IOWA GOLD STAR MILITARY MUSEUM

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IOWA GOLD STAR MILITARY MUSEUM HOSTS KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

JOHNSTON, Iowa - The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum invites the public to attend a Korean War Armistice remembrance ceremony at the museum at the Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center, 7105 NW 70th Ave., in Johnston on Friday, July 28 at 10 a.m.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the armistice signing. The Korean War began June 25, 1950, and lasted until July 27, 1953. Nearly 85,000 Iowans served in the war, and 508 were killed.

The ceremony will include a reading of a proclamation signed by Gov. Kim Reynolds, remarks by Junghan Kim, Consul General of Chicago, recognition of living Korean War Veterans and displays of military equipment and uniforms from the era.

Mark W. Clark for the United Nations Command, Peng Dehuai for the Chinese and Kim Il-sung for the North Koreans signed the agreement. That same day, the shooting stopped, and the armies began the process of withdrawing from their positions to what became a 2.5-mile-wide demilitarized zone on the Korean peninsula.

What: Iowa Gold Star Military Museum will host a Korean War Armistice remembrance ceremony

When: Friday, July 28 at 10 a.m.

Where: Camp Dodge, Iowa Gold Star Military Museum. The public should enter Camp Dodge at the main gate and follow the "Red Bull" patch signs to the museum.

Who: Korean War Vets, Junghan Kim, Consul General of Chicago

Why: This is a unique opportunity for the community to pay tribute to Korean War Veterans. Many of these Veterans are 90 years old or have passed away.

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Visitors can enter Camp Dodge through the main gate at 7100 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa. Photo identification is required for admittance to Camp Dodge for individuals 16 years and older.

Note: ALL motorcyclists (drivers and passengers) on Camp Dodge are required to wear personal protective equipment consisting of a helmet, eye protection, gloves, long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket and over-the-ankle footwear while traveling on Camp Dodge. Motorcyclists without the required equipment may park their motorcycles at the NW Beaver Drive gate turnaround and walk to the museum (approximately three blocks).

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For additional information or questions about this event contact Michael Vogt, Museum Curator, 515-252-4531 or visit the museum website at www.goldstarmuseum.iowa.gov or on Facebook at www.facebook.com.