

## Notice to all members:

The candidate list is complete and we have a fine list of members willing to step up and work for you. Read the resumes and place your ballot accordingly. Their qualifications are quite extensive. Many have served as officers in other veterans groups, as well as the KWVA. Pick leaders, not followers. Pick individuals who have shown they will work for you.

DO NOT just follow the adage to go back to the good old days. Take the ballot out of this magazine and pick the new officers.

Individuals who promise to undo all the work of Board of Directors are not going to help the KWVA move forward. I request that every member submit a ballot. Be a part of the future of the KWVA.

Remember, yesterday is gone. We are all part of yesterday and we cannot change it. Tomorrow is always tomorrow, and we cannot wait for it to arrive before we work for the future. We are working for today. Today is here and will not go away. Help the elected officers work on your behalf by electing good members to replace those individuals who must step down due to time limits in office.

Effective upon the Closing Date of February 15th, all Applications for Office were verified by the Committee. The names have been submitted to the Secretary & the editor of *The Graybeards* for the printing of the ballots. The committee has submitted the names in alphabetical order for each position, not by seniority, as some individuals have been alleging.

Incidentally, the Ballot is in the centerfold of this issue of *The Graybeards*.

Your vote does count. Ask questions: do not be guided by the same old complaints. There are fifteen (15) elected officers working on your behalf. Talk to more than one. Talk to the old members and the newer members. We have a great organization.

The committee is here to serve you. If you have any questions, contact Chairman Thomas M. McHugh, Director 2007-2010 (See inside front cover for contact information.)

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M McHugh, Director  
Chairman, Nominations & Elections Committee

### For President

Byron W. Dickerson  
William F. Mac Swain  
Christ Yanacos

### For 1st Vice President

Mike Doyle  
James E. Ferris

### For 2nd Vice President

Robert S. Banker  
Glenn E. Berry

### For Director

Leo D. Agnew  
Jeffrey J. Brodeur  
Luther Dappen  
C. Clyde Hooks  
George E. Lawhon  
Tine P. Martin, Sr.  
David A. McDonald  
Wilmer "Bill" R. Olson  
Mellant Palo  
Luther R. Rice, Jr.

## Unofficial Websites For Election Discussion and Information

Two websites, [www.dcakwva.org/kwva\\_national\\_election\\_2008.html](http://www.dcakwva.org/kwva_national_election_2008.html) and [www.kwvavoterinfo.org](http://www.kwvavoterinfo.org), have been established so interested individuals can discuss and cover the issues and candidates in the 2008 KWVA election.

**NOTICE:** The cost of a first-class stamp rises to 42 cents effective May 12, 2008. Please bear that in mind if you return your ballot after May 11th. You may, of course, continue to use your forever stamps after May 11th.

**NOTICE:** Due to the need to print election results and to accommodate the new administration, there may be delays in the distribution dates of the May/June and July/August issues of *The Graybeards*. We will do our utmost to get them out on schedule, however.

## PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

### BYRON W. DICKERSON



This is to announce my intent to run for the position of President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

I presently serve as The First Vice President. Previously I served as the Second Vice President. I also serve on the Board of another non profit. Some of the things I would like to see in the KWVA.

1. Continue seeking a National

Charter.

2. A profit and loss statement in each issue of the Graybeards.
3. A letter to the Editor for complaints, etc.
4. Restoration and Peace
5. Cease Fire on all of the name calling and accusations, etc.
6. Open door policy, if you have a question it will be answered with respect.
7. Accountability on all issues.
8. Continue helping Veterans to receive their benefits.

I was born raised and attended school in Girard, Texas. I enlisted in the Army on the 3rd of August 1948. I arrived in Korea on the 5th day of January 1951. I was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division. I participated in several battles the last one being Heartbreak Ridge. I rotated from Korea on the 25th day of November 1951. I tried to put Korea out of my mind for the next 50 years. When I learned of the KWVA I joined. I served in Chapter 215 as the founding Judge Advocate.

My personal awards are, CIB, Good Conduct, And National Defense. Korean Service with four battle stars, U.S. Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Presidential Unit Citations and Others. I am a life member of KWVA, LR 22282, VFW, DAV, American Legion, CIA, 2nd Division Alliance, 2nd Division Association and the 23rd Inf. Regt. Assoc. I was discharged from the Army May 22, 1952;

I am 76 years old in good health married to the same wife for 55 years.

I retired from the U.S. Postal Service with 37years service. I consider it an Honor and Privilege to be a candidate for President and I solicit your vote and I promise that I will attend all called meetings and I understand that two unexcused absences could be used for removal from office. I am a life member therefore my dues will be current for the term 2008-2010. I have enclosed a separate signed official membership application showing eligible service and this statement releasing it for verification by the Nominating Committee.

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### WILLIAM F. Mac SWAIN



I submit this resume according to the KWV A Bylaws for placing my name on the ballot for National President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. for the years 2008 - 2010.

I served as a Master Sergeant in the Weapons Platoon of Company "B", I 79th Infantry Regiment of the 45th Division from 1950 - 1952. I received the Combat Infantryman's

Badge, Korean Presidential Citation and other Service Medals while in Korea serving in the Chorwon Valley Area in 1951 - 1952.

I am a Life Member (LR26546) of the KWV A and a Charter Member of the General Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area. I have served two three-year terms as a Director with two years under one President and four years currently under a second President. I have worked primarily as a Bylaws Committee Member for two years and the Liaison between the KWV A and the Korean War Veterans National Museum for six years. I have also been the Bylaws Chairman for four years and was instrumental in writing and obtaining approval for a Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) to help all Officers and Directors with their tasks. I know the Bylaws and their intent and have worked with many veterans, who have volunteered as Bylaws Committee Members. We have been instrumental in suggesting Bylaws improvements and changes. This task requires the making of decisions to either suggest support or rejection to the Board of Directors to decide to either reject or pass the requested changes on to the membership. I have participated in the "Tell America Program" in our Chapter and thus know just how important chapters are to the KWVA. In fact chapters are our true public relations arm in keeping their communities informed about the Korean War and how it was the first successful war against spreading communism. They also honor those who gave their all by raising funds and erecting Memorial Monuments in their communities. In addition, I have served in the capacity of Board Chairman in other Associations, as well as having served as Secretary and Treasurer in the Chapter since its formation. I am also Treasurer of a church and thus have direct experiences in financial matters.

I understand the responsibilities of a President and recognize that the President must work with those individuals who volunteer for elections to positions on the Board of Directors or have been appointed with Board approval. The President must make decisions based on facts and with integrity. I have decided to not run on any ticket since I believe this fosters the beliefs that the President or any Board Member might be indebted to those individuals who have supported his candidacy.

I have heard the criticism of some of the things that the different administrations have fallen short on and I have plans to take care of some of them, which I believe have merit. I do not criticize others with name calling since I recognize that all of the veterans within the association do not process information the same as

myself. Having been a Test Engineer by profession, with a large Aeronautical Company as a supervisor, I have developed the ability to base my decisions on facts or to at least recognize that there are two sides to every story. I believe that a method for reporting the financial conditions of National to the membership can be accomplished and have a plan to make that happen. I also know what fiscal responsibility requires and will endeavor to make sure it is done. I recognize the task of President requires many hours of work, responsibilities, coordination and travel

I ask for your vote in this election for me to lead the KWV A forward while healing some self inflicted wounds. I will attend every called meeting of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. I am a Life Member (LR26546) thus my dues are current through the whole term of the office I am running for. My current address is 8452 Mary's Creek Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76116 and my telephone number is 817-244-0706. I have also attached a signed KWVA Official Application Form with my dates of service and other information and the signature on this resume and my Official Application Form releases both for verification by the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CHRIST YANACOS



This letter is to announce my candidacy for President of the KWVA. Presently, I am a National Director, currently serving as Chairman of the "Tell America Committee", previously having served as Assistant Sgt. At Arms, a member of the Ethics and Grievance Committee and Lake Erie Chapter #112 as Secretary.

I enlisted in the USAF in January, 1950 arriving in Korea in October, 1950 with the 6127th Air Terminal Group; combat Cargo Command where I served there both on ground and in the air as Assistant Load Master until August, 1951. I was later stationed in Japan and was Honorable Discharged in January, 1954.

I am a retired Law Enforcement Officer; a Graduate of the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. I have also taken numerous courses from the Department of Justice with specialties in Evidence, Crime Scene Investigation, Court Security and many other disciplines.

Currently I am a Life Member of the KWVA, VFW and AMVETS. Memberships also include the IPA, Buckeye Sheriffs' Association, Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Association, F.O.E. and Blue Knights Motorcycle Club, having served in leadership roles in all of these organizations throughout the years. My involvement in law enforcement and my numerous affiliations with these various organizations have given me the business

experience needed to manage the KWVA in an effective and professional manner.

As President, I would like to see the State Department Presidents/Commanders have a greater involvement in National affairs. This would bring the "man on the street" member closer to National activities and devoting a section of the Graybeards to thoughts and articles written by the State Department heads.

As a life member, my dues are current. I understand the KWVA by-laws and will attend all called meetings. I understand that if I have two unexcused absences I could be removed from office. I release my application to the nominating committee for verification. I am proud to be a Korean War Veteran and a member of this prestigious organization.

I thank you for your consideration.

Your fellow veteran,

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## 1st VP CANDIDATES

### MICHAEL J. DOYLE



My name is Michael J. Doyle [MIKE] It is my intention, with the help of you, the MEMBERSHIP, to seek and obtain the office of First Vice President in the KWVA the term of 2008 - 2010.

I served in the U.S. Army Infantry from 1952 - 1954. I was a machine gun ammo bearer in Company D 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea 1953-

1954. I was present on the main line of resistance and in support of Outpost Harry, when the ceasefire took place AT 10:00 P.M. on July 27th, 1953.

My awards include the Combat Infantry Badge, the Korean Service Medal, with two Bronze Service Stars, the National Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean War Service Medal.

Prior to entering the Army I attended college, was then drafted, and after basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, I arrived in Korea in April 1953.

After my tour of duty in Korea I returned to college, graduated, and married my much loved wife, Betsy, (51 years ago this year). We have been blessed with six fine daughters and two equally fine sons, and nine (also fine) grandchildren, all of whom live near us except for one.

My work career included duties as: Liaison Engineer, Quality Engineer, Manufacturing Engineer, New Products and other engineering responsibilities. I also served as General Manager, Plant Manager and Owner of manufacturing plants

I believe my background in these disciplines, engineering with its step-by-step approach to solving problems, and my people management skills, my work in the Korean War Veterans Association,

and the Disabled American Veterans qualifies me to seek the office of First Vice President in OUR GREAT ASSOCIATION. THE KWVA

I am the immediate past president, two terms, of the Walton H. Walker Chapter 215 of the KWVA in the Arlington, Fort Worth, Dallas area of Texas. I have also served two terms as the Vice President of the Texas State Association of the KWVA, and I have also served as: DAV chapter Adjutant, Treasurer, Secretary, & Delegate to the National Convention. I am a member of Chapter 42 of the Disabled American Veterans, Grand Prairie, Texas.

I am currently serving as a National Director on The Board of Directors of the KWVA.

I would now like to discuss with you a need for improvement and change in attitude at the National level of the KWVA The last four years of management style of the KWVA has been one of direction from the top.

I am a very firm believer in member involvement and member direction of elected and or appointed offices and staff. These people should, in all aspects, serve the members. That is why they were elected and or appointed.

When I ran for the Office of Director, I ran on the basis of trying to obtain more Accountability. Accountability is still less than it should be. Our organization being a non-profit organization should be transparent. Openness, approachability and a willingness to address inquiries in a civil, non-confrontational manner should be minimal requirements for all elected and or appointed persons.

If you elect me to this position I pledge to do everything in my power to correct these shortcomings.

I ask for your support in this election. I cannot stress strongly enough how important your voting is.

It is my intention to attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors. And I understand that two unexcused absences could lead to my dismissal from office. I am a life member #LR33526 and therefore my dues are paid in full.

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## JAMES E. FERRIS



I submit the following declaring my intent to run for the office of First Vice President. I will attend all called meetings knowing that if I miss two unexcused meetings I can be removed from office. My dues are up to date as I am a life member of the KWVA. A signed membership application form is attached, along with a recent picture. My resume is as follows:

I am a Charter member of the National Organization as well as my home Chapter (Central New York #105) and a life member of both. I have served as a Board Member, Finance Committee,

Bereavement Committee and Chapter Commander. I served eight (8) terms as President of the New York Department. I have served as a National Director, National Second Vice President. In addition I have served on the Resolutions Committee, the National Budget and Finance Committee and as such I Chaired the very successful fund raising committee, when the (M1 Rifle, Carbine and 45 Pistol) were offered. This fund raiser allowed us to place over \$80,000.00 into our National Treasury. I was recently Chairman of the 2007 Convention in RENO which from all reports was very successful. I am a proponent of enlisting new and younger people into our organization as long as they are qualified under our Bylaws. I support prudent financial planning and reporting of such to the membership.

I was employed for 35 years with American Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, where I held a managerial position. I retired in 1989 as Area Manager. During that time, I was involved in many facets of the organization, including the divestiture of the Bell System. I served on the Corporate Staff for several years and supervised the operation of my department throughout all of New York State and the New England States. I served with the United States Marine Corps from 1952 until 1955 and with the New York Guard for 17 years. I do not dwell on my military experience as I personally do not consider that relative to a Fraternal Veterans Organization.

I have been married to my wife Felice for 50 years. We have three daughters, two Sons in law and six Grandchildren. A family we are extremely proud of.

If elected, I will do my utmost to use my managerial skills and my vast experience in the National, State and Chapter organizations. I will ensure that all tasks presented to me will be dealt with in a fair, unbiased and competent manner. The desires of the membership will be the number one consideration behind any of my decisions. I shall be guided only by sound logic and intelligent advice.

With the above in mind I believe I am truly qualified and can contribute a great deal to the office of First Vice President.

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## 2nd VP CANDIDATES

### ROBERT S. BANKER



This letter is to announce my intention to run for the office of 2nd Vice President of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2008 to 2010. I have been an elected Director since 2005 and I am confident that I can now best serve as a member of the Association's Administration.

I served in Korea from May 1952 to June 1953 with the 25th Infantry Division, 8th Field Artillery Bn. and assigned to what was then known as the Wire Section. This included operating a switch-

board to direct phone calls into and out of the Battery.

Following separation from the U.S. Army, I graduated from College with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Accounting. I was employed in the life insurance industry and subsequently earned Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant degrees.

I have been involved with Maryland Chapter #33 since 2000. I served as 2nd ViceCommander, 1st Vice Commander and then was elected as Commander in 2003. I have been the Chapter's Treasurer and Newsletter Editor for the last several years. I am extremely proud of the work of the Maryland Chapter, whose members are deeply committed to the Association. In fact, on June 25, 2007, through the Chapter's initiative, the State of Maryland dedicated Maryland Rt. #43 to the Korean War and Korea Service Veterans. This is the first such dedication in the United States to those who served during the war as well as those who served after the war. A photo of the site of this commemoration has been included in the new National application form.

Since being elected as a Director, I have attended all Board Meetings and I have been involved in numerous activities. I served as Chairman of the Nominations and Election Committee for two years as well as Co-Chairing the National Legislative Committee, whose main responsibility is the acquisition of a Federal Charter for this Association. This remains a work in progress but I certainly believe that the efforts of the KWVA will ultimately be successful.

At the request of President Louis Dechert, I have been proud and honored to represent the National Association and act on his behalf at a number of functions. Most recently, I had the pleasure of presenting a Charter to the newly organized Antietam Chapter #312, in Hagerstown, Maryland.

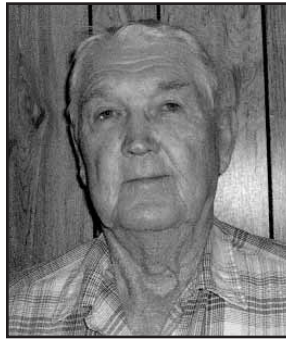
As I stated in my resume three years ago, it is my belief that it is essential that all counterproductive distractions concerning our Association be set aside so that all resources can be applied to strengthen our organization. I also believe that openness of views is the very foundation of understanding and, with that in mind, I invite anyone to either call or e-mail any concerns. My phone number and e-mail address is at the head of this letter.

My dues are paid through the whole term of the office I am seeking. I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two un-excused absences may be a reason for removal from office.

Sincerely,

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## GLENN E. BERRY



I am announcing my candidacy for the office of 2nd Vice President for the period of 2008-2010. I am a Korean War Veteran, serving in Korea with the 25th Infantry Div. From July 1950 to May 1951. I was assigned to the 25th Division, being stationed in Japan during the post WWII occupation in Jan. 1950 until the outbreak of the Korean War.

I enlisted in the army in August 1949 and received my basic training in the 10th Infantry Division, Ft. Riley, Ks. I returned there as a platoon Sergeant, after my Korean service and served there until my discharge in Sept. 1952.

I served 27 years with the Omaha Nebraska police department and retired as a sergeant. For 6 ½ years during this time period, I was a part-time Deputy U.S. Marshal, Dist. of Nebraska.

I belong to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, KWVA, 25th Infantry Div. Association and the 35th Infantry Regiment Association. I have served as 2nd Vice Commander, and 1st Vice Commander at our local American Legion Post.

My dues are paid thru 2010. I will attend all meetings called and I understand that two unexcused absences from called meetings may result in my removal from office. I promise honesty and integrity and that my interest will always be for the good of the KWVA.

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## DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

### LEO D. AGNEW



This letter is to announce my intention to run for the office of National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. For the years 2008-2011.

I served in Korea from 1950-1952 with the 187th ARCT, Pathfinders, Intelligence/Reconnaissance. I served in the following areas Inje, Uijongbu, Wonton-ni, Opari, Hajoyane-ni, Punji-Pass as well as other locations. And earned the rake of Sergeant First

Class. I was Honorably Discharged after ten (10) years in the US Army Airborne. I purxued a career in Law Enforcement and earned my degree in Criminology.

As a Life Member (LR36218) of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc and Chapter #300 Boston Massachusetts. I have served as your National Judge Advocate for the past two (2) years. I have served through the chairs of the VFW and American Legion. I have been Chairman, judge Advocate and Secretary of the LTG James M. Gavin Chapter 820d Airborne Division

**BALLOT ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE**  
**VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE**

Association New England. Of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

I am a Life Member of the following Veterans Organizations: Military Order Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, 820d Airborne Division Association, C47 Club, Pathfinders Association, Korean War Veterans Association Inc., Canadian Airborne Forces Association. I have membership in the 187th 'Rakkasan's' 11th Airborne Division Association, American Legion, 173rd Airborne brigade Association.

I am 76 in good health and widowed. My concerns are for the betterment of the Korean War veterans Association Inc. And its members. And to strive for the Associations continued success. I will be at every members beck-and-call to help in every possible way for their needs.

If elected I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) un-excused absences could be used for removal from office.

I release my application form for verification showing my eligible service. To the Nominating Committee.

Thank you for your consideration and confidence in voting for me.

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## JEFFREY J. BRODEUR



I am running for a second term as KWVA National Director. I am a Life Member of the KWVA (LR35528). I will attend all KWVA Board meetings and serve the membership to the best of my ability. I also understand that 2 unexcused absences is grounds for removal. and I release all information on my application to the Nominating Committee.

I was born in Boston in January of 1964 and served in the US Army from 1982-1989. I was a weapons platoon squad leader in Korea from Feb - Dec 1988 with B-4/7 CAV and B-5/17 CAV, 2nd Infantry Division and am a recipient of the Korea Defense Service Medal. My military service also includes service with the 25th Infantry Division and Massachusetts National Guard 26th Yankee Division. I worked for the US Postal Service from 1990 to 2001 while attending University of Massachusetts-Boston. I have a BA in Sociology/Criminal Justice (2001), an MA in Applied Sociology (2005) and a CAGS in Applied Sociology Forensics Services Program (2002). I am in many veterans organizations including the VFW, Amvets, DAV, American Legion, and founded the Korea Veterans of America Inc which later became KWVA Chapter #299, the largest Chapter in the Korean War Veterans Association. My present additional assignment is that of KWVA Membership Chairman.

As Membership Chairman:

- 1) We have raised membership every year since I have been KWVA Membership Chairman.
- 2) We have created new decals, pins, posters, patches and flyers to include all Korea Veterans. These can all be seen on the KWVA website at [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org).
- 3) We created the best national website in the country.
- 4) We sponsored many KWVA recruiting events in Korea.
- 5) We increased post war veteran membership in the KWVA.
- 6) We did several state bills helping post war Korea Veterans in PA, MA, ME and presently have a bill in NY trying to help post war Korea Veterans get recognition.
- 7) We created several KWVA Chapters.

By doing these things, we are trying to keep the legacy of the Korean War and its aftermath alive for decades to come. I say "We," because I work with a team on the Membership Committee. I believe we are all in this together. We need to move forward and saturate the United States and Korea with KWVA materials so we can educate the public on the Korean War, its aftermath, and the Korean War Veterans Association. A vote for me is a vote to keep the KWVA alive for many decades to come. Sincerely,

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## LUTHER DAPPEN



This letter is to announce my candidacy for Director of the KWVA for the years 2008-2011. My membership number is LR7827. I am a life member, so my dues are paid through 2011. I am releasing my application form for verification for the nominating committee.

I was born on a farm in South Dakota in 1930. I joined the army shortly after high school graduation.

I served in Korea from November 1950 to September 1951. I was a member of the 25th Recon Company of the 25th Inf. Div. My rank while in Korea was a Corporal. Our Company had many casualties during this period of time, and I feel fortunate to have survived.

When I returned from Korea, under the GI Bill, I attended Northern State University and received a degree in Teaching. Later, I received my Masters degree in Education from the University of Wyoming. I taught in the public school in South Dakota and Iowa for 10 years. In 1965, I joined the Job Corps in Tamarac, Minnesota. My duties were counseling, motivating, and evaluating all Corpsmen. Four years later, Pres. Nixon decided to close most of the Job Corps Centers, so I was transferred to the Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. This school is a off reservation boarding school serving Native American Indian youths grades 9-12. I was a guidance counselor at this school

until my retirement in 1992.

In the summer of 2000, I returned to Korea on the revisit program. Seoul, Korea was a big surprise to me, with all the modern sky scrapers. My thoughts were: Those P-51 's could not make it down the streets in their strafing runs like they did the 1st week of January 1951. The planes would do a belly roll, and head back to Japan.

In the year 2000, our KWVA Chapter 194 (South Dakota) was organized. The 1st two years I was elected vise president. From 2002-2004 I was elected and held the position of president.

I am a life member of the VWF, and American Legion, and past Commander. I am still active on the firing squad for local veteran funerals giving them their Military Honors.

I am willing to do the best possible job as a Director for the good of the KWVA. I am proud to be a Korean War Veteran and if I am elected, I will attend all meeting of the Board of Directors. I understand that 2(two) unexcused absence could be used for my removal from office.

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## C. CLYDE HOOKS



I am announcing my candidacy for Director for the years 2008 through 2011 and I'm asking for your support. I believe in the equality of everyone who served world wide during the Korean War and all who have served in Korea at any time.

### Qualifications:

I feel that I am fully qualified for the position of Director because of the following:

- Served as adjutant of a VFW Post.
- Served as treasurer and commander of a DAV Chapter.
- Served as adjutant of KWVA Chapter 255 since its formation in 2001.
- Completed organizing and have been the commander of the Department of South Carolina since its formation in 2006.
- Life member of the American Legion, the DAV, the KWVA and TREA.
- Member of the 40 & 8.
- Served on the National Bylaws Committee for the past three years.
- Attended three of the last four National Conventions and the Directors meeting at Gaithersburg, Md., last year, at my own expense.
- Served two tours in Korea, one with the Air Force during the War years, and one with the Army after the War.
- Served in the Army National Guard, before and after the Korean War.
- Served two tours in Vietnam and retired from the Army in 1972

with combined service of twenty-two years.

• Worked as a civilian — first for the Air Force, and then for the Army (civil service), retiring in 1995 with combined service of twenty-one years.

• Elected Commissioner of the Belvedere Fire District for a six-year term in 2002.

### Objectives:

• If elected to the position of Director I will do whatever is necessary to help the KWVA obtain a Federal Charter. It's way past time for our organization to receive one.

• Devote myself to assisting the Chapters and Departments. They are the grassroots of the KWVA and deserve better than they have been receiving. Chapters and Departments should have more authority to govern themselves.

• Encourage membership of Korea Defense Veterans into the KWVA. Without them, we will soon die out.

• All correspondence received by me will be answered to the best of my ability.

• When elected, I will endeavor to be everyone's Director.

I was one of the first to sign the KWVA Code of Conduct. I think they are great guidelines, and I think everyone should sign them, but if you don't like them, I will defend your right not to do so.

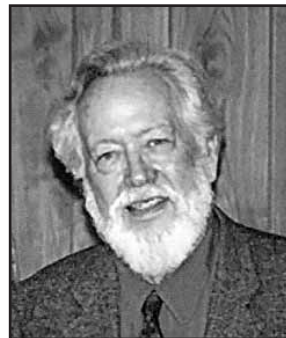
I understand that I would be expected to attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that two (2) un-excused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Since I am a life member, my dues are paid up for life.

Respectfully yours,

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## GEORGE E. LAWHON



My name is George E. Lawhon. I am a candidate for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association, for the period 2008-2011. My dues are current, Life Member # LR18750. I have signed the KWVA Code Of Conduct.

My motivation to serve as a KWVA Director is that I believe in the KWVA and its mission, and will vigorously defend it against all attacks, external or internal. There has been an ongoing, vicious e-mail campaign; an assault on the Korean War Veterans Association itself. This has included attacks on the administration, its officers, the KWVA Bylaws, and the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual. That distorts and inhibits the real progress and accomplishments that have been made by volunteer member veterans, and delays our legitimate efforts to get a Federal Charter. I will work tirelessly to improve the organization where needed, to serve the membership in a constructive manner, by working with, rather than against my fellow Directors.

My conviction and support for the Korean War Veterans Association is expressed in the California Department Mission Statement on its website: [http://www.dcakwva.org/dcakwva\\_bvlaws\\_1.html](http://www.dcakwva.org/dcakwva_bvlaws_1.html). It is in harmony with the KWVA's own Mission Statement. I respectfully ask you, the members of the KWVA, to support me with your vote, to allow me the privilege of serving our common interests.

### Military Experience

My military service began with my enlistment on August 1, 1950, in the United States Air Force. Following Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, I completed the 32-week curriculum at the Electronics & Communications School at Scott AFB, Illinois, as a Ground Electronics & Communications Technician.

I arrived in Taegu, Korea, in June, 1951, and was assigned to the 605th Tactical Control Squadron, a USAF reserve unit shipped out of Pope Field in North Carolina, hurriedly deployed to South Korea in 1950, shortly after the war began. When I joined the 605th, the next youngest man was 25! Following that was a year when, like many of you, I was transformed from an 18-year old boy into manhood. During that year there were experiences that no one would wish for, but since then I never served in a better outfit, or with a finer group of men. I am proud to have known, served with, and learned from them, all who served with honor and a sense of dedicated duty. Those men showed and taught me what 'duty, honor, country' means.

### Civilian Work Experience

Following my Honorable Discharge in 1954 at Patrick AFB, Florida, I worked at Cape Canaveral, Florida for Boeing, as an Electronic Technician, and later for The Martin Company (now known as Lockheed Martin) on defense contracts, first as a Test Engineer; later as a Quality Engineer. Presently I hold a current California license as a Professional Engineer in Quality Engineering, # QU3927, issued July 12th, 1978. I am a working consultant in that field. In the 1960's, I worked at the Kennedy Space Center for Grumman Aerospace Engineering as a Technical Writer, writing test procedures for Apollo astronauts for the LEM (Lunar Excursion Module), on the Apollo Moon Program. Later, working as a design engineer, I designed test equipment and wrote test procedures for the Navy's Grumman F-14 Fighter's flight control system.

### KWVA Service

- Last year (2007), I worked with the KWVA Resolution Committee Chairman, helping in the review and analysis of resolutions submitted by KWVA members. The review I wrote was submitted to the Board of Directors, and approved.
- In addition, I assisted the KWVA Bylaws Committee Chairman with constructive changes and additions to the Bylaws, which were also approved by the KWVA Board of Directors, at the 2007 Annual Convention in Reno.
- Last year, I took part, with our Chapter (6, Santa Clara County) in its tasks for the formation of the KWVA California State Department. We received our Department charter at the Reno Convention. You can see all the history and details on the Department website at <http://www.dcakwva.org/> I am both the Department's Webmaster & its Secretary.

I accept the KWVA Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, subscribe to our KWVA Code Of Conduct, and will support any effort dedicated to the progress of the KWVA. I will attend and participate

in all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences may be cause for my removal from the Board.

I am dedicated to preserving what has been achieved thus far, and helping those who want to implement improvements in a manner that protects the Good of the Order, and hold performance of duty first, ahead of self-interest. I expressed my principles about our duty and our obligation to the KWVA in an article I wrote for *The Graybeards*. You can read it on Pages 70-71 of the November-December 2007 issue. If you believe that my goals and standards are in harmony with yours, I respectfully request your support and your vote. If elected, I will work diligently to preserve and protect the KWVA.

My performance standards will be the membership's Interests; and duty, honor, country.

Respectfully yours,

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### TINE P. MARTIN, SR.



I am a candidate for the office of Director of the National Korean War Veterans, Association, for the years 2008-2011. My dues have been pre-paid. I promise to attend all called meetings, and I understand that two unexcused absences from the same could result in my removal from office. Please release this application information to the Nominating Committee.

I retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a city letter carrier 23 years ago.

I served with the 865th AAA AW Bn, 1951-1952.

I am presently the Commander of Central Indiana Chapter #259, Indianapolis, IN. I am serving as a member of the National Ethics & Grievance Committee and National Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

### Organizations:

Past Commander, and Life Member, Speedway Post #500, American Legion, Speedway, IN.

Life Member, Ft. Harrison Post #7119, VFW, Indianapolis, IN.

Volunteer, Richard Roudebush V.A. Hospital, Indianapolis, IN.

### Statement:

The bickering of a few members has caused turmoil for many. I understand the meaning of free speech, but with the birth of the computer and the E-Mails, it has gone too far - a necessary evil, maybe "yes" and maybe "no." There has been so much hatred in these E-Mails against the current administration, I wonder sometimes how this organization ever existed. I do not know how to fix it, but sooner or later this issue will have to be addressed, if not by me, then other elected candidates will have to deal with it. If this does not cease, our great organization is going "down the drain," without a chance for a National Charter. I have worked hard



to make this a better KWVA, and will continue as long as I am able to do so. Thank you for your time.

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## DAVID A. McDONALD



I am a candidate for the office of Director, National KWVA for the period of 2008-2011. I'm certain that I can be of valued service to all members of our great KWVA as a National Director.

### Present and past service

KWVA- National Membership/ Chapter Formation 2001-2004. Beginning with Jerry Lake in 2001- thereafter as member of National

Committee through 2004. Worked membership development and Chapter forming in Western States including Alaska. Chapter founder, 2 times President KWVA 264, Concord, CA.

### Life Memberships

KWVA since 7/2000-VFW, MOPH, DA V, AMERICAN LEGION- 2 times Post Commander, Past District Commander, - 25TH ID ASSOC.

Serve as a contributing editor to Tropic Lightning "Flashes" (25th ID magazine). Working on Korean War oral history project- completed WWII history project for 25th ID archives and web-site. CCVF- Contra Costa Veterans Foundation -Charter Board Member representing KWVA and DAV.

Born in Kamloops, BC, Canada. Family moved to Sequim, WA on June 25,1941. Naturalized a U.S. Citizen in December 1950. Joined the U.S. Army on March 26, 1951. "Graduated" 14 weeks basic as an OCS candidate. Sent to Camp Roberts, CA. Received advanced leadership training. As Cadre I was an 18 year-old weapons instructor (emphasis rifle and bayonet). 3 months later another Sgt. and I opted out of the OCS program. Received a 10-day leave and orders to report to Camp Stoneman, CA to ship out to Korea. It was 2nd tour for the other Sgt. We arrived in Korea in time for the 51/52 winter.

### In Korea

I served in an infantry rifle platoon in the 25th ID, 14th Regiment as a 19 year old SFC. Experienced daily incoming, night fights, retaking ridgelines, outpost life, numerous patrols, cold winter, hot summer, monsoon rains, etc. On 11/15/52 I was severely wounded during a combat action far out in front of the MLR in the Chorwon Valley. Initial surgery in MASH, helicopter ride in snow storm through hills and valleys to Yongdungpo hospital, airlift to Tokyo hospital where I turned 20, then to Tripler in Hawaii, Travis AFB in CA, and finally Madigan Army Hospital (Fort Lewis), WA where I turned 21. When ambulatory, participated in blood drives for Korea wounded at University of Washington where I later attended school for 2 years.

1956-In Sept. met Aline, the love of my life and married in Nov.-51+ years ago. God has blessed us with 5 wonderful children, 16 grand-

children, and 3 great grandchildren. One grandson, a Marine, served in Iraq.

### Career

My career was in publishing-print media, newspapers, magazines, information services, slip services, bulletins, news letters, micro film and on line services.

Major Employer-McGraw-Hill, Inc.-New York-Hired in 1967, was publisher on daily newspaper in LA, CA. Coverage- 11 southern counties in CA and southern Nevada. Also served on management team to expand information services into 11 Western states. Promoted to Group Manager Newspapers in New York. (42nd St. then moved to 1221 Ave. Of Americas) Responsibility-four daily newspapers in Chicago, Denver, San Francisco, and Los Angeles plus weeklies and periodicals, with regional or national distribution. Group later also included information products/services in 11 Western states plus Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin and magazines in Sacramento and San Francisco, CA, Seattle, WA and Portland, OR. Was "Number One Performing Group" and 5 times "Publisher of the Year"- M-H Systems Co. newspapers. Benefited from professional management courses provided by McGraw-Hill, Inc. Retired 1992 as Publisher/Editor of San Francisco Daily Pacific Builder newspaper covering 47 northern California counties (Consultant for M-H for 2 more years).

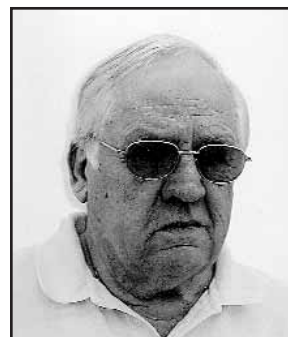
### More Career

Associate Publisher/ Operations. Call Enterprise Newspapers, Bellflower, CA, 14 community newspapers. Merged offices, 3 printing plants, eliminated cost overlaps. Owner/Publisher/ Editor— Desert Sentinel, Desert Hot Springs, CA. OTHER-Was a C of C President, Construction West Man Of The Year-1985, U.S. Bicentennial Area Co-Chair.

I believe in the autonomy of the KWVA Chapters and promise to serve all members. We are all equals in the KWVA with a special shared experience. There should be no looking up, or looking down. The enclosed application is released to the Nominating Committee for verification along with a photo for publication. I'm a Life Member, my dues are paid through the term of office. I understand that I must attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that two unexcused absences could be grounds for removal from office.

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## WILMER "BILL" R. OLSON



I am announcing my candidacy for Office of Director for the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) for the period of 2008-2011. I am a Korean War Veteran, having served in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, from May 1951-June 1952. I was assigned to the 25th Division 35th Regiment, F Company as a combat infantry leader. I served on the front lines for 13 months.

I was drafted by the federal govern-

ment into the U.S. Army on March 5, 1951. I received my basic training with the 10th Infantry Division at Ft. Riley Kansas. I was honorably discharged at Camp Atterbury, Indiana on December 5, 1952.

From 1956-1991, I was a general contractor, building commercial and residential structures throughout the Midwest. I am currently retired.

I have been an active member of the American Legion for 37 years. I am a life member of the DAV, and a life member of the 25th Infantry Division and the 35th Infantry Regiment Association. I am a member of the Korean War Veteran's Association, as well as a life member of the West Valley Chapter KWVA Association (P.O. Box 5745, Sun City West, AZ 85376). For the past 27 years I have also been a member of Elks 2559, Sun City, AZ. My KWVA dues are paid through 2011.

I commit to attending all called meetings of the Association, and I understand that two unexcused absences from called meetings may be cause for removal from office. I pledge honesty, integrity, and allegiance to the Association, and that my interests and actions will always be for the good of the KWVA.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

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## MELLANT PALO



### Statement of Intent:

I wish to place my name in nomination for the office of Director for the term 2008 thru 2011. When called upon, I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors, and I understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

I further authorize the release of all information stated on this applica-

tion to the Nominations & Elections Committee.

### Biograph of Mellant Palo

Born in Brooklyn New York December 21, 1931

Graduate of Bullard Havens Technical School in Bridgeport Connecticut

Served in U S Navy 1951 - 1955 — Married — No Children

Employed as Computer Design Draftsman "Retired"

### Organization Affiliation

Life Member: VFW, American Legion, Tin Can Sailors, KWVA,

ANAVICUS "Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada & US"

Member: VFW Post 10420, American Legion Post 178 & Elks Lodge 2797 all in Murrells Inlet SC,

NRA, U S Naval Institute

American Legion

1996 - 1998 Post Commander

1998 - 2001 County Commander

2001 - 2002 Dept. Vice Commander

2002 - 2004 Dept. District Membership Chairman

2003 - 2007 Department Executive Committeeman

VFW

2000 - 2002 Jr. & Sr. Vice Commander Post 2290

2002 - 2003 All State Commander Post 2290

Presently: Jr. Vice Commander of VFW Post 10420 Murrells Inlet SC

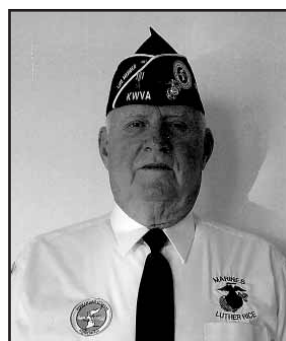
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KWVA Membership #: LR37115 Member: Hector A. Cafferata Jr. MOH Chapter 213

I am asking all members to carefully consider my qualifications for the office of National Director when they cast their votes in this coming election. I am very familiar with the programs and goals of veterans organizations. If elected as National Director of The Korean War Veterans Association it will become my main objective. All other organization involvement will become secondary. My experience in Veterans Affairs that I bring to the KWVA is attributed to having served as a VA Deputy Representative at a VA Hospital for the past four years. Another goal of mine is membership, informing Korean War Veterans that we do exist and asking them to join our organization. If elected I will honor the trust you have placed in me, and I shall not disappoint you. If given the opportunity I am willing and ready to honorably serve the members of the KWVA.

## LUTHER E. RICE, JR



This is to announce my intent to run for the office of "National Director KWVA" for the period 2008 - 2011. I am a Korean War - Vietnam War veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

I am a native of Aurora, Indiana. In June of 1948, following graduation from high school at age 17, I enlisted in the Marine Corps:

- Attended Boot Camp at Parris

Island, SC.

- First duty assignment was as a member of the Marine Detachment, *USS Mississippi* (EAG- (28) March 1949 - May 1951. Completed requirements and received Scouting's "Eagle" award during this tour.

- Ordered to Korea (K-3) April 1952 - April 1953 with Marine Air Control Group-2, 1st Marine Air Wing.

- Ordered to Vietnam November 1965 - September 1966 with Marine Air Traffic Control Unit, Marine Air Base Squadron - 12, 1st Marine Air Wing, Chu Lai. Was commissioned a Second Lieutenant from the rank of Master Sergeant during this tour.

• Ordered to Vietnam for second tour January 1970 - January 1971 with Communications Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division

• Retired with rank of Captain July 1971 after 23 years of active duty

Included among my personal military decorations and awards are the Bronze Star Medal w/combat "V"; Combat Action Ribbon; Navy Achievement Medal; Korean Service Medal w/2\*; and the Vietnam Service Medal w/4\*.

Returning to civilian life in 1971 I became a teacher of high school students and subsequently school principal, a position I held at the time of my retirement in 1992. In 1991 I was appointed by the Governor of Indiana to the position of Judge, Aurora City Court. I was then elected and reelected as Judge and remained in office until August 1997. I currently spend my free time volunteering with various "not-for-profit" groups and staying involved with veterans organizations. I am a Life Member of KWVA as well as possessing a Life Membership in the American Legion; Marine Corps League; Disabled American Veterans; and the VFW.

My qualifications for the position of National KWVA Director include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Life member KWVA Chapter #129 since June 1996
- Served as First-Vice Commander, KWVA, Department of Indiana
- Served as interim Indiana Department Commander following the death of the Department Commander.
- Have served continuously as Commander, KWVA Chapter #129 since June 2000
- Received \$250 from National KWVA for placing third in the national KWVA recruiting contest conducted several years ago
- Proven leadership ability as a Marine and in civilian life
- Education - BS & MS Degrees, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana

As a National Director, there are many worthwhile goals to be pursued that will ultimately enhance the KWVA but my primary focus will be, when elected, to restore UNITY to our great and proud organization.

I certify, that as a Life Member, my dues are current and will be through the whole term of the office that I am seeking. I will attend each called meeting of the Directors and I understand that two unexcused absences from called meetings may result in my removal from office. I have enclosed a separate signed Official Membership Application Form showing my eligible service years and I authorize releasing the application form for verification by the Nominating Committee. I have also enclosed a current self photograph suitable for publication in the *Graybeards* magazine.

I have read the Code of Conduct and will abide by its contents.

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## Membership Report

### Membership Gains

We have been mailing a series of "Press Releases" on the 2008 Revisit Korea Tours. They just recently hit the Providence Journal in Providence, Rhode Island and now the Gainesville Sun in Florida.

It's amazing to me how many Korean War veterans have never even heard of the KWVA! The Revisit Korea press releases are finding them in small towns across America.

According to Annelie Weber, our Executive Assistant and Membership Secretary, this has resulted in many new members since they must belong to KWVA to go on a Revisit Tour.

We are going to have Chapter #100 of Northern Virginia reactivated and up and operating in several weeks.

Warren Wiedhahn, Revisit Korea Coordinator

### Legislative Affairs

#### Status of Federal Charter

On Tuesday, March 11, 2008 Senator Benjamin L. Cardin's office called to inform the KWVA that Senate S-1692 is now in the House of Representatives awaiting a calendar spot for an up or down vote. Congressmen Sam Johnson and Steny Hoyer are attempting to find a calendar location for the vote.

Since the S-1692 has passed in the Senate, the House can now place the Senate bill on the House calendar without going through the House Judiciary Committee. Since the Co-Sponsors of the non-partisan House Bill are in agreement, we are encouraged at this time that our goal might be reached.

Ed Buckman, National Legislative Director



We apologize for errors we make in *The Graybeards*. Our hope is to publish an error-free edition. Unfortunately, that does not always turn out to be the case.

#### He is in the picture, though

The photo on page 54 of the Jan/Feb 2008 *Graybeards*, second from left, bottom row, was identified as me. Actually, it is of my close friend Sam Gann, a medic of 1st Bn., 179th of 45th, who is a "Christmas Hill Brother."

I am partly visible to Sam's right in the top row left photo.

Cordially,

Wayne Pelkey

#### Wrong picture, right caption

The bottom right photo on p.33 of the Nov/Dec 2007 issue does not match the caption. We have the right caption, but the wrong picture. We apologize to the West Virginia Chapter 156 members whose names appear, but whose picture doesn't.