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I submit this resume according to the KWVA Bylaws, for placing my name on the ballot for National President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., for the years 2012-2014. My dues are current, Life Member LR18750. I am grateful that you have twice given me the honor to serve in the office of KWVA Director, first in 2008, and again this year, 2011. I respectfully believe I am ready and prepared to lead the Association as your next National President.

MILITARY SERVICE

My military service began with my enlistment on August 1, 1950, in the United States Air Force. Following Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, I completed the 32-week curriculum at the Electronics & Communications School at Scott AFB, Illinois, as a Ground Electronics & Communications Technician.

My Korean War service was with the 605th Tactical Control Squadron, 502nd Tactical Control Group, 5th Air Force, 1951-1952. I arrived in Taegu, Korea, in June, 1951, and was assigned to the 605th Tactical Control Squadron, a USAF reserve unit shipped out of Pope Field in North Carolina, deployed to South Korea in 1950, shortly after the war began. When I joined the 605th, the next youngest man was 25! Following that was a year when, like many of you, I was transformed from an 18-year old boy into manhood. During that year there were experiences that no one would wish for, but since then I never served in a better outfit, or with a finer group of men. I am proud to have known, served, and learned from them. They taught me what '*duty, honor, country*' means.

CIVILIAN WORK EXPERIENCE

Following my Honorable Discharge in 1954 at Patrick AFB, Florida, I worked at Cape Canaveral, Florida for Boeing, as an Electronic Technician. Following that, I was employed at Canaveral by The Martin Company (now known as Lockheed Martin) on defense contracts, first as a Test Engineer, then as a Quality Engineer. Presently I hold a current California license as a Professional Engineer in Quality Engineering, # QU3927, issued July 12th, 1978. I am a working consultant in that field. Later, working as a design engineer, I designed environmental and acceptance test equipment and wrote test procedures for the Navy's Grumman F-14 Fighter's flight control system. In the 1960's, I worked at the Kennedy Space Center for Grumman Aerospace Engineering as a Technical Writer, writing test procedures for Apollo astronauts for the LEM (Lunar Excursion Module), on the Apollo Moon Program.

KWVA SERVICE

Shortly after being elected Director in 2008, I accepted an assignment to become Chairman of the KWVA Bylaws Committee. Early on our Committee began work on the 2008/2009 Bylaws/SPM Project, which was to clarify and give more definition to the Bylaws, and to rewrite the Standard Procedure Manual. The revised Bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors, followed by ratification by the Membership on October 26, 2009. The final revision of the Standard Procedure Manual was approved by the Board on June 1, 2010. Revisions to both documents went into effect on November 30, 2011, and are currently available for download from the KWVA Website. Shortly thereafter we proposed to the Board that the KWVA provide websites for Chapters and Departments. It was approved, and Chapter and Department website servers are now in place, with SPM procedures to support them.

In the summer of 2008, four fellow KWVA members and I were honored to attend the 2008 Falcon Heritage Forum on the Korean War at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Each of us addressed, on consecutive days, two cadet squadrons. Our topic was "*Korea: The Unresolved Conflict.*"

I accept the KWVA Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, subscribe to our KWVA Code of Conduct, and will support any effort dedicated to the progress of the KWVA. I will attend and participate in all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences may be cause for my removal from the Board. I am dedicated to preserving what has been achieved thus far, and helping those who want to implement improvements in a manner that protects the Good of the Order, and hold performance of duty *first*, ahead of self-interest. I expressed my principles about our duty and our obligation to the KWVA in a guest editorial, "*For the Good of the Order,*" that I wrote for *The Graybeards*. You can read it on Pages 70-71 of the November-December 2007 issue. Also, when I got tired of hearing the phrase, "*What has National ever done for us?*" I answered that question on Page 9 in the May-June 2010 issue of *The Graybeards*.

THE FUTURE OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

There are many issues that must be worked on by the next KWVA President. Now that we have a federal charter, with it come the obligations and commitments of a Veterans Service Organization (VSO). Some of these issues have already been addressed by President Mac Swain, and will be passed on to his successor. Together they should build an interface that will permit an efficient transfer of power and information to the newly elected President. If you believe that my goals and standards are in harmony with yours, I respectfully request your support and your vote. If elected, I will continue to work diligently to preserve and protect the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

My motivation to serve as the KWVA National President is that I believe in the KWVA and its mission. I will work tirelessly to improve the organization where needed, to serve the membership in a constructive manner, by working with the Board of Directors.

I respectfully ask you, the Membership of the Korean War Veterans Association, to support me with your vote for National President, to allow me the honor and privilege of serving our common interests. My performance standards will continue to be the Membership's interests; and duty, honor, country.

Respectfully yours,

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