



**DUTY**

**HONOR**

**COUNTRY**



### **BELATED TRIBUTE**

*Wendell H Austin, Jr., spent most of his retirement years seeking after our unaccounted and missing warriors. He composed songs, performed songs and music, and passionately pled for an accounting and repatriation of these generally forgotten and generally neglected Americans—as well as missing Commonwealth troops.*

*Wendell was very helpful in helping garner information for our presentations to the Congress and the US Department of Defense.*

*His loss was all the more a personal blow when I came to realize that I had not heard from him for a time and sought him out—belatedly learning of his death.*

*No champion of our missing should ever pass unnoted thus in a measure unlamented. Duty and honor require that I note our loss and sorrow for our comrade's family, and the Korean War veterans' community.*

**ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank You for the opportunity of association and memories. We pray that You will incline our hearts to entertain a brotherly affection for one another and for all fellow citizens. We pray You dispose us all to justice, kindly impulse, and mercy. As we declare our loyalty to our Country, help us to keep in mind the need of faith in God and Immortality, without which life is meaningless and vain. In that faith and conviction we can and do say to one another "farewell until we meet again." Amen.**

*Louis T Dechert*

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President and Chairman, Combined KOREAN-US Veterans Association, CKVA

Chairman, Louisiana Veterans Coalition, 2011-2012 (LVC)

Special Advisor and Honorary Chairman, US and Korea Alliance Association (UKAA)

National President and Chairman of the Board, KWVA/USA, 2004-2008

Founder and Co-Chairman, US Federation of Korea Veterans Organizations, USFKVO

Chairman, US-Korea Allies Council, UKAC, 2005-2011



**Wendell H. Austin Jr.**

WINN — Wendell H. Austin Jr., 78, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Jan. 13, 2014 at EMMC in Bangor. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Donna, and by his children of a previous marriage, Michael of Aurora, Megaen and her fiancé Scott, her son Kyle and his wife Courtney and great-granddaughter Camryn. Wendell served in the USAAF. He was a country-western singer and song writer. In 1972, Wendell became a Christian and devoted his singing and writing to gospel songs. He loved God and country and its veterans and wrote many patriotic songs. All of his recordings were played all over the world. At Wendell's request, there will be no funeral service, just a graveside service for the family in the spring. Wendell will be sorely missed by family and his many friends.