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KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION

## Congratulatory Letter to Eighth Army on Founding Day 10 June 2022

LTG William Burleson, CSM Robert Cobb, and the Soldiers of the “Pacific Victors!”

On this day of Eighth Army’s founding, the Korea Defense Veterans Association proudly salutes and thanks each Soldier of the Pacific Victors – past and present – who have answered our nation’s call throughout the Pacific, and since 1950 to defend the Republic of Korea and support the vital ROK-U.S. Alliance.

Serving through the seven decades of the crucible of the Korean War, the dangers of the early years along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), and various North Korean attacks and provocations, the Soldiers of the largest U.S. military unit in Korea have taken the lion’s share of responsibility for security in the most important region of the world. You are truly irreplaceable. Moreover, the unique and highly successful experiment of the Korean Augmentation to The U.S. Army or KATUSA program continues to form the closest military relationship in the Alliance.

KDVA’s sole mission is to support the Alliance and our Veterans. On this anniversary, please know that we at KDVA are standing with the Eighth Army. We pledge that our members, partners, and supporters will remember Eighth Army’s years of sacrifices as we continue working “Together for the ROK-U.S. Alliance.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Brooks", written over a horizontal line.

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