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2009 ELECTION VOTING

As Chairman of the Nominations/Elections Committee, I request that EVERY Member VOTE this year. The vote count has not been a true indication of the choices of the overall membership.

We have seven (7) applicants for the four (4) vacancies. They are all qualified to be a member of the Board of Directors. Each of them has worked tirelessly at the Chapter, State Department or National level. Several are serving on several National Committees.

For the cost of a postage stamp, you can help guide the future of the KWVA. (Remember that postage rates rise from 42 cents to 44 cents effective 11 May 2009. Affix the correctly priced stamp on your ballot.)

I ask that every Chapter work to have the Chapter Membership

reach 100% National Membership. Increased membership is the way we can continue to work and serve all Korea veterans.

The higher our National Membership count goes, the steadier overall costs to each member can remain.

In this March/April issue of *The Graybeards* are the resumes for the candidates. Read the resumes, ask questions of your State & National Officers, and then VOTE-VOTE-VOTE!!!

THE BALLOT IS ENCLOSED. PUT YOUR LABEL ON IT AND CHECK ONLY FOUR (4) NAMES. THEN VOTE ASAP!!!

Thomas M McHugh, Director
 Chairman, Nominations/Elections Committee
 Chairman, National Ceremonies Committee

Candidates For Director

Richard Brown, Sr.



This letter is to announce my intension in running in the up coming election as a Director. I presently serve as a member of the Ethics & Greivance Committee as well as a member of the Reunion committee.

I enlisted in the USAF in July 1950 and served in Korea during 1952 - 1953 at Chun Chon Air Base. I was assigned to the Air Police Squadron. I was an E5 SSgt at that location. I served until July

1971 after 21 years and was retired at the rank of MSgt E7.

I am a retired law enforcement Officer serving as a Chief of Police and Chief Deputy Sheriff of Berks County, PA. I have been a Licensed Private Detective from 1976 up to this present date.

Currently I am a Life Member of the KWVA, VFW, American Legion, Air Force Association, Vietnam Veterans Association, Military Society. I am also a member of the AF Security Police Association. I have served as Senior Vice Commander and Department Vice Commander of the American Legion Post in Okinawa, Japan. I also served as President of the Air Force Association Chapter in Allentown, PA.

My record speaks for itself. I am well qualified to be a Director of the KWVA.

I am a life member and my dues are paid up and I will attend all called meetings. I further understand that if I miss two unexcused absences I could be removed from office.

I hereby release my application to the nominating committee for verification, Since being a member of the KWVA I have attended all

called meetings this past 3 years. I am proud to be a member of this prestigious organization.

Your fellow Korean war veteran

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Luther Dappen



This letter is to announce my candidacy for Director of the KWVA for the years 2009 through 2012. My membership number is LR07827. I am a life member, so my dues are paid through 2012. I am releasing my application form for verification for the nominating committee.

I was born on a farm in South Dakota in 1930. I joined the army shortly after I graduated from High School. I served in Korea from November 1950 to

September 1951. I was a member of the 25th Recon Company of the 25th Infantry Division. My rank while in Korea was a Corporal. Our Company many casualties during this period of time, I feel fortunate to have survived.

When I returned from Korea, under the GI bill I attended Northern State University and received a degree in Teaching. Later, I received my Masters degree in Education from the University of Wyoming. I taught in the public schools in South Dakota and Iowa for 10 years. In 1965, I joined the Job Corps in Tamarac, Minnesota. My duties were counseling, motivating and evaluating all Corpsmen. Four years later, President Nixon decided to close most of the Job Corps Centers, so I was transferred to the Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. This School is off reservation boarding school serving Native American Indian students grade 9 -12. I was a Guidance Counselor

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at this school until my retirement in 1992.

In the summer of 2000, I returned to Korea on the revisit program. Seoul, Korea was a big surprise to me, with all the modern sky scrapers. My thoughts were: Those P-51's could not make it down the streets in their strafing runs like they did during the 1st week of January, 1951. These planes would do a belly roll, and head back to Japan.

In the year 2000, our Chapter 194 (South Dakota) was organized. The 1st two years, I was elected Vice President. From 2002-2004, I was elected and held the position of President.

I attended the 2008 KWVA Reunion in Norfolk, VA. I would like to work toward increasing membership at these reunions, especially like to see more Chapter Presidents in attendance.

I am a life member of the VFW, and American Legion, and past Commander. I am still active on the firing squad for the local veteran funerals giving them their Military Honors.

I am willing to do the best job as a Director for the good of the KWVA. I am proud to be a Korean War Veteran and if I am elected, I will attend all meetings of the Board of Directors. I understand that 2(two) unexcused absence could be used for my removal from office.

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Marvin Dunn



This is to notify you that I am a candidate for Director of the National KWVA for the years 2009-2012. I am a member of the General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215. I have been a member since the chapter was organized in the year 2000. I joined the chapter at the first meeting. When I listened to their mission, I was convinced that I needed to join the chapter and become involved and committed to helping

Korean War Veterans. I became president of the chapter my second year and served two years. We accomplished many things while I was president. One of the most important things was to purchase a chapter Monument that was dedicated and placed in the Dallas National Cemetery. During my presidency, the chapter grew from 40 members to about 80. After my two years as president of the Walton H. Walker Chapter 215, I was asked to run for President of the State Department of Texas. I have been President of the State Department for three years. I was elected National Director for the term 2006-2009. The National President assigned me to be Chairman of the Budget Finance and Fund Raising Committee after my election. I have enjoyed this committee assignment and feel that I have learned much developing a budget for an organization the size of the National KWVA. It has been a pleasure to work with the National Board on items that will have a positive effect on the Korean War Veterans.

If elected, I will always be committed to the Korean Veterans that fought so bravely to defeat Communism. I will also be committed to fighting for the Korean Service Veterans. These veterans have fought for 50 something years to keep North Korea from invading South Korea. They have not received the credit they deserve. I am on the

Membership Committee and I am committed to recruiting these Korean Veterans into the National KWVA. I am going to give you my phone number and email and I encourage you to contact me if you have a question.

I was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on May 4, 1931. I was a freshman in college when North Korea attacked South Korea. I was like most of you I didn't know where Korea was. I decided to delay my education 2 or 3 years and help a country that was trying to become a Democracy and 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 in the first week of July, 1951 and arrived at Pusan, Korea the last week of July, 1951. I was assigned to the First Marine Division, First Regiment, 1st Battalion and Able Co. I spent all my time in the Punchbowl area. I was in several battles because I was in a rifle company and my position was always on the front lines with the exception of 4 days of R&R. That was about 10 miles behind the front line. My weapon was the BAR and it was most effective.

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

I worked 34 years as a teacher and administrator for the Dallas Independent School District. I developed programs that are still being used as supplementary material.

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 correct direction. I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. My dues are paid up through my term of office 2009-2012. I intend to release all of this information to the Nominating Committee for verification. My membership # is R029232 and my mailing address is: 1721 Briardale Ct., Arlington, Texas 76013.

I have been married 56 years to the same fantastic lady and we have two daughters and five grandchildren. I am soliciting your vote so I can be part of the team to help develop respect for the National KWVA and move it forward.

My telephone # is 817-261-1499 and my email is marvdunnir@yahoo.com.

Marvin Dunn, President of the State Department of Texas

BALLOT ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE
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James A. Fountain



This letter is to announce my intention to run for re-election as one of the National Directors. I was elected in 2006, and I have attended all called meetings knowing that if I had 2 unexcused absences I could be removed from office.

I recently updated my dues to life membership, so my dues are paid for the length of office.

I served in Korea from Oct 1952 thru Sept 1953. I was platoon sgt of "K" co. 23rd Inf. Reg, 2nd Inf Div. I was awarded the Combat Infantry badge, the Korea Service Medal, with 2 bronze stars United Nations Service medal.

I am Vice Commander of the St. Louis County Coalition, which is made up of all branches of service, working as a unified unit to help all veterans in their everyday lives. We also direct one of the largest Veterans Day Pardes in the St. Louis area.

I retired in 1995 at which time I was the President and CEO of a contract hauling company,. I set up all rates, routes and personnel for the company.

If reelected, the only promise I can make is to represent the membership in an honest and fair way, as I have done for the past 3 years.

I release my application form for verification, showing my service to the nominating committee.

Thank you all for allowin me to serve, and do the best possible job I can do for you.

I believe that the KWVA is moving in the right direction, finally for the success it so richly deserves, we have a group of excellant officers and fellow directors who are passonate about the job at hand.

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Arthur S. Griffith



To my fellow comrades, I am submitting my declaration of intent to run for the office of National Director in the Korean War Veterans Association INC. for the year 2009-2012. I will attend all called meetings knowing that if I miss two unexcused meetings I can be removed from my office. My dues are up to date as I am a life member #LR38076, membership application form is attached. I have also signed

the KWVA Code of Conduct.

I am presently a member, as well as Senior Vice Commander of Chapter 299 KVA/KWVA INC. My other positions include Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, member of the Honor Guard having participated in the Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Wreath presentation at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and at our Korean War Memorial, which was my

greatest honor ever representing the KWVA and paying respect to our fallen comrades.

Presently, on the National level, I am serving on three committees, Fundraising Chairman on the Finance Committee with Director Marvin Dunn, we as a committee raised over \$70,000. last year alone for our organization, It is members like you that make this happen, member of the Membership committee with Director Jeff Brodeur, and a member of the ceremonies committee with Director Tom McHugh. Past experience, I was a member of the American Legion Post 294 in Pemberton, New Jersey serving on all chairs/committees and was elected Commander in 1986-1987.

My military service entry was January 1960 through October 1980, retiring in the pay grade of Sfc E-7. I served in Korea on two tours, 1st with the 34th Infantry Division, HQ 2nd Brigade 04 1962 thru 01 1963. Second tour was at HQ USAGY 8th Army from 01/05/1977 thru 06/24/1979. I served in Vietnam during Tet of 1968 for two years w/ the 1st AVN Brigade, 222nd/223rd AVN BN. I am releasing my Military Application information to the nominating Committee to review any or all of my military records. After retirement I worked for the Commissaries on military bases retiring in 1997 due to closure of Fort Devens, MA. My loving wife, IN HWA and I have been married for 30 years with three great sons and one daughter. We have four grandchildren and two great grandchildren, which are my great pride & joy.

If elected I will work tirelessly to use my managerial skills to meet the desires of the membership. I will work with the Directors to improve the organization, not against them and as a Post war veteran, I will keep the legacy of the Korean War alive for years to come. Think "Progress" for the KWVA INC. God Bless our troops and God Bless America.

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Glen Thompson



This letter announces my candidacy fur Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the term 2009-2012.

My purpose for running is to join with responsib1e board members in guiding KWVA toward growth and prosperity. In steering this organization through difficult times, our officers have pointed it in the right direction. Still, KWVA needs many more mem-

bers, increased revenue, and disciplined spending. Our obligations to our recently granted federal charter, under Public Law 110-254, enacted on June 30, 2008, demand nothing less of us.

A review of the last four 990 tax returns shows KWVA has piled up \$152,600 in net losses from 2004 through 2007. To reverse this dangerous trend, KWVA must limit spending and increase revenue. The revenue side demands attention because membership dues accounted for 84% of our income in 2007. This unhealthy reliance on membership dues calls for KWVA to seek new sources of funding from the public. Since many members share my belief that this asso-

ciation should live within its means, my objective is to influence the decision makers to take actions that will stabilize our financial condition.

Military

Like most veterans who served in Korea during the war, I didn't volunteer to go there and would have preferred any other place. For me to suggest the only real Korean War Veterans are those who went to Korea would be hypocritical. Sure, I earned a CIB as a machine gunner with Company H, 14th Infantry, 25th Division plus the standard medals such as Korean Service, UN, and National Defense. But my trip to Korea came about because some bored Army clerk drew my name.

Currently, veterans who served outside Korea during the Korean War Era represent the largest pool of potential new KWVA members. Although our future may rest with veterans who served in Korea after the war, many of those working veterans won't have time to join until after they retire. Meanwhile, KWVA needs an influx of new members now and cannot afford to overlook a single group of qualified veterans.

Education and Employment

After my release from active duty, I attended college on the GI Bill and graduated. Then, I bounced around until my introduction to computers, an IBM 1401 as I recall. To control a multimillion dollar computer and see it obey my commands as long as I instructed it in a language it understood intrigued me. Better yet, it didn't take two hour lunch breaks, or complain, call in sick, or ask for a day off; it simply did what I told it.

So, I spent most of my working career as an "at-will" employee selling my computer skills to aggressive, productivity-based firms. These hard driving firms, such as Core Labs and EDS, powered the economic growth in this country. We at-will employees were free either to succeed or fail. With no company pensions, we built our own retirement plans. By necessity, we honed the art of spending less than we earned to secure our financial well-being.

KWVA Chapter Experience

A couple of years after retirement, Ed Buckman contacted me about serving as the Secretary/Treasurer for a new KWVA chapter he was forming in Dallas. Although I knew nothing about veterans' organizations or being a Secretary/Treasurer, we still got Chapter 270 off the ground and in the black within a couple of months. Fortunately, the chapter attracted several generous members whose contributions propelled its growth. Meanwhile I took on the task of Newsletter Editor which gives me the opportunity to highlight the volunteer spirit and the significant contributions by our cadre of active members.

KWVA National Experience

Nationally, I have worked on the Bylaws Committee for over three years and helped design the last two fund-raiser forms and tickets. Also, I've attended three KWVA conventions at my expense. At these conventions, I note that National's directors often pull in two or three different directions. My goal is to help build coalitions to strengthen this association both organizationally and financially.

Goals

To help this organization get its income and expenses in line; I will

bring a background of 30 years self reliance and fiscal discipline to the board, and the will and persistence to make it happen. The financial situation cries out for action because KWVA cannot continue bleeding red ink and long survive.

To stop the bleeding, KWVA must cut spending and increase revenue. To increase revenue, we should look to the Korean Community for donations. Also, encourage members to consider naming KWVA as a beneficiary to their estates. Then, conduct a serious membership drive with small, medium, and large chapters competing within their groups for the highest percentage gain in new members.

Of the eight 501 (c) 19 veterans' organizations reporting over \$10 million income last year, only one, Military Officers Association of America, received most of its income from membership dues. The others show most of their income as direct public support. Two of the eight used professional fund-raisers. From this information, we learn that KWVA need not depend solely on dues and contributions from its members for revenue. Most successful veterans' organizations seek and get donations from the public. I hope to help that become a reality.

KWVA's future rests, in large part, on whether it can bring spending and revenue in equilibrium. This candidate believes he can work with responsible board members to achieve both financial stability and growth.

Requirements

To meet the requirements for elected office, I enclose a completed membership application form showing dates of service which I release for verification by the Nominating Committee. I plan to attend all called meetings and understand that two unexcused absences may be cause for removal. As a life member, my dues are paid up through my term. I have enclosed a recent photograph.

Signed

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Ezra Williams



To whom it may concern..

This letter is to announce my intention to run for the office of Director of the KWVA for the years 2009-2012.

If elected; I promise to attend all called meetings, and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. I am a Life Member of the KWVA, # LR17819, thus my KWVA National dues are and will be paid during my elected term of

office.

I have read, signed and will abide by the KWVA Code of Conduct, and am currently serving on the KWVA Resolutions Committee.

Please release my application information to the Nominations/Elections Committee.

Military Service

I enlisted in the United State Marine Corps on 28 November, 1951.

After boot camp and weapons training, I arrived in Korea on July 5, 1952. My service was as an 81mm Mortar Forward Observer Team Leader with G, H, and I Companies, 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment. I was wounded in action on August 14, 1952 on Bunker Hill, for which I was given a Purple Heart. After my full tour of duty in Korea, I served 17 months in Japan as an MP. I was honorably discharged on November 27, 1954.

Federal Service.

My federal service continued until my retirement, after 32 1/2 years of civil service duty for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, ending as a Lock and Dam Operator Leader, in a (Mission Essential) function that kept river navigation clear and moving, 24/7/365.

I am a member of, and have served 4 years as Commander of KWVA Chapter CID 186, St. Charles, Missouri, and I am currently serving my second year as the Commander of the KWVA Department of Missouri.

My dear wife Naomi is a retired school teacher; we are both active members of our church.

My purpose for seeking the office of Director is to assist in, and contribute to, all efforts in making the KWVA a better organization for its membership. We have built an excellent and active Department of Missouri for many years; and hosted the National Convention and other activities in Branson, America's Veterans' Capitol. We are proud of the KWVA's recently recognized federal charter status, and want to work for the future of the KWVA in service to veterans.

Respectfully,

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Dear Sir or Madam,

At our last meeting, it was brought to our attention that one of our deceased members (Elmer D. Saxton Sr.), was listed in the Last Call in *The Graybeards* as a Pennsylvania resident. In fact, he was a Delaware resident and very active in our chapter, Captain Paul N. Dill, Chapter 2, New Castle, Delaware.

We are requesting that as a courtesy to a Fallen Member that a correction is published in the next available issue of *The Graybeards*.

Fran Daney, Adjutant
Captain Paul N. Dill, Chapter 2 (CID 12)

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Revisit Korea



2009 Revisit Korea Tour Dates changed



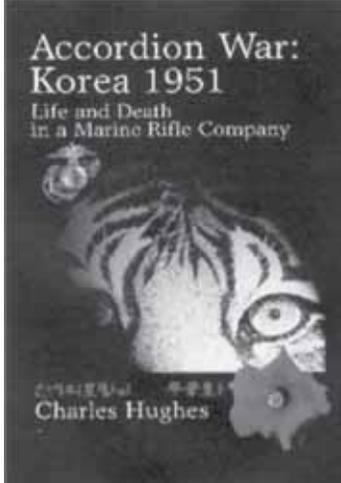
Korean Veterans Association (KVA), Revisit Korea tour dates have changed.

- 26 May - 1 June, 2009 70
- 21 - 27 June, 2009 90
- 13 - 19 September, 2009 68
- 19 - 25 October, 2009 34

Note: Air Force veterans have a preference in October since this is the 60th Anniversary of the ROK Air Force, to include a special Seoul Air Show.

New Eligibility: KVA has decided that some veterans can repeat a Revisit Korea tour! Eligible are those who joined the program more than ten (10) years ago (before 1999) but only if KWVA cannot fill the quotas with "new" veterans. Since we have had to turn back quotas for the past three years, this should not be a problem! Sincerely and Fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn
KWVA USA Revisit Korea Coordinator



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