

CALL FOR ELECTIONS

The membership is hereby notified that elections will be held in the spring of 2009 for the following National KWVA positions:

- The offices of four Directors for the years of 2009-2012.

No later than February 15, 2009 any regular members in good standing of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) seeking to run for any of the aforementioned offices shall make their intentions known to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Tom McHugh, in writing, using the following format:

Requirements:

A. Must present proof of service by submitting a separate signed Official Membership

Application Form showing eligible service years and a statement releasing the application form for verification by the Nominating Committee (no fee required)

B. Must present a current photograph suitable for publication in *The Graybeards*.

C. Must submit a letter with the following:

- 1) Your intent to run for an office and the office sought.
- 2) A resume of your qualifications for this office, stating any experience that will be of benefit to the Association.
- 3) Your current mailing address, telephone number and KWVA membership number.
- 4) This letter will be limited to approximately one typed page.
- 5) A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that you understand that two unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office.

You must sign a statement that your dues are current through the whole term of the office that you are seeking. Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the Association.

E. Send the above items by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Nominating Committee Chairman **not later than February 15, 2009.**

Nominees are requested to contact the Nominating Committee Chairman if they have any questions.

Application and questions are to be addressed to:

Thomas M. McHugh
 Nominating Chairman
 217 Seymour Road
 Hackettstown, NJ 07840
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The process is as follows:

- The Nominating Committee certifies the candidates that are qualified to stand for office.
- The declarations are sent to the Editor of *The Graybeards* for publication in the March-April 2009 edition.
- The ballots are also published in that edition.
- Members then cast their ballots by June 10th.
- A CPA then counts the ballots and reports the results to the Nominating Committee.

Frank Cohee, National Secretary

CID 51 Member Director of Ohio Veterans Services



Governor Strickland of Ohio (R) and Bill Hartnett (L) of CID 51

William J. Hartnett, a Life Member of Chapter 51, Richland County [OH], has been appointed to a new Ohio State Cabinet level position as Director of Ohio Veterans Services. He was sworn in by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland on 21 August 2008.

Bill Hartnett is a native of Mansfield, Ohio and a Korean War veteran of the U. S. Navy. He served from January 1951 to December 1954. He is a Life Member of the KWVA. Following his Navy service he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Kent State University, a Master's Degree from West Virginia University, and a Specialist in Education Degree from Kent State University.

He was a teacher for several school districts in North Central Ohio, and served in the education field for more than thirty years. He also served as Superintendent for the Madison Local School District, Vice President and interim President of North Central State College, and as an adjunct faculty member at Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio.

Bill was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives and served from 1998 to 2006, successfully representing Ohio's 73rd District. Among his many other achievements, he received the AMVETS Department of Ohio Legislative Award in 2001.

Bill Hartnett's appointment is an Ohio "first," in that no veterans agency in the past has been in the Governor's Cabinet. As such, Hartnett assumes the duties of the former Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs, The Ohio Veterans Homes in Sandusky and Georgetown, and The Ohio War Orphan Scholarship Board.

Governor Strickland stated, "Bill is an honorable man and dedicated public servant who will be a tireless advocate for Ohio's veterans. At a time when more and more Ohioans are returning from war, I trust that Bill will lead the Department with a deep commitment to ensuring that all veterans have access to the benefits that they deserve."

The members of Richland County Chapter #51 concur with Bill Hartnett's appointment, and they are proud that he is a member of the KWVA and Chapter #51.

*William W. Woodrow, Past President
 CID 51, 34 Park Avenue West
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