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,

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

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Dear Mr. Barker:

I received your letter from the American Battle Monuments Commission last week, and this is the first time I had the opportunity to sit and respond.

My reason for contributing to the Korean War Memorial, is because I believe that it is long overdue, and tribute paid to those people who fought and died is something that this country overlooked. Korea was the first war which was a draw and people could not accept that and it was forgotten until the Vietnam experience taught us the same lesson.

I was stationed in South Korea with HHC 2nd Bn 9th Inf, 2nd INF DIV from Apr 67 to Aug 68, at Camp McGovern with the Scout Platoon. South Korea is beautiful country, but very rugged. I have heard many times from people who fought there that it was the worst possible place to fight, due to the extreme weather conditions, 100°'s in summer, -30° in winter. And rain that would not stop in the Spring. I sat in a foxhole many nights through weather like that, and I feel very sorry for anybody who had to fight under those conditions.

Enclosed is a donation I will send thru you, for the Memorial, and if I can be of any assistance to you, please write or call. I would be glad to try and pen my thoughts if you feel you could use them.

Sincerely

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