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KVWA Selection Committee,

My name is Bernard A. Smith and I am a candidate for National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2019-2022. I served in the United States Army Signal Corps from June 1951 until May 1953. My service in Korea began in January 1951 until May 1953. My role in Korea was with my 8189th Signal Support Battalion members to provide line of site VHF communications from Army to Division and Regiments. These radios and transmitters were fixed frequency which necessitated cutting antennae to the precise frequency. Our Unit arrived in Sasang which was close to Pusan then Taegu and Seoul. I finished my tour of duty in Kansong on the Sea Of Japan.

Upon my return to Massachusetts, I resumed my position in the Petroleum Industry. I rose through the ranks, starting out as a file clerk before my military service to Department Manager, General Manager and culminated in 1989 in being appointed Exec VP and CEO for New England Fuel Institute, the Trade Association for the New England Petroleum Marketers. I served in that capacity until my retirement in 1995, signifying 50 years in the Petroleum Industry. During my tenure, I participated on Committees involving Energy legislation and testified before the Dept of Energy and the IRS as well as meeting with various Senators and Congressmen on energy matters.

I have been a member of KVWA for 2 years and I was recently elected a Director of Chapter 299 in Massachusetts.

If elected, I would bring to the KVWA my years of creativity and decision making experience to the Association's benefit. I will attend all meetings and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office

All information contained in this letter, the Membership Application Form, my Military records and support documentation, is hereby released to the Election Committee for verification. My dues are current.

I respectfully request your consideration and votes that I may represent and support all who served and fought long and hard against extraordinary odds for South Korea's independence.

Dutifully submitted,



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