

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

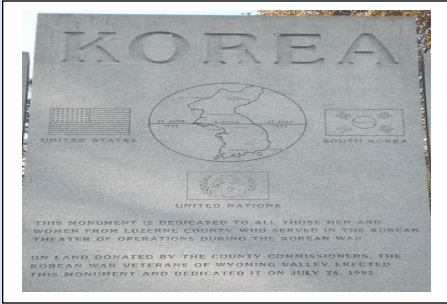
WILKES-BARRE, PA

WHEN?
1950-1953

WHERE?
Wilkes-Barre, PA

EVENT
Korean War

VOCABULARY
derailment
police action



Photograph by William Fischer, Jr.

Located on the grounds of the Luzerne County Courthouse, the Korean War Memorial honors our Wyoming Valley veterans who were part of that conflict. The war was fought on the Korean peninsula from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. The United States led United Nations forces defending South Korea against the invading North Koreans who were supported by China and Russia. It is estimated that over 2.5 million soldiers were casualties during the war along with 1.5-3 million civilians. Compared to the public support during WW II, the Korean War is often termed “The Forgotten War” as the government was not in need of ramping up war production and sentiment as it was in WW II. Furthermore, President Harry S Truman did not ask Congress for a declaration of war rather he used the term “police action.”

Luzerne County lost 115 servicemen according to Genealogy Trails plus there were 33 men killed in a train derailment as the 109th Field Artillery was on board a train that was hit by a train from behind. The first train had stopped to address a mechanical problem. They were on their way to a Camp Atterbury in Indiana.



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The monument inscription reads as follows:

United States • South Korea

United Nations

This monument is dedicated to all those men and women from Luzerne County who served in the

Korean Theater of Operations
during the Korean War.

On land donated by the county commissioners,
the Korean War Veterans of Wyoming Valley
erected this monument and dedicated it on
July 26, 1992.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[Genealogy Trails](#)

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