

For Immediate Release

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- **2010 Troy Strawberry Festival Kick-Off**
- **Thursday, March 4, 2010**
 - Reception
 - 5:30 PM -6:00 PM
- Festival Kick off Program
6:00 PM
- First Lutheran Church
2899 West Main Street
Troy, OH 45373
- **2010 Troy Strawberry Festival Chairman, Dave Pappas**, Director of the Troy Strawberry Festival Soccer Tournament, active in many local organizations, festival volunteer. Dave is employed by Standard Register in Dayton. This year will be a festival first in that a husband and wife served with back to back years as the General Chair. Dave's wife Becky served as the TSF Chairperson in 2009. Becky's theme was "Dance to the Music".
- **2011 Troy Strawberry Festival General Chairman, David Geiger**. David has served as the committee chair for the festival Clubs and Organizations for the past 3 year. David is active with Habitat for Humanity and a board member of Habitat for Humanity of Miami County and an active member of Big Brothers of Dayton. David is employed by Honeywell Corporation.
- **2012 Troy Strawberry Festival Chair:** The festival would like to announce the 2012 Troy Strawberry Festival General Chair. **Corie Schweser** has been selected to serve as the 2012 festival chairperson. Corie who resides in Troy has been a long time supporter of the Troy Strawberry Festival. Corie has recently served as the Friday Night Clubs and Organizations committee chair. In addition Corie has chaired or served on the following committees:
 - 2004 TSF Dance
 - 2005 "Berry Baby Contest"
 - 2006 Publicity
 - 2008-2010 Friday Night Clubs and Organizations

Corie is employed by One Call Now as a sales representative. Her husband John, served as the TSF Chairman in 2006.

- **Announcement of 2010 Grand Marshal:** Miami County Korean War Veterans

"You listen to officials speak (and) skip from World War II to Vietnam, they don't remember that some 50,000 Americans died in Korea. That's a war."

A FEW FACTS ABOUT "THE FORGOTTEN WAR"

33,741 US Dead

23,615 Killed In Action

92,134 US Wounded**

4,820 US Missing In Action (Declared Dead)

7,245 Prisoners Of War

2,847 Died in POW Camp

389 POWs known to have been alive after all U.S. POWs supposedly returned

**Lightly wounded who were treated and released back to duty are not included in these figures.

(04/17/2001 Statistics)

Message from Ambassador Han Duk-soo
to Korean War Veterans
(Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States)

We will gather to remember and honor the men and women who served in the Korean War - those whose sacrifices and bravery made possible the thriving democracy that Korea is today. Without hesitation or fear, motivated only by a sense of duty and an unwavering commitment to freedom, you proudly donned the uniform of your country and traveled half way around the world to an unfamiliar land. In some of the harshest circumstances ever, you valiantly fought and defeated the aggressors. You know better than I that the battle was not easy. War never is, and the weather and terrain made this one nearly intolerable. But defeat was not an option. The stakes could not have been higher. The freedom of the Korean people was on the line, as was stability in the region. So you did what had to be done. Without an ounce of selfishness, you put your fellow men first, and stood in harm's way. You remained steadfast and strong, and pushed back what many thought was an overwhelming force. There is a word for that: heroism. Every single one of you, and of course those who did not come home, are heroes.