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

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES



Memorial Day, is the day we honor veterans - those still among us, and those who have lost their life and sleep forever in God's hands in cemeteries across the country. This year, we will celebrate Memorial Day on **Monday, May 30th** at the **Houston V.A. Cemetery**. The Theme this year is: ***REMEMBERING GENERATIONS OF HEROES.***

The program starts at 9:30 AM. At this time, the Cemetery is still under upgrade construction, so if you want to be close, you need to arrive early. The traffic and parking is going to be very congested.

The guest speaker will be Ms. Ann M. Testa. Ms. Testa joined the Transportation Security Administration as Federal Security Director, George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) on March 29, 2010. She has worked for the Customs and Border Protection for the last 7 1/2 years in various leadership roles.

Ms. Testa brings close to 35 years of leadership experience and service to the United States. She served in the United States Air Force for over 27 years, retiring as a Colonel in December 2001. She commanded at various levels to include Squadron Office College Commander, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL; Wing Commander, Hickam Air Force Base, HI, and Support Group Commander, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

As always, our Color Guard will participate in the parade of colors, and presenting the Wreath.

COME JOIN US AND CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS!

DON'T FORGET, ARRIVE EARLY.



**ASTRO'S vs MET'S
BASEBALL GAME - MAY 14, 2011
3:05 PM**



MY KOREAN WAR EXPERIENCE

BOB MITCHELL



My name is Bob Mitchell and I served in Korea in the 1st Marine Division. I was a gung ho teenager growing up during WWII, but I was too young to serve and so, when the Korean War came along a few years later, I figured it was my turn.

In January of 1951, I enlisted in the Marine Corps, but I didn't get to Korea until November of 1952. After Parris Island boot camp, I was sent to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina to join the 2nd Marine Division, in a Weapons Company. Over time, I became a Machine Gunner on a 30 caliber Heavy Machine Gun. I learned to take it apart and put it together blindfolded in time trials. I fired it for expert a couple of times on the range, so naturally, when I got to Korea, they handed me an M1 rifle. I hadn't had an M1 in over a year. I told them I was a machine gunner, but they said they didn't need machine gunners, they needed riflemen, so all that training went right out the window. That's why Military Intelligence is a contradiction in terms.

I didn't spend all that time in North Carolina. In the Fall of 1951 I was temporarily assigned to the Fleet Marine Force and I ended up spending six months patrolling the Mediterranean Sea with the 6th Fleet, which was good duty. In the Spring of 1952, I came back to Lejeune. By this time the Korean War was almost 2 years old and I was still on the East Coast, so, in August of 1952, I walked in to see the Officer of the Day and volunteered to go to Korea. He asked me why and I said it was because the War had gone on long enough, so I needed to get there. He asked me would my going get it done, and I said, "Yes sir, I'm a Marine and that's what we do!" He smiled and said, "Ok, Marine, I'll see what we can do." A few days later I was called in and handed my orders. I was to go home on a 30 day leave, then report to Camp Pendleton, California, for training, after which I would join the 1st Marine Division in Korea.

I went home on leave in September of 1952. Early on, I met this girl who lived down the street that I hadn't seen in years, and we hit it off. In no time we were getting together every night. By the time my leave was up, I had asked her to marry me, and she said yes. When October came, I flew out to Pendleton, for more training. Almost immediately I ended up in the Sierra Nevada mountains, for cold weather training at a place called Pickel Meadows, where the weather and terrain were just like Korea. Finally, in November, we boarded a ship and crossed the Pacific to Inchon. A few day's later I was assigned to Baker Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. We boarded a train and traveled for hours to the railhead. Then we boarded trucks to the Battalion reserve area at Camp Pingwha. It was dark when I jumped off the truck, got my sea bag and turned around to see Ray Macik. Ray was one of the guys from my neighborhood that I hadn't seen in years. I came thousands of miles and ran into a guy who lived around the corner from me.

We stayed in reserve until December, then the word came that we were going up to the front to relieve another outfit. The day was December 20, 1952, my 22nd birthday. I'd spent my 21st in a bar in Naples, Italy, with a dozen other Marines at a big round table with a hundred bottles of beer on it, so this was a different experience. It was grim in that truck, with everyone thinking about what was ahead of us, then someone started singing Happy Birthday and people laughed. It really helped break the tension. That was my first exposure to combat.

In February of 1953, I was on Outpost Marilyn Monroe, just east of the Peace Corridor. We could see the balloons over Panmunjon from our trenches. The 5th Marines were on Hedy Lamarr on our right flank. In front of us were two Chinese outposts, Three Fingers and the Yoke. On this particular night the Marines on Hedy were ordered to attack one of the Chinese outposts. The brass figured the Chinese would send reinforcements down a road between the two outposts. Along that road was a small hill called Hill 90, and it had tank slots. We were ordered to escort three tanks up onto 90 and ambush the reinforcements. We rolled out and one of the tanks hit a mine and blew a track, so we went on with the other two. There was one small problem: No one bothered to consider what the Chinese were doing that night. As it turned out, they were on the way to attack one of our hills, and there were several hundred of them, much more than we had. They heard us coming and let us go up on 90, then surrounded the hill. Lt. Yates dropped off a 4 man fire team halfway

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up the rear slope, the only viable way up. We were no sooner up on top, with the tanks in the slots, when the Chinese attacked. They hit the fire team first, alerting us, so we were lined up and ready when the first wave came over the crest. We opened up, picking targets and lining up sights to make every shot count. We stopped the first two waves and most of the third. The Lt. Said to stay alert as they'll be back and they were, in just minutes. Lt. Radioed our situation and called for flares, Darkness was changed to daylight. They were in rice paddies, several hundred of them, no cover. We had 30 caliber heavy machine guns along the MLR with interlocking fields of fire and they opened up and it was a turkey shoot. In the midst of all this the Lt. Told us to get the dead and wounded loaded on the tanks. The Lt. Gave the word and we roared down the slope right through the Chinese and headed to the MLR. We had about a dozen or so casualties in all. The Chinese had over 200 casualties, so the battle of Hill 90 ended up with an article in Leatherneck magazine.

In March of 1953, The Chinese launched a major offensive along the MLR, centered around the Nevada Triangle, three hills called Carson, Vegas and Reno held by the 5th Marines. By the end of March the 5th had suffered so many casualties that they had to be pulled off and the 7th took their place. We immediately got hit hard and continuously, with a lot of casualties. I started having weird symptoms, they thought I had malaria, so I was evacuated off Carson on 8 April. Several hours later, just before dawn, the Chinese overran the hill, killing everyone on it. I guess it just wasn't my time. What I really had was a severe case of Asian Flu.

I was on the lines on July 27th. The truce was due to take effect at 10PM, but our people didn't trust it. A patrol was sent out, our

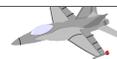
Leader took a wrong turn and led us into one of our own minefields. Two mines went off and 2 Marines were killed, just minutes before the fighting ended. We got out of the field somehow and went back on the MLR. Then at 10PM, all of a sudden there was absolute stillness. It was eerie. I looked up and I said, "Thank you God. I'm alive, I'm in one piece, and I'm going home."

Growing Up Without a Cell Phone !!!

When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes bout how hard things were. When they were growing up; what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning.. up hill...barefoot BOTH ways. Yadda, yadda, yadda. I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way I was going to lay that on my kids. But now, I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today.

- 1) I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have the Internet. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the library, and look it up ourselves, in the card catalog!!
- 2) There was no email!! We had to actually write somebody a letter- with a pen!
- 3) We didn't have fancy stuff like call waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called, they got a busy signal, that's it!
- 4) There weren't any cell phones either. If you left the house, you just didn't make a call or receive one. You actually had to be out of touch with your "friends". Think of the horror... not being in touch with someone 24/7!! And then there's TEXTING. Yeah, right. Please! You kids have no idea how annoying you are.
- 5) We didn't have microwaves. If we wanted to heat something up, we had to use the stove! Imagine that!
- 6) Our parents told us to stay outside and play..if you came back inside, you were doing chores! And car seats - oh, please! Mom threw you in the back seat and you hung on, or got the "safety arm" across the chest at the last moment.

You kids today have got it too easy. You're spoiled rotten! You wouldn't have lasted five minutes back in 1970, or any time before!



Membership

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, 2010

Harry Caldwell	M 19	Byron Dickerson	M821
Nuncio Martinez	M794	Ray Priger	M432
Herbert Rerich	M387	Frank Weeden	M822

RENEWALS

Bob Bighouse	Johnney Lee
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REUNION

By Rod Ramsey

This fall, Rod and Sandra Ramsey, will attend the reunion of the **7th Infantry Association** and the **32nd Infantry Regiment Association**, in Branson, MO.

The dates for this occasion are **Sept 28th** to and including **October 2, 2011**. For details and registration, contact: Mrs. Helen Dyckson

c/o 32nd Infantry Regiment Assoc.
P. O. Box 5930
Spring Hill, FL. 34611-5930

ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF THESE TWO UNITS ARE WELCOME.

‘You don’t stop laughing, when you start growing old,
You start growing old, when you stop laughing.’

Husband & Wife Joke:

Father Mike is unhappy. Too many Catholics divorcing, so he calls for a mens’ meeting to discuss how to be a good husband. Among the attendees is old Guiseppe. Father Mike calls him up and says, “Guiseppe, how long are you married?” “Next week it will be fifty years.” he said. “Good, then you know how to be a good husband”, says Father Mike. “Would you give the group some ideas?” “Mah sure” says Guiseppe. First once in awhile take her out to dinner. No cooking all the time. Then, buy her a present when it’s not her birthday.” “Great” says Father Mike. “What else?” “Well”, Guiseppe said, “For our 25th wedding anniversary, I gave her a trip to Italy” “Wow”. Says Father Mike, “what are you going to do for your 50th Anniversary?” Guiseppe said, “I’m a gonna go get her”>

Chapter & Other Events

MAY

5th - Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.

8th - MOTHER’S DAY

14th - Astro’s game 3:05 p.m.

19th - General Meeting 6 pm

30th - MEMORIAL DAY



JUNE

2nd - Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.

14th - FLAG DAY—FLY YOUR FLAG

16th - General Meeting 6 p.m.

19th - FATHERS DAY

25th - 1950—N. Korea invades S. Korea

DOOR PRIZES - APRIL 21, 2011

By Rod Ramsey

There was a plentiful supply of donated prizes which made for a very lively drawing, called by Chuck Ehrlund. Prizes included beer steins, thermo bottles, books, a remote phone and even a talking doll of Pres. Woodrow Wilson. Forrest Robinson was the big winner with at least nine prizes. He earned the right of multiple winner, because he bought more drawing tickets than anyone else. Thanks Forrest.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Johnney Lee, who generously donated his winnings to *The Warrior*. Thank you Johnney.

THEY’RE HOME!!!

Most of you know that our Granddaughters have been in the Philippines for a year. Well on Wednesday, April, 20, 2011, they arrived at Houston Intercontinental Airport at 8:06 AM, after 16 hours on the plane. As you might imagine, we are **very** happy to

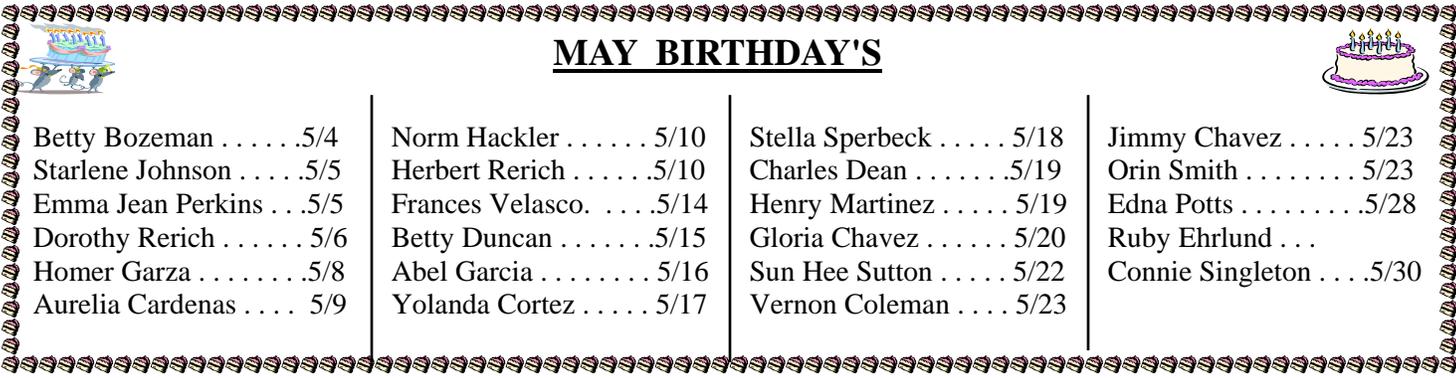


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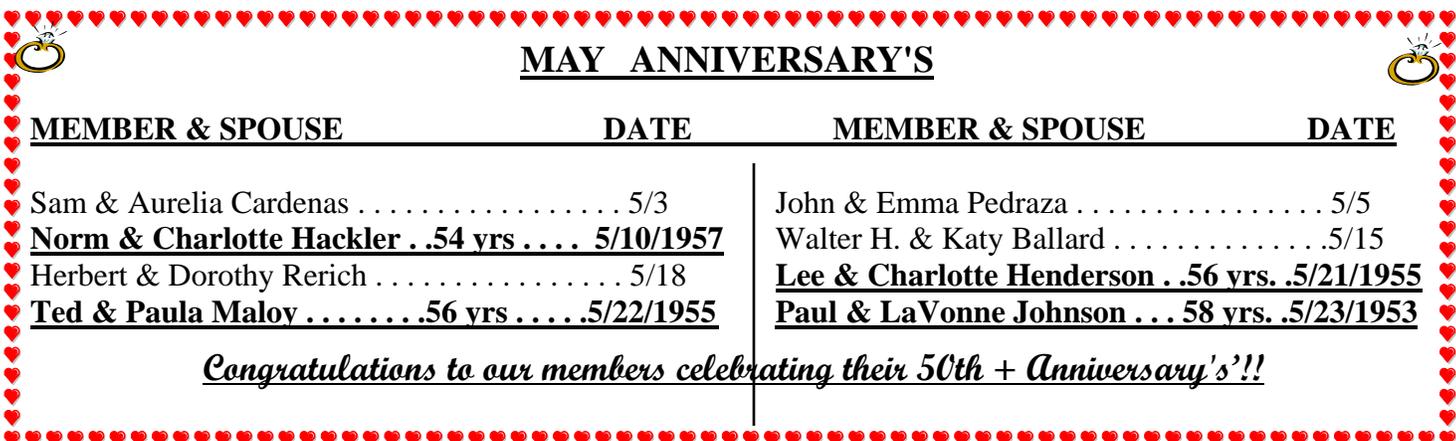


Easter Sunday



MAY BIRTHDAY'S

Betty Bozeman5/4	Norm Hackler 5/10	Stella Sperbeck 5/18	Jimmy Chavez 5/23
Starlene Johnson5/5	Herbert Rerich5/10	Charles Dean5/19	Orin Smith 5/23
Emma Jean Perkins . . .5/5	Frances Velasco.5/14	Henry Martinez 5/19	Edna Potts5/28
Dorothy Rerich 5/6	Betty Duncan5/15	Gloria Chavez 5/20	Ruby Ehrlund
Homer Garza5/8	Abel Garcia 5/16	Sun Hee Sutton 5/22	Connie Singleton5/30
Aurelia Cardenas 5/9	Yolanda Cortez 5/17	Vernon Coleman 5/23	



MAY ANNIVERSARY'S

<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Sam & Aurelia Cardenas	5/3	John & Emma Pedraza	5/5
<u>Norm & Charlotte Hackler . .54 yrs 5/10/1957</u>		Walter H. & Katy Ballard	5/15
Herbert & Dorothy Rerich	5/18	<u>Lee & Charlotte Henderson . .56 yrs. .5/21/1955</u>	
<u>Ted & Paula Maloy56 yrs5/22/1955</u>		<u>Paul & LaVonne Johnson . . . 58 yrs. .5/23/1953</u>	

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

PHILIPPINE PROJECT

By Bill Craigmill

For the time being, Bill has returned to his native Canada. He plans to return to the Philippines in July, as there is a mountain of work to be done before November 11th.

The Mayor of Buenavista Province of Guimara has once again requested his help and service for the upcoming special Remembrance Service on Nov. 11, 2011. So far, he has ordered the Wreaths, one to from the Canadian Korean War Veterans and one to be from the Texas Lone Star Chapter.

Last year, Bill and his local workers, cleared years of weeds and other growth from the site, plus paving the site, planting new bushes, and giving the structures a fresh coat of paint. This was all done with his own money and hard work, plus a few donations from his friends. This year, Bill will return to begin work again on a different location, plus the site he worked on last year.

As everyone knows, projects cost money and if anyone would like to help this worthy cause, you may make a donation and send it to the Lone Star Chapter and it will be forwarded. THANK YOU!!

- ### TIPS FOR MANAGERS AND BOSSES...
- Never give me work in the morning. Always wait until 4 p.m. then bring it to me. The challenge of a deadline is refreshing.
 - If it's really a "rush job" run in and interrupt me every 10 minutes to inquire how it's going. That helps.
 - Always leave without telling anyone where you're going. It gives me a chance to be creative when someone asks where you are.
 - If you give me more than one job to do, don't tell me which is the priority. Let me guess.
 - Do your best to keep me late. I like the office and have nowhere to go or anything to do.
 - If a job I do pleases you, keep it a secret.
 - If you don't like my work, tell everyone. I like my name to be popular in conversation.
 - If you have special instructions for a job, don't write them down. In fact, save them until the job is almost done.
 - Tell me all your little problems. No one else has any and it's nice to know someone is less fortunate.

KEEPING IN TOUCH - SICK BAY

Buddy Blair recently found out that he had a partially torn tendon in his foot. He is wearing a brace on his foot, which helps. The problem is that he can't drive with the brace as it limits the use of his foot.

Patty Gambino had shoulder surgery on Monday, May 2. *Sounds like the rehab is about to begin!*

Sal reports that he is improving since his last scare.

Christina Carnero had extensive major surgery on Tuesday, May, 3rd at the Methodist Hospital in Houston. Christina had bladder cancer and her doctors had to remove the bladder and other nearby related organs and lymph nodes. The surgery lasted 8 long hours with reports from the doctor every couple of hours.. Manny reports that she is recovering nicely, in fact, Christina insisted that he call this editor to inform us of her surgery. Their daughters, Linda Hughes from Australia and Mary Stahl from Virginia, are here for their Mom, along with a grandson from Florida. *Chris, we will all keep you in our prayers. Get well soon.*

GOVERNMENT SHUT-DOWN

Carlos & Martha Ballard recently received this email dated 4/8/2011, from their granddaughter, Christie Reuber. Christie and husband, Tucker are stationed in Germany.— Hey, this government shut down thing is crazy. Tucker and everyone else in the military got their pay stubs and will be getting paid for 8 days of work since they came up with yet another extension till next Thursday. Everyone over here is in complete chaos due to this, it is crazy... I am glad Tucker and I have money saved up to pay our bills. I know that Tucker and I will not be voting for anyone that is in congress right now, and we are writing our congressman. For the people in congress to get paid during a government shutdown when they are the ones to blame for the shut down is total crap. I can't believe some of our friends are in harms way as we speak and will not get paid for putting their lives on the line... can you believe that? We went to the commissary on base last night and the shelves were bare...they will shut down all the commissaries if this happens, so we will have to spend even more money on groceries going off base since the Euro is worth so much more than the dollar.

Sorry I am going on a tangent, but I couldn't sleep and I had to vent.

Love yall

NEW PRESIDENT

KOREAN WAR NATIONAL MUSEUM

Beginning May 9, 2011, Anthony (Tony) Enrietto, will join the Korean War National Museum as our President.

Tony will be responsible for the overall operation of the organization, including the staff, financial management and budget development, short and long range plans, policies, marketing and other activities. He is responsible for the planning and implementation of the development and building of the Museum.

Tony attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Following his service with the U.S. Army, he joined the private sector and began a career in business development and account management with such companies as Abbott Laboratories, Tektronix, Hewitt and Associates and Stepan Company. In 2004, Tony made a successful career transition to Credit Suisse as a Wealth Manager. Since 2009, Tony has successfully led USO Illinois as its President and Chief Operating Officer.

Tony joins the Korean War National Museum with a wealth of experience, knowledge, excellent management and personal skills. Please welcome him!!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

By Rod Ramsey

We were honored with a guest speaker at the April meeting. Nicholas (Nick) Allen, who is employed at HIST, as an IT professional. In his spare time Nick is an author in the field of military history. His first book will be published by St. Martin's Press later this year. It centers on the Marines in WWII during the battles for Peleliu and Okinawa. Nick's father served in Viet Nam, as a rifleman in the Army's 27th Infantry (Wolfhounds) Regiment. His father was very reluctant to talk about his combat experiences, so, as an alternative Nick interviewed a number of WWII veterans. This led him into writing about what he had learned from the interviews regarding the Pacific campaigns.

His next book project will be focused on the Korean War, of which he said, "it is not a forgotten war any longer, it is one of forgotten voices of the men on the ground who fought the war."

Nick passed around a sign-up sheet for those members who would be willing to be interviewed for his Korean War Book project. If you were unable to sign the sheet, or not at the meeting, and

Happy Mothers Day

To All The Moms

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