



Veterans Newsletter

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Korean War Memorial Dedication



Monday, July 27th, the 62nd anniversary of the end of the Korean War, General James A. Van Fleet, Chapter 267, Korean War Veterans Association presented the new memorial located next to the existing memorial flagpole on Archer Road honoring those who served in the Korean War.



The day was a good, warm Florida day with many in attendance to honor the occasion. Former Director of Alachua County Veteran Services, James Lynch was the Master of Ceremonies and welcomed all who attended the event. We

were honored to have the Guest Speaker be Mr. Eddie Ko, who as a child assisted American soldiers as a spy against the enemy and later emigrated to the United States, joined the American military and served the United States of America. His story is one of awesomeness. As a child his friends and family were killed by the Northern Korean Army. He stated that he was very young and scared but hid grief changed to anger where he chose to fight. He made infiltrated the enemy camps as a boy asking questions and mentally taking notes about troop movements and weaponry. He then reported this to the American Army. His actions were directly credited to many successes during the war.

A statement on the new memorial is "They went to defend a country they never knew and people they never met. Freedom is not free." As Americans, this is what we stand for FREEDOM.

Today South Korea is a thriving country and one of our loyal allies.

Thank you to the Korean War Veterans and all American Veterans for your service.

