

article, the following procedure that will ensure enforcement of, and compliance to, the Bylaws:

- Before any chapter or department meeting, those present must be carded to ensure current Regular KWVA membership

There is nothing new about that. Let me point out that at an Annual Membership Meeting, that process is the method used to guarantee that those who will discuss, debate, and vote KWVA business are those who have paid for the privilege. It will work only if you, as a member, insist on enforcement.

I know it will be difficult if, as I am told, there are actually officers who do not belong to the KWVA, or are delinquent in their dues. If you are a current, regular KWVA member, you are entitled to ask for this. In fact, I hold that you are obligated to do so.

The Bylaws Committee continues to work on the revisions to the SPM, and hopes to have the Final Draft ready before the end of January, 2010. It will then be presented to the Board for approval, and subsequently posted for use on the KWVA website.

Some reminders:

- Until the upcoming revisions for the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) are approved by the Board of Directors and in place, the current SPM and our Federal Charter are all available for review and/or download from the KWVA Website, <http://www.kwva.org>, at any time.

- We have an obligation to meet the compliance requirements to the new Federal Charter, Public Law 110-254 (S.1692), granted on June 30, 2008 to the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

I thank all in the membership whose emails supported the Bylaws Committee's year-long effort to put it right. Your number far exceeded the emails I received in opposition, and it was a gratifying moment to me personally when the membership present at the October 26th Meeting in Irving, TX matched that supportive sentiment with an overwhelming vote of approval for the 2009 Amendment to the KWVA Bylaws.

With fraternal respect for all who honor the Good of the Order,
George E. Lawhon, LR18750, Director
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CALL FOR ELECTIONS

The membership is hereby notified that elections will be held in the spring of 2010 for the following National KWVA positions:

- President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President for the term 2010-2012

- The offices of four (4) Directors for the years of 2010-2013

No later than February 15, 2010, any regular members in good standing of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) seeking to run for the aforementioned offices shall make their intentions known to the Chairman of the Elections Committee, Richard E. Brown Sr., in writing, using the following format:

Requirements:

Applicants must:

A. Present proof of service by submitting a separate signed Official KWVA Membership Application Form showing eligible service years and a statement releasing the application form for verification by the Elections Committee (no fee required).

B. Present a current photograph, suitable for publication in *The Graybeards*.

C. Submit a letter, signed and dated, limited to approximately one (1) page, including 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) Your email address, if available.
- 5) Alternate email address and alternate phone number, if available.
- 6) A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that you understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office.
- 7) A statement that your dues are current through the whole term of the office that you are seeking. NOTE: Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroac-

tive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the Association.

D. Send the above items by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Elections Committee Chairman to arrive not later than February 15, 2010. Applicants are requested to contact the Elections Committee Chairman if they have any questions.

Application package and questions are to be addressed to:

Richard E. Brown Sr., Elections
Committee Chairman
2307 Gring Dr.
West Lawn, PA 19609
Ph: 610-670-2886
Rebpi1@comcast.net

NOTE: Some of the procedural details below are only in the draft *Standard Procedure Manual*, now under revision, but all are in compliance with the 2009 Bylaws ratified by the Membership at the October Annual Membership meeting on Oct 26, in Irving, Texas.

The KWVA election process is as follows:

- The Elections Committee certifies the candidates that are qualified to stand for office.
- The candidate declarations are sent to the Editor of *The Graybeards* for publication in the March-April 2010 Edition.
- The ballots are also published in that edition.
- Members then cast their ballots by June 10th and mail them to the KWVA-approved CPA.
- The CPA then counts the ballots and reports the results via certified tally sheets to the Elections Committee.
- The results reported by the CPA are verified by the Elections Committee.
- Copies of the completed and verified tally sheets are sent by certified mail to each of the 15 Board Members; the Secretary, and the Treasurer, and to each of the candidates for office, regardless of whether they are a winner or loser.

Frank Cohee
KWVA National Secretary