ALL MEMBERS

Please complete and return the ballot in the March/April issue of The Graybeards as soon as you receive it. It is one of the few things that KWVA members are asked to do.

You deserve to have some say in the election. That can only happen if you submit a ballot. Your vote will help the Executive Board function with good members.

If you have any questions at all, contact me by phone or email. I will return your calls ASAP.

Read the ballot carefully—and vote. The completed ballot must arrive in Tucson, AZ by 10 June, 2011.

Thomas M McHugh, Director
Chairman: Elections Committee
Chairman: National Ceremonies Committee
Phone: 908-852-1964 email: tmmchugh@msn.com

BALLOT ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE
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CANDIDATES

2nd Vice President

• Jeffrey J. Brodeur

• Larry C. Kinard

Directors

• Richard E. Brown

• George J. Bruzgis

• Louis T. Dechert

• Lewis M. Ewing

• George E. Lawhon

• Luther E. Rice

CANDIDATES FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

JEFFREY J. BRODEUR

This letter is to announce my candidacy for KWVA 2nd Vice President for the one year term ending in 2112. I am a life member (# LR35528 ) so therefore my dues are paid to present date. If elected, I promise to attend all called meetings and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. I am releasing the KWVA application form for verification of eligible service years.

I have been a KWVA National Officer for 7 years. I spent one year as an appointed officer and 6 years as an elected KWVA National Director. For most of those 7 years, I was the KWVA National Membership Chairman. In those 7 years, despite the thousands of members who have passed on, we have maintained a steady membership of 17,000- 18,000 members. At least 1200-1500 post war Korea Defense Service Veterans have joined the KWVA under my leadership as chairman and most years I had little or no budget. At every annual meeting, we gave out decals, flyers, and posters to the chapters who were in attendance at no cost to the membership. I have helped pass many legislative bills helping both our Korea War and Korea Defense Service Veterans thus giving the KWVA great exposure as a can do federally chartered VSO. In my 7 seven years as a KWVA National officer, I helped the KWVA obtain federal chartership from Congress which was signed into law on June 28, 2008 by President George Bush. The chapter that I founded has pulled many color guard duties for the KWVA at Arlington National Cemetery, Korean War Memorial and our national convention.

I joined the US Army in 1982 and was honorably discharged in 1989. I served as an infantryman, indirect fire infantryman and scout with the 25th Infantry Division ( Tropic Lightning) Schofield Barracks Hawaii, 2nd Infantry Division (Indianhead) Camp Garry Owens Korea, and 26th Infantry Division ( Yankee Division) Massachusetts National Guard. I have deployed to Australia, Japan, the PTA Big Island of Hawaii and did my Infantry training at Fort Benning Georgia.


I envision bringing the KWVA to a higher level. Our Korean War Veterans are aging and we need to get younger Korea veterans

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involved in the KWVA. The first KWVA National Convention I attended in Bossier City Louisiana, I was the only post war Korea veteran in attendance. The last one I just attended in 2010, we had 30-35 Korea post war there. I call this progress and hope in keeping the KWVA alive for many years to come. Remember, these veterans are second or third generation Korea veterans including myself. We need to make a presence in Korea where my chapter is actively recruiting. We need to keep the KWVA alive for many decades. Please continue to vote for me.

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LARRY KINARD

This letter is to announce my candidacy for the office of 2nd Vice President. I will attend every called meeting of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. I am a Life Member so my dues are paid up through my term of office. I have attached a signed official Application Form which may be used by the Election Committee for verification of my credentials.

My reserve unit in Midland, Texas was activated in September, 1950 and I served two years on active duty as a 1st Lt. in the US Army artillery. My duty assignments were Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas as Operations Officer with the 5th Armored Division and Korea with the 3rd Infantry Division. I was a Forward Observer and Battery Officer with the 39th FA Battalion from February to September, 1952 attached to the 1st ROK Division and I Company, 15th Infantry Regiment during the time in Korea.

I retired in 1993 after 40 years with a large electric utility in Texas. My responsibilities included power plant and transmission management, personnel executive and a national committee chairmanship. As National Chairman of a major electrical committee, I helped develop the national operating policies of all the utilities of the United States. Since retirement I have spent many enjoyable and rewarding hours as a Master Mediator and volunteering for charitable and church organizations in the Dallas/Ft Worth area.

I have been a member of the National KWVA since 1995 and in September 2000 served as one of the founding members of the General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215 in the Arlington/Ft Worth area. It has been my privilege to serve the chapter as Vice President, Tell America Chairman and most recently President for the last 3 years.

In 2006 I was appointed National Tell America Chairman by then President Lou Dechart and continue to serve in that capacity with President Bill Mac Swain. As Chairman of the committee I have worked diligently to revitalize the program and get as many chapters as possible involved. I truly feel that as Korean Veterans we have an obligation to challenge the term “Forgotten War” by creating opportunities to address groups in our communities, especially the schools, to get the message across that we did indeed have a victory in Korea. I am very proud and appreciative of the veterans in the 92 chapters who have active Tell America Programs and are making a difference in their schools and communities.

If elected, I will be honored to serve with all KWVA Officers and Directors to make our organization one that is respected by the members and all Korean veterans.

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CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR

RICHARD E. BROWN

I release the Application Form to the Chairman of the Elections Committee for verification that I am eligible to run for the Office as a Director. My name is Richard E. Brown Sr. LR36975 and I am running for position as stated above for the 2011 Election Year. For the past 2 years I was a Director, Chairman of Elections Committee and a member of the reunion Committee. I am a life member of the following organizations: AFA (Air Force Association), VFW, KWVA, Vietnam Veterans Association. I also belong to the following Organizations: Air Force Security Police Association and a member of the USMC Heritage Foundation.

I served in the USAF for 21 years and retired as a MSGt. E7. I served in Korea with the 6147th Tac Control Group stationed at K47 Chun Chon AFB from 1952 - 1953. I also was stationed at Phu Cat AFB, Vietnam from 1967 - 1968. During my service career I was a member of the American Legion where I served as the Senior Vice Commander for the American Legion Post in Okinawa, and Department of Hawaii Vice Commander. I also was President of the local chapter of the AFA in Allentown, PA. While I was stationed in NYC with the Armed Forces Police. I was assigned to the Special Ceremonies unit. There I wrote the Parade Orders for ticker tape parades and for military functions at the local Hotels in NYC. I was assigned to train Air Force personnel for Gen MacArthurs Death watch when he became ill while in NYC. I also stood the Death watch for Gen Mac Arthur after he passed away. In Korea I was assigned to lecture AF Pilots on the provisions of the Geneva Convention prior to their combat flights. As stated above I was a Director of the KWVA where my main concerns were for the general membership and if elected again, I will carry on for the general good of the KWVA. I know all the present officers as well. It takes that experience and knowledge of the other Officers. They all know me and my interests in the KWVA. It means a great deal to be experienced in this way to insure your agenda’s get passed. Again, I need your votes to insure your concerns are not forgotten and your needs are fulfilled to your satisfaction.
I am a life member so that my membership is paid for the term of Office I am running for. Also, I know if I miss 2 unexcused Meetings, I can be removed from office. Since being a member I have never missed any meetings. You can count on me to insure you are not forgotten.

Richard E. Brown, Sr. LR36975, 2307 Gring Drive, West Lawn, PA 19609-1107, 610-670-2886, rebpi1@comcast.net

GEORGE J. BRUZGIS

I am announcing my candidacy for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2011 through 2014.

Military Experience
I entered the army in January 1953 and completed basic training in Fort Knox Armored Center, Kentucky. After training I was attached to the 7th Infantry Division, 73rd Tank Battalion, Able Company, Third Platoon as a loader on a 32 tank. We were stationed on the front lines (Iron Triangle) until the Armistice was signed on July 27th 1953, at which point we were moved further south. I served in Korea for 15 months before returning to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland as a Corporal, was promoted to Staff Sergeant, and was honorably discharged in March of 1957 after serving two enlistments.

Included among my military decorations are the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Campaign Medal and Ambassador of Peace Medal from the Korean Government.

Civilian Life
I worked in NYC as an Operating Engineer for the Galbreath Corporation, retiring in 1995 as assistant chief for the Goldman Sachs building. In 1965 my wife and I moved to New Jersey with our 2 children, where we still reside.

Organizations/Activities
• KWVA Taejon Chapter 170 - Member since 1998:
• Quartermaster, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Commander
• Tell America Program: I along with Chapter Taejon 170, work with several local schools on a rotational system. KWVA Department of New Jersey:
• 3rd Vice Commander 2001-2003, 1st Vice Commander 2003-2007, NJ State Commander (2 terms) 2007-2011 As NJ State Chairman I organized & was Master of Ceremonies on July 27th, for the Anniversary of Korean War Armistice Ceremonies, at the NJ Korean War Memorial, Atlantic City, NJ for 2007 through 2010
• Attended several KWVA National Conventions
• Represented the KWVA at many Korean functions within the NY/NJ area Attended by invitation the Korea Ceremony at the UN with Director McHugh
• Work with both the New Jersey Republican and Democratic parties on Veteran Affairs VFW Life Member
• I have attended several Ceremonies in Wash DC and proudly presented the Wreath at the Korean War Memorial and Arlington Cemetery.

I have signed the Code Of Conduct. As a Life Member my dues are paid in full.

If elected I will attend all called meetings and understand that 2 unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

I request your support to allow me the opportunity to continue to represent all Korean War Veterans. I will do my utmost to represent the KWVA.

Always Remember “FREEDOM IS NOT FREE”

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LOUIS T. DECHERT

This letter is submitted in accordance with the Bylaws of the KWVA, USA, and instructions published on page 8, The Graybeards, Nov-Dec 2010, Vol. 24, Number 6. It is my intent to be a candidate for the office of Director in the 2011 General Elections of the Association.

I am Life Member Number LR27194, and have previously been elected as National President in the General Elections of 2004 and 2006. It is my intention, if elected, to attend all scheduled and called meetings of the Board of Directors and discharge all the other duties and responsibilities of the office of a Director. I understand and will comply with the Bylaw provisions concerning dismissal for unexcused meeting absences.

Specified documentation, a picture, etc., is attached. My mail address, telephone, email, and FAX are listed below.

Statement For Graybeards: It is my pledge to conduct and apply myself, if elected, in a manner that enhances pride befitting a Veterans Service Organization chartered by The Congress, serving all veterans of the on-going war (1945-2011) to establish and defend freedom in Korea and around the world.

I will also dedicate myself to all measures to strengthen the ROK-US Alliance and carry out the Mission of the KWVA, USA:

Mission of The KWVA/USA is:
Defend our Nation
Care for our Veterans
Perpetuate our Legacy
Remember our Missing and Fallen
Maintain our Memorial
Support a free Korea

Concerning experience and qualifications, each member considering the 2011 candidates is invited to examine the official record of my qualifications, experience and results which is available on the official KWVA website: http://www.kwva.org/update/
In accordance with the Associations Bylaws, I am pleased to have the privilege to submit my name as a candidate for the position of Korean War Veterans Association National Director for the years 2011-2014.

Following my enlistment in the U.S. Army, I took my basic training at Fort Eustis, VA and then advanced Helicopter Maintenance training at Gary Air Force Base in San Marcos, Texas. I served nearly 18 months in Korea with the 6th and the 13th Helicopter Company’s, 45th Transportation Battalion, 8th Army from 1953-1955.

I am a 51 year veteran of the banking industry, starting as a teller in 1959 and retiring as an active officer in 1999 as President and CEO of the Bank of Clarke County and it’s holding company, Eagle Financial-Services, Inc. Following my retirement as President and CEO, I remained a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank until December, 2010, when I retired due to age restriction.

I am a founding member of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter #313, KWVA in Winchester, VA and served as Secretary/Treasurer prior to election to my current position as Commander.

I have served as Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee of my Church, member of the Presidents Advisory Council of Shenandoah University, Chairman of the Lord Fairfax Community College Foundation Board, Chairman of the Dowel J. Howard Vocational School Foundation Board, President of the Chamber of Commerce, President of the Kiwanis Club, Vice President of the Ruritan Club, Scoutmaster and Executive Board Member of the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Honor Guard for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the American Legion. Additionally, I served as President and Chairman of the Virginia Association of Community Banks, Board member of the Virginia Bankers Association and the Virginia Bankers Bank. I feel that the knowledge I have gained from working with other volunteers in these and many other organizations will serve me well as a Director of the KWVA.

I am a Life Member of the KWVA (LR36183), therefore my dues are current for the term of office I am seeking and I concur with and have signed the KWVA “Code of Conduct.” I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used to remove me from office.

Attached is a completed and signed KWVA Form 4.1-1 Official Membership Application Form which contains information confirming my qualifications for the position of Director and I further authorize the release of the information included in this application for verification by the Election Committee.

I would consider it an honor to be elected to serve with the outstanding group of Officers and Directors currently leading our organization and I solicit your support.

My contact information is: 310 Clay Hill Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, (540) 678-1787, lewewing@comcast.net
LUTHER E. RICE, JR.

This is to announce my intent to run for reelection to the office of “KWVA National Director” for the period 2011 - 2014. I am a Korean War - Vietnam War veteran of the United States Marine Corps. I am a native of Aurora, Indiana. In June of 1948, following graduation from high school at age 17, I enlisted in the Marine Corps:

- Attended Boot Camp at Parris Island, SC.
- First duty assignment was as a member of the Marine Detachment, USS Mississippi (EAG-128) March 1949-May 1951. Completed requirements and received Scouting’s “Eagle” award during this tour.
- Ordered to Korea (K-3) April 1952 - April 1953 with Marine Air Control Group-2, 1st Marine Air Wing.
- Ordered to Vietnam November 1965 - September 1966 with Marine Air Traffic Control Unit, Marine Air Base Squadron -13, 1st Marine Air Wing, Chu Lai. Was commissioned a Second Lieutenant from the rank of Master Sergeant during this tour.
- Ordered to Vietnam for second tour January 1970 - January 1971 with Communications Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division
- Retired with rank of Captain July 1971 after 23 years of active duty

Included among my personal military decorations and awards are the Bronze Star Medal w/combat “V”; Combat Action Ribbon; Navy Achievement Medal; Korean Service Medal w/2*; and the Vietnam Service Medal w/4*.

Returning to civilian life in 1971 I became a teacher of high school students and subsequently school principal, a position I held at the time of my retirement in 1992. In 1991 I was appointed by the Governor of Indiana to the position of Judge, Aurora City Court. I was then elected and reelected as Judge and remained in office until August 1997. I currently spend my free time volunteering with various “not-for-profit” organizations and staying involved with Veteran Service Organizations. I am a Life Member of KWVA as well as possessing Life Membership in the American Legion; 40&8; Marine Corps League; Disabled American Veterans; and the VFW.

My qualifications for the position of National KWVA Director include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Have served as KWVA National Director during the period 2008 - 2011
- Life member KWVA Chapter #129 since June 1996
- Served as First-Vice Commander, KWVA, Department of Indiana
- Served as interim Indiana Department Commander following the death of the Department Commander.
- Have served as Commander, KWVA Chapter #129 for a period of 10 years.
- Received $250 from National KWVA for placing third in the national KWVA recruiting contest conducted several years ago
- Proven leadership ability as a Marine and in civilian life
- Education - BS & MS Degrees, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana

I certify, that as a Life Member, my dues are current and will be through the whole term of the office that I am seeking. I will attend each called meeting of the Directors and I understand that two unexcused absences from called meetings may result in my removal from office. I have enclosed a separate signed Official Membership Application Form showing my eligible service years and I authorize releasing the application form for verification by the Nominating Committee. I have read the KWVA Code of Conduct and will abide by its contents.

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