The membership is hereby notified that elections will be held in the spring of 2012 for the following National Korean War Veterans Association, INC. (KWVA) offices: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and four (4) Directors for the years 2012-2015.

No later than December 15, 2011, any regular members in good standing of the KWVA seeking to run for the aforementioned offices shall make their intentions known to the Chairman of the Elections Committee, Thomas M. McHugh, in writing, using the following format:

Requirements:
Applicants must:

A. Present proof of service by submitting a separate signed Official KWVA Membership Application Form showing eligible service years and a statement releasing the application form for verification by the Elections Committee (no fee required).

B. Present a current photograph, suitable for publication in The Graybeards.

C. Submit a letter, signed and dated, limited to approximately one (1) page, including the following:
   1) Your intent to run for an office and the office sought.
   2) A resume of your qualifications for this office, stating any experience that will be of benefit to the Association.
   3) Your current mailing address, telephone number and KWVA membership number.
   4) Your email address, if available.
   5) Alternate email address and alternate phone number, if available.
   6) A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that you understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office.
   7) A statement that your dues are current through the whole term of the office that you are seeking. Note: Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the Association.

D. Send the above items by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Elections Committee Chairman, to arrive not later than December 15, 2011.

Applicants are requested to contact the Elections Committee Chairman if they have any questions.

Address application packages and questions to: Thomas M. McHugh, Election Committee Chairman, 217 Seymour Road, Hackettstown, NJ 07840: Ph: 908-852-1964 Email: TMMcHugh@msn.com

The KWVA election process is as follows:

• The ballots are also published in that edition.
• Members cast their ballots by May 10th and mail them to the KWVA-approved CPA.
• The CPA counts the ballots and reports the results via certified tally sheets to the Elections Committee.
• The results reported by the CPA are verified by the Elections Committee.
• Copies of the completed and verified tally sheets are sent by certified mail to each of the 15 Board Members, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and to each of the candidates for office, regardless of whether they are a winner or loser.

Frank Cohee
KWVA National Secretary

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