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It is my honor and pleasure to announce that as of today, October 1, 2021, Rear Admiral Jon Kreitz, USN (Ret), former DPAA Deputy Director for Operations (DDO), will join the League as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), replacing me in this position. I'm attaching his bio so that you can fully appreciate his qualifications well beyond having served the brief tour as the DPAA/DDO.

The 2019-2021 Board of Directors voted overwhelmingly to approve his hiring, for which we're most grateful. We believe he is the right person with the right qualifications to successfully lead the League in today's challenging environment and into the future. This is true because of Jon's direct knowledge about and participation in the accounting process - in-country and bureaucratically - and because he is discerning, articulate, and knows how to handle the representational aspects here in Washington, DC. That latter benefit requires interagency coordination and cooperation with State, DoD, DIA, other departments/agencies (Commerce, Trade, etc.), and with the Military Services. All such capability likely will be needed even more in the future than it has been for the last 40+ years.

As many know, I'd promised myself and others that I would not be handling matters in the League Office once I turned 80 years of age, as I did on August 16th. I agreed to continue serving on the Board of Directors if elected by the membership. I was then reelected by the Board to again serve as Chairman. In this position, I'll be able to virtually and electronically advise and provide assistance when needed, "supervise" the work of the League Office, and participate in person if/when the best interests of the issue and the League require, plus chair the quarterly Board of Directors Meetings.

It is my intention and earnest hope that I will finally have the time to write my long-planned non-fiction book, "In Search of a Brother" that has nothing to do with the unexpected recovery of my brother in 2018, and his interment with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on June 24, 2019, the Monday following the League's 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting.....writing the true historical record of the Vietnam War accounting effort is a long-unfulfilled promise, repeatedly postponed, especially since August 1, 2011, when I thought I was finally going to retire.....so wish me luck in that endeavor.

Again, please welcome our new League CEO, RDML Jon Kreitz, USN (Ret), and keep him and the League in your thoughts and prayers. As ever onward.....Ann

*Ann Mills-Griffiths
Chairman of the Board
October 1, 2021*