

FIRST MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION



GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER

We, as members of the Golden Gate Chapter of the First Marine Division Association, welcome your Revisit Korea Program for veterans on this 60th anniversary of the Korean War. We, who served in Korea so long ago, are amazed that your nation has progressed to become one of the top economies of the world. Many of us think it was "worth the effort" that we made toward the success of your Country.

Many citizens of the United States refer to this as "the forgotten war", even though it was more than 3 years long and there were many, many casualties on both sides. Over the years, some of our members have wondered about our participation, and what it means to the young people of the current generation.

We wish to conduct an essay contest among Korean-American students in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. The first 200 entries chosen will automatically receive a \$25.00 award. Out of the entries chosen, there will be 3 Grand Prizes:

First Prize: \$1,500.00

Second Prize: \$750.00

Third Prize: \$550.00

The essay subjects:

1. What is your awareness of the various landings of the first U. S. forces in Korea in 1950?
2. What do you know of the evacuation of American troops from Chosin/Hamhung area, with North Korean refugees
3. What do you know of the armistice/cease fire in 1953, and the effect on people of your generation.

Rules: The essay must be typed.

The essay must be a minimum of 300 words – with a maximum of 400 words.

All entries must be submitted (postmarked) by July 25, 2010, to Henry L. Tassinari
1441 Springbrook Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Prizes for the three winning essays will be awarded at a Korean War Commemoration ceremony to be held at the Marines' Memorial Club on September 15, 2010.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Tassinari
Henry L. Tassinari, President
Golden Gate Chapter, 1st Marine Division Association