KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL UNDERWAY

On October 28, 1986, the President signed into law a bill approving the building of a Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The memorial is to be constructed under the direction of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The legislation authorizes appropriation of one million dollars in federal funding for the project with $500,000 earmarked for site preparation, design and planning. The remainder, coupled with private donations will be used for construction.

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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

VETERANS' BENEFITS -- The VA is requesting $10.7 billion for compensation payments for 2.2 million veterans and 323,000 survivors of veterans who died of service connected causes. Legislation will be proposed to tie the annual compensation cost of living adjustment (COLA) to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Legion and the Congress have opposed past efforts to tie compensation COLA's to the CPI.

In addition, $3.8 billion will be paid in pensions, which are based on financial need, to 617,000 disabled wartime veterans and 619,000 survivors of wartime veterans. Pension payments are already keyed to changes in the CPI.

Veterans readjustment benefits will decrease almost $136 million from the 1987 level due to fewer veterans who are eligible for the education programs.

Veterans Affected By The Changes Proposed For Job Employment Services

Changes in the way the Federal public employment service operates will have a profound effect on the obligation to give maximum job placement service to veterans, The American Legion has declared.

Testifying at a Department of Labor public hearing in San Francisco, Bruce Thiesen, chairman of the American Legion's Economic Commission, said that the Labor Department's intention to continue its commitment to mandates." Thiesen recently testified at one of four regional hearings about the future of the Employment Service. Additional hearings were conducted in Reno, Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

The Department of Labor is expected to propose turning over the total policy and operational authority for the Employment Service to the States, and funding the program through block grants. The American Legion opposes this move because state legislatures are likely to cut funding for veterans services.