

February 4, 2009

**KWVA Nominations/Election Committee**  
**Attn: Director Thomas M McHugh LR07169**  
**217 Seymour RD**  
**Hackettstown, NJ 07840-1001**

To whom it may concern..

This letter is to announce my intention to run for the office of Director of the KWVA for the years 2009-2012.

If elected; I promise to attend all called meetings, and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. I am a Life Member of the KWVA, # LR17819, thus my KWVA National dues are and will be paid during my elected term of office.

I have read, signed and will abide by the KWVA Code of Conduct, and am currently serving on the KWVA Resolutions Committee.

Please release my application information to the Nominations/Elections Committee.

#### **MILITARY SERVICE**

I enlisted in the United State Marine Corps on 28 November, 1951. After boot camp and weapons training, I arrived in Korea on July 5, 1952. My service was as an 81mm Mortar Forward Observer Team Leader with G, H, and I Companies, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment. I was wounded in action on August 14, 1952 on Bunker Hill, for which I was given a Purple Heart. After my full tour of duty in Korea, I served 17 months in Japan as an MP. I was honorably discharged on November 27, 1954.

#### **FEDERAL SERVICE.**

My federal service continued until my retirement, after 32½ years of civil service duty for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, ending as a Lock and Dam Operator Leader, in a (Mission Essential) function that kept river navigation clear and moving, 24/7/365.

I am a member of, and have served 4 years as Commander of KWVA Chapter CID 186, St. Charles, Missouri, and I am currently serving my second year as the Commander of the KWVA Department of Missouri.

My dear wife Naomi is a retired school teacher; we are both active members of our church.

My purpose for seeking the office of Director is to assist in, and contribute to, all efforts in making the KWVA a better organization for its membership. We have built an excellent and active Department of Missouri for many years; and hosted the National Convention and other activities in Branson, *America's Veterans' Capitol*. We are proud of the KWVA's recently recognized federal charter status, and want to work for the future of the KWVA in service to veterans.

Respectfully,

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