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

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday December 18th, a large group of our members and wives, gathered at the Monument Inn to celebrate Christmas together. Our hostesses, Nelda Napp and Marlene Susca, greeted everyone as they arrived, directing them to first let the man at the door know your lunch choice, then to the table for name tags and the next table to leave your gift. There was a large group of members and wives and friends, who milled around and visited until time to eat. Desserts ranged from cakes, to pies, to cookies to candy. The gift exchange was fun, with some getting fun gifts and others getting really nice gifts. After lunch, Josh Flynn entertained us with a number of Christmas songs.



Our Hostesses -
Nelda Napp & Marlene Susca

Everyone in attendance had a great time and are looking forward to next year. Thank you Nelda and Marlene for a great time.

CEMETERY SAFETY

If you have read the paper recently, you will notice that there has been a rise in thefts at the different cemetery's. Please, when you leave your car, take your purse, briefcase, etc with your, or lock your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle. Sometimes it may be advisable to do this before you enter the cemetery. You never know if you are being observed. Trunks can be popped open easily by an expert.

Our chapter has a group of men that patrol the Houston National Cemetery on the weekends, called the Veterans on Patrol. They, and the office personal at the cemetery, have noted that the incidences of theft, has declined since they have been patrolling.

You must do your part, please be conscious of your surroundings and don't leave anything of value in view. Thefts have occurred in cemeteries around Houston, and most likely other places as well.

Don't let this happen to you!!!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Several Lone Star Chapter members and their wives and members of the HISD were invited to have Dinner with the Consul General of Korea and his wife. The evening was titled:

Evening for Educators.

The guests were treated to entertainment in the form of a very gifted singer, the fabulous Korean Fan Dancers, and the young boys that performed a break dancing style dance. A wonderful dinner was served and as a parting gift, a gift bag of brochures, a map of Korea, a video and a bottle of wine.

AFTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Sunday, December 26th, the Korean American Association, hosted a dinner for the Koreans and the Korean Veterans. There was a large crowd and everyone had a great time. There was entertainment, good food and prizes, and of course getting to visit with friends.

VETERAN'S DAY

In November, Henry Martinez visited Milsap Elementary school to talk to the students about the Korean War. The students welcomed Henry & wife Eva along with his niece, and were very impressed with his account of his war.



Bumper Stickers.....

Hang up and drive.

If your ship hasn't come in, swim out to it.

Alcohol and calculus don't mix. Never drink and drive.

Driver carries no cash. He's married.

GERRY WEBER AWARD

It is time to once again nominate deserving members for the Gerry Weber Award. Do you know someone that stands out in your mind that should be rewarded? Now is the time to submit your recommendations to the nominating committee, your thoughts and ideas for the next winners. Each member can submit up to 5 names. You must list the reasons for the nomination, taking into consideration his leadership skills, ability to innovate, being a good communicator, dependability, the initiative to take on and complete projects, good decision-making judgment and good at working with others. There are many good men in the organization that fit this requirement. The nominee does not have to be living any longer, he just has to have been a great contributor to the organization.

Usually this has to be in the Committee's hands by the end of December, but this year the **dead-line is January 20, 2011**, the date of the January monthly meeting. So please hurry and let your voice be heard.

Mail your **enclosed form** to:

Don Napp - Nominating Committee
1207 Whitestone
Houston, Tx., 77073-1202

Or: Don Napp - Nominating Committee
KWV/TLSC
P. O. Box 802541
Houston, Tx., 77280-2541

Don't forget the deadline: January 20, 2010

A BLACKJACK DEALER and a player with a 13 count in his hand, were arguing about whether or not it was appropriate to tip the dealer.

The player said, "When I get bad cards, it's not the dealer's fault. Same when I get good cards. The dealer had nothing to do with it. Why tip him?"

"When you eat out, do you tip the waiter?" the dealer asked. "Yes." "Well, he serves you food. I'm serving you cards, so you should tip me."

"Yeah, well, the waiter gives me what I ask for. I'll take an eight."

"An Optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." -

Bill Vaughan

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

Send to : Gerry Weber Awards Committee Due Date: December 31
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION - TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER
THE GERRY WEBER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE NAME: _____

REASON(S) FOR NOMINATION: _____

(CONTINUE ON OTHER SIDE, IF NECESSARY)

SUBMITTED BY: _____

GERRY WEBER AWARD CRITERIA SUGGESTIONS

ACHIEVEMENT (S)

Responsible for an exceptional Achievement, that substantially improved the Chapter's operation, or the chapter's image in the community.

PERSONAL TRAITS

- Leadership Skills Ability to innovate Good Communicator
- Initiative to take on and complete projects Dependability
- Good decision-making judgment Good at working with others

OTHER

Gerry Webber didn't have just one significant achievement; his many different efforts helped get the Chapter up and operating. Consider a person who has contributed in a lot of ways over a period of time.

MY KOREAN WAR EXPERIENCE

By Dick Highferty



My name is Dick Highferty, Capt. U. S. Navy Retired, and I will try to relate 60 yrs. in less than 15 minutes.

May, 1950, as a Navel ROTC, midshipman, I went to sea on the USS Mole, and returned in June

My brother, 2nd Lt. Van Highferty, was in Field Artillery 2nd Inf., stationed at Fort Lewis in Washington. On 15 June, he received news that he was being sent to Korea. I got on a train to see him. We knew that most 2nd Lt's would not make it. I told him, you have already been in combat, it's my turn. Van said no, this is what I chose to do. I have been trained, this is what I do. (He served in Patton's army in WWII. He also served with Ralph Hockley.) We talked about the manner men were being killed when captured. He was killed 1 Sept, 1950. I was sole surviving heir and didn't have to go, but had to go, no

choice. I was commissioned in 1952. The Navy felt it important to get me there in a hurry, so they flew me on a plane, actually, 4 planes. First to Hawaii, Wake Island, then Japan. I was into active duty by November. By December., Christmas Day, we were off the coast of Korea, giving gun fire support. I stayed in the service.

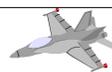
Fast forward—This past April, I heard about the Korean government's revisit Korea program. My wife & I decided to sign up and go, we could visit Korea, visit the China Wall and Beijing China. Col. Williams wrote me—'Sir, we very seldom get senior officers on these tours, would you be our key note speaker?' 'I can do that. A couple of days later, I received another note—'Can you lay a wreath at the ceremony?' OK. I got my uniforms ready to go, we were all packed and a couple of days before leaving, I received another note from the Col. 'Incidentally, ABC news has taken an interest in your trip, and will be meeting you to interview you about your time there.' We arrived in Korea, and it was one of the most moving event of my life to be representing guys from the Frozen Chosen and guys who had been there during the toughest time of the Korean War. When we were visiting the Korean War Memorial which is the largest in the world, ABC news and other networks were there to interview us. One of the reporters asked if I had seen my brothers name on the memorial. I didn't even know it was there. The Korean War Memorial has the name of every fallen soldier, Marine, etc. from every country. I was led to where Van's name is, and I laid my hand on it, and, well, it just wiped me out. At the banquet, I made my speech, and every veteran in attendance received a medal from the Korean government. The next day, the Minister of Patriot and Veterans Affairs, called and asked if they could present the medal to me, posthumously for my brother He explained that they had never done this before. At the presentation, I was standing next to the Minister and next to him was Major General Matt Tucker, Commanding General of the 2nd Infantry Division, with whom my brother served. In addition, the General passed a medallion to me. It was the General's personal medallion that he presented as a memento.

As we walked the streets in Korea, people would come up to us and say THANK YOU for saving our country. No other country has ever said THANK YOU for what we have done.

The last thing on the agenda was the reenactment of the battle of Chip Yung Ni, with the 23rd Reg. 2nd Inf. Division. This is the battle where the Chinese came across blowing their whistles and bugles, making an awful racket. The French Battalion, all volunteers, had found a siren. They wound it up and let it go, scaring the Chinese.

I was interviewed by JuJu Chang of Good Morning America, when we returned to the states. She had her family there on the set. Her uncle was a pilot in Korea, flying one of 10 F51 fighter/bombers. Of the 10, 8 were shot down. He is now 92 years old.

On my return to Houston, I met with the Consul General for dinner. He was born in the 50's so he escaped the war, but not the aftermath. He almost starved to death, but the Americans saved his life, by providing a meal of corn meal mush twice a day. For this he was very thankful



“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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Birthday Gift

A husband went to buy a birthday gift for his wife. Some friends had been invited over that night to celebrate her fortieth, and he wanted to get something special. At the store he spotted some cute little music boxes. One blue one was playing “Happy Birthday.” Thinking they were all the same, he chose a red one and had it gift-wrapped. Later, at dinner, he gave it to his wife and asked her to open it...

When she lifted the lid, out came the tune to “The Old Gray Mare, She Ain’t What She Used to Be!”

Stuck

My husband David’s colleague at a package-processing center was trapped in a small rest room by a faulty lock. When he was finally discovered, David and another worker were able to open the door with some difficulty. The lock was still jammed, so they blocked the door open while a maintenance worker was called. A bit later, David noticed the door was closed again. He jiggled the doorknob and a voice from inside called, “Get me out!”

“Don’t worry,” David replied, “Maintenance should be sending somebody.”

“They did,” said the voice.

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

Texas Lone Star Chapter – KWV
 P. O. Box 802541—Houston, TX 77280-2541

“Warrior” Sponsor
I want to be a sponsor of the Warrior for
July 2010-July 2011

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Member number: _____



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, 2010

J. C. Ashby M831

RENEWALS

Names unavailable at this time.

NEW OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Election time is fast approaching. March is election month, and listed below is a roster of candidates for your consideration. If you wish to run for office, or know of someone that would like to hold office, you can still let everyone know of your thoughts.

Candidates for the 2011 - 2012 term are:

President: Hank Daumann - other?
First VP: Jim Duncan - other?
2nd VP: Travis Riley - other?
Treasurer: Bob Bighouse - other?

Candidates for Board Member are:

Rod Ramsey Dick Halferty
Al Habinak Chuck Ehrlund
Wayne Telling Forrest Robinson
Tom Bray

One board member is needed for one year and three board members to be elected to two year terms. In total, four directors are needed.

Current Officers returning:

Secretary: Buddy Blair - for one more year.
Director: Stoney Stone - for one more year.

Quote of Wisdom - “One day, one of my little nephews came up to me and asked me if the equator was a real line that went around the Earth, of just an imaginary one. I had to laugh. Laugh and laugh. Because I didn’t know and I thought that maybe by laughing he would forget what he asked me.”

JANUARY 2011

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

FEBRUARY

1st - National Freedom Day
3rd - **Board Meeting - 5:00 pm**
12th - Lincoln’s Birthday
14th - Valentine’s Day
17th - ASH WEDNESDAY
17th - **General Meeting - 6 pm**
21st - President’s Day
22nd - Washington’s Birthday

SOCKS - V.A. HOSPITAL

The quarterly distributing of socks to the patients at the VA Hospital, took place on Friday, December 17th, at 10:00 AM. A smaller number of people showed up to help distribute socks and caps, but the ones that did help really worked hard. Thank you for all your help.

ALTERNATEIVE USES FOR COFFEE FILTERS

Save a bottle of wine. Broke the cork? No problem. Just place a filter over a pitcher and carefully pour the wine into it.

Wipe off smudges. In a pinch, you can use to clean eyeglasses, camera lenses, televisions and computer monitors.

Keep your microwave clean. Prevent splatters by covering dishes or bowls in the microwave with coffee filters.

Use for sewing Coffee filters make a great backing for embroidering or appliquéing soft fabrics.

Diffuse the flash on your camera. Place a coffee filter over your flash to soften the brightness. You can also try putting coffee filters over lights or lamps to lessen the harshness of direct light when taking indoor photos.



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Pat Canny 2nd	Walter H. Ballard 11th	Charles Smith 18th	Bessie Hackbarth . . . 24th
Flossie Heard 2nd	Jessie Weeks 12th	Stoney Stone 18th	Jose Hinojosa 25th
Richard Beard 3rd	Fay Talghader 14th	Jeanette Young 19th	Barbara Sims 27th
Carl Sutton 3rd	Richard Halferty 14th	Ruby Stovall 19th	Joel Ybarra 28th
Dorothy Mitchell 4th	Don Hester 16th	Johnnie Sicola 20th	James Ashby 28th
Dorothy McManners . . 6th	Sam Cardenas 17th	George Crye 22nd	Joseph Preola 28th
Nelda Napp 6th	Ricardo Cortez 17th	James Watkins 22nd	Manny Carnero 30th
Peter Wallace 7th	Marlene Telling 17th	Jessie Harper 23rd	Georgia Jackson 31st
Michael Dilick 8th	Wilma Watkins 17th	Albert Hollan 24th	Jane Sloane 31st
Allie Burton 11th	Dixie Hanks 18th		



JANUARY ANNIVERSARY'S

<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Roberto & Emma Hinojosa	1/2	<u>Peter & Katsuko Wallace . . 58 yrs. .</u>	<u>1/11/1952</u>
Tom & Mary Beth Fitzmorris	1/12	<u>George & Margaret Bazan . . 58 yrs . .</u>	<u>1/20/1952</u>
Stoney & Evelyn Stone	1/21	<u>Bob & Dorothy Mitchell . . . 55 yrs . .</u>	<u>1/23/1955</u>
<u>Travis & Jerry Riley 58 yrs</u>	<u>1/26/1952</u>	<u>Don & Nelda Napp 59 yrs . .</u>	<u>1/23/1951</u>
Don & Ann Hester	1/29	Richard & Dottie Beard	1/30

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

VALENTINE PARTY

So far, there are no plans at this time for a Valentine Party. If we are to have a Valentine get together, someone needs to step up right now and make some plans, and let everyone know. ASAP if not, there is an alternative:

Martha Ballard had a thought. Since Valentine is so close to our regular meeting, the 17th, even if it is after V day, why couldn't we just call the Meet & Eat Dinner at Cheddars our Valentine Party. The board agreed, so the plan is: **Cheddars on Thursday, 17th at 3:30 pm.** (Of course, don't forget, the meeting follows the dinner at 6 pm. Call Martha Ballard at her home number: 281-499-5334, her cell is: 281-782-9995 (if you don't usually come for the "meet & eat" every month.). If you like the idea of our 'Valentine Party.', call Martha & tell her. Individual checks for what ever you choose to eat will be arranged. Martha will take care of the few decorations for the tables, and, **we will have a Valentine Party.**

See you there....

EXPRESSIONS EXPLAINED

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the "chair man." Today in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."

KEEPING IN TOUCH - SICK BAY

Sal Gambino had microscopic surgery on his shoulder in early December. It was successful and he is doing good.

Travis Riley has been diagnosed with lung cancer and has been preparing for radiation treatment at the Michael E. DeBakey Medical Center. However, over the last three weeks, Travis has had some medical setbacks (not related to his cancer) as he prepared to begin the radiation treatment. It has been necessary for Travis to be hospitalized at Memorial Hermann Southwest, on three different occasions since December 20, 2010, for testing, observation and treatment. Travis, a proud WWII and Korean War Navy Veteran is indeed a role model of the "Greatest Generation". *Please keep Travis and Jerry and their family in your prayers.*

Tom Fitzmorris was admitted to Memorial Southeast Hospital on New Years Eve with pneumonia. Other things were found to be wrong with Tom. He had surgery on Monday, January 3rd. Latest report from his wife, Mary Beth, is that he has improved greatly, and will be released by Friday. *Please keep Tom in your prayers.*

MEETINGS.....

January 20th
HOUSTON MARINE FOR LIFE NETWORKING LUNCHEON....

The mission of the Houston Marine For Life Networking Luncheon is twofold (1) Connect transitioning Marines moving back to Houston with the local Marine network, and (2) promote camaraderie and networking among Marines, business professionals and leaders in the Greater Houston area. The luncheon will be held at Masraff's , 1753 Post Oak Blvd., Houston, Tx. 77050

The networking will start at 11:30 with lunch at 1200. The meal is free for transitioning Marines and Sailors. The Cost is \$25. For employers and mentors (includes a choice between two entrees, a dessert, iced tea, soda, coffee and gratuity)

Please RSVP to <mail:m4houston@gmail.com> in order to reserve a seat. Go to the Marine For Life web site for more information. (<http://m4l.usmc.mil>)

January 29th...

VETERANS BENEFITS BRIEFING

The briefing will be held at the Spring Branch VFW Post 8720, 1560 Foley St., Houston, from 10 AM to 1 PM. The briefers/exhibitors include Texas Veterans Land Board Housing Loan Program, Land Loan Program, Home Improvement Loan Program, State Veterans Homes and State Veterans Cemeteries. Texas Veterans Commission. Counselors to assist with disability and pension claims, employment services and educational benefits. Department of Veterans Affairs; Representatives to assist with federal entitlements. For more info; call John Platte at 832-474-5433 or Lynn Staes at 713-383-2731

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of **James Johnson, L-549.**



James passed away December 28th, 2010.

Many of our members, those that always participated in the parades, will remember James. He tried to participate in all the parades, riding in the back of a pickup, smiling and waving to the crowds. His presence will be missed.



He leaves behind his wife Dorothy of 56 years, and a loving family.

Burial was held Friday, December 31st at the V.A. National Cemetery, with several members of the Lone Star Chapter in attendance.

36th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEETING
JANUARY 8th

The monthly meeting of the Houston Chapter of the 36th Infantry Division Association is at the PAPPADÉAU SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 13040 NW FWY (HWY 290)

With the fellowship starting at 11:30 Hrs.

Future Meetings: Second Saturday

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

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

There was an overflowing crowd to honor the men and women who rest for eternity in this hallowed ground. After the service, hundreds of volunteers placed the beautiful wreaths at the graves of our veterans.

Our members, made sure that the deceased members of TLSC received a wreath.

(Clean up will be on January 8th)



DONATIONS TO WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

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Chuck & Ruby Erhlund	K. Johnson—VFW	Rod Ramsey	
Les Furchman (memory of Marvin Treadwell)	Bill Kennison	Joe Romano	
Sal & Patty Gambino	Glenn Krebs	Travis & Jerri Riley	
	Angus Lewis	Vito Susca *	

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03/11	Henry Martinez	713-688-1718
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03/12	Z.E. (Stoney) Stone	281-375-7675
03/12	Travis Riley	713-465-5634
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