

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 20, 1942, has awarded the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to

**GENERAL HONG, KIL DONG**  
**REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMY**

For meritorious service as the as the Commanding General, Third Republic of Korea Army (TROKA), from January 2006 to January 2007. General Kim consistently demonstrated exceptionally high degrees of military and professional excellence and provided the vision and direction for a field Army, key to the United States-Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command's defense of the Korean Peninsula. His thorough understanding of theater-level joint and combined battlefield operations and tactics was directly responsible for TROKA's success during the theater's premier exercises: ULCHI FOCUS LENS 2005/2006 and RECEPTION STAGING ONWARD MOVEMENT & INTEGRATION 2006. He also oversaw the transfer of responsibility Of the Ground Component Command's Counterfire Headquarters from United States Forces Korea to the Republic of Korea, the most significant and visible mission transfer to the transformation efforts of Command Forces Command. General Kim's exceptional performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Republic of Korea Army and his Country.

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