

# Revisit programme 22-28 April 2017

## **Purpose**

The Revisit Korea programme conveys the Korean people's appreciation and respect for the sacrifices of the Korean War veterans who defended Korea's democracy and freedom. It invites them and their family members to return to Korea as guests of the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA). The programme enables them to see and appreciate the miraculous transition of Korea to one of the world's leading industrial nations with one of the world's largest and strongest economies. All of it was made possible by the sacrifice and contribution of the veterans who served with the United Nations Command, and their beloved comrades who fell.

## **MPVA's Eligibility Requirements**

Any Veteran who served in the Korean War and immediate post armistice period by sea, land, or air during the period from June 25, 1950 through October 25, 1954. Bereaved Family Members may also be eligible in the case of veterans who have died but would have met the revisit criteria. Each veteran must be accompanied by a qualified person designated to provide care for the Veteran and ensure his well-being, health and safety while participating in the programme.

\* First priority is given to those who have *not* visited Korea before through the Revisit Korea programme. Those who have visited Korea through this programme, *but not within the past five year period*, are also eligible to participate.

**Veterans who visited in 2011 are eligible to reapply this year.**

**Any veterans who visited from 2012 are requested to apply but it is unlikely that a place will be able to be offered. Veterans will be advised as soon as is practicable after the closing date as to whether or not a place can be offered.**

## **Veterans Health and Mobility**

Veterans must be in good health and capable of making the long-distance trip by air; if an incapacitated veteran requires a wheelchair or walking assistance, the veteran's caregiver is responsible for maintaining his mobility throughout the trip, so that other veterans or MPVA staff members are not encumbered. For veterans with health problems or incapacities, a doctor's certificate is required to confirm his readiness and ability to participate in the programme.

## **Physical Travel Demands on Participants, Insurance Required**

Participants should be aware that air travel is in economy seating and the journey can be arduous, lasting for approximately 12 hours from UK. Upon arrival in Korea the revisit groups must maintain mobility, and travel by foot is incurred as well as frequent boarding of tour buses. Participants should thoroughly evaluate whether or not they will be able to tolerate the programme, not only for their own benefit, but to ensure that they are not an undue burden on comrade veterans. All participants are required to have International Travel Insurance that will cover any incurred medical bills as well as repatriation expenses for incapacitated veterans and participants.

## **Support Staff**

The MPVA provides support staff to assist participants getting on and off buses and negotiating stairs. Medical staff accompanies the revisit group, but the veteran and his/her caregiver should carefully and seriously consider whether they can handle the physical demands involved in the programme.

## **Support Provided to Veterans and Caregivers Airfare**

Round trip airfare (economy class; domestic & international): 50% reduction for veteran and a 30% reduction for one accompanying person (spouse, children, grandchildren as caregiver). It is anticipated that the cost of the airfare from UK will be £800 therefore £400 will be payable by the veteran and £560 will be payable by the accompanying person.

## ***Closing date for applications is 4 March.***

***All applications to be emailed to [revisitkorea@gmail.com](mailto:revisitkorea@gmail.com) or posted to***

***Horseshoe Barn, 4 Holly Court, Holly Lane, Balsall Common CV7 7EB***

*MPVA is the final authority for the approval of applications. It is MPVA's programme and they set the criteria.*

*The British Embassy in Seoul and the Korean Embassy in London assist the MPVA in administering the British end of the programme. Mrs Charlotte O'Kane acts officially on behalf of the Embassies and the MPVA as the co-ordinator of the British programme.*

***Any enquiries should be emailed or telephoned to Charlotte O'Kane  
email [revisitkorea@gmail.com](mailto:revisitkorea@gmail.com), telephone 07877 684578***

## APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE REVISIT PROGRAMMEME April 2017

### Details of Veteran

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Forename(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

(As they appear in your Passport)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not delay in completing this application if you are waiting for renewal of passport,  
these details can be forwarded later**

Service in Korea From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit served with \_\_\_\_\_

Service Number \_\_\_\_\_ Rank(s) in Korea \_\_\_\_\_

Highest rank achieved \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been on a Revisit? YES NO  
(Circle as appropriate)

If Yes, When? \_\_\_\_\_ Were you Sponsored, if yes when? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been presented with Ambassador for Peace Medal? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to be accompanied by

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Forename(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

(As they appear in your Passport)

Relationship to Veteran above \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

if different from above

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed form to Mrs C O'Kane and send it to Horseshoe Barn, 4 Holly Court, Holly Lane, Balsall Common CV7 7EB

***Applications will close on 4 March so please ensure your form is received by then  
Late applications might not be accepted***

Further information available from Charlotte O'Kane tel 07877 684578