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This is to notify you that I am a candidate for Director of the National KWVA for the years 2009-2012. I am a member of the General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215. I have been a member since the chapter was organized in the year 2000. I joined the chapter at the first meeting. When I listened to their mission, I was convinced that I needed to join the chapter and become involved and committed to helping Korean War Veterans. I became president of the chapter my second year and served two years. We accomplished many things while I was president. One of the most important things was to purchase a chapter Monument that was dedicated and placed in the Dallas National Cemetery. During my presidency, the chapter grew from 40 members to about 80. After my two years as president of the Walton H. Walker Chapter 215, I was asked to run for President of the State Department of Texas. I have been President of the State Department for three years. I was elected National Director for the term 2006-2009. The National President assigned me to be Chairman of the Budget Finance and Fund Raising Committee after my election. I have enjoyed this committee assignment and feel that I have learned much developing a budget for an organization the size of the National KWVA. It has been a pleasure to work with the National Board on items that will have a positive effect on the Korean War Veterans.

If elected, I will always be committed to the Korean Veterans that fought so bravely to defeat Communism. I will also be committed to fighting for the Korean Service Veterans. These veterans have fought for 50 something years to keep North Korea from invading South Korea. They have not received the credit they deserve. I am on the Membership Committee and I am committed to recruiting these Korean Veterans into the National KWVA. I am going to give you my phone number and email and I encourage you to contact me if you have a question.

I was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on May 4, 1931. I was a freshman in college when North Korea attacked South Korea. I was like most of you I didn't know where Korea was. I decided to delay my education 2 or 3 years and help a country that was trying to become a Democracy and serve our great country.

I joined the United States Marines on January 19, 1951. I took basic training at San Diego, California and advanced training at Camp Pendleton in Ocean Side, California. I departed for Korea in the first week of July, 1951 and arrived at Pusan, Korea the last week of July, 1951. I was assigned to the First Marine Division, First Regiment, 1st Battalion and Able Co. I spent all my time in the Punchbowl area. I was in several battles because I was in a rifle company and my position was always on the front lines with the exception of 4 days of R&R. That was about 10 miles behind the front line. My weapon was the BAR and it was most effective.

I was wounded on October 25, 1951 when a heavy mortar landed near me. I lost my left leg below the knee and eyesight in my left eye. I had to eventually have the eye removed. I spent 7 months in a hospital in Oakland, California and had 3 surgeries. After I was discharged, I enrolled in college on August, 1952. I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in English and Education and Master's Degree in Administration in August 1956. I worked 34 years as a teacher and administrator for the Dallas Independent School District. I developed programs that are still being used as supplementary material.

If elected, I plan to represent all Korean Veterans to the best of my ability. I will look at all issues objectively and vote to help get the National KWVA going in the correct direction. I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. My dues are paid up through my term of office 2009-2012. I intend to release all of this information to the Nominating Committee for verification. My membership # is R029232 and my mailing address is: 1721 Briardale Ct., Arlington, Texas 76013.

I have been married 56 years to the same fantastic lady and we have two daughters and five grandchildren. I am soliciting your vote so I can be part of the team to help develop respect for the National KWVA and move it forward.

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