

NARCE CALIVA

I'm honored to present myself as a candidate for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2015-2018.

I was born in California, enlisted in the Army in 1948, and was assigned to the MP Det. at Fort Eustis, VA. In 1950, on my way to OCS at Fort Riley, KS, the Korean War broke out. In August 1951, at age 21, I arrived in Korea as a Second Lieutenant, Transportation Corps.

Over the course of 20 months, I was assigned to the 60th Truck and 54th Heavy Truck Companies in Wonju and, when the 54th was transferred, to the 54th and 48th Truck Companies in Pusan. I was promoted to First Lieutenant in December 1951.

In September 1953 I was released from active duty to the Reserves. With the help of the GI Bill, I returned to finish college and graduated with business degrees from Sacramento State College and what is now Thunderbird School of Global Management.

In 1959, I joined the staff of the American Red Cross, Service to the Armed Forces, and served on Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps bases in the US, Spain and West Germany. Stateside, I was also able to gain in depth experience working with local units, offering guidance and assistance to dozens of large and small Red Cross chapters.

During my 30-year career, 12 years were spent on 4 overseas tours. In Vietnam in 1967-1968, I supervised all Red Cross field directors embedded with the military from the Central Highlands north. Similarly, while at Far East HQ in Japan from 1969-1971, it was my responsibility to supervise all of our operations in Korea.

In the 1970's, I became Western Director of Training, then moved up to spend 4 years in management supporting our 1,200 Red Cross chapters to meet their charter obligations and administrative requirements. My next appointment was as Manager, Service to the Armed Forces, and for 3 years was directly responsible for the Red Cross programs and services on all military installations in the Western United States.

From 1981-1988, accredited to the CINC USEUCOM and on the protocol list, I served as the ARC Managing Director, European Area, with HQ at Stuttgart, Germany. Over 325 staff and 9,000 Red Cross volunteers met emergency and other needs at 80 locations. I retired at NHQ in 1989 but have continued as a leadership volunteer for the past 25 years.

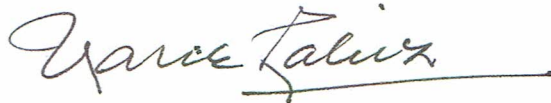
In KWVA, I'm in my second term as Commander of Shenandoah Valley Chapter #313. I served as 1st Vice Commander for 2 terms, during which our Korean War Memorial was built, and was also elected to the Department of Virginia Board. I have enjoyed participating fully in chapter, regional and national activities, as well as other notable

events, such as being on stage in Washington, DC at the May 27, 2013 nationally televised Memorial Day program. It was a privilege to help represent all Korean War veterans.

I believe the experience I bring — building productive relationships, developing volunteer leadership of many groups, and dealing successfully with serious management issues over the years -- prepares me well to help contribute to the achievement of KWVA goals and objectives. We must expand and diversify our Wartime and Defense membership ranks and continue to effectively “Tell America” our story. So, I welcome this exceptional opportunity to be of service as a national director and respectfully solicit your vote.

As a Life Member, my dues will remain fully paid. I certify that I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for removal from office. All required documents, including an Official KWVA Application Form and copies of my DD Forms 214, have been submitted to and released for verification by the Election Committee.

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