Albert H. McCarthy

My name is Albert McCarthy and I am a candidate for the office of First Vice President of the Korea War Veterans Association for the years 2020-2022.

I served in the United States Air Force from July 1968 to November 1971 and achieved the rank of Captain with an AFSC of Senior Weapons Controller (1744E). My service in Korea was from October 1970 to October 1971 as a member of 5th Air Force, 314th Air Division, Command Advisory Function, attached to the National Security Agency.

Returning to my home in Massachusetts, I put my leadership training to work as a Human Resources professional, rising to Vice President of a Fortune World Fifty company (NEC). In my various assignments, I received two top national awards for creativity and placed second nationally for Human Resources Executive of the Year. During this approximately 38-year period, I helped build one company from a start-up to over a billion dollars in revenue; merged two high tech companies to form a 1.5-billion-dollar company; and expanded another company internationally, while growing revenue from 300 million dollars to over a billion dollars.

I am a Life Member of the KWVA and currently serve as National 2nd Vice President. I have previously served as National Director of the KWVA and Past Commander of Chapter #299. At the national level I have served the Association as passed Chairman of the Elections Committee in 2015 and 2016, and provided support for Advertising, Recruiting, and Fund-Raising Committees. Additionally, I have participated in services at Arlington National Cemetery and the Korea War Memorial in Washington, DC on Memorial Day (six times) and Veterans Day (twice) on behalf of the KWVA, and most recently at the dedication of the Korea Defense Memorial in Bushnell National Cemetery in Florida.

Locally, I have worked closely with three successive Korean Consul Generals in Massachusetts on multiple Korea War and Defense Veteran recognitions, award ceremonies, luncheons, and gatherings, such as the KWVA's very successful National Meeting in Boston. I have served as the Commander of KWVA Chapter #299 for six years, and still serve as Director and Adjutant for the last six years. Other activities include serving as Adjutant of DAV Chapter #4 in Massachusetts. I am a Life Member of the DAV, VFW, Military Officers Association of America, NRA, Republican National Committee and a 36-year member of the American Legion.,

I respectfully request your consideration and vote, so that I may continue to represent and support all who served in Korea from 1945-1950 while Korea regained her nationhood; those who fought long and hard against extraordinary odds from 1950-1953 to ensure Korea's survival; and all who served over the last six decades to protect and defend Korea and her DMZ from a determined and tyrannical dictatorship in North Korea.

If elected, I will attend all called 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 DD-214, and support documentation, is hereby released to the Election Committee for verification. As a Life Member, my dues are current throughout the duration of my election and membership.

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Respectfully submitted.

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