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

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Make your plans early. The date for the annual Christmas Party has been set, so mark your calendar. The place will once again be at the Monument Inn. We have had two very successful parties there and the decision was made to return.

DATE: DECEMBER 18TH

PLACE: MONUMENT INN

4406 INDEPENDENCE HWY. (formally Battleground Rd.)
LaPORTE, TEXAS

TIME: 11:30 - 4:00 PM

MENU: FISHERMAN'S PLATTER
CHICKEN TERIYAKI
BROILED TILAPIA PONTCHATRAIN
12oz GRILLED RIBEYE STEAK

All entrees served with a green salad, baked potato, homemade rolls and muffins, Iced tea and coffee. The ladies are asked to please bring a dessert.

COST: \$22.50 per Person (Make checks payable to KWV/Texas Lone Star Chapter)
Mail to Nelda Napp, 1207 Whitestone, Houston, Texas 77073

There will again be a gift exchange - \$5.00 (if possible) gifts. Men bring a gift for a man and the ladies bring a gift for a lady.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

RAFFLE - RAFFLE

The Lone Star Chapter held a raffle for a 40" Slim-line flat screen TV at the November meeting and a winner was declared.

The winner was not present, but the TV was delivered to him by Travis Riley. The winner was a friend of Travis', Herb Murphy, a member of his VFW Post. CONGRATULATIONS HERB!



Herb Murphy with his new TV set.

Herb enlisted in the Navy in March of 1944 and began his travels. He went to China, Manchuri, French Indo China, crossed the Equator to King Neptune's Court, crossed the International date line. He was a busy sailor, serving on several ships.

AERO'S HOCKEY GAME



November 5th was the night that the Aero's honored the Veterans. All veterans were welcomed to the game, free of charge, courtesy of area businesses that picked up the fee for the tickets. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE AERO'S AND THEIR SPONSERS. The veterans were recognized, one branch at a time, by asking them to stand when their music was played.

The hockey game was a great game and those who missed it, missed a game filled with exciting plays and fights. There were several altercations on the ice that took all the referees to stop.

The Aero's won 3-2 after a double shoot out at the end of the game. GREAT GAME!!

More From Maxine!

"I can't people; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back row in church!"

"Why do people change churches so often? What difference does it make which one you stay home from!"

"Opportunity may knock once, but temptation hangs on your front door forever!"

VETERAN'S DAY **In the PHILIPPINES**

Member Bill Craigmill, took it upon himself to encourage the people in the Philippines to honor the veterans on Veterans Day this year. It turned out to be a big task. He first had to clean up and refurbish the site of MacArthur's headquarters, with the help of his assistant, Greico Extension Galanza. The hard work of Bill, his assistant, and volunteers enabled a great celebration honoring the veterans there. He purchased two large wreaths to be presented at the memorial, one from the Texas Lone Star Chapter, and the other from the Canadian Korea Veterans. He reports that the celebration turned out great.

The celebration was such a great success, with area school children participating that they want to do this again next year. They even had poppies to hand out, courtesy of Travis Riley and his VFW post.

THANK YOU BILL FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!!

TRIBUTE

In the Spring issue of *'The Congressional Record'*, the nephew of member Ray Priger, was honored in the Senate. Lieutenant Colonel Marc Hoffmeister is an Army engineer and wounded warrior, currently serving on the staff of Alaska Command on Elmendorf AFB, AK

He was wounded by a roadside bomb while deployed to Iraq in 2007, he suffered both traumatic brain injury and a very serious physical injury to the left side of his body, injuries that threatened possible long-term disability and a possible end to his military career.

Today, through sheer determination, dedication and the help of his wife Gayle, he is still serving our country and still taking on the most extreme outdoor challenges. During his recovery, LTC Hoffmeister came in touch with scores of other wounded warriors, all dealing with life-changing challenges. His ability to help these young warriors who had made selfless sacrifices in service to our country turned out to be a significant motivation for his own recovery. Recently, he led a team that climbed Mount McKinley. This team included LTC Hoffmeister, the leader and wounded warriors, two of who were amputees.

Marc & his wife recently went to South Africa and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, in another example of "anything is possible," even in the face of extreme physical adversity. They both continue to be involved in the wounded warrior program and are routinely asked to provide motivational speeches to organizations around Alaska. LTC Hoffmeister was recently chosen as the National Geographic Readers Choice Adventurer of the Year for 2009.

VETERAN'S DAY



Rain had been predicted for the day of the parade, but fortune was on the side of the Veterans. It was cloudy, but the rain held off.

The ceremony in front of City Hall was as usual, a wonderful tribute to the Veterans. Our very own color guard presented the colors before the ceremony began, and of course, retired the colors at the end. **THANK YOU MEN.**



Following the ceremony, there was a Moment of Silence and a fly over at 11 AM.

The parade through downtown followed, starting at Smith and Prairie. This year, the Korean Veterans were placed at the beginning



of the parade, (we were No's 10, 11, 12 & 13, better than the No's 60 or higher that we usually get.) Our color guard commander, Henry Martinez, reminded the committee that this was the 65th Anniversary of the start of the war in Korea., hence, the placement at the start of the parade.



Our four trucks were driven by Sal Gambino, playing military music, Henry Martinez, Wayne Harrison and Tom Mixon, playing the Marine Hymn over and over. Leading our group was three men that alternated carrying the Banner—Don Napp, John Jackson and Vito Susca.

The crowds at City Hall and along the parade route were tremendous. The weather was also a big help by holding off on the rain until the end of the parade.

FRANKO'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Betty & Franko hosted their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, 12/5. And a number of friends, family and TLSC members turned out to help them celebrate. The afternoon was cool, so we stayed cozy inside and ate spaghetti, followed by coffee and desserts.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TIME MAGAZINE

In a recent issue of Time Magazine, they published some excerpts from a book by former Prime Minister Tony Blair—his impressions of America.

Americans can be all that the rest of the world sometimes accuses them of: brash, loud, insular, obsessive and heavy handed. But American is great for a reason. It is looked up to despite all the criticism, for a reason. There is a nobility in the American character that has been developed over the centuries, derived in part, no doubt, from the frontier spirit, from the waves of migration that form the stock, from the circumstances of independence, from the Civil War, from a myriad of historical facts and coincidences. But it is there.

That nobility isn't being nicer, better or more successful than anyone else. It is a feeling about the country. It is a devotion to the American ideal that at a certain point transcends class, race, religion or upbringing. That ideal is about values: freedom, the rule of law, democracy. It is also about the way you achieve: on merit, by your own efforts and hard work. But it is most of all that in striving for and protecting that ideal, you as an individual take second place to the interests of the nation as a whole. It is what makes the country determined to overcome its challenges. It is what makes its soldiers give their lives in sacrifice. It is what brings every variety of American, from the lowest to the highest, to their feet when "The Star Spangled Banner" is played. Of course the ideal is not always met—that is obvious. But it is always striven for.

The next years will test the American character. America won't be loved in this presidency any more than in previous ones. But America should have confidence. That ideal, which produces the optimism that generates the achievement, its worth all the striving. It is the most precious gift a nation can have. The world is changing. New powers are emerging. But this does not diminish the need for that American ideal. It reaffirms it, renews it, gives it added relevance. There is always one, more prosaic, test of a nation's position: Are people trying to get into it, or to get out of it? I think we know the answer to that in America's case, and that ideal is the reason.

Submitted by Bob Mitchell

Wisdom from Maxine.....

"My perspective on life is far different today, then when I was young and knew it all!"

"Patience is, indeed, a virtue that I know will pay great dividends if I can only learn to practice it!"



“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2010 to July 2011”

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 2011 issue. Be sure and have your name included. Fill in the sponsor card, seen below, or included in your newsletter, (those that are mailed) and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson**

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Final Wishes.....

Three buddies die in a car crash, they go to heaven to an orientation. They are all asked, “When you’re in your casket and friends and family are mourning upon you, what would you like to hear hem say about you?”
 The first guy says, “I’d like to hear them say that I was a great doctor of my time, and a great family man.”
 The second guy says, “I’d like to hear that I was a great doctor of my time, and a great family man.”
 The last guy replied, “I’d like to hear them say....LOOK, HE;S MOVING!!!”

The Good Ol’ Days

Grandpa was always going on about the good old days, and the lower cost of living in particular...
 “When I was a kid, my mom could send me to the store, and I’d get a salami, two pints o’ milk, 6 oranges, 2 loves o’ bread, and a magazine, some new blue jeans...all for a dollar!”
 Then Grandpa said sadly....”You can’t DO that any more....they got those darn video cameras everywhere you look.....”

In Memory of —

This Space is for you to Remember someone you Care for.

- Christensen, John
- Cockrell, Bill
- Graves, Dick
- O’Flynn, John J.
- Russell, Roy
- Teadwell, Marvin

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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 December 1, 2010

Doyle Griffin	M560	Ralph Hockley	M749
Johnney Lee	M795	Jimmy Richardson	M599
Marvin Talghader	M234	Rudy Weisar	M340

RENEWALS

George Bazan	Alvin Hollas
Rod Ramsey	Jim Richardson

DOOR PRIZES - NOV. 18, 2010

Betty Grochoske Book
 Al Habinak ? , book & utility knife
 Bob Mitchell Mystery bag (Boot Purse)
 Ruby Johnson Box of Tea & book
 Ted Maloy Tent Lamp
 Hank Daumann Flag & Books
 Henry Martinez Dominoes
 Carlos Ballard ?
 John Alverado Lamp & Books

The 50/50 drawing was won by Carlos Ballard and he donated his winnings to the newsletter. *Thank you very much Carlos.*

Special thanks to Georgia Jackson, Marlene Susca, Max Johnson and all the anonymous donors.

CORRESPONDENCE via the WEBSITE:

John Jackson - I was in Korea 53/54, 2nd Division, 23 Regt. 4.2 Mortar Co. Would like to hear from you if you were there during that time. Sgt. John B. Jackson, Houston, Tx. gjack42011@sbcglobal.net

Jack Goodwin, Waco, Tx., I was with the 21st Inf. 24th Div. Was in Task Force Smith. Was in the battle of Osan and was captured July 6, 1950 and was POW until Aug. 29, 1953. 63% of our men died while POW's jackgoodwin@msn.com

Joseph Romano Missouri City, Tx., - Served with 45th Infantry Div., Item Co., and 45th Signal Co. 1951-1953 Seoul Korea. jirsanta@aol.com

Jim Escalle, Bakers Field,, Ca. You guys have done a great job with this website. The information is very good, especially the videos. I enjoyed watching and listening to many of your stories. I especially liked listening to Bert Beecroft talk about his experience as a new F-86 Sabre pilot. My uncle flew the F-86 in Korea. He was at K-13 (Suwon) and flew the F-86 as a fighter-bomber pilot. Unfortunately, he never made it home. jimescalle@gmail.com

DECEMBER



2nd - **Board Meeting - 4:30 pm**
 2nd - First Day of Hanukkah
 3rd - Christmas Party, 6:30 pm, V.A. Hosp.
7th - PEARL HARBOR DAY
 11th - Wreaths Across America
 12th - **BIRTHDAY OF U.S. NATIONAL GUARD**
 17th - SOCKS - V.A. HOSPITAL—10 AM
18th - TLSC Christmas Party 11:30 AM
 21st - First Day of Winter
25th - CHRISTMAS DAY
 31st - New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2011

1st - NEW YEARS DAY
 6th - **Board Meeting - 5:00 pm.**
 20th - **General Meeting - 6 pm**

SOCKS - V.A. HOSPITAL

The quarterly distributing of socks to the patients at the VA Hospital, will take place on Friday, December 17th, at 10:00 AM. If you are planning to help in this worth while cause, please be at Volunteer office, second floor, by 9:30. The teams will begin visiting the floors by 10.

SEE YOU THERE !!!

V A HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday, December 3rd, the VA Hospital held their annual Christmas Party for their patients. This was hosted by the Korean Central Presbyterian Church of Houston. Members of the Lone Star Chapter was present and presented the colors before the party, then retired the colors at the end.

As always, the church provided plenty of entertainment with the children's Hosanna Choir, the Ku Ja Kim Dancing Group and Master Song's TaeKwonDo group. The dancers entertained us with the Fan dance, and a Cultural Dance, and young ladies playing the drums. They were all great.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT EVENING...



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



Sal Gambino 1st	Maxine Dry 10th	Dick Harris 18th	Don Napp 22nd
Florence Sicola 1st	Mary Kiser 10th	Donald Freeman 18th	Dick Palmer 22nd
Willetta Garner 4th	Violet Goodwin 12th	Guadalupe Flores 20th	Mitzi Harris 22nd
Jean Dickerson 4th	Mary Ammerman 12th	Bob Mitchell 20th	Mary Ybarra 26th
Betty Burton 6th	Debbie Hollan 13th	John Morvant 20th	Oscar Migl 27th
Clyde Stewart 7th	Ruth Johnson 17th	Patsy Barnhart 21st	Ed Singleton 27th
Hazel Brast 9th	James Parker 17th	Shirley Hatfield 21st	Eva DeCoste 30th
Martha Ballard 10th	Chris Carnero 18th		



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Euell & Dorothy Arnold	12/4	<u>Robert & Victoria Arias . . . 51st</u>	<u>12/6/59</u>
<u>James & Delia Sue Tarver . . . 58th</u>	<u>12/6/1952</u>	Fred & Lucy Ortiz	12/16
Salomon & Nora Padilla	12/17	Orin & Helen Smith	12/19
<u>Doyle & Jean Griffin 52nd</u>	<u>12/20/58</u>	Richard & Barbara Arnott	12/21
Dick & Marie Palmer	12/22	<u>Ricardo & Helen Cortez 57th</u>	<u>12/26/53</u>
Guadalupe & Tomasa Flores	12/27	James & Dorothy Ashby	12/29
Ralph & Carolyn Hockley	12/30	<u>Charles & Patricia Dean 58th</u>	<u>12/31/52</u>

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

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of **Mary Alice Correa**, wife of member **Joseph Correa**. **Mary** passed away on September 17, 2010 at the age of 87. She led a very active life of work, volunteering with different organizations and caring for her family.

She is survived by her husband Joseph, son, Charles, sisters, Stella Mae, Pinky, 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

THANK YOU....

Lee and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern for our daughter Debbi Shannon. Debbi is recovering and getting better every day. She still has a long ways to go, but her determination to return to her old self, is very strong. She is really looking forward to the day the doctors remove the wires from her jaw. Drinking meals is no fun.

CHARLES LAIRD MEMORIAL.....

Charles Laird was a long time member of the Lone Star Chapter as well as the Chosin Few Korean War Veterans. Charles was a veteran of WWII and Korea. He served as the Chapter Chaplin, the Treasurer and served as a Board Member.

Charles passed away on October 15, 2010 and his funeral service was held on Oct. 19th, at the Memorial Oak Funeral Home. Members of the Lone Star Chapter and members of the Chosin Few participated and paid their respects to a wonderful man, a Marine and veteran of two wars.

A Marine stood guard at the head of the casket, during the funeral service.

The Firing Squad from the VFW fired a 21 gun salute and a Marine Bugler played Taps.



KEEPING IN TOUCH - SICK BAY

Martha Ballard recently had arthroscopic knee surgery. She is recovering nicely and joined us at the November meeting. *Keep up the hard work Martha..*

Sal Gambino is having shoulder surgery in December. *He and Patty sure seem to keep busy.*

Paula Maloy wife of member **Ted Maloy** has been plagued with Osteoarthritis for years, now has developed Rheumatoid arthritis. This has really curtailed her activities. *We wish you all the best Paula and will pray that the discomfort lessens and gives you some relief.*

*HOPEFULLY, THIS BLANK SPOT, MEANS THAT THERE ARE NO
SICK MEMBERS.
OR IT COULD JUST BE THAT THE EDITORS HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED!*

BOY SCOUT TROOP 478

Recently, Bob Mitchell was reading the newspaper for the Spring Branch area, saw a picture and thought, that looks like my grandson. Well, it was his grandson, Ethan Mitchell.

Ethan's scout troop is trying to rebuild the membership. In the 1950's this was a thriving troop, but membership has dwindled over the years to just 3 scouts. They now have a new Scout Master and three assistants, one of them being Gary Mitchell. Their goal is to rebuild the troop to it's once thriving membership. The scout house is located behind the Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

Barbecue?

As the coals from our barbecue burned down, our hosts passed out marshmallows and long roasting forks. Just then, two fire trucks roared by, sirens blaring, light flashing. They stopped at a house right down the block. All twelve of us raced out of the back yard, down the street, where we found the owners of the blazing house standing by helplessly. They glared at us with looks of disgust. Suddenly, we realized why.....we were all still holding our roasting forks with marshmallows on them.

DAV ISSUES WARNING TO VETERANS

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of the group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty
Staff Attorney
Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel (022G2)

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The annual laying of the wreaths at the Houston National Cemetery will be held this year on **Saturday, December 11th. 11 AM.** This year it should be a spectacular event.

We have learned that the cemetery will be under construction at this time, so buses will be provided. Parking will be available at Greens Point Mall, with buses transporting to and from the cemetery. Buses will begin running at 8:30 AM and run until at least 3:00 PM.

(Clean up will be on January 8th)



REMEMBER OUR VETERENS



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