https://www.kdva.vet)

*Moderator*  
**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Bernard Champoux**  
*Former Commander Eighth Army*

*Featured Speaker*  
**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) David Valcourt**  
*Former Commander Eighth Army & Former Senior Mentor for CPXs*

## Meet Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Bernie Champoux, son of a World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veteran ...

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Bernard Champoux commanded Eighth Army in Korea from 2013 to 2016. He is now the Senior Executive Vice President of Hanwha Defense International, the biggest South Korean defense contractor, and they are located in the Washington, DC area. We are especially thankful to Hanwha for its long-term sponsorship and contributions to KDVA.

General Champoux also volunteers as a KDVA Board member. But he is most proud of being the son of a World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veteran. When you consider the decades that his family and he have supported the ROK-U.S. Alliance, it is no stretch to say that few people are as dedicated to the shared partnership between South Korea and the United States. We are very thankful for General Champoux and his family.

Find out more about General Champoux at:

Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Bernard Champoux – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](https://kdva.vet)

# KDVA'S PARTNER, KOREA VETERANS ASSOCIATION, DONATED 5,000 KF94 MASKS TO AMERICAN VETERANS

In August 2020, the Korea Veterans Association (KVA) and its local chapter in the Washington, DC area donated 5,000 KF94 masks and asked KDVA to distribute them to local Veterans organizations to help fight against COVID-19. KVA is the largest Veterans organization in South Korea with several million members and local chapters around the United States.



# KDVA'S PARTNER, KOREA VETERANS ASSOCIATION, DONATED 5,000 KF94 MASKS TO AMERICAN VETERANS

KDVA was honored to provide KF94 face masks donated by our partner organization, the Korean Veterans Association (KVA), to the residents and staff of Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH also known as the "Soldiers' Home") in Washington, DC. (September 2020)



KDVA provided KF94 face masks to the residents and staff of Falcons Landing in Sterling, Virginia. Falcons Landing is a community for retired military (all services) officers, the honorably discharged, and senior-level federal employees, to include spouses and surviving spouses. (September 2020)



# KDVA'S PARTNER, KOREA VETERANS ASSOCIATION, DONATED 5,000 KF94 MASKS TO AMERICAN VETERANS

KDVA provided KF94 face masks to the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. (September 2020)



KDVA provided KF94 face masks to the residents and staff of The Fairfax at Belvoir Woods in Fort Belvoir, VA.



# KDVA'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STIMSON CENTER AND WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

On September 8, 2020, KDVA was proud to continue our partnership with the Stimson Center, its 38North Program, and the World Affairs Council to continue the webinar series that addressed "why Americans should care about Korea and the ROK-U.S. Alliance."

Dr. Clint Work, the main coordinator of the program at the Stimson Center, served as the moderator for these webinars. In his opening remarks, he highlighted a local area's connection to Korea and the need to support the Alliance. These are his remarks for the Indiana and Kentucky audiences:

... it is often difficult for Americans to see why they should care about Korea and the ROK-U.S. Alliance. I might, then, in the spirit of our "local" virtual event run in partnership with the World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana, point to a few salient connections between this part of the country and South Korea.

First and foremost, are those who served in the Korean War. 921 Indianans (or Hoosiers) and 886 Kentuckians lost their lives during the three-year conflict. Add to this literally tens of thousands of service members from Indiana and Kentucky who either served during the war or have been stationed in South Korea over the seven decades since.

Today, Indiana and Kentucky together send roughly \$2 billion in exports to South Korea, exports which account for roughly 10,000 jobs. For those of you in Louisville, Kentucky there is a \$19 million steel plant that opened in Sep. 2017 by South Korea's POSCO Steel, the world's fifth largest steel manufacturer. Moreover, about 20,000 Korean-Americans call one of the two states home. The point is that while Korea may seem far from southern Indiana and Kentucky, there are quite a few ties that bind.

Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](https://kdva.vet)



**Gen. (Ret.) Curtis M. Scaparrotti**

Former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and Commander, US European Command (2016-2019) and Commander, US Forces Korea (2013-2016)



**Dr. Clint Work (Moderator)**

Fellow for the Security for a New Century and 38 North Programs @ Stimson Center

# WEBINAR ABOUT THE KDVA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND ROUNDTABLE WITH KDVA CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

**KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
**KDVA INTERNSHIP WEBINAR**  
Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. EDT | 9:30 p.m. KST

**2019 - 2020 Interns**

**FEATURED SPEAKER**  
**Gen. (Ret.) Walter Sharp**  
Chairman & President  
KDVA

**HONG, Sukgi**  
Seoul, South Korea & Sydney, Australia

**SCHOLTEN, Stacey**  
Seoul, South Korea

**LEE, Mariam**  
Washington, DC & State College, PA

**HUYNH, Julie**  
Middleburg, Vermont

**RUIZ, Nicole**  
Lubbock, Texas

Register: [www.kdva.vet](http://www.kdva.vet)

On September 10, 2020, KDVA held a webinar about the KDVA Internship Program (KIP) to give our members and supporters insights into the program and to answer questions from anyone interested in applying for the next internship group which would start on October 1, 2020.

The event also allowed KDVA interns to engage with and discuss Alliance topics with General (Ret.) Walter Sharp, KDVA Chairman and President.

Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](http://Korea Defense Veterans Association (kdva.vet))



## Meet Sukgi “KG” Hong, KDVA Intern,

then KDVA Research Associate and KDVA Senior Language Expert

KG did such a great job as a KDVA intern that we found not one, but two positions, for him in the Association. We started the KDVA Research Associate Program so that KG could continue working on Alliance and Veterans research topics.

Also, as a professional Korean and English linguist, KG was one of the founding members of the KDVA Language Team. He just completed his Master of Translation and Interpreting Studies with a degree of Master of International Relations at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia.

Thanks, KG, for volunteering your time and effort for KDVA – including translating this annual report! Check out his LinkedIn profile at [linkedin.com/in/hsg8017](https://www.linkedin.com/in/hsg8017).

# KDVA'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (NCOA) TO START WEBINAR SERIES ABOUT KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS

On September 17, 2020, KDVA partnered with the U.S. Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) to present a webinar series about the vital contributions of our Korean Defense Veterans who took up the mantle of defending South Korea and serving the ROK-U.S. Alliance from our Korean War Veterans.

In this webinar, Korea Defense Veterans from all walks of life in Korea shared their experiences and expressed their collective praise for life in Korea and how Korea really is an "assignment of choice" for the U.S. military.

From an article about the webinar in the KDVA Journal written by one of the KDVA interns:

*For every one of these men and women, Korea was an assignment of choice – they would choose to go to Korea and encourage others to do the same. Lt. Ruhe said living in Seoul in an apartment was like living the dream, and she is glad she experienced the city life in South Korea's capital as well as the country life in Pyeongtaek at Camp Humphreys. "Korea was the gamechanger for my entire career," she said. "I would do it again." She plans to visit Korea again sometime in the future with her husband and newborn son to see even more since there is an "unlimited amount of opportunity to go explore, to venture, to go do and see whatever you want."*

*Currently residing in Camp Humphreys with her husband, son, and daughter, Ms. Allmond said that "it has been a blessing" to have been able to live in Korea and to build "partnerships [that] are amazing" and start her own pastorship with her husband.*

Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](https://kdva.vet)  
[KDVA ROK-U.S. Alliance Journal Issue: 2020-4 – Korea Defense Veterans Association](#)



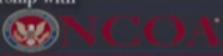
**KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

## Webinar Series: Korean Defense Veterans

Featuring Korean Defense Veterans and their families who served in Korea since the signing of the Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953.

				
CSM (Ret.) Troy Welch Former Command Sergeant Major of UNC/CFC/USFK	Mr. Kim, Jong-Wook Chairman Emeritus, KATUSA Veterans Assoc.	Ms. Phyllissia Allmond Army spouse and education professional	SGM (Ret.) Joe Terry Executive Director, NCOA	Lt. Anna Ruhe U.S. Air Force Intelligence Officer

Thursday, September 17, 2020  
8:30 a.m. EDT | 9:30 p.m. KST | Register at: [www.kdva.vet](http://www.kdva.vet)

Partnership with 

# MEET MR. KIM, JONG WOOK & SGM (RET.) JOE TERRY



## **Mr. Kim, Jong Wook,**

Chairman Emeritus of the KATUSA Veterans Association ...

Mr. Kim, Jong-Wook is also the CEO of Swissport Korea. From 1977 to 1979, Mr. Kim started his professional career as a Korean Augmentee to the U.S. Army or KATUSA, a program like none other in the world that was started by General MacArthur. That gave him the opportunity to learn more about the Americans and U.S. forces in Korea. That also started a lifelong passion and commitment to the ROK-U.S. Alliance, and Mr. Kim has done great work throughout his career as the CEO of four companies and organizations and as an advisor or Board member for three organizations, to include KDVA.

We are very thankful for his senior leadership at KDVA as a Board member.

His bio is at [Mr. Kim, Jong-Wook – Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](#).

## **SGM (Ret.) Joe Terry,**

Executive Director of the Non Commissioned Officers Association ...

Joe is a great friend ... and there are many people who will tell you that about Joe, because he is a humble man of great integrity and selfless service. He also has a love for and deep commitment to Korea. Joe served in Korea for the final 9 years of his Army career, and then 12 more years as a consultant in Korea. He is married with one daughter, and they are in San Antonio, Texas. KDVA is very thankful to Joe for helping to get the partnership between NCOA and KDVA off to a great start!

NCOA Website: ([www.ncoa.org](http://www.ncoa.org))



# KDVA KOREA CHAPTER AND THE KOREA MILITARY ACADEMY

On September 18, 2020, the KDVA Korea Chapter partnered with the Korea Military Academy (KMA) to unveil a memorial plaque of the U.S. Military Academy (USMA) Class of 1948 who fought in the Korean War. In the West Point Class of 1948, there were 301 officers and 103 of them participated in the Korean War, with 17 officers killed in action.

In full honor of this special occasion, the Korea Military Academy conducted a Corps of Cadets Review Ceremony and Parade before the Unveiling Ceremony. KMA has memorial plaques for the USMA Classes of 1950, 1949, and 1948. By 2023, KMA plans on unveiling memorials to the USMA Classes of 1945, 1946, 1947, and 1951. KDVA is honored to support KMA and USMA in this memorial project.



# KDVA'S PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES WITH THE STIMSON CENTER AND WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

On September 30, 2020, the Stimson Center, World Affairs Council, and KDVA resumed our webinar series that addressed “why Americans should care about Korea and the ROK-U.S. Alliance.”

Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](#)

**The Korean Peninsula and the U.S.**  
**Commitment to the Region**

**Meet our Speakers**

  
**(Ret.) Walter Sharp**, former Commander, US Forces Korea (2008–2011) and former President of the Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA)

  
**Jenny Town**, Stimson Fellow & Deputy Director of Stimson's 38 North

  
**Clint Work**, Moderator Stimson Fellow & Security for a New Century & 38 North.

**STIMSON** World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh  **38 NORTH**

## NEW KDVA CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL MESSAGE



**Gen. (Ret.) Vincent K. Brooks**  
CHAIRMAN

On October 1, 2020, General (Ret.) Vincent Brooks became the KDVA Chairman and President. In his inaugural message, General Brooks thanked his predecessor, General (Ret.) Walter “Skip” Sharp, for leading KDVA to where it is today as an Association that works hard to make the Alliance better. He asked members and supporters to work together to educate and advocate for the Alliance that “reflects the commitment of our veterans over many generations.”

General Brooks also sent letters to KDVA's major donors thanking them and emphasizing that “your continued support will ensure that KDVA's programs, events, communications, and activities all go toward enhancing and advocating for one of the most important alliances in the world. KDVA, together with KUSAF, will continue to work for the strong ROK-U.S. Alliance with your valuable donation.” He also encouraged them to provide him feedback.

Read General Brooks' Inauguration Message:

[General Brooks' Inaugural Message – Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.vet\)](#)

# KDVA'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (KIP) CLASS OF 2020-2021

In our second year of the KDVA Internship Program, we welcomed seven college students in South Korea and the United States with a diverse background who care about KDVA's mission and our members. They were selected to learn about the ROK-U.S. Alliance and its diverse topics, gain invaluable professional experience, develop skills, make professional contacts, and make contributions to the ROK-U.S. Alliance.

KIP offers internships as Research Interns and Event Management/Support Interns. They work on many projects throughout their one year internship.

- Research Alliance topics.
- Write Alliance articles for the KDVA journal, webpage, newsletter, Facebook, Twitter.
- Collaborate with academic institutions and young professional organizations to research joint projects.
- Support events in Seoul and DC.
- Support social media efforts.
- Each intern has a 6-month and 12-month projects. Several will work on the KDVA Korea 101 and Alliance 101 projects.
- Other projects include partnerships with veterans clubs on campuses and opening KDVA Campus Clubs.

More info about KIP is on the KDVA website: Internships – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.net\)](http://kdva.net)



**Celine Mahne**  
Graduate of George  
Washington University  
*Washington, DC*



**Hwang, Se Young**  
Korea University  
*Seoul, South Korea*



**Sarah (Bo Young)  
Jeong**  
George Washington  
University  
*Washington, DC*



**Yumah Cho**  
University of Utah  
*Seoul, South Korea*



**Ellis Prescott**  
Catholic University of  
America  
*Washington, DC*



**Suji Hong**  
Kyung Hee University  
*Seoul, South Korea*



**Kyungdon Kim**  
Chungnam National  
University  
*Seoul, South Korea*

# KDVA'S PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES WITH THE STIMSON CENTER ... ADDS THE CLEMENTS CENTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

On October 6, 2020, KDVA's partnership with the Stimson Center expanded to include the Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas at Austin. This webinar provided informed commentary and engaged audience members on the importance of the U.S. relationship with the Korean Peninsula and the region as a whole. From a decades-old military alliance to deep economic ties and a large and vibrant Korean-American community, the linkages between the United States and Korea remain as important as ever.

Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.net\)](https://kdva.net)



**Gen. (Ret.) Vincent K. Brooks**  
President, Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA)  
and Clements Center Senior Fellow



**Dr. Sheena Chestnut Greitens**  
Associate Professor at the LBJ School of  
Public Affairs at UT-Austin and Clements  
Center Senior Fellow

# KDVA AND KUSAF'S OPEN LETTER TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND ROK MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

The day before the ROK-U.S. Security Consultative Meeting in Washington, D.C. on October 14, 2020, the Korea-US Alliance Foundation and Korea Defense Veterans Association sent an open letter of their gratitude and well wishes to The Honorable Mark Esper, U.S. Secretary of Defense, and The Honorable Suh Wook, ROK Minister of National Defense, on the occasion of this important ROK-U.S. Alliance meeting.

- KDVA and KUSAF continued to demonstrate our strong partnership and prominent voice in this open letter to the SECDEF and MINDEF stating that “we are hopeful that you will find common ground on the complex issues facing your wise judgement. As veterans ... we recognize that the mantle of leadership is yours and we are grateful to each of you for it. We hold out high hopes for a very successful meeting.”
- General Brooks and General Jung also stated that “we stand ready to assist and support you in keeping the Korea-U.S. Alliance strong. In doing so, we can fulfill the legacy of the millions of American and Korean Veterans who defended and continue to serve this irreplaceable Alliance.”

Read the letter on the KDVA website:

[KDVA & KUSAF Security Consultative Meeting Letter – Korea Defense Veterans Association](#)



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Korea-US Alliance Foundation

## KDVA & KUSAF Security Consultative Meeting Letter

October 13, 2020



# KDVA KOREA CHAPTER CONDUCTS ITS 7TH CHAPTER LEADERSHIP MEETING

On October 21, 2020, the KDVA Korea Chapter President, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Lee, Seo Young, led the 7th Korea Chapter Leadership Meeting. General Lee welcomed new senior leaders, and they discussed ways to increase membership and improve the Chapter's activities.



## KDVA'S PARTNERSHIP WITH SWEDISH THINK TANK, INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY & DEVELOPMENT POLICY

On November 6, 2020, the Institute for Security & Development Policy's (ISDP) Korea Center, in collaboration with the Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA), hosted a webinar to discuss the possible impacts of the full transition of operational control to the Republic of Korea.

ISDP appreciated the chance to partner with KDVA for our recognition in South Korea and the United States, the Association's ability to bring in senior speakers, and the reach KDVA has with over 21,500 Facebook followers.

The speakers tackled questions such as:

- What is driving the OPCON transfer?
- What are the obstacles?
- What possible consequences for the UNC and the NNSC can we assess?
- How would this affect the security situation on the Korean Peninsula?

Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association](#)

### ISDP – KDVA Webinar:

#### OPCON Transfer and its Potential Impact on the UNC and the NNSC

*A Panel Discussion With:*

 <p><b>Gen. (ret) Vincent Brooks</b>, Chairman of the KDVA, former Commander of the UNC Korea</p>	 <p><b>MG (ret) Urs Gerber</b>, Former Head of the Swiss Delegation to the NNSC</p>	 <p><i>Moderator</i> <b>Maj Gen (ret) Mats Engman</b>, Distinguished Military Fellow at ISDP</p>
 <p><b>LtGen (ret) Chun In Bum</b>, Vice President of the Korea Freedom Federation, former deputy Commander of the First ROK Army</p>	 <p><b>Mr. David Maxwell</b>, Senior Fellow at Foundation for Defense of Democracies</p>	



Institute for Security &  
Development Policy

Friday, November 6, 15.00 – 16.30 CET

# KDVA KOREA CHAPTER HOSTED THE ALLIANCE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

On November 6, 2020 in U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Humphreys, the Korea Chapter hosted its Alliance Education Conference. More than 80 junior officers, noncommissioned officers, and Service Members attended from Eighth Army, 2d Infantry Division, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, 1st Signal Brigade, and other units.



A similar event was held for the first time at Osan Air Base on November 19, 2020. About 60 junior Service Members gathered for this inaugural event for members of the Osan community.

This continues the Korea Chapter's desire to conduct more activities and events outside Seoul to where Americans serve all over South Korea.



# KDVA AND KUSAF WEBINAR ABOUT THE COMBINED FORCES COMMAND

On November 18, 2020 on the occasion of the founding of the ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command on November 7, 1978, KDVA and KUSAF hosted a webinar about the importance of CFC. During the webinar, experts and audience members discussed the following topics:

- How CFC has evolved to support the ROK-U.S. Alliance and to defend against the North Korean threat.
- Go behind the scenes to hear how CFC leaders and the staff work together to solve issues.
- Discuss what we need to understand about wartime operational control (or OPCON) transition.
- Take a look at where we see CFC headed in the next 2-4 years.

Webinar Videos – [Korea Defense Veterans Association \(kdva.net\)](https://www.kdva.net)

**KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

## ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command (CFC) Webinar

ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FOUNDING ON NOVEMBER 7, 1978

**Gen. Robert B. Abrams**

**Gen. (Ret.) Vincent Brooks**

**Gen. (Ret.) Leem, Ho-Young**

**Mr. Bruce Klingner**

**Moderator Dr. Stephen Noerper**

**Moderator Dr. Ashton Cho**

November 17, 2020 | 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. EST  
November 18, 2020 | 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. KST

Register at: [www.kdva.net](http://www.kdva.net)

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KOREA-U.S. ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

# KDVA AND KUSAF WEBINAR HONORING GENERAL PAIK, SUN-YUP ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

November 23, 2020 was General Paik, Sun-yup's 100th birthday. On that day, the Korea Defense Veterans Association and the Korea-U.S. Alliance Foundation were very honored and thankful to share Ms. Park's stories to remember her father's lifetime of contributions to the Korean people and the ROK-U.S. Alliance. She shared stories that were not found in any history books or documentaries ... like

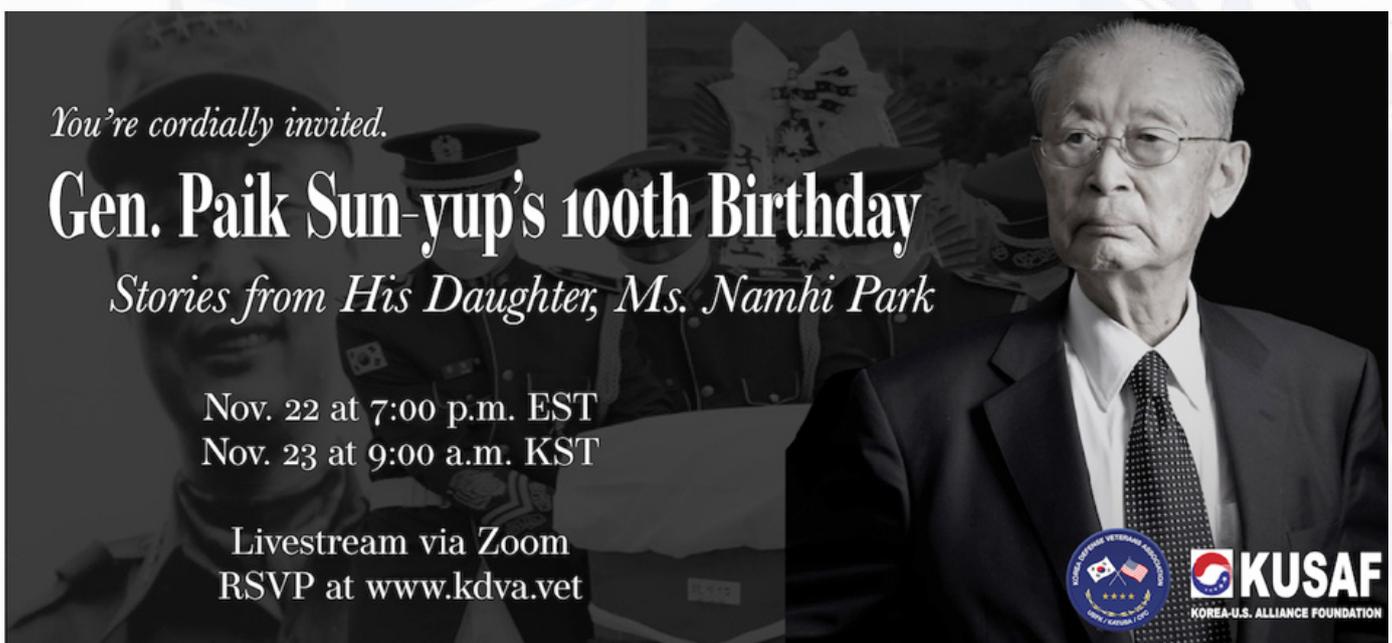


*I think my father's unnoticed accomplishment was his ability to successively serve the government, under 11 out of 12 Korean Presidents. This was possible because his loyalty was not toward a person but to his country. He lived for one purpose, to establish and protect a free democratic country for all. In his own word, "without my country, I can not exist."*

*My father was not a discipliner in the house ... over the years, he emphasized what was important to him, and what we should work for: A person should have a big heart, do not make hasty decisions, but sleep and decide next morning, and face reality as it is. More than what he said, I learned a lot more from watching him ... such as discipline, diligence, grit, defender of what is right, always be on time, always look at someone's positive side and always be prepared.*

General Paik is the greatest hero and champion of the ROK-U.S. Alliance, and KDVA and KUSAF are committed to ensuring his legacy of service and love for the Alliance inspires current and future generations.

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A graphic for a webinar invitation. It features a dark background with a portrait of General Paik Sun-yup on the right. On the left, there is text in white and gold. The text includes an invitation, the title of the event, the date and time in EST and KST, and information about the livestream and RSVP. Logos for KDVA and KUSAF are at the bottom right.

*You're cordially invited.*

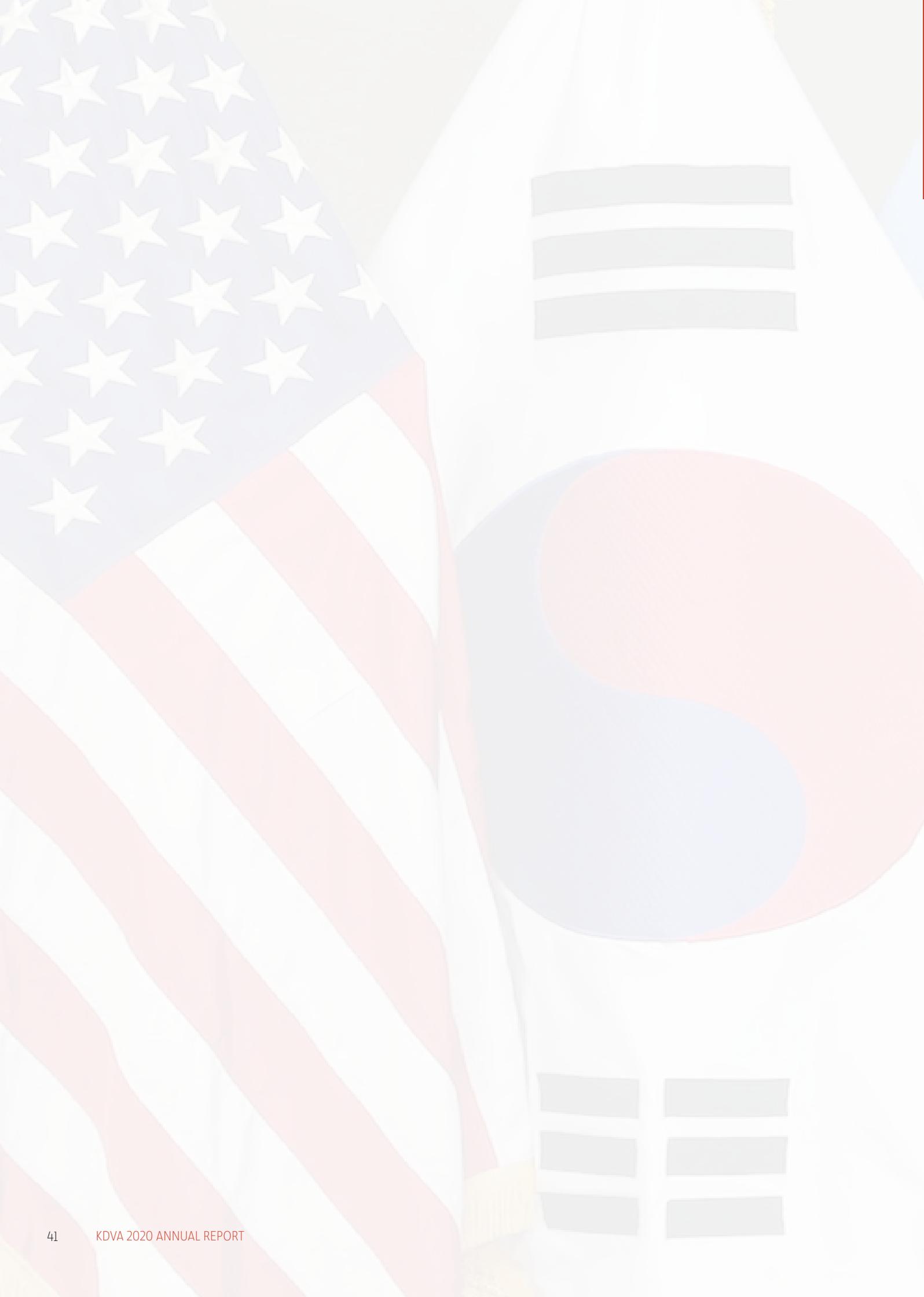
## Gen. Paik Sun-yup's 100th Birthday

*Stories from His Daughter, Ms. Namhi Park*

Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m. EST  
Nov. 23 at 9:00 a.m. KST

Livestream via Zoom  
RSVP at [www.kdva.vet](http://www.kdva.vet)





# KUSAF AND KDVA'S "ROK-U.S. ALLIANCE PEACE CONFERENCE"

For the final major event of 2020, KUSAF and KDVA hosted the "ROK-U.S. Alliance Peace Conference" on December 1-2, 2020 in Seoul and on Zoom. This was an on-site breakfast and seminar for 50 people in Seoul and a webinar for all others.

The theme for the Conference was "Korean War and Peace on the Korean Peninsula." Session 1 (on December 1st) was "Korean War, Armistice, & the Road to Peace on the Korean Peninsula." Session 2 (on December 2nd) was "Challenges of the ROK-U.S. Alliance for the Settlement of Peace on the Korean Peninsula." Session 2 was also the 2nd Former CFC Commander and Dep. Commander Forum.

This event was sponsored by the ROK Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA).

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Invitation to Livestream via Zoom

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The ROK-US Alliance Peace Conference

6.25전쟁 70주년과 연계하여 한반도 평화 정착을 위한 로드맵과 과업을 제시하기 위한 "한미동맹 평화 컨퍼런스"에 초대합니다.

*We invite you to the "ROK-U.S. Alliance Peace Conference" to present a roadmap and tasks for establishing peace on the Korean Peninsula in conjunction with the 70th anniversary of the Korean War.*

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