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

.....NOTICE.....

A SPECIAL REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS

We are faced with a unique situation, one that has never happened before in our Chapter's history. We have an election coming up in March and we **do not** have a candidate for President, plus we are missing two candidates for Directors. It is truly a sad situation for a Chapter like ours, with a long and distinguished record of achievements and service to our community. **Having a President is not an option. It is an absolute must if the Chapter is to continue in operation.**

To deal with this, we ask every member to join with us in forming one giant committee to seek and find candidates to fill these open positions. This is not something any of us can leave for someone else to do. If we are to get it done, it will take all of us to do it. The alternative is not one that any of us want to deal with but, unless we get this done, it is an alternative that may come to pass. We ask you all to do two things. One, seriously consider filling one of these positions yourself. **The time is now to step up.** Secondly, if that is not possible for some important reason, other than plain reluctance, then consider likely candidates that you know among the members and take the extra step. Contact them and urge them to come forward.

We especially ask for the help of our senior members, those who have served in these positions in past. You all know better than anyone what kind of people it takes. We ask you to contact your own likely prospects and urge them to run. We need you leaders most of all to help us get this done.

We are a generation that stepped up when our country called and got the job done because we're that kind of people. We can get this job done, too, but only if you get off the bench and get in the game.

Your Chapter needs you. Please answer the call. . . .

Buddy Blair, President,
Bob Mitchell, Board Chairman

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2007 BALLOT

TLSC/KWVA

It is that time of year again; election of officers. **A president is still needed, as well as one more director. PLEASE. . . . DO YOUR PART!!!**

Nominations are still accepted for any of the positions, simply write in the nominees name in the blank provided under the office, and mark your choice in the box.

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1st VICE PRESIDENT: Roland English _____

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Travis Riley _____

SECRETARY: Bob Bighouse _____

TREASURER: Rod Ramsey _____

DIRECTORS: THREE TOTAL NEEDED. . .

Dr. Cheor Kim _____

Doug Sizemore _____

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NATIONAL KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY

JANUARY 13, 1903

By Johnney Lee

The history of Korean Immigration to America began as 103 brave Korean men, women and children (boys and girls) were crossing the Pacific Ocean, aboard the SS Gaelic, to land in Hawaii. As in a quarter of a century, young Korean Americans joined the main stream, and began to make significant contributions in the field of economic finance, modern technology, education, teachers, medicine, doctors, nurses, hospitals, sports, entertainment, media TV; reporters, newspaper and radio; armed forces, federal state and city governments as well as in other services.

The Korean community, now with a population of more than two million, prepare for a new era. Instilling in the upcoming generation, proper appreciation for the spirit and value of their ancestor, a sense of their roots and pride in their own cultural heritages so that they may better contribute to this big nation, wealthy with races and cultural, great variety

NATIONAL KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY

JANUARY 13, 2007

In 1903, an Act was passed to admit Korean's to the United States.

On January 13, 2007, several members of the TLSC met with the Korean Community at the KOMART center on Gessner, to celebrate this great occasion. The weather forecast had predicted a cold front with rain that day, but thankfully the weather held off, just wind and heavy clouds. Mrs. Helen Chang was the Master of Ceremony and Consul General Kim was a special guest speaker, who proclaimed the day as Korean-American Day



This is a very special day for the Korean community, as it unifies them with the American people. The Consul General also thanked the American servicemen again for their help in freeing their country from communism.

We were treated to a demonstration from the Korean Farm Dancers, with their colorful costumes and the Tae Kwon Do students, who demonstrated their skills with self defense.

Everyone in attendance were given a T-shirt which proclaimed the day as Korean American Day.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Charles Laird

CLEANING HOUSE FOR 2007

Last week I threw out Worrying, it was getting old and in the way. It kept me from being me. I couldn't do things God's way.

I threw out a book on MY PAST (Didn't have time to read it anyway). Replaced it with NEW GOALS, started reading it today. I threw out hate and bad memories, (Remember how I treasured.)

Brought in some new books too, called, I CAN, I WILL AND I MUST. Threw out I might, I think and I ought WOW, you should've seen the dust. I ran across and OLD FRIEND. I hadn't talked to in a while. His name is GOD the Father, and I really like His style.

He helped me to do some cleaning and added some things Himself. Like PRAYER, HOPE, FAITH and LOVE. Yes, I placed them right on the shelf! I picked up this special thing and placed it at the front door.

I FOUND IT -its called PEACE. Nothing gets me down anymore.

Yes, I've got my house looking nice. Looks good around the place. For things like Worry and Trouble there just isn't any space. It's good to do a little house cleaning. Get rid of the things on the Shelf. It sure makes things brighter; maybe you should.

TRY IT YOURSELF, BE BLESSED AND BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE ELSE !!!!!

May the Lord open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that you will not have room enough to receive it all.

Malachi 3:10

May the Lord bless you exceedingly abundantly above all you could ever hope for. *Philippians 4:19.*

Herzstein Foundation Grant

We (members of the Texas Lone Star Chapter) are grateful to the Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation for their grant of \$2000 to our sock and cap program at the Michael DeBakey VA Hospital. This grant, along with the earlier grant from the Strake Foundation, and a donation from Walmart, secured by Travis Riley, has enabled us to establish the permanent Jerry Webber Fund. The earnings from this fund will, in the future, cover a major part of the cost of the items we distribute at the Hospital.

Their grant came with the notation that “Albert and Ethel Herzstein came from modest beginnings, but because they benefited from the American system, they had a deep respect and gratitude for those who risk their lives in the military to allow us to enjoy freedom and opportunity.”

DOOR PRIZES—JANUARY 2007

Georgia Jackson Vacuum bottle & coffee
Chuck Ehrlund Candy
Marilyn Harrison Lantern
Billie Blair Candy & T-shirt
Bob Mitchell Book
Rod Ramsey Ground Coffee
Charlotte Henderson Pen & coin purse
Henry Martinez Book & lipstick case
Ruth Johnson T-shirt & lipstick case
Dr. Kim Bath salts & camera
Forrest Robinson T-shirt
Bob Bighouse Korean calendar

The 50/50 drawing was won by Georgia Jackson, and she donated it to Lee & Charlotte to go out to eat. *Thank you very much Georgia*

The items for the nights drawings were donated by these generous people: Tom Conte, Travis Riley, Don Napp, Dr. Kim, Vito & Marlene Susca, Ruth Johnson, Bob Mitchell and Nuncio Martino. *Thank you everyone.*

Changes at KWVA National

The following changes have been made without much publicity in the operation of the National KWVA organization. They have moved to a new location in the greater Washington DC area. Their mailing address is now:

Korean War Veterans Association
PO Box 22857
Alexandria, VA 22304-9285

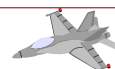
Correspondence and membership renewals should be sent to that address and not to the Arlington address shown in last years Graybeards. Also the regular annual membership dues have been raised to \$25, effective January 1, 2007.

Annual KWVA St. Valentine Party

This year’s annual St. Valentine’s Day Luncheon has been reserved.

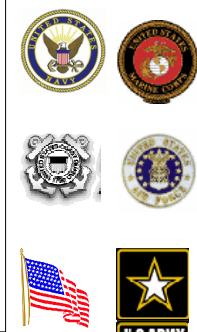
DATE: Monday, February 12th
TIME: 11 AM
PLACE: STEAK N ALE
11109 Katy Freeway (I-10) at Wilcrest

Total capacity - 40 people - which has been met.
We’ll see you there.....



“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2006 to July 2007”

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 will be going up soon, 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.** To receive the newsletter on line, go to kwvahouston.org and click on the request. **The following names will be published monthly through the July 2007 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 —
Ehlinger, Pauline
O’Flynn, John
Padilla, Nora
Russell, Roy
St. Clair, Jerry
Williams, John
Young, Nat

MAGICIAN AND THE PARROT

A magician worked on a cruise ship. The audience was different each week so the magician did the same tricks over and over again. There was only one problem...the captain’s parrot saw the shows each week and began to understand how the magician did every trick. Once he understood, he started shouting in the middle of the show. “Look, it’s not the same hat!” or “Look, he’s hiding the flowers under the table!” or “Hey, why are all the cards the ace of spades?” The magician was furious, but couldn’t do anything. I was, after all, the captain’s parrot. Then one stormy night on the Pacific, the ship unfortunately sank, drowning almost everyone. The magician luckily found himself on a piece of wood floating in the middle of the sea, and as fate would have it, with the parrot.


They stared at each other with hatred but did not utter a word. This went on for a day... and then 2 days...and then 3 days.

Finally on the 4th day, the parrot could not hold back any longer and said...

“OK, I give. Where’s the ship?”

Two guys are quietly sitting in boat fishing and drinking beer. Almost silently so as not to scare the fish Mel says, “I think I’m going to divorce my wife - she hasn’t spoken to me in over 2 months.” Earl continues slowly sipping his beer, then thoughtfully says, “You better think it over - women like that are hard to find.

* - Indicates more than one donation



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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 January 1, 2007:

Ray Cipriano	M159	Ed Illanne	M651
W. L. Moore	M785	Joe Romano	M354

RENEWALS

John Bronson	Rudy Weisar
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Korean friend, Cho Gares, of the "Enchanted Florist" in Austin, recently called Sal Gambino to wish him and all the TLSC members a Happy New Year.

To those members that do not know who this kind lady is, let me explain. She has a flower shop in Austin, and has since 1999, placed wreaths on our Monument, three times a year, at no costs to the Chapter.

If you get to Austin, please take the time to stop by her shop and say "Thank you".

Lee & I extend our sincere appreciation to her for her kind generosity.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

On Jan. 19th, 3 members of the Speakers Bureau, Buddy Blair, Mickey Spencer & Lee Henderson, were at Cypress Fall Hi School, talking to the students about our experiences. We met in the teaching theater to an overflow of students. The students listened and asked questions about our experiences, and how the Korean War compared to the Iraq War. Several students asked where the Marine in dress blue was. (Jessie Harper is that marine and is recovering from surgery.) Lee covered his tour, the second year plus Jessie' tour which was the 1st winter with our troops at the Chosin. Jessie always talks about the air drop of Tootsie Rolls. One teacher who was 8 1/2 months pregnant was so surprised by the hand grenade she almost went into labor.

On Jan. 25th, 3 members, Henry Martinez, Tom Campion and Lee Henderson attended Cypress Fairbanks High School. This session was held in the auditorium and all the students were able to sit. Again, the teachers asked where Jessie Harper was, and again it was explained that he had surgery. The students asked many questions - the weather, the conditions and how we fought the different combat operations. We will be back to both schools.

Our next school will be Cypress Creek High School on March 21st.

FEBRUARY

- 1st - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12th - VALENTINE LUNCHEON 11AM
- 14th - ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
- 15th - General Meeting 7 pm
- 19th - President's Day
- 21st - Ash Wednesday

MARCH

- 1st - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 2nd - Texas Independence Day
- 11th - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**
- 15th - General Meeting 7 pm
- 21st - First Day of Spring

REUNION

**45th Infantry Division
(Thunderbirds)**

REUNION

27 September to 1 October 2007

Contact Information:

**Raul Trevino
2145 NE Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111**

VIDEO TAPING OF KOREA STORIES

The tapings resumed at the January meeting. Please contact Charlie Ehrlund at 713-465-5172.



NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD

2007-2008

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to run for Officer & Director positions for 2007/08. You may nominate yourself or any other member for any position, but make sure that other members want to run. Positions include President, 1st & 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Director positions. Concerned that you may not be qualified to serve? Sign up for a Director position. It's the perfect way to find out how it all works. Directors have no assigned duties. You just show up at Board meetings, participate in the discussions, and mainly listen and learn. So if you're a new member or an old one, this is one you can handle, plus we would love to have new people with new ideas. Charlie Ehrlund is the Committee Chair. Call him at 713-465-5172 to get on the ballot.

Do it now.....you know you want to.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Emma Hinojosa 1st	Joe Mueller 7th	Bob Hanks 13th	Johnnie Marie Smith . 18th
Charlotte Henderson . 2nd	Tom Campion 8th	Carl Dry 14th	Howard Nathan 22nd
Sandra Campion 3rd	Gwen Owens 8th	Evelyn Stone 15th	Peggy Hanks 23rd
Sam DiBello 3rd	Phil Morris 9th	Joe Gambino 15th	Paul Procella 23rd
LaVonne Johnson . . . 3rd	Norma Hall 10th	Helma Hinojosa 17th	Roberta Starlin 24th
Floyd Pendarvis 3rd	Lynda Trousdale 10th	Elisa Muniz 17th	Francisco Garza 25th
Richard Wilson 3rd	Beatrice Munguia 11th	Mary Alice Correa . . . 18th	Jim Brown 27th
Bill Leonard 5th			

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY'S

<u>MEMBER</u> <u>DATE</u>	<u>& SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>
<u>Ed & Connie Singleton55th</u>		<u>2/2/1952</u>	Billy & Millie Middleton 2/6
Clarence & Stella Sperbeck		2/7	Harry & Louise Brunelle 2/11
Tom & Barbara Mixon		2/11	Hal & Joyce Parker 2/13
Vincent & Lucy Aguilera		2/14	John & Mary Ellis 2/14
Herbert & Junelle Nittsche		2/27	Donald & Patricia Lawrence 2/28

THANK YOU WALMART

The Walmart store at 7960 Longpoint @ Wirt in Spring Branch has donated \$500 to our organization thanks to member Travis Riley talking to manager Danny Safady. The manager indicated that they may be able to match this or more every year.

GREETINGS AND OTHER CIVILITIES IN KOREAN

- Good morning/afternoon/evening** -
"Annyong,ha-simnikka" or "Annyong haseyo"
- Hello (on telephone)** "Yobo-seyo"
- Yes** "Ye"
- No** "Anio"
- Excuse me** "Sille-bamnida"
- Thank you** "Kamsa-hamnida"
- You're welcome** "Ch'onman-cyo"
- Sorry** "Mian-hamnida"
- See you again** "To mannap-sida"
- What is your name** "Irumi muo-simnika"
- My name is** "Na-ui irumun ____ imnida"
- Please give me** "____ chusip-siyo"
- Where is ____?** "____ odi iss-umnikka?"
- Can you speak English?** "Yong-o halsu-iss-umnikka?"
- Goodbye** "annyong-hi kyesipsio"

CONDOLENCES

Jerry Esposito, the brother of member **Marlene Susco** passed away Saturday, January 27, 2007. Jerry was a motorcycle policemen for 21 years with the Melrose Park Police Force. He died in Aurora, Il. He was a father of six, grandfather of four and great-grandfather of two. *Our sincere sympathy is extended to Marlene and Vito and also the Jerry's family at this time.*

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

- "I wept because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet."
Persian proverb
- "Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbons."
Ruth Ann Schabacker
- "Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments."
Rose Kennedy
- "Earth's crammed with heaven."
Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- "Too many people miss the silver lining because they're expecting gold."
Maurice Setter
- "The talent for being happy is appreciating and liking what you have, instead of what you don't have."
Woody Allen

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Sal Gambino was sick around the days of the meeting, and was unable to attend. (He caught a virus or cold from one of his grandchildren.) *We're glad you are feeling better and hope to see you at the next meeting.*

Jessie Harper recently had hernia surgery. Reports are that he is doing fine, but the recovery is slow. He will be back to his old self real soon. *We hope you are up and around soon. The students really missed you.*

MY EXPERIENCES IN KOREA. . . .

Mickey Spencer

My Army life probably started when I enrolled at Texas A&M College in 1947. I went through the ROTC program and was commissioned a 2nd Lt., in May of 1952. I reported to Fort Sill, OK, on September 1, 1952, and finished Battery Officer training at the end of December 1952. I left for San Francisco in early January 1953, bound for Yokohama, Japan. Upon arrival in Japan, I spent about ten days at Camp Stoneman before a train ride of 72 hours put me in Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan, which is the last island in the Japanese chain.

I was assigned to the First Cavalry Division, Baker Battery of the 82nd Field Artillery Battalion. This was a 155 MM Howitzer Battalion. Camp Chitose was really two units. After about three months at Chitose I, we were transferred to Chitose II. There were so many 2nd Lt.'s running around with very little to do that we finally asked the Battery Commander to give us jobs to help keep us busy.

One of the first things I did was to change one of the unused barracks into a night club for the enlisted men of the battalion. The Battalion Commander was my boss, so it helped to get things done. It was difficult to find everything we needed for the job, but we finally opened the club. For eight or nine months, it was well used every night. The end came, when it was robbed and trashed. After that, the troops had to go back into Chitose town, which was a real VD trap.

After about six months, the Battery Executive Officer went back to the States, and I took over his job. I kept this job for the rest of the time in the Army. My total active duty was from Sept. 1, 1952 through 31 May 1954. My duties as Executive Officer were to keep the gun crews trained and keep the weapons in good repair. Whenever the Battalion had field exercises, it seemed "B" Battery did the firing. That was what I really enjoyed.

Some of the additional duties were supplied by the Battalion Commander. One of these duties was to be the VD Control Officer for the Battalion. The Corps Commander determined that the VD problem was so bad that he issued an order that any Unit in his command that went one month without a new case of VD got a holiday. This lasted about six months. My job was to investigate any new VD cases in the Battalion, write up a report and hand carry it to Corps headquarters, which was in Sapporo, the capital city of the island. I was glad when this order

was resended.

The next special duty given to me was Frost Bite Control Officer. It seemed that there were far too many cases in the Corps. Every new case had to be written up and hand carried to Corps headquarters. I had more of those reports than I wanted, but it always amazed me how much attention I got when I delivered the report. I think I got saluted before I gave a salute.

Another duty that kept me busy when "B" Battery was not in the field, was Safety Officer for the 105 MM Batteries when then were in the field.

I was assigned one duty that I really enjoyed. It was to coach the Battalion football team. This was in the Fall of 1953. I was allowed to attend a week of talks by coaches from schools in the Southwest Conference and the Big Ten Conference which were meeting in Tokoyo. There was snow on the ground for a number of games. I was not in the best of shape, but I allowed myself to play in some of the games. We played about ten games and we won a few of them.

One problem in training was the fact that much of the equipment was out of date, especially the time fuse setters. We could do a better job by estimating the time, than by using the equipment. I got chewed out by the Battalion S-3 Training Officer one time, because of this, but it was the same day I got my orders to return to the States.

I saw no live action during the Korean War, but I hope that I contributed something positive to the effort. I helped train many Korean soldiers in the use of artillery weapons. I would not trade my time in the service for anything. I was relieved that the troops that spent time under fire, never held it against me for not serving under fire.

Thank you, Mickey Spencer



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