

ALL MEMBERS

The following five candidates have been certified to seek the three open Director positions indicated for the KWVA's 2019 Election. Effective upon the closing date of December 17, 2018, the members of the Election Committee have reviewed all letters, documents, etc. received from each candidate for office.

It is our opinion that all of the requirements have been met as listed in the Association's By-Laws, Procedure Manual and as published in *The Graybeards*. The names have been submitted to the

Secretary, the Webmaster, and the editor of *The Graybeards* for the printing of the ballots.

The Committee has submitted the candidates' names in alphabetical order. Please pass the word to all members to VOTE, as it will help in getting more members to submit their ballots this year. Candidates' resumes and pictures are listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,
KWVA Elections Committee:
Tim Whitmore, Chairman

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

- James P. Argires
- Tom Cacy
- John R. McWaters

- Bernard Smith
- Douglas Voss

EDITOR'S NOTE: The letters submitted by the candidates have been modified slightly to fit the format of *The Graybeards*. The contents of the letters were not affected by the process.

JAMES P. ARGIRES



I deem it both a privilege and pleasure to submit my name as a candidate for the position of director for a 3-year term commencing on June 28, 2019.

My military service began in 1951 when, I dropped out of college and enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. Following basic training at Paris Island, I completed combat training at Camp Pendleton,

California, and was shipped to Korea. Following my arrival there most of my duty was on the Pusan perimeter. I obtain the rank of staff Sargent while in Korea by attrition. My discharge in January 1954 enabled me to matriculate to in college that fall.

My career in education changed from a physical education teacher to physical therapy and onto medical college at the University of Alabama. I spent one year of internship and seven years of residency in the neurosurgical program at the University of Alabama. Many years later I served on the board of directors of admission to the medical school. Serving two, three-year terms. I spent years on numeral board including counsel of trustee at Millersville University, Board of visitors at Franklin and Marshall, board of director theological seminary of Orthodox church in Brookline, Massachusetts, Fulton Financial board of directors, with assets of 15 billion dollars. I have been inducted in to the leading physician directory and continental who's who registry of National Business leaders. President of Mid Atlantic and Pennsylvania State Neurosurgical Societies. I also served on many community boards which are listed the curriculum Vitae that was sent to you.

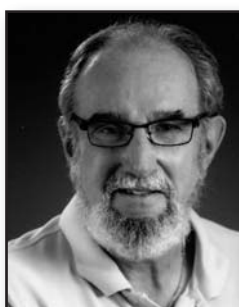
I believe that people skills developed during my career will serve me

well in the position on KWVA director. Presently I serve as a director in the chapter here in Lancaster. That is the General Joh H Michaleas chapter 327 of KWVA. I have been proud to serve this organization as a director.

As a life member of KWVA my dues are current. If elevated as a Director, I pledge that I will attend all called meetings of the Board and full understand that two missed meetings could be grounds for removal from the office. I hereby grant to the Election Committee permission to release the Application Form for verifications purposes. Copies of the completed KWVA membership application and separation paper For DD214 are enclosed.

Respectfully Yours,
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TOM CACY



With this letter, I hereby announce my intention to run for the position of Director for the term 2019-2022. I am a member in good standing with the Korean War Veterans Association (member #R043314) and dues are current. I will be available for the duration of the term office.

I have been a member of the KWVA since 2010 when I re-established Alamo Chapter #298 and was elected their

President, an office which I have held since that time. I planned, coordinated, and hosted two KWVA Department of Texas State Conventions in 2012 and 2014 with another being worked for 2019. I also hold the office of Chaplain, Department of Texas.

I am a retired United States Air Force Master Sergeant with twenty years' service, all in positions of operational intelligence. I then spent an additional 30 years working in USAF civil service, retiring as the Chief, Air Force Intelligence Training—responsible for the training of over 5000 DoD intelligence students yearly at five locations. Total time stationed in Korea was three years and three months. My primary responsibility in Korea was Air Force intelligence support for Close Air Support for the US Army. For education, I graduated with a BA in Liberal Studies from Excelsior College and an MA in Theological Studies from Liberty Theological Seminary.

If elected to this position, I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and will respond to all calls for Business Without a Meeting and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

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JOHN R. MCWATERS



I intend to run for the office of Director for the three year term: 2019-2022.

My qualifications includes service in Korea 1951-1953 earning the Combat Infantry Badge during the battle of Old Baldy 3/22/1953. Transferred to the active Army Reserve 1954-1958 whilst a student at GA TECH.

Commissioned as a 2LT of Engineers 12/6/1958 GA TECH ROTC.

Commanded at every level from platoon to division 1958=1991. Retired 1994 as a Major General, AUSA.

If selected, I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and will respond to all calls for Business Without A Meeting. I understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. My dues are current.

My current mailing address is 2075 Calloway Drive, The Villages, FL. Telephone: 352 445 9316. My email address: genjon@thevillages.net; KWVA #R046603

BERNARD SMITH



My name is Bernard A. Smith and I am a candidate for National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2019-2022. I served in the United States Army Signal Corps from June 1951 until May 1953. My service in Korea began in January 1951 until May 1953. My role in Korea was with my 8189th Signal Support Battalion members to provide line of site VHF communications from Army to Division and Regiments. These

radios and transmitters were fixed frequency which necessitated cutting antennae to the precise frequency. Our Unit arrived in Sasang which was close to Pusan then Taegu and Seoul. I finished my tour of duty in Kansong on the Sea of Japan.

Upon my return to Massachusetts, I resumed my position in the Petroleum Industry. I rose through the ranks, starting out as a file clerk before my military service to Department Manager, General Manager and culminated in 1989 in being appointed Exec VP and

CEO for New England Fuel Institute, the Trade Association for the New England Petroleum Marketers. I served in that capacity until my retirement in 1995, signifying 50 years on the Petroleum Industry. During my tenure, I participated on Committees involving Energy legislation and testified before the Dept of Energy and the IRS as well as meeting with various Senators and Congressmen on energy matters. I have been a member of KWVA for 2 years and I was recently elected a Director of Chapter 299 in Massachusetts.

If elected, I would bring to the KWVA my years of creativity and decision making experience to the Association's benefit. I will attend all called meetings and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office.

All information contained in this letter, the Membership Application form, my Military records and support documentation, is hereby released to the Election Committee for verification. My dues are current.

I respectfully request your consideration and votes that I may represent and support all who served and fought long and hard against extraordinary odds for South Korea's independence.

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DOUGLAS VOSS



Hello, I'm Doug Voss, Sr. Vice President of KWVA Chapter 306, West Michigan. This letter is to announce my candidacy for Director to serve from June 25, 2019 to June 25, 2021. My dues are paid for the coming year 2019. If elected I promise to attend all called meetings, and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office.

I'm a Korea Defense Veteran that served along the Korean DMZ from Nov. 1968 to

Dec. 1969. I have been a member of the KWVA for three years. I finished the term of Secretary/Treasurer at Chapter 306 when the Sec. Treasure fell ill. Then I ran for Senior Vice President, and have held that position for about 2 years. I also belong to the VFW, and 2nd Infantry Association.

My first contact with the KWVA was finding out Jeff Brodeur was working on the National Memorial to Korean Defense veterans that served and were KIA defending the R.O.K. and I wanted to help get Cosponsors for the Bill to establish the Korea Defense memorial. He signed me up as a member at large, also I was added to the Memorial Committee, and later I joined Chapter 306 West Michigan. I'm also on Missions and Visions Committee.

The Missions and Visions Committee had many teleconference meetings where we worked out an updated Mission and Vision statements. We are at the ready incase there are modifications to any of the statements. The Mission/Vision Committee is great to work with. Hannah Kim was scheduled to be at St. Joseph Michigan July 24th. I was point man for her to get everything she requested and make sure the Korean War Memorial at Veterans Park was looking great. It all turned out fantastic. Hannah was pleased.

I had the honor of carrying the KWVA flag along side A. J. Key who carried our nation's colors into the Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day 2018. Later we went to the Korean War

Memorial for ceremonies there. Continuing annual ceremonies at the Korean War Veterans Memorial will be part of perpetuating the legacy of the Korean War. This is an important part of US history, especially the Cold War era, when Korea went hot June 25, 1950, and should not be forgotten.

Issues I'm extremely interested in pertaining to Korea War Veterans, and Korea Defense Veterans are to perpetuate the legacy of the Korean War and Veterans from that war. The so called Forgotten War should never be forgotten, ever. Next is the use of herbicidal agents (Agent Orange) in Korea, which I witnessed myself on the DMZ and there is no doubt about their use. One of the real issues is, what is the half life of said herbicidal agents? Next the lives of those KIA in the DMZ Conflict are not even known in the US. People don't even know there were deadly fire-fights along the DMZ. In the Republic of Korea there is a memorial to all that were KIA on the DMZ, Americans, and South Koreans alike. There is no such National Memorial in the USA for American KIA on the DMZ. I will work to see that there is a National Memorial to those Americans KIA along Freedoms Frontier, the DMZ, and in South Korea. It doesn't

matter if life is lost in battle is from a large scale war, or a small scale conflict like the DMZ conflict. Gold Star mothers grieve just as deeply if their son was killed along the DMZ, or in any of the huge battles of past wars. Next, the KWVA is evolving to seamlessly bring in more young Korea Defense veterans. This should continue, and be one of the top issues for the KWVA to tackle. Next, Ties with the government of the Republic of Korea, and organizations dealing with ties to the U.S. should be maintained. The R.O.K. is one of our closest allies in the world. We have a unique situation verses other alliances to keep the ties active, and grow them. Also, with peace talks on the Korean Peninsula, we could witness something we thought would happen in our lifetime. I believe we should support denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula, and pursue peace efforts, but be mindful of the past, and beware of potentials that could shatter the peace process.

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Give Mic...Key...Mouse the boot

By Tom Moore

In the autumn of 1951, the 1st Marine Division received a new piece of cold weather clothing: the boot, combat, rubber, insulated. No one called it anything else but "Mickey Mouse boots," since their outsized shape and black color gave the wearer some podiatric similarity to Hollywood's famous rodent. Other names for the boots were less complimentary, but compared with the "shoe-pacs" they replaced, the Mickey Mouse boots quickly proved their value in preventing frozen feet (see story on page 13).

The U.S. Army had conducted experiments with a cold weather boot during and after WWII, but by 1949 it had abandoned the effort, since none of the experimental prototypes met Army standards for long-distance marching. Less concerned about the marching requirements, the Navy and Marine Corps conducted their own boot tests, 1948-1951, and concluded that one boot had merit.

The field tests included wear in all sorts of cold weather and terrain conditions. The Marines hiked in the boot and found it at least acceptable as winter footwear, since no one marched very fast or far in inclement conditions anyway. Thus the Mickey Mouse boots arrived in Korea in August 1951.

The design of the insulated rubber boot was based on the concept that body heat

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from the feet could be stored as a vapor barrier between two layers of felt-lined rubber. The airtight boot allowed the wearer to keep his feet warm with captive air created by the wearer's own movement. The vapor barrier principle and the boot's all-rubber construction meant that cold and moisture from outside the boot would be defeated before they reached a Marine's precious feet.

Only a puncture by shrapnel or some sharp object could ruin the boot's airtight integrity, and the boot, like early automobile tires, came with a patching kit. Mickey Mouse boots, however, could turn the unwary and careless Marine into a frostbite casualty. The boot trapped more than heat. It also trapped sweat so, even if the feet remained warm, the moisture, with its ability to transfer heat four times more rapidly than dry air, accumulated.

Worse, if a Marine did not stay on the move the feet cooled, and the more sweat soaked one's socks became, the faster one's feet froze. One hour of inactivity could bring on an attack of frostbite. The standing operating procedure, therefore,

for Mickey Mouse boot wearers included a provision that each Marine had to dry his feet and change to dry socks at least once a day—preferably more often.

The next worst thing to having frozen feet, however, was preventing frozen feet. Changing socks and drying feet in the open air of a Korean winter tested the staunchest Marines. Units tried to establish a warming tent of some sort, where the masochistic ritual could be performed with a hint of comfort and adequate time. The men carried their extra socks next to their bodies to dry them with their body heat. New replacements also soon learned to not button the flaps on their layered trousers in freezing weather, as their cold fingers could not unbutton timely when nature called.

Fortunately, the static winter war of 1951-1952 allowed more luxuries, and the number of cases of frozen feet in the 1st Marine Division dropped dramatically. The Mickey Mouse boots had come to Korea to stay.

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