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

[Signature]
Dear Mr. Barker,

On Sept 15, 1950, I was a Navy doctor (Capt. MC, USN) attached to the 1st Shore Party Battalion, 1st Marine Division when we landed at Inchon. It was about 5 PM (1700 hrs) if memory serves, landing on an LST.

As is frequently the case, the doctors were not let in on the strategy—and imagine my shock when at first light on 16 Sept we saw our LSTs "high and dry" on the mud flats, the nearest water appearing to be a mile away from the beach. Quite a shock to me who had been in the Navy V-12 program in WWII and who had never been to boot camp or OCS. My combat training was firing seven shots from a carbine off the fantail of our LST while at sea from Kobe, Japan to Inchon. I stayed with the 5 P. Bn until July 1951 when I was rotated to USNH, Bethesda, Md.


John J. McGreevy
Capt (MC) USN (Retired)