

Looking back now as an American senior citizen, I believe our parents' open discussions and criticism of Syngman Rhee taught us "right" from wrong." More important, it showed us that a nation's leader doesn't always do what's best for the people he rules. Subsequently, Rhee was ousted from his presidential seat in April 1960, after millions of students nationwide protested against his corrupt government, particularly after he won the presidential seat for the fourth term by rigged votes.

Worse yet, Rhee caused more than 200 students' deaths by ordering the police to shoot the demonstrators. He narrowly escaped death

as a plane provided by the American CIA transported him to Hawaii, where he died of stroke in 1965. Shortly thereafter we learned about Rhee's secret bank in Switzerland containing millions of U.S. dollars—another piece of evidence of his corrupted mind.

As a child of the long-ago war, I wonder how General MacArthur felt when he learned of Rhee's demise and flight to Hawaii, never to return to his own country.

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CALL FOR ELECTIONS

The membership is hereby notified that elections will be held in the spring of 2022 for the following National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (KWVA) positions: President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, to serve from June 25, 2022 - June 25, 2024; and three Directors to serve from June 25, 2022-June 2025.

Any regular member 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, Tom Casey, in writing, using the format below. **The Election Committee Chairman must receive all applications and documents not later than December 15, 2021.**

REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must:

A. 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.

B. 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/>)

C. Submit a current photograph, suitable for publication in The Graybeards, in which the candidate is clearly the focus of the picture.

D. 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) 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.

SUBMISSION DATE:

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, 2021.**

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

MAILING ADDRESS:

Application packages and questions are to be addressed to Tom Cacy, Elections Committee Chairman, 18330 Emerald Forest Drive, San Antonio TX 78259.

For sample letters refer to previous copies of The Graybeards, e.g., Jan/Feb 2020. If you do not have a copy of this issue, go to KWVA.us, scroll down the left side, and click on The Graybeards, online archives for past issues.

THE ELECTION PROCESS

1. The Elections Committee certifies the candidates who are qualified to stand for office.
2. The letters and photos of the certified candidates are then sent to the membership office for review and forwarding to The Graybeards for publication.
3. Members cast their ballots and mail them by May 11, 2021 to the Membership Office address printed on the front of the ballot.
4. The Membership Office verifies the eligibility of members to vote in the election, counts the ballots, reports the results, and sends the ballots to the CPA for verification.
5. The results reported by the CPA are then verified by the Elections Committee.
6. Copies of the completed and verified tally sheets are sent by certified mail to each board member and to each candidate for office.