

In accordance with the Association By-Laws I am writing to submit my name as a candidate for the position of National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. for the years 2012-2015. 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, therefore, my dues are current and paid through the upcoming term of office. I have attached a signed Application Form which may be used by the Election Committee for verification of my credentials.

Military Service - Upon graduation from Texas A&M in 1948 I received my commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. In October of 1948 my class was called to active duty and I was assigned as a platoon leader at the Recruit Training Center in Fort Ord, California. Later, I was assigned to the Regimental Training Team and then to the Division Training Team. In September of 1950 I received my orders for Korea. We were flown to Japan, processed through Camp Drake, put on a train to Sasebo, and transferred to a ship for an overnight sailing to Pusan, Korea. Upon our arrival in Pusan, we were taken to a school house to await our assignments. I was assigned as the 2nd Plt. Leader of "G" Co., 35th Regiment, 25th Division. I joined my unit in Taejon, and after a week or two, we received orders to advance into North Korea. We advanced to within a couple of miles of the Yalu River before being overrun by the Chinese. At this point, we made a strategic withdrawal to Suwon. We advanced once again into North Korea. While taking a hill outside of Chango-ri, I was wounded and evacuated to Seoul, where I was placed on a train and sent to the hospital ship *Repose* where they operated on me and in two weeks, I was returned to my unit. On my return from the hospital, I was assigned as Bn. Asst. S-3, and later acting S-3, & S-2. The night I returned, we were overrun by the Chinese once more and withdrew to Seoul. We then advanced north once more until we were told to stop as they were talking peace in Panmunjon. I rotated home in November of 1951. I was then assigned as S-3 of the 1st Bn, of the Officer Candidate Regiment at Fort Benning, GA. My last job in the Army was Top Secret as I determined the capabilities and requirements for Fort Benning in the event of another all out war. I was honorably discharged on May 31, 1954.

Military Decorations- The Combat Infantryman Badge – Silver Star-Bronze Star w/ V (for Valor)- Purple Heart- National Defense Ribbon-Korean Service Medal (with 5 Battle Stars)-United Nations Medal, and the ROK Korean Service Medal.

Career Highlights - After my discharge I worked in Quality Control in the Food Industry. I was Manager of the Refrigerated Division Quality Assurance of Pillsbury for 14 years. In 1969 I was hired as the Corporate Manager of Quality Control for Riviana Foods. After four years with Riviana, I accepted the position of Corporate Manager for Quality Control with the Southland Corporation. I was responsible for Quality Control of 5,000 7-Eleven stores, 21 dairies, 8 Ice plants, 5 Distribution Centers, 5 Food Centers, 3 snack food plants, 3 chemical plants and a metal fabrication plant. After 19 years of dedicated service I retired from Southland in 1992. I then became an independent auditor for Food Safety and performed food safety audits of the suppliers of various large food and restaurant companies until 2007.

Community Service - I am active in my church and have held many offices such as Chairman of various Committees, Deacon, Elder, Trustee, Board Chairman, and at present I teach a class in Sunday School. I am also an active member of our KWVA Chapter and volunteer almost weekly at the VA Hospital along with other chapter members. I have also participated in delivering the Tell America program to high school students.

I am a **Lifetime Emeritus Member** of the Institute of Food Technologist and have served as Chairman of the Quality Control Division, Arrangements Chairman for our annual meeting, and Chairman Longhorn Section. I hold several other **Lifetime Memberships** including: KWVA, Military Oder of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Combat Infantrymen, and the Texas A&M Letterman's Association.

I have been a member of KWVA since 2003 when I joined Sam Johnson Chapter 270. I have been the Secretary of Chapter 270 since 2006. I have served as the Treasurer of the Department of Texas and am presently 1st VP of the Department of Texas. In 2008 I was appointed Treasurer of your National KWVA Inc. and am serving in that capacity at the present time.

If elected, I will consider it an honor to represent our members as we serve with the other Officers and Directors to continue to make our organization one that is respected by all communities and all Korean War Veterans.

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