



ALL MEMBERS

ALL MEMBERS The following eleven candidates have been certified to seek the four positions available in the 2020 election: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and National Director. (Three Directors' positions are available.)

Effective upon the closing date of December 26, 2019, 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 by office. Please pass the word to all members to VOTE. Candidates' resumes and pictures are posted below.

Respectfully submitted,

KWVA Elections Committee: Thomas E. Cacy, Chairman

NOTE: The letters submitted by the candidates have been edited slightly to fit the format of *The Graybeards*. The contents of the letters were not affected by the editing process.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

PRESIDENT

- Brodeur, Jeffrey J. LR 35528
- Key, Alves J. (A.J.) LR 41536

1st VICE PRESIDENT

- McCarthy, Albert H. LR 36750
- Whitmore, Timothy L. LR 40158

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

- Caliva, Narce LR 42769

- McHugh, Thomas M. LR 07169

NATIONAL DIRECTOR

- Bell, Eddie L. Sr. LR 46743
- Bretz, Michele, M. RO 47856
- Cunningham, Paul H. LR 46220
- Lack, Wilfred (Bill) E. LR 43370
- Voss, Douglas W. LR 47081

PRESIDENT

JEFFREY J. BRODEUR



This letter is to announce my candidacy for KWVA National President to serve from June 25, 2020-June 2022. I am a Life Member (# LR35528) so therefore my dues are paid to present date. If elected, I promise to attend all called meetings and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. I am releasing the KWVA application form for verification of eligible service years. I joined the US Army in 1982 and was

Honorably discharged in 1989 as a Corporal. I worked as a Team Leader, Squad Leader and Platoon Sgt as Indirect Fire Infantryman, Infantryman and Infantry Scout.

After my Initial Infantry and AIT Training at Fort Benning Ga, I was stationed at Schofield Barracks Hawaii with the 25th Infantry Division (Light), 26th Infantry Division Massachusetts National Guard, and

2nd Infantry Division, Camp Garry Owens, Korea. I deployed to Australia, Japan, Korea, the Big Island of Hawaii and worked with soldiers from New Zealand, Korea, Japan, Australia and the Gurkha's based out of Hong Kong during my Army career. I am a recipient of the Korean Defense Service Medal and member of the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, AUSA, DAV, 2nd ID Assn and 25th ID Assn

After the military, I worked as a security officer for Westin and Marriott Hotels in Downtown Boston and Director of Security for Rachels Nightclub at the Marriott Long Wharf, Boston Ma. I spent over a decade on the United States Postal Service Boston. While working at the USPS, I attended UMass-Boston and obtained an Associate's Degree, 2 Bachelor of Arts Degrees, Master of Arts Degree, 2 Certificates of Advanced Graduate Studies, in 2 National Honor Societies, Deans List and was awarded the William Joiner Award for Excellence for Service to our Veterans. In 1999, I joined the Korea Defense Veterans of America that spearheaded the movement for the Korean Defense Service Medal, became a KDVA National Officer and founded its only chapter which eventually became Korea War Veterans Association Chapter# 299. In 2005, I was elected KWVA National Director for 2 terms 2005-2011 and

National 2nd Vice President from 2016-2018. I was National Membership Chairman from 2005-2010, National Ceremonies Chairman 2005- 2008 and started the KWVA Color Guard for ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and the Korean War Veterans Memorial. I also helped get 3 national bills passed into law, Korea Defense Service Medal (2002), KWVA Federal Charter (2008) and Omnibus Caregivers Bill (2010). Presently, I am KWVA National 1st Vice President and coordinating with Director Tom McHugh and 2nd VP Al McCarthy erecting KWVA Memorials for Korea War and Korea Defense Veterans throughout the country, Membership Co-Chairman and Social Media Coordinator. The KWVA Facebook Page which I started on 12-4-17 with 427 Likes, now has 38,000 Likes, brings the KWVA many new members (which has surpassed 2018 numbers), many donations and many people who buy KWVA products. During this period, I was on the Massachusetts Governors, a Congressional Military and Veterans Advisory Committees and coordinated many Wounded Warrior events and ceremonies. Myself and my wife were named Caregivers of the Year by Hope for the Warriors. I am happily married to my wife Maura who served in the US Navy and we have 2 children. My daughter Colleen has 3 children who bring us great joy as grandparents. My son Vincent was wounded in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division and has had 47 operations. I have a lot of experience locally and nationally in the KWVA and have been loyal and dedicated to the KWVA for over 17 years. My two Uncles and cousin served in the Korean War and I need your Vote to keep the Korean War Legacy and its Aftermath alive.

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ALVES J. KEY, JR.



I submit this letter announcing my candidacy for the office of President of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc., Director to serve from June 25, 2020 to June 24, 2022.

I entered active service on August 1, 1965 with training at Lackland, AFB Texas and Lowry, AFB Colorado. My qualifying Defense Veteran military service was with the USAF 6314th MMS Detachment 1, 6175th AB Group at Kunsan AB Korea,

from April 1968 to April 1970. My primary duty was maintaining and transporting weapons to alert aircraft. I also served two tours at the 22nd Air Defense Missile Squadron at Langley AFB Virginia (04/1966 to 04/1968) and (04/1970 to 09/1972). After leaving active duty as a SSGT, I served in the United States Air Force Reserve from (02/1973 - 08/1986) at the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing Carswell AFB TX serving as the Wing Safety Office Explosive Safety NCO and later in the 301st CAMS Munitions Section. I retired in August 1986 as a MSGT with seven active and thirteen years of reserve service.

I am a retired Law Enforcement chief officer with service at the agencies noted below:

- Tarrant County Sheriff's Office-Fort Worth, TX (12/2003 to 11/2008) Chief Deputy-Personnel/Training
- City of Longview Police PD- Longview, TX (09/1999 to 11/2003) Police Chief

- City of Arlington PD- Arlington, TX (10/ 1977 to 08/1999) Deputy Police Chief (Highest position held)

Education:

Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, TX

Master of Arts in Professional Development-Criminal Justice Emphasis (12/2008) Bachelor of Career Arts - Applied Business Administration (05/1988)

I have served as a Director of General Walton H. Walker KWVA Chapter 215 located in DFW Texas, and currently serve as chapter immediate past president. I have also coordinated delivery of Tell America materials for KWVA national for approximately three years. My military and professional experience as a law enforcement chief officer and educator required the ability to communicate and collaborate with others to achieve organizational goals. I aspire to be an effective servant leader of the KWVA to achieve the KWVA mission of ensuring a "living legacy" for those who served in the Korean War and won the victory, and those who served after the armistice to maintain that victory.

I believe that the Board of Directors should be accountable to the membership by ensuring that activities and actions focus on the vision and mission objectives of the KWVA. The Board has a fiduciary duty to members, governing authorities, and donors to account for and properly use donated resources.

Meeting the KWVA mission in the coming decades requires the following:

1. Soliciting feedback from members using surveys in Graybeards, posted on the website, and/or email to Chapter commanders
2. Recruiting engaged Defense Era veterans to grow and maintain mission capacity
3. Maintaining positive and collaborative relationships with Congressional and Federal entities
4. Building and maintaining contacts with Korean Embassy, community, and business leadership
5. Ensuring completion of the Wall of Remembrance and inclusion of Defense Era KIA
6. Supporting the education efforts of the Korean War Legacy Foundation

As testament of my commitment to serve, I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences are reason for removal from office. I also authorize the Election Committee to use the application form for establishing eligibility for the office. I also certify that my dues as a Life Regular Member will be current through my term of office if elected.

With warm regards, Alves J. Key, Jr.

Immediate Past President of KWVA Chapter 215 DFW, TX

Editor's office hours

Editor Sharp's office hours, such as they are, are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday. He is not an employee of the KWVA, so his hours vary.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

ALBERT H. MCCARTHY



My name is Albert McCarthy and I am a candidate for the office of First Vice President of the Korea War Veterans Association for the years 2020—2022.

I served in the United States Air Force from July 1968 to November 1971 and achieved the rank of Captain with an AFSC of Senior Weapons Controller (1744E). My service in Korea was from October 1970 to October 1971 as a member of 5th Air Force, 314th Air Division, Command

Advisory Function, attached to the National Security Agency.

Returning to my home in Massachusetts, I put my leadership training to work as a Human Resources professional, rising to Vice President of a Fortune World Fifty company (NEC). In my various assignments, I received two top national awards for creativity and placed second nationally for Human Resources Executive of the Year. During this approximately 38-year period, I helped build one company from a start-up to over a billion dollars in revenue; merged two high tech companies to form a 1.5-billion-dollar company; and expanded another company internationally, while growing revenue from 300 million dollars to over a billion dollars.

I am a Life Member of the KWVA and currently serve as National 2nd Vice President. I have previously served as National Director of the KWVA and Past Commander of Chapter #299. At the national level I have served the Association as passed Chairman of the Elections Committee in 2015 and 2016, and provided support for Advertising, Recruiting, and Fund-Raising Committees. Additionally, I have participated in services at Arlington National Cemetery and the Korea War Memorial in Washington, DC on Memorial Day (six times) and Veterans Day (twice) on behalf of the KWVA, and most recently at the dedication of the Korea Defense Memorial in Bushnell National Cemetery in Florida.

Locally, I have worked closely with three successive Korean Consul Generals in Massachusetts on multiple Korea War and Defense Veteran recognitions, award ceremonies, luncheons, and gatherings, such as the KWVA's very successful National Meeting in Boston. I have served as the Commander of KWVA Chapter #299 for six years, and still serve as Director and Adjutant for the last six years. Other activities include serving as Adjutant of DAV Chapter #4 in Massachusetts. I am a Life Member of the DAV, VFW, Military Officers Association of America, NRA, Republican National Committee and a 36-year member of the American Legion.

I respectfully request your consideration and vote, so that I may continue to represent and support all who served in Korea from 1945-1950 while Korea regained her nationhood; those who fought long and hard against extraordinary odds from 1950-1953 to ensure Korea's survival; and all who served over the last six decades to protect and defend Korea and her DMZ from a determined and tyrannical dictatorship in North Korea.

If elected, 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 DD-214, and support documentation, is hereby released to the Election Committee for verification. As a Life Member, my dues are current throughout the duration of my election and membership.

Respectfully submitted.

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L. T. WHITMORE



L. T. Whitmore's declaration of intent to run for the office of First Vice President of the Korean War Veterans Association.

I am a fully paid up Life Member of the KWVA, LR40158. I am affiliated with Tidewater Virginia Chapter 191 of which I served two terms as Commander and have been its Adjutant/Quartermaster for the past several years. I served two terms as Commander of the Department of Virginia until its dissolution. I am complet-

ing my second term as KWVA Director and have served as Ceremonies Chairman and Election Chairman.

It has been my honor to have been appointed by the last three Virginia Governors to represent the Korean War Veterans Association on the Joint Leadership Council, a group of VSO representatives who provide advice and assistance to the Governor, General Assembly and Department of Veterans Services on matters of concern to the veteran community. It provides a conduit of information to and from the VSOs on policy and legislation pending and enacted.

I retired from the USAF in 1976 as a Master Sergeant. For the first eleven years of my career I was a medical and surgical technician. In this capacity I served with the 58th Tactical Hospital at K-2 Air Base from May 1954 to May 1955. In 1965, I transitioned as a Military Training Instructor and served as Senior MTI for the 3761st Student Training Squadron at Sheppard AFB, TX. The usual population for this unit was greater than 1000 airmen. In 1966 I was selected to transfer to Port Hueneme, CA, to open an AF Student Squadron of students to be trained by Navy Sea Bees in skills to be required for the newly formed AF Red Horse Program. I was First Sergeant of Security Police at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AFB in 1969 and 1970. In 1970, despite having been away from medical service for some years, I applied for and was selected for training as a Physician Assistant. There were 100 selectees from several thousand applicants. Upon completion of the clinical rotations at Langley AFB, VA, I was assigned to Luke AFB, AZ where we opened the first Military Medicine Family Practice Panel. Since my retirement, I have practiced as a Physician Assistant in Psychiatry consistently until my retirement in November, 2019.

I earned an Associate Degree in General Studies from Golden Gate University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Medicine and Surgery from University of Nebraska and a Master of Science Degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

I have enjoyed a good relationship with the ROK embassy and have visited Korea several times since 2010.

I hereby certify that I will attend all called meetings of the Board of

Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences can result in my removal from office. My dues are current through the entire term of the office for which I am seeking election

As First Vice President I will work hard to promote unity and goodwill within the Association, to promote fund raising for the Memorial Wall, to seek innovative ways to enhance its growth and to maintain close liaison with the Government of the Republic of Korea. I believe my background in administrative and personnel services, and my experience as a health care provider qualify me to be of service to the Korean War Veterans Association in the capacity of First Vice President.

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2nd VICE PRESIDENT

NARCE CALIVA



This letter announces my candidacy for Second Vice President for the years 2020-2022. As a Life Member, my dues will remain current. My DD214 and Application Forms may be released for verification by the Elections Committee. I will attend all called Board of Directors meetings, understanding that two unexcused absences may be cause for removal from office.

A native Californian, I enlisted in the Army at 19, was in the Military Police, then graduated from OCS. I arrived in Korea at 21 in July 1951 as a 2nd Lt., TC, and served 20 months, at Wonju, Koje-do, and Pusan, as a Truck Co. XO and Bn Legal Officer. Released from Active Duty in 1953, I returned to finish college and earn degrees in business.

For 30 years, 1959-1989, I was an American Red Cross staff member, progressing from field to senior management positions in both the Service to the Armed Forces and the Service to Chapters branches. I was a Field Director in the US, Spain and Germany, and an Assistant Director in Vietnam (1967-1968) and in Japan/Korea (1969-1971). Stateside, I oversaw for 4 years the 12 division managers assisting the 1,200 Red Cross chapters in the Western US. My last assignment, for an unprecedented 7 years, was as the Managing Director, O-7E, in charge of all American Red Cross operations in Europe. Since retirement in 1989, I have continued to serve as an ARC volunteer.

As a KWVA member, I've participated fully in Shenandoah Valley Chapter #313, Winchester, VA activities (currently 105 active members). As First Vice Commander I helped build our local Korean War Memorial, served two terms, followed by two terms as Commander, as well as a Virginia Department Director and VP. I have traveled to attend many regional and national events, which routinely include KWVA and ROK Embassy functions in Washington, DC.

As a Director on the National Board since 2016, I chair the Bylaws Committee, and have worked on the Mission & Vision, Recruitment & Membership, Graybeards, and Scholarships Committees. I've also agreed to be on the Executive Search Committee. As a result, I have

learned and know well our business, its needs and goals.

In summary, I offer a professional and organizational background well tested and prepared to continue helping manage the KWVA as 2nd VP. Our Board and Chapters face critical, sensitive issues in this period of significant transition and turmoil. We must find common ground, collaborate and cooperate. And, we Board members should not use personal attacks, insinuations, accusations or go our own ways, no matter how worthy the intent. Above all, we need a strong, forward looking Board, acting cohesively to manage in a positive and effective manner. In return for your vote, I pledge to do my best on behalf of ALL of our Members and KWVA interests.

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THOMAS M. McHUGH



I hereby announce my decision to run for the 2ND Vice President 2020-2022. I am a Life member since 1989 and am paid through the term of office. I have served on the Board in multiple assignments for thirteen (13) years. As Director 2007-2013), 2014-2020, Ceremonies Chairman 2007-2014, I was in Wash DC on every Memorial Day & Veterans Day. As Chairman I ordered the wreaths, reserved rooms, assigned Color Guard, assigned

Box Seats, I had the honor of presenting a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown & Korean War Memorial with Presidents Lou Dechert, Larry Kinard & Bill MacSwain. I Served as Election Chairman five (5) times. As Director I have been serving as National Chairman Fund Raiser Committee (6 years) 2014-2019. Prior to my taking this assignment, we only raised between \$30,000 to \$37,000 per year. Each year since all goals have been set higher and surpassed. Without the membership support goals cannot be reached. My 'THANKS' to all who donate. Please donate again in 2020. I am aware that missing 2 meetings unexcused may cause removal from office. I hereby release my records to the election committee.

NOTE: 2019 FUND RAISING GOAL WAS \$70,000. OUR 2019 TOTAL WAS \$80,139. TOTAL I RAISED FROM 2014 to 2019 IS \$377,675. WE DO NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL SHORTAGE. We have amassed over \$940,000. We have money for meetings, *Graybeards* and Recruiting. Yes, we are receiving less dues money as we lose our older members. The President has used the words "Dereliction of Duty". When the MAJORITY of the Board voted against his agenda items, it was not dereliction. It was that the agenda items were based upon a survey that was not shown to the Board nor discussed prior to being sent to Chapters. It was a flawed Survey based on false premises. After full discussion, the majority of the board voted against those action items. The "Doom and Gloom" comments are nonsense. Logic prevailed at the meeting. The ED job description was never voted upon. The job was authorized, BUT not the job description. Most required job items were not being done. In 2019 the board was not consulted and completely bypassed. NO Surveys were shown to the board prior to being sent to members. Surveys asked questions on items the Board voted NO, on previously. Wasting the money that we do not have. Seven more months.

WE DO NOT NEED AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT A COST OF

\$55,000 PER YEAR. We have Committee Chairmen that did and can do what an Executive Director can do for 1/10th of his salary. The board asked for a new job description and that has been ignored.

Eliminating that high cost item will pay for meetings and recruiting. We are losing our old timers much too quickly. I along with the majority of the present directors, believe reducing the leadership any further is definitely poor planning. It will allow a few individuals to take control without oversight. All of the older members remember the problem years. That is why the Board was expanded from 7 Directors to 12 Directors. The additional Directors have protected the KWVA from any small group of individuals from doing anything underhanded or illegal. I never want those things to happen again. Elect Officers that will work to bring the KWVA back to the best Veterans Organization it was.

I along with several other officers formed the 'KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE. The first Korea Defense Memorial dedication was in MA by Chapter 299 in 2016. In 2017 I raised \$7000 in 6 weeks & dedicated a Korea Defense Memorial in Atlantic City at the NJ Korean War Memorial. Americans that died in Korea since the Cease Fire, have not been honored until now. We have already dedicated 5 memorials, including a recent memorial at Bushnell National Cemetery, Florida. Our goal is to dedicate at least one (1) memorial in every state. There are nine (9) more memorials in the Fund Raiser and Planning stages at this time. Questions ? Contact me. tmmchugh@msn.com

The future of the KWVA relies on Recruiting Korea Defense Veterans. 1st Vice President Jeff Brodeur has been spectacular through his Facebook efforts. We have exceeded the 2018 recruiting already. 2nd Vice President Al McCarthy has written excellent articles for the Graybeards. The KDVA is trying to recruit all Defense Veterans. Keep in mind that the KWVA has a Federal Charter. The new KDVA is a not and cannot be a Federally Chartered Organization, under the rules of Congress. Recruit Defense Veterans now.

My personal efforts every year, include several shows. I attend two (2) Military Vehicle shows with a Tell America display that has brought in members over the years. I display at schools twice per year explaining about the Korean war. I have driven dignitaries in many parades in NJ, NYC & Wash DC. My 1952 M38A1 Jeep has Korean War Veterans markings very visible. It all helps to advertise the KWVA. I have a 27 ft trailer that has wall to wall carpet, maps & posters on all walls. Over the years the trailer and posters have helped recruiting individuals. If I ever learn how to post pictures on Facebook, I will post them.

PERSONAL: I have been inducted into the Warren County NJ, "HALL OF FAME". I am a Retired Postmaster, with 33 years in the USPS. I am Military Retired. I joined "RA" three (3) years from March 1951 to 1954 in (SCARWAF) Special Category ARMY Reassigned with Air Force. I graduated from The Engineer School 2nd in a class of 80 at Ft. Belvoir VA, The Engineer School. I was Promoted to Corporal prior to my 18th birthday. Upon Discharge I enlisted in the NJARNG for thirty (30) years ending as 1st SGT. I then served 10 years in the Army Reserve as SR Intell NCO. Forty-three (43) years total. I have been married 62 years to my wonderful wife Barbara. My family includes 6 Children, (1 recently deceased), 10 Grandchildren, 3 Great Grand Children. I have been a member of the KWVA since 1989. I presently have 66 years in the American Legion (Past Post Commander & County Vice Commander) and 42 years in Sons of the

American Legion. My goals are attainable.

VOTE - VOTE – REMIND YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERS TO MAIL THEIR BALLOTS VOTE – VOTE

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Chairman, Korea Defense Veteran Memorial Committee (2014=2019) Chairman, 2014 – 2019 Fund Raiser Committee

Past NJ State Dept. Commander/Past Chapter Commander/Present Chapter 213 Adjutant/Finance Officer/NJ State Dept. Judge Advocate

NATIONAL DIRECTORS

EDDIE L. BELL, SR.



My name is Eddie L. Bell, Sr., and I would like to submit my name as a candidate for Re-Election to the KWVA Director position for the three-year Term 2020-2023. I am a Life Member, my dues are current through the terms of office. A copy of my DD-214 and KWVA application forms are attached, and I authorized they may be released for verification by the Election Committee. I understand I must attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors

and understand that two unexcused absences may be cause for removal.

I was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama. After graduating from high school, I enlisted in the US Army in 1966 to 1969, and again in 1974. Served for 27+ years in Signal Corps and retired as First Sergeant in 1995. Immediately went to work for DoD, and retired as GS-13 on 31 December 2014, after 19 + years in Stuttgart, Germany. Education and Training: Graduate of Southwest State Technical institute, Mobile, Alabama, with certification in Electronic Appliance Maintenance and Refrigeration. Training includes: Communications Electronic Maintenance, U. S. Army Information System Management, Contracting Officer Representative Course, Leadership Education and Development Course. Work Experience: First Sergeant (1SG), with three Signal Battalion's. Branch Chief, HQ U.S. Africa Command, J65 Enterprise Service Division, Stuttgart Germany. Provided real-world secure/non-secure mission support to the Commanding General and his Senior Staff of over 9 General Officers, 5 Ambassadors, and 4 Foreign Service Diplomats. Served as Communications Electronics Maintenance Technician, 61st Maintenance Battalion U.S. Army Forces Korea. Served as Communication Command and Control Officer, CONUS Communications Support Command, Ogden Utah. Organizations and Affiliations: National Director 2017-2020, (Tell America and Membership/Recruiting Committees), State President of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), Texas. Life Member KWVA, Chapter 222, Killeen, Texas, Life Member Disabled Veterans (Chapter 29), Life Member Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 1000), Life Member Forty & Eight (Locale 266), Member, Killeen Sister Cities, Osan, Korea Committee, Member Of New Light Lodge #242, Killeen. Awards and Recognition: Certificate of Appreciation by General Ward, Commander HQ U.S. Africa Command. Certificate of Appreciation by BG Ferrell, Director J6 HQ U.S. Africa Command. The joint Civilian Service Commendation Award, by MG Mannon, Chief of Staff, HQ U. S. Africa Command, The Joint Civilian Service

Achievement Award by VADM Moeller, Deputy Commander, HQ U.S. Africa Command, Meritorious Service Medal, 01/91; Army Commendation Medal, 4th OLC; Army Achievement Medal, 3rd OLC; Good Conduct Medal, 8th AWD; Vietnam Service Medal, 1968-1969; Vietnam Cross Of Gallantry W/Palm; Korean Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Medal. Presently, I'm the President of the Department of Texas KWVA. I've commissioned a State KWVA flag with the Governor of Texas and created a State uniform/dress for both males and females. Setup a much-needed Veteran's Internment Fund and raised over \$16,000 to offset burial and Veteran support expenses when families don't have funds for as needed. If elected, I know I will make a difference and uphold the legacy of our comrades. It will never be forgotten on my watch. I ask for your support to be one of your next directors for the years 2020-2023, and I will make all the meetings.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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MICHELE M. BRETZ



Dear KWVA Members,

I consider it an honor and am humbled to have been asked by various members to run for the office of National Director June 25, 2020 to June 25, 2023. My dues will remain current through the term of office. Per the requirements, I have enclosed 2 copies of my DD 214, a photo, and an official membership application which may be released for verification by the Election Committee. I will attend all called

meetings of the Board of Directors. I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Education: Bachelor's in Political Science, Nursing and Construction Management

Military: 23 years of Army Active Duty and Reserve Service. Received both ROTC and Direct Commissions. Obtained ranks of 2LT to Major. Qualified as a Signal Corps, Medical Logistics, Civil Affairs, Nurse, and Drill Sargent Security and Operations/Training.

Assignments include: Platoon Leader, XO, Brigade Level Asst. S-3, Head Nurse, Battalion Level S-2/S-3. Overseas assignments: Honduras 5 tours, Korea 1 tour.

Korea Tour Highlights: Head Nurse OB/GYN Clinic at 121 General Hospital. Helped design new clinic. Present during Y2K. Nominated number 1 Korean Nurse. Wrote discharge patient handbook. Prepared clinic for JCAHO inspection. Joined 38th Parallel Nursing Society. Participated in Seoul Marathon Training. Attended Operation Task Force Smith Staff Ride. Visited DMZ and Tunnel tours twice.

Volunteer Activities:

KWVA: Active with Chapter 314 since 2016 and have held all positions within the chapter. Volunteered with fundraising and membership drives. Attended 2017 Veterans Day events in Washington, DC. Helped re-write current chapter by-laws. Established historical documentation database. Working together to promote our mission with-

in the high schools, local community and doing presentations.

DAV: Held 2nd Vice Commander Position for Chapter 14. Volunteered for fundraising, Memorial Day events, Veterans Day events. Organized the use of military uniforms and arranged the rooms to represent each war era and information for the public. Each uniform was researched on wearer, rank, medals and insignias for future use.

Aura Home for Homeless Women: Held positions of Board Member, Fundraiser and Project Member. Acted in the absence of the Director. Promoted need for providing housing for homeless women veterans. I have 3 goals: increase our membership, educate our public on military in Korea, and assist with obtaining benefits for our Korean Veterans. We need to promote a legacy that our predecessors would be proud of.

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PAUL H. CUNNINGHAM



To: Mr. Thomas Cacy, Chairman of the Elections Committee

Subject: Letter of Intent to Run for the Office of director of KWVA. Inc.

Date: Dec. 8, 2019

I deem it both a privilege and a pleasure to submit my name as a candidate for the position of Director for a three-year term commencing on June 25, 2020.

My military service began in 1946 when, given a guarantee of a Tech School of my

choice, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Following basic training at Lackland AFB. I completed Radar Repairman School at Keesler Field, Biloxi, MS. I was assigned to the 606th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron then based at Shaw AFB, Sumpter, SC. Within days after the outbreak of the Korean War, we received orders to ship to Korea. We arrived there on Sept. 20, 1950.

Duty stations while in Korea included: Pusan, Ulsan, Pyongyang and Kimpo. After seventeen months, I was finally rotated stateside. I attained the rank of S/Sgt. while in Korea. I was discharged at Perrin AFB, Dennison, TX in Aug. 1951 enabling me to matriculate in college that fall.

My professional career began as a high school history teacher. After seven years, I moved into school administration. Once there, I progressed through all levels of administration culminating in my appointment as County Superintendent of Schools. In pursuit of a doctorate, I spent two years as administrative assistant to the Dean of the College of Education at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. In 2016, I was elected as a Director of the KWVA Board. During my second year, I was encouraged by several colleagues to run for the office of President and, in 2018, I assumed the leadership office of KWVA. In the closing paragraph of my initial message to you I stated " ... KWVA is your organization." By that, I meant I would solicit your thinking on matters of utmost importance to the well-being of our great organization. Making good on that pledge, I circulated three surveys-two by email which yielded valid data but, had limited responses. The third survey was conducted using the USPS and

resulted in 106 surveys being returned.

Your responses to the seven-question survey were quite conclusive. Results will be reported elsewhere in this issue. Suffice to say, this valuable data should translate into essential changes resulting in a much stronger organization. It is for this reason that I seek your vote so that I may return to the Board to help bring these necessary changes to fruition. If elected, you may be sure, I will continue to seek your input so that Board decisions are made in your best interests.

As a Life Member of KWVA my dues are current through the term of office. If elected as a Director, I pledge that I will attend all called meetings of the Board and fully understand that two missed meetings could be grounds for removal from office. I hereby grant the Elections Committee permission to release the application form for verification purposes. Copies of the completed application form and separation form DD 214 are enclosed herewith.

Yours in brotherhood,

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ADDENDUM:

In the Nov/Dec 2019 issue of Graybeards I gave you the preliminary findings to three of the questions in the autumn 2019 survey. There were still three weeks remaining to receive reports from chapters, but I wanted to let you know how responses were trending. It is extremely pleasing to me to report the complete results of the final tally of the surveys returned from 107 chapters. These are:

Q.1 Would you favor the Board moving to just one face-to-face meeting a year?

Yes – 92 No – 15

Q.2 Would you favor eliminating the office of 2nd Vice President?

Yes – 89 No – 17

Q.3 Would you favor a by-law amendment removing the prerogative of appointing the immediate past president as advisor the President and the Board?

Yes – 61 No – 41

Q.4 Would you favor a by-law restricting the number of officers and directors from any one to just two?

Yes – 83 No – 22

Q.5 Would you favor a by-law that would restrict any of the three top offices being occupied by more than one person from any one chapter?

Yes - 64 No - 34

Q.6 Would you favor striking the word “War” from the name of our Association? Yes – 20 No – 87

Q.7 Would you favor filling this position (Executive Director) as soon as possible with a well -qualified replacement?

Yes – 90 No – 17

I have requested By-law committee chairman Narce Caliva to transform the findings to each of the first five questions into a by-law or SPM change necessary to implementing your recommendations. These, in turn, will appear as items for Board action at the January meeting. Voting will be by Roll Call vote and the results will be report-

ed to you, at once.

To question 6, you have again been abundantly clear—there shall be no tampering with the name of our great association. This finding should serve to guide the thinking of Boards well into the future.

In the Sept./Oct. 2019 issue of Graybeards, I informed you that a previous motion to appoint a committee to search for a candidate for Executive Director was defeated by one vote. Armed with an overwhelming 84% favorable vote, I initiated another “Business without Meeting” motion authorizing the appointment of a search committee to seek a replacement for Jim Fisher. With the full knowledge of your thinking, the Board, once again, I am sad to report, rejected your recommendation to seek a replacement for Jim Fisher.

WILFRED “Bill” E. LACK



Today I am announcing my intent to run for a National Director position in the KWVA. I served on active duty in the U.S. Army from January, 1951, until March, 1957. My service in Korea was from April, 1953, until April, 1954. I was in several different areas of Korea during that time. First, I was assigned to G-2 section, Headquarters, Prisoner of War Command. While there, I traveled to and inspected all of our POW camps in

Korea. When the cease fire was signed, I was sent to Inchon, where I helped coordinate the swap of North Korean and Chinese prisoners for returning Americans. From there, I was assigned to the 523rd Military Intelligence Company.

We were attached to Headquarters IX Corps and worked with their G-2 section. In April, 1954, I was transferred to Headquarters 500th Military Intelligence Group in North Camp Drake, Japan. I was NCOIC of the production section, supervising both military and civilian personnel. In Dec., 1954, I was moved again. This time to Special Projects Branch, J-2 Division, Headquarters, United Nations, Far East Command at Pershing Heights in Tokyo, Japan. I worked with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and several other government agencies in gathering and analyzing intelligence from the entire Pacific Rim. I remained in that position until March, 1957, when I was sent to Oakland, California, for discharge. My rank at time of discharge was M/Sgt. At this point, I went to college, got a job and started my civilian life.

I worked for Sears and Western Auto for 31 years opening new stores and managing stores in MS, AL, NC, AR, FL, MO and TX. In 1988 I took an early retirement and went to Egypt, where I ran the PX system for Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). The MFO monitored the Egyptian/Israeli peace treaty. I lived in Egypt, but traveled to Israel every week. I also traveled to other countries as needed. I was there during the 1st Gulf War and was awarded a Civilian Commendation Medal for my 5 years of service there. I am now retired again but still am very active in my community. I have served on several boards and commissions at the city, county and state level.

At the present time, I am serving as a National Director of the KWVA. I have also been appointed by the KWVA Board to be their liaison to the U.S. Congress. In that position I am working with

Congress on three pending bills in the House of Representatives, hoping to have the bills passed in this term.

If elected, I will attend all called meetings. I understand that two unexcused absences could be used as a reason for my removal from office. I also release my application form for verification by the Election Committee.

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DOUGLAS VOSS



This letter is to announce my candidacy for KWVA Director, to serve from June 25, 2020-June 25, 2023. My dues are paid up for 4 years. If elected, I promise to attend all called meetings, and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. I'm releasing the KWVA application form for verification of eligible service years.

I joined the Army June 1968, and was honorably discharged in July 1971. I

was trained as a wheel vehicle mechanic but never worked in the MOS. I served in Korea, HHC 2/23 Inf 2ID on the DMZ Nov. 1968 to Dec.1969. I served as a recovery specialist, and Imjin Scout. I served in Schweinfurt Germany in A Trp. 3/7 Cav. 31D as a Cavalry scout, Troop commander driver, turret mechanic, and recovery specialist. I joined the Michigan Nat. Guard in 1979 and left in 1981. I was a Forward Observer while serving there.

After I ETSed from Active service, I went to college for a degree in Political Science, but put that on the back burner to become a Tool and Die maker at General Motors. I retired from there in 2008.

I became interested in veterans organizations after realizing I missed the camaraderie in service to our nation. Pride in serving in the Armed Forces became stronger for me as time went on I joined the VFW, 2nd Inf. Div. Assn, and the KWVA in 2014, first 2 years as member at large. I also belong to the Kent County Honor Guard for veteran's funerals. In the KWVA I was on the color Guard for 2018 at the Amphitheater in Arlington Nat. Cemetery. I'm also on the Missions and Visions Statements Committee, as well as the Korea Defense Veterans Memorial Committee. I've attended 2 funerals in Traverse City Michigan for two positively identified repatriated remains out of the 55 handed over the US at the Trump-Kim 'Singapore Summit in Jun 2018. There are 3 repatriated soldiers out of the 55 repatriated that are from the Traverse City MI area. I hope more remains will be repatriated to the US for identification. On the internet, I started the first Korean DMZ Vets Group on facebook, almost 10 years ago. It has steadily grown to almost 2,800 members. I started doing research on the DMZ, including the KIAs, WIA's, and POWs, during the years from July 27 1953, to the last American on patrol in the DMZ Nov. 1 1991. The mission on the DMZ, most people have no idea about, nor do most people believe us DMZ and Defense veterans when we tell them about the 89 KIA, and double that wounded, plus 95 POWs. Gold Star Mothers of DMZ and Defense veterans know the emptiness just as much as Gold Star Mothers do who lost their son or

daughter in a full out war.

As a Director, there are 2 things at the top of my list of missions to pursue. One, grow the KWVA through recruiting. Two, honor Korean War Veterans, and make sure the Forgotten War is not forgotten. I do Talk America at schools and organizations. This is using Dr. Hans program. I also have a program geared to the Defense of Korea, and the Korean DMZ. The Korean War was a very gruesome war. That should never be forgotten, Ever. Also, good men lost their lives enforcing the terms of the Armistice of 1953, and I do everything I can to tell the truth about the DMZ Mission. I go to festivals and hand out applications for the KWVA there. I want to participate in meetings to learn, and contribute to the perpetuation of the KWVA. The Republic of Korea is a close ally, has grown immensely since the Korean War. R.O.K now is a democracy, and is a beacon of freedom in the Western Pacific. This is thanks to those that served and sacrificed the Korean Theater, and Post Armistice era. Kamsahamnida.

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We didn't do much talking...

This touching poem, written by LCDR Roberto J. Prinselaar, USCG (Ret), is etched in stone at a Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Liberty State Park, NJ Turnpike.

We didn't do much talking,
We didn't raise a fuss.
But Korea really happened
So please - remember us.

We all just did our duty
But we didn't win or lose.
A victory was denied us
But we didn't get to choose.

We all roasted in the summer
In winter, we damn near froze.
Walking back from near the Yalu
With our blackened frozen toes.

Like the surf the Chinese kept coming
With their bugles in the night.
We fired into their masses
Praying for the morning light.

All of us just had to be there
And so many of us died.
But now we're all but half forgotten
No one remembers how we tried.

We grow fewer with the years now
And we still don't raise a fuss.
But Korea really happened
So please - remember us.