



**2022 KDVA Reunion and  
ROK-U.S. Alliance Peace Conference, 22-01  
July 26-28, 2022  
The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.**

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**2022 KDVA Reunion**  
**Session 1: ROK-U.S. Alliance Peace Conference (APC), 22-01**  
**July 27, 2022**  
**Grand Ballroom**  
**Agenda**

<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	<b>Attend Wall of Remembrance Dedication Ceremony at Korean War Veterans Memorial</b>
<b>12:30-1:30</b>	<b>APC 22-01 Welcome and Lunch</b> <b>Welcome by KDVA President, Gen. (Ret.) Vincent Brooks, and KUSAF President, Gen. (Ret.) Jung, Seung Jo</b> Start serving lunch <b>Remarks in honor of Veterans from MPVA Minister, Park, Minshik</b> Continue with lunch
<b>~1:10</b>	<b>Remarks by DPAA Director, Kelly McKeague</b>
<b>~1:20</b>	<b>Hanwha MOU Signing Ceremony</b>
<b>1:30-3:00</b>	<b>Panel 1: “Women in Korea Defense”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Moderator:</u> Brig. Gen (Ret.) Anne Macdonald</b></li><li>• <b>Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Karen Gibson</b></li><li>• <b>Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Tammy Smith</b></li><li>• <b>Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Jan Edmunds</b></li><li>• <b>Professor Hong Kyu Dok</b></li></ul>
<b>3:00-3:15</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:15-4:50</b>	<b>Panel 2: “Veteran Commanders and Diplomats Forum”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Markus Garlauskas</b></li><li>• <b>Chairman Yu Myung Hwan</b></li><li>• <b>Amb. Mark Lippert</b></li><li>• <b>Gen. (Ret.) Robert Abrams</b></li><li>• <b>Gen. (Ret.) Leem, Ho-Young</b></li></ul>
<b>4:50-4:55</b>	<b>Closing</b>
<b>5:00-5:45</b>	<b>KDVA Reception in State Ballroom</b>
<b>6:00-6:30</b>	<b>Buses to Twilight Tattoo at Fort Myer, VA</b>
<b>7:00-8:00</b>	<b>Twilight Tattoo hosted by the U.S. Secretary of the Army</b>
<b>8:15-8:40</b>	<b>Buses back to Mayflower Hotel</b>

**2022 KDVA Reunion, Sessions 2 & 3**  
**July 28, 2022**  
**Grand Ballroom**  
**Agenda**

<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Welcome by KDVA President, Gen. (Ret.) Vincent Brooks Congratulatory Remarks: ROK Minister of National Defense Lee, Jong-Sup Congratulatory Remarks: ROK Amb. Cho Tae-yong</b>
<b>09:00-11:30</b>	<b>Session 2: “Stories about Korea Veterans”</b>
09:00-10:00	Group 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MajGen Robert Sofge</li><li>• Rick Bogusky</li><li>• Dierdre Harrison</li><li>• Kevin Miller</li></ul>
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Long Break (so that members can interact with presenters)</b>
10:30-11:30	Group 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sharon Extrom and Janice Sheridan (daughters of Korean War Veteran, Robert Extrom)</li><li>• Dave Maxwell</li><li>• David Beam</li><li>• Rocky Chiofar</li></ul>
<b>11:30-1:30</b>	<b>Open Lunch (in the Mayflower or at a nearby restaurant)</b>
<b>1:30-5:00</b>	<b>Session 3: “KDVA Workshops”</b>
1:30-3:00	Group 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command.</li><li>• KATUSA Veterans Association (KVA).</li><li>• KDVA Local Chapters / KDVA Virtual Common Interest Groups.</li></ul>
<b>3:00-3:30</b>	<b>Long Break (so that members can interact with presenters)</b>
3:30-5:00	Group 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Van Fleet Foundation, Inc.</li><li>• U.S.-Korea Alliance Foundation (USKAF).</li><li>• Second Indianhead Division Association.</li><li>• Veteran Businesses.</li></ul>
<b>5:00</b>	<b>Closing</b>

**2022 KDVA Reunion Dinner**

**July 28, 2022**

**Grand Ballroom**

**Agenda**

<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
<b>6:30-6:50</b>	<b>Welcome from KDVA President, Gen. (Ret.) Vincent Brooks, and KUSAF President, Gen. (Ret.) Jung, Seung Jo</b>  <b>Keynote Remarks by Gen. Paul LaCamera, Commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea</b>
<b>6:50</b>	<b>Dinner Starts (KDVA slideshow)</b>
<b>7:30-7:45</b>	<b>Korean Cultural Performance by DiDimSae Korean Traditional Art Institute</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Korean Traditional Dance</b></li><li>• <b>Korean Drums</b></li><li>• <b>Korean Traditional Music</b></li></ul>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks from KDVA President</b>



General (Retired) Vincent K. Brooks

Chairman & President, Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA)

Former Commander of UNC/CFC/USFK

**VINCENT K. BROOKS.** General (Retired) Vincent “Vince” Brooks is a career Army officer who served in the U.S. Army for over 42 years, from his entry into West Point in 1976 until his retirement from active duty in 2019 as a four-star general. Brooks spent his final seventeen years as a general officer and in nearly all of those years in command of large, complex military organizations in challenging situations. Most recently, from 2016 until his retirement, he was the commander of all Korean and United States forces in the Republic of Korea. In the two positions prior to Korea he served as the commander of all United States Army forces throughout the Indo-Asia Pacific region from 2013 to 2016 during the strategic rebalancing to Asia, and as the commander of all United States Army forces in the Middle East and Central Asia from 2011 to 2013 during the reduction of forces in Iraq and the buildup of forces in Afghanistan as well as the phenomenon known as “the Arab Spring.”

During his tenure in the Army, he gained uncommon experience in leading through complex, ambiguous situations with significant national security interests and risks at stake. In retirement, he applies these experiences in the numerous activities in which he is involved. He is a combat veteran.

General Brooks serves as a Director for three public boards (Diamondback Energy Inc., Jacobs Inc., and Verisk Analytics Inc.); and two non-profit boards (Vice Chairman of the Gary Sinise Foundation, and Chairman and President of the Korea Defense Veterans Association). General Brooks is also a Consultant Principal with WestExec Advisors, a visiting Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and a Distinguished Fellow at the University of Texas with both the Clements Center for National Security and the Strauss Center for International Security and Law.

Brooks holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Military Art and Science from the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies and holds an honorary Doctor of Laws from the New England School of Law and an honorary Doctor of Humanities from New England Law | Boston. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.



General (Retired) Jung, Seung Jo  
President of the Korea-United States Alliance Foundation (KUSAF)  
Former ROK Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

General (Retired) Jung, Seung Jo is currently the President of the Korea-United States Alliance Foundation and Chair-Professor at the Korea Military Academy. He honorably retired from the ROK military in October 2013, after serving as the 37<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Republic of Korea Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest ranking military position within the ROK military.

General(R) Jung is a 1976 graduate of the Korea Military Academy where he graduated as the valedictorian of his class. Upon commissioning, he has been privileged to command in the Special Forces and field army units numerous times. His notable command assignments include the company commander and the battalion commander in the Special Warfare Command, the Commander of the 3rd ROK Special Forces Brigade in 2002, Commander of ROK 1st Division in 2004~2005, Commander of the Zaytun Division in Iraq in 2005~2006, Commander of 2nd Corps, and the Superintendent of the Korea Military Academy. After he was promoted to four-star general, he commanded the First ROK Army in 2009~2010. He went on to serve as the Deputy Commander of ROK-US Combined Forces Command and Commander of Ground Component Command until he became the 37<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the ROK JCS.

In particular, as the Commander of the Zaytun Division, General(R) Jung was instrumental in conducting peaceful reconstruction of areas in Iraq. He also developed concepts of operations that best fit the Eastern part of the Korean Peninsula as the Commanding General of First ROK Army. Moreover he contributed greatly to the enhancement of the ROK-US combined warfighting capability as the Deputy Commander of the ROK-US Combined Command and the Commander of the Ground Component Command.

In addition to his command assignments, General(R) Jung served in many critical staff positions including the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans, at ROK-US CFC, Chief of Operations at Third ROK Army, and Director General for Policy at ROK Ministry of National Defense. As Director General for Policy, General(R) Jung was instrumental in preparing for high ranking talks between South and North Korea and dealing with policy issues pertaining to North Korea.

General(R) Jung holds a Bachelor's from the Korea Military Academy; a Master of Business Administration from the Graduate School of Yonsei University. His decorations include ROK National Security Merit Tongil/Samil Medal, Chungmu Order of Military Merit, four US Legion of Merit, and the Turkish Legion of Merit.

GEN(R) Jung is married to Mrs. Park, Jung Gyung, and they have two sons, Jiwon and Jongwon.



**Remarks in Honor of Veterans**

**Park, Minshik**  
**Minister,**  
**ROK Ministry of Patriots and Veterans**  
**Affairs (MPVA)**





## **MPVA Minister Park, Minshik**

### Education

- 1984 Pusan National University High School
- 1988 International Relations, Seoul National University

### Careers

- 1988 Passed the 22nd Foreign Service Examination
- 1990 Deputy Director at International Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1993 Passed the 35th Bar Exam
- 1996-2004 Prosecutor at Seoul District Prosecutors' Office, Changwon District Prosecutors' Office, Yeosu District Prosecutors' Office
- 2004-2006 Chief Prosecutor at Special Investigation Division 1, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office
- 2008-2012 Member of 18th National Assembly (Constituency - Busan Bukgu/Gangseogu A)
- 2012-2016 Member of 19th National Assembly (Constituency - Busan Bukgu/Gangseogu A)
- 2015-2018 Chairman of Choi Dong-won Memorial Foundation
- 2016 Lawyer at A1 Law Firm
- 2018-2019 Chairman of Special Committee for Crime Victims Support, Korean Bar Association
- May 2022-Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs



**Featured Speaker**

**Kelly McKeague**

**Director,**

**U.S. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency  
(DPAA)**



## **Kelly K. McKeague**

### **Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency**

Mr. Kelly McKeague began service as the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), and became a member of the Senior Executive Service, on September 5, 2017. He is responsible for policy, control, and oversight of all aspects of the Department's program to account for our nation's missing personnel from past conflicts. He leads DoD's worldwide enterprise of research, investigation, recovery, and identification operations, and supporting functions, in order to provide the fullest possible accounting of our missing personnel to their families and to the nation.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. McKeague owned and operated a consulting business in Alexandria, Virginia, providing strategic and operational consulting to small- capital corporations seeking to expand business lines and services.



In December 2015, Mr. McKeague culminated a 34-year career in the U.S. Air Force, retiring at the rank of major general. In his last two assignments, he served as the first Deputy Director of the newly established DPAA, and before that as Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

After receiving his commission in 1981 through the Georgia Institute of Technology Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program, Mr. McKeague began his military career as a civil engineering officer serving in a variety of assignments at base, major command, and Headquarters U.S. Air Force levels. In 1995, he entered the Maryland Air National Guard and served on active duty as a civil engineer at Air National Guard Readiness Center followed by legislative liaison assignments at the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the National Guard Bureau. After transitioning to drilling National Guard status, he was the Director of the Joint Staff, Maryland National Guard in Baltimore. He subsequently served as Chief of Staff, National Guard Bureau, then as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard Matters.

He earned numerous awards and decorations commensurate with his distinguished military service.

Mr. McKeague received a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, both from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

**Panel 1**  
**“Women in Korea Defense”**

**Moderator**

**Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Anne Macdonald**

**Panelists**

**Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Karen Gibson**

**Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Tammy Smith**

**Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Jan Edmunds**

**Professor Hong Kyu Dok**



### **Brigadier General (Retired) Anne Macdonald**

Brigadier General (Retired) Anne Macdonald graduated from West Point in 1980 in the first gender-integrated class and served just short of 31 years in the Army leading and building highly effective teams. Anne is a senior Army aviator qualified as a UH60 Blackhawk pilot, a paratrooper, and is air assault qualified. She served four years in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and 18th Airborne Corps, seven years in the Republic of Korea, and over 2 ½ years in the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, in Germany. She was the first active-duty, combat arms (aviator) female to be promoted to General Officer.

BG (Ret) Macdonald commanded a General Support Aviation Battalion in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and commanded an Aviation Brigade in the Republic of Korea. She completed two combat tours, one in Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Kuwait, and the other in Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

Her key assignments in the Army include serving as the Deputy Director of Operations, National Military Command Center, Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Pentagon; Deputy Commanding General, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, Colorado later designated Division West, First Army and Fort Carson; Chief of Staff, United States Army Reserve Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia and Deputy Commanding General for the NATO Training Mission (Police Development) in Kabul, Afghanistan.

She holds a bachelor of science from the United States Military Academy and two master's degrees; one in System's Management from the University of Southern California and the other in Strategic Studies from the US Air War College, Montgomery, Alabama.

Anne retired from active duty in 2011 with multiple awards and distinctions. She has over 20 years of executive-level leadership experience and has developed and trained high-performing organizations and teams around the globe. She serves as a senior mentor for the U.S. Army. She is the President of the Army Women's Foundation, headquartered at Fort Lee, Virginia.

She and her husband, MG John Macdonald, USA, Retired, USMA Class of 1979, reside in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates.



## **Lieutenant General (Retired) Karen Gibson**

Karen Gibson became the Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate on March 22, 2021, having recently completed a 33-year military career in which she attained the rank of Lieutenant General in the United States Army.

Ms. Gibson has performed in numerous intelligence and cyberspace operations roles, culminating her military service as Deputy Director of National Intelligence for National Security Partnerships. In previous assignments, she served as Director of Intelligence for United States Central Command; Director of Intelligence for Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve, the multinational coalition to defeat ISIS; and Deputy Commanding General for U.S. Army Cyber Command. A seasoned combat veteran, Ms. Gibson has led intelligence-operations fusion centers in Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, East Africa, and in the United States.

Ms. Gibson is a native of Bozeman, Montana. She earned a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University, a M.S. in National Security Strategy from the National War College, and a M.S. in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University. She is married and has two adult children.



**Tammy Smith**

Tammy S. Smith is a retired Major General of the United States Army Reserve. She last served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). She formerly served as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Mobilization and Reserve Affairs and before that as Deputy Commanding General – Sustainment, Eighth United States Army. As such, she is the first female general officer to serve in an Eighth Army headquarters-level position. Smith also has tours as commanding general of the 98th Training Division (Initial Entry Training), and served for a year in the War in Afghanistan.

Smith received her confirmation to the rank of major general on July 13, 2016, and was formally promoted to the position in a ceremony at the United States Army Garrison Yongsan in Seoul, Korea. She retired from the army effective 30 April 2021.



**Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Jeanette K. Edmunds**

Jeanette (Jan) K. Edmunds served for 32 years in the Army as a leader and commander at every level of Department of Defense. At the General Officer level, she commanded the 13th Corps Support Command, Fort Hood, Texas and the 19th Support Command in Daegu, South Korea. In both cases becoming the first woman General Officer to serve in those locations and commands. Her final assignment was as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics, Headquarters, Department of the Army. Here she was responsible for logistics planning, policy formulation, and program development for an enterprise valued at approximately \$500 Billion. She oversaw logistics transformation, business process re-engineering and strategy, development of logistics force structure, and issues involving National and Multinational logistics.

Since retiring she has been consulting in the Defense and Aerospace industry. She uses her Defense Department background to assist clients in meeting their market objectives through strategic business planning and identification of market shifts and growth opportunities. She has unique expertise in performance-based contracting, lifecycle support to products and all manner of services contracts.

She served as Senior Vice President for Logistics at Cypress International, a consulting company specializing in the Defense and Aerospace industry. At Cypress she established and led a logistics practice that expanded to address client goals across the spectrum of product lifecycle support and contracted services in general. In this role she provided business strategy support to Fortune 500 as well as mid-tier companies. Since stepping away from Cypress full time, she continues her relationship as an independent consultant providing in depth knowledge to Cypress clients in the areas of logistics, product aftermarket strategies, and contracted logistics opportunity growth.

She served on the Board of Directors for Baum, Romstedt Technology Research Corp (BRTRC) until the successful sale of the company in 2019. Other board roles included Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Old Dominion University Research Foundation, and past Co-Chair of the Advisory Board for the Center for American Studies at Christopher Newport University. She previously served as a member of the South Carolina Research Authority (SCRA) President's Advisory Board for the Advanced Technology Institute and an Advisory Board Member for SCRA's Institute for Solutions Generation. She also served as a member of the



Defense Science Board Task Force on Energy Systems for Forward and Remote Operating Bases.

She is currently the Board Chair for the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation.

She holds a Masters of Business Administration in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology and a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of the Defense Acquisition University's Program Manager's Course and the Army War College.

Her professional affiliations include the Association of the United States Army, The National Defense Industrial Association, Women in Defense, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Republic of Korea Service:

In her last assignment in the Republic of Korea was from 2002 to 2004 as the Commanding General of the 19th Theater Support Command, was responsible for an organization made up of Active and Reserve Component soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, Korean Nationals, KATUSAs, and Korean Service Corps personnel. The organization provided logistics support to U.S. Forces forward deployed across the peninsula. They provided day to day tactical and operational planning and command and control for six brigade sized units as well as TACON for force protection purposes of all units operating on U.S. Army bases in areas II, III and IV – over 80% of the South Korean land mass. Wartime command and control responsibilities expanded to a force of over 30,000. In addition to operational duties the 19th Theater Support command engaged in extensive community relations activities with the members of the surrounding communities in Daegu and Seoul.

Her first assignment to the ROK (1980-1982) was also with the 19th TSC in Daegu, first as the Maintenance Branch Chief of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and then as the Company Commander of the 595th Maintenance Company in Yongsan.



**Hong, Kyudok**

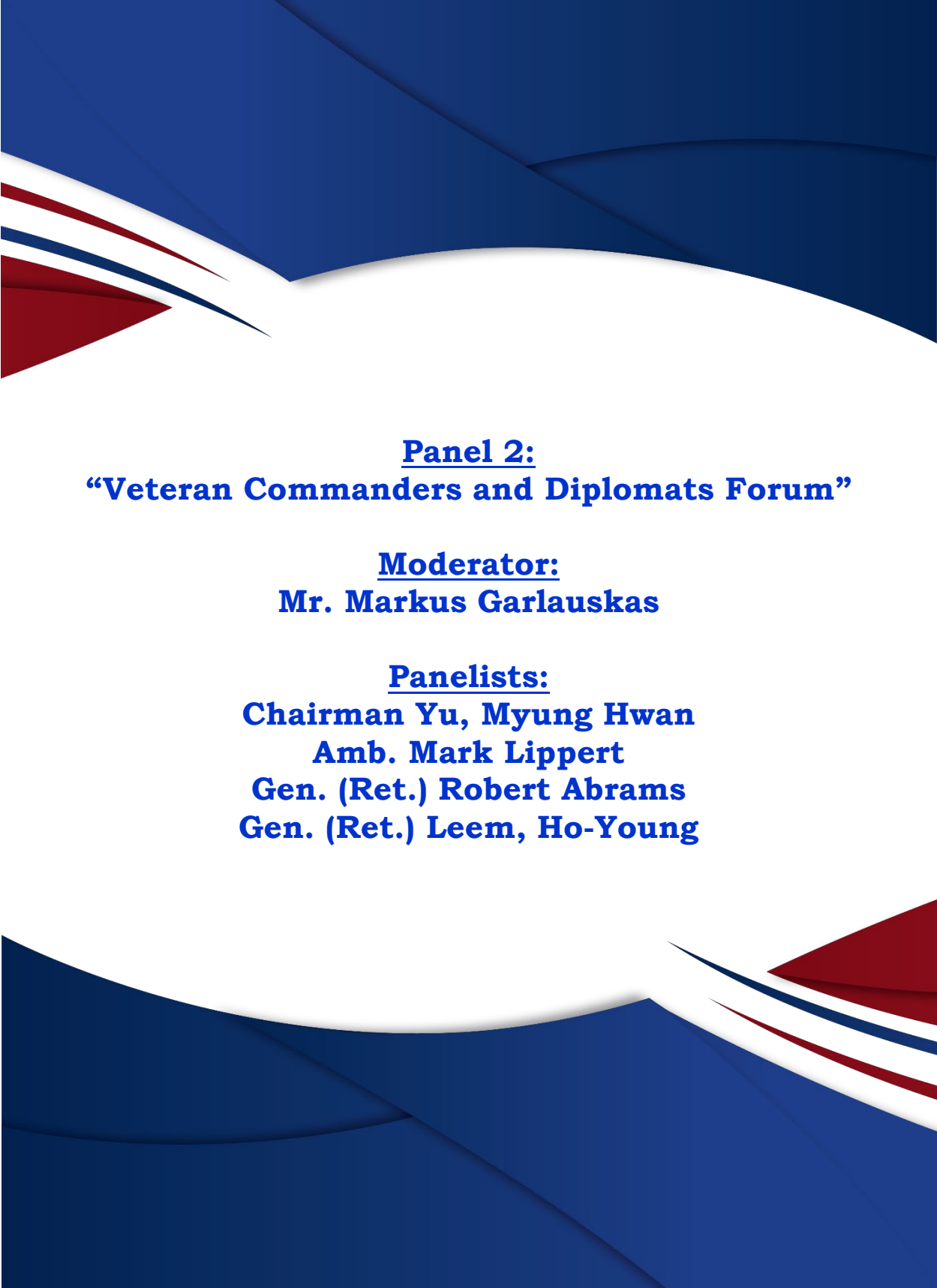
Professor Sookmyung Women's University

Department of Political Science and International Relations

Kyu-Dok Hong is professor in the Department of Political Science and International at Sookmyung Women's University where he has taught international relations and ROK's national security strategy since 1993. After graduating from Korea University in 1980, he served for Brigadier General Robert W. Pointer, Jr at the *ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command* for two years to complete obligatory military services. With the stewardship of Ambassador Richard L. Walker, then Ambassador to ROK, he went to South Carolina for continuing his graduate studies and received his Masters and Doctoral degrees in international relations from the University of South Carolina in 1991. After returning home, he worked as Researcher Fellow at *the Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU)* for two years. He became the professor at the Sookmyung Women's University in 1993 and has spent 28 years as educator and administrator until today. During his tenure, he served successfully various positions including Dean of Social Sciences, Dean of External Relations and Academic Affairs while publishing many books and articles on the US-ROK alliance, South Korea's foreign and defense policy and the ROK's participation in the Vietnam War in particular. He is eloquent speaker and well-balanced writer to enjoy a wide range of public support from various spectrums of Korean society. His class titled as ***Real Life in North Korea*** is one of the popular coursework that attracted average 340 students per semester. He is one of the active participants of seminar and workshops on the topic of international security. His research area covers scientific innovations, integrated deterrence, technological transformation, defense posture for 2040, multi-domain warfare, management for alliance for the future, UN peacekeeping and women participation in the military. Dr. Hong became the first civilian deputy minister for defense reform during the Lee Myung-bak Government (2009-2013) and has advised various government officials and services in the military since then. He is still active to lead the academic community as the President of the *International Policy Studies Institute of Korea (IPSI-*

*KOR*), the President of the *Korean Academic Association of Homeland Security (KAAHS)*, the Chairperson of *the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific-Korea (CSCAP-Korea)*.

Recently, he spent his efforts to build security sector governance (SSG) network with regional partners as regional associate of the Geneva-based think tank *DCAF* in East Asia. With this forum, Dr. Hong invites scholars from home and abroad for enhancing regional cooperation for the challenges of cyber threats, global health crises, maritime security threats, climate and energy crises, and North Korean human rights issues. He presented a keynote speech at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative International Forum for the Korea's membership in the United Nations, which was hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on 17 June 2021. Until recently, he has been advising for the successful hosting of the 2021 UN Peacekeeping Ministerial to be held in Seoul in December. In particular, he attended the U.S.-Rwanda Preparatory Meeting for the 2021 Peacekeeping Ministerial held by Internet videoconference on 23 July 2021 and made a special presentation entitled "The Contribution of the ROK's Emerging Technologies to UN Peacekeeping Activities." In addition, he has recently participated in the series of conference with *CSIS and Chey Institute for Advanced Studies* to contribute as project directors with Andrew Hunter to publish jointly the *Geopolitical Implications of Scientific Innovations Trends in Northeast Asia* in 2020 and he is now finalizing a book chapter with Ambassador Michael Reitner on *Cyber Defense and Digital Cooperation between the ROK and European Union* which will be published soon by Palgrave. Professor Hong is currently assisting Candidate Seok-Yeol Yoon, a leading presidential candidate of the current opposition party, *People Power Party*, for his chance to be the next president for the upcoming presidential election on March 9, 2022. As an advisor to *ROK-US Alliance Foundation*, he strongly commits himself to the education of next generation for continuing the proud spirit of alliance for peace, prosperity and security and for maximizing the alliance interests.



**Panel 2:**  
**“Veteran Commanders and Diplomats Forum”**

**Moderator:**  
**Mr. Markus Garlauskas**

**Panelists:**  
**Chairman Yu, Myung Hwan**  
**Amb. Mark Lippert**  
**Gen. (Ret.) Robert Abrams**  
**Gen. (Ret.) Leem, Ho-Young**



Mr. Markus Garlauskas

Nonresident Senior Fellow, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Atlantic Council

Markus Garlauskas served on the staff of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and US Forces Korea from 2002 to 2014, including as chief of the C/J-2 Intelligence Estimates Branch and director of the UCJ-5 Strategy Division.

In July 2014, Garlauskas was appointed to the Senior National Intelligence Service as the National Intelligence Officer (NIO) for North Korea on the National Intelligence Council (NIC). The NIC is comprised of top experts drawn from inside and outside the US government, under the auspices of the Office of Director of National Intelligence, to be the Intelligence Community's strategic analytic leaders on key regional and functional issues. For six years as NIO, he led the US intelligence community's strategic analysis on North Korea matters and provided direct analytic support to top-level policy deliberations. He traveled to Singapore and Hanoi to support the summits with North Korea, and led an interagency team that was recognized with a National Intelligence Analysis Award for its work leading up to the Hanoi summit.

Since Garlauskas' term of appointment as NIO concluded in June 2020, he has been an independent author and consultant, specializing in Northeast Asian security issues and strategic analysis. Garlauskas is a nonresident senior fellow with the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security within the Atlantic Council. He is also an adjunct professor in Georgetown University's Security Studies Program, teaching a graduate course in strategic assessment of North Korea. His analytic work has been published by a wide range of think tanks and other outlets, while his expert commentary has appeared in various US, South Korean and international magazines, podcasts, television, newspapers and web-based media including the BBC, CNN, the *Economist*, National Geographic, the *Wall Street Journal*, and Yonhap.

Garlauskas holds a MA in Security Studies from Georgetown University, and BA in History from Kent State University. During his service in Korea, he received numerous awards and letters of commendation from ROK and US flag officers and senior officials, including the Joint Civilian Distinguished Service Award--the highest civilian award from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



Mr. Yu, Myung Hwan

Former ROK Minister of Foreign Affairs

Myung Hwan Yu joined Kim & Chang in 2011 after 37 years of distinguished service with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 2008 to 2010.

He started his foreign service in Japan in 1976 as a young diplomat and returned as Ambassador to Japan in March 2007. He advised on various political and economic issues concerning both the private and public sector with a view to revamp bilateral relation until his departure from Japan to join President Lee Myung Bak's administration as a cabinet minister in February of 2008.

Mr. Yu's experience extends across a broad range of issues in the field of international relations including traded and security issues and negotiations with North Korea in particular. He has served as Political Counselor and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Korean Embassy in the United States, respectively in the 1980s and 1990s, and also served as Minister of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Yu was appointed the Ambassador for Anti-Terrorism and Afghanistan Issues in 2001. He also served as the Ambassador to the State of Israel from 2002 to 2004, when he was transferred to the Philippines. He was appointed to 2nd Vice Minister in July 2005 and later, he served as 1st Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade until December 2006.

Mr. Yu graduated from Seoul National University (B.A 1970) and also studied at the Institute for Social Studies at The Hague, Netherlands (Diploma 1974). He was awarded the Order of Service Merit, Red Stripes in 1996 and the Grand Cross of the Order of Sikatuna in 2005 from the Government of the Philippines. From the Japanese Government, he was also awarded Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun in 2015.



**Ambassador Mark Lippert**  
**Corporate Executive Vice President, Samsung Electronics America**

The Honorable Mark William Lippert is Executive Vice President, Head of North American Public Affairs and Chief Risk Officer for Samsung Electronics North America. He joined Samsung after executive positions at Google (YouTube) and The Boeing Company. He is a senior adviser to the CSIS Korea Chair where he hosts the biweekly webcast entitled the Capital Cable on the geopolitics and economics of the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia. He is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Halifax Forum and is on the Board of Directors of the Korea Society.

Prior to his work in the private sector, Mr. Lippert had a distinguished career in the United States government that spanned approximately two decades and included series of senior-level positions across multiple agencies. From 2014-2017, he served as the United States ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the Republic of Korea, based in Seoul. He previously held positions in the Department of Defense, including as chief of staff to Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel (2013-2014) and as assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs (2012-2013), the top official in the Pentagon for all Asia issues. Lippert also worked in the White House as chief of staff to the National Security Council in 2009. Lippert served in the uniformed military. An intelligence officer in the United States Navy, he mobilized to active duty from 2009 to 2011 for service with Naval Special Warfare (SEALs) Development Group that included deployments to Afghanistan and other regions. From 2007 to 2008, he deployed as an intelligence officer with Seal Team One to Anbar Province, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Earlier in his career, Lippert served as a staff member in the United States Senate, where he worked on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for then-Senator Obama; the Senate Appropriations Committee State-Foreign Operations Subcommittee for Senator Leahy, and for other members of the Senate.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Iraq, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Basic Parachutist Badge. He is also the recipient of the Department of Defense's Distinguished Public Service Award and the Department of the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award. He was also named an honorary Ambassador for the Korean Baseball Organization. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University with a B.A. in political science and holds an M.A. in international policy studies from the same institution. He speaks Korean and also studied Mandarin Chinese at Beijing University. Lippert is married to Robyn E. Lippert who serves as a senior vice president at UnitedHealth Group and has two children, Sejun and Sahee. They live with their basset hound, Grigsby.



ROBERT B. "ABE" ABRAMS  
GENERAL (R), US ARMY

Retired from active duty on 31 August 2021 with over 39 years of service. An Armored Cavalryman, General Abrams earned his commission from the United States Military Academy in 1982. Following the Armor officer basic course, he spent his formative years in a Division Cavalry Squadron with a mission on the East-West German border. He commanded at every level from Company thru Four Star Major Command, and led units in combat operations in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. He also commanded the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California and later served as the Senior Military Assistant to the 24th Secretary of Defense.

As a four-star General for over 6 years, General Abrams served as the 22d Commander of United States Army Forces Command from Aug 2015-Oct 2018, the Army's largest formation comprised of over 229,000 active-duty Soldiers, and provided training and readiness oversight of the US Army National Guard and US Army Reserve. In total the Forces Command team included 776,000 Soldiers and 96,000 Civilians.

General Abrams final assignment was serving as the Commander United Nations Command, US-ROK Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea from Nov 2018-July 2021.

General Abrams holds a Bachelor of Science from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Science from Central Michigan University, a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

General Abrams received numerous awards and decorations over his 39-year career including the Order of National Security Merit-Tongil Medal from the President of the Republic of Korea. In 2020 GEN Abrams was recognized as the Honorary ROCK of the year by ROCKS, inc.

General Abrams is the founder and CEO of Robert B. "Abe" Abrams, LLC. He is a consultant for several Companies and serves on the Advisory Board to NOCTEM Health, Inc.

Happily married, he and his wife are proud parents of two children, and grandparents to two grandchildren. Abe is a functional fitness enthusiast who also enjoys golf, follows college basketball closely and gets March Madness annually. He remains an ever-optimistic fan of Army Football.



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# GEN(R) Leem, Ho Young Biography

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## □ Personal Information

- Rank /Name : GEN(R) / Leem Ho Young
- Birth : 1959 (Eumsung, Chungbuk, Korea)
- Commission : **ROK Military Academy Class #38** (Speciality: Infantry 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 1982)
- Education
  - Yeongdungpo High School (1978)
  - ROK Military Academy (1982)
- Family : Married with one son and one daughter



## □ Career

- DCDR of ROK-US CFC / CDR of GCC (Sep.2016 to Aug.2017)
- Director of Strategy and Planning, JCS (Nov.2015 to Sep.2016)
- CDR, ROKA 5<sup>th</sup> Corp (Oct.2014 to Oct.2015)
- DC3, ROK-US CFC (Apr.2013 to Oct.2014)
- Director of Audit and Inspection, ROKA HQ (Nov.2012 to Apr.2013)
- CDR, ROKAF 6<sup>th</sup> ID (Dec.2010 to Nov.2012)
- G3, ROKA 2OC (Jul.2010 to Dec.2010)
- CoS, ROKA 1<sup>st</sup> Corp (Dec.2008 to Jun.2010)
- G3, ROKA CDC (Dec.2006 to Nov.2008)
- CDR, 213<sup>rd</sup> REgiment, ROKA 52<sup>nd</sup> ID (Dec.2005 to Dec.2006)
- Head of Staff Study, ROK Army College (Nov.2004 to Dec.2005)



**Congratulatory Remarks**

**Lee, Jong-Sup  
Minister,  
ROK Ministry of National Defense (MND)**



Minister of National Defense, Lee, Jong-Sup is a retired South Korean Army Lieutenant General and former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### **Education**

Korea Military Academy (Class of 1984)

PhD in Diplomatic Security, Tennessee State University (Class of 1999)

### **Major Assignments**

The 48th Minister of National Defense

Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Commanding General, 7th Maneuver Corps

Chief Director, Combined Defense Transformation Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Commanding General, 2nd Infantry Division

Deputy Director General, Policy Planning Bureau, Office of International Policy, Ministry of National Defense

Director for Security Policy, Office of Diplomatic Security, Office of the President

Major Citations and Awards

Order of National Security Merit, Gukseon Medal (Feb 2019)

Order of National Security Merit, Cheonsu Medal (Oct 2014)

Republic of Korea Presidential Citation (Sep 2010)

U.S. Legion of Merit (2019)



**Congratulatory Remarks**

**Cho Tae-yong**  
**ROK Ambassador to the United States**

## Curriculum Vitae

**Tae-yong, Cho**  
Member of the National Assembly  
Republic of Korea



Date of Birth: August 29, 1956  
Party Affiliation: People Power Party (PPP)

### Education

1983 Foreign Service Programme, University of Oxford  
1979 B.A. in Political Science, Seoul National University

### Experience

Feb.2022 -Apr.2022 Vice Chair, Policy Committee, People Power Party  
Jun.2021 -Aug.2021 Vice Chair, Policy Committee, People Power Party  
Oct. 2020 - Present Chair, Community Engagement Subcommittee, Vulnerable Populations Committee, People Power Party  
Adviser, North Korean Human Rights Committee, People Power Party  
Sep. 2020 - Present Chair, International Committee, People Power Party  
Sep. 2020 - Jun.2021 Deputy Chair, 4<sup>th</sup> Policy Steering Committee, People Power Party  
Jul. 2020 - Present Member, Intelligence Committee,  
Jul. 2020 - Present Member, Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee  
Jun. 2020 - Present Executive Director, National Assembly Forum for Global Foreign Affairs and Security  
Executive Member, Special Committee on Foreign Affairs and Security, People Power Party  
May 2020 - Present Member, 21<sup>st</sup>National Assembly  
2019-2020 Visiting Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University  
2017-2018 Visiting Scholar, Keio University, Japan  
2015-2017 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Director, Office of National Security, Office of the President  
2014-2015 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)  
2013-2014 Special Representative for Korean Peninsula Peace and Security Affairs, MOFA  
2007 - 2013 Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Ireland, Deputy Minister for Protocol Affairs, MOFA, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia  
2004-2006 Director-General for North Korea Nuclear Affairs Bureau, Director-General for North America Affairs Bureau, MOFA  
1983 - 2015 MOFA



## **Session 2: “Stories about Korea Veterans”**

### **09:00-10:00 Group 1**

- **MajGen Robert Sofge**
- **Rick Bogusky**
- **Dierdre Harrison**
- **Kevin Miller**

### **10:00-10:30 Break**

### **10:30-11:30 Group 2**

- **Sharon Extrom and Janice Sheridan**
- **Dave Maxwell**
- **David Beam**
- **Rocky Chiofar**



## Major General Robert B. “G-Man” Sofge

Director for Plans Policy Strategy (UCJ5)

United Nations Command | Combined Forces Command | United States Forces Korea

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Major General Robert “G-Man” Sofge enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1982 from New Orleans, LA. He reported for duty in 1983 with 3rd FSSG in Okinawa, Japan and subsequently deployed to Korea and the Philippines with the 33rd Marine Amphibious Unit aboard the USS ST LOUIS. He graduated from the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI in 1986.



After graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1990, 2nd Lieutenant Sofge completed The Basic School and Naval Flight School. He was designated a Naval Aviator in 1993 and completed his Harrier training at VMAT-203. Captain Sofge served in both VMA-223 and VMA-542 at MCAS Cherry Point, deploying with HMM-266/24th MEU (SOC) in support of Operations DECISIVE ENDEAVOR and DELIBERATE FORCE in Bosnia-Herzegovina off the USS SAIPAN in 1996 and aboard the USS NASSAU in support of Operation ALLIED FORCE in Kosovo in 1999.

Major Sofge reported to MAWTS-1, Yuma AZ, in 1999 as a Weapons and Tactics Instructor, then transferred to VMA-214. He deployed in both 2003 and 2004 in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and IRAQI FREEDOM, and was later assigned to the Aviation Weapons Systems Requirements Branch at the Pentagon. Lieutenant Colonel Sofge took command of VMA-311 in 2006 and deployed with the 31st MEU aboard USS ESSEX while the squadron simultaneously supported 11th MEU in the Persian Gulf. He joined 3D Marine Aircraft Wing (FWD) at Al Asad, Iraq in January 2008 where he served as a Senior Watch Officer in the Tactical Air Command Center.

In 2009, Lieutenant Colonel Sofge joined the Joint Staff as a Defense Resource Analyst and later led the Strategic Assessments Branch at Programs and Resources, HQMC. Col Sofge took command of Marine Aircraft Group 14 in Cherry Point, NC in 2012, then served as Head, Aviation Plans, Policy, and Budget at HQMC until July 2016. Brigadier General Sofge was previously assigned as the Assistant Wing Commander for 3D MAW in Miramar, CA and served as of Director, Combined Joint Operations Center – Baghdad, and Deputy Commanding General – Operations, CJFLCC – Operation Inherent Resolve 2017-2018 and as Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Forces, Pacific until June 2021. Major General Sofge is currently serving as the Director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy (UCJ5), United Nations Command | Combined Forces Command | U.S. Forces Korea.

Major General Sofge holds a Political Science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy, a Master of Business Administration from Touro University, a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and completed Harvard Business School’s Advanced Management Program. Major General Sofge has more than 2100 flight hours, primarily in the AV-8B Harrier. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merit Medals, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, seven Air Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and the Good Conduct Medal.





### **Mr. Rick Bogusky**

Rick has over four decades of military and national security experience. He served 24 years on active duty with the US Army as both an artillery officer and foreign area officer (FAO). As chief of the Korea Division at the Defense Intelligence Agency he led an Agency-wide task force focused on North Korea during the first nuclear crisis in the mid-1990s. During his Headquarters-level assignments at the Pentagon as well as in Korea and Hawaii, Rick was responsible for executing regional and bi-lateral engagement plans for the military and providing regional subject matter expertise to the Army Chief of Staff and respective Headquarters leadership.

As part of a US Army War College fellowship, he spent a year at the Korea Institute of Defense Analysis in Seoul, Korea where he did research on future security challenges to the United States in Northeast Asia. He is a graduate of West Point and received his graduate degree from Campbell University.

Following retirement from the Army in 2000, Rick spent 20 years in the private sector, initially managing a small international business with offices in the US and Vietnam before joining CENTRA Technology, Inc. in 2001. He helped grow CENTRA from a small business of approximately 40 personnel to over 800 with a focus specifically on the defense and intelligence business lines, retiring in late 2020 as Senior Vice President.

Rick and his wife, Joanna, now enjoy spending time with their grandkids.





## **Ms. Deirdre Harrison**

Deirdre grew up in Connecticut. She graduated from the University of New England in 1981 with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Between Junior and Senior in college Deirdre was an Au Pair (Nanny) in Paris, France with a month in the South of France at Port Grimaud. She taught Kindergarten for the first year out of college and then joined the Army in 1982. Deirdre was a medic stationed in the ICU at Heidelberg Hospital in Germany 1983 – 1985. It was a great job but due to not finding a path to earning an R.N. Degree she switched MOS's to Data Telecommunications. Once Signal training was completed at Ft. Gordon Georgia she received her assignment to South Korea serving in the Communications Centers at Camp Stanley and Camp Red Cloud. 1985-1986

Following her assignment to Korea she was stationed at The Pentagon Communications Center specifically in the Analysis and Results section working with the Pentagon and Joint Chief's of Staff. She earned an Army Commendation Medal for her work in Analysis and Results Section. As the Pentagon assignment came to a close, Hawaii was the next and final duty station for Sergeant Harrison assigned to the Field Station Kunia. While stationed in Hawaii Sergeant Harrison went to COMSEC (Communications Security) school. She served as the COMSEC Clerk for the USAISC (United States Army Information Systems Command) while at Field Station Kunia. Sergeant Harrison married her Kaneohe Marine sweetheart on the North Shore Oahu, and hung up her stripes in October 1990 in Hawaii when she gave birth to their son Benjamin.

After her Marine husband Gary returned from Desert Shield/Gulf War the family moved to Tampa, Florida and started their civilian life together. Deirdre taught Kindergarten and K-5 Science when first arriving in Florida. After a year of teaching she started working for The Judges of Compensation Claims as a Judicial Assistant. She has been working for the Judges for 30 years and expects to retire in 2024.



**Kevin Miller**

Kevin L. Miller is originally from Franklin, Pennsylvania and entered the United States Army in 1990. He completed Basic Training and Advance Individual Training with 2nd Bn 54th Infantry at Fort Benning, GA as an Infantryman. His first duty station was with the 1st Bn 506th Infantry of the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Greaves on the Korean DMZ. Following 18 months with the 5th Infantry Division at Fort Polk, LA, he attended Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA. His final duty station was with the 2nd Bn 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC.

On 23 March 1994, while serving with the 2nd Bn 504th PIR, Kevin was injured at a mass casualty event on Pope Air Force Base commonly known as the Disaster at Green Ramp. 24 Paratroopers lost their lives and over 60 were injured and required medical support at Fort Bragg, NC with many being further transferred to the burn ward at Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Due to their permanent nature, Kevin's injuries required him to separate from the United States Army in 1996 and he relocated to Atlanta, GA. For the past 25 years, Kevin has served in middle and senior management roles within the defense industry and international sales markets. He is currently a consultant to multiple industries.

Kevin joined the Georgia Veterans Day Parade Association of Atlanta as a Director in 2001. He has served as President since 2010 and oversaw its transformation to the Georgia Veterans Day Association to better identify their expanded role.

He is a proud member of the Korea Defense Veterans Association and a Life Member of National Infantry Association, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division Association, and the DAV.

Kevin is married to his wife of 23 years, Cecilia, and they have one daughter, Tina.



**Sharon Extrom**

I was born the fourth and last child of Robert and Marijean Extrom. My siblings and I were raised in a typical family with a working father and a stay-at-home mother, although she worked multiple part-time jobs. While my mother tried to prepare me for domestic duties, it was my father's work ethic that made an imprint on me when I started my career in international logistics. I received my US Customs Brokers license in 1997 in Atlanta where I lived for 24 years. In 1992, I moved to Chicago after receiving a job transfer. My work with Customs spanned three and half decades.

I moved back to my parents' home in November of 2014 with the intent of helping my elderly parents out while seeking employment. However, I ended up being a full-time caregiver to both my parents. My son has been a great help in caring for both my parents and has been a source of strength for me. We would bounce ideas off of each other whenever a new situation arose. My mother has Alzheimer's (19 years now) and is currently on hospice. My father (a Chosin Few Survivor) suffered from Lewy Body dementia with Parkinson's. Sadly, he passed away two and a half years ago. Being a caregiver has been the most rewarding and most difficult job I've experienced. However, it gave me precious time to spend with my father and learn about his role in the Korean War. I've learned so much, yet there is so much more to learn!



## **Janice Sheridan**

Janice was born and raised in a northwest suburb of Chicago. She graduated with a B.S. from Illinois State University and worked for Special Olympics before moving to northern Illinois. She is currently the Digital Communications Administrator for her church and in her spare time, she is a freelance writer and editor. Janice is an award-winning poet with pieces in multiple literary journals, and she has published a collection of poetry. She enjoys spending time with her husband, five children, and three grandchildren.



**Mr. Robert Extrom and his wife Marijean**

Born during the Depression and the last of ten children, Robert Extrom never realized his family's simple poverty implanted in him the perseverance, courage, and loyalty he would soon need.

At eighteen, Bob enlisted with the Marine Corps. After Boot Camp at Parris Island, SC he took a train to Camp Pendleton in California for radio/communications school.

The Marine's motto: Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful) took root in his heart when the 1st Marine Division received orders to ship off to Korea for war.

Bob was assigned to H 3/1 where he was the radio operator for Captain Clarence Corley.

On September 15, 1950, Marine forces landed at the strategic port of Inchon where they pushed inland to recapture Seoul. While trudging through rice paddies, Bob detected erratic bubbles in the water. His captain urged him to fall back as his radio equipment strapped to his back was drawing sniper fire from the North Koreans.

By November, the 1st Marines fought for survival in the Chosin Reservoir where temperatures dipped to  $-45^{\circ}$ . The Chinese outnumbered the Marines 8-1 completely surrounding them. During fierce engagement, Bob was blown off his feet by mortar shells, sustaining a concussion and a back injury. Large chunks of shrapnel embedded in his spare battery saved his life.

By putting himself in harm's way and persevering to keep the lines of communications open, Bob received two combat "V" awards for his heroic actions and was later promoted to SSGT.

Bob had become one of the blessed and courageous "Frozen Chosin" or "The Chosin Few" who survived the Chosin Reservoir.

After the war, he worked at US Life/Credit Life Insurance Company for forty years, retiring as Vice-President/Treasurer. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He also built a log cabin in Wisconsin and spent many days hiking, cross country skiing, and playing with grandchildren and dogs. He was married to his wife, Marijean for 67 years.

Bob moved on to glory on March 12, 2020.



## **Mr. David Maxwell**

Colonel David S. Maxwell (RET) is the Editor-in-Chief of Small Wars Journal. He is a Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a Senior Fellow at the Global Peace Foundation (where he focuses on a free and unified Korea), and a Senior Advisor to the Center for Asia Pacific Strategy. He is a 30-year veteran of the US Army, retiring as a Special Forces Colonel. He has worked in Asia for more than over 30 years, primarily in Korea, Japan, and the Philippines. Colonel Maxwell served on the United Nations Command / Combined Forces Command / United States Forces Korea CJ3 staff where he was a planner for UNC/CFC OPLAN 5027-98 and co-author of the original ROK JCS – UNC/CFC CONPLAN 5029-99 (North Korean instability and regime collapse). He later served as the Director of Plans, Policy, and Strategy and then Chief of Staff for the Special Operations Command Korea. He commanded the Joint Special Operations Task Force Philippines (JSOTF-P), served as the G3 for the United States Army Special Operations Command, and culminated his service as a member of the military faculty at the National War College.

Following retirement, he served as the Associate Director of the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Colonel Maxwell is a fellow at the Institute of Corean-American Studies, an advisor to Spirit of America, and on the Board of Directors of the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, the International Council of Korean Studies, the Council on Korean-US Security Studies, the Special Operations Research Association, the OSS Society, and the Small Wars Journal. He earned a B.A. in political science from Miami University, and an M.A. in Military Arts and Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and from the School of Advanced Military Studies, and an M.S. in National Security Studies from the National War College. Colonel Maxwell teaches "Unconventional Warfare and Special Operations for Policy Makers and Strategists."



**David Beam**

I entered the Army in March 1966 and was trained as a radio teletype operator prior to being assigned to Korea in October, 1966. I spent 14 months on the Korean DMZ with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and was discharged in December 1967.

Prior to entering the Army, I worked as a flight instructor at Kent State University airport. After my discharge I worked in Air Traffic Control for thirty years and after retirement I spent seven years, on and off, working as a corporate pilot. Today, I enjoy life on the shores of Lake Keowee, in South Carolina, and spend too much time working on my golf game.





## **Rocky Chiofar**

I served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1975, and in South Korea from 1969-1971. For 18 months, a lot of time was spent in the DMZ building roads. I then went to Germany for 1 year and then back to Ft. Devens, MA, where I finished out my 6 years in the Army.

I just recently returned to South Korea on the Revisit Program with the KDVA and it was an eye-opening experience after 51 years since I was in South Korea. I am from Norwood Massachusetts and lived in Maine for 25 years. We moved to Florida 13 years ago and I am retired and 100% disabled from Agent Orange.





### **Session 3: “KDVA Workshops”**

#### **1:30-3:00 Group 1**

- **ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command**
- **KATUSA Veterans Association (KVA)**
- **KDVA Local Chapters / KDVA Virtual Common Interest Groups**

#### **3:00-3:30 Break**

#### **3:30-5:00 Group 2**

- **Van Fleet Foundation, Inc.**
- **U.S.-Korea Alliance Foundation (USKAF)**
- **Second Indianhead Division Association**
- **Veteran Businesses**



## **ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command**

Established in 1978, the Combined Forces Command reflects the mutual commitment of the Republic of Korea and the United States to maintain peace and security, and the willingness and capability to take that commitment into battle, if the need arises.

Our mission is to deter aggression and if necessary, defend the Republic of Korea to maintain stability in Northeast Asia. The Service Members of the United States and the Republic of Korea have stood together for more than 60 years maintaining the Armistice and setting the conditions for stability and prosperity in the Republic of Korea.

CFC Webpage:

[Combined Forces Command \(usfk.mil\)](http://usfk.mil)

COL Rich Butler is a career officer from Rush, NY who has served in both the Navy and Army. In the Navy, he performed duties as a Surface Warfare Officer, including early command during the Iraq War. He completed an interservice transfer to the U.S. Army, where he performs duties as a Strategist with extensive experience in the Indo-Pacific.



- Open to people who had served as KATUSA soldiers
- Formed in 2007
- Recognized as a non-profit organization in 2013 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea
- Regional branches across the Republic of Korea and overseas
- As of 2022, 300K members, including Korean War veterans, and around 10K registered members who officially enrolled in the KVA

### **Ongoing support of major activities**

- KATUSA Award Ceremony and Dinner
- Memorial Ceremony of Korean War Fallen Soldiers
- Change of Command / Change of Responsibility Ceremony
- Support of Army Birthday Ball
- Support of KATUSA and U.S. Army Friendship Week
- Manchu Mile Training (Support and participation between 2008 ~ 2015, and plan to resume in 2023 in Seoul)
- Support of KTA (KATUSA Training Academy) Graduation Ceremony



**KDVA is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization** registered in the state of Virginia with chapters in Korea and Hawaii with a new chapter starting in Georgia in October 2022.

### **Mission**

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.

### **Motto**

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

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- Chapters are the "Boots on the Ground" for KDVA
- Locally promote KDVA's mission
- Provide networking opportunities for Korea Veterans
- Host local meetings and community engagement activities
- Fellowship and camaraderie with other Korea Veterans



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**Did you know** that over 1.8 million Americans fought in the Korean War and 3.3 million Americans have served in Korea since the Armistice Agreement (July 27, 1953)?

**For general questions or comments, please contact KDVA at [contact@kdva.vet](mailto:contact@kdva.vet).**



Commanding General, Eighth U.S. Army  
Korean War, 1951-1953

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Digitizing has started with some of the documents in the archives that General Van Fleet donated to the George C. Marshall Foundation, located on the campus of the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. A [complete guide and index](#) to the James A. Van Fleet Papers was prepared by Alison L. Oswald, Project Archivist at the George C. Marshall Foundation in 1994. The [Table of Contents](#) and a brief [Scope and Content](#) of the Papers are extracted for quick reference. Most items can be located by Box and Folder number identified in the Container List. A few items of special interest, such as the report of the D-Day Landing on Utah Beach, and the Commanding General's Journals from the Korean War and the Communist Insurgency in Greece are highlighted on the website. Other topics may be highlighted in the future.

General Van Fleet was the Regimental Commander of the 8th Infantry which led the assault on *Utah Beach in the Normandy Invasion on D-Day*. His report of the landing on Utah Beach and of the fighting all the way to Bastogne and the Battle of the Bulge can be seen here in [Box 32, Folder 30, Folder 31 and Folder 32](#). The roster of all the officers of the 8th Infantry Regiment who landed on Utah Beach on D-Day can be seen [here](#). Five of these officers were present at General Van Fleet's 100th Birthday Celebration in 1992 at his ranch in Polk County, Florida.

His remarks at the 90th Infantry Division Association Reunion on November 11th, 1950 about the superb soldiers of the 90th, the "Tough Hombres", and about the Greek Communist guerrilla struggle can be seen in [Box 32, Folder 58](#).

The Commanding General's Journal covering the period of the Greek Communist insurgency begins in early 1948 and continues into 1950. The first section covering the period from January 5th, 1948 to April 6th, 1948 can be seen in [Box 49, Folder 1](#). The remaining sections in Folders 2 through 10c are currently being digitized and will be added soon.

The Commanding General's Journal during the Korean War consists of more than 800 pages. These came from [Box 81, Folders 6 through 28](#) of the archives at the Marshall Foundation. Click on the links below to access these files.

[Commanding General's Journal, 8th U.S. Army, Korean War, April 1951 - February 1952](#)

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- US-Korea Alliance Foundation

Speaker:

- Won Uh (Secretary General)

During Q&A

- Tracy Comstock (President)
- Shinwook Yi (Board Member)
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Information about organization:

- The purpose of the Corporation is to reinforce the alliance between the United States of America (“US”) and the Republic of Korea (“ROK”) by educating the next generation and supporting projects, businesses, and events to promote the honor, welfare, and remembrance of US and ROK military, including active or retired servicemen and current or retired civilian service members (“US and ROK military personnel”), and their family members.



## Second Indianhead Division Association, Inc



The purpose of the Second Indianhead Division Association is to create an Association where 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division veterans, their families and active duty personnel can come together to support each other to perpetuate and memorialize the valiant acts and patriotic deeds of members of the

### Second Infantry Division

We endeavor to:

- promote and maintain friendships and camaraderie created by active service with the Second Infantry Division
- set examples of patriotism
- pay homage to our honored dead
- provide scholarships for qualified young men and women
- support the active Second Infantry Division
- and provide services for and protect the interests of members, their dependents, and survivors.

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## Di Dim Sae Korean Traditional Art Institute



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The 12th International Asian  
Art Competition Prime Minister's Award

Di Dim Sae Korean Traditional Art Institute was established by Soo Kyung Jung to embody Korean traditions of Art and performance since 2011.

She promotes Knowledge of Korean traditional art among Korean - American, Korean adoptees and all Americans. Ms Jung also teaches Nata and Korean traditional dance at Fairfax HS and Centreville HS in Virginia.

Recipient of the South Korean Prime Minister's 12th International Asian Art Competition Award, Ms Jung also teaches two Korean National Intangible Assets:

the Seung and Salpuri Chum.

The group performs primarily in the Washington D.C. area, serving as the most recognizable group of Korean traditional performers in the area. Most notably, they have performed at the White House for the Lunar New Year celebration. The ensemble has a multitude of performances in their repertoire, such as the Samul nori and Mega drum percussion, as well as Seungmu and Salpuri Chum traditional dance.



**<태평무: “Taepyeongmu” > (출연자 - 정수경 Soo Kyung Jung 디딤새한국전통예술원대표)**

중요 무형문화재 제 92 호 태평무 태평무는 임금과 왕비가 나라의 태평을 기원하는 춤다운 엄숙함과 장중함이 배어있으며, 정적인 것을 중시하는 대부분의 춤과는 달리 팔사위가 화려하고 웅장한 의상의 어울림과 함께 흥과 신명이 넘치면서도 조급하지 않는 디딤새가 특이하다. 움직임이 빠른 반면 동작이 섬세하며 동작 하나 하나에 절도가 있다.

Taepyeongmu is a traditional Korean folk dance. This one was choreographed by Han Seong-jun, a master of Korean traditional dance in the early twentieth century. Taepyeongmu is recognized in Korea as the country's important Intangible Cultural Treasure #92. This dance was traditionally performed to pray for the peaceful reign of the king and for a good harvest. The extravagant royal court costume contrasts with the traditional religious music.



**<모듬북 MEGA DRUM > (출연자 : 주한결 Jacob Chu /정지훈 Jihoon Jung / 앤드류김 Andrew Tiger Kim )**

전통 타악의 현재와 미래가 공존하는 작품으로, 사물놀이 전통가락을 현대적인 리듬 구성으로 새롭게 창작한 대중적인 작품입니다.

It is composed several beats and rhythms of traditional and modern for fresh sensation with traditional drum rhythm as the center. The harmony of the beat and the rhythm, passing the melody for balance between each players, communication with the audience creates a great atmosphere to merge all together.



## Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs

### **Our Mission**

To honor and serve those who have dedicated their lives and sacrificed for our country, and to preserve and promote their patriotic spirit

### **Our Vision**

To create a society in which patriots and veterans can lead honorable and dignified lives, where the spirit of patriotism is valued

### **Strategic Goal**

Establish a broadly supported and well-developed compensation scheme for patriots and veterans

#### **Performance Goals**

- Design a rational compensation system that is responsive to national sentiment and changes in society
- Construct a fair, practical review system for registration
- Establish a fair and sound compensation scheme
- Establish an organizational image that contributes to national unity

### **Strategic Goal**

Ensuring the wellness of Patriots and Veterans

#### **Performance Goals**

- Provide high-quality, convenient health services
- Provide welfare services for a comfortable old age
- Ensure the livelihood of patriots and veterans and enhance their capacity for self-sufficiency
- Improve administrative efficiency to secure more financial

<https://mpva.go.kr/english/index.do>



In 1950, when the Korean War broke out and Seoul was occupied only three days later, the Republic of Korea would have been destroyed by that time, without the participation of the United Nations troops consisting of mainly US troops.

In the short period of 60 years since the signing of the Armistice Agreement in 1953, the Republic of Korea has established a free democracy and developed into one of the world's 10th largest economies based on the market economy.

This is of course due to the excellence and diligence of our people. But I don't think achieving it would have been possible if the U.S.-ROK alliance had not established a solid security mechanism. At this point in time, the dedication of the U.S. Forces in Korea plays a critical role in maintaining peace on the Korean Peninsula from the nuclear-armed North Korean army. As such, our alliance has secured and securing the security of our nation, and will likely continue to in the future.

But, I don't think that ROK-US Alliance is just given at no cost.

Both sides must make efforts to strengthen the Alliance with a firm belief that it is in accordance with the interests of the US and ROK. KUSAF has formed to push ahead with the project to advance the U.S.-ROK alliance.

**That's why KUSAF has founded.**

KDVA has founded in 2017 in U.S. KDVA has members mainly consisting of those who had served in the United States Forces Korea since 1953. Its establishment was led by former CFC commander, General (Ret.) Sharp.

They are the ones we should thank for making the critical contribution in ensuring our security after the armistice agreement. One of KUSAF's core activities is to financially support the operations and managements of the KDVA. KUSAF will also carry out research, education, publications and forums for promoting the Korea-U.S. alliance, as well as welfare and honor for the soldiers and soldiers who are still devoted to the Alliance.

As we have seen the recent North Korean nuclear threat become more serious, we feel the importance of the ROK-US alliance for the North's denuclearization and the security of the Republic of Korea which is now under NK's nuclear negotiations.

I sincerely ask many of you participate in the spirit of our foundation.

Thank you.

President of Korea-US Alliance Foundation  
Jung, Seung-Jo

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## Master of Ceremony



Col. (Ret.) Seung Joon "Steve" Lee  
Senior Vice President, Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA)

As KDVA's Senior Vice President of Operations, Colonel (Retired) Steve Lee is responsible for overall leadership, direction, and strategic vision of the KDVA. This is an exciting time for KDVA as the organization works to further enhance the U.S.-ROK Alliance by expanding the organization, membership, and programs to facilitate education, discussion, and research on topics vital to both countries and those who built and serve the Alliance.

Steve is a Korea expert with 22 years of experience as an Army Foreign Area Officer (FAO) in the United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Command (UNC/CFC/USFK), Joint Staff, Army Staff, U.S. Embassy-Seoul, Defense Intelligence Agency, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), and 2nd Infantry Division.

He has been interviewed on NBC's *The Today Show* and FOX News. He has lectured at the Academic Council on the United Nations System, Ewha Woman's University, and the Korea National Defense University. He has moderated and participated in numerous panels about the ROK-U.S. Alliance. And he has briefed the U.S. Vice President and Secretary of Defense, ROK Minister of National Defense and Minister of Foreign Affairs, NATO Secretary General, Dutch Prime Minister, and dozens of Members of the U.S. Congress.

### **KEY ASSIGNMENTS**

In seven assignments covering 13 years in South Korea, he has traveled throughout the country, including the Northwest Islands and 25 ROK guard posts in the demilitarized zone (DMZ). Steve was selected as the Chief, Commander's Initiatives Group in UNC/CFC/USFK and later served as the Director, Strategic Communications. He has also visited China, Japan, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Taiwan, Singapore, Guam, and Vietnam.

### **KEY EDUCATION**

Steve graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He received a Master of Arts in East Asian Studies from the University of Virginia and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is a graduate of the ROK Army College.

### **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Steve and his wife, Grace, have four children: Mariam, Caleb, Lincoln, and Ella. The family's motto is "Faith, Family, Friends, Fun." They enjoy spending time together and doing Christian work. They were selected as the Yongsan Army Garrison's 2017 Volunteer Family of the Year. Their hometown is Potomac Falls, VA.





**KDVA Reunion Dinner**  
**Keynote Speaker**

**Commander UNC/CFC/USFK**  
**Gen. Paul J. LaCamera**



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General Paul J. LaCamera assumed command of United Nations Command, ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea (UNC/CFC/USFK) on July 2, 2021.

A native of Westwood, MA, General LaCamera commissioned as an Infantry Officer from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1985. His education includes a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy and a Master of Arts degree from the U.S. Naval War College.

General LaCamera most recently served as the Commanding General of the United States Army's largest Service Component Command, U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC), headquartered at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, with portions of the command forward-deployed and based throughout the Indo-Pacific.

During his 36 years of service, General LaCamera had the honor to lead and serve with members of all military branches, inter-agency colleagues, and coalition partners from platoon through corps, and a combined joint task force.

General LaCamera's past assignments include: the 82d Airborne Division, XVIII Airborne Corps, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, and Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; 4th Ranger Training Battalion, 3d Ranger Battalion and the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia; 2d Ranger Battalion, Fort Lewis, Washington; 2d Infantry Division, Eighth United States Army, Republic of Korea; 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum, New York; 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado; Office of Security Cooperation, Baghdad, Iraq; 25th Infantry Division, and U.S. Army Pacific, Hawaii.

General LaCamera participated in numerous contingency operations including: Operation JUST CAUSE in Panama; Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY in Haiti; Operation ANACONDA in Afghanistan; and multiple deployments in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Operation NEW DAWN, and Operation INHERENT RESOLVE in Iraq and Syria.



**Thank you for attending our event.**

**Each of us makes a difference for the ROK-U.S. Alliance  
and our Veterans, because “We Are the Alliance”!**

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

