

## Korean War – 50th anniversary of armistice

**1945:** Korea divided into U.S. and Soviet occupation zones along 38th Parallel

**Jun 25, 1950: North Korean People's Army led by Premier Kim Il Sung invades South.**  
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**Jul: First U.S. troops arrive in Korea. Gen. Douglas MacArthur** appointed Supreme Commander of UN-U.S. force

**Jul-Sep: North Korean troops try to seize Pusan**

**Sep:** U.S., British, Australian, New Zealand, Canadian and Dutch forces land at Inchon – N. Koreans retreat northwards

**Oct: UN forces cross 38th Parallel – advance into Communist North. Mao Tse Tung** secretly orders Chinese “volunteers” into Korea

**Nov-Feb: China launches full-scale assault on South Korea**

**Mar 1951:** UN recaptures Seoul

**Apr: Gen. MacArthur replaced with Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway**

**May:** First-ever jet-versus-jet combat

*U.S. F-86 Saber*

*Soviet MIG-15*

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**Nov 1950:** Furthest advance north by UN forces

**Jul 27, 1953:** Armistice line

**Jan 1951:** Furthest advance south by Chinese and North Koreans

**Inchon Sep 1950:** U.S.-UN landing

**“Pusan perimeter” Sep 1950:** Some of heaviest fighting

100km  
60 miles

**Jan-Apr 1952: Riots break out in prisoner of war (POW) camps**

**Jun 1953:** POW issue settled on principle of voluntary repatriation

**Jun-Jul: Bitter fighting results in heavy losses to both sides**

**Jul 27: Armistice signed**

**Death toll (estimated)**

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Other UN: **3,000**

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A map of the Korean Peninsula and surrounding regions. The word "CHINA" is written in large, bold, black capital letters at the top. The word "USSR" is written in large, bold, black capital letters at the bottom. A blue line represents the border between China and the USSR. The Korean Peninsula is shown in a light brown color, with a blue line representing the border between North and South Korea. A small black dot is located on the border between China and the USSR, near the Korean Peninsula.

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