

NARCE CALIVA

**This letter announces my candidacy for Second Vice President for the years 2020-2022. As a Life Member, my dues will remain current. My DD214 and KWVA Application Forms may be released for verification by the Elections Committee. I will attend all called Board of Directors meetings, understanding that two unexcused absences may be cause for removal from office.**

**A native Californian, I enlisted in the Army at 19, was in the Military Police, then graduated from OCS. I arrived in Korea at 21 in July 1951 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., TC, and served 20 months, at Wonju, Koje-do, and Pusan, as a Truck Co. XO and Bn Legal Officer. Released from Active Duty in 1953, I returned to finish college and earn degrees in business.**

**For 30 years, 1959-1989, I was an *American Red Cross* staff member, progressing from field to senior management positions in both the *Service to the Armed Forces* and the *Service to Chapters* branches. I was a Field Director in the US, Spain and Germany, and an Assistant Director in Vietnam (1967—1968) and in Japan/Korea (1969-1971). Stateside, I oversaw for 4 years the 12 division managers assisting the 1,200 Red Cross chapters in the Western US. My last assignment, for an unprecedented 7 years, was as the Managing Director, O-7E, in charge of all American Red Cross operations in Europe. Since retirement in 1989, I have continued to serve as an ARC volunteer.**

**As a KWVA Member, I've participated fully in Shenandoah Valley Chapter #313, Winchester, VA, activities (currently 105 active members). As First Vice Commander I helped build our local Korean War Memorial, served two terms, followed by two terms as Commander, as well as a Virginia Department Director and VP. I have traveled to attend many regional and national events, which routinely include KWVA and ROK Embassy functions in Washington, DC.**

**As a Director on the National Board since 2016, I chair the Bylaws Committee, and have worked on the Mission & Vision, Recruitment & Membership, Graybeards, and Scholarships Committees. I've also agreed to be on the Executive Search Committee. As a result, I have learned and know well our business, its needs and goals.**

**In summary, I offer a professional and organizational background well tested and prepared to continue helping manage the KWVA as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Our Board and Chapters face critical, sensitive issues in this period of significant transition and turmoil. We must find common ground, collaborate and cooperate. And, we Board members should not use personal attacks, insinuations, accusations or go our own ways, no matter how worthy the intent. Above all, we need a strong, forward-looking Board, acting cohesively to manage in a positive and effective manner. in return for your vote, I pledge to do my best on behalf of ALL of our Members and KWVA interests.**

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