Meeting Announcement:
The Graybeards, May-June and July-August, 2014

Place Of Announced Meeting:
Kahler Grand Hotel, 20 SW 2nd Ave, Rochester, MN 55902

Announced Period Of Meeting:
October 16, 2014, 0900-1500

Call To Order:
Larry Kinard, President

Pledge Of Alligience:
Director Whitmore, Chm., NCC

Invocation:
(Remembrance Moment For Jim Fountain, Art Griffith, Gary Rockburn and Leonard Stegman) Leo Ruffing, Chaplain.
The Chaplain commented that not only do we need to remember the people who passed on this year, but we need to remember those who did not come back.

Unfilled Board Member Vacancy:
President Kinard commented that the Board needs to address the vacancy on the Board that is a result of the passing of Director Tilford Jones. The vacancy can be left unfilled until June 2015 or it can be filled by Past Director Brown, the next in line as a result from the most recent elections. Director Dappen made a motion that the position be filled by Past Director Brown; it was seconded by Director Scarlato and approved unanimously.

Installation Of New Officers And Directors:
Judge Advocate Burns asked all the new Officers and Directors to come forward. They were duly sworn in to the Association.

Recognition Of Appointments:
President Kinard commented that he has made several changes to the appointed staff which are listed on the back of the front page of the September-October issue of The Graybeards. “While I made the appointments, it is up to the Board to ratify them.” Director McHugh made a motion that all of the appointments be approved; it was seconded by Director Martin, and approved unanimously.

Administrative Announcement:
President Kinard explained where the bathrooms were located and announced the mid-morning break time and lunch preparations.

Adopt Agenda:
President Kinard asked for approval of the Board Agenda. Director Stevens made a motion that the agenda be adopted; it was seconded by Director Scarlato and approved unanimously.

Adopt Board Of Directors Rules Of Debate & Decorum:
President Kinard thinks that it is always wise to read these rules, so he read them. There were no questions.

Roll Call:
Secretary Frank Cohee called the roll.

KWVA Board Members:
Larry Kinard, President
Warren Wiedhahn, 1st Vice President
J. D Randolph, 2nd Vice President
Roy E. Aldridge, Director
George J. Bruzgis, Director
George S. Covel, Director
Luther Dappen, Director
John T. “Sonny” Edwards, Director
Tine P. Martin Sr., Director
Albert H. McCarthy, Director
Thomas M. McHugh, Director
Salvatore Scarlato, Director
Thomas W. Stevens, Director
L. T. Whitmore, Director
Frank Cohee, Secretary
Tom Gregg, Treasurer
Richard Brown
All Board members were present except Director Covel; he was excused.
Secretary Cohee stated that there was a quorum.

KWVA Staff:
President Kinard commented that he wanted to take a moment, again, to recognize the staff in attendance:
William B. Burns, Judge Advocate; Jim Doppelhammer, Webmaster; Jake Feaster, Membership Management and Assistant Secretary; Jongwoo Han, KWVA Liaison to Korean–American Assn.; Leo Ruffing, National Chaplain; Bill Mac Swain, Senior Advisor; Lew Ewing, Past Director and Past Bylaws Chairman. Last but not least is our recorder for today, Corinne Scheck, from Carney & Associates.

Approval Of Previous Board Directors Minutes Of March 11, 2014 Meeting:
(Printed in the Graybeards, May-June 2014 Issue). Secretary Cohee asked for a motion for approval. Director Brown made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Director Bruzgis and approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Jongwoo Han, World Youth Conference.
- Dr. Han introduced the Foundations Regional Interview Director, Emily Neitzell. Emily made a beautiful presentation
of her own interview of her grandfather, a Korean War veteran, Paul Overgard, at the convention in Washington. Ms. Neitzell is also a professional videographer.

- Emily commented that doing video interviews is really a powerful way to reach the younger generations. It is one of the largest drivers of traffic on the internet, and also for the Tell America Program to pass on the legacy to the younger generations. Video is a powerful tool.

I would love to come around to your local Chapters and conduct interviews, but I really need local Chapter Presidents to help me in contacting local veterans.

- Dr. Han thanked Emily, President Kinard, and all of the Directors and Board members for their continuing support. He has Director Scarlato as Vice-President of his foundation and George Bruzgis, as the Director. Norman Champagne is also working with them.

- The foundation’s name in the beginning was the Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial Foundation to preserve your memory in terms of the interview and the artifacts that you can check from my website. But, later, Dr. Han said that he found out that name was too narrow and parochial because there are more things to be done. One is your own descendants.

- We need to activate them so that they can work on your legacy. So I have been working on the Korean War Veterans Youth Corp. (At that time Dr. Han handed out brochures about the Corps.)

- Another one is your successor, Korean Veterans of America. That is, the U.S. Forces stationed in Korea since 1955. So the name of the foundation was changed to Korean War Legacy Foundation. That can embrace your own interview, your own legacy, your own descendants, and your own successor.

- The Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs officially asked me to include Korea Veterans of America, 10 percent of the total interviews that I am supposed to do every year.

- The first most important project is the digital archive, the interviews. So far I have more than 400 interviews done, most of which are on my website, kwvdm.org. I also have about 6,000 artifacts, your pictures, your letters, etc. So if you know of anybody who has some interest and motivation and some skills of videographing of the interviews of the Korean War veterans, please let me know.

- So, what I want to do is that my foundation institutionalize all of the activities, your own digital archive, your own descendant organization and the Korea Veterans of America in a way that we can continue on this no matter what happens to me or the major players.

Dr. Han ended his presentation by answering a question from Director McCarthy, who asked if one could take photographs of the artifacts and then scan the photograph and send those to him. Dr. Han responded “Yes,” and not just documents.

President Kinard thanked Dr. Han and commented that he thinks every one of the Board members needs to do what they can to support what he and his group have done. Dr. Han is our legacy, our children and grandchildren. We need to work with him to get done what we need to preserve our legacy. Chaplain Ruffing commented that he has five children and all except one have children and some have grandchildren. What he does when he gets a piece of literature from Dr. Han is to reproduce it and mail copies to all of his children to tell them the benefits and the legacy that we are trying to keep going.

Dr. Han commented that if anyone knows of a history teacher that might be interested in his project to please let him know. He can offer them travel and everything free and will invite them to next year’s Korean War Veterans Youth Corp convention in Washington, D.C.

Treasurer’s Report:
President Kinard asked Treasurer Gregg to tell us where the Association is financially, and what we are looking at, trying to get some approval for our future budgets. Treasurer Gregg commented that:

- The first thing that needs to be looked at is the 2014 budget. We have a two-month budget that needs to be amended to include the Executive Director for November and December 2014 at a cost of approximately $9,200 additional. Director Whitmore made a motion to amend the budget as proposed. It was seconded by Director Aldridge and approved unanimously.

- He would discuss the Association’s position as of September 30, 2014.
  - the Association’s financial position shows that we have cash and cash equivalents of $167,000.
  - there are investments of $792,919 for a total of approximately $960,000.

The Association is in an excellent financial position. At the end of Treasurer Gregg’s presentation he made a comment that “yesterday he found out that our membership does have an option whether or not to join National.”

...Secretary Cohee commented that whoever told him that was wrong. To be a member of a Chapter, you must first be a member of National.

Treasurer Gregg commented that it was the first time he had that said to him.

An unknown Director commented that it was in the bylaws. President Kinard then commented that while Secretary Cohee’s comment is true, we have a lot of chapters that do not enforce that.

Secretary Cohee agreed. Director McHugh made a motion that the financial report be approved; it was seconded by Director Aldridge and approved unanimously.

President’s Report:
President Kinard commented that there were a few things that the Board needs to be aware of and that he needs to talk about.

- First of all, I want to welcome the new Directors and thank all of you for accepting the appointments that I have assigned.

- One thing: when you receive a call for a Board meeting you need to get your action items to the Secretary by the deadline he gives you so that he can get them on the agenda. More often, than not, that does not happen. So, at this point if you do not have them in by the deadline they are not going to be on the
agenda or discussed at the forthcoming meeting unless it is something absolutely necessary and important.

Also, most of the action items are not submitted in the right format. We need your help. If you have something you want the Board to consider, get it on time and get it on the right form.

• Another item is that in the last several months we have had the need for an attorney. As most of you know, we know longer have an attorney on a retainer fee, so I have been using my own personal attorney, whose name is Jeb Loveless.

He is a fine contract attorney, but I need to tell you that he is also my son-in-law. Some of you may have some concern with that, but he has adjusted his fees to try and help us out. He knows about the KWV A. Many of you know him, and he is easy for me to get to.

If any of you have a problem with that, you need to let me know. Otherwise, I will continue to use him to provide advice for us.

• I also want to say that I am very glad we moved forward with the Executive Director, who I think is going to be very important to this organization.

• As for the bylaw changes that we will be voting on today, you need to listen carefully and make sure you understand what we are going to be doing and why. You should now be aware of the attorney’s opinion on how we need to comply with the New York rules of incorporation.

I think that we have found that there are some bylaw changes that we have made that are not in compliance with the New York rules. We have to look at that in the future.

• We are coming up on another election year. It is extremely important than we get good people to be on this Board. We need to vote on four Directors in 2015.

• The next item is House Bill 318. This is Col. Bill Weber’s bill that he has in Congress to build a wall to accommodate the names of the KIA/MIA in the Korean War. A lot of effort has already been exerted by Col. Weber and his people to have this bill passed. But at this time there are only 66 co-sponsors.

I think many of you have already met Bill Alli. He is the Communications Director for Bill Weber’s Group and he is here walking around and will probably talk to you and ask you to contact your Congressional person and get them to co-sponsor Col. Weber’s bill.

Director Scarlato commented that he has been coordinating with Mr. Alli and they have come up with the idea to compose a letter and a chart for members to sign a petition and to send to your Congressman. So far in New York they have added three Congressmen because they were sent the letter.

I have 20 Chapters in NY and I know that at least ten of them are using this method. If anyone is interested in this process please let know.

• The 61st Commemoration in Washington was very good. The KWVA had just a small representation of the Board there, but we took part in most of the ceremonies.

• I have two other items to report on. One is the status of where we are with the proposal for having a credit card issued by USAA where the KWVA would receive a royalty every time the card was used and they would guarantee $25,000 up front. At a Board meeting in March 2014, USAA changed their proposal to “up to $25,000.” That change caught the eye of the Board. “Up to” is not the same as a guarantee. The Board decided to set this aside and not do anything at this time.

• One last item:
Some time ago we talked about supporting the Puerto Rican Regiment in the 3rd Infantry Division. They have gone to Congress wanting to get a Congressional Medal of Honor. The KWVA and the 3rd Division did not support this for various reasons. They have prevailed, though, and I understand that Congress is going to present them the medal this month.

This is a good time for minority groups to go to Congress and get things passed. They were able to get a good number of co-sponsors and they did what they needed to do to push it through.

• Treasurer Gregg commented that at the Board meeting in March the Board approved the budget that included $5,000 for the USAA card. “Do we need to amend the budget for 2015 to exclude that $5,000?” he asked.

The President responded with “Yes, we do.” Director McCarthy made a motion that the $5,000 be removed; it was seconded by Director Brown and passed unanimously.

• President Kinard commented that Secretary Cohee will now update us on the Harris Connect Album. Secretary Cohee commented that just about all of the data gathering is complete and the draft will be available soon for review. Responses were received from 13,500 members. 5,800 placed an order, 3,200 submitted a short story, and 386 submitted a photo.

The Association is supposed to get $10 per unit sold, so that is $58,000 on a project that did not cost us anything. Approximately 14,950 master records were also updated, such as corrected addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc. Last, but not least, 414 memberships were sold at $10 each. The Album is supposed to be released in late December 2014.

• President Kinard stated that Director Scarlato would now report on the status of the Korean War museum to be built in New York. He commented that he had handed out a detailed description earlier about what is happening with the museum, but that he would mention some of the highlights.

Director Scarlato commented that he had mentioned at the March Board meeting that the new Mayor of New York was going to revamp his staff. That has now been accomplished and the site selection is at Battery Park. However, that site is now on hold because Battery Park is a heroic site and there can be no building there because it would block the view of the Statue of Liberty.

A steering committee, composed of leadership in both business and the military, has been appointed to help guide the efforts in the establishment of the museum in New York and to help secure funding for the project.

There are some other sites under consideration. The idea now is to start small, get an address in New York, and then grow big.

• Assistant Secretary/Database Manager Jake Feaster and Webmaster Jim Doppelhammer were the next presenters.
Jake said that he wanted to address a project that he had discussed with the Board some time ago: being able to get some assistance in making contact with the chapters and departments in meeting their obligations. We are not getting the support from them, especially in getting their election reports submitted on a timely basis and in reviewing their data and keeping it accurate. What I am providing today is sort of a draft plan to get the Directors to assist in this project by letting them be assigned a certain group of chapters and departments and a quota of the membership in those areas to monitor and be in more personal contact with. Hopefully, that will have more impact than I or the membership administrative assistant has had. A lot of what has to be done will require going to the website and checking the data that is there for each chapter and department.

At that time, Webmaster Doppelhammer gave a brief review of what one needs to do to get into the website and then some of the information that they will find there.

Approval To Award An Honorary Membership To LTC Kang:

OLD BUSINESS

President Kinard asked for a motion to ratify the Honorary Membership he gave to Lt. Col. (Tiger) Kang in July 2014. He gave that to him at that time because the Col. had finished his tour here in the states and was being sent back to Korea. Director Stevens made a motion to ratify the awarding of the Honorary Membership to Lt. Col. Kang; it was seconded by Director McCarthy and passed unanimously.

President Kinard commented that while this item is not on the agenda, it needs to be done and that is to also give an Honorary Membership to Mr. Park Byeong-yeop, CEO of Pantech. He is the one that has given the Association $100,000. Dr. Han says we may be able to get more.

Mr. Park Byeong-yeop was supposed to be at this meeting but decided at the last minute that he could not make it. Director Scarlato made a motion to present an Honorary Membership to Mr. Park Byeong-yeop; it was seconded by Director Bruzgis and passed unanimously.

Approval To Destroy The Ballots For The 2013 And 2014 Election Years:

Secretary Cohee asked for a motion to destroy the voting ballots for both the 2013 and 2014 election years. Director McHugh made a motion to destroy the 2013 and 2014 voting ballots; it was seconded by Director McCarthy and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval Of The Location Of The Spring 2015 Board Meeting:

President Kinard commented that the Board needs to vote on a location for the 2015 Spring Meeting and that he had asked Director Stevens to look around in his area, Kansas, to see what is available, so I would like to hear from him at this point.

- Director Stevens said that he checked several hotels and has narrowed it down to two, the Holiday Inn or the Marriot. The Holiday Inn is the cheapest of the ones he looked at, $89 per night, but they do charge $150 for the meeting room. “I think either one would provide us with all of the services we need,” he said.

- Director McHugh commented that if you look at Jake Feaster’s map, 80% of the Board is located on the East Coast. It is going to be expensive bringing all of us who are in the middle of the country to Kansas. Cost effective would mean having it closer to the east coast.

- First V.P. Wiedhahn commented that Director McHugh makes a good point. The spring meeting is strictly a business meeting. He noted, “I doubt very much that someone is going to bring their companion or even if the companion wants to go. My opinion is, why are we going to Kansas City, period? Why don’t we go where it is economical for the KWVA?”

- Secretary Cohee commented that “I guess we would go to Kansas City because we have somebody who has volunteered to host the meeting. And that is the problem. If somebody wants us to go to the East Coast then who is going to host it?”

- Director McHugh said he would work with First V.P. Wiedhahn to see what they can come up with.

- First V.P Wiedhahn asked if he could talk about the July meeting now because this has an effect. He and Jim Fisher have been working on the July meeting with Dr. Han. The hotel that we have been using, the Sheraton, has changed management and they are looking at other hotels, like the Hyatt at the Airport. There might be some advantage of having the March meeting at the same place.

- Mr. Fisher commented that we could work to get a hotel at a reasonable rate of $89.

- First V.P. Wiedhahn said he would volunteer to find a hotel for the meeting, but he is not trying to influence anybody to say this is where you should go. But, from an economics point of view, it is better to go back to the Washington area for a one-day meeting. “Why not meet in the same hotel in March and July and possibly save some money?” he asked. Director McHugh made a motion that we work on the March meeting at a location in the East Coast/D.C. area, it was seconded by Director Bruzgis. Directors Dappen and Stevens said they did not vote and then Director Stevens said that he would vote No. Nonetheless the motion passed.

- President Kinard commented that Director McHugh, First V.P. Wiedhahn, and Executive Director Fisher will figure out exactly where the March meeting is going to be and let you know.

Introduction And Vote On An Executive Director:

President Kinard stated that the Board voted on hiring an Executive Director at the March 2014 Board Meeting. He appointed a search committee consisting of First V.P. Wiedhahn and Directors Ewing and Edwards to try and find someone who can do this job.

The Committee got together and interviewed LTC Jim Fisher, US Army Retired. Jim agreed to accept the position. A contract has been prepared and we are ready to sign it. Today we are asking you to approve the hiring of Jim Fisher as our Executive Director. Director Aldridge made a motion that Mr. Jim Fisher be hired as the Association’s Executive Director; it was sec-
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onded by Director Whitmore and approved unanimously.

- President Kinard asked Mr. Fisher to come forward and say a few words.
- Mr. Fisher reiterated that he has worked with some of us for many years and he personally thanked Webmaster Doppelhammer for doing a fabulous job over the years in events management.

He noted that he served in the Army for 24 years, first with the Special Forces and later at the Pentagon, where he was assigned to put together the 50th Anniversary of the World War II Commemoration under General Kicklighter. That was so successful he was asked to remain at the Pentagon to put together the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration, which he gladly did.

At that time the Korean War was better known as the Forgotten War. But now you are finally known as the Forgotten Victory. If you talk to the military historians, you were the first line of defense against communism. That is to be noted. That is to be remembered. And that is where we took a stand. You guys took the stand. And that is why it was an honor for me when the Committee came to me and asked me to consider being your Executive Director.

- President Kinard thanked Mr. Fisher and commented that shortly we will be looking at the bylaws to incorporate the Executive Director position. Jim is going to be a non-voting member of the Board. He is part time and has a business of his own to run, but he has assured me he will be able to work with us and help us to do what we need to do.
- Mr. Fisher commented that like Mr. Doppelhammer, we use some of our own people in our own business to help get some of the Korean War veteran things done, at no cost to the Association.

**Approval For Changes To SPM Form 4.9.1, Election- Official Election Candidate Form:**

Director and Elections Chairman McCarthy stated that anyone who sends in information to the Election Committee saying that they want to run for an office must do so by certified mail or by express mail so that someone from the Committee has to sign for it. Express mail is overnight mail and is the preferred method.

The pictures that are required to be sent in have to be good enough to be able to be reproduced in The Graybeards, at least 3-inches in size where you are the focus and not the background. If all of the required documents are not initially provided, the sender has a grace period of 48 hours to send in the missing documents. If not received in the allotted time the application will be rejected.

Director Stevens commented that he needs the recommended changes in writing so the proper changes can be made to the SPM. President Kinard told Director McCarthy to submit the changes in the proper form to the bylaws committee and they would be taken up at the next Board meeting.

**Discussion Of IRS Approval For Group Exemption Under The Associations 501 (C) (19) Of The Code And, As A Result, The Required Bylaws Change:**

President Kinard commented that this exemption was proposed by the late Treasurer Jones and Secretary Cohee, with a lot of help from member Elmer Austermann of CID 186. The request was submitted to the IRS in December 2013. Treasurer Gregg finalized the documentation and will now comment on how the approval affects the Chapters and Departments.

- The letter from the IRS giving the Association’s Chapters and Departments tax exemption status under 501 (c) (19) was dated August 29, 2014. However the exemption is not automatic. At this time, only Chapter 186 is included.
- Each Chapter or Department must ask to be included as part of the exemption and must submit certain documentation that will be described in the SPM. The benefit to the Chapters and Departments if they become exempt under the Association’s umbrella is that they will not have to file IRS Form 1024 that costs $750.

Some of the Chapters and Departments already have their own tax exemption, so they do not need to come under the Association’s umbrella, but they can if they want to. This is a very brief analysis of the exemption letter and what it means to the Chapters and Departments. It is explained in more detail in the September-October 2014 issue of The Graybeards.

- Director Stevens asked Treasurer Gregg to send him an e-mail with the wording for the bylaws change so that it can be considered by the Bylaws Committee and voted on at the next Board meeting.

**Amend The First Sentence Of Bylaws, Article 1 Membership To Read “Membership In This Association Shall Consist Of Regular, Associate, Honorary And Genealogical Members”:**

This action item was submitted by Mike Glazzy, President of the Department of California. There was a lot of discussion by the Board members, but the bottom line is that there are some legal aspects that would need to be resolved.

Director Stevens, the bylaws Chairman, commented that after listening to the arguments, pro and con, “I will make a motion that this action be put on the back burner or put it in abeyance or however you want to look at it until such time as we get the 90 or the10 percent rule changed. Then we can revisit the Genealogical category as a possibility for membership.” The motion was seconded by Director Bruzgis and passed unanimously.

- President Kinard commented that it was brought to his attention that the Board needs to vote on the Executive Directors contract. All Directors except Director Brown were sent copies by an e-mail and there are more copies available here.

Past Director Ewing said that Treasurer Gregg had suggested a few minor changes, which he went over. Director Aldridge made a motion that the amended contract be approved; it was seconded by Director Whitmore, and passed unanimously.

- The next item submitted by Past Director and Past Bylaws Chairman George Lawhon was to change the type of the following committees from special to standing:

**Tell America and VAVS**

Director Stevens commented that it would require that the
Chairman of each Committee be a Board member. Many times in the past they have been very capably chaired by individuals who were not on the Board. That is the only problem that might stand in the way of approving this, but it is open to discussion.

• Past President Mac Swain commented that at one time the Tell America Committee was a standing committee, but we never had anybody on the Board but now President Kinard, who was made the Tell America Committee Chairman. So, it is much easier for the President to not have to select two or more people off of the Board because he can make them a special committee Chairman.

So I would recommend that those two committees not be put on the Standing Committees. Director Stevens made a motion that this particular bylaw revision proposal be defeated. It was seconded by Director Scarlato, and passed unanimously.

Enter Into The Minutes And The Record, As Appropriate, The Article, ‘Compliance To The Kwva Bylaws.’ Discuss And Vote As Needed:

This item was also submitted by Past Director and Past Bylaws Chairman Lawhon. Past Director Ewing stated that this item has been reviewed by an attorney and he says what the Board passed at the March 2014 Board meeting. The way it was written up and the way the Board passed it is in violation of the Charter. So no action can be taken on this particular item today.

There might be a way of getting around the problem at some later date, but we have to go back and study it some more and rewrite it and run it by the attorney to make sure that what we are saying is legal and in the proper order before we can vote on it. My recommendation would be to defer any action until a later date.

• Director Stevens asked if this was in violation of the Association’s Charter with the State of New York.

• Past Director Ewing responded that it is in violation of the charter of the New York Rules of Incorporation. So it is my recommendation that we need to delay this until the next meeting. Director Stevens then made that motion; it was seconded by Director McHugh and passed unanimously.

Approval Of The Corresponding SPM Section To Reflect The Executive Director’s Duties:

Past Director Ewing commented that the Board has approved the position of Executive Director and an Executive Director has been hired subject to final approval by the membership on Saturday. So a section needs to be written for the SPM to lay out kind of a laundry list of duties that he would be working under and would be doing.

Mr. Ewing then went over some of the duties (each Director had a list of all of them) and then commented that these are the duties that are known at this time. They may have to be changed or updated at some later date. However, it should be noted that the last one now listed says that “he shall perform all other duties as responsibly assigned by the President.”

Director Stevens made a motion that the changes being recommended to the SPM to accommodate the Executive Director’s activities be accepted; it was seconded by Director Bruzgis and passed unanimously.

Approval To Amend Several Sections Of The Bylaws To Provide For The Executive Director Position:

Past Director Ewing commented that there were a couple of changes/additions that had to be made to the bylaws to accommodate the Executive Director’s position. These changes can be approved by the Board today, but they will not go to the membership until next year’s General Membership meeting. That is because they must first be published in The Graybeards.

There are two or three actions included in this one bylaw change.

— One is to add the Executive Director’s position into the list of officers.

— Two is to change the number of Board Members from 17 to 18.

— Three is to draft a more detailed description of the position and to move it up within the list of officers to paragraph C, Article III, Section I, Powers and Duties.

Action item 4 is a recommendation that Mr. Doppelhammer made back in March. That was to remove the names of the appointed positions from paragraph E. As it is now, the bylaws have to be changed every time a new appointed position is created. So, if we took out the names and changed the wording to read “All appointed positions shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board. The responsibilities and duties for all Appointed Positions and Standing Committee Chairmen are included in the Board approved SPM,” a bylaw change would not be required. A motion was made to change the bylaws as proposed; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion And Approval of The Concept To Place Korean War Veterans Signs On The Major Highways Where The 38th Parallel Crosses:

Secretary Cohee commented that this was suggested by a gentleman who was going through West Virginia and saw a big sign that said “38th Parallel North, In Honor of Korean War Veterans” that crossed over a major highway. He suggested that the Korean War Veterans Association work to have such a sign erected in all of the states where the 38th Parallel crosses over a major highway. There are several states where this happens.

After a lot of discussion and comments from most of the Board members, Director McHugh made a motion that the Association get involved in the project. It was seconded by Director McCarthy and then there was more discussion prior to the vote. The motion was eventually passed unanimously.

President Kinard then asked for volunteers to serve on the committee to determine what needs to be done. Directors McCarthy, Martin, and Scarlato volunteered.

Approval Of The General Membership Meeting Agenda, October 18, 2014:

Secretary Cohee said that the agenda had to be changed because of the findings by the attorney, namely that the Association has to get approval by the General Membership for any changes to the bylaws. At that time a revised page of
the agenda was handed out. Director Dappen made a motion that the General Membership Agenda be approved; it was seconded by Director Brown and passed unanimously.

President Kinard then asked Ed Valle, Commander of the local MN Chapter that is sponsoring all of this, to please stand. Ed said everything was going well so far. He was given a round of applause.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director McHugh, Fund Raiser Chairman, stated that his committee has sent out 129 letters to the largest firms around the country requesting donations. He further commented that the majority of challenge coins that were purchased two years ago are about sold out. So he made a motion to purchase 500 more; it was seconded by Director Martin and passed unanimously.

• President Kinard then asked Mr. Price, National Legislative Director, if he had anything to tell us about all of his efforts to get us a new bill. Mr. Price commented that this is not a good time of the year to try and do legislation. There is an election going on. This is also not a good time to do fund raising because the politicians are also doing that.

“I have talked to a number of legislators and I am so delighted the we have Jim Fisher on board now,” he said, “Between he and I we can interpret what needs to be done with the bills, the wording of them, etc., so they can be properly staffed.”

• Director Edwards, Recruiting Chairman, was asked by the President to say a few words about membership. He reported, “We have recruited 651 members this year, compared to 862 last year. This year we have a total of 14,663 members, compared to 14,755 last year. Deceased comrades reported this year is 1,364.”

• President Kinard then presented plaques to the three outgoing Directors. Only one of them, Past Director Ewing, was present, so he was asked to come forward. The other two, Past Directors Lawhon and Rice, will be sent their plaques.

• First Vice-President Wiedhahn then commented that four prominent guests would speak at the General Membership Meeting or at the banquet on Saturday: Congressman Tim Walz, General Shin, Peter Taves, and General Kim Sang-il.

Flag Salute:

Led by Director Whitmore.

Motion To Adjourn:

Made by Director Aldridge, seconded by Director Bruzgis, at 1450.

Benediction:

Given by Chaplain Ruffing.

The Board all stood and sang “God Bless America,” led by Jim Fisher, accompanied by Director Dappen playing his guitar.

Respectfully submitted, Frank Cohee, National Secretary

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of location for spring 2015 Board Meeting

Introduction and vote on Executive DirectorPresident Kinard

Approval for changes to SPM FORM 4.9.1, Election-Official Election Candidate Form..............Director McCarthy

Discussion of IRS approval for group exemption Under the Associations 501(c)(19) of the code and, as a result, the required bylaws change......................Treasurer Gregg

Amend first sentence of bylaws, Article 1 Membership to read “Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate, Honorary and Genealogical Member”......................Directors Stevens/Ewing

GEL 2-Change the type of the following committees from Special to Standing: Tell America and VAVS......................Directors Stevens/Ewing

GEL 3-Revisit as required, and enter into the Minutes and the record, as appropriate, the article, “Compliance to the KWVA bylaws” Discuss and vote, as needed......................Directors Stevens/Ewing

BLC-19- Approval of the corresponding SPM section to reflect The Executive Director’s duties..............Directors Stevens/Ewing

BLC-20-Approval to amend several sections of the Bylaws to provide for the Executive Director position......................Directors Stevens/Ewing

BLC-21-Discussion and approval of the concept to place Korean War Veterans signs on the major highways where the 38th Parallel crosses......................Secretary Cohee

Approval for the Annual General Membership Meeting Agenda, October 18, 2014......................Secretary Cohee

For The Good Of The Order/Awards Presentations :

President Kinard

Flag Salute: ..................President Kinard

Motion To Adjourn: ..................President Kinard

Respectfully Submitted

Frank Cohee, KWVA National Sec