Korean War vets push to get funds for memorial

Korean War veterans of the Carbon County Panther Valley area have joined forces with other veterans of northeastern Pennsylvania in a "Korean War Awareness" campaign to have the federal government appropriate sufficient funds to erect a Korean War Memorial.

Tony Zdanavage of Berwick, Columbia County, who has taken the initiative to gain the support of all Korean War veterans in the project, is asking that all Korean War veterans, families, friends and supporters of the monument to drive with their car headlights on starting Jan. 21 "and continue until our U.S. Senate votes to fund and build a Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C."

Serving on a committee with Zdanavage to press for a Korean War Memorial are Marvin Evans of Coal Dale, Joseph "Batch" Horvath of Lansford and George G. Steward Sr. of Summit Hill.

According to Zdanavage, of the $10 million that was donated to construct a Vietnam War Memorial, only $3.5 million was actually spent for its construction. He said, "Our federal government could build a Korean War Memorial for the same amount of money [$3.5 million] that was spent on the Vietnam War Memorial."

Zdanavage also requests the Korean War veterans to write to their U.S. senators and ask them to support and fund "the long overdue Korean War Memorial."

He also suggested that a letter requesting the monument be sent to Sen. Malcolm Wallop, chairman of the subcommittee on public land and monuments, Washington, DC 20514, because Wallop has allegedly said "that there will not be one red cent of federal money for the Korean War Memorial."

Zdanavage added, "This gentleman needs to be flooded with many, many letters in change his way of thinking."

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This was sent to me by the above. I called & asked about it, He said, to effect it I call Korean about a committee or have I ever talked to these men, only don't them better design state. I don't care, but I wrote & told them to include this in any other release.