

NARCE CALIVA

This letter is to announce my candidacy to fill the position of KWVA Director for the years of 2018-2021. As a Life Member, my dues will remain current through the term of office. My DD214 and KWVA Membership Application Forms may be released for verification by the Elections Committee. I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences may be cause for removal from office.

Background: Born and raised in Salinas, CA, I joined the Army at 19, was an NCO in the Military Police, then an OCS graduate, and 1st Lt, Transportation Corps. Arrived in Korea July 1951, served 20 months at Wonju and Pusan, in the 52nd and 296th Truck Battalions. Released to Reserves in 1953, I finished college and graduate school under the G.I. Bill. .

Employment: 30 years career staff member with the American Red Cross (ARC), 1959-1989, progressing in two Services from field to senior management positions, as follows:

Served as Field Director on Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps bases in the US, Spain and Germany. Supervisor in the US, Vietnam (1967-68), and Far East (Japan/Korea). Manager of Service to the Armed Forces, Western US, for 3 years. Between overseas tours, I advanced from field representative to oversee the 12 division managers responsible for giving guidance and assistance to the 1,200 Red Cross chapters then in the Western US.

For 7 years, 1981-88, was senior official in charge of all ARC activities in the European Area, encompassing 80 locations in the US European Command, plus support to the Middle East and Africa. Since retiring in 1989, I have been a Red Cross volunteer. In a 2015 WH ceremony, I received the "Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award".

KWVA: Active in all activities of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter #313, Winchester, VA, (currently 106 members) included building our Korean War Memorial, and attending local, regional and national events, 3 National Conventions, and many KWVA and Embassy functions in Washington, DC. Served 2 terms as 1st Vice Commander and 2 as Commander, and well as a Virginia Department Director and V.P.

In March 2016 I was appointed a Director to fill a vacancy on the KWVA Board. As Chairman, Bylaws Committee, we completed a meticulous review to update the Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual for reprinting. This is also my third year on the Scholarships Committee.

As KWVA collaborates with related organizations in pursuing common goals, we should continue to lead and make forward-looking decisions in the best interests of our organization and our members. I ask for your vote to keep me on the Board for a full term. Thank you.

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