



International Press Club of Chicago

Untold Stories of the Forgotten War: The Turkish Brigade, *North Star*

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Networking & Light Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

Program and Q&A: 12:15 p.m.

Conclusion: 1:30 p.m.

Turkish Consulate Conference Room
455 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr.
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This July marks the 66th anniversary of the **Korean War** armistice. For an event that came so close to triggering a third world war, the 1950-1953 conflict in Korea receives relatively little attention. The Turkish Brigade (code name; **North Star**/Şimal Yıldızı) has been the subject of the world's praise for its superior combat capability through the successes it won during the 3-year period of blood and fire — from the hardest, most critical moment it entered the battlefield until the signing of ceasefire.

When UN called for armed resistance against a North Korean invasion of the South, Turkey was second to the United States to answer the call, sending 5,000 troops who fought for the first time on foreign soil. When the brigade arrived in October 1950, US forces, acting as part of a UN coalition, were struggling to survive a powerful communist offensive. Turks fought many battles including Kunuri, Kumjangjangni, Taegyewonni and Wegas which affected the course of the war.

After the brigade helped stabilize the front, the Commander of the UN Coalition Forces General Douglas MacArthur said "the Turks are the hero of heroes. There is no impossibility for the Turkish Brigade."

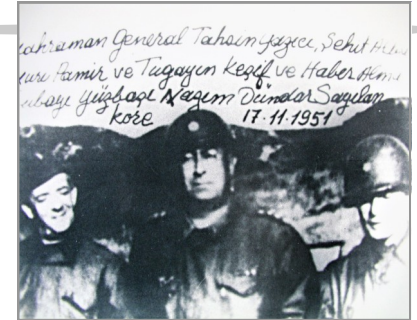
Turkish soldiers earned recognition from General Walton H. Walker, commander of the US 8th Army, and were awarded Presidential Unit Citations by both US President Harry Truman and South Korean President Syngman Rhee.



On Memorial Day we honor the soldiers who lost their lives serving their country and fighting for a noble cause. We remember their ultimate sacrifice for their nation and a better world.

This May, we invite you to a very special luncheon program commemorating the fallen soldiers and heroes of the **Korean War**.

Our guest speaker Donald Sender, a military historian, scholar, and IPCC Board Members will share his memories as an intelligence officer, tell untold stories of the courage that Turkish troops exemplified during the Korean War, and remind us of the kinship the United States, Turkey, and South Korea have in their shared history. Following his presentation, distinguished representatives of the Turkish and South Korean Consulates General in Chicago, and the US Army Public Affairs Office will share their sentiments.



The "Memorial Day" Special Program is presented in partnership with the International Women Associates (IWA) Turkish Culture Programs

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Seats are limited | Registration is required

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