

# Korean War



# Introduction

- \* After WWII, Korea was divided into 2 countries
- \* 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel line(38° N Latitude).
- \* N. Korea became a *communist* country – support of China & Soviet Union.
- \* S. Korea had a non-Communist government & supported by U.S.

Korean War Memorial,  
Washington DC



# How it started

- June 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea.
- Wanted all of Korea a communist country
- Pres. Truman asked the United Nations to send a peace keeping force to stop the fighting (Containment Policy)

# China's Involvement

- \*Americans feared the spread of communism.
- \*U.N. forces under Gen. D. MacArthur pushed N. Korea back across the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel.
- \*MacArthur continued to advance into N. Korea.

# China – Part II

\*China became alarmed:

- If U.N. forces move toward their border they would enter the war on the side of N. Korea.
- U.N. forces did not withdraw
- China entered the war.

# General MacArthur

- MacArthur wanted to attack China
- President Truman did not allow -fear Korea would grow into a larger conflict.
- Truman replaces MacArthur



# Outcome

- Cease fire -July 27, 1953.
- Pres. Eisenhower brought the war to an end
- The war ended in a **stalemate**

Korea remained at the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel.

Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) – boundary separating N. & S. Korea

