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## **65th Anniversary of the Korean War**

Today marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the signing of the ceasefire to end one of the bloodiest wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Korean War.

July 27 is also Korean Veterans Day, and pays tribute to more than 18,000 Australians who served in the Korean War.

Veterans Day pays respect to the 350 Australians who were killed during the conflict, the 1,200 who were wounded, and the 44 people who are still listed as missing in action.

Fought over three years, the war took the lives of nearly four million Koreans and Chinese, with more than half of these Korean civilians.

Korean Veterans Day also acknowledges the sacrifices of our Allies in Korea, and the almost 140,000 casualties suffered by the United States.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is a strong supporter of Tasmania's veterans and ex-serving community, and today more than 10,500 war veterans and ex-service personnel live in Tasmania.

Today I encourage Tasmanians to pause and reflect on the sacrifice of our servicemen and women made during the Korean War.