

In accordance with the Korean War Veterans Association Bylaws, I am pleased and privileged to submit my name as a candidate for the position Of National Director for the years 2013-2016.

My military service began with enlisting in the Army Reserves in 1953 And was called to active duty in 1956. I received basic training at Fort Jackson, SC and then was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, MO for Combat Engineer training.

I received orders in May 1957 for duty in Korea and was assigned to the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion. When the 24<sup>th</sup> left Korea I was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Division 8<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion. Due to the illness and death of my father, I received a hardship discharge in 1958 to run my fathers farming operation. I reported back to the Army Reserves and was assigned to a Nike Missile Battalion. I received an Honorable Discharge in 1962 with the rank of SFC. I am a graduate of the NCO Academy.

I worked 15 years in the meat packing industry, 22 years as an Insurance Manager and six as a Deputy Sheriff.

I am a Life Member of the VFW and have served as a Post Commander, District Commander, Department Chief of Staff and as a Department Chaplain. I am a member of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association and the 1<sup>st</sup> Calvary Association.

I am currently serving as Commander of the KWVA Department of Virginia and I am an Ambassador for the Department of Defense 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. In June 2012 I was appointed by President Ferris to serve as National Recruiting Chairman.

I am a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and currently serve as Church Lay Leader, Trustee and on the Budget and Finance Committee.

I am a Life Member of the KWVA {LR34808}, therefore my dues are current for the term of office I am seeking and I concur with and have signed The KWVA "Code of Conduct". I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used to remove me from office.

Attached is a completed and signed KWVA Form 4.1.1 Official Membership Application which contains information concerning my qualifications for the position of Director and I further authorize the release of the information included in this application for verification by the Election Committee.

I would consider it an honor to be elected to serve with the outstanding group of Officers and Directors currently leading our organization and I

solicit your support. I am committed to recruiting new members to join this great organization for our continued legacy.

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