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INTRODUCTION

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The American War Mothers was organized in 1917 and incorporated by Act of Congress on February 4, 1925, for mothers of sons and daughters who served during World War I or II, the Korean War, or any subsequent war involving the U.S., and were honorably discharged. The Richmond Chapter was organized in 1928.

This material includes membership applications to the society, dated 1928–1957, which contain the name, address, date and place of marriage of the mother and her husband, and information about her son or daughter in the service, such as the name, place of birth, address, name of spouse, date and place of marriage, branch and company, and date and cause of death. Also included are minutes of monthly meetings, dated 1944–1953, an inventory of property, dated 1956–1957, correspondence, dated 1953–1955, and miscellaneous applications, cards, conference programs, receipts, reports, and regulations or rituals, dated 1943–1956.

ELECTRONIC COLLECTIONS

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

Portsmouth Public Library Photograph Collection. <<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/>>

Contains at least three items related to the Korean War.

Tazewell County Public Library Photographs. <<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/>>

Contains at least four items related to the Korean War.

WORLDWIDE WEB

Advocacy & Intelligence Index for POWs-MIAs. <<http://www.aiipowmia.com/>>

Here you will find reports, testimony, statements, depositions, documents, daily news, articles, lists, updates and announcements on POWs and MIAs from World War II to the present. The archives are updated daily and the databases include many references to Virginia people and places.

American Battle Monuments Commission. **The Korean War Honor Roll.** <<http://www.americanwardead.com/>>
Includes a searchable database of military personnel buried or memorialized in cemeteries operated by this agency, who died during the Korean War and those killed at the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) since the armistice.

DistantCousin.com. **Virginia Residents Casualties During the Korean Conflict.** <<http://distantcousin.com/Military/Korea/VA/>>
Includes a searchable database.

GISEARCH.com. **Korea Casualties Database.** <<http://www.gisearch.com/memorials/korea/>>
Database is searchable.

Korean War Project. <<http://www.koreanwar.org/>>
This is the most valuable site on the worldwide web for information on anything about the Korean War.

Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library. <<http://www.theforgottenvictory.org/>>
This educational research center in Tuscola, Illinois, pays tribute to all who served in the war, especially the wounded and killed in action and those who lost their lives in non-combatant situations. This web site includes the following lists:
Honor Roll – DMZ Killed In Action 1955–1995 and US Army “Non-Hostile” Deaths in Korea 1966–1969.

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2nd Infantry Division (2ID), Korean War Veterans Alliance. <<http://www.2id.org/>>
This site contains searchable casualty lists for nine different army units, numerous Korean War maps and many valuable links to other organizations and historical information.

State-Level Casualty Lists for the Korean Conflict, Sorted Alphabetically by Last Name of Casualty.
<http://www.archives.gov/research_room/research_topics/korean_war_casualty_lists/introduction.html>
The state lists include the following data for each casualty: name, rank or grade, branch of service, home of record, date of casualty, category of casualty. The state lists are sorted alphabetically by last name; or, alphabetically by “home of record.”

U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum. <<http://www.qmmuseum.lee.army.mil/>>
Since 1957 the Quartermaster Museum at Fort Lee has preserved the history and heritage of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps, the Army’s oldest logistic branch. For more than two centuries Quartermaster soldiers have fed, clothed and equipped the United States Army.

U.S. Forces Korea History Office Page. <<http://www.korea.army.mil/org/history/>>
Includes, among other things, reference material on Medal of Honor recipients and Air Force bases.

Halifax County War Memorial. <<http://www.halifax.com/warmem/>>
Names of those from Halifax County killed in the Korean War are listed on panel 6.

Virginia Military Dead Database. <<http://www.lva.lib.va.us>>
Compiled from more than 225 different sources, the database lists Virginians who died during various conflicts of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.