

JAMES E. FERRIS

I would like to be considered for President of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA). I meet all the qualifications set forth in the Association By-Laws and have the following experience that will continue the upward movement of the KWVA.

**KWVA Experience:**

- \*Charter member of the KWVA.
- \*Life member (LC00436)
- \*Currently National 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- \*Eight (8) total years on the KWVA Board of Directors
- \*One (1) term as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- \*Two (2) terms as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- \*Ten (10) years as President of the New York State Department.
- \*Chairman of the Fund raising committee that raised a total of \$120,000.00 (a record)
- \*Served on the KWVA Finance and Resolutions committee.
- \*Chairman, 2007 reunion in Reno Nevada.

**Military Experience:**

- \*Korea, Combat Infantry Operations G-3, Between 1<sup>st</sup>. Mar. Div & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. Div.
- \*Ordered to French Indo China, to assist in the evacuation of French Nationals.
- \*Ordered to Okinawa to assist in relocating the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar Div from Japan, to Okinawa.
- \*Ordered to Iwo Jima to assist in future use of the Island as a strategic area.
- \*USMC 1952-1955
- \*Seventeen (17) years in the NY Guard.

**\*Civilian Experience:**

- \* Thirty-five years with AT&T in several managerial positions.
- \*I have been happily married to my wife Felice for over 53 years. We have Three (3) daughters, Three (3) Sons in law, and six (6) grand children. Who I am very proud of.

Goals and Objectives if elected:

- \* Expand the membership base. In this regard, I intend to appoint a standing Membership/recruiting committee whose primary direction will be to recruit not just the older wartime veterans, but the younger veterans who have served, or are serving, in Korea today.
- \* Emphasize fund raising and advertising revenue. The members should not have to carry the weight of the association finances. There are numerous other means to raise funds.
- \* Place increased responsibility on the Committee Chairmen, in this regard, Committee Chairmen will be more carefully identified and will be required to submit frequent reports to the Officers and Board of Directors.
- \* Institute a method to allow the membership more input into the operation of the organization.

In conclusion:

I will attend all called meetings knowing that if I miss two unexcused meetings, I can be removed from office. My dues are paid (as a life member). I have forwarded an application form for verification by the elections committee and I have enclosed a current picture.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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