

My name is Richard J. Daucunas and I would like to submit my name as a candidate for KWVA Director, to serve a three year term, 2021-2023.

I was born in Worcester, Massachusetts. After High School Graduation, I attended the University of Rhode Island, school of Journalism. I joined Army ROTC and graduated on June 1973 receiving my commission as 2Lt Army Signal Corp. I attended the Officer Basic course at FT. Gordon, GA and then the Telephone-Digital Communications Officer Course at FT Monmouth, NJ.

My military service started as a Second Lieutenant through Major in the U.S. Army Signal Corp. I served as a Multi-channel microwave communications Officer through numerous platoon assignments, Battalion Staff Officer and Company Commander three times and Electronics Maintenance Officer.

I received my first assignment to the 1st Signal Brigade, Communications Operations Facility Teague Korea. I held the following positions, Battalion S1, Troop Commander (90 days-Temporary) and assigned as Platoon Leader/Property Book Officer for the 501st Signal Co, located in Pyeongtaek, Korea.

Accomplishments: I was a Platoon Leader, 501st Signal Company, Pyeongtaek for two platoons maintaining the unbroken communications link from the DMZ to Pusan and everything in between. An additional duty as Property Book Officer found me developing highly effective supply program with the help of a composite team of company members, each an expert in one or more areas that helped the company re-introduce over \$500,000 dollars' worth of excess equipment into supply channels.

At the end of my tour, I transferred to Germany, 7th Signal Brigade, 26th Signal Battalion, HHC, located in Heilbronn, Germany. My first assignment was Equal Opportunity Staff Officer, Signal Operations Platoon Leader in B-Company providing Microwave communications, HF radio, switch board and TS Teletype communication. I then became Assistant Operations Officer (S3) for the battalion followed by assignment to B-Co as its' Commander.

As EOSO, I was instrumental in establishing the first tri-partnership program between our Signal battalion a German Parachute Battalion and a French Signal Regiment. This unique partnership, resulted in my participation at the request of the French Regiment to work on interoperability with the French Unit. Our small group paved the way for joint communications and which became an interoperability booklet for NATO.

Additional as EOSO I arranged for the battalion participants of our Race Relations seminar to attend a bus trip to Dachau Concentration Camp to better understand lessons covered in the seminar. We also made a side trip to McDonald's in Munich for a little treat. Our Race Relations program was the best in the 7th Signal Group for its commitment to training and unique programs that helped developed unit cohesiveness.

As Company Commander of B-Co, I took the worst company in the battalion and turned it into the most successful in mission accomplishment and the highest reenlistment rate in our battalion. Whether our unit operated as a company signal center or provided isolated microwave relay teams, we were the most professional, on time; in short the best.

After 4 ½ years in Germany, I was sent to the Signal Officer Advanced Course, and the Supply Management Officer Course followed by Assignment to the 124th Maintenance Battalion, FT Hood as Electronic Maintenance Officer. I became Commander of the HH& LT Company responsible for the 2nd Armored Divisions ASL and repair of Telecommunications devices. On completion of my tour with the 124th Maintenance Bn, I was assigned to the 169th Maintenance Bn as the Electronics Maintenance Officer for third Corp and FT Hood. I developed several innovative programs that reduced maintenance backlog from 90days+ to under 30 days.

I left active duty in August of 1982 remaining in the Inactive Ready Reserve Component fielding assignments on temporary active duty and latter attached to the Massachusetts National Guard.

I discovered the existence of the KWVA through a newspaper advertisement in the local paper and joined Chapter 54, Cherry Hill, NJ in 2008. I am currently First vice Commander of our chapter. I have been active in fundraising and the Tell America Program. In 2017 I became the New Jersey State Commander for serving nine chapters and will serve another two year term. During this time we have deepened our relationship with the Korean Veterans Association a group of former veterans of the Korean Army of which many served in the Vietnam War. I have attended lunches, meetings and planned the observance of our Armistice Day events at our state KWV memorial.

My goals for the position of Director are to increase our membership through innovative social media, tell America program and renew/strengthen ties with our local Korean Veteran groups creating strong community bonds. I am a Defense Veteran and will continue to carry on the work of our Korean War Veterans to Tell America about the Forgotten War, to continue to advocate for a strong, democratic Republic of Korea. I ask for your support to become one of your directors for 2021-2023.

I have submitted my dues for lifetime member making my dues current through the term of office. A copy of my DD214 and KWVA application forms and picture are attached and I authorized they may be released by the Election Committee. I understand I must attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences may be cause for removal.

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