August 28, 1989

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,

[Signature]

WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
Colonel, AD
Director of Operations and Finance

Encls.
July 27, 1989

RE: Korean War Memorial

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
November 17, 1989

Dear Hal,

I have to say I'm sorry this took so long, but to be honest with you, I lost your letter and just found it. It was always my intention to write to you, but I guess it is better late than never.

It was very important to myself as well as the members of our organization to contribute to the Korean War Memorial, those men and women were no different than we that had fought in the war in Vietnam. We are a very patriotic group of guys and gals, and we want to be apart of all programs and events that are going to pay tribute to the Veterans and their families, or that is going to service the Veterans.

Our organization was founded in 1984 by thirteen Vietnam Veterans and their wives for the purpose of brotherhood and friendship with one another. I am a past Administrative Representative of our organization, I had held that office for five consecutive years.

I think what you are doing needs to be done, and I salute you for your grand efforts and drive. I am going to include my name and address and phone number, in the hopes I will be one of the first you contact and that I may purchase a copy of your book for my library. Thank you for contacting us, it makes us feel very good to know there are people out there who appreciate our efforts.

Sincerely,

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