

Call for Elections

The membership is hereby notified that elections will be held in the spring of 2018 for the following National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (KWVA) positions: President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, to serve from June 25, 2018 - June 25, 2020; and four (4) Directors to serve from June 25, 2018 - June 25, 2021.

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, Tim Whitmore, in writing, using the format below. All applications and documents must be received by the Election Committee Chairman no later than December 15, 2017.

Requirements:

Applicants must:

- Present proof of service by submitting a signed Official KWVA Membership Application Form (found on the KWVA website or in *The Graybeards* magazine) showing eligible service years.

- Submit a copy of his/her Form DD214 for verification by the Election Committee. The copy of the form DD214 may be redacted selectively by blackout/whiteout to remove information not related to the information required by the KWVA.

If you need a copy of your Form DD214, go to the National Archives website at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

- Submit a current photograph, suitable for publication in *The Graybeards*, where the candidate is clearly the focus of the picture.

- Submit a letter, signed and dated, limited to approximately one (1) page, including the following:

- Your intent to run for an office and the office sought.
- A summary of your qualifications for this office, stating any experience that will be of benefit to the Association.
- A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that you understand that two (2)



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unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office.

- A statement that your dues are current through the complete term of the office you are seeking. NOTE: Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for purposes of establishing eligibility to run for office within the Association.

- A statement releasing all submitted documents/material for verification by the Election Committee.

- Your current mailing address, telephone number, and KWVA membership number and email address if available.

- Alternate email address and alternate phone number, if available.

Send the above items by "USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested," or "USPS Express Mail, Return Receipt Requested," to the Election Committee Chairman, to arrive no later than December 15, 2017.

NOTE: Scanned documents sent via email are not an acceptable alternative and will be automatically deleted.

Address application packages to L.T. Whitmore, Elections Committee Chairman, 5625 Canterbury Lane, Suffolk, VA 23435-1605.

For sample letters, refer to previous issues of *The Graybeards*, e.g., Jan/Feb 2016, 2015. If you do not have access to hard copies, go to www.kwva.org, scroll down the left side, and click on *The Graybeards, Online archives of Past Issues*.

Address any questions you may have to the Election Committee Chairman at: (757) 483-9784; email: TWhit35@gmail.com

The six-step KWVA election process follows:

1. The Elections Committee certifies the candidates who are qualified to stand for office.
2. The declarations and pictures of certified candidates are then sent to the editor of *The Graybeards* for publication in the January-February 2018 edition. The ballots are also published in that edition.
3. Members cast their ballots by May 10, 2018 and mail them to the KWVA-approved CPA printed on the front of the ballot.
4. The CPA verifies the eligibility of members to vote in the election, counts their ballots, and reports the results via certified tally sheets to the Election Committee.
5. The results reported by the CPA are verified by the Election Committee.
6. Copies of the completed and verified tally sheets are sent by certified mail to each of the Board Members and to each of the candidates for office, regardless of whether they were elected or not.

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