



**THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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MONTHLY REPORTS FOR January 2016  
Washington, D.C.

The following from the Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association is given for the month of January 2016.

To: President and Board of Directors for the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA)

**Membership Matters!**

2015 was a very good year for the Korean War Veterans Association. We have accomplished a lot to be proud of and as we have started 2016, we continue to move forward to a very busy schedule and an exciting year. As we head into this New Year, I would recommend to everyone to concentrate on expanding our ranks. Membership is very vital to our cause. It takes many individuals and their voices to make the KWVA heard and we need your help in bringing in new members to our fold.

Many of you know Korean War Veterans and Korean Defense Veterans who do not know that they are eligible to join the KWVA. Please work through your contacts, family members, friends and neighbors to invite them to join the KWVA. Tell them about the things we do to keep the legacy of those who served in the Republic of Korea and explain to them they can feel the joy and pride of belonging to our fine organization.

Let's make 2016 a banner year for the Korean War Veterans Association of the United States of America.

1. **MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT REPORT:** Submitted by  
Mr. John "Sonny" Edwards - As of 1-29-16

- New Members recruited past 30 days – 44
- New Members recruited January 2015 – 71
- Active Members last year this date -14,145
- Active members this year this date - 13,437 Decrease – 708
- Deceased Comrades reported this Month - 96
- Departments with 5 or more members recruited this Month  
CA-5 FL-7 IL-5 NY-6 TX-8
- Thanks to those Departments that were active in Recruiting this Month.
- Hopefully during warmer weather recruiting will be more active
- Recruiting for new members is a daily activity, this will never change.
- It would be helpful if the Directors, Department Commanders & Chapter Commanders check our web site frequently to see if their area of responsibility needs assistance.

2. **AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE MEDAL:** For the month of January 2016, I have received 35 applications for Korean War Veterans to receive The Ambassador for Peace Medal. I am also receiving bulk applications for other Veteran Service Organizations other than the KWVA. I just received 15 applications from the Third Infantry Division Association for approval. I receive all the applications for correctness and then send them to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea located in Washington, D.C. for processing. The average processing time is 30 -45 days.

**LEGISLATIVE:** I was scheduled to meet with Congressman Sam Johnson on Friday, January 22, 2016 pertaining to legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat recipients of the Korea Defense Service Medal as war veterans for purposes of determining whether contributions to posts and organizations of war veterans are charitable contributions. Due to “Snowmageddon” hitting the Washington, D.C. area with three feet of snow, the federal government closed its doors until all snow removal operations were completed.

On Monday February 1, 2016, COL Rick Dean, USA Retired and I were able to meet with Congressman Johnson on two specific House Resolutions that will be presented to the House for a vote. Updates of the two House Resolutions are:

- H.R. 1475 now has 274 co-sponsors signed up in support of this resolution with NO OPPOSITION thus far. The legislation will go to mark-up today (February 2, 2016) for any last minute additions or corrections before being presented to the House for a vote. Once passed, it will be sent to the Senate. Presently there are only 22 Senators who have signed up in support of HR 1475. We need Korean War Veterans to call their Senators to encourage them to support this legislation.

The next step for HR 1475 is as follows: The following instructions are furnished on what Senators need to be contacted from each State.

On February 2, the House Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved HR 1475. The bill has now been sent forward to the House Speaker’s office with the committee’s recommendation that it be scheduled for floor action. The next step is to have it scheduled and voted on by the full House of Representatives.

There is no longer any need for members of the KWVA to contact their House Representatives. However, only 22 Senators have signed on to Senate Bill S-1982. That means we need you to contact one or both of your Senators, out of the 77 Senators in 44 States, and ask for them to become cosponsors.

Here are the three groups we need to target:

Group A - both Senators are cosponsors in six States. You do **NOT** have to contact Senators in Arizona, Maryland, Montana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, or West Virginia.

Group B - only one Senator needs to be contacted in each of the following 11 states: Alabama-Sessions, Alaska-Murkowski, Arkansas-Cotton, California-Feinstein, Illinois-Kirk, Massachusetts-Warren, New Jersey-Booker, New York-Gillibrand, Ohio-Portman, Oklahoma-Lankford, South Carolina-Graham.

Group C - both Senators should be contacted in each of the following 33 States: Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

For detailed information about your Senator(s), go to [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) If you do not have a computer, go to your local library and ask for help from one of their information specialists (librarians). There is no charge for such services.

- Former legislation H.R. 5903 “To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat recipients of the Korea Defense Service Medal as war veterans for purposes of determining whether contributions to posts and organizations of war veterans are charitable contributions.” Mr. David Eiselsberg and Mr. Jett Thompson whom both work in Representative Sam Johnson’s are in charge of making this H.R. happen quickly. They stated to us that after H.R. 1475 is through mark-up, they will be putting a “full court press” on to make the old 5903 legislation up to date.
- The language of this proposed legislation reads as follows:

**114TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H. R.**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat recipients of the Korea Defense Service Medal as war veterans for purposes of determining whether contributions to posts and organizations of war veterans are charitable contributions.**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Mr. SAM JOHNSON** of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

*A BILL to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat recipients of the Korea Defense Service Medal as war veterans for purposes of determining whether contributions to posts and organizations of war veterans are charitable contributions.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

**SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF KOREA DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS AS WAR VETERANS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING DEDUCTIBILITY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO WAR VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS.**

**IN GENERAL.**— Section 170(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new flush sentence: “For purposes of this paragraph and section 9 2522(a)(4), any recipient of the Korea Defense Service Medal under section 3756, 6258, or 8756 of title 10, United States Code, shall be treated as a war veteran.”

**EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

**IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**APPLICATION OF GIFT TAX.**—To the extent that such amendment relates to section 2522(a)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, such amendment shall apply to gifts made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Congressman Johnson strongly stated that he will be personally pushing this legislation through. He firmly believes that it will be passed.

He also stated that he will need **ALL OF OUR HELP** in reaching out to his colleagues on the Hill encouraging them to support this Bill.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that when the new House Resolution is ready to be introduced **ALL KOREAN WAR VETERANS, DEFENSE VETERANS AND FAMILIES** will need to flood their

Congressman's office with requests to support this new House Resolution (HR). We will keep you informed once the new HR is published.

We will be publishing a one page fact sheet on this legislation with talking points to share amongst all our members and chapters to say when contacting their Congressmen and women.

On another note, Congressman Johnson stated to us that he will be running for another term of office this year. Even though he has six (6) candidates that are running against him, he is confident that he will be voted back in.

### 3. **2016 ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING:**

As we all know, we will be heading to Las Vegas Nevada for our annual Korean War Veterans Association Membership meeting and Biannual Board Meeting.

- The dates for the meetings will be October 10-14, 2016.
- The venue for the meetings will be the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, 4000 West Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV.
- The website for the venue is: [www.GoldCoastCasino.com](http://www.GoldCoastCasino.com)
- Room Rates are as follows:

#### **Deluxe Rooms**

Sunday- Thursday \$35.00 plus tax and resort fee = \$53.75

Friday & Saturday \$99.00 plus tax and resort fee = \$125.43

#### **Premium Rooms**

Sunday – Thursday \$42.00 Plus Tax & Resort Fee = \$ 61.58

Friday & Saturday \$ 114.00 Plus Tax & Resort Fee = \$ 142.23

- To make reservations on-line go to <http://www.goldcoastcasin.com/groups>
- To receive your special KWVA group rate, you will need to enter the assigned **Group Reservation ID: A6KOREA**
- If you are calling to make reservations, please call 888-402-6278 and identify yourselves as members of a group convention. **Group Reservation ID: A6KOREA**
- **CUT-OFF DATE** September 9, 2016 – It is **HIGHLY** recommended that you make your reservations now. We are expecting a large contingent of Korean War Veterans and their families to attend this year.
- Parking is free
- Swimming Pool and Jacuzzi is free
- 73 Lane Bowling Alley on site
- Restaurants on site:
  - Cortez Room
  - Ping Pong
  - Noodle Exchange
  - Port O'Call Buffet
  - T.G.I. Fridays
  - Red Zone
  - Java Vegas Coffee
  - Bowling Snack Bar
- Free shuttle bus every 30 minutes to the Las Vegas Strip and back to the hotel
- Shuttle Bus to and from airport \$9.00 each way
- Day trip/tour to the Hoover Dam and Grand Canyon

- Evening show on the strip. To Be Determined
- Major General Shinn has already RSVP'd along with his lovely wife that they will be attending.
- Minister Park (MPVA) and Congressman Kin have received invitation to attend.

4. **ELECTIONS:** Chairman of the Elections Committee, Albert H. McCarthy has informed the President of the Korean War Veterans Association that all applications and documents have been received for the election of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Directors.

The election of the new positions will be conducted in the spring of 2016 for the following National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (KWVA) positions:

- President to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2018
- First Vice President to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2018
- Second Vice President to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2018
- Four (4) Directors to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2019

The Elections Committee has received the following applicants for the open positions:

President: Mr. Thomas Stevens

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Mr. Warren Wiedhahn and Mr. George Covell

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Mr. Jeffery Brodeur and Mr. Stanley J. Grogan

Directors:  
 Mr. Dave Clark  
 Mr. Narce Caliva  
 Mr. William Bishop  
 Mr. George Bruzgis  
 Mr. Paul Cunningham  
 Mr. Luther W. Drappen  
 Mr. Bruce Harder  
 Mr. Wilfred Lack

5. **REVISIT TO KOREA PROGRAM:** Quotas for the Revisit to Korea Program are due out any day. All inquiries pertaining to participating on this program should be directed to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Warren Wiedhahn or to Mr. Jamie Wiedhahn. If interested in participating in the Revisit program, please have members contact them directly.

6. **HONOR FLIGHTS:**  
 The 2016 Honor Flight schedule is being formulated this month. I will be attending the annual Honor Flight Summit on Friday, February 19, 2016 at the Hilton BWI Airport located on 1739 West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, Maryland, 21090. I will have a good idea after attending the summit to see how many Korean War Honor Flights will be scheduled to visit the Korean War Veterans Memorial in 2016.

7. **FUND RAISING:** No report

8. **GENERAL NEWS:**

- President Larry Kinard will be the keynote speaker at the KWVA Florida State Meeting in February.

- The KWVA Virginia State Commander, L.T. Whitmire is in the process of formulating this year's state meeting. It is looking as if it will be taking place at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond. The meeting will take place on the afternoon of Saturday; **16 April 2016**. The largest meeting room at the memorial will hold over 150 when set up Theater Style. He will arrange catering for light snacks and drinks.
- The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (**DPAA**) finally confirmed the meeting with the KWVA delegation for 13:00 on February 24, 2016 at the DPAA Headquarters in Arlington, VA, to discuss Korean War Personnel Accounting. President Larry Kinard, Secretary Lew Ewing, Rocky Harder and Jim Fisher will be representing the KWVA at this meeting.
- For those individuals planning to come to Washington, D.C. over the Memorial Day weekend, I have secured rooms at the Comfort Inn located on South Glebe Road in Arlington, VA. The room rate for one night is \$115.00 plus tax. This rate also includes a FULL American breakfast each day, transportation to and from Reagan International Airport, free parking and van transportation to the METRO station. I will need to know SOONEST if you would like for me to secure a room for you at this hotel. This rate applies for May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> with departure on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- If any Korean War Veterans would like to march in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. on Monday, May 30, 2016, Please let me know soonest. If any KWVA Chapter Honor Guard would like to march in the one mile long parade, I need to know ASAP.
- Mr. Les Bishop and KWVA Chapter 312 will plan to host a regional get-together of MD & VA KWVA chapters. They are planning the gathering for April 13th at their American Legion home in Funkstown. Specific plans are still being made, but they wanted everyone to put the date on your calendars in order to ensure a great turnout.

The plan is: We will open the doors at 11AM for a social time. Please arrive when you can. There will be beverages available and we can just chat and renew friendships. It has been a long time since we have gathered and we need to catch-up on things. At noon (1200), there will be a light lunch buffet (no menu yet) and we are going to ask for a small donation to cover costs (probably \$5). After lunch, we will introduce some special guests, big wigs or just anyone who has something to share with the group. This is not a meeting, but since we haven't been together for a while, I am sure there is some good information to be shared.

- Prayer List:
  - Virginia Edwards (Sonny's wife) – Cancer – Healing
  - COL Bill Weber – recovery from a broken leg, new prosthesis
  - Director George Bruzgis – Circulation problems - Healing
  - Richard Brown – Heart trouble
  - Rocky Harder – Surgery on both feet - Healing

9. **EMBASSY NEWS:** I met with the new Assistant Defense Attaché for the Embassy of Korea on January 5, 2016. His name is LTC Kangwook Lee. He is an excellent officer and is anxious to get in full swing of his new job. He speaks better English than I do. We will continue with our monthly meetings to ensure there is a good line of communications between our two organizations.

On Friday, February 15, 2016, the parade committee is planning to hold our second meeting with Executive Director Tim Holbert and Project Director Wes Smith from the American Veterans Center, to discuss the KWVA and ROK's participation in this year's Memorial Day Parade. The American Veterans Center is responsible for the National Memorial Day Parade which will take place in Washington, D.C. on Monday, May 30, 2016.

The Korean War Veterans Association and the Korean American community are very enthusiastic pertaining to their participation in the parade. To participate in the parade it will cost approximately \$30,000.00 for two floats in the parade: one for the KWVA and one for the Republic of Korea.

I continue to seek sponsors to cover the cost of the floats. As of this time no organization or person has stepped up to say they will contribute to this parade.

All Korean War Veterans, Korean Defense Veterans and Korean American War Veterans are allowed to participate in the parade. Anyone with vintage Korean War vehicles are also welcomed to participate.

The parade will be nationally televised on a cable station and for the Armed Forces Network around the world.

Additional areas covered in our monthly meeting were:

- Korean Memorial Day Ceremonies – Saturday, June 25, 2015.  
The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation in partnership with The Embassy of Korea will conduct a memorial ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 9:00AM. This year's ceremony will pay tribute to the Korean Augmentation Forces (KATUSA's) who fought with the United States during the Korean War and continue to work side by side with American Forces in the Republic of Korea. KATUSA's from both the United States and the Republic of Korea will be in attendance for this special event.
- Armistice Day – Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 10:00AM. A wreath presentation and a special speaker will be commemorating the Armistice of the Korean War with a ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. Korean War Veterans who reside in the surrounding Washington, D.C. area are encouraged to come to this special event.
- Peace Vigil - Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 10:00AM. Miss Hannah Kim from Congressman Rangel's office will conduct her annual Peace Vigil at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 27, 2016 at 6:00PM. All Korean War Veterans are encouraged to attend.

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### CONCERT IN NEW YORK CITY

- I received the following invitation from **Dr. Billy Kim** will be conducting a concert at 7:30PM, Carnegie Hall in New York City on Friday, June 24, 2016.
- The organization they represent is Far East Broadcasting Company-Korea "Christ to the World by Radio". They were founded by American Missionaries just prior to the war breaking out. They hold American Korean War veterans in high esteem. This group is legit. I have researched them and they are above board. They have conducted numerous concerts in the past in the United States honoring our Korean War Veterans.
- They have invited all Korean War Veterans and their families to attend a free concert in their honor at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

- Mr. Sal Scarlato is the KWVA point person for this event. I consider him our liaison with New York City. Sal will take the lead in getting Korean War Veterans and their wives to attend the concert.
- The invitation is as follows:

Dear Honorable Guest,

On behalf of FEBC-Korea Children's Choir, I am more than happy to welcome you to the FEBC-Korea Children's Choir Patriotic and Peace Concert in celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FEBC-Korea on Friday, June 24, 2016, 8PM at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

To make your visit comfortable and memorable, FEBC-Korea is holding rooms for guest reservations at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel, located at 811 7th Avenue at 53rd Street, which is a five minute walk to Carnegie Hall. Dr. Billy Kim and our Steering Committee will be staying at this hotel. The main dates reserved are the nights of June 23 and June 24 in case guests wish to arrive a night before the concert. The Sheraton Hotel is giving FEBC and the guests a special rate of \$269 per room, plus taxes, for one or two persons in a room with 2 double beds, or a room with 1 queen bed. There are also special rates available for three and four guests to a room which you will see on the website. Also, the Sheraton Hotel will extend the special rate up to 3 days prior and 3 days after these dates, on a space and rate available basis, if you would wish to expand the dates of your stay. The Sheraton Hotel has free internet wi-fi in their lobby, with a charge of \$14.95 per day if you wish to use the internet service in your room.

You could make your reservations in the following manner:

Please make your reservations either by phone or by visiting the website **before May 10, 2016**. However, we encourage you to **make reservations now** in order to be guaranteed a room at this special rate--availability may become limited as we get closer to the date. The Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel will continue to take reservations up to May 27, 2016 but only on a space and rate available basis.

If you wish to make your reservations via online, please visit the group booking page below for FEBC. Simply click on the link below or enter the web address noted and you will be directed to the reservations page:

**Go to reservations page now or, enter this secure web address into your browser:**

**<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/FEBC>**

If you wish to make your reservations via phone, please dial **888-627-7067** and ask for **Group ID #57673** (FEBC 60th Anniversary Concert at Carnegie Hall); you will be directed accordingly.

Also, below are some of the things that we would like to remind you about. Please read through it carefully to avoid any misunderstandings for your stay.

1. Please note that if you make a reservation, you will need to guarantee it with your credit card.
2. **Please be extra careful about your booking! Once you make a booking, if you later need to cancel, reduce or change your reserved nights, there is no penalty if you do it before 6pm hotel time May 10, 2016. After that date, the Sheraton Hotel may charge FEBC for room reductions and cancellations, even if they allow the guest not to be charged.**
3. All FEBC hotel guests have the option to sign up for the SPG Program (Starwood Preferred Guest Program) or use their existing SPG membership. Guests may check with the SPG Program to know about benefits they may receive at Starwood hotel properties, which include the Sheraton Hotel. You may look up more information online or ask the representatives via the phone number above.

Once again, we are happy to have you come and join us for this great occasion. Should you have any particular needs or issues that require our attention, please do not hesitate to contact us for support. Thank you and we will look forward to seeing you at Carnegie Hall soon.

Warmest regards,

Joy Kang

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11. **COMMUNICATIONS:** No report given.

12. **TELL AMERICA PROGRAM:**

- Not a week goes by that I receive inquiries for interviews of Korean War Veterans and requests for them to speak at different functions. As this organization grows and gains recognition, we will continue to receive requests for veterans. To give you an example of some of the requests I have received in January are as follows:
  - January 26, 2016 - Arranged for University students from South Korea to meet with Korean War Veterans from Post 313 at the Hampton Inn in Chantilly, VA. Five members of the Post; Bill Scott, Leonard Laconia, Charles Hoak, and Lew Ewing joined them in a round table discussion that lasted approximately an hour and a half. They took some pictures, they presented the veterans with gifts and we said our goodbyes.. It was a rewarding and refreshing experience for them. They were a group of great young people who were outstanding ambassadors for their country.
  - Dr. Carol Lim from Harvard University in Boston is looking to set up a program at the university that will remember the legacy and sacrifice of Korean War veterans and Korean Defense Veterans. Director Al McCarthy has graciously taken the lead on this project.
  - A High School in Ashville, North Carolina will be conducting M.A.S.H. as their spring theater play. They have requested and we have provided Korean War Veterans to speak to the members of the cast, what it was like to be stationed in Korea during the war.
  - A retired United States Air Force Colonel is conducting a Ph.D research project on the Korean War Veterans Memorial. The study will include interviews of central figures (the Chairman of the KWVM, the architect, and others) as well as a survey of veterans who have visited the site to explore their impressions. The questions can be tailored to include issues of interest to the KWVA. He will provide us the results of the study when the project is complete. His father was wounded during the Kumsong Sallient offensive in 1953.
- The Map Poster of the Korean War continues to be requested. The map is available to those participating in the Tell America Program. If you would like maps for your presentations, please contact:

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Chairman, Tell America Program

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### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Scholarship committee has done another wonderful job in presenting the qualifications for the 2016 American Veterans of Korea Foundation scholarship program. Please make distribution to families, students and schools who can use this scholarship. Please note the deadline as to when ALL applications are due to the committee. (April 15, 2016)

## **AMERICAN VETERANS OF KOREA FOUNDATION Honorable KIM, Jung Hoon, Chairman Korea Veterans Scholarship Program**

The Korea Veterans Scholarship Program is an outreach of the American Veterans of Korea Foundation (AVKF), a foundation founded by the Honorable Representative Kim, Jung Hoon, member of the Republic of Korea National Assembly. The AVKF's mission is to provide support to American Veterans of Korea and their families in appreciation for the selfless sacrifices of United States veterans for Korea's peace and freedom during the Korean War and to honor their legacy.

### **Scholarship Program**

This Scholarship Program consists of multiple \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships. The funds may be used for any term during the next academic school year following receipt of the scholarship. Although this scholarship is not renewable, the applicants may reapply for the scholarship in subsequent years.

### **Qualifications**

- The applicant **MUST** be a descendant (child, grandchild, or great-grandchild) of a Veteran of Korea who is a Regular Member, currently in good standing, of the Korean War Veterans Association. Descendants of deceased veterans are eligible to apply with proof of Veterans service.
- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- First year students must have a Letter of Acceptance as a full-time student from the applicant's university or college.
- Must be pursuing an Associate, Bachelor, or Advanced Degree in any discipline.
- Must have a minimum 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. GPA stated on application must be verifiable from transcript. High school and college transcripts must be submitted and must have school name printed on it.
  - For high school students entering college this is cumulative GPA for grades 9-11 and first semester of 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - For students currently at a freshmen level in college it is cumulative GPA for grades 9-12 and first semester of college.
  - For college students who are sophomores or higher, it is their college transcript for all semesters completed.
- Must submit a 200-400 word personal essay entitled, ***“My future goals and aspirations and how I can use my college education to help achieve them”***.

- Descendants of current Korean War Veterans Association officers and board members and descendants of members of the Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible.

### **Deadlines**

All scholarship applications and requested materials must be submitted via US Postal Service and **RECEIVED** by April 15, 2016.

- The Scholarship Selection Committee will not acknowledge receipt of applications. For verification that it was received, send the application via U. S. Postal Service Certified Mail.
- Faxes or emails will not be accepted.

### **Notification to Recipients**

All scholarship recipients will be notified by June 1, 2016. Only recipients will be notified. Checks will be delivered to the Financial Aid Officer at the recipient's college or university to be credited to the student's account.

No notification means the student did not receive the scholarship.

All decisions made by the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at a banquet to be held either in the Washington, D. C. area in July 2016 or at the KWVA Annual Meeting Banquet that will be held in October 2016 in Las Vegas, NV. Scholarship recipients will be notified of the date and location of the recognition banquet at a later date. Although attendance at the banquet is not mandatory, scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend. Underage recipients are encouraged to travel with an accompanying adult.

### **Required Materials**

The following items are required to complete the application process. These items must be submitted in a single envelope in the order listed. All items received separately will not be considered.

- Application – must be on the original form, printed legibly or typed and signed.
- Essay – must be typed (double spaced) consisting of 200-400 words.
- GPA – submit all applicable high school and college transcripts.
- First year student's Letter of Acceptance.
- Proof of service for applicant's deceased Korea Veteran ancestor.

### **Mailing Address**

American Veterans of Korea Foundation  
Scholarship Selection Committee  
310 Clay Hill Drive  
Winchester, VA 22602

**AMERICAN VETERANS OF  
KOREA FOUNDATION  
Korea Veterans Scholarship Program**

**Application Form for Academic Year 2016-17**

**Student Information**

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant's Korea Veteran Ancestor \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Relationship to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ KWVA Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If Applicant's Ancestor is deceased, applicant must provide proof of service.

**College or University Information**

School the student will be attending or is currently attending on a full-time basis leading to an Associate, Bachelor or Advanced degree.

In the 2016 Fall Semester I will enroll as a:

( ) Freshman ( ) Sophomore ( ) Junior ( ) Senior ( ) Advanced Degree

School \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Sought \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Information**

Cumulative GPA (as described on information sheet) \_\_\_\_\_/4.0 scale.

In the space provided in each of the following categories, list your activities, leadership positions held and honors/awards received.

**Scholastic Activities**

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**In-School Extracurricular Activities**

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**Employment History including Military Experience**

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By my signature, I certify that all information and documents included in my application for this scholarship are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, my signature certifies I understand that if the terms of the scholarship are violated, the scholarship will be withdrawn. (Terms: I understand that I must be officially accepted for enrollment in 2016 classes at the school stated.)

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

It is an honor to work with each of you and I hope we continue to look forward to continuing our progress in the coming year.

May God Bless our Korean War Veterans, our Korean Defense Veterans and our families and may God continue to Bless the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,

*James R. Fisher*

James R. Fisher  
Executive Director  
Korean War Veterans Association