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NEWS RELEASE : Reaching out to Korean War Era Veterans

County seeking connections with those who served in the "Forgotten War"

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60 years after the end of one of the shortest but most deadly wars, Contra Costa County is reaching out to Korean War era veterans to encourage them to be a part of the 2013 Veterans Day celebration. The Board of Supervisors and the Veterans Service Office will pay tribute to all veterans during a community event on Tuesday, November 12. Special attention will be focused on those who served in Korea as part of the nationwide awareness campaign called "The Year of the Korean War Veteran."

For decades, the Korean War was known as the Forgotten War, and men and women who served believed their sacrifices had gone unnoticed. The Department of Defense initiated the year-long recognition to honor and thank all Korean War veterans. Contra Costa County is home to more than 65,000 veterans, and the Veterans Service Office would like to connect with area residents who served, and hear their stories. The County will incorporate some of those stories into the November 12th event.

If you or a family member served on the Korean Peninsula or provided support back home, please contact our Veterans Service Office at 925-313-1481. You can also reach us by email at veterans@vs.cccounty.us.

The Board of Supervisors pays tribute and gives thanks each year to those who have sacrificed so much on our behalf, and looks forward to recognizing and honoring our Korean War vets to ensure that their legacy is appreciated and remembered by all. The public and media will be invited to attend the ceremony.

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