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Descendants of American War Hero Visit S. Korea

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The descendants of U.S. Marine Corps Colonel Edward Forney who helped evacuate about 100-thousand Koreans during the Korean War visited South Korea on Thursday.

The First Marine Division announced on Friday that it invited Forney's granddaughter Alice Krug and great-grandson Ben Forney to mark June, which is the Month of Patriots and Veterans.

The two guests viewed a road named after Forney inside the unit in Pohang on the southeastern coast and an exhibition hall honoring his achievements.

Forney is considered to be a war hero because he persuaded then Commanding General of the U.S. X Corps, Edward Almond, to evacuate roughly 100-thousand refugees during the Hungnam evacuation in December 1950 from North Korea to the South.

He stayed on for three years after the war to serve as a senior adviser for South Korea's Marine Corps.

Krug said she is grateful that the South Korean marines continue to remember her grandfather to this day, adding that she is proud of her grandfather for valuing the lives of refugees during a state of emergency.

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