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Our Mission as Editors of the Warrior, is to Enlighten the Minds and Hearts of its Members!

ELECTION NIGHT

Election night was an event filled evening. We started the night off with a wonderful catered dinner from Pappas Bar B Q. They served some of the most delicious brisket ever eaten, sausage, sauce, potato salad, cole slaw & fixins and desserts courtesy of the wives. Everyone enjoyed the meal and we were encouraged to go back for seconds (no real encouraging needed).

The meeting began at 7:00 and after the opening ceremonies, the Jerry Weber Awards were presented.



The award winners were voted on by the membership and the top 5 winners were presented with a beautiful lead crystal oblique, with their names engraved in them, along with the emblem of their branch of service. The winners were Jim Duncan, Sal Gambino, Henry Martinez, Lee & Charlotte Henderson and Bob Mitchell.

This award will be given annually but with only one winner each year. There were multiple winners this year because there were so many deserving members.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS !!!



NEW OFFICERS:

Chuck Ehrlund, Roland English, Travis Riley, Rod Ramsey, Bob Bighouse, Charles Laird, Jim Duncan & Howard Nathan.

The business meeting continued and after a brief agenda, the new members of the board were named.

The new officers are:

Charles Ehrlund - President
Roland English - 1st Vice President
Travis Riley— 2nd Vice President
Bob Bighouse - Secretary
Rod Ramsey - Treasurer
Jim Duncan - Director
Charles Laird - Director
Howard Nathan - Director



Passing the Command:

Buddy Blair hands the Presidents Gavel to Charles Ehrlund

Returning Directors:

Hank Fry
Manny Carnero

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW LEADERS!!

ELEVENTH ANNUAL "HONOR ALL VETERANS DAY"
AT THE BALLPARK

Our annual ballgame at Minute Maid Field will be held this year on:

Saturday, June 2nd. Game time is 2:55 PM and it should be a sellout. (This is a rescheduled time).

The Astros will be hosting the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals.

We will be in **the Outfield Mezzanine** once again,

Sections 256 & 257.

Tickets are regularly \$18. each, but for us, they will be **\$ 9.00 each.**

The theme this year will be **Underage Veterans.** Many people "fudged" their documents to enlist in the service in many Wars, dating back to the Revolutionary War. Our own Henry Martinez is one of these. Many of them fought on the various battlefields, and many paid the supreme price. With the advent of computers, it is unlikely that their ranks will grow in the future. You can't fool IBM.

If you wish to sit with other Chapter members, make your check out to:

Bob Mitchell for the number of tickets you want, times \$9. each. You can bring your check to a General Meeting and sign up, or mail it to:

KWVA/TLSC

P.O. Box 802541

Attn: Bob Mitchell-Baseball.

Houston, Tx., 77280-2541

The cutoff date for all orders is May 1. Bob will purchase the block of tickets in early May and distribute them at the May General Meeting.

Your family, friends and neighbors are all welcome to attend as well. The more the merrier. Make your plans to join us for this special day, and let's have a really big turnout for our Chapter.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Charles Laird

FAITH IN THE ROUGH

"The Lord is my Light and my Salvation--whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?" (Ps.27:1)

When things are going well in our lives we are prone to take our faith for granted. We may even get to the point where we convince ourselves that we can do anything on our own. When OUR plans to not work out as we hoped, we begin to look for someone or something to blame.

The psalmist does not make "guarantees" on God's behalf. He places God's promises amid life as we actually live it--including the rough times. God does not exempt his children from the common problems of mankind. He is the Redeemer whose presence and assistance overcomes the things that would otherwise overwhelm us. In this psalm realism and hope are joined. Even though the Lord is the psalmist light and salvation, fear may seize him. Fear may at times also seize us.

In many places in the scriptures we are reminded that many things may come our way, God is still our Light, our Strength, and our Salvation and the author and finisher of our faith. May we trust in Him and not fear.



SAFE GUARD YOUR IDENTITY

Photocopy the contents of your wallet, both sides of your license, credit cards, etc. If it gets stolen, you will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

We have all heard horror stories about fraud, but here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know: We have been told we should cancel your credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent and is a first step toward an investigation. What is perhaps most important: Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. This alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. The numbers are:

Equifax: 7-800-525-6285

Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade took place on Saturday, March 17th, under a beautiful clear blue sky. We begin gathering around 11 AM, at Minute Maid Park, by the clock tower. Our crowd was smaller than usual, but I'm sure that some of our members had problems and couldn't attend. The crowds lining the streets was a different story, they were plentiful. Thank you Houston! The parade began at 12 noon, and followed the same route as last year. We had three trucks in the parade, all decorated with shamrocks and leprechauns. On the first truck, Lee Henderson and his daughter Kathy Burgamy rode. Kathy had a bubble machine that was a hit with the kids along the way. Sal Gambino drove the second truck with several veterans aboard. Henry Martinez's daughter and granddaughter Anissa, with her friends, rode in Henry's truck. Two strong veterans decided to walk and carry our banner. They were Nuncio Martino and Tom Fitzmorris. Congratulations to you!! Along the parade route were people that continually thanked the veterans or called out "Welcome Home".



ARMED FORCES DAY

Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on Saturday, May 19th. The ceremony will be held at the Houston VA National Cemetery. The call to order is at 10:00 A.M.

MEMORIAL DAY

A special Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 28th, 9:30 a.m., at the Houston VA National Cemetery. The Cemetery is located at 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive.

This year the Memorial Day address will be given by one of our members, W.E.B. (Willie) Blackmon. Blackmon is a retired Houston Municipal Courts judge and former Texas Air National Guard Lieutenant Colonel. Blackmon is presently a Category BIMA Reservist assigned to the 12th Flying Training Wing in Judge Advocate's Office at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. In 1984, Blackmon entered the U.S. Air Force as a military attorney where he served for the next 20 years.

THANK YOU

Lee & I want to thank everyone for your vote of confidence in nominating us for the Jerry Weber Award. It is a great honor for us to be honored by the membership. We will treasure it forever.

Charlotte Henderson



DOOR PRIZES—MARCH 15, 2007

Carolyn Hockley	4 piece Desk set
Jim Duncan	Cap
Bob Mitchell	Book
Dr. Kim	Universal TV remote
Martha Ballard	Glass w/Jelly beans
Ralph Hockleybook
Johnney Lee	Book
Ruth Johnson	Book

The 50/50 drawing of \$29.50 was won by Chuck Ehrlund. Chuck donated \$20.00 of the winnings to the newsletter. *Thank you very much Chuck.*

The items for the nights drawing were donated by: Buddy Blair, David Henderson, Nuncio Martino, Ruth Johnson, Tom Conte and Georgia Jackson. *Thank you everyone!!!*

WISDOM FOR THE SOUL

1. When your ship comes in make sure you are willing to unload it.
2. You will never "have it all together."
3. Life's precious moments don't have value, unless they are shared.
4. Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.
5. Life is what's coming not what was.
6. Success is getting up one more time.
7. When things go wrong don't go with them.
8. Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.



“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2006 to July 2007”

The editors would like to acknowledge and thank the following members and patrons of the *Warrior* who have contributed \$10 or more in helping to defray some of the cost of printing and mailing. As you know, we now have the *Warrior* on line for those with computers, but the Post Office has informed us that the cost of mailing will be going up soon, we still need your help. We thank you for your generous support and contributions. **We will be using the funds received to defray the costs of the newsletter and to help pay the cost of the website.** To receive the newsletter on line, go to kwvahouston.org and click on the request. **The following names will be published monthly through the July 2007 issue.** Be sure and have your name included. **Fill in the sponsor card, seen below and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson**

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					<p style="text-align: center;"><u>In Memory of —</u></p> <p>Ehlinger, Pauline O’Flynn, John Padilla, Nora Russell, Roy St. Clair, Jerry Williams, John Young, Nat</p>

The Italian and the Ferrari

An Italian walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the loan officer. He tells the loan officer that he is going to Italy on business for two weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000. The bank officer tells him that the bank will need some form of security for the loan, so the Italian hands over the keys to a new Ferrari. The car is parked on the street in front of the bank. The Italian produces the title and everything checks out. The loan officer agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan. The bank’s president and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the Italian for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral against a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drives the Ferrari into the bank’s underground garage and parks it there.

Two weeks later, the Italian returns, repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$15.41. The loan officer says, “Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multi-millionaire. What puzzles us is, why would you brother to borrow \$5,000?”

The Italian replies: “Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$15.41 and expect it to be there when I return?”
 Ah, The Italians!

* - Indicates more than one donation



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As everyone knows, the contributions in past years have paid for the printing and mailing of the newsletter. **Thank You and Please Continue to give. . . . so we can continue.**

Membership Chapter & Other Events

TIME TO RENEW

Dues are \$20.00 - Life Membership \$200.00 – Send renewal to KWVA – P O Box 802541 – Houston TX 77280-2541.

The following memberships are due March 1, 2007:

Bob Farrow	M559	Bob Mitchell	M361
Vinton Sholl	M419	Bennie Younger	M525

RENEWALS

Neal Barbee	Amy Cipriano
Ray Cipriano	Vincent D'Amico
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NEW MEMBERS:

Danford Mouton M-812

APRIL

1st - Palm Sunday
 2-3 - Passover
 5th - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 6th - Good Friday
8th - Easter Sunday
 19th - General Meeting - 7:00 pm
 21st - San Jacinto Day

MAY

3rd - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 5th - Cinco De Mayo
13th - Mother's Day
 17th - General Meeting - 7:00 pm
 19th - ARMED FORCES DAY
 28th - Memorial Day Observed
 30th - **MEMORIAL DAY**



4th of JULY PICNIC ?

A 4th of July picnic was suggested, and Franko Gorchoske volunteered to host the event at his place. We will keep you posted with the details.

VIDEO TAPING OF STORIES OF KOREA

The video taping of your stories during the Korean War will resume with the April meeting. The speaker will be Dick Graves.

CONGRATULATIONS

One of our members has a celebrity in his family. Tom Champion's granddaughter—Ashley Bartee, participated in the Houston Livestock Show with her Brahma Heifer "THUMPER". She did such a good job with her animal that she placed 2nd in the Junior Breeding division. She received a large ribbon which she declared that she would wear to school. Ashley is a student at Foster High School and a member of the FFA in the Ford Bend FFA program.

After the Houston show, Ashley and 'Thumper' traveled to Austin for their Livestock Show and 'Thumper' placed 3rd.

CONGRATULATIONS ASHLEY !!!



WISDOM FROM MAXINE

Ever get the feeling your stuff strutted off without you??

REUNION

**45th Infantry Division
 (Thunderbirds)
 REUNION**

27 September to 1 October 2007

Contact Information:

**Raul Trevino
 2145 NE Street
 Oklahoma City, OK 73111**



MOSES & THE REDSEA:

Nine-year-old Joey, was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"



APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Bobby Gray 3rd	Euell Arnold 13th	Mardene O'Donnell . . 20th	Clark Finks 25th
Harry Brunelle 5th	Jean Gregory 13th	Margaret Bazan 21st	Dottie Beard 25th
Harry Bruce 6th	W.E.B. Blackmon . . 16th	Jim Batchelor 24th	John Crainer 26th
Billie Blair 8 th	John Jackson 16th	Ted Maloy 24th	Morton Rachofsky . . 27th
Frances DiBello 8th	Pam Gambino 16th	Ray Priger 24th	Arnold Johnson 28th
Rosalie Null 9th	Bill Middleton 17th	Marvin Talgheder . . . 24th	Morris Estess 30th
L. B. Wilmeth 10th	Bill Roberts 18th	Tom Fitzmorris 24th	Doyle R. Griffin 30th
Nuncio Martino 11th	Bob Bru;nat 18th	Ouida Henderson 24th	George Bazan 30th
Muriel Mueller 13th			



APRIL ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<u>Jimmy & Gloria Chavez</u> . .	51 yrs . . 4/2/1956	<u>Lawrence & Flossie Heard</u> . .	53 yrs . 4/3/54
Tom & Sandra Campion	4/5	Neal & Betty Barbee	4/5
Carl & Maxine Dry	4/7	Bill & Lillie Leonard	4/14
Sam & Frances DiBello	4/17	H. E. & Lina Striedel	4/20
<u>Thomas & Peggy Boren</u>	56 yrs . . 4/22/1951	Clarence & Starlene Johnson	4/22
Aniceto & Rachel DelBosoue	4/28		

Congratulations to our members celebrating their 50th + Anniversary's'!!

ATTENTION. . . .

Members, if your Anniversary or Birthday has been missed or incorrectly listed, please contact Charlotte, at 713-946-9194 or e-mail us at bhenderson49@houston.rr.com.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

On March 27th, 5 members of the Speaker's Bureau, met at Cypress Creek High School to speak to the students about our experiences during the Korean War. The veterans were from 4 branches: 2 Army, 1 Air Force, 1 Coast Guard and 1 Marine. After we retold our experiences during the war, the students had a list of 26 questions about the Korean War and how it affected us. They would call out a number, and one or us would try to answer. The students were going to be graded on answers and their ability to pay attention.

The teacher is one that has always appreciated the veteran. Bill Bozic previously taught at Tomball High, but now is with the History Dept. at Cypress Creek.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

Untimely Answered Prayer:

During the minister's prayer, one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Gary's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Gary, whatever made you do such a thing?"

Gary answered, soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He just then did!"

Correspondence:

Bill Craigmill, our member from Canada, is spending the winter in the Philippines. He visited the American Veterans Cemetery in Iloilo and wanted us to know that it is very well kept. So far he has not had any motorcycle accidents, and his arthritis has not bothered him. (He spends winters in the Philippines because the cold is hard on his arthritis.) Bill sends everyone his regards.

Frank McKay sent us another package with the obituaries of Korean veterans in the Dallas area, along with articles of interest. *Thank you Frank.*

VIDEO TAPING OF KOREA STORIES

There will not be a video taping or story at the March meeting. The stories will resume at the April meeting. If you are willing to share your experiences with your fellow vets. The next speaker will be Dick Graves.

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Normand Dumais has been very ill this past year. He had a very serious heart attack, followed by several more stays in the VA Hospital. Sadly, none of us was aware that he had been in the hospital. *Normand, we were very happy to see you at the March meeting, and hope that you are through with hospitals for now.*

Charles & Grace Laird made a trip to D.C. recently and found that it was cold there, for this time of year.

Vito Susca entered the hospital for a routine gall bladder surgery, then things went wrong. His surgery was postponed several times because of various problems. He has now had the surgery. *Vito we pray that you make a full recovery.*

Martha Ballard has had a very scary few weeks. She began having medical problems, so Carlos brought her back to the Houston area to the hospital. She was hospitalized for several days while multiple tests were conducted. The doctors have kept her here while they evaluate the problems.. Hopefully they were able to leave for Belton on the 2nd. *Martha, our prayers are with you.*

Evelyn Stones' great niece **Carolyn German** had some bad news recently. The doctors have discovered that a cancerous tumor has been discovered in a different place. At this point the doctors cannot do radiation as it is too soon, only 6 months, so they will attack with heavy chemo. *Our thought and prayers are with Carolyn and her family at this time.*

Johnney Lee has had some serious back problems recently. This back pain has limited his activities and kept him close to home. Acupuncture has been recommended, but Johnney is not sure. *Johnney, we pray that relief can be found for you.*

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

By Bob Mitchell

We have had a telephone committee in operation for almost 13 years now. In the beginning, it was needed to remind the members about upcoming meetings. It definitely did increase the turnout. Now, however, we have our own website which is in its' third year of operation, and we use the internet to provide a notice of meetings to our members electronically. This is just as effective and a lot less labor intensive. We recognize that we still have a number of members without internet access. However, on reviewing the list of some 50+ members, we noted two things:

Some of those being called are at almost every meeting!

The majority of those being called almost never attend meetings.

All of this causes us to wonder why it is still necessary to continue the committee. As a result, we are **discontinuing** the telephone, effective immediately. If you still want to be called, please advise Bob Mitchell at 713-939-8880 and we will continue to call you. If you have an e-mail address and are not getting notices now, e-mail Bob Mitchell at kwvarjm@aol.com and we will add you to the website mailing list. As of now, all our general meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. If you mark it on your calendar, you will have your own reminder.



KOREAN WAR VETERANS NATIONAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY UPDATE

The museum has been given the go ahead by the City of Springfield. They have also informed us that they are going to provide \$570,000 in TIF funds for the project, which is to be used for site preparation costs, streetscaping and an environmental cleanup.

The landowners Board accepted our offer, the title search has been done and the closing was scheduled for March 26th. With this and the TIF funds, we could be onsite and underway by early April. The construction and finishing out of the building is estimated to take 6 months, and the installation of the interior exhibits

could take another two months beyond that. This means we could be complete and ready for opening Phase I by November-December.

Included in the Museum will be areas devoted to the contributions made by all the different branches of service, the other nations involved in the War, the P.O.W./M.I.A.s, the Medal of Honor recipients, plus the history of Korea from early 20th Century through today. In addition, we are considering a final segment on Koreans in the United States and the contribution they are making to our culture.

STAND BY FOR LIFTOFF!!!

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