A coalition of veterans in eastern Pennsylvania, comprised of members of the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the AMVETS, the Jewish War Veterans and others have organized a rally in support of the authorization by the U.S. Congress of public land in Washington, D.C. where the Korean War Memorial will be erected. The Bills are: Senate Joint Resolution 97 and House Joint Resolution 236.

The rally will be held May 5, 1984 at 2 o'clock P.M. and will take place at the Judge Lewis Quadrangle on Market Street in Philadelphia across the street from the Liberty Bell. Facing this eternal symbol of American determination that liberty is worth fighting for, the participants will add their voices in a message to Congress that the honoring and commemorating the unsung heroes of the Korean War is long overdue.

54,236 American men and women paid the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom in Korea. Over 100,000 were wounded there; almost 6 million served in the three years of war in Korea. America did not fight alone there. The clarion call of the Liberty Bell was heard in 21 other Nations who sent their sons and daughters to assist America and South Korea in preserving freedom and to fight for the common cause, the principles of liberty and democracy. Millions of Koreans lost life and property in this unprovoked, brutal aggression of communism against their land. Today thousands of Allies lay buried in Korea. They came from Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa and Australia, but their sacrifice was not in vain. Freedom was bitterly fought for in South Korea and preserved. Communist aggression was thwarted and contained.

A patriotic, traditional and compelling memorial, appropriate to honor all those who served there, is in the planning stage, administered by the National Committee for the Korean War Memorial. Legislation authorizing the erection of such a memorial on public land in Washington with money donated by public subscription was introduced in April of 1983. Already over 20,000 concerned citizens have contributed to this cause. The rally on May 5, 1984 in Philadelphia is organized as a reminder to Congress that it is time to take some action and pass the enabling legislation.

All citizens who believe that such a memorial is long overdue are invited to participate. Those who wish to help or contribute may contact the coordinator of the rally, Mr. William K. Temple of Byrn Mawr, 108 Charles Drive # A-3, Pennsylvania 19010, a Korean war disabled American veteran, or the NCKWM in Washington, D.C. 1644 21st Street N.W., 20009. Tel. 202/2327739.