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MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:00 a.m. on February 9 , 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Bleeker, excused
 Senator Vidricksen, excused
 Senator Vratil, excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
 Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
 Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
 Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
 John Federico, Federico Consulting
 Senator Pat Ranson
 Senator Les Donovan
 Dr. Robert Pinkstaff, President, Ks. Korean War Memorial Assoc.
 Dr. Richard Bergen,

Others attending: See Attached list

Chairman Oleen called for introduction of bills. Senator Becker ask to introduce a bill concerning KPERS overpayments. Senator Becker moved to introduce a bill concerning KPERS overpayments. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen recognized John Federico, Federico Consulting. Mr. Federico ask to introduce a bill that would exempt tools and dies from taxation. Senator Becker moved for the introduction of the bill. Senator Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen open hearings on:

SCR 1634—recognizing the Korean War Memorial in Wichita as the Kansas Korean War Memorial

Chairman Oleen recognized Senator Pat Ranson, a proponent to the resolution. Senator Ranson stated that this memorial has been erected to preserve the memory of the heroic acts and sacrifices of those Kansas Korean War Veterans who served their country, died or are missing in action during the Korean War. (Attachment 1). She stated that currently there is a list of 476 Kansas Korean War Veterans who were killed or are missing in action. Senator Ranson stated that there is no other known Kansas Korean War Memorial dedicated to and representing all Kansas Korean Veterans. She ask for the committee's support for **SCR 1634**.

Chairman Oleen recognized Senator Les Donovan, a proponent to **SCR 1634**. Senator Donovan stated that he supported the resolution and ask the committee favorable consideration.

Chairman Oleen recognized Dr. Robert Pinkstaff, President of the Kansas Korean War Memorial Association, as a proponent of **SCR 1634**. Dr. Pinkstaff provided committee members with a detailed description of the memorial which is made of bronze and monolithic concrete panels. (Attachment 2) He stated that the memorial is located in the Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Wichita, Kansas. Dr. Pinkstaff stated that the dedication has been set for July 27, 2000. He ask for the committees support for this resolution.

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MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS, Room 245-N Statehouse, at 11:00 A.M. on February 9, 2000.

Chairman Oleen recognized Dr. Richard Bergen, sculptor. Dr. Bergen stated that this memorial was built to the same standards that the state would require. The materials selected will withstand all weather conditions and the memorial will last forever.. Dr. Bergen stated that he was proud to be part of the memorial and ask for the committee's support of this resolution.

Senator Gooch stated that he is proud to have this memorial in his district and he supports the resolution would like to have it recognized as the State memorial.

After discussion and questions by committee members, it was noted that the proponents would like to amend the resolution to include several of the suggestions that were offered by the committee . Chairman Oleen stated that the committee would return to this bill later and closed the hearing on **SB 1634**.

Chairman Oleen ask for action on the minutes of February 2 and February 3. Senator Biggs moved to accept the minutes. Senator Gooch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting will be February 10, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.

SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

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**Testimony for SCR 1634
By Senator Pat Ranson
February 9, 2000**

Senate Federal and State Affairs
Chairperson: Senator Oleen
Members of the Committee

I appear before you today to ask for your support for SCR 1634, recognizing the Korean War Memorial in Wichita as the Kansas Korean War Memorial.

This memorial located in Veterans Memorial Park on the East Bank of the Arkansas River in Wichita has been erected to preserve the memory of the heroic acts and sacrifices of those Kansas Korean War Veterans who served their country, died or are missing in action during the Korean War. Currently there is a list of 476 Kansas Korean War Veterans who were killed or are missing in action.

The Korean War is often called the "forgotten war" although thousands of Kansans left their homes, their schools, their work, and their loved ones to serve their country between 1950-1953. Of special significance to me is the fact that both my brother and my spouse are Kansas Korean War Veterans.

Recently I visited the Kansas Korean War Memorial and was moved by the beauty and simplicity of this memorial. Although not fully completed it is already a significant memorial that includes the names of Korean veterans from across this great state. I was impressed by the individual plaques dedicated to two Kansas Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients: Marine Corporal Jack A. Davenport, Mission, KS; Army Master Staff Sergeant Stanley Adams, Olathe, KS, and the first Korean War Jet Ace, James Jabara of Wichita, KS.

All branches of the service are recognized as well as the names of all those identified Kansans who died or are missing in action. It is truly dedicated to all Kansas Korean Veterans.

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According to the Kansas Legislative Research Department there are no other known Kansas Korean War Memorials dedicated to and representing all Kansas Korean Veterans. There is an official Kansas Vietnamese War Memorial located in Junction City, KS.

This Kansas Korean War Monument proudly honors all Kansas Korean Veterans and deserves to be officially designated as the Kansas Korean War Memorial.

To provide additional information about this memorial I have asked Robert Pinkstaff, the President of the Kansas Korean War Memorial Association to speak to this committee. Also in attendance to respond to questions are Richard Bergan, sculptor, Salina, KS, and Gene Hinde of Seward and the Hinde architectural firm in Salina who designed the memorial. Also present is the Vice-President of the Memorial Association and the President of the Kansas Korean War Veterans, Arnold Tye

Thank you for your attention and I would appreciate your consideration of **SCR 1634**.

**KANSAS KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL
FREEDOM IS NOT FREE**

Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Wichita, Kansas will soon be the sight of Kansas' only state Korean War Memorial, a long awaited project undertaken by the Kansas Korean War Memorial Assn, a non-profit Kansas corporation, recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) corporation, therefore all donations are **tax deductible**. The pre-dedication date of 27 July 1999 was met. Projected final dedication date is 27 July 2000.

The memorial will be an 8 sided figure adorned with 8 tapered five feet high cast bronze panels. On top of the memorial will be a life size bronze sculpture of a soldier kneeling in reverence, before a rifle with a bayonet in the ground, and a helmet on the rifle, to pay respect to those casualties listed below. More than **476 Kansans** were killed, missing in action or POWs during the Korean war. The names of those killed in action will be listed on their individual five-foot high cast bronze service panel, and the names of those POWs and MIAs will be listed on its own five-foot high cast bronze POW/MIA panel. The remaining 3 panels will be dedicated to the Republic of Korea, major donor panel to include major donors of \$1000.00 or more and the dedication (Kansas) panel. The entrance to the memorial will be an authentic Korean entrance. Just beyond the entrance will be a six-foot high cast bronze map of Korea with a six-foot high bronze data plate on the reverse side. Five flag poles will display the flags of the United States, Republic of Korea, POW/MIA, State of Kansas and United Nations.

Kansas has two Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and the first Korean War Jet Ace (Lt Col James Jabara) whose names and citations will be inscribed on individual 12 X 14 inch cast bronze panels and displayed on the inside surface of the seating wall:

Cpl Jack A. Davenport - G (George) Co, 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division posthumous award - I am trying to contact his family - Entered Service in Mission, Ks.
Master Sgt (then SFC) Stanley T. Adams - U.S. Army, Company A, 19th Infantry Regmt. still living - Resides in Oregon, is fatally ill . Entered service in Olathe, Ks.
Lt Colonel (then Capt) James Jabara - 335th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, U.S. Airforce - not living - Entered Service in Wichita, Ks, May 1942 WWII and Korea).

The Martin K. Eby Construction Co. Inc completed phase I of the project. This includes all of the concrete work, necessary lighting/electrical requirements and installation of the steel frame for the gate (entrance) to the memorial. We are well into phase II, the final phase of completion. Kruse Sheet Metal, of Wichita, Ks, has completed the installation of the bronze on the roof of the gate entrance.

Donations are now needed to complete the **\$300,000.00** memorial. The dedication date of 27 July 2000 is dependent on raising the needed **\$55,000.00** by very soon. The sculptor, Dr. Richard Bergen, will need approximately one year lead time to complete the bronze sculpture of the "life size" kneeling soldier.

Please be aware that donors of all items listed on the enclosed bronze plate and sculptures quantity and price list will have their names permanently displayed on the donated item or items.

Both veterans and non-veterans may support the memorial by making a **tax deductible** donation to the project as follows: Walk of Honor--\$125 donation for one 4 " X 8" brick permanently inscribed with your name and sentiment. Includes two lines of copy, up to 16 characters per line. All donors of **\$1000** or more will have their name permanently inscribed on one of the eight - 5 feet high cast bronze panels designated for major donors. However, all donations are accepted and greatly appreciated.

For application and/or more information, please write to the Kansas Korean War Memorial Assn, P.O. Box 4223, Wichita, Kansas 67204-0223 or contact:
Bob Pinkstaff (President), 1928 Cooper Ct., Wichita, Ks 67207, phone 316-685-4868.

Bob Pinkstaff (PRES)
KANSAS KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE MEMORIAL:

The Kansas Korean war Memorial was designed by Gene Hinde of Seward and Hinde Architectual firm from Salina, Kansas. The sidewalk entrance to the memorial is a typical Korean shrine structure constructed of monolithic concrete and bronze panels. Eight feet beyond the shrine entrance is a cast bronze panel map of Korea mounted on a five foot wide by eight foot high concrete wall. On the opposite side of the concrete wall is a cast bronze panel indicating the successional of battles of the Korean War. The memorial structure is octagon in shape constructed of monolithic concrete, six feet four inches in height with eight large cast bronze panels installed on the eight concrete structural faces. Four of the bronze panels are designated for the United States Armed Services to list all casualties Killed In Action (KIA) on each of their respective service panels, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force, one bronze panel for the Republic Of Korea, one panel for the Missing In Action (MIA), Prisoners Of war (POW), one panel for the state of Kansas and one panel for the major donors of this memorial, which accounts for the eight sides. On top of the memorial structure will be two bronze life size sculptures, a soldier kneeling in reverence to a rifle and helmet symbolizing a dead battle casualty, those listed on this memorial. The bronze sculptures, bronze panels and bronze shrine entrance roof are the work of Dr. Richard Bergan of Salina, Kansas. The memorial is surrounded by a twenty inch high octagonal concrete seating wall. Five bronze tapered flag standards will be installed behind the memorial representing the United States Of America, Republic Of Korea, POW-MIA, United Nations and the State Of Kansas. Installed along the sidewalks surrounding the memorial will be name inscribed bricks of donors contributing to help finance this memorial project. Two-thousand to two-thousand four hundred inscribed bricks have been designed for the project. Also available is a fourteen inch long by twelve inch wide, approximately one half inches thick cast bronze plate with raised border and letters for donors who want **unlimited sentiment**, to include unit/organizational emblem or logo if desired. This cast bronze plate will be permanently installed with many others on the up-standing face of the seating wall. We will provide three of these 12 X 14 cast bronze plates to honor two Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, a U.S Marine Corps Corporal who recieved the medal posthumously and a U.S. Army Master Sergeant who is still living. The third bronze plate will be to honor Colonel James Jabara, the first Korean War jet ace.

KANSAS KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
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To: Committee Member
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From: Robert (Bob) D. Pinkstaff (President)
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Subject: Kansas Korean War Memorial

Attachments: 501(c)(3), Articles of incorporation, current photographs and pertinent memorial information.

Dear Committee Member,

We, the Kansas Korean War Memorial Association, are seeking passage of a resolution by the State of Kansas to officially recognize the Kansas Korean War Memorial, located in Wichita, Kansas as a Kansas Korean War Memorial. This request and the enclosed material is now in the hands of Representative Douglas Johnson, 92nd District, Wichita, Kansas and Senator Pat Ranson.

The Kansas Korean War Memorial, located in Veterans Memorial Park, on the east bank of the Arkansas River near downtown Wichita, Kansas, is under construction and is approximately 85 % complete. **We have been working to raise donations since 10 April 1995.**

We are in need of approximately \$57,000.00 to complete the \$300,000.00 memorial. This includes the bronze sculpture of the life-size kneeling soldier to be installed atop the eight-sided memorial. The sculptor, Dr. Richard Bergen, has been working on the sculpture for a couple of months. All eight-cast bronze panels that surround the eight-sided memorial are paid for, four of which are installed.

Please be aware that the large five-foot high cast bronze panel currently installed on the eight-sided memorial is the State of Kansas panel with Kansas State Seal. "Greyhound Park Charities" donated this \$6,500.00 cast bronze panel.

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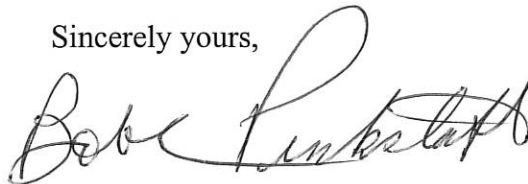
The Kansas Korean War Memorial Association, a non-profit corporation 501(c)(3), respectfully requests the Kansas Korean War Memorial be declared by the State of Kansas an official “Kansas State Memorial”.

Additional information:

1. Request that the Kansas Korean War Memorial and Veterans Memorial Park, Wichita, Kansas be added to Kansas State highway signs.
2. For your information, we are still in need of financial assistance for the \$52,800.00 sculpture of the bronze life-size kneeling soldier. The donor or donors to this sculpture will have their name permanently affixed to the sculpture with a cast bronze plate.
3. **Please be aware that we have elected to decline application to the Kansas State Historical Society.**

Thank you for your interest and willingness to help us in this endeavor. Your efforts and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated. After five long years we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and we know it's not another train. **Please contact Representative Douglas Johnson and Senator Pat Ranson for more information if needed.**

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Pinkstaff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely yours," text.

Robert (Bob) Pinkstaff