

L. T. WHITMORE

L. T. Whitmore's declaration of intent to run for the office of First Vice President of the Korean War Veterans Association.

I am a fully paid up Life Member of the KWVA, LR40158. I am affiliated with Tidewater Virginia Chapter 191 of which I served two terms as Commander and have been its Adjutant/Quartermaster for the past several years. I served two terms as Commander of the Department of Virginia until its dissolution. I am completing my second term as KWVA Director and have served as Ceremonies Chairman and Election Chairman.

It has been my honor to have been appointed by the last three Virginia Governors to represent the Korean War Veterans Association on the Joint Leadership Council, a group of VSO representatives who provide advice and assistance to the Governor, General Assembly and Department of Veterans Services on matters of concern to the veteran community. It provides a conduit of information to and from the VSOs on policy and legislation pending and enacted.

I retired from the USAF in 1976 as a Master Sergeant. For the first eleven years of my career I was a medical and surgical technician. In this capacity I served with the 58th Tactical Hospital at K-2 Air Base from May 1954 to May 1955. In 1965, I transitioned as a Military Training Instructor and served as Senior MTI for the 3761st Student Training Squadron at Sheppard AFB, TX. The usual population for this unit was greater than 1000 airmen. In 1966 I was selected to transfer to Port Hueneme, CA, to open an AF Student Squadron of students to be trained by Navy Sea Bees in skills to be required for the newly formed AF Red Horse Program. I was First Sergeant of Security Police at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AFB in 1969 and 1970. In 1970, despite having been away from medical service for some years, I applied for and was selected for training as a Physician Assistant. There were 100 selectees from several thousand applicants. Upon completion of the clinical rotations at Langley AFB, VA, I was assigned to Luke AFB, AZ where we opened the first Military Medicine Family Practice Panel. Since my retirement, I have practiced as a Physician Assistant in Psychiatry consistently until my retirement in November, 2019.

I earned an Associate Degree in General Studies from Golden Gate University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Medicine and Surgery from University of Nebraska and a Master of Science Degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

I have enjoyed a good relationship with the ROK embassy and have visited Korea several times since 2010.

I hereby certify that I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences can result in my removal from office. My dues are current through the entire term of the office for which I am seeking election

As First Vice President I will work hard to promote unity and goodwill within the Association, to promote fund raising for the Memorial Wall, to seek innovative ways to enhance its growth and to maintain close liaison with the Government of the Republic of Korea. I believe my background in administrative and personnel services, and my experience as a health care provider qualify me to be of service to the Korean War Veterans Association in the capacity of First Vice President.

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