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

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 26, 2008

Memorial Day, 2008, was a bright sunny day here in Houston. The VA National Cemetery was dressed out in it's finest. At the entrance two Fire Department Ladder trucks had their ladders extended, forming an arch over the front gates. There were flags flying along the entry roads in the cemetery making it a Grand Entryway. There was a gently breeze which kept the flags flying high and the people that attended a little cooler.

There was a large turnout of people that attended, in fact some were unable to enter the cemetery and had to turn around and return home. This could be one of the largest crowd in recent memory.

Our Color Guard received the honor of posting the colors at the beginning of the ceremony, and then retrieving the colors at the close.



Bob Mitchell Carlos Ballard Lee Henderson Buddy Blair

Carlos Ballard carried the American Flag and Lee Henderson carried the National Cemetery flag, with Buddy Blair and Bob Mitchell serving as guards. A short time later, with the entire color guard present, the parade of colors began, with the men carrying the American and Texas flags, and the service flags. This can be very impressive with the number of organizations that participate. There was a surprise member that appeared and marched with his fellow veterans. John Pedraza and his wife surprised everyone by suddenly appearing and shaking hands all around. John moved to San Antonio several years ago and we have missed him. Welcome back John! During the parade of wreaths, Carlos & Martha Ballard proudly carried the Lone Star Chapter's beautiful red, white & blue flower covered wreath.

Josh Flynn, a member of our chapter and also a former Marine, lifted his voice in song and invited everyone to join him in singing our 'National Anthem' and 'God Bless the USA'. (He has such a wonderful voice).

Stoney Stone presented the POW/MIA Ceremony. This ceremony consists of a table covered with a white cloth, and set with plates, cups and glasses. At each plate is a hat from the different services. There is a story that is told about the table and is very thoughtful and informative.



TLSC ON PATROL AT HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

In response to the recent thefts at Houston National Cemetery (HNC), the TLSC Board at its May meeting authorized a 3 months pilot project to assist the HNC staff in stopping such future cowardly thefts..

Background- over the past 7-8 months, there have been incidents at many Houston area cemeteries where cars have been broken into while people were at gravesites paying respects to loved ones, friends, fellow veterans. Upon reading about incidents such as a widow having her sandwich, \$20 cash and credits cards stolen from her car while she was at her husband's gravesite at HNC, Jim Duncan and Stoney Stone met with Jorge Lopez, HNC Cemetery Director and laid out the idea of a Veterans on Patrol program- similar to Neighborhood Citizens on Patrol programs so successful in many neighborhoods where volunteer neighbors in private vehicles with magnetic signs on the vehicles identifying their organizations patrol their neighborhood and report directly via cell phone to a specific direct telephone line of the designated law enforcement agency any unusual, suspicious actions they observe. In short, this program works and works very well. Mr. Lopez immediately "signed on" and is most appreciative of our support. He has asked for patrolling on weekends.

We already have the needed equipment (amber blinking lights, magnetic signs for vehicles, etc). Anonymous Donor. HNC is providing 24/7 accessible locked storage spaces for the equipment. The need for the patrolling is on the weekends-Saturday and Sundays. Hours are 10Am -4PM. Stoney and Jim have been patrolling on weekends since May3. To date no reported incidents of theft etc on weekends. Schedules will be worked out to meet individual patrollers schedules.

At the May Chapter meeting- the following TLSC members stepped up to the plate and signed on-Buddy Blair, Carlos Ballard, John Jackson, Charles Laird, Don Napp, Rod Ramsey, and Travis Riley. We need 8 more members to join with us in this most worthy project.

If you want to be a part of and contribute your time to a needed worthy program in support and respect of fellow veterans and their families join with us.

If you get just one half the satisfaction that I personally have gotten from participating in this needed support program , you will indeed feel proud.

For further information & details or questions call me @ 281 384 8853 .

Thanks in advance.

Jim Duncan

VETERAN'S DAY AT MINUTE MAID PARK MAY 4, 2008

The afternoon was bright and sunny, perfect for a day at the ballpark. As it was early in May, they decided to leave the roof open, so some of us got a sunburn. The Astro's played the Milwaukee Brewers and there was a large crowd, in fact, the ball park was almost at capacity, and the veterans were out in large numbers. Our organization had many members along with many of their friends and family, making it a great, fun day. Lee & I had several members of our family attending. Our oldest son Rick and his family, our youngest son Chuck, one of our daughters with her daughter and our granddaughter with our great granddaughter and several friends.

Before the start of the game, Marines from the different wars were honored. Several from our organization, were honored. Charles Laird—WW II, Bob Mitchell—Korea, and Josh Flynn—1st Iraq Freedom.

As always, when our team wins it's a good game, well, this was a great game. The game went into overtime, **12 innings, and our Astro's won 12—8.**



TLSC Color Guard
On the Big Screen

KWVA NATIONAL ELECTIONS

The March-April issue of the Greybeard, will contain the ballot for the election of National Officers and Directors. If you are a member of National, and we hope you are, you need to become informed about the candidates, and to send in your vote in a timely manner. The deadline for ballots to be counted is they must be received by June 10, 2008

Following is a list of the candidates for each office this year, as released by the KWVA Nominations and Election Committee, and as they will be published in the Greybeard. Information on most on most of the candidates will be available in the Greybeard, on the National website (www.kwva.org), on postings by the candidates and by several of the chapter web sites. Become informed, cast your ballot and get it there in time. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order. If you have questions, contact Tom McHugh, Chairman of the KWVA Nominations & Elections Committee at (908) 852-1964, or e-mail tmmchugh@msn.com.

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Byron Dickerson
William MacSwain
Christ Yanacos

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Mike Doyle
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Glenn E. Berry

DIRECTOR (VOTE FOR FOUR)

Leo Agnew
Jeff Brodeur
Luther Dappen

Clyde Hooks
George Lawhon
Tine Martin

David A. McDonald
Wilmer R. "Bill" Olson
Mellant Palo

Luther Rice

NATIONAL ELECTION

By Howard Nathan

We, here in the Lone Star Chapter, are fortunate to have two very fine men from Texas chapters running for the position of National President.

I know both men and can vouch for their character. Either would be a good selection. One, Bill MacSwain wants to keep the status quo and is supporting current members of the officer/board of director group.

The other candidate, Byron Dickerson suggests that changes are necessary for the good of the KWVA. Now, I have seen emails from some of the current officer/directors. Emails that were profane and, sometimes, threatening to other members. We do not need that, so I am suggesting a vote for the Dickerson slate of officers.

My vote will be for Dickerson, Doyle, Berry and any four of the following— Hooks, Rice, McDonald, Dappen or Olson.

For the good of the order.

CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL..

Recently, there have been several men that are running for office for National KWVA, visit our meetings. At our May meeting, Byron Dickerson (a candidate for President) and Mike Doyle (a candidate for 1st Vice President). Each man gave a very nice speech about his abilities and why they should be elected for their respective offices.

Last month, we were visited by Bill MacSwain, who spoke of his abilities and desire to be President of National KWVA.

Both men are from Texas and have held office in National & Department. They deserve your consideration.

TRIVIA...

There are over 65,000 Veterans or spouses buried at the Houston V.A. Cemetery. The cemetery is the 2nd largest veteran's cemetery in the nation.

Wisdom from Maxine. . . .

"If you have a lot of tension and have a headache, do what the aspirin bottle says; 'Take two aspirin and keep away from Children!'"



“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2007 to July 2008”

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 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 and to help pay the cost of the website.** The following names will be published monthly through the **July 2008 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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In Memory of —
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Cavazos, Santos
Cortez, Al
Mathis, George
O’Flynn, John J.
Russell, Roy
Sikkley, Leland
Sloan, Story
Treadwell, Sloan M.
Urquhart, Sam
Weber, Gerry
Zock, Pete

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This Space is for you to Remember someone you

COMPREHENDING ENGINEERS

There was an engineer who had an exceptional gift for fixing all things mechanical. After serving his company loyally for over 30 years, he happily retired. Several years later the company contacted him regarding a seemingly impossible problem they were having with one of their multimillion-dollar machines. They had tried everything and everyone else to get the machine to work but to no avail. In desperation, they called on the retired engineer who had solved so many of their problems in the past. The engineer reluctantly took the challenge. He spent a day studying the huge machine. At the end of the day, he marked a small ‘x’ in chalk on a particular component of the machine and stated: ‘This is where your problem is’. The part was replaced and the machine worked perfectly again. The company received a bill for \$50,000 from the engineer for his service. They demanded an itemized accounting of his charges. The engineer responded briefly: One chalk mark: \$1.00. Knowing where to put it: \$49,999.00. It was paid in full and the engineer retired again peace.

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What is the difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers?
 Mechanical Engineers build weapons, Civil Engineers build targets.

←—————→

The graduate with a Science degree asks, ‘Why does it work?’
 The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, ‘How does it work?’
 The graduate with an Accounting degree asks, ‘How much will it cost?’
 The graduate with a Liberal Arts degree asks, ‘Do you want fries with that?’

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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 June 1, 2008:

Cleve Arnwine	M535	James Currigan	M557
Jesse Harper	M454	William Maillet	M451
Tony Munguia	M588	John Peters	M820
John Peters	M798	Eugene Vanatta	M824

RENEWALS

Walter H. Ballard Sr.	John Barker
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Carl Singleton	

KWVA REVISIT KOREA PROGRAM

Military Historical Tours is sponsoring tours to **Korea and China**, and the **Xian Extension**. Optional extensions to Beijing, China are less than two hours flying time from Korea. "The price is right" since you have already paid for the Trans-Pacific flight. Now is a rare and special time to visit Beijing, in preparation for the 2008 Olympics since the main tourist attractions have all been renovated, in order to understand ancient China we advise an extension to Xian the first capital of China, final resting place of the Emperors.

<u>Korea Dates:</u>	<u>China Post Tour</u>	<u>Xian Extens.</u>
June 22—28	June 28-July 3	July 3—5
Sept 4—10	Sept 20—15	Sept 15-17
Nov 5—11	Nov 11—16	Nov 16-18

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas Party plans are in the making. Reservations have been made to have the Lone Star Chapter Christmas Dinner at the Monument Inn. This is located on Battle Ground Road, next to San Jacinto Monument, on December 13, 2008, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. More Details later.

Wisdom from Maxine

"One of life's mysteries is how a 2 pound box of Chocolates adds 5 pounds to a woman's weight!"

2008

JUNE

14th - **Flag Day** 
 15th - **FATHER'S DAY**
 19th - Board Meeting 5:00 pm
 19th - General Meeting 7:00 pm
 20th - First Day of Summer
 20th - **SOCKS - VA HOSPITAL** 10 am

JULY

1st - Canada Day
 4th - **Independence Day**
 17th - Board Meeting 5:00 pm
 17th - General Meeting 7:00 pm

FLAG DAY

JUNE 14, 2008

Fly Ole Glory with Respect

The Flag stands for all of us, for all our nation has endured to become the greatest nation on the face of the earth today.

Citizens of the U.S. have for the most part forgotten ten proper ways to honor the nation's flag.

The Pledge of Allegiance is to..."the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."



We must always remember that freedom is not free—others have sacrificed that we may have our liberty and freedom.

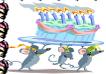
The flag should always be flown on national and state holidays and on those occasions proclaimed by the President.

FLY YOUR FLAG !!

FRANKO & BETTY'S

2nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Franko & Betty Grochoske will be hosting their 2nd annual Christmas dinner. This year it will be the 1st Sunday of December, the 7th. Everyone is invited.



JUNE BIRTHDAY'S



Bridget Williams , , , , , 1st	Dan Ammerman 10th	Herbert Odell 15th	Buddy Blair 26th
Harvey Roe 2nd	Joyce Parker 11th	John Pedraza 17th	Patty Gambino 26th
Dorothy Arnold 3rd	Louise Brunelle 12th	Gilberto Trejo 18th	Carlos Henley 27th
Carl Singleton 4th	Flor Craigmill 12th	Cleve Arnwine 20th	Roberto Hinojosa 28th
Dorothy Johnson 6th	Katy Ballard 15th	Helen Cortez 23rd	Junelle Nittsche 28th
Lawrence Heard 7th			



JUNE ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Woody & Charlotte Thomas	6/1	Phil & Lylie Morris . . .53 yrs	6/1955
Joseph & Mary Alice Correa	6/2	Edwin & Joye Moore . .55 yrs	6/2/1953
Charles & Johnnie Smith . . .59 yrs . .	6/3/1949	Marvin & Fay Talghader. .54 yrs . .	6/5/1954
Bobby & Gwen Owens	6/6	Jessie & Billie Harper58 yrs .	6/6/1950
Bill & Flor Craigmill.	6/9	James & Anita Belcher	6/11
Cleve & Sue Arnwine51 yrs . .	6/11/1957	Jack & Janice Levine . . .62 yrs . .	6/16/1946
Angus & Virginia Lewis54 yrs . .	6/18/1954	W.E.B. & Frances Gaye Blackmon	6/11
Vito & Marlene Susca	6/23	James & Neathal Kirk	6/23
Joe & Pam Gambino	6/25	Bob & Dixie Hanks55 yrs . .	6/26/1953

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

CHOSIN FEW MINI REUNION

By Charles Laird

The Georgia Chosin Few Chapter and a couple of Florida chapters along with Six couples from Houston, attended the Mini Reunion in Albany, Georgia. The total attendance including wives was 60. One of the people there said "We enjoy having you Texans because you made this reunion." Several of the attendees were WW II and Korean Veterans and two or three were also Vietnam Veterans.

The first day we were there a couple of busses picked us up and took us to the Marine Logistics Base in Albany. We were warmly greeted by some of the personnel as well as two TV Stations and one Newspaper Reporter. A lot of interviews took place and aired on the local channels and in the newspaper This base is a vast piece of property and employees over 1700 civilian employees, many of whom are also veterans. These people really stand behind the Marines in Iraq and other duty stations. They receive damaged Humvees and damaged larger vehicles to be repaired and renovated. They strip to the frame and begin working up. If body parts are needed, they are replaced, wheels and tires are replaced and if the engine is beyond rebuilding the vehicle receives a new engine. If the Humvees have not been fitted with armor, that is added to the vehicle. When the vehicle is finished and comes out of the paint shop, it looks brand new and is much better than the original. These are the kind of guys that you would buy a used car from.

People on this base came up with the idea , plans and designs to modify the Humvee to make them safer and able to better withstand IED's. This apparatus is attached to the front of the Humvee and has many wheels in an extended V shape. It is pushed by the Humvee and because of the wheels and the weight, it will explode IED's, land mines, etc. ahead of the Humvee, thus saving lives . The whole base is committed to make everything that they work on as safe and life-saving as possible. The trip to the base was the high-light of our reunion.

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Ruby Ehrlund recently was called back for additional medical tests, and as a result was told that she needed exploratory surgery. This was done and the doctor is very confident that she will be fine. In fact, she was home the same afternoon, after the procedure. And was told she could attend her reunion the following Saturday.

Charlotte Henderson had a small lump on her tongue, so went to the doctor. Much to my surprise, he decided to remove the lump right then. The tests results came back and all is well, no cancer.

Bennie Younger was hospitalized recently for surgery. On Tuesday, May 13th, Bennie had major surgery and was hospitalized for several days. He is out of the hospital and all reports are that he is doing well.

Eva Martinez is scheduled to have hip replacement, again, in early June. This time it will be the opposite hip. Hopefully, this will eliminate a lot of her pain and discomfort.

Howard Nathan recently found out that he will be needing surgery. Hopefully this will clear up the problems that he has been experiencing.

Johnney Lee left May 30th for a trip to Korea, he will be gone about 3 weeks.

GROCERY STORE REBATES

As many of you have already found out, Kroger no longer accepts the Share Card. They have replaced it with the Neighbor to Neighbor Card. It will work the same as the Share card, but we need to obtain new cards. As soon as these are available, we will distribute them to the members.

Thank you to everyone that used the Share Card. Our organization has received generous rebates from Kroger in the past. Please use the new card when it is available. The Randall card also results in generous rebates for the TLSC.

Please use the cards.....

Wisdom from Maxine!

“The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment!”

“Don’t take life too seriously, No one gets out alive!”

“I’m not a complete idiot...I just have a few missing parts!”

MEETING SCHEDULE - 2008
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MONTH	BOARD	GENERAL
JUNE	19	19
JULY	17	17
AUGUST	21	21
SEPTEMBER	18	18
OCTOBER	16	16*
NOVEMBER	20	20
DECEMBER		13**

* = CHILI SUPPER
 ** = CHRISTMAS PARTY

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

May 15, 2008

- Billie Blair Jade Plant
- Chris Carnero Scrubber holder
- Betty Grochoske Can of tea
- Doug Sizemore Dominoes, & book
- Rod Ramsey Book
- Ralph Melcher CD—Mozart
- Chris Carnero Perfume bottle
- Barbara English book , book
- Tom Conte 4 pocket books
- Chuck Ehrlund Book
- Betty Grochoske Calendar
- Ruth Johnson Cassette tapes

The winner of the 50/50 drawing of \$65./ \$37.50, was won by Johnney Lee. Johnney donated his winnings to the TLSC. *Thank you Johnney.*

The items for the nights were donated by these wonderful people: Nelda Napp, Jerry Riley, Buddy Blair, Don Napp, Bob Mitchell, Tom Conte, Georgia Jackson, Nuncio Martino, Ralph Melcher, Howard Nathan, Rod Ramsey, Marlene Susca, Martha Ballard and Ruth Johnson. *Thank you everyone!*

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