

This letter is to announce my candidacy for Director of the KWVA for the years 2009 through 2012. My membership number is LR07827. I am a life member, so my dues are paid through 2012. 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 I graduated from High School. I served in Korea from November 1950 to September 1951. I was a member of the 25th Recon Company of the 25th Infantry Division. My rank while in Korea was a Corporal. Our Company many casualties during this period of time, 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 schools 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, President 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 off reservation boarding school serving Native American Indian students grade 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 during the 1st week of January, 1951. These planes would do a belly roll, and head back to Japan.

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

I attended the 2008 KWVA Reunion in Norfolk, VA. I would like to work toward increasing membership at these reunions, especially like to see more Chapter Presidents in attendance.

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

I am willing to do the best 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 meetings of the Board of Directors. I understand that 2(two) unexcused absence could be used for my removal from office.

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