

## PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE KWVA BYLAWS

At its meeting held on March 11, 2014 in Dallas, Texas, the Korean War Veterans Association Board of Directors approved the following revisions to the KWVA Bylaws. These proposed revisions will be presented to the Membership for its action at our Annual Meeting to be held in Rochester, MN in October, 2014.

### Revision Number 1:

As currently written, the KWVA Bylaws do not contain a Dissolution Statement to provide for the orderly and proper disposition of its remaining assets should the Association be dissolved for any reason. To correct this oversight, the Board of Directors propose the following addition to be made to the Bylaws:

#### ARTICLE X

#### KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC. DISSOLUTION

**Section 1. PURPOSE:** *The purpose of this Article is to insure that if this Association is dissolved for any reason, the remaining Assets are disposed in an acceptable manner.*

**Section 2. METHOD:** *Since this Association was formed as a 501(c)19 Veterans Organization and incorporated as an Exempt organization, assets of this organization were permanently dedicated to an exempt purpose. Therefore, should it be dissolved, its assets must be distributed to an exempt entity as described in Publication 557 TAX-EXEMPT Status for your Organization. Thus other Veterans organizations that help veterans are logical exempt organizations to receive the Assets. Assets are not to be distributed to KWVA members or other individuals.*

### Revision Number 2:

There are some KWVA Chapters that either do not have enough active Regular members to fill all of the Officer and Director positions on their Board of Directors **or**, if they have enough active Regular members, those members are not willing to serve as an Officer or Director of their Chapter. Most of these Chapters do, however, have some active Associate members who are willing to fill some of the positions.

It has been an unwritten, unofficial understanding that Associate members were not permitted to serve as an Officer or Director of a Chapter, although there is no reference in our Bylaws that specifically prohibits Associate members from holding APPOINTED positions on a Chapter Board of Directors. Therefore, Associate Members can fill appointed positions on a Chapter Board of Directors. However, ARTICLE 1, MEMBERSHIP, Section 1. Qualifications of Members prohibits Associate members from having a VOTE on issues that come before the Board.

To clarify this issue and remove any doubt as to who may serve in **Appointed** positions on the Board of Directors of a Chapter, the KWVA Board of Directors recommends approval to rewrite the following Bylaw to read as follows, with the added verbiage printed in BOLD Italics:

ARTICLE V, DEPARTMENTS AND CHAPTERS, II CHAP-

TERS, Section 4. Officers, Each Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. shall elect a Chapter President, Vice President(s), ***who shall be Regular Members of the KWVA***, and elect or appoint a Secretary, Treasurer, and if so required, Directors, to form at least a Board of ten (10), according to approved Chapter Bylaws. ***Elected or Appointed positions of Secretary, Treasurer or Director(s) may be filled with either active Regular or active Associate members, although appointed Associate members may not vote on Chapter matters that come before the Board.*** The results of said election shall be transmitted forthwith to the KWVA Secretary. The President shall appoint all other Officers and Committees with approval of the Board. Chapter Bylaws will determine if those ***Regular Members*** who are appointed to the Board will have the right to vote in Chapter matters. After their election to the office in the Chapter, the President and Vice President(s) titles can be changed to Commander and Vice Commander(s), with the approval of the Chapter membership, during their time in office. No person may hold two (2) elective offices, except for Secretary and Treasurer, which may be held by one (1) person if elected or appointed.

### Revision Number 3:

With the ever increasing volume of time and work required to successfully accomplish the goals of our Association, the Board of Directors realize that we have reached the point in the history of the KWVA that we need the help of a **PROFESSIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** to assist the KWVA President and, as directed by the President, help our Association move forward into the 21st Century.

The primary duties for our Executive Director will be:

**Administrative Assistance** – To assist the President with his day-to-day Administrative duties.

**Lobbying Congress** – To interact with our Senators and Congressmen and Congresswomen in Washington, D. C. to solicit support for legislation that is critical to the ongoing success and survival of our Association.

**Fund Raising** – To assist with our Fund Raising efforts by soliciting contributions from some of our larger industries, retailers, corporations, banks, etc.

**Recruiting** – To work with and assist our Membership Committee and our Recruitment Committee with recruiting new members, especially Korean Service veterans.

With the approval of the new Executive Director position, we will need to revise two sections of our Bylaws to incorporate the position into the Bylaws. The revised and/or added verbiage is printed in BOLD Italics.

#### ■ Action Number 1:

ARTICLE III, OFFICERS AND POWERS, Section 1. Powers and Duties, E. Appointed Positions. All appointed positions (i.e. Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate, [who shall hold only one position], The *Graybeards* Editor, The *Graybeards* Publisher, Webmaster, ***Executive Director***, Ex-POW/MIA [who shall be an Ex-Prisoner of War member if available], VA/VS, Sergeant at Arms, VSO, Tell America and Annual Association Membership

Meeting Chairman), shall be approved by the Board. The responsibilities and duties for all Appointed Positions and Standing Committee Chairmen are included in the Board-approved SPM.

■ Action Number 2:

ARTICLE III, OFFICERS AND POWERS, Section 1. Powers and Duties. H. Executive Director. – **The Executive Director shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the KWVA President. The Executive Director duties and procedures are defined in the SPM.**

The Board of Directors recommends a vote of approval for all of these proposed revisions.

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**THE GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES**

Articles to be published in the *The Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the 15th day of the first month of that issue. —Editor.

<b>Jan-Feb</b> .....	<b>Jan 15</b>
<b>Mar-Apr</b> .....	<b>Mar 15</b>
<b>May-June</b> .....	<b>May 15</b>
<b>July-Aug</b> .....	<b>July 15</b>
<b>Sept-Oct</b> .....	<b>Sept 15</b>
<b>Nov-Dec</b> .....	<b>Nov 15</b>

## 60th Anniversary Cease Fire Edition Completed --Finally

We have finally completed our 60th Anniversary of the cease fire special edition. When we asked for material to include in what we envisioned as a one edition special publication, we were overwhelmed. Over 100 readers submitted enough stories and photos to fill seven editions. For that we thank you.

Now we can get back to producing our "normal" editions--whatever "normal" is. We will try to catch up on material that has been languishing in deference to the special edition, although we did mix and match enough so that we didn't fall too far behind.

Once again we thank you for your contributions to our "seven-volume" special edition, and we encourage you to continue submitting your memoirs, photos, etc. Maybe now is a good time to get started on our special 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Hey, it's only six years down the road. There's no time like the present to get started.

# Pentagon Officer Honors Korean War Veterans in Chepachet, RI

## Veterans Receive Certificates and Medals at Special Ceremony

Some of Rhode Island's Korean War veterans were honored... at a special ceremony in Chepachet. Over 45 veterans from [CID 258] were honored for their service and sacrifice at the Gloucester Senior Center. Navy Commander John O'Brien, a member of the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, presented the veterans with certificates signed by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and medals from the Republic of Korea.

"It is imperative that we honor our Korean War veterans for the contributions they made to ensure that freedom was preserved on the Korean Peninsula," said Commander O'Brien. "People should never forget that the Korean War was the beginning of the end of Communism and without the sacrifices made by our veterans and those who died in Korea, Communism might have spread to other parts of Asia."

The program at the Gloucester Senior Center included the reading of the names of all of the service members from Rhode Island who lost their lives in the Korean War during the month of September from 1950 through 1953. Richard St. Louis is the Commander of [CID 258].

"It is wonderful that the Department of Defense is acknowledging veterans in Rhode Island, particularly since the nation

recently commemorated the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on July 27 that ended fighting in Korea," said St. Louis. "Even though we honored our Korean War veterans today, everyone was thinking about the victims of 9/11. That's why we opened the program with a prayer to remember those who died on 9/11."

The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, authorized in the 2011 Defense Authorization Bill, is dedicated to thanking and honoring all the veterans of the Korean War, their families, and especially those who lost loved ones in that year. Through 2013, the Committee will honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans of all ages about the historical significance of the Korean War. For more information, visit our website at [www.koreanwar60.com](http://www.koreanwar60.com). Keep connected with the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee via Facebook and Twitter, through videos at YouTube, or with photos on Flickr.

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