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Re: ROK Service Medal Resolution Support

Korea Defense Veterans of America
P.O. Box 631
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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) re-established and re-issued by the Republic of Korea (ROK) to those who served in Korea after 27 July 1954.

We recognize that the KDVA resolution is not asking the ROK to award a new medal for service after 27 July 1954. This resolution merely requests re-establishment of the medal previously awarded in 1972 and continued to be issued until 1974 when the Government of The United States of America, on advice by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, refused to allow the acceptance of the medal because of certain regulations at that the time which we believe, based on advice by KDVA, are no longer valid and/or that have precedents for exception or waiver.

We recognize that the award of this medal will not cause any additional financial burden to the British Government since it will be acquired 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 ROK, of the ROKSM and join with our comrades in the United States of America, who are seeking similar approval by their government, for immediate approval by the appropriate authorities in the United Kingdom charged with the responsibility of advising Her Majesty the Queen on the acceptance of, and permission to wear, foreign medals. We do not want a repetition of the hurt caused Korean War veterans by the non-acceptance by U.S. authorities of the Republic of Korea War Medal awarded in 1951 but not finally accepted for wear in 1999, forty-nine years after the fact.

Yours sincerely,

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