

The Korean War – 1950
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Sandwiched between the closing of World War II and the gradual opening of the Vietnam War is what historians have called “the forgotten war.” It was America’s first undeclared War, being fought under the banner of the United Nations. It was the U.N. Security Council, on June 25, 1950, that demanded the retreat of North Korean forces beyond the 38th parallel after they had invaded and attacked without provocation. One day later, on June 26, Douglas MacArthur is ordered by President Truman to defend Seoul, South Korea from being taken by North Korean forces.

By the time of the Armistice in 1953, the American troops as well as the dismissed General Douglas MacArthur were heroes. Facing incredible odds, they persevered, and MacArthur was even cheered on to become President. He could hardly leave South Korea when the people lined the runway, and when MacArthur landed in California, people lined the runway to cheer his arrival. The troops were honored, and America was proud once again of its men and women. It is time we remembered the Korean War veterans, and the General who led them.

In our parade this year, we will honor our Korean War veterans, depicting the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC as well as Douglas MacArthur’s final farewell “*old soldiers never die, they just fade away.*” Let us not allow the memory of this war to fade away, for the bravery of our troops has inspired loyalty from South Korea to this day!