The National Committee for the Korean War Memorial

The National Committee for the Korean War Memorial was founded in November 1981.

The initial efforts of the Committee were concentrated towards obtaining the support of both members of Congress and well-known individuals who had served in the Korean War. General Matthew B. Ridgway was among the first to offer his support, and many others have joined him in the formation of the National Sponsoring Committee.

The next step was to gain recognition of the Committee's non-profit and tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code Act of 1954, which was accomplished during the summer of 1982.

The motivating force behind the formation of the Committee was to erect a traditional compelling and patriotic monument to honor and commemorate the 5.7 million Americans and their Allies who served in Korea during the War.

The design of the Memorial is subject to an International Design Competition and the winning design shall be selected by a jury comprising primarily of Korean War veterans representing all walks of American life.

The necessary funding is to be obtained by public subscription and donations, and the site, it is hoped, will be granted by Congress from Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs.

On September 22, 1982, the Committee presented its case at a public hearing in front of the National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee and met with their unanimous approval.

In Congress, our efforts have taken the form of HJ Resolution 236, introduced to the House of Representatives by Congressman Charles Rose (Dem., North Carolina) which has the co-sponsorship (as of November 1983) of 166 Congressmen, and SJ Resolution 97, presented to the Senate by Senator Rudy Boschwitz (Rep. Minnesota) with 64 co-sponsors.

The following Veterans Organizations have adopted resolutions in support of a National Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.: The Fleet Reserve Association; the AMVETS; the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Our most pressing need now is the financial support of concerned individuals who want to join us in ensuring that the brave men and women who served in Korea are remembered appropriately for their contribution to our country. They gave selflessly when they were called to duty; let us do the same to erect a lasting memorial to them. All contributions are, of course, tax-deductible.

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