

This letter is to announce my candidacy for the office of National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2016 and 2019. My membership number is LR 27827. I am a life member, so my dues are paid through 2019. Enclosed please find my DD214 and my membership application form.

I was born on a farm in South Dakota in 1930. I joined the army shortly after I graduated from High School. I served in Korea from November 1950 to September 1951. I was a member of the 25<sup>th</sup> Recon Company of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. My rank while in Korea was Corporal. Our Company had so many casualties during this period of time, I feel fortunate to have survived.

When I returned from Korea, under the GI bill I attended Northern State University, and received a degree in Teaching. Later, I received my Masters degree in Education from the University of Wyoming. I taught in the public schools in Iowa and South Dakota for 10 years. In 1965, I joined the Job Corps in Tamarac, Minnesota. My duties were counseling, motivating and evaluating all Corpsmen. Four years later, President Nixon decided to close most of the Job Corps Centers, so I was transferred to the Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. This school is an off reservation boarding school serving Native American Indian students grade 9-12. I was a guidance Counselor at this school until my retirement in 1992.

In the summer of 2000, I returned to Korea on the revisit program. Seoul, Korea was a big surprise to me, with all the modern sky scrapers. My thoughts were: Those P51's could not make it down the streets in their strafing runs like they did during the first week of January, 1951. These planes would do a belly roll, and head back to Japan. Ten years later, 2010 I took my 2<sup>nd</sup> revisit to Korea. This revisit program is a must for our Korean War Veteran. All Korean War Veteran should take advantage of this terrific program. In the year 2000, our KWVA Chapter 194 (South Dakota) was organized. The 1<sup>st</sup> two years I was elected as Vice President, From 2002-2004, I was elected and held the position of President.

I have served two previous terms as a National Director, 2009-2012 and 2012-2015. During my term, I served as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. I would like to work toward increasing membership at our National Convention, especially I would like to see more Chapter Presidents in attendance.

I am a life member of the DAV, VFW, and American Legion, and past commander. I am still active on the Color Guard squad for local veteran funerals giving them their Military Honors. I am the Buddy Poppy chairman for our VFW.

I am willing to do the best job as a Director for the good of the KWVA. I have signed the code of conduct. I am proud to be a Korean War Veteran and if I am elected, I will attend all meetings of the Board of Directors. I understand that two unexcused absence could be used for my removal from office.

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*I am releasing my  
Application Form for  
verification by the Election  
Committee.*