Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Hal Barker, who is currently writing a book concerning the Korean War Veterans' Memorial. As the names and addresses of contributors to the memorial fund are protected by the Privacy Act of 1976, Mr. Barker's letter is being forwarded to you through this Commission. The letter is self-explanatory.

If you wish to respond to Mr. Barker's letter, please do so by using the self-addressed stamped envelope which he provided.

Information concerning the current status of the memorial project may be found in the enclosed brochure.

Sincerely,

William E. Ryan, Jr.
Colonel, AD
Director of Operations and Finance

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July 27, 1989

To Whom It May Concern:

In December, 1984, I made a $10 contribution to the American Battle Monuments Commission, and started the Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund. Much has happened since then.

Your own early donation to the Memorial Fund is a private matter, so I have asked the American Battle Monuments Commission to forward this letter to you, with the hope that you might consider contacting me.

I am attempting to contact the first 50 contributors to the Memorial Fund in preparation for a future book about the early contributors to the Fund. Each of us has different reasons for remembering the Korean War. I would like to know your reasons.

My own father was a helicopter rescue pilot with Marine Observation Squadron Six in 1951-1952. He would never talk about the ribbons on his uniform, or the Silver Star he won at Heartbreak Ridge. I had to find out for myself.

I have included a stamped envelope with the hope that I might hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Hal Barker
Dear Hal,

Your letter says you hope to hear from Korean Veterans. There are many stories to tell. Myself I were a cook who took to the fox holes, carried water, carried ammo, stood outpost watch and cooked. The biggest fire fight I were ever part of were at the Reservoir area. Isn't that why they called us "the Chosen Few".

I were 18 then and scared most of the time. I already purchased one book about the Korean war. My outfit were 975 Co. 1st Bn. 5th Marines. I have a few photos from the Korean war.

Thanks for the letter

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