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**ALL MEMBERS**

Please complete and return the ballot in the January/February issue of *The Graybeards* as soon as you receive it. It is one of the few things that KWVA members are asked to do.

You deserve to have some say in the election. That can only happen if you submit a ballot. Your vote will help the Executive Board function with good members.

If you have any questions at all, contact me by phone or email. I will return your calls ASAP.

Read the ballot carefully--and vote. The completed ballot must arrive in Tucson, AZ by **10 May, 2015**.

Albert H. McCarthy, Chairman  
 Elections Committee  
 15 Farnum St  
 Worcester, MA 01602-2101  
 Ph: 508-277-7300 *McCarthy.Albert@live.com*

**BALLOT ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE**  
**VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE**

**CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS**

- **Richard E. Brown, Sr.**
- **Narce Caliva**
- **John T. "Sonny" Edwards**
- **Robert F. Fitts**

- **George E. Lawhon**
- **J. Fred Ragusa**
- **Lewis R. Vaughn**

**You will vote for no more than four Directors**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The candidates' resumes have not been edited. They appear exactly as they were when submitted to the Elections Committee Chairman.

**RICHARD E. BROWN, SR.**

My name is Richard E. Brown, Sr. I am a Life Member of the KWVA. I am currently serving you as a Director. Since this an Election Period, I am running for Director for the 2015 period. I am a life member my dues are covered for the period 2015 - 2017. During the periods I have been a Director I have always voted all items in support of the general membership. If reelected, I will continue to ensure that each time I vote will be in

your favor. I also understand that if I miss 2 unexcused meetings, I will be removed from Office. Since I have been a member, I have never missed any meetings as a general member and as a member of the E&G Committee and a Director. I have a 100% attendance record. I will attend all called meetings of the board of directors and as stated above I fully understand that 2 unexcused meetings will result in being removed from office.

I am a Life Member of the following Veterans Associations, KWVA, AFA (Air Force Association), Vietnam Veterans Association and the VFW. I am a member of the Air Force Security Police Association, and the American Legion, I also belong to the USMC Heritage Foundation. I am a Founding Member of the Korean Museum soon to be located in New York City. And I have contributed donations to all military groups including the Army and Navy. As a member of

the American Legion, I was the Post Senior Vise Commander and the Department of Hawaii Vise Commander for Okinawa.

I was ASSIGNED TO k 47, Chun Chon Air Force Base from July 1952 - July 1953. I was a Staff Sgt E-5 as Flight Chief for the Air Force Police with the 6147th Tactical Control Group. I was also assigned to brief the combat Pilots and USA observers on the provisions of the Geneva Convention. I served for 21 years total active duty with the USAF and I retired as MSgt E7.

One of the best if not the best assignment of my time in the USAF was that I was picked to stand the Death Watch for Gen MacArthur in New York City. The second best was when I was assigned to the Armed Forces Police in NYC. I was in charge of the Special Ceremonial Section. I wrote the Parade Orders for Ticker Tape Parades. When I left that assignment, I was presented with a miniature Key to the City.

Enclosed please find the last DD 214. Also is a copy of a completed membership application for approval and verification by the Election Committee. My current residence is 2307 Gring Drive, West Lawn, PA 19609-1107. My home phone number is 610-670-2886. Please feel free to telephone me at any time. My membership number is LR36975. Also feel free to contact me at my Email address at [rebpil@comcast.net](mailto:rebpil@comcast.net)

I ask you once again for your vote to return me to the Board as a Director. Thanks for your continued support.

RICHARD E. BROWN, SR.

## NARCE CALIVA



I'm honored to present myself as a candidate for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2015-2018.

I was born in California, enlisted in the Army in 1948, and was assigned to the MP Det. at Fort Eustis, VA. In 1950, on my way to OCS at Fort Riley, KS, the Korean War broke out. In August 1951, at age 21, I arrived in Korea as a Second Lieutenant, Transportation Corps.

Over the course of 20 months, I was assigned to the 60th Truck and 54th Heavy Truck Companies in Wonju and, when the 54th was transferred, to the 54th and 48th Truck Companies in Pusan. I was promoted to First Lieutenant in December 1951.

In September 1953 I was released from active duty to the Reserves. With the help of the GI Bill, I returned to finish college and graduated with business degrees from Sacramento State College and what is now Thunderbird School of Global Management.

In 1959, I joined the staff of the American Red Cross, Service to the Armed Forces, and served on Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps bases in the US, Spain and West Germany. Stateside, I was also able to gain in depth experience working with local units, offering guidance and assistance to dozens of large and small Red Cross chapters.

During my 30-year career, 12 years were spent on 4 overseas tours. In Vietnam in 1967- 1968, I supervised all Red Cross field directors embedded with the military from the Central Highlands north. Similarly, while at Far East HQ in Japan from 1969-1971, it was my responsibility to supervise all of our operations in Korea.

In the 1970's, I became Western Director of Training, then moved up to spend 4 years in management supporting our 1,200 Red Cross chapters to meet their charter obligations and administrative requirements. My next appointment was as Manager, Service to the Armed Forces, and for 3 years was directly responsible for the Red Cross programs and services on all military installations in the Western United States.

From 1981-1988, accredited to the CINC USEUCOM and on the protocol list, I served as the ARC Managing Director, European Area, with HQ at Stuttgart, Germany. Over 325 staff and 9,000 Red Cross volunteers met emergency and other needs at 80 locations. I retired at NHQ in 1989 but have continued as a leadership volunteer for the past 25 years.

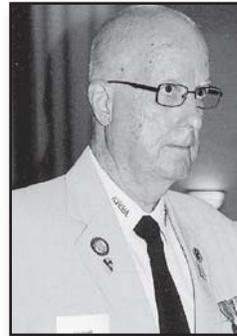
In KWVA, I'm in my second term as Commander of Shenandoah Valley Chapter #313. I served as 1st Vice Commander for 2 terms, during which our Korean War Memorial was built, and was also elected to the Department of Virginia Board. I have enjoyed participating fully in chapter, regional and national activities, as well as other notable events, such as being on stage in Washington, DC at the May 27, 2013 nationally televised Memorial Day program. It was a privilege to help represent all Korean War veterans.

I believe the experience I bring - building productive relationships, developing volunteer leadership of many groups, and dealing successfully with serious management issues over the years — prepares me well to help contribute to the achievement of KWVA goals and objectives. We must expand and diversify our Wartime and Defense membership ranks and continue to effectively “Tell America” our story. So, I welcome this exceptional opportunity to be of service as a national director and respectfully solicit your vote.

As a Life Member, my dues will remain fully paid. I certify that I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for removal from office. All required documents, including an Official KWVA Application Form and copies of my DD Forms 214, have been submitted to and released for verification by the Election Committee.

NARCE CALIVA, LR 42769, 102 Killaney Court, Winchester, VA 22602-6796; Telephone 540-545-8403; Alternate Telephone (cell) 540-760-3130; E-Mail ncaliva29@gmail.com.

## JOHN T. (“SONNY”) EDWARDS



In accordance with the Korean War Veterans Association Bylaws, I am pleased and privileged to submit my name as a candidate for reelection as National Director for the years 2015-2018.

My military service began with enlisting in the Army Reserves in 1953 and was called to active duty in 1956. I received basic training at Fort Jackson, SC and then was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, MO for Combat Engineer training.

I received orders in May 1957 for duty in Korea and was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion. When the 24th left Korea I was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division 8th Combat Engineer Battalion. Due to the illness and death of my father, I received a hardship discharge in 1958 to run my fathers farming operation. I reported back to the Army Reserves and was assigned to a Nike Missile Battalion. I received an Honorable Discharge in 1962 with the rank of SFC. I am a graduate of the NCO Academy.

I worked 15 years in the meat packing industry, 22 years as an Insurance Manager and six years as a Deputy Sheriff.

I am a Life Member of the VFW and have served as a Post Commander, District Commander, Department Chief of Staff and as a Department Chaplain. I am a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association and the 1st Cavalry Association.

I am currently a Director and Chairman of Membership & Recruiting.

I am a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and currently serve as Church Lay Speaker.

I am a Life Member of the KWVA {LR34808}, therefore my dues are current for the term of office I am seeking and I concur with and have signed The KWVA “Code of Conduct”. I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used to remove me from office.

Attached is a completed and signed KWVA Form 4.1.1 Official

Membership Application which contains information concerning my qualifications for the position of Director and I further authorize the release of the information included in this application for verification by the Election Committee.

I would consider it an honor to be elected to serve with the outstanding group of Officers and Directors currently leading our organization and I solicit your support. I am committed to recruiting new members to join this great organization for our continued legacy.

John T. {Sonny}Edwards, 14370 Mill Swamp Rd, Smithfield, VA 23430, H-757-357-2331, C- 757-813-0254, kvetedwards@yahoo.com

## ROBERT F. FITTS



I, Robert F. Fitts intend to run for the office of Director, National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

I served with the Illinois National Guard 44th Division, 30th Inf. Reg. Co, H from November 1947 until activated for National duty November 1951 until getting orders for Korea, arriving in Korea Nov. 1952. Served with the 7th Division, 32nd Inf., H Co., promoted to Staff Sgt. June 1953, served until Sept. 1953. Discharged at Camp Carson, Col. and assigned back to

the Illinois National Guard until December 1954.

**Awards:** Combat Inf. Badge, Korean Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars, United Nations Service Medal.

**Education:** BA Degree, McKendree College/University 1958: Divinity Degree Garrett Theo. Seminary 1962

**Experience:** United Methodist Minister in Illinois - June 1954 - June 1980

Director of Ministry of Criminal Justice program 1975 - J 980, Chairman, Milan Police Commission, and a Milan Auxiliary Police Officer 1971 - 1975. Financial Planner, American Express, 1981 - 1994:

**Organizations:** KWVA Chapter 168, member 14 years and 4 terms as President: Illinois State KWVA Commander, 2003-04, 2009-11, and 2012-14.: Managed 3 State Conventions: American Legion 171, VFW 8890.

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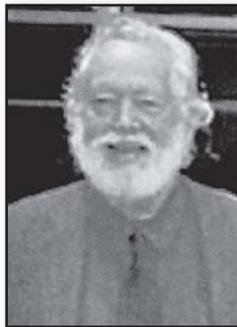
Life Membership since 6/99 - #LR25998.

I, Robert F. Fitts, will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that 2 unexcused absences could result in my removal from office

### Now Hear This:

All comments concerning, or material for publication, in *The Graybeards* should be sent to Art Sharp, Editor, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or emailed to: [sharp\\_arthur\\_g@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net)

## GEORGE E. LAWHON



My name is George E. Lawhon and it is my pleasure to announce my candidacy for the office of National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2015 through 2018. I have signed the KWVA Code of Conduct. My conviction and support for the Korean War Veterans Association is expressed in its Mission Statement on the KWVA website <http://www.kwva.org>.

### Military Experience

My military service began with my enlistment on August 1, 1950, in the United States Air Force. Following Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, I then completed the 32-week curriculum at the Electronics & Communications School at Scott AFB, Illinois, as a Ground Electronics & Communications Technician.

I arrived in Taegu, Korea, in June, 1951, and was assigned to the 605th Tactical Control Squadron, Fifth Air Force.

### Civilian Work Experience

Following my Honorable Discharge in 1954 at Patrick AFB, Florida, I worked at Cape Canaveral, Florida for Boeing, as an Electronic Technician, and later for The Martin Company (now known as Lockheed Martin) on defense contracts, first as a Test Equipment Design Engineer; later as a Quality Assurance Engineer. Presently I hold a current California State license as a Professional Engineer in Quality Engineering, # QU3927, issued July 12th, 1978. I am a working consultant in that field. In the 1960's, I worked at the Kennedy Space Center for Grumman Aerospace Engineering as a Technical Writer, writing test procedures for Apollo astronauts for the LEM (Lunar Excursion Module), on the Apollo Moon Program.

### KWVA Service

I have served two previous terms as a National Director, 2008-2011 & 2011-2014.

Shortly after being elected Director in 2008, I accepted an assignment to become Chairman of the KWVA Bylaws Committee. Early on, our committee began work on the 2008/2009 Bylaws/SPM Review Project, which was to clarify and give more definition to the Bylaws, and to rewrite the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM). During my second term, I was given the honor to be Chairman of the Tell America Committee. After my term finished, the responsibility was passed on to National Director Roy Aldridge.

I expressed my principles about our duty and obligations to the KWVA in two articles I wrote for *The Graybeards*. You can read one article, "For The Good Of the Order on Pages 70-71 (Nov-Dec 2007), the other "What Has National Ever Done for Us?" on Page 9 of the May-June 2010 Edition. If you believe that my goals and standards are in harmony with yours, I respectfully request your support and your vote.

I agree with 1st Vice President Wiedhahn that "...We have a vast wealth of experience with those who have served in Korea in peace time." We need them to help build the future needs of the KWVA, they should be actively recruited, and those that have joined, encouraged to serve in any way that they can.

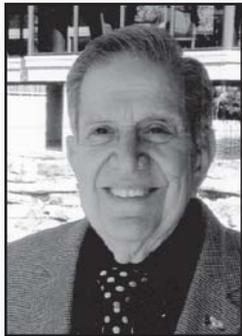
I hereby certify that I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. A copy of my DD-214 is enclosed. I am a Life Member of KWVA, Inc, #LR18750, therefore my dues are paid and will be current throughout the term of office that I am seeking.

All information contained in this letter, the Membership Application Form, my military records, and support documentation is hereby released to the Elections Committee for verification.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Lawhon Life Member LR18750, 600 E. Weddell Drive #91, Sunnyvale, CA 94089-1731, 408-734-0305, george.e.lawhon@gmail.com

**J. FRED RAGUSA**



This is my notice of filing for one of the open positions of Nation( Director for the years of 2015-2018. I have enclosed an Official KWVA Membership Application Form in addition to a Certification of Military Service, with seal, in lieu of the DD form 214 due to my records being destroyed by fire in St. Louis, MO. I release the completed application form for verification of my qualifications by the Election Committee that does not involve fees. Also enclosed is a current picture suitable for

publication in *The Graybeards*.

My education, military service and professional experience prepares me to make a contribution in the position of National Director of KWVA are as follows:

- a. My four (4) years of academic study toward my undergraduate degree in Accounting also included 4 years of R.O.T.C. training that resulted in my commission as 2nd Lieutenant in Army Artillery. I received orders for active duty upon graduation from the university. My leadership training prior to unit assignment included Fort Sill, Oklahoma between my Junior and Senior years in addition to the Artillery School as an officer prior to overseas assignment. This was complimented by combat maneuvers with the First Cav Division at the base of Mt. Fujiama in Japan prior to my first permanent unit assignment in the 981st FA Bn, Charlie Battery, of the 40th Inf. Div. in Korea which was on line in the Pork Chop Hill Sector of combat with the enemy.
- b. In April of 1953, I received a battlefield promotion to 1st Lieutenant as Battery Executive Officer with Responsibilities of the Fire Direction Center. All training and education received as a commissioned officer are tested in combat and confirmed by those above and below your rank as to acceptable performances.
- c. I returned to the states for separation from active duty to begin my career path in Sales and Marketing of Data Processing Systems as applied to the Financial Industry. That began in 1955 until my retirement in 2010. I joined a company that just completed an I.P.O. and had annual revenue of \$85 Million. The annual revenue the year of my retirement was \$4.5 Billion. The primary focus to succeed in such a dynamic industry of technological growth was to remain a student of the business to achieve market share and profitable growth. Otherwise,

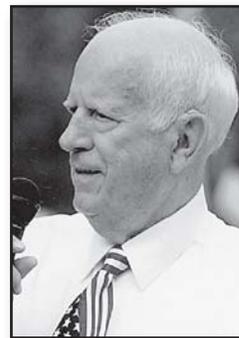
one's contribution can quickly diminish. I hope to put that initiative to work as a Director.

d. I became an active member of KWVA as one of the Chapter Officers to resurrect Alamo Chapter #298 in 2011 that had been comatose for several years. We accelerated membership through hosting the Texas Department Annual Convention in 2012 and again in 2014. San Antonio, Military City USA, should be very visible in KWVA with the high number of retired military personnel that live in this area.

e. If elected as a National Director, I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for removal from office. My next annual dues is due 4/8/2015. I am enclosing payment of dues for the years of 2015, 2016 and 2017 to meet qualifications.

J. Fred Ragusa, Two Remington Run, San Antonio, TX 78528, (210) 481-2817, EMail: jfredragusa@gmail.com, R038956

**LEWIS VAUGHN**



MY RESUME: I have extensive management experience as follows:

I served two three year hitches (July 1950-Oct. 1956) in the Armored Calvary rising to the rank of Sergeant First Class during my service in Korea (Jan. 1954-July 1955).

I worked for two major corporations during my thirty year business career. Much of my career I was a project/department manager responsible for developing business systems on large main frame computers.

When I retired in 1985, I was the Department Manager for Wear-Dated Carpet Information Systems for Monsanto Corp. located in St. Louis , MO.

I served twenty years in t he South Carolina House and Senate , chairing numerous committees. After retiring from the General Assembly in 2008, I served one term on the SC Commission on Higher Education. I currently serve on the Greenville (SC) Health System Board of Trustees and the Greer , (SC) Heritage Museum Board.

My most recent , and most gratifying project was to lead a successful effort to name a two mile stretch of busy I-385 for veterans of each of America's 20th and 21st century wars, and naming that twelve mile stretch "THE VETERANS CORRIDOR OF HONOR." We have gotten a lot of positive feedback on that project. It is my hope that we can replicate that in other states.

My mailing address,telephone number , E-Mail address and KWVA membership number is at the bottom of this letter. I do not have an alternate E-mail address. My cell number is: (864) 593-5754.

If elected I will attend all regular and called meetings. I understand that with two unexcused absences , I am subject to removal from office.

I am a life member of KWVA , thus my dues are paid through my term of office.

Should the KWVA membership award me the honor of serving , I will be an active Director , and I believe an asset to the organization.

Lewis R. Vaughn, 623 Ashley Commons Ct. Greer , SC 29651, KWVA membership number LR44320, E-mail: lewisvaughn@charter.net, (864) 848-0368 (HOME) (864) 593-5754 (CELL)