



ARDEN ROWLEY

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Despite the significance of the Korean War, most history textbooks treat it as the “forgotten war” and cover it in a few negligible paragraphs. Korea was really two wars. The first, great powers battled each other toe-to-toe, was fought with the tactics and weapons of World War II. The second, a necessarily limited and ultimately inconclusive skirmish in the Cold War. In the end, the sides agreed to a cease-fire that established a Demilitarized Zone near the 38th parallel (where it all started) that was, in fact, one of the most militarized places on the planet.



1948 - Basic Training in Fort Ord, CA

Mr. **Arden Rowley** was born in Phoenix, Arizona in 1930 and was raised in Mesa, Arizona. He enlisted in the Army in 1948 after graduating high school.

During his service in Korea on or about November 30-December 1, 1950 Chinese Communist Forces took Mr. Rowley along with 329 other engineers and American Military Personnel as Prisoners of War. Mr. Rowley was held captive in five POW camps in North Korea for a period of 33-months, during which time he witnessed and experienced harsh conditions and treatment. He was repatriated in Operation Big Switch in August 1953. He spent 31 years teaching in Mesa Schools, and served for 23 years in the Army, retiring as a Major. He has published five books, four on the Korean War and the POW experience.

He will be speaking to us on:

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

Saturday February 16th, 2019

McCormick Ranch Golf Club

REGISTRATION/RESERVATION must be received by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 12th

\$25 per person includes lunch. Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA Send to: Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85020

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