

This letter is to announce my candidacy for KWVA 2nd Vice President for the one year term ending in 2112. I am a life member ( # LR35528 ) so therefore my dues are paid to present date. If elected, I promise to attend all called meetings and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. I am releasing the KWVA application form for verification of eligible service years.

I have been a KWVA National Officer for 7 years. I spent one year as an appointed officer and 6 years as an elected KWVA National Director. For most of those 7 years, I was the KWVA National Membership Chairman. In those 7 years, despite the thousands of members who have passed on , we have maintained a steady membership of 17,000-18,000 members. At least 1200-1500 post war Korea Defense Service Veterans have joined the KWVA under my leadership as chairman and most years I had little or no budget. At every annual meeting , we gave out decals, flyers, and posters to the chapters who were in attendance at no cost to the membership. I have helped pass many legislative bills helping both our Korea War and Korea Defense Service Veterans thus giving the KWVA great exposure as a can do federally chartered VSO. In my 7 seven years as a KWVA National officer , I helped the KWVA obtain federal chartership from Congress which was signed into law on June 28, 2008 by President George Bush. The chapter that I founded has pulled many color guard duties for the KWVA at Arlington National Cemetery, Korean War Memorial and our national convention.

I joined the US Army in 1982 and was honorably discharged in 1989. I served as an infantryman, indirect fire infantryman and scout with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ( Tropic Lightning ) Schofield Barracks Hawaii , 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division ( Indianhead ) Camp Garry Owens Korea , and 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division ( Yankee Division ) Massachusetts National Guard. I have deployed to Australia , Japan , the PTA Big Island of Hawaii and did my Infantry training at Fort Benning Georgia.

After the military I worked for the United States Postal Service in Boston and attended University of Massachusetts-Boston where I graduated in 2005 and obtained my Associates Degree in American Studies, Bachelors Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice, Masters Degree in Applied Sociology and Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies ( C.A.G.S. ) in Forensics Services . I am in 2 National Honor Societies.

I envision bringing the KWVA to a higher level. Our Korean War Veterans are aging and we need to get younger Korea veterans involved in the KWVA. The first KWVA National Convention I attended in Bossier City Louisiana , I was the only post war Korea veteran in attendance . The last one I just attended in 2010 , we had 30-35 Korea post war there. I call this progress and hope in keeping the KWVA alive for many years to come. Remember, these veterans are second or third generation Korea veterans including myself. We need to make a presence in Korea where my chapter is actively recruiting. We need to keep the KWVA alive for many decades. Please continue to vote for me.

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