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

## KOREAN CULTURE DAY BENEFITING THE KOREAN ORPHANS

By Martha Ballard

A great evening was spent at the Houston Korean Christian Church on August 2, 2008. We were greeted by Su Myong Kim, President of the KAAK. The Consul General Jung Keun Kim then welcomed us to an evening of good food, entertainment and songs.

The evening was full of wonderful entertainment including the Kim Gu Ja Dance School. A special and spectacular demonstration by Tae Kwon Do Black Belt experts, Masters and Grand Master Jae Sok Lee. The Korean Farm Dancers also performed some different dances. We were treated to several heart felt speeches from some of the adopted Korean children.

As we arrived, each KWVA member and wife were presented with gifts. President Carlos Ballard was a guest speaker and delivered a short and meaningful message on how powerful it is to be an American. He then asked all the attending KWVA members to come up front. The Korean children were then asked to come forward. The KWVA members presented a small USA Flag and a Korean Flag to each Korean child as they came by. The children were delighted and went back to their seats, waving their flags.

For dinner, we were treated to a delicious Bar B Que dinner of brisket, pork ribs, and all the trimmings, even apple and cherry pie.

As we were enjoying the evening, a beautiful little Korean girl about four, appeared at our table and just climbed up on Carlos' lap. She talked to us a while, then said "Bye" and went back to her table.

Everyone sang along to the Korean National Anthem "Arirang" and our National Anthem.

All of you that did not get to come to the dinner, missed a great evening. Those attending were Henry & Eva Martinez, Max & Ruth Johnson, Johnney Lee, Carlos & Martha Ballard, Bob & Dorothy Mitchell, Vito & Marlene Susca, Travis & Jerry Riley and Don & Nelda Napp.

**THANK YOU K.A.A.H.**

### 'ARIRANG'

*A-ri-rand, — a - ri-rand, — a-ra-ri-yo, — A-ri-rang — ko — gae - rul — no—mo—gan - da. Na—rul  
po—ri—go ka—shi—nun—nim — un, — Shim—ni—do — mot — ka— so— bal—byong-nan-da.*

*A—ri-rang, — a - ri-rang, — a-ra - ri-yo, — O— ver the — A—ri—rang — Hill you must go. How I  
wish you would not go — a-way, — It is such a long —walk—and I want you to stay.*

## PICTURE TIME

Listen up men, it's time to look your best. Bennie Younger's daughter, Sheryl and her husband, Roger Lochridge, will be at our September meeting. They are professional photographers and want to take pictures of all members that want to participate. Each participating member will receive a **FREE** 8X10 Color Photo. It is requested that everyone with a Class A uniform to please wear it. If you don't have Class A, then wear your Class B (Navy blue shirt with Kaki pants or White Shirt with Navy pants).



This is a great opportunity for everyone.

**PLEASE ATTEND !!!**

## STATE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION:

The State Department Convention will be held on **September 12-13**. This is on Friday and Saturday and we will depart on Sunday, September 14, 2008. The convention will be held in **Austin, Texas** at the **Drury Hotel at 6711 I.H. 35 North**. It is on the left going in or east of I.- 35. The phone number is: 512-467-9500. When making your reservations, tell them you are with the Korean War Veterans group or group number 2041475.

We only have one a year so let's try and make this a fun convention. Friday the 12th, the hospitality room will be open all day on Friday the 12. The hotel will furnish goodies and soft drinks both days.

**Registration will be all day Friday**, but come as early as possible so you can visit the city of Austin.

Saturday will be a full day with the Executive Board meeting in the morning and the General Membership meeting that afternoon.

The good news is that we were able to get the Drury to only charge us \$82.00 a day and free parking. We checked San Antonio and Drury wanted \$109.00 plus the taxes, which would run the price up about \$120.00 plus they wanted \$14.00 a day for parking. We felt Austin was a better deal.

It is very important that you try and attend. **Bill Mac Swain** will be the main speaker ( our new National KWVA President) along with a video of Congress giving us our National Charter, will be shown.. Bob Mitchell will the last speaker, and talk on the National Library and Museum.

**Bill Mac Swain** is our new **National KWVA President from Texas**, so let's show him that we are backing him. He is going to make us proud we are from Texas.

## HONEY & CINNAMON

**Facts on Honey and Cinnamon:** It is found that a mixture of honey and cinnamon cures most diseases. Honey is produced in most of the countries of the world. Scientists of today also accept honey as a "Ram Ban" {very effective) medicine for al kinds of diseases. Honey can be used without any side effects for any kind of diseases. Honey can be used without any side effects for any kind of diseases. Today's science says that even though honey is sweet, if taken in the right dosage as a medicine, it does not harm diabetic patients. Weekly World News, a magazine in Canada, in its issue dated 17 January, 1995 has given the following list of diseases that can be cured by honey and cinnamon as researched by western scientists:

**HEART DISEASES:** Make a paste of honey and cinnamon powder, apply on bread, instead of jelly and jam, and eat it regularly for breakfast. It reduces the cholesterol in the arteries and saves the patient from heart attack. Also those who have already had an attack, if they do this process daily, they are kept miles away from the next attack. Regular use of the above process loss of breath and strengthens the heart beat. In America and Canada, various nursing homes have treated patients successfully and have found that as you age, the arteries and veins lose their flexibility and get clogged; honey and cinnamon revitalize the arteries and veins.

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Sunday: Noon—10 pm

## DICK GRAVES

On Monday, August 25, 2008, members of the Lone Star Chapter, paid their respects to the family of a fellow Korean War Veteran, Lt. Dick Graves.

Dick flew a L-19 Spotter plane in Korea, keeping things safe for the ground troops. (One of our members, Don Napp, also flew the L-19 in Korea.)

Dick was raised in Houston and attended San Jacinto High School with fellow member, Mickey Spencer. After graduation, he attended Texas A&M and received his bachelor's degree in engineering, graduating in 1951. While at A&M he met Don Napp and they became good friends, a friendship that has lasted over a lifetime. It was Don that brought Dick into the chapter. Mickey Spencer was also at A&M at the same time, making it a small world.

Dick was a pioneer in the early days of the air conditioning business in Houston performing the HVAC work on many notable projects. One of his passions was the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. of which he became president in 1991.

Dick was a generous supporter of the TLSC as well as many other organizations.

## DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

August 21, 2008

Ruby Ehrlund . . . . Candle, box Rice-a-Roni, key chain  
Bob Mitchell . . . . .2 Books,  
Millie Spencer . . . . .Peach preserves, tea & book,  
Gerry Riley . . . . . Book  
Tom Conte . . . . . Book  
Buddy Blair . . . . . Lock & Book  
Henry Martinez . . . . . Book  
Rod Ramsey . . . . . Korean Mask  
Billie Blair . . . . . T-shirt

The 50/50 drawing was won by Tom Conte. He divided his winnings between the Sock Fund, The Warrior and the Coffee Kitty. *Thank you Tom.*

The items for the nights drawing were donated by:

Patty Gambino, Ruby Ehrlund, Marlene Susca, Bob Mitchell, Rod Ramsey and Howard Nathan

## **Plan to attend the State Convention In Austin!!!!**

## Honor for Lou Dechert



On Saturday, August 9th, Lee & Charlotte Henderson, drove to Leesville, LA., on behalf of Johnney Lee. Johnney was scheduled to make the trip in order to present Lou Dechert with a trophy he had made.

Johnney was unable to make the trip as he had to make a trip to Chicago that weekend instead. The trophy was to thank and award Lou for his service as National President of KWVA. The meeting in Leesville was to honor past KWVA National President, Lou Dechert and his wife. Lou is the Chapter Commander of Chapter 180


## More HONEY & CINNAMON

**ARTHRITIS:** Arthritis patients may take daily, morning and night, one cup of hot water with two spoons of honey and one small teaspoon of cinnamon powder, if taken regularly even chronic arthritis can be cured. In a recent research conducted at the Copenhagen University, it was found that when the doctors treated their patients with a mixture of one tablespoon Honey and half teaspoon Cinnamon powder before breakfast, they found that within a week, out of the 200 people so treated, practically 73 patients were totally relieved of pain, and within a month, mostly all the patients who could not walk or move around because of arthritis started walking without pain.



## ***“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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### **GABRIEL AND THE DEVIL**

Gabriel went to the Lord and said, “I have to talk to you. We have some Texans up here who are causing problems.

They’re swing on the Pearly Gates, my horn is missing, and they are wearing T-shirts instead of their robes; there’s barbecue sauce and picante sauce all over everything, especially their T-shirts; their dogs are riding in the chariots and chasing the sheep; they are wearing baseball caps and cowboy hats instead of their halos.

They refuse to keep the stairway to Heaven clean, and their boots are marking and scuffing up the halls of Wisdom. There are watermelon seeds and tortilla chip crumbs all over the place. Some of them are walking around with just one wing; and the insist on bringing their horses with them.,

The Lord said, “Texans are Texans, Gabriel. Heaven is home to all of my children. If you want to know about real problems, cal the Devil.”

So Gabriel calls the Devil, who answers the phone and says, “Hello—hold on a minute.”

When he returns to the phone the Devil says, “O.K., I’m back. What can I do for you?”

Gabriel replied, “I just want to know what kinds of problems you are having down there with the Texans.”

The Devil said, “Hold on again, I need to check on something.”

After about 5 minutes, the Devil returned to the phone and said. “I’m back, now what was the question?”

Gabriel said, “What kind of problems are you having down there with the Texans?” The Devil said. “Man, I don’t believe this. . . . Hold on.”

This time the Devil was gone 15 minutes and when he returns he says, “I’m sorry Gabriel, I can’t talk right now. Red Adair has put out the fire and Brown & Root is installing air conditioning.

#### **In Memory of —**

**All Korean Vets...  
 All who Died & MIA’s  
 All that didn’t come back**

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

**Williams, John**

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

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 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 September 1, 2008:**

Katy Ballard	A783	Jim Batchelor	M218
George Bazan	M789	Roland English	M 6 7 3
Jack Kaley	M106	Charles McLendon	M674
Nick Pappas	M826	R. B. Sanford	M790
James Watkins	M110		

## RENEWALS

Christine Carnero	Samuel Hambrick
John Peters	Vinton Scholl
William (Bill) Turley	

## NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

Geneva Wells A-829

## POW PICTURES

We received information of a web site from members David & Frances Velasco. These are very interesting pictures but many of you might have flashbacks.

[Www.angelfire.com/art2/koreanwar\\_pow/Korean\\_War\\_POW\\_photos.html](http://www.angelfire.com/art2/koreanwar_pow/Korean_War_POW_photos.html)

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas Party plans are in the making. Reservations have been made to have the Lone Star Chapter Christmas Dinner at the Monument Inn. This is located on Battle Ground Road, next to San Jacinto Monument, on December 13, 2008, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. More Details later.

## FRANKO & BETTY'S

### 2nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Franko & Betty Grochoske will be hosting their 2nd annual Christmas dinner. This year it will be the 1st Sunday of December, the 7th. Everyone is invited.

## 2008

### SEPTEMBER

1st - Labor Day  
2nd - VJ Day  
7th - Grandparents day  
11th - Patriot Day  
18th - Board Meeting 5:00 pm  
18th - General Meeting 7:00 pm  
18th - Birthday of U.S. Air Force  
**19th - POW/MIA Recognition Day**  
22nd - First Day of Autumn  
30th - First Day of Rosh Hashanah

### OCTOBER

8th - Yam Kippur begins  
12th - Columbus Day  
13th - Columbus Day Observed  
13th - Birthday of U. S. Navy  
16th - Board Meeting 5:00 pm  
16th - General Meeting 7:00 pm  
31st - HALLOWEEN

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

Sept. 15, 1950 — THE INCHON LANDING

## TROTTER YMCA

On August 15th, this editor was invited to speak to a group of senior citizens. This is a new program that they have started. The group of men and women were mostly WWII veterans and were interested in learning more about the Korean War.

I explained my involvement in the 4 major battles of 1951; Operation Killer—Feb.-March, The 5th Chinese Offensive in April, the 6th Chinese Offensive in May and the Punchbowl

I showed them maps and equipment that the Marines used during the Korean War. I explained that one of our members was in Korea before the war, then was stationed in Japan when the war started, and he went back to Korea.

I enjoyed the session, which lasted 1 1/2 hours, after which refreshments were served.

Harry Bruce was their first speaker in July, the next speaker will be Charles Laird in September.

Sgt. "Slim" Henderson 0331  
Grunt Machine Gunner



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



Della Sue Tarver . . . . .1st	Dorothy Sizemore . . . . .10th	Eve Singleton . . . . .18th	Frank Weeden, Jr. . . . .23rd
Danford Mouton . . . . .1st	Betty Ann Graves . . . . .11th	Hong S. Won . . . . .18th	Bert Beecroft . . . . .24th
Patricia Dean . . . . .2nd	Woody Thomas . . . . .11th	Jo An Martino . . . . .19th	A. C. Martin . . . . .25th
Rosa Ramirez . . . . .2nd	Victoria Arias . . . . .11th	Maureen Guitierrez . . . . .20th	Tom Mixon . . . . .25th
Charlotte Lyke . . . . .4th	Kyung Ja Won . . . . .11th	J. B. Hatfield . . . . .20th	Marilyn Harrison . . . . .27th
John Peters . . . . .6th	Doug Sizemore . . . . .13th	Steve Montello . . . . .20th	Charlotte Hackler . . . . .27th
Mary Lee Estess . . . . .7th	Vinton Sholl . . . . .14th	Charles Crouther . . . . .22nd	Hortence Cambiaso . . . . .27th
Bill Hare . . . . .7th	Jack Ledford . . . . .14th	Tomasa Flores . . . . .22nd	Salomon Padilla . . . . .28th
Frank McKay . . . . .9th	Rudy Weisar . . . . .15th	Betty Barbee . . . . .23rd	Grace Laird . . . . .29th
Stan Bozeman . . . . .9th	Marianne Younger . . . . .17th		



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY'S



MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE	MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE
<b>Buddy &amp; Billie Blair . . . 53 yrs . . 9/1/1955</b>		Woody & Sandy Thomas. . . . .	9/1
<b>Jose &amp; Hortence Cambiaso . 53 yrs . 9/1/55</b>		<b>John &amp; Ethel Peters . . 58 yrs. . 9/2/50</b>	
<b>Wayne &amp; Marilyn Harison . .53 yrs . 9/3/55</b>		<b>Nuncio &amp; JoAnn Martino . 55 yrs .9/4/53</b>	
<b>Bobby &amp; Frances Gray . . . . . 55 yrs. .9/5/53</b>		<b>Jim &amp; Betty Duncan . . . 53 yrs . . . 9/10/55</b>	
William & Mildred Baker . . . . .	9/11	Carl & Eva Singleton . . . . .	9/17
<b>Johnnie &amp; Florence Sicola . . 58 yrs . 9/24/50</b>		<b>Jack &amp; Roberta Starlin . 57 yrs . . 9/28/51</b>	

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

## GRAND CHAMPION

Colby Ballard, Grandson of Carlos and Martha Ballard, attended the B.F. Terry Progress Show on Saturday, August 23, 2008 and won the Grand Champion Cattle Drive. Colby is pictured here with his 1st place ribbon that he won for showing in his class of breed. He then proceeded on into the Championship Drive which is the top 3 of each breed and won this belt buckle that is big enough to eat off. (following in his Uncle Gene's foot steps for winning belt buckles!)



Colby has been raising steers since the 4th grade and he just entered the 9th grade at Kempner High School. Colby's steer is named Taz and he currently weighs 1445 pounds. Taz is a Maine cross breed that was brought in from Missouri for the Fort Bend County Fair that Colby will show him at on September 27, 2008.

Everyone keep your fingers crossed that he wins Grand Champion at the fair in September - October.

## GROCERY STORE REBATES

As many of you know, we have been part of the Kroger Plus Card program, receiving rebate checks based on our members shopping. Under the new NeighbortoNeighbor program, we were told we could no longer participate because we are a 501C-19 and they only allow 501C-3 non profits. We need to appeal this to their Consumer Affairs Dept.: [neighbortoneighbor@kroger.com](mailto:neighbortoneighbor@kroger.com). We should flood them with either emails or letters. Their mailing address is Kroger, 1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202-1100, Attention: Consumer Affairs Department. Let's all get involved and shake their tree a little.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY**

**Howard Nathan** was able to join us for our August meeting. He looks wonderful and he says that he is feeling better every day. *It was wonderful to see you and Punkie at our meeting.*

**Mickey Spencer** also joined us. Mickey has been suffering from a muscular problem and has to use a walker. *You can't keep good men down!!!!*

**John Jackson** had a spot removed from the bottom of his foot.

**Frank (Franko) Grochoske** had surgery on the 21st, and Betty says that he is improving and hopes to be home soon. *We wish you a very speedy recovery Franko.*

**Charles & Grace Laird** attended the Chosin Few Reunion in Washington, D.C., the 3rd week-end of August.

**CONDOLENCES**

One of our longtime members, Life member 561, Dick Graves, passed away while he and his wife, Betty Ann, were on a cruise in the Baltic Sea, less than a month from his 78th birthday.

Dick is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty Ann and his four children, Jimmy, Larry and Johnny Graves, all of Houston, and a daughter, Libby Gray of Houston, a brother, Donald Graves of Plano and a brother-in-law, Raleigh Johnson Jr. of Houston.

Dick has been a member of the Lone Star Chapter since 1996. He recently was one of our speakers, relating his memories of his service in Korea. He flew L-19 reconnaissance planes and was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, but was not seriously injured.

*Our sympathy is extended to his family, he will be missed by all who knew him.*



**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. Our next speaker will be **Roland English.**

**The Meaning of a Flag Draped Coffin**

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and I think it's high time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history. Pass it along and be proud of the country we live in and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD GIVEN' rights and freedoms.

I hope you take the time to read this.... To understand what the flag-draped coffin really means. Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.



The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.



The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.



The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.



The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

To be continued. .

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