

A Proposal to Construct the Web site for Korean War Veterans

The Korean War Veteran's Association, Central New York Chapter #105, Inc. (KWVA, P.O. Box 5118, Syracuse, NY 13220-1118) and the Central New York Korean School (CNY KS, 1800 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13210) propose to construct a Website for the Korean War Veterans. Since 2001, these two organizations have collaborated on many occasions such as the Ambassador Pyo Wook Han Lecture Series on Korean/US Affairs established by the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University. The groups have worked together long enough to build mutual understanding and bonds.

On March 26, 2006, the members of Chapter #105 of the CNY Korean War Veterans unanimously decided to work with the Central New York Korean School for the construction of the Web site encouraged by the full support of the CNY Korean School. It is intended first for the members of the New York Chapter #105, which has around 180 members, and then for other Korean War Veterans upon their request, first from other chapters within New York State and then from other Korean War Veterans outside New York State.

We recognize the importance of establishing a clearinghouse for Korean War Veterans' information to contain the most valuable records about the second largest war since World War II and the unforgettable memories of the courageous sacrifices of both the fallen and the survivors. Currently, there are two main Korean War related websites, the Korean War Veterans Memorial (<http://www.nps.gov/kwvm/home.htm>) and the Korean War Veterans Association (<http://www.kwva.org/memorials/index.htm>). Both serve mostly as nation-wide outlets for organizational matters or events promotion.

What we are proposing is a digital museum where veterans and their families, as well as the young generations in both countries can have easy access to various veterans' records such as diaries, photos, documents, and other related materials. There is some urgency about the preservation of these valuable records since the average age of Korean War Veterans is seventy-five. Many of these veterans fought in World War II as well. Every day veterans whose stories could have been told pass away.

Specific goals are:

1. to create a clearinghouse for K WV's valuable records
2. to memorialize the sacrifice of K WVs, especially for their families
3. to maintain those records for future generations in both the United States of America and the Republic of Korea
4. to consolidate the strong alliance between the U.S.A. and the R.O.K.

In order to determine the nature and operation of the website, a steering committee with representatives from K WVs in the New York Chapter and from the CNY Korean School has been established. We plan to launch the prototype of this proposed Website (to be named later) by early September of 2006. This Website will be housed within the Central New York Korean School (1800 East Genesee Street, Syracuse NY 13214) so that it can be constantly updated and maintained by the school's web master under the supervision of the steering committee.

We strongly believe that the participation of the Korean School will be the best way to make this Website popular with the younger generation in both countries.

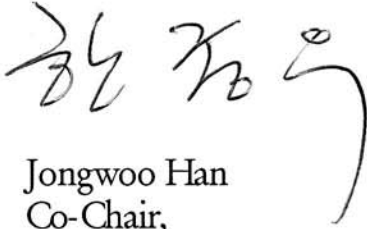
Proposed Budget: \$ 100,000

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| 1. Start-up equipment (a computer and other hardware, software, Web hosting, etc.): | \$15,000 |
| 2. Web Design Fees: | \$5,000 |
| 3. Annual Maintenance, including salaries for Webmaster and equipment updates for the initial three years until September, 2009 (\$10,000 x 3): | \$30,000 |
| 4. Opening Ceremony, International Conference, Youth Activity : | \$50,000 |
| Total: | \$100,000 |

We sincerely request that your organization seriously consider funding this project. It will be a key component in the effort not only to honor these veterans, but also to keep their memory alive for future generations of Americans, Koreans, and indeed all those who research this information.

Thank you for your attention.

Faithfully Yours,




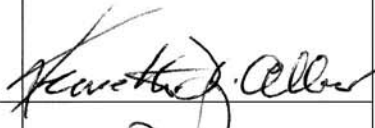


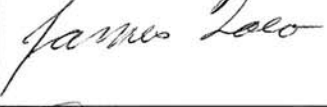

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