

Letter to be elected Pres. KWVA:

My decision to become a candidate for the office of, President of the Korean War Veterans Association is based on my interest in furthering KWVA's growth in membership and National influence as a Congressionally Chartered Veteran Service Organization. My qualifications for this office, for your consideration are, two consecutive three year terms as a National Director, which will be completed in 2016. As a National Director I served as Membership Chairman for several years and more recently as National Bylaws Chairman. While serving KWVA in these two capacities, I gained an appreciation for the importance of the continuation of the Korean War legacy. In this regard I hold in high esteem, Professor Jongwoo Han's annual gathering of Korean War Veteran's grand and great grandchildren along with current H.S. History teachers and the ongoing KWVA "Tell America Program". Two of my grandchildren participated in his conference in 2013. It was an "eye opening" experience for them.

On a local level, I was a founder of KS Chapter #181 in the year, 2000 and served as its first Sec/Treasurer. I was instrumental in obtaining a Chapter 501c3, obtaining funding, planning and helping to oversee construction of the Korean War Memorial in Overland Park, KS. For the last five years I have served as the Chapter President, planning and coordinating all Chapter activities as well as coordinating and performing MC duties at numerous Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies conducted at our Memorial.

I was in the USAF, July, 1951-April, 1955, having enlisted upon graduating from Ozark, MO High School. I was Honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant. As a tail gunner on a B-29, I flew 27 combat missions from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa to various targets in N. Korea as well as front line support missions. Upon my return to the States, I was trained and assigned as a right waist gunner on a B-50 crew. Initially I was stationed at Biggs AFB, El Paso, TX. I was later reassigned to, Walker AFB, Roswell, NM, still as a right gunner on B-50s. I was Honorably discharged in April, 1955, from Walker AFB.

I am a 1959 graduate of Drury University, Springfield, MO with an A.B. Economics/Psychology. I attended college with the assistance of the GI Bill of Rights & part-time employment. My business career consists of 32 yrs. 7 mos. in the management of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Wife, Barbara and I have been married 57 yrs. We have four adult "children" and seven grandchildren.

My date of birth, Feb. 23, 1933.

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If elected I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that (2) unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

I hereby release this application for verification by the Election Committee.

I am a Life Member of KWVA. My Life Member number is LR25716

Your vote would be very much appreciated.



Thank you,
Tom Stevens