## **ANNOUNCING THE 2018 KWVA FUNDRAISER**

t is time to enter the 2018 KWVA Fundraiser. As always, we need your help to keep the KWVA functioning. Several things are threatening our future. With your help we can eliminate them.

First and foremost, I thank every member who participated in the 2017 fundraiser. We surpassed our 2017 goal of \$70,000; let's

continue the trend in 2018. This total included individuals who, rather than participate in the drawing, donated directly. A few others wrote KWVA and their member number on tickets. Had their names been drawn, the prize would have been put into the fundraiser total. Thank you all. However you contribute your participation is greatly appreciated.



Special Invitation to Join Korean Government's 70th Korean War Anniversary Project

March 27, 2018

Greetings,

My name is Jongwoo Han-I am the President of the Korean War Legacy Foundation (KWLF), which is supported by the ROK's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA). I am writing to request your participation in a special project executed by the KWLF and MPVA.

As you may know, 2020 is the 70th anniversary of the breakout of the Korean War. To commemorate this special occasion, we are launching a special website that will hold interviews of Korean War Veterans from the 21 countries that participated in the war. These interviews will be conducted in the veterans' mother tongues and then translated into Korean.

The KWLF, incorporated as a not-for-profit in New York, has accumulated more than 1,000 indepth interviews and 6,000 historical memorabilia of KWVs, available at www.kwvdm.org. Based on this KWV digital archive, we have created lesson plans, history book chapters, the Korean War Memory Bank (a database of interviews and artifacts), and a special documentary film for teachers and students. All of this will be completed by the end of 2018 and can be, currently, viewed at www.koreanwarlegacy.org.

In addition to this 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary project, we would also like to invite History, Social Studies, and other relevant teachers to our annual Teachers Conference, upon your recommendation. The annual conference is about the Korean War and its legacy of Korea's advanced economy and democracy. The foundation will extend invitations, with consideration of full financial support, to those who are interested in this conference. This year, the conference will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, from June 24-27, 2018.

Those who successfully attend this conference can also be considered to join our annual "Teachers Korea Visit Program."

I sincerely hope you help your veterans participate in this special 70th anniversary project.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and I hope to hear from you soon.

With respect,

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There are no administrative costs. All donations help support The Graybeards, "Tell America," and other KWVA programs. The "ALL CASH PRIZES" comprise a 1st prize of \$1,500 and FOUR \$1,000 prizes. These are "MEMBER ONLY PRIZES." Each ticket requires a donation of \$20.00. Be certain to put your member number on the ticket. I look forward to again notifying the winners.

Think of what you can do with your winnings: take a vacation...pay bills...purchase a special item...renovate a room (or more)... .attend the KWVA Membership Meeting in Orlando in October...

President Stevens enjoyed picking the 2017 winners. No doubt his successor will be happy to pick the 2018 winners. We thank you and wish "GOOD LUCK" to all members who donate.

In addition to the chances in the enclosed flyer, KWVA Challenge Coins, with Bulk Prices, Hats, Pins, Patches (including the "NEW KOREA WAR and KOREA DEFENSE PATCH") are available through our Membership Office. Please call Sheila at 217-345-4414 or visit the KWVA.org website to purchase these items.

KWVA coins are an excellent way to raise funds for your chapters. They make fantastic gifts for your supporters and our wounded military cherish these coins. The wounded troops are always happy to receive these special coins from the Korean War veterans. We are proud to do it, and you can do it also.

Buy some coins at bulk prices. Sell some )for \$20.00 and give some away to the wounded personnel in the hospitals and veterans homes. Donate some of the profit back to the KWVA. We need your support.

If anyone has a question, problem, or needs help in any way, please contact Fundraiser Chairman Bill Lack, 828-253-5709, bill.lack@charter.net. I thank you in advance for your participation.

Always Remember: "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE."

