

KOREA... AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN



-On June 25th, 1950, freedom was again threatened. The North Korean army suddenly stormed across the 38th Parallel into South Korea with the dark shadow of Communism following its soldiers in their conquest.

-United States Military personnel, operating in Korea and Japan, rushed to save free South Korea from the onslaught, but are pushed back to the Pusan Peninsula, and nearly driven into the sea.

-15 September 1950: Gen. MacArthur executes a daring plan, lands all of America's reserve forces behind enemy lines. Due much to this bold move, US and UN forces eventually push the Communist menace back to the Manchurian border.

-31 December 1950: Communist China throws 300,000 men into the fight, driving US, British, and other United Nations forces back, half way across the Korean Peninsula.

-March 1951 to 27 July 1953: The fighting stabilizes at roughly the 38th Parallel. The cost of freedom is paid by the lives of thousands of US and United Nations soldiers until an armistice is finally signed, ending hostilities.

Technically, however, the war has never ended.



Mosquitoes: The Men

Drawn from the United States and allied nations, these men were unlikely heroes—few went to Korea to be a Mosquito. Observers were infantrymen and other US Army and allied troops experienced in spotting the enemy in the Korean landscape. Pilots were drawn from US fighter-pilots, bomber pilots, and transport pilots and were trained under fire, on the front lines.



Mosquitoes: The Mission

The ever changing pace of warfare demanded a forward observer to find the enemy troops. The new high-speed but very short-range fighters needed immediate target designation before their fuel ran out. The infantryman needed a way to tell the pilot where to shoot. For these reasons, the Mosquito risked his life—often flying lower than the treetops—spotting the enemy.



Mosquitoes: The Machines

An unarmed World War II trainer, the aircraft was as obsolete as it was vulnerable. Ingenious mechanics fought harsh conditions and improvised new designs to adapt the plane to its mission and keep it flying. Smoke rockets were added to mark the targets for the fighters. Radios were added to talk to the infantryman and the fighter pilot. The old AT-6 did its job.



Mosquitoes: The Memory

Only one original LT-6D is known to exist, and is on static display at the USAF Museum. The Dixie Wing chose to bring the experience of the Korean War to a new generation across the United States by re-creating an LT-6D, an airplane as unprepared for war as its country was in 1950. American determination made the LT-6D a vital weapon and answered freedom's call.

1950: Freedom is threatened, Communist North Korea invades South Korea

1951: After a year, the Korean War stalemates at nearly the 38th Parallel

2001: The Dixie Wing chooses to commemorate Korea by recreating an LT-6D

1953: Freedom is restored, an Armistice is signed ending the fighting

2003: The Dixie Wing will have complete and will fly its LT-6D "Mosquito"

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How to be a part of the Mosquito Memory

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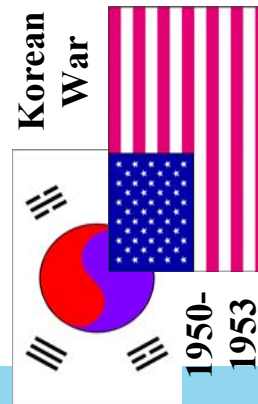
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