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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES



Memorial Day - The day we honor the veterans, those who are still among us, and those who fell in battle and those who lost their life in other ways. This year, we will celebrate Memorial Day on **Monday May 25th**, at the **Houston VA Cemetery**.

It is best to arrive a little early at the cemetery as the crowds begin filling up the area. Parking is always a serious problem and seating can also pose a problem. If we arrive between 8:30 and 9 am, hopefully we can find a place to park. Our group will try to sit on the South side of the circle, out of the sun.

As always, our color guard will participate in the parade of colors, as well as presenting the colors and presenting the wreath.

COME JOIN US AND CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS

BEAR CREEK CEREMONIES - JULY 25, 2009

Please mark this date on your calendar, and do not let anything else get in the way. **July 25th at 9:00 AM**, has been selected as the date and time for the ceremonies celebrating the **59th Anniversary of the Korean Truce**. Ceremonies will be held at the War Memorial, at Bear Creek Park.

Mr. Jim Nier, executive director of the Texas Veterans Commission, will be the principal speaker. Arrangements are being made to include the Korean-American Association of Houston, the Korean Consul General, and other members of the Korean Community.

It is important that we have a large turnout of TLSC members for this occasion. We have scheduled this event on Saturday, the 25th, in order to make it easier for everyone to be there. Our turnout here will set the tone for the even larger event, we have started planning, the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the war next year.



Eagle atop the War Memorial

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HUEY LONG

On Saturday, the 25th of April, members of the TLSC, friends and family, gathered at his museum in the Heights, to help him celebrate his **105th Birthday**. When he arrived, everyone stood and applauded and the TLSC members saluted him. He returned with a snappy salute and a smile.

The program began with the TLSC color guard, presenting colors, and after that, a talented young boy sang the National Anthem, the colors were retired, because of the strong wind blowing. This was followed by two girls singing to him. His daughter, Anita, along with two gentlemen sang 'Amazing Grace' to her dad. A fellow guitarist played Huey Long's prized guitar, and it sounded great. There were several presentations, which he accepted gracefully,

The day had been a day of threatening rain, in fact, as we waited, light rain fell off and on, but during the celebration, the rain held off. After the party, Mr. Long posed with the Lone Star Chapter members present.

Many may recall that Huey Long and the *Ink Spots*, were in the USO Show that entertained in Korea. The Korean Veterans have not forgotten this and every year, on his birthday, they help him celebrate the occasion.



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

May is Military Appreciation Month, so don't forget to let the troops know you care.

- Fly the flag on your house, car or business during May.
- Send an e-mail or letter of thanks at Amillionthanks.org.
- Ship a care package to a soldier through Uso.org/donate.
- Write an uplifting message at Americasupportsyoudo.com
- Hire a veteran; visit Hirevetsfirst.gov for more information

GOOD OLD DAYS!

Grandpa was always going on about the good old days, and the lower cost of living, in particular.. "When I was a kid," he would say, "My mom would send me to the store and I'd get a salami, two pints of milk, 6 oranges, 2 loaves of bread, a good magazine and some new blue jeans, all for a dollar!" Then he looked up sadly and said; "You can't do that today! They have them dam video Cameras everywhere you look

DOOR PRIZES - APRIL 16, 2009

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| Rod Ramsey | Book |
| Ruby Ehrlund | Tea bag holder |
| Ted Maloy | Pocket knife |
| Marilyn Harrison | Book |
| Bob Hanks | Book |
| Forrest Robinson | ? |
| Bob Bighouse | Clock |
| Marilyn Harrison | Book & Pins |

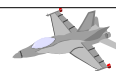
The 50/50 drawing was won by Doug Sizemore.

The items for the nights drawing were donated by: Marlene Susca, Rod Ramsey, Betty Grochoske, and several anonymous donors.

FUND RAISER



There was a fund raiser drawing held at the close of the April meeting. The items in the drawing brought in \$160 for the general fund. The lucky winners were:

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| Betty Grochoske | King Size Blanket |
| Marilyn Harrison | Bar B Q Grill |
| Jim Duncan | Digital Camera |



“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 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 2009 issue. Be sure and have your name included. Fill in the sponsor card, seen below, or included in your July, 2008 newsletter, (those that are mailed) and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson**

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HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOUR OLD....

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No." Then they said "All patrols were busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available." George said, "Okay" He hung up the phone and counted to 30.

Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them." and hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance, showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

(True Story)

Don't mess with old people!



In Memory of —

All Korean Vets...
All who Died & MIA's
All that didn't come back
All Service People—
Deceased

Cortez, Al
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

In Honor of—
Nathan, Howard
(Speedy Recovery)
Lebaron, Eddie

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

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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 May 1, 2009:

Harry Caldwell M 19	Frank Daidone M819
Byron Dickerson M821	Gene Holland M828
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Travis Riley M758	Carl Singleton M775
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RENEWALS

Bob Bighouse	Doyle Griffin
Johnney Lee	Glenn Krebs
David Velasco	

MURPHY'S LAWS OF APPLIED TERROR

1. When reviewing your notes before an exam, the most important ones will be illegible.
2. The more studying you did for the exam, the less sure you are as to which answer they want.
3. Eighty percent of the final exam will be based on the one lecture you missed about the one book you didn't read.
4. The night before the English history midterm, your Biology instructor will assign two hundred pages on plannarian.
5. If you are given an open-book exam, you will forget your book.
6. At the end of the semester, you will recall having enrolled in a course at the beginning of the semester-and never attending.
7. Pocket calculator batteries that have lasted all semester will fail during the math final.

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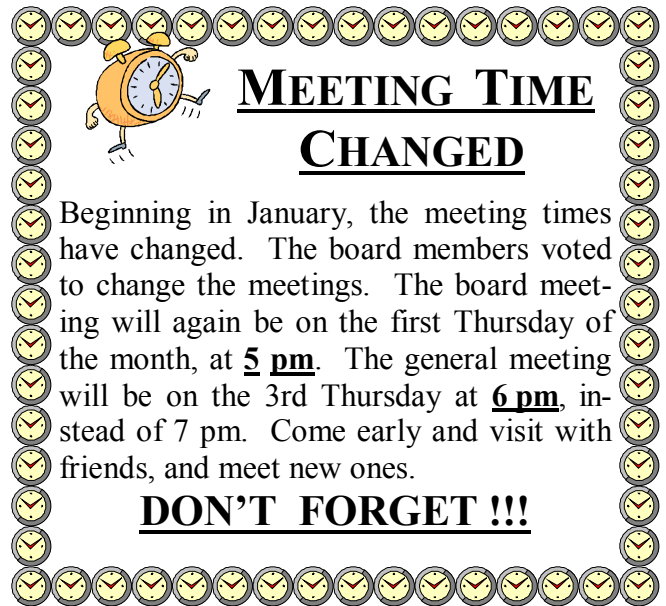
MAY

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

- 7th - Board Meeting - 5:00PM
- 9th - Astro's Baseball Game
- 10th - MOTHER'S DAY**
- 16th - ARMED FORCES DAY
- 21st - **General Meeting—6 PM**
- 25th - Memorial Day Observed
- 25th - VA Cemetery 9 AM

JUNE

- 4th - Board Meeting - 5:00 PM
- 14th - FATHER'S DAY**
- 14th - Flag Day
- 14th - Birthday of U. S. Army
- 16th - First Cease-Fire concluded
- 18th - General Meeting - 6 PM
- 19th - Socks, VA Hospital 10 AM
- 21st - First Day of Summer



MEETING TIME CHANGED

Beginning in January, the meeting times have changed. The board members voted to change the meetings. The board meeting will again be on the first Thursday of the month, at **5 pm**. The general meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday at **6 pm**, instead of 7 pm. Come early and visit with friends, and meet new ones.

DON'T FORGET !!!

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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Ruth Johnson is finally home. Ruth has spent the last several months in hospitals. Her husband reports that she is home and feeling much better, and slowly returning to her old self. *Everyone is happy to hear the good news. Continue with the hard work and we'll continue with the prayers. It's evident that prayer does work.*

Dorothy Sizemore wife of member Doug Sizemore, has been having a variety of medical problems, she was hallucinating along with other symptoms. The doctors were unsure what the real problem was, so they continued to prescribe different medicines. Finally after being hospitalized for a broken hip, they reduced her medication to just a patch and one medication. At this time, the doctors have removed all medication, and Dorothy is feeling great. Doug is also feeling better than he has in a long time. *Good Luck Dorothy. It would appear that the good Lord was looking out for you, and decided you had had enough. In this case, the original doctors were not right.*

Mickey Spencer recently had cataract surgery in both eyes. He is still in rehab twice a week to help him gain strength in his right leg and arm that was affected when he had a light stroke last fall. He has made some slow progress, and hopefully with continued rehab and a lot of work, more and more progress can be achieved. *Please keep Mickey in your prayers, and if you can, call and stop by for a visit. I'm sure he and Milly would love to have the visit.*

Georgia Jackson recently had gall bladder surgery. John reports that she is recovering and doing just fine.

Henry Martinez was recently diagnosed with a problem with his arm. He had surgery and the doctors told him everything looked good, and to keep his arm elevated for a several days

Correspondence:

Dear KWVA members,

Thanks so much for the Ham Dinner you sent us. Truly delicious.

And thank you for the beautiful service you performed—The Color Guard was so impressive.

The Flag - All was so much appreciated.

Howard really loved you guys—now I know why.

Hope to see you again,
Love, Punkie

Dear Brewer Family,

You recently contacted our Vet Center 711 about acquiring a flag to honor the deceased veteran Mr. Kirk Brewer. You stated that unfortunately no flag was presented to you upon his passing, so we made it our mission to procure one for your family.

This American flag has been generously donated by the Texas Lone Star Chapter of Korean War Veterans. The Korean and World War II veterans who attend our Vet Center graciously took it upon themselves to properly fold the flag for presentation to your family, carefully handling it with gloved hands following military protocol. We have included with it the military folding instructions which state the meaning of each fold.

It is our honor to present this American Flag in honor of Kirk Brewer and his service to our country.

This letter was sent to the family from the Vet Center #711, Houston, Tx..

TO THOSE WHO GAVE US THEIR ALL

H. Rick Tavares

This poem was written 3/29/2009, by a close friend of Sam Naomi, and published with the authors permission.

**Born to promise - a spark of light
In our nation's defense the fought the fight,
With honor and courage, they served with pride,
And for God and Country, there they died.**

**They asked not for credit, but served beside,
Men of courage who also died,
For this their nation, they lay and bled,
Where many a tear was also shed.**

**Now they lie down in fields of red,
Where many a boot has also tread,
For they were soldiers - tried and true
And they fought the fight like many of you.**

**They ask not for credit, but only a thought,
It was not a medal that they sought,
And now as they lie beneath the blue,
I pray that you yet love them, as much as they loved you!**

VERITAS INFINITUM (Truth Forever)

This is a cemetery...

*Lives are commemorated
Deaths are recorded
Families are reunited
Memories are made tangible
And love is undisguised.*

*Communities accord respect
Families bestow reverence
Historians seek information and
Our heritage is thereby enriched.*

*Testimonies of devotion, pride and
Remembrance, are cast in bronze to pay
Tribute to accomplishments, and to the life,
Not the death of a loved one.*

*The cemetery is homeland for memorials
That are a sustaining source of comfort
To the living.*

*A cemetery is a history of people
A perpetual record of yesterday and
A sanctuary of peace and quiet today.
A cemetery exists because every life
Is worth loving and remembering - always.*

Author Unknown

*Presented to the Houston National Cemetery, Houston, Texas, July 27, 2002
By The Texas Lone Star Chapter - Korean War Veterans Association*

THE WAR VETS WHO ARE HONORED THE LEAST

BY E. J. DIONNE, JR., Columnist for The Washington Post

On Memorial Day, we're supposed to honor all who gave their lives defending our country. But let's be honest: Some groups of veterans are remembered and honored more than others.

No, you are not about to read a discussion of race or class. These words are dedicated to the men and women who fought the Korean War. For reasons that are revealing, they rarely get their due, lost as they are between the Greatest Generation of World War II and the tragic heroes of the Vietnam War.

More than we like to admit, our celebrations of the past and of those who made it are shaped not only by the facts, but also by the whims of politics and the winds of fashion. The Korean vets lose out on both counts.

Mind you, there is nothing wrong with the veterans we do celebrate most. The heroes of World War II, Vietnam and more recent conflicts in the Balkans and the Persian Gulf deserve all the praise they get.

But we owe the Korean vets, too. Korea was called "the necessary war" by William Stueck, a University of Georgia historian. By stopping North Korea's aggression against South Korea—the communists poured over the 38th parallel on June 25, 1950—America's forces, he says, prevented a wider escalation of hostilities between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The North Koreans initially took over most of the peninsula before being pushed back by the Americans and South Koreans. The allied forces drove to the Chinese border, bringing China into

the war. The two sides then fought to a stalemate.

There is—or at least used to be—a stark and disturbing symmetry in the death tolls of the Korean and Vietnam conflicts: 54,246 Americans died in service during the Korean War; 58,193 Americans died in Vietnam.

Just to prove that the Korean War "is destined to be ambiguous when it isn't mystified," as University of Chicago historian Bruce Cumings put it, the Pentagon in 2000 revised the historical accepted figure on the Korean death toll downward, to 36,940. The Pentagon said at the time that the larger number of deaths included "all service members who died on active duty for any reason (during the time of the war), and not just those killed in battle."

It was grueling fighting, William L. O'Neill, a historian at Rutgers University, notes that Korea "is our only war, apart from the Civil War, which consisted largely of trench warfare."

The war ended on July 27, 1953, in an armistice that left Korea divided roughly as it had been on the day the war began. It's one reason that we don't think enough about the Korean vets. Many Americans, says O'Neill, had expected to "win total victory, that it could be like World War II, and when it didn't turn out that way, people wanted to forget it."

Both Cumings and O'Neill, believe that if the United States had stopped the war at the point when North Koreans had been expelled from the South, we could have declared the war a great victory. Instead, the Truman administration tried to liberate the North, failed after China came in, and the

war dragged on.

Neither political party had much interest in claiming such an ambiguous legacy. The Democrats lost the 1962 election partly because the country tired of the war. Dwight Eisenhower won credit for ending the war shortly after he took office, but not in a way that "rolled back" communism, the goal of many of his fellow Republicans. The Korean War also got buried in memory. Cumings says, because the ferocity of the fighting and a certain glumness over its outcome fit poorly with the widely accepted image of the 1950s as a happy, glorious decade.

So we tried to forget Korean. Its veterans were largely forgotten, too. And the fact that Korea does not loom large in the popular culture reinforced our amnesia.

The sweeping allied success of World War II and the "complexity and ambiguity of Vietnam," O'Neill says, gave Hollywood natural story lines. Korea inspired many fewer movies, and one of the best, the 1959 film *Pork Chop Hill* starring Gregory Peck, offered a rather equivocal and even critical view of the war.

The human beings who fought in Korea deserve better than to be lost in the murk of politics and popular culture. This Memorial Day, while many of the Korean vets are still with us, we might give them some of the honor they deserve but rarely got.

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