

This letter is to announce my candidacy for KWVA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to serve from June 25, 2016 – June 25, 2018. I am a Life Member (# LR35528 ) so therefore my dues are paid to present date. If elected, I promise to attend all called meetings and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. I am releasing the KWVA application form for verification of eligible service years.

I joined the US Army in 1982 and was honorably discharged in 1989 as a Corporal. I was a team and squad leader as an Infantryman, Indirect Fire Infantryman and Infantry Scout with the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks Hawaii, 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Garry Owens Korea, and 26th Infantry Division, Massachusetts National Guard and deployed to Australia, Japan, the PTA Big Island of Hawaii. I did my Infantry and AIT Training at Fort Benning Georgia and worked with soldiers from Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and the Gurkhas out of Hong Kong throughout my Army career. I am a recipient of the Korean Defense Service Medal and also a Life Member and member of the VFW, AmVets , American Legion, AUSA , 25<sup>th</sup> ID Assn and 2<sup>nd</sup> ID Assn.

After the military, I worked for the United States Postal Service in Boston and attended the University of Massachusetts-Boston where I graduated in 2005 and obtained my Associates Degree in American Studies, Bachelors Degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice, Master's Degree in Applied Sociology and Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies (C.A.G.S.) in Forensics Services.

In 1999, I became involved with the Korea Defense Veterans of America. The organization spearheaded the bill for the Korea Defense Service Medal. I brought in a dozen co-sponsors for the bill which was signed into law on Dec 2, 2002. After the bill was passed, I became a national officer and I founded our own chapter in the New England area. In 2004, we brought 335 members into the KWVA and became Korean War Veterans Association, Korea Veterans of America, Chapter # 299.

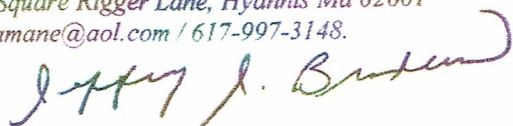
In 2005, I was elected KWVA National Director for 2 three years terms from 2005-2011. In those 6 years, I was the KWVA National Membership Chairman. Under my leadership as Membership Chairman with little or no budget we brought in over 7,000 members. At every annual meeting, we gave out decals, flyers, and posters to the chapters who were in attendance. I helped pass many legislative bills for both our Korea War and Korea Defense Service Veterans and helped the KWVA obtain our federal charter, signed into law on June 28, 2008. The KWVA chapter I founded, started the KWVA Color Guard duties at Arlington National Cemetery, Korean War Memorial and our National Convention in 2004 and my Past Chapter Commander, who I recruited, became KWVA Fundraising Chairman bringing in over \$500,000 for the KWVA. I am presently KWVA National Chairman for the Korea Defense Service Memorial and on the KWVA National Recruiting Committee.

I am happily married to my wife Maura who served in the US Navy and we have 2 children, Colleen, and Vincent who served in Iraq with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and was severely wounded. He was in a coma for a year and has had 43 operations. We have 3 grandchildren. Austin, Fiona and Jack.

I will bring to the forefront with the VA, the medical ailments incurred by our Korea War Veterans and especially the Agent Orange issue which many of our Korea Defense Service Veterans have been exposed to. This issue has been swept under the rug by the VA. Our Korean War Veterans are aging and we need to get younger Korea Defense Service Veterans involved in the KWVA . I have a lot of experience in the KWVA and have been loyal and dedicated to the KWVA for over a decade.

I need the support of every member that wants the KWVA to continue to honor our history. Please fill out the Ballot now & send it in. Make your vote count. I truly thank you for your consideration and support.

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