

# KWVA Bylaws change re number of Directors

## Number of KWVA National Directors Reduced

At an August 2018 Board of Directors meeting a reduction in the number of directors from twelve (12) to nine (9) was approved, to become effective immediately. The Bylaws change was presented for ratification by the full Board at its October 18, 2018 Board meeting and for ratification by the membership at its October 19, 2018 meeting, in Orlando, Florida.

NOTE: New wording is in bold italics.

The exact rewording follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED: That ARTICLE II – OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS** be amended as follows, with the changes in bold:

**Section 2, Board of Directors.** The KWVA, Inc. shall have a Board of Directors consisting of ~~eighteen (18)~~ **fifteen (15)** members: five (5) officers, (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), an Executive Director, and ~~twelve (12)~~ **nine (9)** Directors, ~~four (4)~~ **three (3)** of whom shall be elected annually, prior to the Annual Meeting.

**A. Voting.** All votes of the Board shall be by simple majority, unless stated otherwise hereinafter, with a quorum of at least ~~eight (8)~~ **seven (7)** elected members in attendance. Only the elected ~~twelve (12)~~ **nine (9)** Directors and the First and Second Vice Presidents have a Board vote – the President has a tie breaking vote only at any called meeting. In the case of a U.S.P.S. mailed, or electronically transmitted vote, the President is allowed to vote. Appointed officials of the Board, other than those appointed to fill vacant elected positions, do not have a vote.

**B. Open Meetings.** [NO CHANGES]

**C. Special Meetings.** The President or ~~ten (10)~~ **eight (8)** elected members of the Board may call a Board meeting for one (1) purpose only, by giving two (2) weeks written notice to all members of the Board, stating the date and time, the exact location of the meeting place and the agenda of the meeting. Said meeting may also be conducted electronically, specifying the latest date by which votes can be submitted.

Business Without a Meeting. [NO CHANGES]

Section 7. Vacancies.

**D. Directors.** If a vacancy occurs in any of the ~~twelve (12)~~ **nine (9)** elected Director positions, the position may be filled by the Board until the next election, or not filled if the term is less than one (1) year for said office. Should the Board choose to fill the position, by majority vote, they may do so by using the next unelected candidate for Director from the most recent election with the most votes. If there is no candidate eligible the office shall remain empty until the next Association election.

**Upon ratification, the applicable Standard Procedure Manual provisions will be amended to support these specific changes in the Bylaws.**

# Jefferson and Napoleon can't be wrong

Dear KWVA Comrades

*"We don't have a leadership of the majority; we have an organization led by the majority who participate."* (Thomas. Jefferson)

In a few weeks we will elect or re-elect one-third of our Board of Directors. We will be calling upon members of our Association to dedicate themselves to serving their KWVA comrades. We are also calling upon the general membership to exercise responsibility by voting.

## To Candidates:

The last election brought seven worthy comrades into leadership positions for the ensuing term. We are very grateful for their willingness to step forward. Unhappily, there were only eight candidates from which to choose.

A review of recent leadership rosters suggests that a relatively small group has occupied the fifteen leadership posts with some consistency. We must certainly be grateful for their willingness to carry the load, but we herewith call upon others to enter leadership rolls.

In the Call to Election, the criteria for eligibility are listed. In addition, it is important to provide the electorate with information about past or current leadership and/or service roles at the Chapter, Department or National level. Equally important is to inform the voters of any changes that are felt to be important and what is envisioned for expanding and strengthening the Association.

## To KWVA Members:

Granted, there was only one contested position in the past election, so it may have appeared that voting was of minor importance. In the past election just 10% of eligible members cast a vote. The ballot is pre-addressed and is included in The Graybeards. It only requires the transfer of The Graybeards address label and a stamp after it has been appropriately marked. We urgently call upon you to cast your ballot.

Remember what Napoleon said: "The world suffers a lot. Not because of the violence of bad people, but because of the silence of the good." We are not equating our election process to good vs. evil forces, but the principle is the same. We NEED good candidates to present themselves and we NEED good voters to choose.

Sincerely

L T WHITMORE,  
KWVA National Director and  
Chairman, Election Committee

## Task Force Dog

**Task Force Dog relieved Marines and 7th Army Division troops at Chosin. Then they had to fight their way back 79 miles after the evacuation at Hungnam was completed. They don't often receive credit for their effort.**