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I am submitting this letter announcing my candidacy for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association. I agree to attend all called meetings and will respond to all calls for business without a meeting. I also understand that two unexcused absences could be grounds for removal from office. I am fully available to serve a full term. My dues are current as I am a lifetime member of the KWVA.

I initially joined the Army in 1984 and have served in various roles within the Air Defense Artillery Corps, the Military Police Corps, and most recently as a Logistician / Transportation Specialist.

I was awarded many decorations for my deeds while serving in the Army. Among those awards were the Florida Cross; the Meritorious Service Award; Army Accommodation and Achievement Medals; the Combat Action Badge and Air Assault Badge. I also distinguished myself above my peers by being chosen for two years straight as the top Logistician at the Battalion level in an Army wide competition. This award was presented to me in Washington D.C. by some of the Army's top Generals.

I served at various duty assignments throughout my career. I was stationed in Bitburg, Germany (85-87), Ft. Campbell, Ky (87-89, 90-92), Pyeongtaek, Korea (89-90). In 1992 I joined the Florida National Guard and where I served until 2005. In 2005 I went back onto active duty as an Active Guard Reserve (AGR) where I served out the remaining years of service in West Palm Beach, FL.

After 9-11 I was heavily involved in Operation Safe Skies. Where we stationed troops in the airports across the country. This was a huge logistical challenge as no one that was currently serving had ever conducted such an operation.

I have served two combat tours in the Middle East. One tour in Saudi Arabi/Iraq for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, and one tour in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom IV – V. In 2015 I retired from the Florida National Guard for a combined total of 32 years' service. I hold a master's degree in Critical Incident Management from St. Leo University. My undergraduate degree is in Criminal Justice and I also hold a Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. I'm a dedicated family man with five children and four grandchildren.

In 2019 I ran for a local government office and won a seat on the Port St. Lucie City Council. Being an elected official gives me the opportunity to represent my district and have a voice in the direction as the city moves forward. I get great satisfaction in being able to help my constituents, and I will put forth that same energy and effort into the position of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association. I currently reside at 2473 SW Galiano Rd Port St. Lucie, FL. 3498. My phone number is 772-201-9570 and my email address is

David.pickett9570@gmail.com. My KWVA membership number is R049430. I hereby authorize release of all submitted document for verification to the Election Committee.


David Pickett