

# KWVA Alamo Chapter #298

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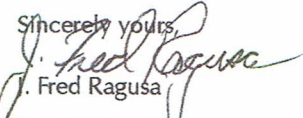
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Mr. McCarthy:

This is my notice of filing for one of the open positions of National Director for the years of 2015-2018. I have enclosed an Official KWVA Membership Application Form in addition to a Certification of Military Service, with seal, in lieu of the DD form 214 due to my records being destroyed by fire in St. Louis, MO. I release the completed application form for verification of my qualifications by the Election Committee that does not involve fees. Also enclosed is a current picture suitable for publication in The Graybeards.

My education, military service and professional experience prepares me to make a contribution in the position of National Director of KWVA are as follows:

- a. My four (4) years of academic study toward my undergraduate degree in Accounting also included 4 years of R.O.T.C. training that resulted in my commission as 2nd Lieutenant in Army Artillery. I received orders for active duty upon graduation from the university. My leadership training prior to unit assignment included Fort Sill, Oklahoma between my Junior and Senior years in addition to the Artillery School as an officer prior to overseas assignment. This was complimented by combat maneuvers with the First Cav Division at the base of Mt. Fugiyama in Japan prior to my first permanent unit assignment in the 981st FA Bn, Charlie Battery, of the 40th Inf. Div. in Korea which was on line in the Pork Chop Hill Sector of combat with the enemy.
- b. In April of 1953, I received a battlefield promotion to 1st Lieutenant as Battery Executive Officer with Responsibilities of the Fire Direction Center. All training and education received as a commissioned officer are tested in combat and confirmed by those above and below your rank as to acceptable performances.
- c. I returned to the states for separation from active duty to begin my career path in Sales and Marketing of Data Processing Systems as applied to the Financial Industry. That began in 1955 until my retirement in 2010. I joined a company that just completed an I.P.O. and had annual revenue of \$85 Million. The annual revenue the year of my retirement was \$4.5 Billion. The primary focus to succeed in such a dynamic industry of technological growth was to remain a student of the business to achieve market share and profitable growth. Otherwise, one's contribution can quickly diminish. I hope to put that initiative to work as a Director.
- d. I became an active member of KWVA as one of the Chapter Officers to resurrect Alamo Chapter #298 in 2011 that had been comatose for several years. We accelerated membership through hosting the Texas Department Annual Convention in 2012 and again in 2014. San Antonio, Military City USA, should be very visible in KWVA with the high number of retired military personnel that live in this area.
- e. If elected as a National Director, I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for removal from office. My next annual dues is due 4/8/2015. I am enclosing payment of dues for the years of 2015, 2016 and 2017 to meet qualifications.

Sincerely yours,  
  
J. Fred Ragusa  
Treasurer, D.O.V.

Enclosures: