



2018 NRHS NOMINATION FORM

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Home Chapter or At-Large Affiliation: George L. Carter

Position Being Sought (circle): President Vice-President

Global Director

At-Large District A At-Large District B

Chapter District: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Biography (Limit to 250 words): (The Committee suggests you include a passport-type photo of yourself for the ballot) Included

I am a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel with 28 years of service and another 16 years managing two International Programs for the Army, as a civilian. I have a BA degree from Mercer University in Macon, GA and a Masters of Religious Education from Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, MO. I am a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the recipient of the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and Senior Parachutist Wings.

I have been a member of NRHS since 1981 and have served as National Director for two different chapters and as the Chapter Vice President and National Representative for the George L. Carter Chapter. During my tenure as a member of the old Board of Directors I served on the Nominating Committee on three different occasions and chaired that committee twice. I was also a member of the most recent By-Laws Committee.

Reasons for Seeking This Office (Limit to 250 words):

My interest in joining NRHS was and is to promote the history and purpose of railroads in the United States and to learn as much about their impact upon our society as possible. As a member of the Board of Directors I will strive to serve the needs and interests of the members of the Society as a

whole. As an organization we need to appeal to the younger members of our society and get them involved in the collection and preservation of railroad history. Our local chapter has an ongoing program of collecting the oral history of our local railroads and preserving the words of those who experienced it in both electronic and printed format. This and other approaches need to be implemented throughout the society to collect information that is critical to the preservation of railroad history. As a member of the Board of Directors I will seek to implement programs that will help to preserve our railroad history.