

I hereby announce my decision to run for the 2ND Vice President 2020-2022. I am a Life member since 1989 and am paid through the term of office. I have served on the Board in multiple assignments for thirteen (13) years. As Director 2007-2013, 2014-2020, Ceremonies Chairman 2007-2014, I was in Wash DC on every Memorial Day & Veterans Day. As Chairman I ordered the wreaths, reserved rooms, assigned Color Guard, assigned Box Seats, I had the honor of presenting a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown & Korean War Memorial with Presidents Lou Dechert, Larry Kinard & Bill MacSwain. I Served as Election Chairman five (5) times. As Director I have been serving as National Chairman Fund Raiser Committee (6 years) 2014-2019. Prior to my taking this assignment, we only raised between \$30,000 to \$37,000 per year. Each year since all goals have been set higher and surpassed. Without the membership support goals cannot be reached. My "THANKS" to all who donate. Please donate again in 2020. I am aware that missing 2 meetings unexcused may cause removal from office. I hereby release my records to the election committee.

NOTE: 2019 FUND RAISING GOAL WAS \$70,000. OUR 2019 TOTAL WAS \$80,139. TOTAL I RAISED FROM 2014 to 2019 IS \$377,675.

WE DO NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL SHORTAGE. We have amassed over \$940,000. We have money for meetings, Graybeards and Recruiting. Yes, we are receiving less dues money as we lose our older members. The President has used the words "Dereliction of Duty". When the MAJORITY of the Board voted against his agenda items, it was not dereliction. It was that the agenda items were based upon a survey that was not shown to the Board nor discussed prior to being sent to Chapters. It was a flawed Survey based on false premises. After full discussion, the majority of the board voted against those action items. The "Doom and Gloom" comments are nonsense. Logic prevailed at the meeting. The ED job description was never voted upon. The job was authorized, BUT not the job description. Most required job items were not being done. In 2019 the board was not consulted and completely bypassed. NO Surveys were shown to the board prior to being sent to members. Surveys asked questions on items the Board voted NO, on previously. Wasting the money that we do not have. Seven more months.

WE DO NOT NEED AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT A COST OF \$55,000. PER YEAR. We have Committee Chairmen that did and can do what an Executive Director did for 1/10th of his salary. The board asked for a new job description and that has been ignored.

Eliminating that high cost item will pay for meetings and recruiting. We are losing our old timers much too quickly. I along with the majority of the present directors, believe reducing the leadership any further is definitely poor planning. It will allow a few individuals to take control without oversight. All of the older members remember the problem years. That is why the Board was expanded from 7 Directors to 12 Directors. The additional Directors have protected the KWVA from any small group of individuals from doing anything underhanded or illegal. I never want those things to happen again. Elect Officers that will work to bring the KWVA back to the best Veterans Organization it was.

I along with several other officers formed the KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE. The first Korea Defense Memorial dedication was in MA by Chapter 299 in 2016. In 2017 I raised \$7000 in 6 weeks & dedicated a Korea Defense Memorial in Atlantic City at the NJ Korean War Memorial. Americans that died in Korea since the Cease Fire, have not been honored until now. We have already dedicated 5 memorials, including a recent memorial at Bushnell National Cemetery, Florida. Our goal is to dedicate at least one (1) memorial in every state. There are nine (9) more memorials in the Fund Raiser and Planning stages at this time. Questions? Contact me. tmchugh@msn.com

The future of the KWVA relies on Recruiting Korea Defense Veterans. 1st Vice President Jeff Brodeur has been spectacular through his Facebook efforts. We have exceeded the 2018 recruiting already. 2nd Vice President Al McCarthy has written excellent articles for the Graybeards. The KDVA is trying to recruit all Defense Veterans. **Keep in mind that the KWVA has a Federal Charter. The new KDVA is a not and cannot be a Federally Chartered organization.** under the rules of Congress. Recruit Defense Veterans now.

My personal efforts every year, include several shows. I attend two (2) Military Vehicle shows with a Tell America display that has brought in members over the years. I display at schools twice per year explaining about the Korean war. I have driven dignitaries in many parades in NJ, NYC & Wash DC. My 1952 M38A1 Jeep has Korean War Veterans markings very visible. It all helps to advertise the KWVA. I have a 27 ft trailer that has wall to wall carpet, maps & posters on all walls. Over the years the trailer and posters have helped recruiting individuals. If I ever learn how to post pictures on Facebook, I will post them.

PERSONAL: I have been inducted into the Warren County, NJ, "HALL OF FAME". I am a Retired Postmaster, with 33 years in the USPS. I am Military Retired. I joined "RA" three (3) years from March 1951 to 1954 in (SCARWAF) Special Category ARMY Reassigned with Air Force. I graduated from The Engineer School 2nd in a class of 80 at Ft. Belvoir VA, The Engineer School. I was Promoted to Corporal prior to my 18th birthday. Upon Discharge I enlisted in the NJARNG for thirty (30) years ending as 1st SGT. I then served 10 years in the Army Reserve as SR Intell NCO. Forty-three (43) years total. I have been married 62 years to my wonderful wife Barbara. My family includes 6 Children, (1 recently deceased), 10 Grandchildren, 3 Great Grand Children. I have been a member of the KWVA since 1989. I presently have 66 years in the American Legion (Past Post Commander & County Vice Commander) and 42 years in Sons of the American Legion. My goals are attainable.

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