



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

U.S. ARMY CORPORAL LEON E. CLEVINGER DAY

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Corporal (CPL) Leon Eugene Clevenger was born on February 22, 1929 in Lonoke, Arkansas to parents Violet McFadden and William Clevenger; the family relocated to Durham, North Carolina, where he enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, CPL Clevenger heroically served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was assigned to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, CPL Clevenger was reported missing in action July 11, 1950 while involved in combat operations against the North Korean People's Army; and

WHEREAS, through DNA, dental, and anthropological testing, his remains were accounted for in September 2019; and

WHEREAS, CPL Clevenger's name is recorded on the American Battle Monuments Commission's Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl along with others who are missing from the Korean War with a rosette placed next to his name indicating that he has been accounted for; and

WHEREAS, CPL Clevenger honorably served his country and fought courageously in Korea; his remains will lie in honor at the Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Durham, North Carolina on December 11, 2021 to be honored by all North Carolinians as an expression of our state's highest gratitude and respects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 11, 2021, as "U.S. ARMY CORPORAL LEON E. CLEVINGER DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this ninth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.