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Today I am announcing my intent to run for a director position in the KWVA. I served on active duty in the US Army from January 1951 until March 1957. My service in Korea was from April, 1953 until April, 1954. I was in several different areas of Korea during that time. First, I was assigned to G-2 section, Headquarters, Prisoner of War Command. While there, I traveled to and inspected all of our POW camps in Korea. When the cease fire was signed, I was sent to Inchon, where I helped coordinate the swap of North Korean and Chinese prisoners for returning Americans. From there, I was assigned to the 523rd Military Intelligence Company. We were attached to Headquarters IX Corps and worked with their G-2 section. In April, 1954, I was transferred to Headquarters 500th Military Intelligence Group in North Camp Drake, Japan. I was NCOIC of the production section, supervising both military and civilian personnel. In Dec. 1954, I was moved again. This time to Special Projects Branch, J-2 Division, Headquarters, United Nations, Far East Command at Pershing Heights in Tokyo, Japan. I worked with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and several other government agencies in gathering and analyzing intelligence from the entire Pacific Rim. I remained in that position until March, 1957, when I was sent to Oakland, California for discharge. My rank at time of discharge was M/Sgt. At this point, I went to college, got a job and started my civilian life.

I worked for Sears and Western Auto for 31 years opening new stores and managing stores in MS, AL, NC, AR, FL, MO and TX. In 1988, I took an early retirement and went to Egypt, where I ran the PX system for Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). The MFO monitored the Egyptian/Israeli peace treaty. I lived in Egypt, but traveled to Israel every week. I also traveled to other countries as needed. I was there during the 1st Gulf War and was awarded a Civilian Commendation Medal for my 5 years of service there. I am now retired again but still am very active in my community. I have served on several boards and commissions at the city, county, and state level.

At the present time I'm Chairman of the Asheville ABC Board in Asheville. We control all aspects of liquor sales. We operate 10 stores that sell more than 30 million dollars a year. We also are involved in issuing licenses to restaurants, hotels, etc. and training their employees and investigating any irregularities. We also do law enforcement. My other job right now is the one I enjoy the most. I am Commander of WNC Chapter 314, KWVA. We need more chapters in North Carolina and that is why I would like to be a Director. I know that I can make a difference because I've been working with people my entire adult life.

If elected, I will attend all called meetings. I understand that two unexcused absences could be used as a reason for my removal from office. I also release my application form for verification by the Election Committee.


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