

LUTHER E. RICE, JR (LR19674) - CHAPTER #129 - AURORA, INDIANA

This is to announce my intent to run for reelection to the office of "KWVA National Director" for the period 2011 - 2014. I am a Korean War - Vietnam War veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

I am a native of Aurora, Indiana. In June of 1948, following graduation from high school at age 17, I enlisted in the Marine Corps:

- Attended Boot Camp at Parris Island, SC.
- First duty assignment was as a member of the Marine Detachment, USS Mississippi (EAG-128) March 1949 - May 1951. Completed requirements and received Scouting's "Eagle" award during this tour.
- Ordered to Korea (K-3) April 1952 - April 1953 with Marine Air Control Group-2, 1st Marine Air Wing.
- Ordered to Vietnam November 1965 - September 1966 with Marine Air Traffic Control Unit, Marine Air Base Squadron -13, 1st Marine Air Wing, Chu Lai. Was commissioned a Second Lieutenant from the rank of Master Sergeant during this tour.
- Ordered to Vietnam for second tour January 1970 - January 1971 with Communications Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division
- Retired with rank of Captain July 1971 after 23 years of active duty

Included among my personal military decorations and awards are the Bronze Star Medal w/combat "V"; Combat Action Ribbon; Navy Achievement Medal; Korean Service Medal w/2*; and the Vietnam Service Medal w/4*.

Returning to civilian life in 1971 I became a teacher of high school students and subsequently school principal, a position I held at the time of my retirement in 1992. In 1991 I was appointed by the Governor of Indiana to the position of Judge, Aurora City Court. I was then elected and reelected as Judge and remained in office until August 1997. I currently spend my free time volunteering with various "not-for-profit" organizations and staying involved with Veteran Service Organizations. I am a Life Member of KWVA as well as possessing Life Membership in the American Legion; 40&8; Marine Corps League; Disabled American Veterans; and the VFW.

My qualifications for the position of National KWVA Director include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Have served as KWVA National Director during the period 2008 - 2011
- Life member KWVA Chapter #129 since June 1996
- Served as First-Vice Commander, KWVA, Department of Indiana
- Served as interim Indiana Department Commander following the death of the Department Commander.
- Have served as Commander, KWVA Chapter #129 for a period of 10 years.
- Received \$250 from National KWVA for placing third in the national KWVA recruiting contest conducted several years ago
- Proven leadership ability as a Marine and in civilian life
- Education - BS & MS Degrees, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana

I certify, that as a Life Member, my dues are current and will be through the whole term of the office that I am seeking. I will attend each called meeting of the Directors and I understand that two unexcused absences from called meetings may result in my removal from office. I have enclosed a separate signed Official Membership Application Form showing my eligible service years and I authorize releasing the application form for verification by the Nominating Committee. I have also enclosed a current self photograph suitable for publication in the Graybeards Magazine.

I have read the KWVA Code of Conduct and will abide by its contents.

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