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BEAR CREEK CEREMONIES JULY 25, 2009



Please mark this date on your calendar, and do not let anything else get in the way. **July 25th at 9:00 AM**, has been selected as the date and time for the ceremonies celebrating the **56th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War**. The War started 59 years ago on June 25, 1950 and the truce was signed on July 27th, 1953.



Ceremonies will be held at the War Memorial, at Bear Creek Park.



Mr. Jim Nier, executive director of the Texas Veterans Commission, will be the principal speaker.

Arrangements are being made to include the Korean-American Association of Houston, the Korean Consul General, and other members of the Korean Community. Some of the members attended a dinner with the Korean Community last week, where we reminded them to come out for the ceremonies. We were told "NOT TO WORRY", because at a recent meeting with Korean Consul General, the Korean Community was told by the consul General, that they needed to turn out for this event..

It is important that we have a large turnout of TLSC members for this occasion. Let's not be outdone. This event has been scheduled on Saturday, the 25th, in order to make it easier for everyone to be there. Our turnout here will set the tone for the even larger event, we have started planning - the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the war, next year.

Let's not forget that this is the anniversary of the end of the war. We need to celebrate, and a large turnout will verify that we are proud of our part in the outcome and proud of South Korea's magnificent rise from the ashes to a busy, bustling, prosperous country that it is today.

If you have not been to Bear Creek before, one way to reach the park is I-10 West (Katy Freeway), Exit at Eldridge Parkway, head North, there will be three lights, turn left at the 3rd light, War Memorial Drive, heading into Bear Creek Park, the War Memorial is immediately on your left. There is ample parking to your right.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

At our June meeting, we had two special guests, Scott and Alex DeMasi. Alex is the young boy that



Scott & Alex
DeMasi

wanted to know why there were no wreaths to place on the graves at the Houston National Cemetery, like they do at the Arlington National Cemetery. (Houston only had 7 wreaths, each representing one of the branches of services and the MIA/POW's, as all other National Cemeteries do). Well his dad had no answer, but he began looking for an answer and a solution. Scott made calls, and began to find the answers. The challenge began to show the Nation how we honor our fallen soldiers, raise funds, etc. The goal was to place a

wreath on all 53,000 + grave sites at the Cemetery on Dec. 13, 2008. The goal was not reached, but they were able to place 14,406 wreaths. Hopefully, 2009 will find that the goal will be reached. With help and donations, the goal can be reached.

The wreaths are provided by Worcester Wreaths in Maine. They began their tradition several years ago, when they had a surplus of wreaths, and took them to Arlington. The tradition then began. For more information, go to www.waahouston.com

SOCKS & CAPS

On Friday, June 19th, there were 10 members and 3 wives that attended and distributed socks and caps. Those in attendance were Buddy & Billie Blair, Bob Bighouse, Tom Campion, Jim Duncan, Wayne & Marilyn Harrison, Lee & Charlotte Henderson, Johnney Lee, Don Napp, Hank Dauman and Rod Ramsey.

The rounds began about a minute early, as everyone was ready to go. The carts were loaded with socks of different sizes and caps along with the directions for each floor. These directions come in very handy, as it is very easy to get lost in such a large hospital. The patients were very pleased to get the socks and a few wanted to swap war stories.

If you were unable to make it this time, don't forget, we repeat this again in December.



Did you hear about the 83 year old woman who talked herself out of a speeding ticket by telling the young officer that she had to get there before she forgot where she was going?

Makes perfectly good sense to me.....

FUND RAISER

Johnney Lee recently made a trip to Korea with the hope of raising money for the **Korean War National Museum & Library in Illinois**. He contacted a number of business people and church people, while in Korea. Johnney was successful, and presented the money he raised to Bob Mitchell, (a director with the National Museum) at a recent meeting. Bob was very grateful to receive the considerable amount of funds for the Museum.

Do You Remember?



How many of you can remember the carhops?

This young lady was a pinup and appeared on the cover of LIFE magazine in 1940.

She worked in Houston for many years after the car hops went out of business.

(Member Jack Levine knows the answer, does anyone else know her?)

The young lady is Josephine Powell, and she appeared on the cover of LIFE magazine, in 1940. She worked at 'Sivils', on Main Street at OST. Across the street from Princes' Drive Inn.

MY SERVICE DURING THE KOREAN WAR

Hank Daumann



In 1951, after graduating from High school, I enlisted in the Navy at age 17. It was called a kiddy cruise. You were discharged on your 21st birthday.

I went thru boot camp at Bainbridge, MD. The camp was closed since WWII and recently reopened. It was overrun with mice and copper-head snakes. You had to watch where you walked.

After boot camp, I was assigned to Utility Squadron Two as NAS Quonset PT, RI. My rating was Aviation Metal smith, which included maintenance on the airframe and hydraulics.

The mission of the squadron was to train ships gunners and other aircraft, firing at aerial targets towed behind our aircraft. We used WW II aircraft. The TBM Avenger torpedo bomber and the A-26 Invader, the Navy designated them JD-1's. They could carry large cable reels to launch and recover the targets. There were also torpedo recovery hops. A submarine would fire several practice torpedoes that would come to the surface. They were painted bright yellow. We would search for them and drop smoke bombs on them. The sub would surface and retrieve them.

There were detachments sent to Puerto Rico for winter maneuvers with the fleet. We were stationed at the municipal airport in San Juan. It was our squadron and the commercials, Eastern, Pan Am and TWA. We could sneak over to the civilian terminals and get a beer or two.

I was selected to go on temporary duty to Patrol Squadron 7 for gunnery training. After which, I was awarded Combat Aircrew Wings. I stayed with VP-7 for a short time flying in P2V Neptune patrol planes. They were configured for different assignments. Mine was configured for maritime patrol. It had twin 20mm cannons in the nose and tail and twin 50 cal machine guns in the top turret. It also carried bombs or depth charges. Patrols were long and tedious. Then I was returned to the VU-2 squadron. I requested a transfer to a Patrol Squadron, but it never happened. I stayed with VU-2 until I was discharged.

Watching them tows being shredded by gunners on the destroyers was interesting. It made me proud to know they were such good shooters. Even more so was the fact that none of our aircraft were struck by the gunners.

In August of 1954 a hurricane named Carol was off the New England coast. It was predicted that it would continue away from land. It suddenly turned westward and went right up Narraganset Bay and Quonset Point. Since there were aircraft that couldn't fit in the hangers, they had to be flown away. Our destination was Albany, NY. The local TV stations broadcasted our arrival. For the next few days no sailor could pay for food or drink, thanks to the generosity of the folks in Albany.

The storm tore up the Naval Air Station. The result was they decided on early discharges for anyone with 90 days left to serve. I was one of the fortunate ones and was discharged on 9 September 1954.



“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2009 to July 2010”

The editors would like to acknowledge and thank the following members and patrons of the *Warrior* who have contributed 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 has gone up, so 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. The following names will be published monthly through the July 2010 issue. Be sure and have your name included. Fill in the sponsor card, seen below, or included in your July, 2009 newsletter, (those that are mailed) and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson**

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THANK YOU...

We the editors, want to thank everyone who contributed to the newsletter. With your help, we have met and exceeded the expenses of *The Warrior*. This is your newsletter, so if you have any information for your fellow vets, please send it to bhenderson49@comcast.net, and it will be included, space allowing.

REALLY BAD DAY

A guy is sitting at the bar just staring at his drink for half an hour when this big trouble-making biker steps next to him, grabs his drink, gulps it down in one swig and then turns to the guy with a menacing star as if to say, ‘What’cha gonna do about it?’

The poor little guy starts crying. ‘Come on man! I was just giving you a hard time,’ the biker says. ‘I didn’t think you’d cry. I can’t stand to see a man crying.’

‘This is the worst day of my life,’ says the little guy between sobs. ‘I can’t do anything right.’

‘I overslept and was late to an important meeting, so my boss fired me.’ ‘When I went to the parking lot, I found my car was stolen and I don’t have any insurance.’

‘I left my wallet in the cab I took home.’

‘I found my wife in bed with the gardener and, as I left the bedroom, my dog bit me.’

‘So, I came to this bar trying to work up the courage to put an end to my life, and then you show up and drink the damn poison!’

In Memory of —

All Korean Vets...
All who Died & MIA’s
All that didn’t come back
All Service People—
Deceased

Brast, Weldon
Cortez, Al
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**In Honor of—
Nathan, Howard**

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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 July 1, 2009:

RENEWALS

Harry Caldwell	Nuncio Martino
Billie Miller	Ray Priger
Travis Riley	Frank Weeden, Jr.
Bennie Younger	

NEW MEMBERS:

Henry Dauman M834 & Tom Bray M-833
WELCOME !!!

TRACY GEE 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

Note: There are two changes in 2009

1. The Board has gone back to the former schedule of meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month, instead of meeting on the same day as the General Meeting.
2. Meeting times have changed. The Board Meetings will now begin at **5 PM**. The General Meetings will now begin at **6 PM**.

MONTH	BOARD	GENERAL
JULY	2	16
AUGUST	6	20
SEPTEMBER	3	17
OCTOBER	1	15
NOVEMBER	5	19
DECEMBER	3	17

How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?



HAPPY 4th of JULY
Celebrate our Nations Freedom



2009

JULY

2nd - Board Meeting - 5 PM
2nd - *US Army Air Corps (1926)*
4th - INDEPENDENCE DAY
16th - General Meeting—6 PM 
25th - Bear Creek Park 9:00 AM
27th - *Korean War Ended 1953*
Veterans Armistice Day
28th - *World War I Began*

AUGUST

4th - *Birthday of U.S. Coast Guard*
6th - Board Meeting—5 PM
7th - Purple Heart medal est. 1782
14th - WWII ended 1945
20th - General Meeting 6 PM

MEETING TIME CHANGED

The **board meeting** are once again on the first Thursday of the month, at **5 pm**.

The **general meeting** is on the **3rd Thursday at 6 pm**, instead of 7 pm. Come early and visit with friends, and meet new ones.



DON'T FORGET !!!

VIDEO TAPING OF KOREA STORIES

These talks are videotaped. The tapes will go to the Korean War Museum, to become part of their archives. Since time at our meetings is limited, we will have to follow some simple rules:

Members will have **10 minutes max**. to speak. The time limit will be controlled. To be able to tell your story in that time frame, you should plan your talk in advance. List the things you want to cover, and try it out at home first and watch the time it takes. If it is way over the time, trim out some things to make it fit.

Remember you're being taped and the Museum won't know who you are. Start with your name, rank, branch of service, time you were there and what your specialty was. Then tell your story

Be sure and attend and hear the latest memory. Ted Maloy will be our next speaker.

JULY BIRTHDAY'S



Lucy Ortiz 1st	Jose Cambiaso 8th	Frances Gaye Blackmon . 17th	Hilda Harris 24th
Phyllis Ottis 2nd	Karen Hare 9th	Camilla Lugo 18th	Johnney Lee 24th
Dottie Priger 2nd	Susan Belken 11th	Rose Wagner 18th	Anita Belcher 26th
James L. Friedel 6th	William Maillet 11th	Charles Laird 22nd	Joye Moore 26th
Jeannine Johnson 7th	Elrose Baumgart 12th	Ray Cipriano 23rd	Les Fuhrman 29th
Bill Moore 7th	Helen Friedel 13th	Billy Brown 24th	Tom Gregory 30th
Roland J. Potts 7th	Anita Melcher 14th	Billie Harper 24th	John Barker 31st
Jack Goodwin 7th	Oscar Cortez 17th		

JULY ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
David & Frances Velasco	7/1	Antonio & Beatrice Munguia	7/7
Sam & Sayoko Hambrick	7/11	Charles & Grace Laird . . . 57 yrs .	7/12/52
Mickey & Milly Spencer	7/17	Oscar & Yolanda Cortez	7/18
James & Helen Friedel 57 yrs .	7/19/52	Ray & Dottie Priger	7/25
Manny & Chris Carnero	7/30		

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

DOOR PRIZES - June 18, 2009

Ted Maloy	fresh tomatoes
Billie Blair	Ornament
Johnney Lee	Candy dish
Nuncio Martino	Book
Tom Bray	Bottle of wine
Johnney Lee	fresh tomatoes
Charlotte Henderson	Fresh tomatoes
Martha Ballard	Fresh tomatoes
Nelda Napp	Book
Georgia Jackson	Book, book
Billie Blair	Sun glasses
Rod Ramsey	Calendar

The 50/50 drawing was won by Johnney Lee. Johnney donated the proceeds to the General fund. *Thank you very much Johnney.*

Items for the nights drawings were donated by: Marlene Susca, Wayne Harrison Chuck Ehrlund and Evelyn Stone. *Thank you everyone.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dear KWV/TLSC, Thank you for the great tribute you gave to our father, my husband. We do appreciate it more than we can say. It was so nice that it made things easier for us; it was so hard to lose him, but your actions made us proud and grateful. Thank you and we do hope you will accept this donation as part of our gratitude. - The Michael D. Marshall Family.

P.s. A special thanks to Robert Mitchell of Houston for suggesting this honor for my husband.

Thank you very much for your generous donation.

Billie Miller sent in her dues with a note apologizing for being late. She hasn't been in good health lately and just forgot. She said she enjoys the newsletter and is thankful she can still read. *It was nice hearing from you Billie.*

Hope you feel better soon.

From Charles Dean: What was the Boards decision on withdrawal from the Nation Korean War Veterans Assoc.? I don't have a computer so if someone would drop me a note, I would be grateful. Thank you.

Rod Ramsey called Chas. Dean and advised him on our chapters action regarding the withdrawal from KWVA.

TRIVIA: NUMBER FACTS: The opposite sides of a die cube always add up to seven. Four is the only word in the English Language whose number of letters is equal to its value.

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

We were honored to have **Ruth Johnson** join our meeting on the 18th. As you know Ruth has been in different hospitals since suffering a heart attack in November. Her nurses have called her a miracle, as she was brought back several times. She seemed to be close to her old self, talking to friends and having fun. *It's great to have you back Ruth.*

Ruby Ehrlund also was back at our monthly meetings. Ruby recently completed her rounds of chemo, and is beginning to feel good again. (She even was able to bake her famous *Grandama's kisses cookie/candy*)

Eva Martinez was able to attend the meeting. She has been recovering from her ailments and unable to attend many meetings, plus keeping their granddaughter. *Welcome Eva, it was good seeing you at the meeting.*

CONDOLENCES



Our sincere condolences to the family of **Huey Long**. Mr. Long passed away recently at the remarkable age of 105. Just last April, several members attended a birthday celebration for him. We have been a part of his birthday celebrations for a number of years.

Huey Long was a member of the original Ink Spots. He composed, sang and taught music to many young people. Music was his life. Until a few years ago, Mr. Long would entertain visitors by playing the piano and singing. He also enjoyed showing off his collection of pictures and memorabilia. He liked signing his pictures and selling his CD's

Huey Long and the Ink Spots were part of a USO group that entertained the troops in Korea and the veterans have not forgotten that.

Bob Mitchell and John Jackson attended the memorial service and presented the flag to his family.

He will be missed by everyone.

CONDOLENCES

We send our sincere condolences to **Joe Romano**. Joe recently lost his wife Lorene, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Joe cared for her at home, and was with her at the end. Lorene was able to join Joe and attended many of our activities. Lorene will be greatly missed by Joe and all their family and friends.

VETERANS ON PATROL

Stoney Stone & Jim Duncan

Our patrol members were highlighted on the Channel 11 news, June 28th, Sunday night on the 10 pm news, and again on the Monday morning news. The segment was titled "**Old Soldiers Take Care of Their Own, Keeping Watch on VA Cemetery**". On Sunday, 6/28, Travis Riley and Tom Campion and Jim Duncan, were the veterans on patrol. They were all interviewed, and each emphasized the value that their being there has helped. Jim Duncan describes the criminals in four letters, S-C-U-M.

This is a worthy cause to help protect those who come to pay their respects to their loved one's buried there. Each patrol is about 4 hours. They greet each driver at the cemetery entrance, reminding visitors to lock their cars and secure their valuables. They also patrol the cemetery grounds to remind would-be thieves that someone is always watching. Even on hallowed ground like this, thieves would often rob cars of wallets and purses while widows and survivors visited tombstones and graves.

Once you have patrolled, you will get a great feeling of satisfaction in knowing you have performed real meaningful support for those who visit the cemetery. Our patrolling members remind the women visitors to take their purses with them, lock it in the trunk or hide under the seat. Visitors are also reminded to lock their unattended vehicles. There has not been any instances when our patrol is on duty. There has been a few problems on the days we aren't there. The patrol's do make a difference.

Contact Jim Duncan at jsduncan1@comcast.net or #281-384-8853, or Stoney Stone at 281-375-7675, or email at elstone@consolidated.net, and we will inform you of the sign up process.

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