GROUND BREAKING FOR
THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL
TO BE JUNE 14

Washington, DC --- Breaking ground for this long awaited Memorial to the Korean War Veterans of the United States Armed Forces is an historic occasion. All veterans, their families and friends are invited. Authorized by Congress with Public Law 99-572 in 1986 it has taken longer to get approval of the Memorial than it did to fight the war.

President George Bush is scheduled to turn the first spade of earth, pending affairs of State, Sunday afternoon, June 14, 1992. Over 5000 veterans from around the country are expected to attend. This is the third anniversary of the Rose Garden ceremony when President Bush unveiled the model of the winning concept design.

General Raymond G. Davis, Chairman of the Presidential Advisory Board says, "this will be a 'day in the sun' that the Korean War veteran has awaited for 40 years." The powerful theme of service in the cause of freedom is evident in the three main elements of this design. A column of troops advance up a hill toward an American flag ending just before a still reflecting pool honoring those who made the supreme sacrifice. A polished granite wall will have 100's of etched images of the troops supporting the combat forces, the artillerymen, the Navy, the Air Force, the nurses, chaplains, supply personnel, etc.

The veterans have a full weekend of activities planned. Saturday June 13 will feature a reruns of the movies, "Pork Chop Hill" and "Bridges at Toko Ri" at the American Film Institute in the Kennedy Center. A reception is being hosted by the Korean War Veterans Association Saturday evening at the new National Guard Association building near Union Station. Sunday morning will start with a nondenominational chapel service at the Arlington Cemetery amphitheater. Ground Breaking will take place Sunday afternoon, June 14th.

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