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Re: ROK Service Medal Resolution Support

Korea Defense Veterans of America  
P.O. Box 631  
Middlesex, NJ 08846

Dear KDVA Leaders,

The [YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME HERE] joins with other veteran's service and unit organizations in supporting the KDVA's Resolution No. 3 to have the Republic of Korea Service Medal (ROKSM) reestablished by the Republic of Korea to all that served in Korea after 27 July 1954. We also support having the U.S. Defense Department accept this award for inclusion in the permanent records of Korea service recipients and to allow permanent wear of this medal.

We recognize that the KDVA resolution is not asking the Republic of Korea to award a medal for service after 27 July 1954. This resolution requests a reestablishment of the medal previously awarded in 1972 and continued until 1974 when the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff refused to accept the medal based on regulations that are no longer valid and/or that has precedent for exception or waiver.

We recognize that this award will cause no additional financial expense to the U.S. Government as foreign awards are obtained at the expense of the individual recipient.

This resolution has a direct and positive impact on members of our organization. We strongly support and encourage the re award by the R.O.K. and acceptance by the U.S. Department of Defense of the ROKSM now. We do not want to repeat the insult to Korea Defense Veterans that was done to Korean War Veterans with the non acceptance of the Republic of Korea War Medal awarded in 1951 and finally accepted for wear in 1999, 49 years after the fact denying thousands from appreciation of the award.

Sincerely,

[NAME]  
[TITLE]