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Patriot Day

Every year since the tragic day of September 11, 2001, all American citizens come together to remember and honor the fallen. Fighting valiantly till the end, their lives and stories are forever memorialized and illuminate this dark day in history.

- 2977** – the number of innocent lives lost on 9/11.
- 343** – the number of lives lost on 9/11 who were New York City firefighters.
- 23** – the number of lives lost on 9/11 who were NYPD officers.
- 37** – the number of lives lost on 9/11 who were police officers from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.
- 19** – the number of terrorists who hijacked the planes on 9/11.
- 60%** – the percentage of victims of the 9/11 attacks whose remains have been identified.
- 3:1** – the ratio of men to women who died.
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- 300** – the number of firefighters on leave for respiratory problems from 9/11 by January 2002.

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VFW Post 8555 Spotlight



Members of All American VFW Post 8555, Poth, TX visited Frank M. Tejada State Veterans Nursing Home in Floresville to honor Korean War veterans during Korean Armistice Day. Commander Marvin Roemer opened the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, Chaplain Ray Silva lead with an opening prayer and National Anthem and reading the President's Korean Armistice Proclamation 2021.



A Proclamation on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, 2021

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The United States and the Republic of Korea are allies with a long history of shared sacrifice. In a call to defend freedom and democracy abroad, 1.8 million Americans joined the fight to protect our Korean Peninsula allies from the communist regimes in North Korea and The People's Republic of China. In 1953, after 3 years of violent combat and millions of casualties, an armistice was signed by representatives of the United States, The People's Republic of China, and North Korea. The armistice made possible the exchange of prisoners of war as well as an opportunity to negotiate a peaceful settlement. Almost 70 years later, that settlement still has not been reached, and the Korean Peninsula remains divided along the 38th parallel. Yet, the Republic of Korea has grown into a thriving, vibrant country, and the enduring relationship between our two nations has flourished through decades of peace. Today, we take this opportunity to honor, remember, and pay tribute to the Korean War veterans who fought to defend those universal values and freedoms that the people of South Korea enjoy today.

American service members, along with our United Nations counterparts, fought through some of the most unforgiving terrain and weather conditions on the Korean Peninsula. Through searing summer heat, bitter winter cold, and torrential rains, our forces fought with relentless courage, resilience, and perseverance. In the mountains, valleys, and rice paddies, the battles fought and lives lost in Inchon, the Chosin Reservoir, Heartbreak Ridge, and the Pusan Perimeter, we remember their valor. Earlier this year, I had the great privilege of awarding the Medal of Honor to Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr., USA (Ret.), a legend in the Army Ranger community, for his extraordinary selflessness and heroism during the Korean War in the Battle of Hill 205. His story, and those of all our veterans of the Korean War, remind every American the high price of freedom.

We shall never forget the service members who made the ultimate sacrifice. On the National Mall at the Korean War Memorial, a Wall of Remembrance will be established to further honor and venerate the more than 36,000 American lives lost during the war, along with more than 7,000 Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldiers who were killed in action. As a grateful Nation, we owe it to the families of the fallen to memorialize, commemorate, and pay tribute to the heroes who have given their lives for our Nation — and to uphold and honor the democratic values for which they fought. We must also always recognize the patriotism and service of our veterans and their families and caregivers, and uphold our sacred obligation to provide the support they need when they come home.

Our commitment to protecting peace on the Korean Peninsula has endured and grown in the ensuing decades. We are immensely proud of our historic friendship and the trust we share with the Republic of Korea. The service and sacrifices of both our nations have left an indelible determination to sustain peace and promote regional stability. Training side-by-side with the Korean military, our Armed Forces abroad help keep the watch while proudly upholding the legacy of those serving before them. Our partnership remains crucial to maintaining peace and stability today, and to expanding economic growth in a critical region of the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2021, as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor and give thanks to our distinguished Korean War Veterans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

August 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 0800—Veterans B-fast 0900—District Mtg at Post 8541
8	9 VFW Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 VPR - End of Iraqi Freedom OIF	1	2	3	4 ©Calendar12.com

September 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 VPR—VJ Day	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11 VPR—Patriot Day
12 Grandparents Day	13 VFW Meeting	14	15	16	17 VPR—POW MIA Recognition Day	18
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