

## **Korean War & Service Veterans of Lake County, FL, Inc.—Chapter 169**



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### **Korean Service Veterans sought for recognition at August 2 Ceremony**

Korean Service Veterans, those nearly two-million American GI's who have served silently in Korea since the signing of the armistice on July 27, 1953, will be recognized in a special 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary ceremony on Saturday, August 2, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, Leesburg.

The program is sponsored by the Korean War and Korea Service Veterans Association of Lake County, Chapter 169, a group of nearly 90 U.S. Veterans either who served during the Korean War, or who served in Korea any time after the war until the present.

Korea defense service has been and remains a unique—but virtually unknown—cold war type of duty. At times this duty goes hot.

This ceremony is dedicated to the nearly 2,000 American soldiers who have given their lives in the line of duty from July 1954 to the present time in North or South Korea; neither their names nor their service has been recognized by any national memorial.

Two speakers will address this 60-plus years of involvement of U.S. troops along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) separating a bustling S. Korea from its communist neighbors to the north, Jerry Sexsmith, USN (Ret) and Tom DeRosa, who served in this area with I Corps from 1969-70. Mr. DeRosa is a member of the sponsoring KWVA chapter.

An informal reception will be held for those KSV in attendance after the program. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the National Guard Armory, 400 West Meadow Street, Leesburg, FL. For a map showing the location of the VMFP go to [http://cid169.kwva.org/veterans\\_memorials/vmfp.htm](http://cid169.kwva.org/veterans_memorials/vmfp.htm)

Chapter 169 serves all or northern Lake and adjoining portions of Sumter and Marion Counties, including The Villages; it meets every fourth Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at the Leesburg Senior Center, 1211 Penn St. For more information on Chapter 169, please see: <http://cid169.kwva.org/>

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