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**New Episode of *City Profile* on Government 11
*City Profile, Korean War Monument***

PADUCAH, KY — “I’m always amazed at the sacrifice of our veterans, and I don’t think we can thank them enough for their bravery, for their willingness to go and fight for this country,” says WKCTC Television Production Coordinator Tom Butler. On this episode of *City Profile*, Butler interviews City Commissioner Gayle Kaler, Artist Linda Ogden, and Korean War Veteran Robert Coleman about the plans to construct a monument to honor Korean War veterans. *City Profile* can be seen on Government 11, the governmental access channel of the City of Paducah, online at www.paducahky.gov, and the various social media outlets for the City of Paducah including Youtube and Facebook.

On this episode of *City Profile*, find out about the process underway to construct a Korean War Monument in Dolly McNutt Plaza on 6th Street. Ogden created four designs with the one selected by the Korean War Monument Committee consisting of black granite and three columns. The monument includes a bronze medallion for each service branch, a map of the Korean Peninsula, and a relief sculpture made of bronze showing a collage of images reflecting the Korean War. A timeline of the Korean War will be on the back of the monument. Commissioner Kaler says, “We want this monument also to be a learning tool for school children. So the timeline on the back will be wonderful for the different school groups.”

The Korean War often is called the “forgotten war”. On the bottom of the monument will be the words “Not Forgotten”. Even though the focus is on the construction of the Korean War Monument, Ogden stresses, “We can’t forget who is fighting right now, not only the people in the war but also the families making sacrifices especially with the economy the way it is. They are suffering a lot.” Coleman adds, “There are men and women dying today. The way this country is moving, we’re busy, busy, busy. We don’t realize it; they are fighting, and they are dying in far away places and coming back in boxes.”



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The Committee hopes to unveil the Korean War Monument in November, in time for Veterans Day. The Korean War Memorial will complement the World War II and the Vietnam War memorials in Dolly McNutt Plaza. The memorial is estimated to cost \$65,000. The City and County each have contributed \$15,000. Private fundraising is underway. Donations for the Korean War Monument can be sent to

American Legion Post 31

Attn: Korean War Monument

425 Legion Drive

Paducah, KY 42003-1401

City Profile, Korean War Monument can be viewed on Government 11 starting Monday, August 8 at 9:30 p.m. It also airs next Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.; Friday at 10:00 a.m.; and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Government 11 program information, videos, news releases, and schedules are available at www.paducahky.gov. For more information about *City Profile* and other Government 11 programming, call Tom Butler at 534-3208 or Pam Spencer, City of Paducah Public Information Officer, at 444-8669.

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