

GEORGE E. LAWHON

My name is George E. Lawhon and it is my pleasure to announce my candidacy for the office of National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2015 through 2018. I have signed the KWVA Code of Conduct. My conviction and support for the Korean War Veterans Association is expressed in its Mission Statement on the KWVA website <http://www.kwva.org>.

Military Experience

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 then completed the 32-week curriculum at the Electronics & Communications School at Scott AFB, Illinois, as a Ground Electronics & Communications Technician.

I arrived in Taegu, Korea, in June, 1951, and was assigned to the 605th Tactical Control Squadron, Fifth Air Force. Following that was a year when, like many of you, I was transformed from an 18-year old boy into manhood.

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, and later for The Martin Company (*now known as Lockheed Martin*) on defense contracts, first as a Test Equipment Design Engineer; later as a Quality Assurance Engineer. Presently I hold a current California State license as a Professional Engineer in Quality Engineering, # QU3927, issued July 12th, 1978. I am a working consultant in that field. 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

I have served two previous terms as a National Director, 2008-2011 & 2011-2014.

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 Review Project, which was to clarify and give more definition to the Bylaws, and to rewrite the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM). The revised Bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors, followed by ratification by the Membership on October 26, 2009. That revision of the Standard Procedure Manual was approved by the Board on June 1, 2010.

During my second term, I was given the honor to be Chairman of the Tell America Committee. After my term finished, the responsibility was passed on to National Director Roy Aldridge.

I accept the KWVA Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual (SPM), and will support any effort dedicated to the progress of the KWVA. I expressed my principles about our duty and obligations to the KWVA in two articles I wrote for *The Graybeards*. You can read one article, "*For The Good Of the Order*" on Pages 70-71 (Nov-Dec 2007), the other "*What Has National Ever Done For Us?*" on Page 9 of the May-June 2010 Edition. If you believe that my goals and standards are in harmony with yours, I respectfully request your support and your vote.

I am a Life Member of KWVA, Inc, #LR18750, therefore my dues are paid and will be current throughout the term of office that I am seeking.

I agree with 1st Vice President Wiedhahn that "...*We have a vast wealth of experience with those who have served in Korea in peace time.*" We need them to help build the future needs of the KWVA, they should be actively recruited, and those that have joined, encouraged to serve in any way that they can.

I hereby 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 my removal from office. A copy of my DD-214 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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