

VO: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CHUCK HAGEL WILL HONOR KOREAN WAR VETERANS AT A SPECIAL PROGRAM.

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HAGEL: THE KOREAN WAR WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF COMMUNISM AND WITHOUT THE SACRIFICES OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FOUGHT AND DIED IN KOREA, COMMUNISM MAY WELL HAVE SPREAD THROUGHOUT ALL OF ASIA. WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THE KOREAN WAR WAS THE FORGOTTEN VICTORY AGAINST COMMUNISM.

VO: WEIDHAHN SAYS DOD DESERVES CREDIT FOR THE UPCOMING EVENT.

HAGEL: BUT I WILL JUST TELL YOU I AM REAL PLEASED WITH THE DOD 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING SO HARD THE LAST THREE YEARS TO MAKE THIS SUCCESSFUL.

VO: VETERANS FROM ACROSS THE NATION ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE EVENT ON JULY 27TH AT THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON.