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



BEAR CREEK CEREMONIES JULY 25, 2009



The weather for the ceremony was perfect, sunny and clear, except it was warm, with a breeze. But it is July in Houston. The ceremony began with the posting of the service flags, accompanied by the appropriate music, followed by posting of the colors in a very serene manor. The National Anthem was sung beautifully by Josh Flynn. The Korean National Anthem was sang by a wonderfully talented Korean singer.

President of TLSC, Bob Bighouse, welcomed our special guest, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Yun-Soo Cho. Consul General Cho has only been in Houston a very short time and is trying to get to know everyone. He mentioned that he has a 17 year old son, and compared him to the men in front of him that came to his country, many of them 17 or slightly older, and fought to save his country. He was extremely thankful. He presented Bob with a plaque commemorating the location of the DMZ, in July 1953,. This plaque contained a piece of the original 155 miles of barbed wire which was in place at that time.



Our keynote speaker was introduced by Jim Duncan. Mr. Jim Nier, who is the Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Commission. He gave a very inspiring speech, and encouraged the veterans to relate to friends and family, their experiences during the war. If you do not tell someone, no one will know what happened over there. Share your experiences. "TELL AMERICA".

Mr. Su Myong Kim, President of the Korean American Association of Houston also spoke and thanked the veterans for their sacrifices. He was followed by Dr. Lee, who represents the Korean Community. Mr. Kim presented a plaque showing Korean masks, depicting a legend from the Koryo Dynasty.

The Korean Farm Dancers were our featured entertainment. They consist of men and women who reenact the ancient dance for a successful crop. Joining this group were 5 young women who danced first with knives then drums.

It was all very impressive.

Stoney Stone gave his wonderful POW/MIA presentation



These presentations were followed by the wreath laying at the War Memorial. Consul General Cho and

Mr. Su Myong Kim presented the Korean wreath and Bob Bighouse along with Jim Nier presented the TLSC wreath, with Ted Maloy as guard. This was followed by the rifle salute by VFW Post 8790 and Taps.

After the colors were retired, everyone was invited to the tables that were laden with cookies, donuts, fruit lots of cold water and soft drinks. There were tables set up with artifacts representing the war.- equipment, rifles etc.

This was manned by Lee Henderson's son Chuck. Also available for viewing, was Sal Gambino's pickup which was parked next to the grounds. On his pickup, he has photo's of several of our members, when they were young men in the service. It was quite an attraction..

FIND MISSING AMERICANS

“While few of our nation’s military have been missing and captured in our most recent wars, there are thousands of families who suffer the loss of loved ones missing during World War II, Korea and Vietnam,” said National Legislative Director Joseph A Violante. “The fullest possible accounting is strongly advocated by the DAV to bring closure to all those families.”

The Defense Department says one soldier is missing from the Iraq War and none missing in Afghanistan. There are also a small number of civilian contractors missing from those wars. Most of the remaining MIAs are from Vietnam, Korea and World War II.

Rear Adm. Donna L. Crisp, commander of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), said identifications in 2008 had increased 14 percent over the 2004 –2007 average. “We were successful in identifying 80 Americans,” she said. “Of these 26 were from the Vietnam War, 24 from the Korean War, 27 from World War II and three from World War I.”

Ann Mills Griffiths, executive director of the National League of Families of American Prisoners, Missing in Southeast Asia, testifying before the subcommittee, said that JPAC funding was inadequate.

“It doesn’t even include operations for North Korea if that (country) happens to open up,” she said. “So an increase of at least one-third or \$20 million– plus would likely be needed with increased forensic anthropologists and other scientific staff as necessary.”

“The goal of the DAV is to improve and enhance the recovery of our missing service members through the coming years,,” said Violante. “Adding funding and staff, plus a new, innovative approach to finding and identifying our missing appear to be a priority of those charged with POW/MIA recovery. Research, technology and scientific specialists hold the key to bringing our missing men and women home.”

Submitted by: Carlos Ballard
POW/MIA Officer

WREATH’S ACROSS AMERICA



At our July meeting, Jim Duncan asked the members attending, to be thinking about how, working with the *Wreaths Across America* program, we might provide wreaths in December, for all deceased members of the chapter. This was discussed but was not acted on this last year. We would not have been able to place the individual wreaths on the graves last year, because the event was the same as our Christmas Party. We will not have that conflict this year.

Please be prepared to discuss and make a decision on this item at the August meeting. Orders should be placed in September. There are about 20 to 25 deceased members, in the Houston area.

The cost of each wreaths will be \$15.00

WW II Trivia.

1. The first German serviceman killed in WWII was killed by the Japanese (China, 1937), the first American serviceman killed was killed by the Russians. (Finland, 1940)’ highest - ranking American killed was LTG Lesley McNair, killed by the US Army Air Corps. So much for allies.
2. The youngest US serviceman was 12 year old Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded and given a Dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age,. His benefits were later restored by act of Congress.
3. At the time of Pearl Harbor, the top US command was called CINCUS (pronounced “sink us”); the shoulder patch of the US Army’s 45th Infantry division was the Swastika; and Hitler’s private train was named ‘Amerika’ All three were soon changed for PR purposes.

MY KOREAN WAR EXPERIENCE

By Ted Malov

I was an Army Combat Infantry Sergeant in Korea. My specialty was as a 81 Millimeter Mortar forward observer (FO).

Having joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard unit 19 June 47, my enlistment was up 19 June 50. As a staff sergeant, I re-enlisted. The Korean War started 25 June 50. The entire 45th Infantry Division of the Oklahoma Army National Guard (ARNG) had about 8,000 members including many WWII Officers and NCO's. It



was mobilized 1 Sept. 50 and sent to Camp Polk, LA. Polk was a WWII camp and seldom used, but the 45th had it usable by the end of Sept. Selected soldiers were dispatched to various military sites for refresher and or advanced specialized training. The regular Army needed NCO leaders and instructors to finish basic training of the civilians who were to become soldiers for assignment to Korea. Beginning October, I was attached as cadre to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Riley, KS. I reported back to the 45th in January '51 and was assigned as an 81 mm Mortar instructor. Extensive advanced training was performed.

March '51, the 45th was ordered to JAPAN'S north large rudimentary island of HOKKAIDO. The 45th boarded troop ships in New Orleans which went through the Panama Canal and headed for

HOKKAIDO. Arrived late April and the troops were taken by train to a small village, seemingly 1700's vintage, of Chitose. Awaiting the troops were army tent cities. The mission of the 45th was to protect the island from Russian or Chinese intervention irrespective of training not yet complete. Later, the remaining 4,000 troops arrived and the 45th was about 14,000 men. Troops mainly lived and trained in the field and might be in camp weekends. I was assigned as an Umpire with duties of grading and helping the squads, platoons, and companies as they performed advanced tactics of attacking aggressors (other 45th troops). Other training such as live firing of all division weaponry, infantry loading aboard a troop ship and actually climbing down the ship rope ladders into small assault boats and attacking a beach.

Fully trained, the 45th was ordered to Korea for replacing the First Cavalry Division. Christmas dinner was in the snow. Moving in the night, two 45th regiments were on the main line of resistance (MLR) with the third one in reserve. Snow soon became deeper and the wind stronger. As a 81 mm mortar forward observer (FO), I served in combat on or forward of the MLR at various locations calling in supporting mortar fire. Late May, my Company Commander visited my FO position and offered me a direct commission if I would serve another year in combat. I declined. My rotation time came about 15 June and by ship I was through the San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge and on to Ft. Sill, OK.

Having returned home, in the fall of '52, I re-enrolled in college pursuing a major in business and a minor in speech and graduated in May '54. I soon accepted a position with a major petroleum corporation. Also in '54, I was again offered and accepted a direct infantry commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army National Guard. As a combat experienced combat infantry soldier, I was assigned as the Company Commander in a rifle company of about 120 soldiers. Many were also combat veterans. A year later, I and Paula L. Hensley married 22 May 55, when I was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. Four years later to Captain, another year later, I was transferred to a Infantry Battalion (BN) Headquarters. My assignment was as an Assistant Operations Officer, Nuclear Warfare and Air Officer. Later, as a Major, I was the Bn Operations Officer. Some time later, Regiments became Brigades and the Battalion Staff as a Brigade Staff. I became the Brigade Operations and Training Officer. In '74, I accepted a position with a major petroleum corporation headquarters in Houston, TS. Because of frequent travel to several refineries, the DOD assigned me as a non-paying Lieutenant Colonel Mobilization Designee.

My military education qualified me for Brigadier General. I retired in '83. In late '90, I began providing major advise for the organizing of the first TX Korean War Veterans Chapter.

My military awards include the Combat Infantry Badge, (CIB), Meritorious Service Medal, and several other awards.



“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 2011 issue. Be sure and have your name included. Fill in the sponsor card, seen below, or included in your July, 2010 newsletter, (those that are mailed) and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson**

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TOO CUTE:

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, ‘71.’ He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, ‘Did you start at 1?’

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like, ‘We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods.’ The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, ‘I sure wish I’d gotten to know you sooner!’

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, ‘Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?’ I mentally polished my halo while I asked, ‘No, how are we alike?’ ‘You’re both old,’ he replied.

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, ‘It’s no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights.’

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, ‘I’m not sure.’ ‘Look in your underwear, Grandpa,’ he advised. ‘mine says I’m four to six.’

In Memory of —

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 Craigmill, Ross WWII
 Cunningham, Charlie
 Finks, Clark
Fuhrman, Juanita
 Illanne, Ed
 Jones, Robert
 Kraniak, Lou
 McManners, Arthur
 Montgomery, John
 O’Flynn, John J.
 Rhatigan, Bill
 Russell, Roy
 Shepherd, brothers -
 Floyd, Bob & Doyle

Sloane, Story
 Treadwell, Marvin
 Williams, John
 Wray, Ewing

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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 August 1, 2009:

Mike Dilick	M 54	Tom Fitzmorris	M593
Donald Freeman	M802	Charles Laird	M461
Angus Lewis	M716	Rod Ramsey	M702

RENEWALS

Jessie Harper	Herbert Rerich
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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
AUGUST	6	20
SEPTEMBER	3	17
OCTOBER	1	15
NOVEMBER	5	19
DECEMBER	3	17

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

The date, July 27th, has officially been declared as National Korean Armistice Day. Fifty-six years after the signing of the Military Armistice Agreement at Panmunjom, Americans remain grateful for the courage and sacrifice of our Korean War veterans. President Barack Obama, signed this proclamation July 24, 2009. You can access the web site and read it in full at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Presidential-Proclamation-National-Korean-War-Veterans-Armistice-Day/

2009

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

SEPTEMBER

2nd - V-J Day
 3rd - Board Meeting—5 PM
 7th - LABOR DAY
 11th - Patriot Day
 13th - GRAMD[AREMTS DAU
 17th - General Meeting—6 PM
 18th - **POW/MIA DAY**
 18th - *BirthDay of U.S. Airforce*
 18th - Rosh Hashana begins at Sundown
 20th - Rosh Hashana ends
 22nd - First Day of Autumn
 27th - Yom Kipper begins at Sundown
 27th - Gold Star Mothers
 29th - VFW Day

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.

TO SUCCEED, JUMP AS QUICKLY AT OPPORTUNITIES AS YOU DO AT CONCLUSIONS.

Ben Franklin

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.



AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S



Bryon Dickerson 1st	Edwin Billeck 7th	Jessie Crouther 14th	Bob Ottis 23rd
H, E. Striedel 1st	Dick Tumlinson 7th	Milly Spencer 14th	Glenn Krebs 26th
Marlene Ruppert 1st	R. B. Sanford 10th	David Garner 16th	Lorraine Preola 26th
Earnestine Sanford 2nd	Joe Glass 10th	Roy Wagner 16th	Paula Maloy 26th
Dottie Bruce 4th	Donald Belken 11th	Janiece Stewart 18th	Mary G. Brown 27th
Sayoko Hambrick 5th	Janice Levine 11th	Max McLendon 18th	Millie Middleton 28th
Glenda Brown 5th	Joan Griffin 12th	Franko Grochoske 19th	Mary Beth Fitzmorris . 29th
James Conley 6th	Pat McMenemy 12th	Jennifer Urquhart 19th	Israel Gutierrez 29th
Emma Russell 6th	Punkie Nathan 12th	William Baker 19th	Jonell Glass 30th
Ernest Baumgart 7th	Gene Lugo 13th	Jack Kaley 22nd	Joe Romano 30th
Thomas Boren 7th	Mickey Spencer 13th	Neathal Kirk 23rd	



AUGUST ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Bill & Karen Hare	4th	Bob & Sandy Brunat	4th
Richard & Marlene Ruppert	6th	Evelyn & Emma Jean Perkins	11th
Vernon & Frnaces Coleman	14th	Ray & Amy Cipriano 15th	
Rod & Sandra Ramsey	15th	Stan & Betty Bozeman	17th
Clyde & Janiece Stewart	18th	John & Georgia Jackson . 56 yrs . 8/20/53	
Jack & Adrienne Kaley	21st	Manuel & Rosa Ramirez	21st
Guy & Pat McMenemy . . . 56 yrs . . . 8/22/53		James & Glenda Brown	27th
Dick & Mary Harris	27th	Roy & Rose Wagner . . . 52 yrs . . 8/29/57	

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

DOOR PRIZES - June 18, 2009

- Martha Ballard Book
- Ruth Johnson Travel guides
- Hank Dauman Pamphlet on Korea
- Forrest Robinson Book
- Bennie Younger Picture frame & magazines
- Martha Ballard Pamphlet
- Margaret Sax Manicure kit & lint brush
- Johnney Lee Etch-A-Sketch & book
- Joe Romano CD about Korea
- Billie Blair Flash light

Bennie Younger won the 50/50 drawing. He donated his winnings to the sock fund. *Thank you Bennie!*

The items for the nights drawing were donated by these generous members: Marlene Susca, Martha Ballard, Ruth Johnson, and an anonymous donor. *Thank you everyone!!*

WASP SPRAY

Wasp spray can be used for more than killing wasps. When a police department was asked about using pepper spray against intruders, they suggested wasp spray instead. The wasp spray can shoot up to twenty feet away, and is a lot more accurate, while with the pepper spray, they have to get too close to you and could overpower you. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote. Keeping it handy, in your office desk doesn't attract attention from people like a can of pepper spray would. Keep one at home for home protection. Keep a can in your car too, Car-Jacker's - Look out. Grab the Wasp spray and Shoot!

CORRESPONDENCE:

John Nanninga emailed his thanks for 'The Warrior', and his appreciation in reading it. However, can I make your job easier by asking that I receive it ONLY by e-mail? I would like to attend your meetings, but there are other organizations that I have long commitments to, that meet at the same time. Maybe some day we will meet. *Thank you John, your e-mail address has been sent to the web master.*

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Bill Moore was hospitalized recently, but is now home and slowly regaining his strength. *Hopefully he will continue to improve and return to his old self.*

We were pleased to see four long time members, returning for the general meeting, on July 16th. **Tom Lyke, Joe Romano, Hank Fry and R.B. Sanford.** **Tom Lyke** stopped by to inform us that he was moving out of the area, and left several items (hats, a picture, and shirt, also a Texas sized Korean War hat.) to be sold by John Jackson, with the proceeds going to the newsletter. *We wish him well!* **Joe Romano**, whose wife Lorene, passed away in June. He had dedicated himself to being her loving caregiver for a number of years, took the opportunity to attend the meeting and renew old acquaintances. *We will keep Lorene in our prayers.* **Hank Fry** gave us pictures of the Korean War Memorial in Philadelphia, which were taken and sent to him by his son, with whom he has had no communication in over 40 years. Hank told a very touching story of his son's break with the family, and what it meant to him to have this memento, and the hope of getting back together again. He thanked the members for their support over the years.

To the rest of you, don't wait for a life changing experience, come on out and tells us what is going on.

Buddy Blair was sick over the 4th of July weekend, but wouldn't admit it until the holiday was over. He ended up being hospitalized for an infection. He is much better now and has regained the strength he lost. *Don't overlook an illness or infection, it could be serious. We're very glad you are better.*

Billie Blair has also suffered from an infection. Her doctor thinks she suffered a spider bite on her leg, which went undiagnosed and resulted in swelling and fever. The strong antibiotics prescribed has helped tremendously. *We're very happy that both of you are on the road to recovery*

Frank (Franko) Grochoske entered the VA Hospital Tuesday 8/4, for tests. He'll be there several days. We will keep you informed. *Keep the faith Franko. We'll keep you in our prayers..*

Manny & Chris Carnero recently traveled to Hong Kong on 1 June 09 to attend their Granddaughter, Christina's, High School graduation. The graduation ceremony at the International School was really impressive. Christina will be returning Houston in August to attend Rice University. Manny & Chris stayed with their daughter, Linda and her family, who lived in an impressive high rise apartment, which is located on the Peek (side of a mountain), overlooking Hong Kong. Their apartment is on the 22nd floor of a forty-two story building and the view was awesome and scary. Linda's apartment was really luxurious and she had a live-in maid who catered to their every need...really nice. They visited every part of Hong Kong by taxi, by bus, by train and by walking, and were very impressed with the people and the cleanliness of the city and facilities. One of their more impressive experiences was a cable-car ride across several islands to the top of the "Bib Buddha" Monasteryscary travel, but great visit. They departed Hong Kong on the 17th of June and at the same time as their departure, Linda and Christina departed on a 'mother/daughter' trip to England, Spain, Italy, Greece and returned to Hong Kong. They never left the airport, and after going through immigration and checking visas, they flew on to Australia, where they will now be living for the next four years. They really have an interesting and active live. Manny & Chris found that their visit to Hong Kong was very interesting, rewarding, educational and fun-filled. They would highly recommend Hong Kong as a place to visit.

DISORDER IN THE AMERICAN COURT

These are from a book called 'Disorder in the American Courts' and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia graves, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes,

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

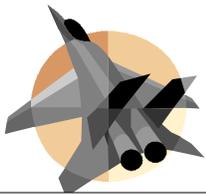
WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

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