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.
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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10 Sept 89

Germanus P Kotzur
2312 Lelaray St
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you about the reasons for my donation of $11,125.00 to your organization.

1. A memorial is a must to show the fighting men appreciation for their efforts in the Korean War.

2. Peace and freedom are not free or cheap.

3. Communism had to be stopped there to show them that the Free World will not fall for their schemes.

4. South Korea has come a long way since then. That proves that freedom is best for all peoples in the world.

5. The Memorial will make Americans and all the men who fought very proud of their accomplishments.

I fought in 3 wars. I for one will always stand tall.

[Signature]

Veteran of 3 Wars.

I had a heart operation Aug 21 one bypass and one heart valve removed and replaced. I am doing fine now.