

President Joseph Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C. 20500

August 3, 2022

Re: The 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Agreement

Dear Mr. President:

July 2023 is going to be a historic date for the American veterans who participated in the forgotten Korean War, 1950-1953. It will be the 70th anniversary of signing the temporary Military Armistice Agreement in Korea (a.k.a. cease-fire agreement) that stopped the bloody fighting in July 1953. Many of us, the veterans of the Korean War in particular, have already passed away and some of our survivors are now in the 90s, including the undersigned.

In connection with this historic anniversary, I am appealing to you, with support of other veterans of the Korean War, as well as U.S. veterans who served in South Korea after the Armistice (listed in p. 2), to end the lingering U.S. war in Korea by negotiating a peace treaty with the main participants in the Korean War: the ROK (South Korea), the DPRK (North Korea), and the United States. Taking such a step would serve the mutual interests of the Korean and American peoples who strongly desire “permanent peace and friendship” between the two nations. It would also contribute to a major reduction in nuclear threats between North Korea and the U.S., as well as transforming the tragic division of Korea into a peaceful reunification of the country, which has a rich culture and long history of a united country – dating back more than 1,000 years. We owe this to the Korean people because we arbitrarily divided Korea at the end of the WW II.

Mr. President, we do not want to see a tragic revival of the heavy fighting on the Korean Peninsula. We are very concerned that such a new fighting could develop into a devastating nuclear war. Unfortunately, such a danger will continue to exist as long as our war in Korea is not officially ended by replacing the outdated ceasefire agreement in Korea with a peace agreement. Thus, we sincerely urge you to take some confidence-building steps with North Korea so that the three parties can commence talks for a peace agreement as soon as possible.

Indeed, it would be a blessing for us to see a signed peace treaty that would end the “forever” Korean War on or before July 2023. This is our last wish before we pass away. We are counting on your leadership to realize our dream in the near future, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

/s/ John F. Doxey

John (Jack) F. Doxey, U.S. Army, 3rd Division, 7th Regiment, 1952-1953

Letter is Endorsed by Other U.S. Veterans who served in Korea:

- Peter Shaw, U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Marine Division, 1952-1953
- Wilson (Woody) Powell, U.S. Air Force, 58th Air Police Squadron, 1952-1953
- Stan Levin, U.S. Navy, USS Horace A. Bass, 1953
- Elliott Adams, U.S. Army, 2nd Division, 1967
- John Kim, U.S. Army, 2nd Division, 1973
- Ellen Barfield, U.S. Army, 2nd Division, 1980