

2023

120 Years of Korean American Immigration

The 18TH Korean American Day Annual Celebration



*Looking back on the past 120 years of immigration,
toward the hopeful future 120 years...*

Public Event

**Sunday, January 8, 2023
5:00PM - 7:00PM**

**Fairfax High School Auditorium
3501 Lion Run, Fairfax, VA 22030**

The Congressional Lunch Forum with Dr. Su Mi Terry

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023
12:00PM - 1:30PM**

**Room 2075 (B369)
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Korean American Day 2023

미연방의회가 2005년 12월에 매년 1월 13일을 미주한인의 날로 제정한 것은 미주 한인사회와 공헌과 위상을 미 주류 사회가 공식적으로 인정한 것입니다. 이러한 기념일은 한인사회와 주류사회간의 교류와 협력을 강화하고 1세와 2세대들이 힘을 합쳐 정체성을 확립하고 계승 발전시키며 또 다가오는 100년을 바라보는 미주한인들의 축제일이 될 것입니다.

미주한인들은 다인종 미주류사회와 함께 어울리는 조화와 협력과 공동의 가치관을 공유 하면서 한국의 유산을 물려 받는 자랑스러운 미주사회의 주인이 됨으로써 주목받는 모범 민족이 되어야 할 것입니다.

Since the first Koreans arrived in the United States in 1903, we now have 120 years of history as immigrants to study and reflect upon. It has been a history filled with a well earned reputation for hard work, devotion to our families, and support for our community. In this modern rapidly evolving technologically driven society, it is important for us to remember how these values have formed a foundation for our success and that these values must be instilled into the next generation of Korean Americans.

The Pandemic is still affecting our lives nearly 3 years after its beginning. It has been particularly difficult for the small business community, where many Korean Americans are to be found trying to adapt to an unstable economic environment which now includes unusually high inflation and continuing supply chain problems. Four Korean Americans continue their work this year and have been re-elected to the U.S. Congress: Reps. Young Kim and Michelle Steel of California, Marilyn Strickland of Washington, and Rep. Andy Kim of New Jersey. First Lady of Maryland Yumi Hogan continues her service to Marylanders as well but will soon complete her tenure. We are proud of our leadership in Congress and in Annapolis. They are setting the standard for future Korean Americans to follow!

Our Annual Statement of Appreciation

The designation by the Congress of the United States of January 13 as Korean American Day in 2005 recognized Americans of Korean heritage as a significant and vital community within American society with major achievements in science, technology, and the arts. It marked a moment of inspiration in the history of the Korean American community by honoring Korean Americans for their accomplishments and contributions to the United States. We give thanks to America for this recognition, and for preserving and protecting at great cost our liberty from the forces of tyranny. With our liberties we hold as American citizens, we have the opportunity to help to fulfill the dreams of our families, our community, and our fellow citizens.



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120 years of Korean American Immigration

Korean Americans are celebrating the date of January 13, 1903, when the first wave of Korean Americans arrived in Hawaii. Korean American history goes back further to 1882, when the U.S. signed a treaty of peace, friendship, and commerce with Korea, allowing each country to establish a diplomatic mission. From that time, Koreans began to arrive in the U.S. as diplomats, political exiles, merchants, and students.

Three Waves of Korean Immigration

The first wave, from 1903 to 1905, consisted of about 7,500 Koreans, mostly men, who went to work on Hawaii’s sugar plantations as contract laborers. The first ship (RMS Gaelic) to bring Korean immigrants carrying 56 men, 21 women, and 25 children came to Hawaii on January 13, 1903.

The second wave, beginning in 1950, consisted of women who married American soldiers and of children adopted into American families. Nearly 100,000 so-called “internationally married women” or “military brides” entered the United States between 1950 and 1989, while approximately 300,000 Korean adoptees entered the United States beginning in 1953.

The third wave, beginning in 1967, consists of Koreans who came under the occupational and family reunification preferences of the 1965 Immigration Act. These waves of emigration followed growing U.S. involvement in Korea during the twentieth century.

Impact of Koreans on American Society

There has been much to celebrate for Korean Americans over the previous 120 years. Sammy Lee was a two-time Olympic gold medalist in diving. Lieutenant Commander Dr. Jonny Kim is a NASA astronaut, part of the Artemis team of future missions to the moon and beyond. David Hyun was the architect who revitalized Little Tokyo in LA, and Hines Ward Jr. played for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Korean Americans Andy Kim (NJ), Marilyn Strickland (WA), Michelle Steel (CA) and Young Kim (CA) serve the nation in the U.S. Congress.

Korean culture has also left a sizable footprint in the U.S. Korean food such as Bibimbap and Kimchi has become popular. Many people now watch Korean movies and listen to K-Pop music. Korean classical musicians and vocalists are a growing presence in the performing arts. Korean electronics and machinery are widely recognized as being state of the art.

Korean Immigration Documentary

To mark the 120th anniversary of Korean immigrations to the United States, the Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington produced a documentary video of Korean immigration and the Washington D.C. area community to commemorate this milestone and to preserve this history as a legacy to the next generation.

YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/zx-g15lfw3Q>



Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 109th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

House of Representatives

H. RES. 487

Supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day

December 13, 2005

Whereas the influence of Korean Americans may be observed in all facets of American life, including entrepreneurship, the arts, and education;

Whereas on January 13, 1903, 102 pioneer Korean immigrants arrived in the United States initiating the first chapter of Korean immigration to America;

Whereas the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the history of Korean immigration;

Whereas Korean Americans, like other groups of immigrants that came to the United States before them, have settled and thrived in the United States through strong family ties, community support, and hard work;

Whereas Korean Americans have made significant contributions to the economic vitality of the United States and the global marketplace;

Whereas Korean Americans have invigorated businesses, churches, and academic communities in the United States;

Whereas Korean Americans have made enormous contributions to the military strength of the United States;

Whereas today, at least 4,000 Korean Americans serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, with approximately 25percent of them currently serving in Iraq; and

Whereas the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13 of each year as 'Korean American Day' to commemorate the first step of the long and prosperous journey of Korean American in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives -

- 1) supports the goals and ideals of a Korean American Day;
- 2) urges all Americans to observe Korean American Day so as to have a greater appreciation of the invaluable contributions Korean Americans have made to United States; and
- 3) honors and recognizes the 103rd anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States.

S.RES.283

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of 'Korean American Day'. (Introduced in Senate)

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S. RES. 283

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of 'Korean American Day'.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

October 20, 2005

Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of 'Korean American Day'.

Whereas on January 13, 1903, the arrival of 102 pioneer immigrants to the United States initiated the first chapter of Korean immigration to the United States;

Whereas members of the early Korean American community served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, and the conflict in Korea;

Whereas in the early 1950s, thousands of Koreans, fleeing from war, poverty, and desolation, came to the United States seeking opportunities;

Whereas Korean Americans, like waves of immigrants to the United States before them, have taken root and thrived as a result of strong family ties, robust community support, and countless hours of hard work;

Whereas the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States include the invention of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery heart disease, development of the nectarine, a 4-time Olympic gold medalist, and achievements in engineering, architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture, and writing;

Whereas Korean Americans play a crucial role in maintaining the strength and vitality of the United States-Korean partnership;

Whereas the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the now more than 100-year history of Korean immigration; and

Whereas the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13th of each year as 'Korean American Day' to memorialize the more than 100-year journey of Korean Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate--

- (1) supports the goals and ideals of a 'Korean American Day';
- (2) commemorates the 103rd anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States; and
- (3) encourages the people of the United States to--
 - (A) share in such commemoration in order to greater appreciate the valuable contributions Korean Americans have made to the United States; and
 - (B) to observe 'Korean American Day' with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



Korean American Foundation
Greater Washington



대회장 이 은 애

제18회 미주 “한인의 날” 및 “미주한인이민 120주년” 기념 축전

금년 1월 13일은, 103명의 우리 선조들께서 화와이에 도착한지 120년이 되는 날 이며 또한, 2003년 이민 100주년의 기념 사업회를 기점으로 설립된, 미주한인재단-워싱턴 (Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington) 이 2005년 12월 미연방 상하원에서 매년 1월 13일을 “미주한인의 날”로 제정 공포한 후, 18회를 맞는 “미주 한인의 날” 즉 “미주한인의 개천절”이기도 합니다. 미주한인 재단-워싱턴은 “이민 역사의 재단”입니다.

우리 미주한인 사회는 지난 1세기에 걸친 이민생활을 거치면서 미국 땅에 굳건한 토대를 마련하고 이제 떳떳한 미국사회 주인으로 우뚝 서게 되었습니다. 이 모두는 이민 선배님들의 피와 땀과 눈물의 결정이었으며, 여러분 한분 한분의 고귀한 희생과 노력으로 가능했다고 믿습니다.

이 행사에 한국의 전통문화와 미국의 문화가 함께 어울려 우리 이민역사를 되짚어 보는 무대를 마련하였습니다. 특별공연 통하여 차세대에게 미래의 비전과 우리 1세대들에게 또 다른 목적과 사명을 주는 계기가 될 것이라 생각합니다. 또한, 워싱턴DC 소재 레이번스 빌딩에서 수미 테리 윌슨센터 아시아 국장과 함께 한미동맹 70주년 포럼을 갖습니다. 이렇듯, 참으로 뜻 깊고 의미 있는 이 잔치를 마련하기까지 뒤에서 많은 수고를 하여 주신 여러분과 후원으로 뜻을 함께 한 기관에게 다시 한 번 깊은 감사를 드립니다. 이 축전이 역사를 창조해나가는 우리 재단의 중요성을 다시 일깨우는 행사가 되어, 한인 이민 120년을 되돌아보고 앞으로 100년을 위한 새로운 설계 즉, 미국 주류사회에서의 우리 미주한인의 힘을 키우는 계기가 되는 자리가 마련되기를 바랍니다.

이제 이 시점을 계기로 여러분과 힘을 다시 한 번 합쳐 아름다운 화음으로 미래를 준비하는 일꾼으로서 세계적으로 우수한 한국의 전통 문화와 예술을 이 땅에 알려서 아름답고 다양한 미국문화를 이끌어 나갈 수 있도록 우리의 역량을 기울여야 되겠습니다. 아울러, 우리는 한국의 언어 즉 한글을 차세대들에게 열심히 가르쳐야 할 것입니다. 언어는 그 민족의 문화와 가치와 비전의 뿌리를 내리고 있기 때문입니다.

우리의 이민 선조들께서 다져놓고 씨를 뿌린 이 땅에서 조국의 위대한 유산을 전수시켜 차세대들이 잘 자라미국은 물론 타민족들에게도 필요로 하는 알찬 열매들이 되도록 좋은 거름의 역할을 하여 존경받는 조상이 되도록전진합시다.

새해에는 하나님의 풍성하신 은총아래 서로 사랑하며 나누며 행동하는 동포 여러분들이 되시기를 기원 드립니다. 감사합니다.

이은애
대회장, 제18회 미주한인의 날 축전행사



Korean American Foundation
Greater Washington



Jan 13, 2023

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am privileged to have the opportunity to organize this event for the celebration of the 18th Korean American Day, the 120th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States, and the 70th year of the U.S.-Korea Alliance.

The recognition by the U.S. Congress of Korean American Day helps to focus our concentration on the many contributions Korean Americans have made to our newly adopted country and to express our appreciation to the people and government who welcomed us into a civilization that protects our freedom and provides the opportunity to prosper.

We, as the proud inheritors of the efforts of our pioneering predecessors, remember and cherish what they have established - our roots within the American homeland. We must pass on their history and their values to new generations of Korean Americans.

The year 2023 marks the 70th year of the US- ROK Alliance. The United States and Korea share a long history of friendship and cooperation based upon shared values and interests. We look forward to strengthening our partnership by working together to achieve our common goals.

We are most grateful to our speakers Sue Mi Terry, Ph.D., members of Congress Gerry Connolly (VA), Andy Kim (NJ), Young Kim (CA), and Jimmy Gomez (CA), and all the other distinguished speakers and performers who made the celebration an event to remember.

Happy Korean American Day and best wishes for the year to all our friends and colleagues !

Rosa Park
10th President
Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 13, 2023



I send my warmest greetings to all those celebrating Korean American Day.

One hundred and twenty years ago today, a group of 102 Korean men, women, and children arrived in Hawaii in search of a new start. Like so many immigrants who have come to our shores, they shared a quintessentially American trait: courage. Their courage sparked new traditions, customs, and perspectives that are forever woven into the rich tapestry of our Nation.

Today, Korean Americans continue to shape and unite our country, strengthening every industry and every community and contributing their unique talents to our American story. From serving our country in uniform and advocating for civil rights to breaking new ground in the arts and sciences, opening new businesses, serving in our hospitals and health centers, and making history for Team USA in the Olympics, the contributions of Korean Americans enrich our lives every day and lift our Nation to new heights.

In the face of ongoing threats and challenges to peace, democracy, and stability around the world, this day also offers us an opportunity to reaffirm our ironclad ties to the Republic of Korea, especially as we commemorate the 70th anniversary of our alliance this year. I was honored to travel to Seoul last May, reaffirming that our partnership has never been stronger or more vibrant than it is now. Our nations are growing closer, not just because more Americans are calling Korea home but because generations of Korean immigrants and Korean Americans have enriched our culture and proven that diversity is—and always has been—our greatest strength.

As we come together to celebrate the storied history and accomplishments of Korean Americans, I want to express my gratitude for all that this community has contributed to our Nation. May the stories of Korean Americans continue to remind us all of the promise of the American Dream. Together, we are stronger. Katchi Kapshida.



대한민국 대통령

사랑하는 재미 한인 여러분, 내외 귀빈 여러분, ‘제 18회 미주 한인의 날’을 진심으로 축하드립니다.

올해로 미주 한인의 역사는 120주년을 맞았습니다. 지난 1903년 1월 13일, 하와이에 도착한 102명으로 부터 시작된 미주 한인 커뮤니티는 아시아계에서 다섯 번째로 큰 규모가 되었고, 외연이 점차 확장되며 이제는 미국 사회에 없어서는 안 될 핵심 구성원으로 자리 잡았습니다.



특유의 성실함과 끈기, 인내로 미국 사회에서 한민족의 우수성을 보여준 여러분께 이 자리를 빌려 다시 한번 감사와 경의를 표합니다.

미주 한인들의 역량은 지난 미국 중간선거에서 한국계의 약진으로도 입증되었습니다. 4명의 연방 하원의원이 모두 연임에 성공했고, 하와이에서는 첫 한인 부지사가 선출되었습니다. 재미 한인 사회의 쾌거이자, 한국과 미국 모두의 자랑입니다.

존경하는 재미 한인 여러분, 올해는 한미동맹 70주년을 맞는 해이기도 합니다. 한국전쟁에서 함께 싸우며 피로 맺어진 만미동맹은 동북아의 평화와 번영의 핵심 축을 담당해 왔습니다. 이제 한미 양국은 자유와 민주주의, 인권이라는 공동의 가치를 근간으로 국제사회의 연대를 실천해 나가는 최상의 파트너가 되었습니다.

지난 70년간 재미 한인 여러분이 한국과 미국의 단단한 연결고리가 되어 왔던 것처럼, 앞으로도 변함없이 한미동맹을 지지하고 발전시키는 원동력이 되어주시기를 바랍니다.

오늘 ‘제18회 미주 한인의 날’을 다시 한번 축하드립니다. 2023년 계묘년 새해 복 많이 받으시기 바라며, 참석하신 모든 분의 건강과 행복을 기원합니다.

2023년 1월 8일

대한민국 대통령

윤석열



GERALD E. CONNOLLY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 8, 2023



Dear Friends,

I am honored to welcome you to the 18th Annual Korean American Day. I want to thank our hosts, the Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington (KAF-GW).

This year marks the 120th anniversary of the first Korean immigrants' arrival to the United States on January 13, 1903. Those first immigrants braved the unknown to pave the way for subsequent generations of Korean Americans. They learned to navigate a new culture and carved their own niche in American society, and their contributions have enriched communities across the country.

The United States is a nation of immigrants. Here in Northern Virginia, we are proud to have a vibrant and thriving Korean American community, boasting more than 1,000 Korean-owned businesses in Annandale's Koreatown, which is sadly out of my District for the first time in a decade. Their countless successes have made the story of Northern Virginia one of diversity, inclusion, and achievement. We are better for this part of our regional identity.

With this rich cultural and historical context in mind, allow me to once again welcome you to the 18th Annual Korean American Day. Let us celebrate together and remember our duty to welcome new arrivals to the United States. Their strengths are our strengths, and we are grateful for their contributions. Please accept my best wishes and enjoy the event.

Best Regards,

Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia

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KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION



January 10, 2023

Each year, Korean American Day marks a special time when all Americans can reflect upon the accomplishments and contributions of the millions of Americans of Korean heritage. Korean Americans have an American story full of hope and determination that inspires us all. This year, on the 70th anniversary of the ROK-U.S. Alliance, let us reflect on the special bond between the people of Korea and the Veterans who fought in the Korean War, and the Korea Defense Veterans who continue to defend the Republic of Korea today.

Korean American Day reminds us that we must continue to build our Alliance on the strength and perseverance of the Koreans who first immigrated to the United States over 120 years ago and those who came, under myriad circumstances, since then. Respect, admiration, and goodwill should be hallmarks of our remembrance.

The Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA) is committed to supporting our iron-clad commitment to the Alliance. We are the Alliance ... asking our members, partners, and supporters to continue their important work to keep the Alliance strong and relevant. Let us resolve to continue to work together with renewed determination for peace, stability, and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula.

Thank you, Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington, for giving KDVA the opportunity once again to be a part of this special day of remembrance and celebration. And thank you for your continued support and friendly relationship.

"Together for the ROK-U.S. Alliance"

Sincerely,

Vincent K. Brooks
General, U.S. Army (Retired)
Chairman & President
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December 15, 2022



I want to extend my warmest thanks and congratulations to the Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington as you celebrate the 18th Korean American Day and for your distinguished service to Korean Americans across the nation.

As the son of Korean immigrants, I recognize and appreciate the unique role that KAFGW plays in many Korean American lives. This community has a strong history of contributions to the United States not only as entrepreneurs, business owners, and leaders, but also as community organizers and public servants. The work you have done in strengthening Korean American inter-community relationships as well as connecting people to their Korean American heritage is inspiring.

It is an honor to be the first Asian American Member of Congress to serve the state of New Jersey, and one of only four Korean Americans currently serving in Congress. Being a part of this diverse and exceptional community is likewise a privilege and I look forward to continuing our work together.

While I cannot be with you all tonight, please accept my warmest wishes for an exceptional Korean American Day celebration. Thank you for all that you have accomplished in supporting Korean Americans, I wish you continued success in achieving your organization's mission.

Sincerely,

Andy Kim
Member of Congress

January 13, 2023

Dear Friends,

I am writing to extend my best wishes and warm congratulations to the Korean American Foundation of Greater Washington for hosting the 18th Annual Korean American Day Celebration.

As a proud first-generation Korean American, I personally appreciate the Foundation's mission of recognizing the achievements and contributions of Korean American immigrants to the making the United States the greatest country in the world. As one of the first Korean American women to be elected to the House of Representatives, I am deeply grateful to this country for the opportunity it has given to millions of immigrants like me seeking to build our own American Dream.

I look forward to the continuing success and growth of the Korean American Foundation as you seek to further empower Korean American voices across the country.

Again, congratulations and best wishes to all who are participating in this event. I wish you all a very Happy Korean American Day!

Sincerely,

Michelle Steel
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Dear Friends of Korean American Foundation-Greater Washington,

Congratulations on celebrating the 18th Korean American Day and 120 years of Korean American Immigration!

It is incredible to see Korean American history from the first Korean immigrant arrival in Hawaii on January 13, 1903, continue to be celebrated. I appreciate your mission to honor the accomplishments of the Korean American community.

These 120-year and 18th Korean American Day milestones should be celebrated along with your foundation's newly elected president Rosa Park. I thank you all for your continuous dedication to honoring the legacy of our Korean American brothers and sisters.

Once again, congratulations on commemorating these landmark events.
Sincerely,

Sincerely,



Marilyn Strickland
Member of Congress, WA10



United States House of Representatives
Young Kim

January 13, 2023

Dear Friends:

I am honored to welcome guests and participants to this 2023 Korean American Day Celebration. I would first like to thank the Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington for their hard work in organizing and hosting this celebration. Special thank you to President Rosa Park for your leadership



Korean American Day commemorates the arrival of the first Korean immigrants on January 13, 1903 and honors the great contributions that Korean Americans have made to the growth and economic success of the United States. The Korean American Foundation has played an integral role in making sure this day is recognized and I want to thank the Foundation for their efforts.

In Congress, I have been honored to co-author a resolution recognizing Korean American Day. I am honored to be one of the first Korean American women elected to serve in the United States Congress, and I am excited that Congress can celebrate and recognize this day. It is an honor to represent you in Congress and best wishes for a successful event!

Sincerely,



Young Kim
Member of Congress

Outstanding Leadership and Service Award 2023

Harold Y. Pyon



Harold Pyon has a long history of public service, which includes serving on the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County Economic Recovery Commission, the Annandale Chamber of Commerce, and the Fairfax County Park Authority Board (1992-2013). He served as Vice Chairman of the Fairfax County Small Business Commission and was the Chairman of the Asian American Coalition in Virginia. In January 2022, he was appointed by Governor Youngkin to be Virginia's Deputy Director of the Office of Diversity, Opportunity, and Inclusion. In April 2022, he was appointed to serve as Virginia's Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry.

He retired in 2020 from the senior management of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office after 33 years of service. Harold served on Virginia Governor McDonnell's Commission on Economic Development & Job Creation (2010-2014). In 2007, he was appointed by Governor Kaine of Virginia to the State Board of Elections to oversee the entire election process in Virginia. He served as the first Asian American to be a member of the Virginia State Election Board as Vice Chair (2007-2011). He was appointed by Governor Gilmore of Virginia to the Board of Visitors, Virginia Commonwealth University (1998-2004). He was appointed to the Fairfax County Park Authority Board as a Springfield representative (2008-2013). He also served as LORD of FAIRFAX in Fairfax County in 2017.

He has served as a member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Korean American Community Service Center of Greater Washington, D.C. (2010-2014). He also is serving as an executive Board member of Korean Community Center Organizing Committee, Fairfax. He is the National Chair for the Korean American Day National Committee. He drafted the Korean American Day Resolutions for U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate and helped to pass these resolutions in 2005. He received the Congressional Record recognition from the 110th Congress and the National Medal of Honor (Suk-Ryu-Jang) from the Korean Government (2006). He is also Deacon of the Korean Central Presbyterian Church in Centreville, Virginia.

Harold earned a B.S. degree in Chemistry from the Virginia Commonwealth University in 1980 and a M.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Virginia in 1983. He also completed the Juris Masters Certificate Program through George Washington University/USPTO in 1996. In 2001, Harold earned a Certificate of Advanced Public Management from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.



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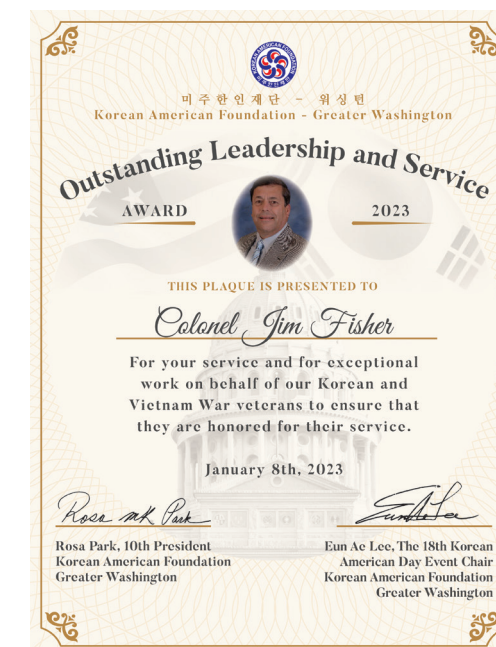
Colonel Jim Fisher



Colonel Jim Fisher has served as the Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation since 2016 through 2022. In 2001, he retired from the United States Army with over 24 years of service. He has served as the National Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association and Friends of the National WWII Memorial located in Washington, D.C.

Key assignments include:

- Director of Operations Officer for the Department of Defense's 50th Anniversary of WWII and the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorations for the United States of America.
- Coordinating producer for the PBS National Memorial Day Concert and A Capitol Fourth Concert.
- In 2001, he was awarded the Vietnam Veteran of the Year Award for his dedication to ensure all Veterans are properly honored for their service.



- President and Chief Executive Officer of HRM Group, an event planning company specializing in thanking and honoring veterans and their families.
- Served as Officer in charge of the opening ceremony for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration.
- Past Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association
- Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation

Outstanding Community Service Award 2023

Song Johnston



Song Johnston was born, raised, and educated in Korea. She received her Bachelor's degree and teaching license in Korea and taught in the Korean public schools for seven years prior to coming to the United States. She earned a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from George Mason University in 2001 and upon graduating, received Korean language and ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) teaching licenses from the Department of Education of Virginia. She taught ESOL and Korean Language in FCPS (Fairfax County Public Schools) from 2001 to 2022. She is currently retired from FCPS and teaching Korean language to adult learners through DLS (Diplomatic Language Services) language teachers teaching in seven FCPS schools.

In 2009, she established a Korean Exchange Program between Fairfax County Public Schools and Guro District in Seoul, Korea. Through the exchange program, Korean language students were able to go to Korea, visit Korean public schools, and develop friendships with Korean students while exploring the Korean culture.

In 2003, she established the Fairfax Korean Honor Society (KHS). Through the honor society, students learned traditional Korean drum-Nanta, fan dance, Samulnori, Taekwondo, and K-pop dancing and regularly performed for schools and community organizations in order to promote Korean culture throughout the greater Washington, DC area. KHS and the Exchange Program are still active in FCPS and continue to provide students the opportunity to explore Korean language and culture.

In 2019 and 2021, Mrs. Johnston received grants from the NSA (National Security Agency), and, with these grants, developed and directed the Fairfax Academy Korean STARTALK summer program for two years. Through these summer programs, students from the DC area and other states were able to learn Korean language and culture.

In 2001, Mrs. Johnston started the Korean language program with fifty-five students and was, at that time, the only Korean language teacher in the public schools of the Washington DC area. Over the years, the program has expanded significantly to where it now includes ten Korean language teachers teaching in seven FCPS schools.



120 Years Korean of American Immigration

18TH KOREAN AMERICAN DAY ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Public Event Program Sunday, January 8, 2023 | 5:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Organized by: Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington
Location: Fairfax High School Auditorium, Fairfax, Virginia

Moderators: Julia and CJ Chang

Part 1 Introduction, Speeches, and Awards

- Opening Performances
 - Salpuri Chum **Myoseon Kim**
 - Entering Veterans with Flags
 - Mega Drum **DI DIM SAE** Korean Traditional Art Institute
 - Introduction **Julia and CJ Chang**
 - Announcement to Begin the Ceremony **Se-kwon Chong**
 - Flag Salutes
 - National Anthems
 - U.S. **Keesun Kwon**, Soprano
 - Republic of Korea **Kwanggyu Lee**, Bass
 - Prayer Pastor **Dae Shik Shim**, President, Council of Korean Churches Greater Washington
 - Welcoming Remarks **Eun Ae Lee**, 18th Event Chairperson
 - Greeting **Rosa Park**, 10th President KAF-GW
- VIP Introduction
- Congratulatory Letter from South Korea-President Suk Yeol Yoon
 - Read by **Sei-joong Kwon**, Minister and Consul General, Korean Embassy

VIP Speakers

- Congressman **Gerald Connolly**
- Colonel (Ret.) **Steve Lee**, President, Korean War Veteran Memorial Wall Foundation
- Korean American Day Virginia Governor's Certificate of Recognition
 - Read by **Harold Pyon**, Deputy Commissioner, Virginia Department of Labor and Industry
- Korean American Day Maryland Governor's Proclamation
 - Read by **Chung Ki Pak** Maryland State Chief Administrative Law Judge
- Presentation of Citations from Maryland-Senator **Susan Lee** by Chung Ki Park Judge
- Amy Jean Chung** Vice Mayor for the Town of Cheverly

- Taekwondo: Grand Master **Choi Eung Gil's** Academy US TMA

Outstanding Leadership Awards

Presentation by Rosa Park and Moderators

Harold Pyon, Deputy Commissioner, Virginia Department of Labor and Industry
Colonel (Ret.) James Fisher, Executive Director, KVWMF (2016-2022)
Song Johnston, Fairfax County teacher (1995-2022)

Part 2 Cultural Performances

- The Presence Trio:
 - Psalm Shim** (saxophone)
 - Bonghee Lee**, DMA (piano)
 - Kenny Baik**, DMA (saxophone)
 - 1. Primavera Portena (Buenos Aires Spring) composed by Astor Piazzolla
 - 2. Foxy Music by Philippe Geiss
 - 3. Arirang (traditional Korean folk song)
- Seungmu: Intangible Cultural Heritage dance **Myo-seon Kim, Sookyung Chung**
- Maehwajam: Water that Flower (first performance) **Gawon Lee, Sukwon Lee**
- Arirang Alone **Kwanggyu Lee**, Bass
- Amazing Grace **Keesun Kwon**, Soprano
- Fan Dance **Heekyung Lee Dance Group**
- Jangu Dance **Sookyung Chung, Gawon Lee, Sukwon Lee**
- Arirang Flash Mob Dance **Susie Thomas Line Dance Group**
- K-Pop Dance **1 Pick**
- Curtain Call

Part 3 Closing Remarks **Julia and CJ Chang**



Myoseon Kim

Myoseon Kim was a Certified Instructor of Korean Intangible Cultural Heritage Seungmoo (2008 – 2012). She was also an Exchange Professor at UCLA, Department of Ethnomusicology. She is currently the Chief Art Director of Myoseon Kim Dance Company. She has been awarded the Korean National Order of Cultural Merit Medal, the Presidential Award for the Competition of traditional cultural performance, Grand Prize at the 33rd Korean Traditional Music Awards, and Cultural Merit Award at the 2016 Korean Wave Awards.



Soo Kyung Jung

Soo Kyung Jung is Director of DI DIM SAE Korean Traditional Art Institute, a Korean National Intangible Asset #27 Seungmu in Washington, D.C. Training Center Instructor, and was a Fairfax High School Korean Dance / Korean Drum Teacher. She was the winner of the 12th International Asian Art Competition Prime Minister's Award.



Ga Won Lee

Ga Won Lee is currently attending the Graduate School of Art, Chung-Ang University after graduated from Dongduk Women's University, Seoul, South Korea with Dance major. She is a general manager of Myoseon Kim's Ballim Dance Troupe. She is one of the National Intangible Cultural Heritage Seungmu Inheritors. She received the 48th Jeonju Daesaseupnori Dance General Division second prize, the Excellence Award at the 11th Incheon Korean Traditional Music Festival and the Special prize at the 8th Ubong Imaebang Dance National Dance Contest.



Sukwon Lee

Sukwon Lee graduated from Chung-Ang University Department of Performance and Visual Creation. He is Secretary General of Ubong Imaebang Dance Preservation Association. He is one of the National Intangible Cultural Heritage Seungmu Inheritors. He received the Ubong Lee Maebang National Dance Contest Grand Prize (Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism Award). He has appeared at the Korean Cultural Heritage Foundation Special Performance featured in Seungmu.



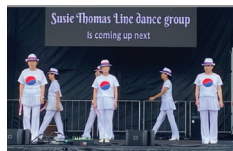
HEE KYUNG LEE KOREAN TRADITIONAL DANCE TEAM

Hee Kyung Lee started to learn Korean traditional dance from age 5 in South Korea. Following her passion for dance, she attended the Sunhwa Art Middle and High School in Korea. She earned a BFA degree in Korean Traditional Dance at Ewha Woman's University in Seoul. After graduating and traveling to the U.S., she founded a Korean traditional dance school for youth groups in May, 2001. Her passion and enthusiasm is focused on teaching Korean traditional dance and supporting its global outreach. *Dancers: Jaehee Yi, Jaelin Yi, Katie Lee, Erin Chang, Jessica Park, Yeseo Lim, Claire Lim, Claire Lim, Jubilee Kim, Ashley Haesoul Kim, Hannah Park.*



MEGA DRUM

Di Dim Sae Korean Traditional Art Institute
Drummers: Jacob H. Chu, Andrew T. Kim, Jihoon Jang, Ethan M. Lee, Daniel S. Kim, Philip E. Kim, Rachel H. Kim, Minna An, Sookyoung Jung.



SUSIE THOMAS LINE DANCE GROUP

Susie Thomas is a dance instructor and the president of the Susie Thomas Line Dance Association. She has been teaching for 18 years, focusing her senior students to maintain their health by teaching them to line dance.



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Established in 1987, the U.S. Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts Academy (USTMA) teaches and practices Tae Kwon Do in Northern Virginia. Rooted in tradition and the core values that practicing Tae Kwon Do instills, Grand Master **Eung Gil Choi**, 8th Degree Black Belt WTF (World Tae Kwon Do Federation), along with his son, 5th degree Master John Choi, have built the Academy into an institution that balances the athletic conditioning required to excel in Tae Kwon Do and the mental discipline that goes into breaking new boundaries and building self confidence in student athletes.



1 PICK: RACHEL LEE, MIN KIM, JANICE CHEN, CAITLYN AN, DINA CHENG

1PICK is a high school K-Pop dance group created by their lead **Rachel Lee**. This team is under the direction of the Korean American Association of the State of Maryland President HyunSook Choi.



Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the U.S.-ROK Alliance

CONGRESSIONAL LUNCH FORUM WITH SUE MI TERRY, PH.D.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Organized by: Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington
Location: Rayburn HOB: 2075 (B369), Washington, D.C.
Moderators: Col. (Ret.) James Fisher, Executive Director (2016-2022), Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation (KWVMF)

Self Service Buffet Lunch	(mini sandwiches, salad, side, dessert, beverage)
Introduction	Col. (Ret.) James Fisher
Greeting	Rosa Park, President, Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington
Traditional Dance for Prosperity	Kiwonmu by Gawon Lee and Sukwon Lee
VIP Remarks	Sei-joon Kwon, Ph.D. Minister and Consul General, Korean Embassy, Washington D.C. Congressman Andy Kim (New Jersey 3rd District) Ambassador Kathleen Stephens Korea Economic Institute of America President and CEO U.S. Ambassador to South Korea, 2008–2011 Colonel (Ret.) Steve Lee President, Korean War Veteran Memorial Foundation Congressman Jimmy Gomez (California 34th District) Letter from General Brooks read by Earlene Hollerith Vice President of Programs and Leadership Support, Korea Defense Veterans Association (KDVA) Abraham Kim, Ph.D. Executive Director, Council of Korean Americans Congresswoman Young Kim (California 39th District) Suzanne Scholte Seoul Peace Prize Laureate, President, Defense Forum Foundation Chair, North Korea Freedom Coalition
Keynote Speech (20 minutes)	Sue Mi Terry, Ph.D. Director of the Asia Program and the Hyundai Motor-Korea Foundation Center for Korean History and Public Policy, Wilson Center Subject: Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the U.S.-ROK Alliance
Closing Comments	Col. (Ret.) James Fisher

MODERATORS AND INVITED SPEAKERS



Moderator: Colonel (Ret.) Jim Fisher has served as Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation (2016-2022). In 2001, he retired from the United States Army with over 24 years of service. He has served as National Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association and Friends of the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.



Sue Mi Terry, Ph.D. is an internationally recognized scholar on the Korean Peninsula. Her service included Director for Korea, Japan, and Oceanic Affairs at the National Security Council and Senior Analyst at the CIA. She has taught courses on Korea and East Asia as a scholar at Columbia University. She holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from Tufts University.



Sei-joon Kwon, Ph.D. is Minister and Consul General, Korean Embassy, Washington D.C.



General Vincent Brooks served as commander of U.S. Forces Korea and the U.S. Army Pacific.



Congressman Andy Kim has been serving New Jersey and the nation under both parties and is passionate about unifying this country. He works on the Armed Services, Small Business, and Foreign Affairs Committees.



Congresswoman Young Kim from California is a proud immigrant and small business owner, mother to 4 children, and grandmother. She serves on the Foreign Affairs, Small Business, and Science, Space, and Technology Committees.



Congressman Jimmy Gomez serves one of California's most culturally diverse districts. He currently works within the Oversight and Reform and Ways and Means Committees. He attended UCLA and holds a Master's degree from Harvard's Kennedy School.



Ambassador Kathleen Stephens has served in many diplomatic positions including U.S. Ambassador to South Korea from 2008 to 2011. Fluent in Korean, she is an expert in Korean culture, linguistics, and diplomacy. She holds a Master's degree from Harvard's Kennedy School.



Colonel (Ret.) Steve Lee is an expert on Korea with over 20 years of experience as a Foreign Area Officer. He holds a Master's degree from the University of Virginia, the Army War College, and is a graduate of the Republic of Korea Army College.



Suzanne Scholte is a human rights activist with a focus on North Korea. Winner of the Seoul Peace Prize award and many others, she organized a project that successfully rescued North Korean children stranded in China and has worked with North Korean defectors to broadcast information into the North.



Abraham Kim, Ph.D. is Executive Director of the Council of Korean Americans. He previously served as Director of the Mansfield Center, a foreign policy institute at the University of Montana. He holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University.



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**Korean American Foundation
Greater Washington**

Jan 13, 2023

Since the year 2023 is the 120th anniversary of Korean immigrants to the U.S., and after emerging from the confines imposed by the Pandemic, it was appropriate to make this celebration of Korean American Day an especially significant and enjoyable event. This year also marks 70 years since the suspension of the Korean War and the establishment of the U.S. Korean alliance, a bond between governments and people.

We decided to hold both a public event where many people could gather to experience the culture of Korea and an invitation-only forum with distinguished guests but broadcast via the web. Public performances included a variety of traditional dances, drums, and music as well as modern renditions of traditional songs. We also included a demonstration of Tae Kwon Do, a martial art that has become ubiquitous in America and a bit of K-Pop dance as well. The forum focused on the 70-year alliance between the Republic of Korea and the U.S. and featured remarks by distinguished speakers and U.S. Congress members.

Our goal was to celebrate the remarkable achievements of Korean Americans and the Korean culture. We also wished to express our gratitude for all that America has done for us, to welcome us into their country, and to allow us to be free and prosper. News of the celebration was to be transmitted by radio into North Korea as well. We hope that through dedication to our work and the community that we as Korean Americans will continue to make America and the world a better place for all to peacefully live our lives.

Michelle Lee
18 th Event Director
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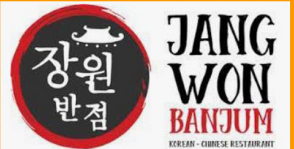
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Korean American Foundation – Greater Washington

Establishment

The Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States - Greater Washington was established in October, 2001 as a Virginia non-profit organization to provide programs relating to the history and future of Korean immigration to the United States, and to engage in other educational and cultural activities. The organization was recognized as tax-exempt under IRC Section 501(c) (3) in June 2003. The organizational name was changed to the Korean American Foundation - Greater Washington (KAF-GW) on January, 2004. KAF-GW at the time was vigorously seeking the designation of Korean American Day as January 13, the date that the first Korean immigrants arrived on the shores of America in Hawaii in 1903. This goal was realized in 2005, when the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate passed resolutions designating January 13 as Korean American Day. Since then, the foundation has been actively supporting and organizing special events on January 13, Korean American Day.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to honor the achievements of the Korean American community and to express our gratitude to American citizens for the opportunity to live in freedom and prosperity. We also seek to illuminate the pioneering efforts of our immigrant predecessors, to organize a Korean American Day celebration on January 13, and to pass on an awareness and appreciation of the accomplishments of Korean immigrants to future Korean American generations.

Please visit us at <https://kafgw.org>.

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