

### 2006 Election of Officers and Directors

**TO:** The KWVA Membership and Nominees  
**SUBJECT:** Certification of Nominees for the 2006 Election

The Nominating and Election Committee wish to inform the Membership and Nominees that the following have been certified to seek the positions available in the 2006 Election

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| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Richard Adams                      President<br/> P. O. Box 334<br/> Caruthers, CA 93609<br/> (559) 864-3196</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Louis T. Dechert                      President<br/> 163 Deerbrook Trail<br/> Pineville, LA 71360<br/> (318) 640-3884</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Byron Dickerson                      1st Vice-President<br/> 314 South Horne Street<br/> Duncanville, TX 75116<br/> (972) 298-7462</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. J.D. Randolph                      1st Vice-President<br/> 1523 Pine Bluff Dr.<br/> Allen, TX 75002-1870<br/> (972) 359-2936</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. James E. Ferris                      2nd Vice-President<br/> 4311 Lazybrook Circle<br/> Liverpool, NY 13088<br/> (315) 457-1681</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Larry G. McKinniss                      2nd Vice-President<br/> 31478 Harsh Road<br/> Logan, OH 43138<br/> (740) 380-0649</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Nicholas J. Pappas                      2nd Vice-President<br/> 209 Country Club Drive<br/> Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971<br/> (302) 227-1309</p> | <p>.....</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Michael J. Doyle                      Director<br/> 2418 Winewood Lane<br/> Arlington, TX 76013-3332<br/> (817) 459-2463</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Marvin Dunn, Jr.                      Director<br/> 172 Briardale Ct.<br/> Arlington, TX 76013<br/> (817) 261-1499</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jacob L. Feaster, Jr.                      Director<br/> 22731 N Hwy 329<br/> Micanopy, FL 32667<br/> (352) 466-3493</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. James A. Fountain                      Director<br/> 14541 Soho Dr.<br/> Florissant, MO 63034-2653<br/> (314) 355-6499</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. William E. Hutton                      Director<br/> 4 Belleview Blvd, Suite 402<br/> Belleair, FL 33756<br/> (727) 443-6104</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Christ Yanacos                      Director<br/> 6452 Brooks Boulevard<br/> Mentor, OH 44060<br/> (440) 257-5395</p> |
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I am enclosing a statement from the Nominating Committee members attesting to the fact that all requirements to be a candidate have been met by each person. I trust all is satisfactory.

Robert S. Banker, Chairman

Nominating Committee

CC: Mr. William Hutton, Secretary, KWVA

### Call for Election

The members of the Nominating Committee have reviewed all letters, documents, etc., received from each Candidate for Office in the forthcoming election in the Korean War Veterans Association. It is our opinion that all of the requirements have been met as listed in the Association's By-Laws and published in the pullout in *The Graybeards* edition of November-December 2005.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert S. Banker

Robert S. Banker

Chairman, Nominating Committee

CC: Mr. William Hutton, Secretary, KWVA

/s/ Anthony Cirincione

Anthony Cirincione

Member, Nominating Committee

/s/ Jack E. Cloman

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Member, Nominating Committee

Feb. 27, 2006  
 Mr. Arthur Sharp  
 Editor, The Graybeards  
 152 Sky View Dr.  
 Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Dear Mr. Sharp:

I am pleased to enclose letters from the following members who have applied to run for one of the Offices in this forthcoming election..

EDITOR'S NOTE: All entries have been included exactly as submitted. I have made no attempt to edit or otherwise alter the contents of the individuals' submissions. The candidates are listed in alphabetical order by office.

## PRESIDENT 2006-2008

### Richard Adams



Richard Adams: It is my intent to run for the position of President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. for the year of 2006-2008.

Membership Number: 76 Life

Date of Birth: September 4, 1932

Service with U.S. Army: October 9, 1949 to December 31, 1952

Served with 25th Division from February 1950 to May 1951

1958-1997 Retired as General Manager, Raisin City Co-op Cotton Gin 1997.

1988-1994 National President, Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (Life Member)

1988-1991 Director 25th Infantry Division Association (Life Member)

VFW Life Member

2001- VFW Commander Caruthers Post #6745

2000- Board Member Caruthers Veterans Memorial Committee

Past-President of:

California Cotton Gin Association

Caruthers Chamber of Commerce

Caruthers High School Boosters Club

Director Ranchers Cotton Oil Company

Director California Agricultural Museum

Member California State University, Fresno, Alumni Association

Member National Society of Accountants

Delegate National Cotton Council of America

I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and I understand that two unexcused absences could be used for removal from Office.

This years Election is very critical to the future of the Association.

A Profit and Loss statement should be published in each "Graybeards"

Expenses need to be cut, if they are not cut we will be bankrupt in

three years or less.

The Association should welcome Veterans who have served in Korea since 1953; and keep the "Tell America Program going strong.

Submitted by:

/s/ Richard Adams

Richard Adams LC00076 Life

### Louis T. Dechert



KWVA Members, I, LOUIS T DECHERT (Lou Dechert), President of The Korean War Veterans Association of the USA, am a candidate for reelection. You may get a good idea of what I believe and how I conduct business by checking my personal website [[www.dechertsitreps.com](http://www.dechertsitreps.com)], reading the "President's Update" as seen in the archives of the KWVA website [[www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)] and reviewing the

"President's Message" in *The Graybeards*, from November-December 2004 to the latest issue. These are the *viewable records of KWVA History as it has happened, not hearsay.*

I was born in Texas and spent my childhood years in Texas, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, due to my dad's moving in his assignments with the government. I graduated from high school in Kansas City, KS, 1948, and started college in Oklahoma. At that time I enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard just as the Korean War was beginning I was discharged from the 45th Inf Div, Oklahoma National Guard, after having married and moving to Kansas. Subsequently, I enlisted in the Regular Army in Kansas City, MO, and entered the service on a freezing winter morning, January 31, 1951, at Fort Riley, KS. Two years later I finished OCS and was on my way to Korea as a 2LT. An outstanding man in my OCS class was Gene Tinberg who is now KWVA Member RO13807, Chapter 181. My highest enlisted rank was E5. My enlisted MOS was Infantry Squad Leader. My first officer MOS was Armored Unit Leader. My highest officer ranks were Lieutenant Colonel, RA, and Colonel, NG.

I retired from the Active US Army in 1973 after over 45 months of career combat experience in Korea, Vietnam and other assignments as a member of the US Army Special Forces. I was a recon platoon leader, tank platoon leader and tank company executive officer in the 40th Infantry Division in Korea. In Vietnam during several tours of duty, I was Special Forces Special Augmentation Commander (MAC-

## 1st VICE PRESIDENT 2006-2008

Byron W. Dickerson



This is to notify you that I am a candidate for First Vice President of the KWVA. I presently serve as the 2nd Vice President.

I have served on three non profit corporation Board of Directors. I presently serve on one now.

Some of the things that I would like to see in the KWVA is to continue seeking a National Charter. I would like to see a detailed Financial Report in

every issue of the *Graybeards*. During my present term I have encouraged many to seek the benefits they have from the VA and also their State benefits. I had a small article in the *Graybeards* about Cold Weather injury and as a result I mail out about 120 tapes to individuals about Cold Injury. Most had never heard about this. If I am elected to the position of First Vice President I will continue to encourage everybody about their benefits. I believe that since we are a veteran's service Organization this should be a top priority. I am asking for your vote to this position of First Vice President.

I was born, raised and attended School in Girard, Texas. I enlisted in the Army on the 3rd of August of 1948. I took basic at Ft. Ord, Ca. I then was assigned to Ft. Story, Va.

Shortly after the Korean War started I was shipped to Korea. I left the US on the 15th of December 1950 and arrived in Pusan on the 5th day of January 1951. This was shortly after the Chinese had entered the war and they were not sure we would be able to hold

Korea. I was bounced around Pusan and Koge Do Island for a couple of months and then was assigned to Hq. Co. 2nd Bn, 23rd Inf. Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division. I participated in several battles, the last one being Heart Break Ridge. I consider myself truly blessed to have survived. I rotated from Korea on the 25th day of November 1951. I tried to put Korea out of my mind for 50 years. When I learned there was a KWVA I joined. Then I was asked if I would be willing to serve in the formation of a chapter in the Dallas, Ft Worth area by Sam Naomi the National Organizer. I served as the Judge

Advocate for 3 years in Chapter 215 the General Walton H. Walker. I also served one year as the Department State Judge Advocate.

My personal awards are CIB, Good Conduct, Nat. Defense, Korean Service with four Bronze Stars, US Presidential Unit Citation, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and others. I am a life member LR22282 of the KWVA, also life member of VFW, DAV, American Legion, CIA, 2nd Inf. Div. Assoc. and the 23rd Inf. Regt. Assoc.

I am 74 years old in good health and married for 53 years, to the same wife. I retired from the US Postal Service with 37 years service.

I consider it an honor and privilege to be a candidate for the First Vice President and I solicit your vote.

/s/ Byron W. Dickerson

If elected I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors

SOG), Deputy Commander, 5th Special Forces Group, and ACS, G3 and DCS, G3, of IFFVN then USAFMR2. During my twenty-three year Active Army career I earned 15 awards and decorations. I earned the CIB in Vietnam in my first Special Forces assignment. I have the *personal award* of the Distinguished Unit Citation ("Presidential Unit Citation") three times—once in Korea, and twice in Vietnam.

After Active Army retirement I worked as Vice President of an agribusiness corporation, defense consultant, state legislative lobbyist, manufacturing plant superintendent and manager, business development director and instructor, US Army contract employee, military aide to a state governor (NG), and owned my own consulting firm. Just prior to seeking the office of President of the KWVA I was employed by the US Army in preparing and testing US Army Special Forces elements deploying to Afghanistan and Iraq from Fort Polk, Louisiana.

I was a founding member of Central Louisiana (CENLA) Chapter 180, KWVA, in 1999, and have been President—now changed to Commander—of Chapter 180 since 2001. I am past Commander, Department of Louisiana, Military Order of the Purple Heart. I am a Life Member of **MOPH, KWVA, 101st ABN ASSOC, SPEC FORCES ASSOC, ASSOC OF THE US ARMY, 40th INF DIV ASSOC** and the **VFW**. I also belong to the **AMERICAN LEGION**, and have belonged to the **DAV**. I am the Executive Council Member for the Western Hemisphere, **International Federation of Korean War Veterans Associations**.

In 2004 I ran for President of the KWVA and was *elected* with these four stated objectives:

- Restore self-respecting legal governance
- Provide a revitalized vision of a veterans service organization (VSO)
- Continue and improve the unique *Graybeards*
- Provide and encourage openness to proposals for organizational and financial changes.

The non-partisan records of this organization and the evaluations of the US Department of Veterans Affairs and the Korea Veterans Association, Seoul Korea, all record that I held to and accomplished those objectives. I am seeking reelection in order to continue the accomplishments of the KWVA in the areas described above and to lead in accomplishing the following objectives, recently announced to the membership:

- Increase national respect
- Obtain a Federal Charter
- Increase accountability at every level
- Concentrate attention on "Good of the Order"
- Renew our focus on the 56 years of sacrifice in Korea
- Remember those who did not return home alive
- Honor our Korean allies
- Restore, maintain, and honor our National Memorial

If elected I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors. I understand that two unexcused absences could be reason for removal from office. I am life member LR27194.

Your support will be appreciated.

/s/Louis T. Dechert

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I am a life member LR22282 of KWVA therefore my dues are current.  
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**J. D. Randolph**



I am submitting my name for the position of National 1st Vice President of Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. for the years 2006 - 2008. I am now the KWVA National VAVS Director and the National Representative to the VA National Advisory Committee, VA Dallas, Texas VAVS Executive Committee member and KWVA Deputy Representative, President of Sam Johnson Chapter 270 and Vice President .of Greater Dallas Veterans

Council.

My military career started January 1951 and retired February 1971. After basic and advance training at Camp Roberts, California I served 9 years in the Infantry and completed remainder of my career in the Signal Corps.

**Military Awards:**

Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/ 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal w/ Clasp Silver w/1 loop, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal w/ Bronze Star, Korean Service Medal w/ Three Stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/ Three Stars, Korean Defense Medal, United Nations Service (Korea), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/ Device (1960), Korean War Service Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge, Presidential Unit Citation w/ 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/ Palm Unit Citation.

**My career after military service:**

Using the education and training received in the telecommunication field in the military, continuing in the same field specializing in microwave, satellite and fiber-optic telecommunications.

I am a charter member that started Chapter 270, 09/11/2001 and now has over 100 members and still growing. Any week you can find members of Chapter 270 volunteering at many parts the VA North Texas Health Care System or at the DFW National Cemetery. The Blue Shirts indicate dedicated Korean War Veterans Volunteering to help other Veterans and their families, including Valet Parking, Wheelchair Repair, ER, Information Desk, Pharmacy etc. The Director of the Dallas VA Hospital knows KWVA is there to help anytime.

I bring to the table many years of management, organization, planning and team work to the office of vice president. When I am elected the first order of business will be helping the National President with any assignment needed.

I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for removal from office. My dues are current (R030988) and will stay current through the period of the office.

/s/ J. D. Randolph  
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**2nd VICE PRESIDENT 2006-2008**

**James E. Ferris**



I am submitting the attached resume showing my intent to run for election to the office of Second Vice President. I am a life member of the Korean War Veterans Association

(LCO0436), therefore my dues are up to date for the duration of the office for which I seek. I also understand that I must attend all meetings of the Board of Directors that are called by proper authority. I also understand that if I miss

two (2) unexcused meetings this may be used to dismiss me from the office of Second Vice President. I have sent under separate copy an Official Membership Application Form (Adopted 10/04/2005) showing my eligibility years and I agree to release the application form for verification by the Nominating Committee. You will find this application in your files.

My Resume is as follows:

I have served the Korean War Veterans Association in many offices since the creation of my home chapter in Central New York. I was elected to the board of directors of my Chapter, served as Commander for two terms and have served as New York Department President for eight (8) terms, three years ago was elected to the National Board of Directors.

I have served under two administrations and was appointed to the Resolution committee by the previous administration and recently under President Dechert I have been appointed as Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, Vice Chairman of the Recruiting Task Force and Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee.

I have dedicated myself to these tasks and will continue to do so if elected. Under my guidance the Budget and Finance committee has become a viable committee overseeing the finances of our organization and are now in a position to extend to all members a clear and precise account of all finances. This has been a difficult level to achieve because financial records were not readily available to my committee at the time of transition to the present administration. In addition I brought to the attention of the Board of Directors the need for a Fund raising committee and a recruiting committee which never existed prior to now. These committees were approved by the Board and are showing a great deal of progress in their first year of existence. I feel confident that I have fulfilled my responsibilities to my elected position and my appointed tasks. There is more to be done and if you elect me as your Second Vice President, I will do my best to see that the y are done.

I was employed by AT&T and served as a manager for most of my career. I was assigned to the corporate staff and was responsible for activities for the corporation throughout the New England States and New York State excluding New York City. I bring to the office of Second Vice President a great deal of experience in not only military but civilian expertise in management procedures.

I am married to my wife Felice, I have three daughters, two sons in law and five grandsons all of whom I am very proud of.

With the above in mind I ask you to elect me to the office of Second Vice President and I promise I will always have the good of the organization in mind in all my decisions.

/s/ Jim Ferris

### Larry G. McKinniss



To my comrades at arms ,

My intent is to run for the office of 2nd.Vice President

Having served two terms as a National Director I would like the opportunity to serve the K.W.V.A. membership as 2nd. Vice President. I have served as a member of A.F.A.K. (Armed Forces Assistance to Korea) under the 7th.I.D. Civil Affairs Section spring and summer of 1954. I have served on church boards on vari-

ous committees. I have operated

my own trucks & a drywall Co. & an excavating Co. I am presently working for an excavating co.

If I am chosen to serve I will, unless prevented by circumstances beyond my control attend all regular and legally called executive council (i/e board) meetings, understanding that missing two unexcused meetings could be used for grounds to call for my dismissal from the office.

My signature below attests to the following statement. As a life member my dues are paid and current through the term of office that I am running for.

I release the nominating committee to verify the information on my membership form.

/s/ Larry G. McKinniss

### Nicholas J. Pappas



I am submitting my name for the Office of 2nd Vice President. My record speaks for itself: KWVA President (1994-1998); IFKWVA 2nd V .P. (1996-2000); KWVA 151 V.P. (1992-1994); Founder/President Delaware State Department (1992); U.S. Army (1951-1953), including 16 months in Korea with 1343rd Combat Engineers; served in the 29th Infantry Guard Division (1948-1950); retired from the Federal government (1990) -

the last 12 years in the Office of the CNO and awarded the Navy Superior Civilian Service Medal; extensive involvement with trade union, civic, veteran organizations; life member KWVA and VFW; member of American Legion and 29th Division Association.

My resume as KWVA President:

- Opened new channels of communication between National & the membership by "hands on management;"
- Centralized membership management by hiring Mrs. Monson;
- Formalized election policies/procedures via Chairman Wainwright;

- Increased *Graybeards* to 6 issues per year;
- Membership increased from 9,400 to over 14,000; Chapters 64 to 150; Departments 4 to 12; 7 chapter chartered auxiliaries;
- Initiated action/dialogue with DOD for ROK Service Medal, approved 8/20/99, thanks to members Les LeCompte, Ed McQuay and John Kenney;
- Supported Illinois concept for the KWV National Memorial Museum/Library;
- Kept the KWVA "financially stabilized" during our fiscal crisis (\$3,144 cash in bank on 2/7/97) thanks to supportive efforts/advice of general membership, Executive Council and others;
- Paid off over \$150,000 in overdue bills, "excluding" the Scholarship Program (\$45,000) plus continuing to pay KWVA operational expenses;
- Fully funded "zero" Life Membership Reserves (\$216,000);
- Left incoming president with no outstanding debts, except for the Scholarship Program, with "Total Assets" of \$390,832 as per the 6/30/98 Financial Statement in July/Aug 98 *Graybeards*, page 35;
- Effected "dues increases" at 98 Reunion to keep the KWVA "futuristically" solvent as life membership "reserves" decrease because of age longevity, possible declining regular memberships & increased costs of mailings, paper, printing, etc;
- Introduced Council "motion" to place Resolution to cancel Scholarship Program (paid off) on the 99 election ballot, thus saving the KWVA about \$ 14,000/year (approved);

The above "fiscal actions" enabled President Coon to proclaim, "I can tell the general membership that we are in the best financial condition we have been in for the last 5 years. As of 10/31/99 we have \$375,705 cash in the bank in all funds. All bills are paid." (Nov/Dec 1999 *Graybeards*, page 4)

I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that 2 unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

/s/ Nicholas J. Pappas

## DIRECTOR 2006-2008

### Michael J. Doyle



My name is Michael J. Doyle (Mike). I am announcing my intention to seek the office of National Director in the KWVA for the term 2006-2009.

I served in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954. I was a Machine Gun Ammo Bearer in Co. D, 23 Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. I was present on the M.L.R. when the cease-fire took place.

My awards include: The Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, National Defense Service Medal; United Nation Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.

Prior to entering the army I attended college, was then drafted and after basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey I arrived in Korea in April 1953.

After my tour of duty in Korea, I returned to college, graduated and mar-

ried my loving wife Betsy (50 years ago this year). We have been blessed with eight-great children and nine equally great grandchildren with all but one living near us.

My work career included duties as Liaison Engineer, Quality Engineer, Manufacturing Engineer, New Products, and other engineering responsibilities. I also served as General Manager, Plant Manager, and owner of Manufacturing Plants.

I believe my background in these disciplines (Engineering with its' step by step approach to solving problems), and People Management, my work in-Korean War Veterans Association and the Disabled American Veterans qualifies me to seek the office of Director in our Great KWVA.

I am currently President of the Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 of the KWVA in the Arlington, Fort Worth, and Dallas area of Texas.

Prior to serving as president I served on the Tell America Program, the Communications Committee, Finance Committee and other committees.

I am also in my second term as 2nd Vice President of the Texas State Association of the KWVA.

I am a member and officer of Buddies # 11 Dallas, Texas Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

My wish to be elected to a directorship in the KWVA is based on my desire to see our membership allowed to know all the information they want to know about "OUR" GREAT Association. I am running for' this office in the strong hope I can help all our members to get all the answers to any questions they may have, from the responsible Officers and or Directors. And not be ignored.

**ACCOUNTABILITY: WE NEED MUC'H MORE OF IT!!**

I believe everyone is accountable for what they do. No body is exempt.

All elected officers of the KWVA take an oath of office and I think they Should be constantly reminded of this oath and expected to obey it AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL WAYS. WITH OUT EXCEPTION!

If elected I will do my best to get honest and correct information to ALL MEMBERS.

It is my intention to attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors

And I understand that two unexcused absences could lead to my dismissal from office.

My dues are paid for the 2006/2009 time period in full.

/s/ Michael J. Doyle .....

**Marvin Dunn, Jr.**



This is to notify you that I am a candidate for Director of the National KWVA. I am presently serving as President of the State Department of Texas. I joined the General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215 at the first meeting because their mission was to help Korean Veterans. I was convinced that I needed to join the chapter and become involved and committed to helping Korean Veterans. My first position was Communication

Officer and with the help of our members, we developed a telephone committee so we could stay in touch with our veterans and it served as a tool to contact our members when we have meetings or special events. We were having about 25 or 30 members until we developed the telephone committee. Now we have about 80 members who attend. Our chapter has about 115 members. I was president of the General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215 for two years.

If elected, I will always be committed to the Korean Veterans who fought so bravely to defeat Communism. We may be forgotten, but we will never forget what happened in Korea. I would never vote for anything that would have a negative effect on Korean Veterans. I would invite any Korean Veteran to call or e-mail me about any concerns you have. I have helped many veterans get their benefits and if elected I will continue to do that.

I was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on May 4, 1931. I was a freshman in college when North Korea attacked South Korea. President Truman was asking young men and women to join the Armed Services and help stop Communism. I decided to delay my college 2 or 3 years to serve our great country.

I joined the United States Marines on January 19, 1951. I took basic training at San Diego, California and advanced training at Camp Pendleton in Ocean Side, California. I departed for Korea the first week of July, 1951 and arrived in Pusan, Korea the last week of July, 1951. I was assigned to the First Marine Division, First Regiment, First Battalion and Able Company. I spent all my time in the Punchbowl area. I was involved in several battles because I was in a rifle company and my position was always on the front line with the exception of 4 days of R&R. My weapon was the BAR and it was one of the most effective in Korea.

I was wounded on October 25, 1951 when a heavy mortar landed near me. I lost my left leg below my knee and the eyesight in my left eye. I spent 7 months in a hospital in Oakland, California and had 3 surgeries. After I was discharged, I enrolled in college in August, 1952. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in English and education. I received my master's degree in Administration in 1956.

I worked for 34 years as a teacher and administrator for the Dallas Independent School District. I developed programs that are still being used as supplementary material I taught 3 years at the Federal Prison at Seagoville, Texas. If elected, I plan to represent all Korean Veterans to the best of my ability. I will look at all issues objectively and vote to help get the National KWVA going in the right direction.

If elected, you can release my application form for verification. I will attend all meetings and I understand 2 unexcused absences is subject for removal. I have mailed Nancy Monson a check for my national dues through 2010. My telephone # is 817-261-1499. My number is R029232.

I have been married 53 years to the same fantastic lady and we have two daughters and five grandchildren.

/s/ Marvin Dunn, Jr. ....

**BALLOT ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE**  
**VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE**

## Jacob L. Feaster



I, Jacob L. "Jake" Feaster, Jr, am submitting this request for nomination to be a candidate for election as KWVA Director. It has been my privilege to have been a member of the United States Military in some capacity since 1948, the year I began my military career in Basic ROTC at the University of Florida. The following information is provided to give you some background as to my qualifications and commitment to serve as one of your Directors for the term 2006-09.

I was born and raised in North Central Florida, having lived in the rural area of the small town of Micanopy, FL since the age of 6, except for the time of my university attendance and military service. After graduation from high school, I attended the University of Florida at Gainesville, graduated in 1952, received my commission as a 2nd LT, having completed the Advanced ROTC program as a Distinguished Military Graduate, Artillery, US Army.

**Military Service:** During my last year of ROTC, I was inducted as a Corporal in the Enlisted Reserve Corps at the local Armory, which was the beginning of my military career, which was followed by: Basic Artillery Officers' Course, Ft Sill OK - Aug '52; 198th FA Bn, Ft. Benning, GA as Btry Officer -Dec '52; 92nd Armored FA Bn, Korea, as Forward Observer, Ass't S-3, Instr- NCO Academy, Btry Exec and Btry Cdr - May '53; 68th AFA Bn, Ft Hood, TX as Liaison Off and Btry Cdr - Sep '54.

Transferred to USAR Ready Reserve, Gainesville, FL- Sep '55; 766th FA Bn as Btry ~ Cdr - Nov '55 ; 446th FA Bn as Btry Cdr - Aug '57; 766th FA Bn as Btry Cdr- Aug '58; 3395th Rec Sta as Branch Chief - Jun '59; 3396th Rec Station as Mil Per Officer - Jul '61; USAR School, Jacksonville, FL, as Instructor and Staff Officer - Sep '64; 186th MobDes Det (R&D) Gainesville, FL, as Commander - Oct '75; Military Academy Liaison Officer - Jun 77; USAR Control Gp (Retired) - Sep '82; Military Traffic Mgmt Cmd (MTMC) - Sep '85; Retired: Colonel (AUS) - Oct '92.

**Military Schools:** Basic Artillery Officers' Course -1952; CBR School-1953; Mil Personnel Officers Course, 1961; USAR Adjutant General Career Course -1964, USAR C&GS Career Course - 1967.

**Awards/Medals:** Meritorious Service Medal, Army Reserve Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, UN Service Medal, ROK War Service Medal and ROK Presidential Unit Citation.

**Civilian Schools:** High School Grad - 1948; Bachelor of Science in Education - 1952; Master of Science in Education -1960; Education Specialist - 1965.

**Civilian Employment:** Jr High Math/Science Teacher - 1955/63; High School Guidance Counselor - 1963/68; District School Board Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Management Information Services - 1968/93. I retired in 1993.

**Organizations:** I am presently the Lay-leader of our local church, having served as its Board Chairman and Treasurer for a number of years. I am a Lifetime member of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) and a Lifetime member of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWV A).

Since joining KWVA, I have always been a KWVA chapter member, serving as chapter president, treasurer and judge advocate. I also served two terms as the Department of Florida President. Four years ago I was instrumental in the "founding" of the GEN James A Van Fleet Chapter #267, KWVA, in Gainesville.

**Family:** I am married and my wife and I recently celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Both of my sons have served in the military, one of them being a Korea Service veteran of KWVA.

**Current:** Presently I am serving in an appointed capacity on the National KWVA Staff as Supervisor, Membership Records Management, for the past two years. I have been working an average of 30-40 hours a week in that capacity, in consultation with the KWVA Membership Records Secretary and the KWV A Webmaster to develop a records system that is able to provide current and more accurate information for National, Department and Chapter Staff, as well as the members. I hope to be able to continue with that function, if elected, and to further improve upon the direction that is being taken, utilizing my 25 years of database management experience in my civilian job. I feel that it is vital to adhere to the KWVA Bylaws; they are more than just a guide! Your support of my candidacy with your vote will be very much appreciated.

I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences can be used as a reason to remove me from office. I am a Life Member of KWV A which qualifies me as a member through the term of the office which I am seeking. The information on the completed enclosed official application form is released to the Nominating Committee for verification as they may deem necessary.

/s/ Jacob L. Feaster

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## James A. Fountain



Please accept this notification of my candidacy for the National Directors office for the period of 2006 thru 2009.

I entered the army on 23 Oct 1951, sent to Camp Roberts, Ca for 16 weeks of training. After that I was sent to leadership school on the post for 4 weeks. Volunteered for airbourne, was sent to Ft. Benning Ga. where I was injured and could'nt complete the course. Was sent to Washington, DC at Ft. Myer Va. to do

honor guard duties for 8 weeks. Shipped overseas Oct 52, was assigned to the 2nd Inf. Div, 23Inf Regiment co "K" . Received the combat infantrymans badge, Korean presidential citation and various other medals while serving in and around the Chorowon valley In 1952 and 1953. When I left my unit to come home I was the 2nd platoon sgt.

I am married with 3 grown daughters, 8 grandchildren. I retired from the teamsters in 1994. The company I worked for filed for bankruptcy in 1986, at this time I assumed the rights and operated the company until I was 65, at this time I sold all rights and equipment and took my full retirement.

I currently belong to the St. Louis County Veterans Coalition, which works to get all the veteran units to work together on local projects.

I am a member of the Masonic lodge #542 in Hazelwood, Mo also the Moolah Shriners Provost unit in St. Louis, Mo.

I promise to attend all called meetings during my term as director, knowing that if I have 2 unexcused absences I could be removed from office.

My dues are paid thru 2009 as per check dated Feb 1 2006.

/s/ James A. Fountain

**William E. Hutton**



I am hereby notifying you that I am a candidate for election as a Director of the Korean War Veterans Association, said elections to be this spring, for the period 2006-2009.

I believe I have met the requirements for responding to the Call for Election, and release the forms for verification by the Nominating Committee.

I have enclosed a recent photograph, and release it for use by the Nominating

Committee.

A resume of what I believe to be my qualifications for office are as follows:

Currently, I serve as National Secretary of KWVA, a position appointed by the President. I plan to stay in this capacity, at the pleasure of the President, but, if elected as Director would relinquish that position and request a full time assignment as Chairman of a (hopefully) to-be-established Marketing, Public Relations, and Public Affairs Committee.

I have been a National Member of KWVA for 10 years, my primary Chapter is # 299 (Massachusetts), secondary is # 270 (Dallas, TX). The majority of my life has been spent in Connecticut, but I have lived in New Jersey, E. St. Louis, IL. Texas and Florida. I have personal involvement through family or business with most major metropolitan areas of the Country, particularly California, Wisconsin, Ohio, Washington D.C. as well as Canada.

I helped start a not-for-profit venture that had the potential to be a major fund-raiser for KWVA, that, for a variety of reasons, we had to close. I have been a member of Korean DEFENSE Veterans Association, and was their National Representative at the 2003 50th Commemoration of the Armistice in Seoul, Korea.

I enlisted in the Army Reserves in 1952, was not called up. Upon Graduation from the University of Connecticut, I was named a Distinguished Military Student and offered a Regular Army Commission.

I was Honor Graduate of my Armored Officer Basic class, and then served 16 Months as a Tank Platoon Leader, later Ass't BTL S3 in Korea with 6th Tank Btl, 24ID.

I am a member of MOAA, serve on the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee, The "Save the Biltmore" Committee, am a board member of the Caribbean Partnership Mission (Dominica).

I have been an ELK, Mason, and VP of the Dallas UConn Alumni.

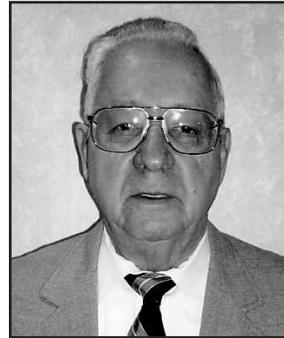
My business career has been spent in bank technology services, was a Corporate SVP of Marketing for two Multi-Billion publicly held corporations, and President of a Division of AMR Corp.

I understand that I should attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors, but that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. My dues are current (I am a Life Member).

Thank you for your kind attention.

/s/ William E. Hutton

**Christ Yanacos**



This letter is to announce my candidacy for National Director of the KWVA. Presently, I am the Secretary of The Lake Erie Chapter #112 in Euclid, Ohio. I am also a member of the Ethics & Grievance Committee and Assistant Sgt. At Arms of National.

I enlisted in the USAF in January, 1950. I arrived in Korea in October, 1950 with the 6127th Air Terminal Group; Combat Cargo Command where I served there

both on ground and in the air as Assistant Load Master until August, 1951. I was later stationed in Japan and was Honorably Discharged in January, 1954.

I am a retired Law Enforcement Officer; a Graduate of the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. I have also taken numerous courses from the Department of Justice with specialties in Evidence, Crime Scene Investigation, Court Security and many other specialties.

I am a Life Member of the KWVA, VFW and AMVETS. I am also a Member of the I'PA, Buckeye Sheriffs' Association, Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Association, F.O.E. and Blue Knights Motorcycle Club. Throughout the years, I have been both active and have served in leadership roles in all of these organizations.

Through my years in law enforcement and my numerous affiliations with these various organizations, I have the business experience and enjoy working with others and will address the memberships concerns in a professional manner.

I understand the KWVA By-Laws and will attend all called meetings. I understand if I have two unexcused absences I could be removed from office. I am proud to be a Korean War Veteran and a member of this prestigious organization.

/s/ Christ Yanacos

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