



Korea War and Korea Service Veterans  
A Continuity of Service in Defense of Freedom  
**Membership Includes**



Recipients of the  
**Occupation Medal**  
Korea 1945-1950



Recipients of the  
**Korean Service Medal**  
Korea 1950-1954



Recipients of the  
**Expeditionary Medal**  
1966-1974



Recipients of the  
**Korea Defense  
Service Medal**  
1954 to Present



**National Defense Medal**  
Korean War Era Veterans  
1950-1955

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**CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE  
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Section 1. Qualifications for members.** Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

**A. Regular members-**

1. **Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast guard, said service being within Korea including territorial waters and airspace (September 3, 1945-Present) or who served outside of Korea (June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955), is eligible for Membership.
2. **Medal of honor.** Any Medal or Honor recipient, so honored for service during the Korean War is eligible for life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership (Application Form page 2) must be provided for approval.
3. **Prisoner of war.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership (Application Form Page 2) must be provided for approval.
4. **United Nations command and Korean Armed Forces.** Any person who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United Nations Command or in the Republic of Korea Armed Forces during the Korean War era (June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955) is eligible for membership. However, UN/Korean membership of the Association may not exceed 10% of the total membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership (Application Form page 2) must be provided for approval.
5. **Gold Star Parents.** Any person whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War is eligible for life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership (Application Form page 2) must be provided for approval.
6. **Gold Star Spouses.** Any person whose spouse was killed in action, missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War is eligible for life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership (Application Form page 2) must be provided for approval.

**B. Associate members.** Any person with legitimate interest in the affairs of this association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular membership and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the charter and bylaws shall be eligible for associate membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership (Application Form page 2) must be provided for approval.

**C. Honorary members.** Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by Vote by the Board of Directors. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership (Application Form page 2) must be provided for approval.

**D. Ineligible.** Any person who has been separated from the Service of the Armed Forces of the United States, or the United Nations Command, or the Republic of Korea under conditions, Or the Republic of Korea under conditions other than Honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

Official Membership Application Form  
The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.  
PO Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407 (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE Assigned Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

**KWVA Regular Annual Dues-\$25.00**

**Associate Membership-\$16.00**

**EX-POW, Gold Star Parent or Spouse & Honorary-\$0.00**

**Regular Life Membership:** (May be paid in lump sum or 6 equal payments by check over a 12 month period.)

**Ages up to and through 35 years of age: \$600.00**

**Ages 36 through 50 years of age: \$450.00**

**Ages 51 through 65 years of age: \$300.00**

**Ages 66 years of age and older: \$150.00**

Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One: ☐ EX-POW ☐ Regular Member  
☐ Regular Life Member ☐ Associate Member  
☐ Honorary ☐ Gold Star Spouse ☐ Gold Star Parent

(Please Print)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle/Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Number / Name (if applicable) # \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL REGULAR MEMBERS PLEASE PROVIDE THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

Unit (s) to which Assigned \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service  
Division \_\_\_\_\_ Army

Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ Air Force

Battalion \_\_\_\_\_ Navy

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Marines

Other \_\_\_\_\_ Coast Guard

Dates of service:  
With IN Korea were:  
(See Criteria below)  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
WithOUT Korea were:  
(See Criteria below)  
From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

**"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes indicated is true and correct."**

(If you are applying for membership in a category other than section 1, par A.1., of the "Criteria for Membership" listed below, complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" form.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to KWVA

Mail to: Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., PO Box 407,  
Charleston, IL 61920-0407 (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

(Or you may pay by Credit Card)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Visa ☐ Master Card

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY  
FOR KWVA MEMBERSHIP**

In addition to completing the KWVA membership application form on page 1 above, persons who make application for membership and qualify under one of the categories listed below, are required to fill in the appropriate blanks, sign in the space provided below.

Check One

\_\_\_\_\_ **Medal of Honor:** I am a recipient of the Medal or Honor for service during the Korean War and the date on which it was awarded was:

Month\_\_\_\_\_ Day\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ex-POW:** I was held as a Prisoner of War at some time during the period June 25, 1950 to the present, From:

Month\_\_\_\_\_ Day\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ **UN Command/Korean Armed Forces:** I served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United Nations Command or in the Republic of Korea Armed Forces during the Korean War era ( June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955:

From: Month\_\_\_\_\_ Day\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_

To: Month\_\_\_\_\_ Day\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gold Star Parent:** I am the parent of:

Name\_\_\_\_\_, who was  
\_\_\_\_\_ killed in action, \_\_\_\_\_ missing in action or  
\_\_\_\_\_ died as a Prisoner of War

on: Month\_\_\_\_\_ Day\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gold Star Spouse:** I am the spouse of: Name  
(print)\_\_\_\_\_, who was  
\_\_\_\_\_ killed in action. \_\_\_\_\_ missing in action or  
\_\_\_\_\_ died as a Prisoner of War

on: Month\_\_\_\_\_ Day\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Associate:** I have legitimate interest in the affairs of the Korean War Veterans Association and agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in its charter and bylaws.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Honorary:** I was elected as an honorary member of KWVA by a vote of the Board of Directors  
on: Month\_\_\_\_\_ Day\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month\_\_\_\_\_ Day\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_

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1. KWVA has the best VSO magazine in the country dedicated exclusively to Korea Veterans...  
***The Graybeards!***
2. KWVA did almost \$1 million VA Voluntary Service work in each of the past two years.
3. KWVA donates thousands of dollars to the Korea Veterans Memorial every year.
4. KWVA is bringing in more and more Korea post war veterans to carry on the legacy of the Korean War.
5. KWVA Sponsors events for our soldiers stationed in ROK.
6. KWVA supports our troops in Korea TODAY.
7. KWVA operates the RETURN VISIT program.
8. KWVA operates in Congress and in the Capitol for Korea veterans.
9. [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) is THE PRIME Korea veterans' website.

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