

## Chapter Recruiting Contest Rules

Increasing membership in the KWVA has taken on great importance under the leadership of President Jim Ferris. To emphasize the importance of recruiting into Chapters, a National Chapter competition is being inaugurated. Competition rules are as follows:

- The period for this contest will be six (6) months, beginning March 1, 2013 and ending August 31, 2013.
- A picture and Chapter member names of the winning Chapter will be in *The Graybeards* following completion of the competition period.
- In addition to the recognition given to the winning Chapter, the next five Chapters will receive name recognition in *The Graybeards*.
- The winning Chapters will be determined by comparing percent increase in membership. The Regular membership\* count as of March 1, 2013 will be compared to the Regular membership count on August 31, 2013 to determine the winning Chapter, as well as the next five Chapters.
- For purposes of this contest, only Regular memberships\* are included to determine percent increase in membership.
- In the event of a tie for first place, multiple Chapters will receive recognition in the *Graybeards*, as will be the case for ties for 2nd through 6th place.

Computation of percent increase in Chapter membership includes:

- ◆ New Regular members
- ◆ Inactive Regular members who re-join during the competition period.

Deaths of existing members or of a newly recruited or re-joined member, if that death occurs during the contest period, shall continue to be reported to the membership office as usual, but will be in the Chapter membership count for the purpose of determining % increase.

Accuracy and timeliness of reporting the status and personal data of Chapter members are of utmost importance to the validity of the contest results.

*Tom Stevens, LR25716  
Membership Chairman*

**If you earned one of these -**



**Korean War Service**  
1950 - 1954



**Korea Defense Service**  
1954 - Present

**Then you should be wearing this -**



**Korean War Veterans Association**  
[www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)

**THE MISSION OF THE KWVA/USA is**

- DEFEND our Nation
- CARE for our Veterans
- PERPETUATE our Legacy
- REMEMBER our Missing and Fallen
- MAINTAIN our Memorial
- SUPPORT a free Korea

**Join Us Today!**

*Membership Information & Application:*

**KWVA Membership**  
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[Membership@kwva.org](mailto:Membership@kwva.org)

## Recruiting

In our continuing effort to reach those who are eligible for KWVA membership wherever they may live in the USA, existing members are encouraged to copy and personalize a "Letter to the Editor" shown below. This is only a suggested letter. If you want to compose your own, feel free to do so. But you are urged to take action. Recruiting is everyone's responsibility.

Editor:

The Armistice ending open warfare in Korea was signed July 27th, 1953. Those Korean War veterans who returned to the U.S. resumed their lives with virtually no fanfare. There were no welcome home parades or other recognition events. They merged back into civilian life with only their families realizing the ordeal they had survived.

In the years since the signing of the armistice, U.S. Soldiers have continued to be deployed to and stationed in the Republic of Korea as a continued protective force, many of them being injured, maimed and killed—even up to the present day—while continuing to protect South Korea and the world from the continued aggression of North Korea.

In 1985 the Korean War Veterans Association was formed, and finally recognized by Congress and awarded a Congressional Charter in June, 2008, thus achieving equal VSO status with the VFW or American Legion. If you are a Korean War or Korea Service veteran (those who served after the cease fire) we invite you to join with your fellow Korean War veterans to enjoy their fellowship and help them support many veteran causes of local and national scope.

If you have ever served in Korea, I would encourage you to go to [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org), look for information on your local chapter, and learn about this great organization. You can join by downloading the KWVA Membership Application directly from the website. Or, you can call the organization's membership office at (217) 345-4414 for information.

There are local chapters all around the country, and we encourage you to visit an existing KWVA chapter near you.

Signed:

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President Jim Ferris has made RECRUITING his top priority since his election as KWVA President. To give RECRUITING the proper emphasis and to get every KWVA member involved, a Chapter Membership Recruiting Contest will begin March 1, 2013.

Rules of the contest are outlined above. Let's do it!

Tom Stevens,  
Membership Chairman



**We Want Members**