

## ***NARCE CALIVA***

My name is Narce Caliva and this letter announces my candidacy to fill a KWVA Director position for the years of 2016--2019.

As a Life Member, my dues will remain current through the term of office. My DD214 and KWVA membership application forms are submitted and may be released for verification by the Election Committee. I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences may be cause for removal from office.

### **Background and Qualifications**

Native Californian, enlisted in the U.S. Army at 19, became an NCO in the Military Police, then an OCS graduate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt, Transportation Corps. Arrived Korea July 1951, promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt in December, served 20+

months, at Wonju and Pusan, in units of the 52<sup>nd</sup> and 296th Truck Battalions. Released to Reserves in 1953 and returned to college.

Earned three business degrees, including from Sacramento State College and the American Institute of Foreign Trade (now Thunderbird School of Global Management).

Employment: 30 years, American Red Cross (ARC), 1959-1989, primarily in two major Services, progressing in both from field to senior management positions:

Service to the Armed Forces & Veterans: Field Director staff at USA, USAF, USN and USMC bases in U.S., Spain & Germany. Regional supervisor in the U.S., Vietnam, Japan & Korea. Manager of Service to the Armed Forces, Western U.S. Area 1978 to 1981.

Service to Divisions & Chapters: From field representative, helping local chapters in five states, to manager, 1974-78, supervising the 12 division managers responsible for guiding and assisting the 1,200 chapters then existing in the Western U.S. and Pacific.

General Management: For 7 years, 1981-88, was Managing Director, ARC European Area HQ, Stuttgart, Germany, in charge of all ARC activities. Provided services to the military at 80 locations, aided by 7,000+ volunteers. After retiring from NHQ in 1989, I spent 10 years as the volunteer State Field Service Chairman assisting 70+ VA chapters.

KWVA: Have participated in virtually all Shenandoah Valley Chapter #313 activities, including building our Korean War Memorial, and attending state, regional and national events, including the last two National Conventions, and a number of Korean Embassy functions. Have served two terms as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander and two terms as Commander, was an elected Dept. of Virginia director, and a vice president. I'm also currently a member of the KWVA National Scholarship Committee for the second year.

**RECOGNITION:** Recipient of: the Tiffany Award for “Excellence in Management,” presented personally by the ARC National Chairman; the Clara Barton Honor Award for “Meritorious Volunteer Leadership”; and, most recently, presented at a WH ceremony in Washington, DC, on October 2, 2015, the “President’s Lifetime Achievement Award.”

**What I’ll Bring to the Board**

The very existence of our organization is threatened, if for no other reason than the thinning of our ranks. However, we are dedicated to continuing the pursuit of our goals, to which I am firmly committed, and I would like to have a part in helping lead our efforts. KWVA will need directors with records of demonstrated leadership and management ability. As we expand membership, we should become more inclusive and see more diversity everywhere. Also, I believe we should provide more assistance to our chapters, as may be requested or required. I understand the situation and think my experience well qualifies me to make a significant, positive contribution to the Board’s work.

Please give me this opportunity to be of further service. I respectfully ask for and will appreciate every vote cast for me to be elected one of the next four Directors.

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