George Bruzgis

I am announcing my candidacy for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2016 thru 2019.

Military Experience

I entered the army in January 1953 and completed basic training in Fort Knox Armored Center, Kentucky. After training I was attached to the 7th Infantry Division, 73rd Tank Battalion, Able Company, Third Platoon as a loader on a 32 tank. We were stationed on the front lines (Iron Triangle) until the Armistice was signed on July 27th, 1953, at which point we were moved further south. I served in Korea for 15 months before returning to Aberdeen Proving Ground as a Corporal, was promoted to Staff Sergeant, and honorably discharged in March of 1957, after serving two enlistments.

Included among my military decorations are the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Campaign Medal and Ambassador of Peace Medal from the Korean Government.

Civilian Life

I worked in NYC as an Operating Engineer for the Galbreath Corporation, retiring in 1995 as an assistant chief engineer for the Goldman Sachs building. In 1965 my wife and I moved to New Jersey with our two children, where we still reside.

Organizations

- National Director for the KWVA completed 2011-2012 vacancy, 2013-2016
- KWVA Taejon Chapter 170 member since 1998, National member since 1999
- Quartermaster, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Commander, KWVA Department of New Jersey
- 3rd Vice Commander 2001-2003, 1st Vice Commander 2003-2007, NJ State Commander 2007-2012

As NJ State Chairman, I organized and was master of Ceremonies on July 27th for the anniversary of Korean War Armistice ceremony in Atlantic City, NJ for 2007 through 2010.

Attended several KWVA national conventions, and attended all KWVA meetings

Represented the KWVA at many Korean functions within the NY/NJ area

Attended by invitation the Korea Ceremony at the UN with Director McHugh

Work with both the New Jersey Republican and Democratic parties on Veterans Affairs

Work with several local schools on the "Tell America" program

I am a life member of the KWVA, VFW, and the DAV.

I have attended several ceremonies in Washington DC and proudly presented the Wreath at the Korean War Memorial and Arlington Cemetery

I have signed the Code of Conduct

If elected I will attend all called meetings and understand the 2 unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

I request your support to allow me the opportunity to continue to represent all Korean Veterans. I will do my utmost to represent the KWVA.

Always remember "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

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