

This letter is to announce my candidacy for KWVA National President to serve from June 25, 2020-June 25, 2022. I am a Life Member (# LR35528) so therefore my dues are paid to present date. If elected, I promise to attend all called meetings and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. I am releasing the KWVA application form for verification of eligible service years. I joined the US Army in 1982 and was Honorably discharged in 1989 as a Corporal. I worked as a Team Leader, Squad Leader and Platoon Sgt as Indirect Fire Infantryman, Infantryman and Infantry Scout. After my Initial Infantry and AIT Training at Fort Benning Ga, I was stationed at Schofield Barracks Hawaii with the 25th Infantry Division (Light), 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Massachusetts National Guard, and 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Garry Owens, Korea. I deployed to Australia, Japan, Korea, the Big Island of Hawaii and worked with soldiers from New Zealand, Korea, Japan, Australia and the Gurkha's based out of Hong Kong during my Army career. I am a recipient of the Korean Defense Service Medal and member of the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, AUSA, DAV, 2nd ID Assn and 25th ID Assn

After the military, I worked as a security officer for Westin and Marriott Hotels in Downtown Boston and Director of Security for Rachels Nightclub at the Marriott Long Wharf, Boston Ma. I spent over a decade on the United States Postal Service Boston. While working at the USPS, I attended UMass-Boston and obtained an Associate's Degree, 2 Bachelor of Arts Degrees, Master of Arts Degree, 2 Certificates of Advanced Graduate Studies, in 2 National Honor Societies, Deans List and was awarded the William Joiner Award for Excellence for Service to our Veterans. In 1999, I joined the Korea Defense Veterans of America that spearheaded the movement for the Korean Defense Service Medal, became a KDVA National Officer and founded its only chapter which eventually became Korea War Veterans Association Chapter# 299. In 2005, I was elected KWVA National Director for 2 terms 2005-2011 and National 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President from 2016-2018. I was National Membership Chairman from 2005-2010, National Ceremonies Chairman 2005- 2008 and started the KWVA Color Guard for ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and the Korean War Veterans Memorial. I also helped get 3 national bills passed into law, Korea Defense Service Medal ( 2002 ), KWVA Federal Charter ( 2008 ) and Omnibus Caregivers Bill ( 2010 ). Presently, I am KWVA National 1st Vice President and coordinating with Director Tom McHugh and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Al McCarthy erecting KWVA Memorials for Korea War and Korea Defense Veterans throughout the country, Membership Co-Chairman and Social Media Coordinator. The KWVA Facebook Page which I started on 12-4-17 with 427 Likes, now has 38,000 Likes, brings the KWVA many new members (which has surpassed 2018 numbers), many donations and many people who buy KWVA products. During this period, I was on the Massachusetts Governors, a Congressional Military and Veterans Advisory Committees and coordinated many Wounded Warrior events and ceremonies. Myself and my wife were named Caregivers of the Year by Hope for the Warriors. I am happily married to my wife Maura who served in the US Navy and we have 2 children. My daughter Colleen has 3 children who bring us great joy as grandparents. My son Vincent was wounded in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division and has had 47 operations. I have a lot of experience locally and nationally in the KWVA and have been loyal and dedicated to the KWVA for over 17 years. My two Uncles and cousin served in the Korean War and I need your Vote to keep the Korean War Legacy and its Aftermath alive.

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