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

#### MARCH MEETING

The annual election meeting was held Thursday evening, March 13th. Before the meeting, we were treated to a delicious meal and time to visit and renew old friendships. After dinner, the board members retired to the library for their meeting. The rest of us used the time to visit with friends.

During the meeting, the newest recipients of the Jerry Weber Annual Achievement Award were announced. The first winner was Story Sloan for all his hard work on getting our memorial in Austin. Story worked very hard getting the funds for the memorial and contacting the artists to design and craft the eagle on top of the monument. Story's widow, Janie and their son, Story III, accepted the award.

The next honoree was announced as John L-8, and his name and number was called several times, before a very stunned John Jackson slowly walked to the front. John was clearly overcome with emotion and very proud. John was selected and honored for his 12 years of work with Stand Down, the organization that assists the homeless, also for his term as President and his willingness to help people at any time.



The third honoree was Howard Nathan. Howard was honored for the hard work he did in forming the Department of Texas. Howard worked tirelessly in forming the different chapters in Texas and working to bring them together. He was very successful with all his hard work and the Department of Texas is the direct result of Howard's work.

The three honorees' were all very deserving and the committee did a great job in their selection.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW OFFICERS...

On the agenda also, was the election of a new 2nd Vice President and two board members. The new officer elected was Franko Grochoske as the new 2nd Vice President. The new board members are: Stoney Stone and Vito Susca. Congratulations to everyone..

#### **ELECTION !!!**

Carlos Ballard will be having a bar-b-q as a fund raiser for his run for President. On the menu will be bar-b-q, potato salad, beans and desserts. He stated that he needed yard signs and hand outs, for his campaign.

More information on page 5

#### ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The 2008 St. Patrick's Parade was held on Saturday, March 15, 2008, and it kicked off at 12 noon. It was a great parade, but for some reason, our four trucks were mostly empty. I guess that everyone thought someone else would be there to fill the trucks, or they had the wrong time. The announcer even noted that our group usually had a much larger turn out.

Sal Gambino had his truck decorated with pictures of the men taken back in the '50's. It was great seeing what everyone looked like way back then. Great Job Sal!

Vito Susca and Manny Carnero walked at the beginning of our group and carried the KWVA banner. As usually, Johnney Lee walked and took pictures, despite having a bad

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER By Charles Laird

The season of Easter reflects the brief life cycle of mankind. When we look back to Christmas, we see and celebrate the birth of Jesus. He came to serve and to save, not to be served. His crucifixion was a low point for his followers, but His resurrection was a joyful time for all, even us living today. His short earthly ministry changed the world and still does todav.

His resurrection either thrills you or leaves you with no reaction. The scriptures tell us. ONE DAY EVERY KNEE WILL BOW AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD. We don't have to wait for that day to come when we are forced to confess our sins. He stands at the door of our hearts and knocks-if you invite Him into your heart and confess your sins you can receive forgiveness and eternal life. God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish put have eternal life. (John: 3-16)

#### <u>NEW DATE & NEW TIME...</u> 12th ANNUAL "HONOR ALL VETERANS DAY" AT THE BALLPARK

We will be honored again at the Astro's game and the theme will be 'Marines at War' The honorees will be five Marines, one from each war— World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Iraq/Afghanistan. For the first time ever, the date and time has been rescheduled. The new day and time is listed below:

> SUNDAY, May 4th - Astro's vs. Milwaukee Brewers WHEN:

TIME: 1:05 pm

PRICE: \$ 10.00 each (regular price is \$ 20.00) sold from March 1 thru March 31st.

> **CUT OFF DATE:** MARCH 31st

We will be in the Outfield Mezzanine once again, Section 255. The Astro's have reserved 134 seats for us, based on 127 purchased last year, but will give us more if needed.

If you wish to sit with other Chapter members, make your check out to Bob Mitchell for the number of tickets you want times \$10. each. You can bring your check to the general meeting on March 13th and sign up. After March 13th, you can still order tickets by sending in your order and your check to Bob Mitchell- Baseball, 3021 Rosefield, Houston Tx., 77080, up until the final cutoff date. The cutoff date for all orders is March 31st. Bob will purchase the block of tickets right after March 31st, and distribute them at the April general meeting, April 17th. If you have purchased tickets for the original date and cannot attend the new date, please contact Bob Mitchell 713-939-8880 to obtain a refund.

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



#### **INVITATION....**

Our membership has been invited to a dinner, by the Easthaven Baptist Church and the Saemaum (Korean ) Baptist Church. They want to extend a THANK YOU to the veterans and their spouses, for the veteran's part in saving their country.

The pastors from the churches were present at our March meeting and extended the invitation in person. Present were Rev. Robert Byun (Korean Church) and Rev. Burton, (Easthaven Baptist Church). The dinner will be April 20th, Sunday at 5 pm.

The Church is located at the corner of Beamer Road and Astoria Blvd. In Southeast Houston, across from Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. This is located west of I-45 and South of the Sam Houston Toll way, South.

The Chapter is asking all attendees to wear the Class "A" Chapter uniform, if you have one. If not, please wear the Class "B" uniform of a dark blue Chapter and khaki slacks. We will be taking a head count at our April 17th General meeting. If you do not expect to attend that meeting, and would like to attend the Banquet, please contact Bob Mitchell at 713-939-0880, or send an email to kwvarjm@aol.com to add your name to the

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### Tell America!!

I recently wrote a letter to the teacher at Cy Fairbanks High School. This teacher is the contact person at her school. In the letter, I asked her to provide me with the names of the new schools in the district. (There are several new schools)

The Speakers Bureau has been going to the Cypress Fairbanks Schools since 1997, for a total of 12 times.

#### VIDEO TAPING OF KOREA STORIES

Video taping of the stories from the Korean War will resume. A member speaks about their Korea experiences during our monthly meetings, and 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 <u>max</u>, 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.

#### The stories will resume at the April meeting.

Be sure and attend and hear the latest memory.

#### **Correspondence:**

Ray Cipriano wrote: without the Warrior, we would be lost. Our health is not as good as it use to be. Thank God for all of you guys - What a great job. Thanks for the kind words Ray. We're very sorry to hear about your health..

#### THE WISDOM OF OUR TIME...

The original point and click interface Was a Smith & Wesson.

One good thing about Alzheimer's is You get to meet new people every day.

#### "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 <u>July 2008 issue</u>. 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

\* - Indicates more than one donation

This Space is for you to Remember someone you

#### **HUMOR**

In a Holding pattern at the busy Corpus Christi, Texas, Naval Air Station, a student pilot attempted to speak to his instructor in the back seat via the aircraft's intercom. Instead, he accidentally keyed the radio. "Sorry, Sir," said the student after yet another poor landing attempt. "I guess I'm just all screwed up today."

Irate at this obvious lack of radio discipline, an instructor in another aircraft demanded, "Who just said that?" Knowing that identifying himself would lead to a tongue-lashing when he landed, the student kept silent. The angry instructor persisted, "Aircraft who said they were 'screwed up' identify yourself!" Again there was silence. Finally, after another attempt to ferret out the culprit, an instructor in a third plane keyed the radio. "Hey, the kid said he was screwed up, not stupid."

#### **GOTTA LOVE MAXINE!!**

Everyone concentrates on the problems we're having in this country lately; illegal immigration, hurricane recovery, alligators attacking people in Florida ..

Not me, I concentrate on solutions for the problems. It's a win-win situation.

- Dig a moat the length of the Mexican border.
- Send the dirt to New Orleans to raise the level of the levies.
- Put the Florida alligators in the moat along the Mexican border.

Any other problems you would like for me to solve today?

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Please Continue to give.....
so we can continue.

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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-

## The following memberships are due April 1,

Thomas Boren M178 | Bob Mitchell M-361 Vinton Sholl M419 | Bennie Younger M525

#### RENEWALS

John Alvarado Amy Cipriano Ray Cipriano Ralph DeCoste Charles McLendon Hong Sop Won

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Tom Gregory M-818 J.J. Shepherd M-827

#### **Grocery Store Rebates**

Do you still use your Share Card from Kroger? How about the Randall's card? We really hope you use them because they benefit the Lone Star Chapter. Our chapter receives 1% of all purchases at these stores when you use your cards. This amount can add up, and you don't have to do anything but buy your groceries.

Continued from page 1 Carlos Ballard's fund raiser:

#### APRIL FOOL !!!!!

#### 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.

Korea Dates:	China Post Tour	Xian Extens.
May 18—24	May 24—29	May 29-31
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

<sup>\*</sup> Phone 703-212-0695 \* www.miltours.com \*

#### 2008

#### **APRIL**

1st - April Fools Day

17th - Board Meeting 5:00 pm 17th - General Meeting 7:00 pm

20th - Passover Begins

#### MAY

4th - Astro's vs Milwaukee 1:05 pm 15th - Board Meeting 5:00 pm 15th - General Meeting 7:00 pm 26th - MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

#### **FUND RAISER**

Franko Grochoske had great idea for a fund raiser. He had two Rolex Replica Watches that he sold chances on at \$2.00 a chance to win both watches, with the proceeds going to the newsletter.

At the close of the March meeting, a drawing was held, and the winner was: Ruby Ehrlund.

#### **CONGRATULATINS RUBY!!**

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE - 2008** TRACEY GEE COMMUNITY CENTER

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#### **BIRTHDAY'S**

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Bobby Gray 3rd
Harry Brunelle 5th
Harry Bruce 6th
Billie Blair 8th
Frances DiBelle 8th
Rosalie Null 9th
L. B. Wilmeth 10th
Betty Ann Graves 11th

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John Jackson 16th	Ted Maloy 24th
Pam Gambino 16th	Ray Priger 24th
Billy Middleton 17th	Marvin Talgheder 24th
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Ouida Henderson	24th
Dottie Beard	25th
Morton Rachofsky	27th
Arnold Johnson	28th
Morris Estess	30th
Doyle Griffin	30th
Goroge Bazan	.30th



#### APRIL ANNIVERSARY'S



MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE	MEMBER & SPOUSE	<u>DATE</u>
Jimmy & Gloria Chavez 52 yrs 1	1/2/1956	Lawrence & Flossie Heard 54 y	rs 4/3/1954
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
Thomas & Peggy Boren 57 yrs	4/22/1951	Clarence & Starlene Johnson	
Aniceto & Rachel Del Bosque	4/28		

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

#### ATTENTION - HELP IS NEEDED !!!

As we were going through the records of members, it has become apparent that we need a little more information from you. Needed are: Birthdays, Anniversaries (and if married 50 yrs or more, or close, please give dates), e-mail addresses, spouse's name, telephone number and change of address when you move. Thank You

#### UPDATE ON OUR FRIEND - HUEY LONG

Our friend, Huey Long, the last of the famed 'Ink Spots' singing group, had a run of bad luck recently. A woman named Nancy Tankleson of Bellaire, Tx., who makes documentary films, approached him about making a documentary on his career. He loaned her "Big D", his beloved 60 year old guitar and other memorabilia, but when he wanted these



items back, he says she refused to return them. He filed a lawsuit in Federal Court to regain the items, plus have her pay his attorney fees. The judge granted a temporary restraining order to prevent her from selling the items. As a result, his daughter said he was deeply depressed. He had also given her power of attorney (since cancelled) plus \$2,000. in cash and \$10,000 to create a book on his life called "The Huey Long Story". 1,000 copies were printed, and he got 500 copies and she has the balance. Apparently, she completed 2/3 of the documentary, but she wanted him to travel to various clubs and other

venues where he performed, including out of state. Beginning in 2007, he was unable to do so because of mild strokes and congestive heart failure problems. She threatened to sue him if he didn't make the trips and kept his items for security. To add to his problems, on February 29th, he fell and fractured a hip bone and was hospitalized at St. Joseph Medical Center.

The good news is that in court, on March 7th, Judge Ken Wise ordered her to immediately return all his items, plus the \$2,000 in cash. Huey's lawyer took "Big D", and brought it to him at the hospital. Channel 11 showed him walking in with "Big D" and Huey's face just lit up in joy. Let's all wish him a speedy recovery and rejoice with him on the return of his old friend "Big D". All's well that ends well. Get well fast, old friend!

Let's not forget, Mr. Huey Long will be 104 years old this month.

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#### LOYALTY \* VALOR \* HONOR \* FIDELITY

#### THE FLAG

By Sherrod L. Fielden

It's hard to explain the way I feel, To be back on America's shore. It's been too long since I've been home I won't need to roam anymore.

Because I have been selected For my most important task — Covering my soldier as he leaves the plane, What more could a flag ask?

The young man lying beneath me Once harbored big hopes for his life. With Captain's bars and eyes full of stars, A hero to his family and wife.

Willing to go to right the wrong, And run the terrorists to ground. In a cave of stone he died alone, His death song knows no sound.

Now the longest day lies ahead. His grieving widow tries to cope. With the loss so great a burden, All she really has left is hope.

The salute fired, "Taps" hangs in the air...

Lonesome arrived as the bugler blew it.

Fold me up right, tuck my corners in tight —

She needs me to hold to get through it.

#### CPL. SCOTT ALEXANDER McINTOSH FUNERAL

On Tuesday, March 18th, members of the Lone Star Chapter were proud to be present at the funeral services for Cpl. McIntosh held at the Houston VA Cemetery. He was killed March 10th 2008 while serving his country in the US Army in Iraq.

The Patriot Guard Motorcycle Riders formed a half circle with 24 American Flags. The Army Honor Guard carried the casket into the service, to an overwhelming crowd of friends and family.

This was a very moving service for someone so young,

After the very moving service, friends of the family came up to our Honor Guard members and thanked us for being there.

#### ANOTHER FALLEN HERO -SGT. GREGORY UNRUTH

On Tuesday, April 1st, Sgt. Unruth will be laid to rest at Forest Park East on the Gulf Freeway. Members of the TLSC Honor Guard will be present to show their respect and support to the family.

The 28 year old died March 19th in Mandali, Iraq, when his military vehicle rolled over during a reconnaissance mission.

#### **SPECIAL ELECTION #2!!**

**By Jim Duncan** 

Just as in March, TLSC will have another election in April. This one, a Special Election - April 13th. There will be one office on the ballot - Chapter President.

Background Information: When Chuck Ehrlund became President in March 2007, he did so because no one stepped up to the plate and he did so with the understanding that he only serve one year of the normal two year term. (i.e. Serving thru March meeting 2008). **The Chapter owes Chuck and Ruby a big round of Thanks for this service.** At the February 21st board meeting, Chuck reminded the Board of his understanding of what his commitment to the Chapter was at the time of the March 2007 Election and the Board accepted and supported his request.

TLSC Chapter bylaws require that when there is more than six (6) months remaining of an office term there must be an election. That is the case here.

At the Feb. 21st General Chapter meeting, President Chuck Ehrlund and Board Chairman, Jim Duncan announced to all in attendance of the need for this special election.

Carlos Ballard, L-35, a previous TLSC President has asked that his name be put on the ballot to fill the remainder of the current President office term, (through March 2009).

As is TLSC policy, any member in good standing may be nominated for any office. This also includes being nominated from the floor at the election. However if you wish to nominate someone you must have the permission of that member to put his name in nomination.

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#### **SPECIAL ELECTION**

There is a special election for the President. As has been explained in the newsletter, Chuck Ehrlund is stepping down and Carlos Ballard has agreed to step up and run for the office. To make it official, a ballet must be completed.



PRESIDENT:	CARLOS BALLARD	
MEMBER NO:	DATE:	

#### **QUESTIONNAIRE.....**

Several years ago, you were asked to fill in a questionnaire like the one at the right.

It has become apparent that some of the information we have is incorrect, such as e-mail addresses, current phone numbers, and Wedding Anniversaries, (a few of you have celebrated 50 years and we failed to recognize it, because we didn't know) also some of you have moved and forgot to inform us.

It would be of great help to us if you would complete the questionnaire and return it to us.

#### THANK YOU

# "WARRIOR QUESTIONNAIRE" FOR "ALL" TLSC MEMBERS

NAME: -
ADDRESS:
CITY: STATE:
ZIP:PHONE:
Member Number:D.O.B Place an X in the appropriate place:
Medal of Honor: POW:Army:Navy:
Air ForceMarines: Coast Guard:
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Service Dates: FromTo
Wife's Name:DOB:
Anniversary Date:
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 Howard Nathan
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1999-00 – Sal Gambino
2000-01 - Howard Nathan
2001-02 - Bob Mitchell
2002-03 - Carlos Ballard
2003-04 - Don Napp
2004-05 - Charlie Ehrlund
2005-07 - Buddy Blair

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