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Mr. Tom M. McHugh
Elections Committee Chairman
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This letter is to announce my candidacy for the office of 2nd Vice President. I will attend every called meeting of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. I am a Life Member so my dues are paid up through my term of office. I have attached a signed official Application Form which may be used by the Election Committee for verification of my credentials.

My reserve unit in Midland, Texas was activated in September, 1950 and I served two years on active duty as a 1st Lt. in the U S Army artillery. My duty assignments were Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Camp Chafee, Arkansas as Operations Officer with the 5th Armored Division and Korea with the 3rd Infantry Division. I was a Forward Observer and Battery Officer with the 39th FA Battalion from February to September, 1952 attached to the 1st ROK Division and I Company, 15th Infantry Regiment during the time in Korea.

I retired in 1993 after 40 years with a large electric utility in Texas. My responsibilities included power plant and transmission management, personnel executive and a national committee chairmanship. As National Chairman of a major electrical committee, I helped develop the national operating policies of all the utilities of the United States. Since retirement I have spent many enjoyable and rewarding hours as a Master Mediator and volunteering for charitable and church organizations in the Dallas/Ft Worth area.

I have been a member of the National KWVA since 1995 and in September 2000 served as one of the founding members of the General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215 in the Arlington/Ft Worth area. It has been my privilege to serve the chapter as Vice President, Tell America Chairman and most recently President for the last 3 years.

In 2006 I was appointed National Tell America Chairman by then President Lou Dechert and continue to serve in that capacity with President Bill Mac Swain. As Chairman of the committee I have worked diligently to revitalize the program and get as many chapters as possible involved. I truly feel that as Korean Veterans we have an obligation to challenge the term "Forgotten War" by creating opportunities to address groups in our communities, especially the schools, to get the message across that we did indeed have a victory in Korea. I am very proud and appreciative of the veterans in the 92 chapters who have active Tell America Programs and are making a difference in their schools and communities.

If elected, I will be honored to serve with all KWVA Officers and Directors to make our organization one that is respected by the members and all Korean veterans.



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