

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley

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May 15, 2013

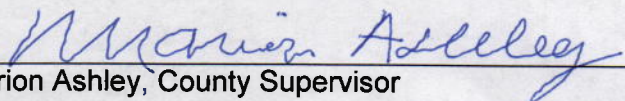
SUBJECT: Welcome Home Korean War Veterans Day

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors directs the County Executive Officer to:

1. Establish "Welcome Home Korean War Veterans Day" in the County of Riverside on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 and thereafter on every June 25 of each year;
2. Approach our state legislative delegation and secure bipartisan support for a Joint Resolution declaring this June 25, 2013 as Welcome Home Korean War Veterans Day across the State of California;
3. Approach the National Association of Counties and the California State Association of Counties seeking their support for a state wide and national day of recognition for Korean War Veterans; and
4. Order the United States, State, and POW flags at county facilities flown at half-staff on June 25, 2013 and thereafter each and every June 25 in recognition of the patriotic service of Korean War Veterans, our Korean War dead, and those listed as missing in action.

BACKGROUND: The Korean War was initiated on June 25, 1950, at 0430 hours, by the North Korean People's Army when it invaded the Republic of Korea crossing the 38th parallel with 135,000 soldiers. The United States engaged in its first battle on July 5, 1950 with the United States Army's 24th Infantry Division. After extensive negotiations on July 27, 1953 an Armistice were signed at Panmunjom and hostilities ceased between the two nations.

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This war was fought with United Nations troops from many nations and is considered to be the first successful military operation by the United Nations. 33,686 members of the United States Armed Forces died in battle, another 8,176 were listed as missing in action, and many thousands were wounded in battle. Of the total killed in action, 2,611 claimed California as their Home of Record; many of those making the ultimate sacrifice were Riverside County residents according to Defense Department records. 60 years later many of our Korean War Veterans are still with us here in our county, state, and across the nation. Welcome Home Korean War Veterans Day is one more tribute that we can bestow on these gallant soldiers, sailors, airman, marines, and members of the guard, federal & state reserves, and coast guard. Military historians often refer to the Korean War as "The Forgotten War" as it occurred between World War II and Vietnam. This effort ensures that the gallantry and patriotism of those who served in this war will never be forgotten. This effort also recognizes the families left behind when their loved ones did not return home.