

## APPLICATION FOR KWVA NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Today I am announcing my intent to run for a National Director position in the KWVA. I served on active duty in the U.S. Army from January, 1951, until March, 1957. My service in Korea was from April, 1953, until April, 1954. I was in several different areas of Korea during that time. First, I was assigned to G-2 section, Headquarters, Prisoner of War Command. While there, I traveled to and inspected all of our POW camps in Korea. When the cease fire was signed, I was sent to Inchon, where I helped coordinate the swap of North Korean and Chinese prisoners for returning Americans. From there, I was assigned to the 523rd Military Intelligence Company.

We were attached to Headquarters IX Corps and worked with their G-2 section. In April, 1954, I was transferred to Headquarters 500<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Group in North Camp Drake, Japan. I was NCOIC of the production section, supervising both military and civilian personnel. In Dec., 1954, I was moved again. This time to Special Projects Branch, J-2 Division, Headquarters, United Nations, Far East Command at Pershing Heights in Tokyo, Japan. I worked with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and several other government agencies in gathering and analyzing intelligence from the entire Pacific Rim. I remained in that position until March, 1957, when I was sent to Oakland, California, for discharge. My rank at time of discharge was M/Sgt. At this point, I went to college, got a job and started my civilian life.

I worked for Sears and Western Auto for 31 years opening new stores and managing stores in MS, AL, NC, AR, FL, MO and TX. In 1988 I took an early retirement and went to Egypt, where I ran the PX system for Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). The MFO monitored the Egyptian/Israeli peace treaty. I lived in Egypt, but traveled to Israel every week. I also traveled to other countries as needed. I was there during the 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf War and was awarded a Civilian Commendation Medal for my 5 years of service there. I am now retired again but still am very active in my community. I have served on several boards and commissions at the city, county and state level.

At the present time, I am serving as a National Director of the KWVA. I have also been appointed by the KWVA Board to be their liaison to the U.S. Congress. In that position I am working with Congress on three pending bills in the House of Representatives, hoping to have the bills passed in this term.

If elected, I will attend all called meetings. I understand that two unexcused absences could be used as a reason for my removal from office. I also release my application form for verification by the Election Committee.

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