

Proclamation

On June 25, 1950, North Korea sent 135,000 troops across the 38th parallel into South Korea. Following this act, the United States took immediate action to defend the freedom of the South Koreans and sent more than 1.7 million men and women to lead a U.N. coalition of 15 other countries.

During three years of bitter warfare, more than 34,000 Americans lost their lives and an additional 93,000 were wounded. The Military Armistice Agreement of July 27, 1953 marked the end of this brutal war and halted the spread of Communism on the Korean Peninsula.

Hawai`i's soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines made significant contributions to the Korean War effort, including the breakout from the Pusan Perimeter and the battle of Chosin Reservoir. Our state lost more service personnel per capita than any other state or territory, and the names of those 456 brave souls are etched into the granite of the Korean War Memorial on the grounds of the Hawai`i State Capitol.

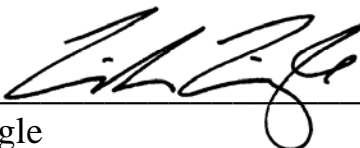
Now, more than half a century later, Americans remember the courage and sacrifice of the servicemen and women who served honorably in the Korean War and remain grateful for their efforts to protect the ideals that make our nation strong.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2006 as

NATIONAL KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE DAY

in Hawai`i and order the Hawai`i State flag to be displayed at half-staff in conjunction with the United States flag from sunrise to sunset, in honor of the brave Americans who gave their lives serving our country in the Korean War.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this twenty-fourth day of July 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai`i