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

## 9-11 PROGRAM

*Submitted by David & Frances Velasco*



On Sunday, September 11th, 2011, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this, the 10th anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies. We do this honor for those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity.

*Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.*

### CERTIFICATE DELIVERIES.....

There are several widows of the members of our organization, that requested the DoD Certificate for their deceased husbands. These were not available on July 23rd, so several members have volunteered to hand deliver these to the Widows that live in the Houston area.

Thank you gentlemen, this is a wonderful way to honor your deceased fellow veteran.

### REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATES

BY JEAN DAVIS

I have lost count of all the requests we've received for certificates. Are you sure you don't have more than 300 or so members? We're still on hold for any requests received after June 30.....waiting for Mr. Panetta's signature (I think he's had one or two other things on his mind lately.)

Take good care in all the heat you're having there in Houston.

### DoD CERTIFICATES...

There were a number of people that signed up to receive their certificates on Saturday, July 23rd, unfortunately, they were unable to attend the ceremony. Their certificates are in the care of our President, Hank Daumann, but due to the large number, he is unable to mail them to everyone. It is requested that if you were to receive a Certificate, that you please come to the next meeting, September 15th, at the Tracey Gee Community Center, to receive your certificate. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements with Hank, 281-785-6992, or his email BEEBAA2001@AOL.COM, at to receive your certificate. **THANK YOU!**

### '1950'

Korean War National Museum Chairman Denis Healy, announced exciting the news recently. Hollywood movie director, Rob Cohen, will be directing "1950". "1950" will be a major movie on the Korean War. The budget has been set at \$100 million, making it the biggest budgeted film in the history of the Korean film industry. CJ E&M, Korea's leading production and distributor in Asia and Grapevine Entertainment are producing the film.

Cohen said of the project, "The Korean War has often been referred to as the 'forgotten war' and I think it's time it was remembered. Telling the story of this harrowing conflict through the eyes of pioneering journalist Marguerite Higgins makes it a very different war film on every level."

Marguerite Higgins, a Pulitzer Prize winning war correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune, covered some of the Korean War's most important historical events. "Her journey across the Korean peninsula with an American platoon, which culminated in the bulk evacuation of nearly 200,000 South Koreans from the advancing armies of the Chinese and North Koreans on Christmas Eve, is set to form the backbone of the film." Last year, Marguerite Higgins was posthumously awarded the Heunnginjang, one of South Korea's most prestigious national medals.

Casting will be with Hollywood A-listers and Asian stars. Production is expected to begin next May, with a planned international release date of Spring 2013, coinciding with the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Agreement.

### HOUSTON'S NATIONAL CEMETERY DIRECTOR

The Houston National Cemetery Director has been surrounded with controversy for months now. The director, Arleen Ocasio, has made a lot of changes since she took the helm several years ago. Among the changes are banning the words "God", "God Bless You", and even intervening to stop families burying their loved ones, from having the full VFW ritual, which includes a prayer and references to God, by the VFW Honor Guard.

A group, the Liberty Institute, has filed a lawsuit to have her removed from her post. The Liberty Institute represents the VFW District 4, the American Legion Post 586, The National Memorial Ladies, three families and Pastor Scott Rainey.

**CHILI COOK-OFF and SILENT AUCTION**

I know it is still summer, but before you know it, it will again be time for the ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF and SILENT AUCTION, at our October meeting. This means that you need to start gathering items for the silent auction. You can start at home. Do you have any objects that are in excellent condition that you would like to donate to the fund raiser? Next you can approach your local merchants for donations of services or items to be auctioned. Everything you can get is going to be a great asset to your organization.

Do you like to cook? Better yet, are you a good Chili cook, or maybe, think you can cook chili? If so, you need to sign up to be one of the chili cooks. The main requirement is that you can't open a can, dump it in the pot and say you made it. If you want to show off your talents, sign up to cook.

Last, but not least. Since this is October and Halloween is just around the corner, we want to have a costume party. This means that it would be more fun if everyone dresses up in a costume for the event. There will be judges to determine who wore the best costume. Of course prizes will be awarded for the best. So, hunt through your closets and anywhere else there might be inspiration, even the resale shops, for your costume. Let's have fun!

**T L S C CHRISTMAS PARTY....**

*Please keep December 3rd open. This is the day that has been selected for our annual Christmas Party. We will again have a gift exchange. The limit is again \$5.—\$10.*

- DATE:**                    **DECEMBER 3RD**
- PLACE:**                    **MONUMENT INN**  
**4406 INDEPENDENCE HWY.**  
**LaPORTE, TEXAS**
- TIME:**                    **11:00 -**
- MENU:**                    **FISHERMAN'S PLATTER**  
**CHICKEN TERIYAKI**  
**BROILED TILAPIA PONTCHATRAIN**  
**12oz. GRILLED RIBEYE STEAK**

*All entrees served with a green salad, baked potato, homemade rolls and muffins, Iced tea and coffee. The ladies are asked to bring a dessert.*

**COST:**                    **\$22.50 per person.** *(Make checks payable to KWV/TLSC.*  
*Mail to Betty Grochoske, 726 Gilpin Street, Houston, Tx.,*  
**77034-2020**

*Come early - See you there.*

**CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

Betty & Franko Grochoske will again host their Christmas Gathering on the 1st Sunday in December or December 4th. This year Frank is preparing Chicken Gumbo and Potato Salad.

**PLEASE COME IF YOU CAN.**





# Membership

## TIME TO RENEW

Dues are \$25.00 - Life Membership \$200.00 – Send renewal to TLSC/KWV – P O Box 802541 – Houston TX 77280-2541.

The following memberships are due September 1, 2011

Robert Dawson	M840	Roland English	M673
Al Habinak	M835	Charles McLendon	M674
R. B. Sanford	M790	James Watkins	M110

### RENEWALS

David Velasco	Rod Ramsey
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Welcome New Member:

Jefferson Ramsey M-846

**WELCOME !!!**

## POW / MIA RECOGNITION DAY

By David & Frances Velasco



Sept. 16th is POW/MIA Recognition Day. Let us honor our Veterans and fly our flag that day as well.



# Chapter & Other Events

## SEPTEMBER

1st - Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.

2nd - 1945—V-J Day

5 th - LABOR DAY

11th - PATRIOT DAY 

15th - General Meeting - 6:00 p.m. 

16th - POW/MIA Recognition Day

18th - U.S. AIR FORCE ESTABLISHED—1947

18th - Gold Star Family Remembrance Sunday

23rd - First day of Autumn

28th - Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown

## OCTOBER

6th - Board Meeting 4:30 pm

7th - Yom Kippur begins at sundown

10th - Columbus Day

13th - U.S. NAVY ESTABLISHED - 1775

15th - General Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

24th - United Nations Day

31st - Halloween

## HOUSE BILL 1514

Submitted by David Velasco

Effective Sept. 1, 2011, thanks to Rep. Jason Isaac and Sen. Brian Birdwell, Texas Veterans can now request the word **VETERAN** be put on their Texas drivers license. This bill allows any person who served in the U.S. Military, as well as members of the Texas National Guard, to make this request. The veteran must show proof of their service and honorable discharge to obtain this designation.

This legislature came in response to veterans seeking an easier way to verify their military service to businesses, organizations and events that provide benefits and discounts to veterans.

The license designation is a convenient way to provide proof without having to produce a copy of your DD-214.

## **THEIR SPIRIT LIVES ON..**

We always will remember  
Those who gave their lives..  
Parents...brothers...sisters...  
Children...husbands...wives.

For some it was their duty,  
For others, just their fate,  
But time and time again we saw  
What makes this country great.

Strangers helping strangers,  
Courage over fear.,  
Sacrifice and loyalty  
To values we hold dear...

Remember them with honor,  
For though they may be gone,  
The spirit of America..  
Their spirit will live on.

*(Author Unknown)*



# FLY YOUR FLAG - 9-11-2011





## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S

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



## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY'S

<u>MEMBER &amp; SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER &amp; SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<b><u>Buddy &amp; Billie Blair . . . . .56 yrs . . . . 9/1/1955</u></b>		Woody & Sandy Thomas . . . . .	9/1
<b><u>Jose &amp; Hortence Cambiaso . 56 yrs . .9/1/1955</u></b>		<b><u>Wayne &amp; Marilyn Harrison . 56 yrs . 9/3/55</u></b>	
<b><u>Nuncio &amp; JoAnn Martino . . 58 yrs . . 9/4/1953</u></b>		<b><u>Jim &amp; Betty Duncan . . . . .56 yrs . . 9/10/55</u></b>	
William & Mildred Baker . . . . .	9/11	Carl & Eva Singleton . . . . .	9/17
<b><u>Johnnie &amp; Florence Sicola . .61 yrs . . .9/24/1950</u></b>		<b><u>Jack &amp; Roberta Starlin . . . .60 yrs . .9/28/51</u></b>	

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

### SOCKS

Socks will be distributed on **Friday, September 16th**, from the 2nd floor Volunteer Office, starting at **10:00 am**. Please arrive earlier, so the teams can be assigned, socks & caps loaded on carts and start the rounds by 10.  
**SEE YOU THERE**.....

### NOTES OF INTEREST.....

By Rod Ramsey

Your *Warrior* newsletter needs items of interest for publication each issue. These can be short jokes, News of interest to vets, short stories of your service days, pictures of interest to all, etc. Let's give our editors a hand here.

John Jackson, after many years of dedicated service announced his retirement from the appointive office of **Chapter Quartermaster**. He and the Board seek a replacement. The job is important to the Chapter, but is not difficult or strenuous.

**Will the next Chapter QM please step forward,  
Front and Center?**

### DOOR PRIZE WINNERS - 8/18/2011

- Bennie Younger . . . . . Candy & book
- Hank Daumann . . . . . Collectable fire truck
- Albert Hollan . . . . . Book, Book
- Henry Martinez . . . . . Box of tea
- Ruby Ehrlund . . . . . Book
- Ruth Johnson . . . . .Homemade peach preserves
- Roger Morris . . . . . Korean book
- Forrest Robinson . . . . . Book
- Georgia Jackson . . . . . Drink koozie
- Billie Blair . . . . .Small file cabinet
- Frances Velasco . . . . . 3 VHS Tapes
- Chris Carnero . . . . . Book
- Gene Jergens . . . . . Book
- Sal Gambino . . . . . Book
- Tom Conte . . . . . Book

The 50/50 drawing of \$80/\$40, was won by Ruth Johnson. Ruth generously donated her winnings to *The Warrior*.. Thank you very much Ruth.

These generous people donated the items for the drawing: Billie Blair, Ruby Ehrland, Marlene Susca, Marlene Telling, Forrest Robinson, Ruth Johnson, Don Napp and an anonymous donor. *Thank you all!*

**KEEPING IN TOUCH - SICK BAY**

**Vito & Marlene Susca** recently spent 10 days in Florida visiting her sister, who is in a hospice. *So sorry to hear about your sister Marlene. Our prayers are with her and you.*

**Marianne Younger** recently had hip replacement surgery. *Marianne could use all our prayers at this time.*

**David & Frances Velasco** are planning to go to S. Korea with the Military Historical Tours which coordinate the Korea Revisit Program for Korean Veterans and/or next of kin. We will leave Sept. 25th and spend the night in San Francisco and meet up with the tour group and tour guides that evening. Then on the 26th, the group will depart San Francisco on a direct flight to Seoul, Korea. We will return Oct. 2nd. Lord willing. *Please keep us in your prayers.*

**KOREAN WAR EXPERIENCES PROGRAM**

**By Bob Mitchell**

For the benefit of our newest members, we have a program that has been in operation for a few years now where Chapter members talk about their Korean War experiences at one of our General Meetings. The talks are videotaped, and copies go to the speaker, to our Chapter records, to our webmaster and one copy goes to the National Korean War Museum for their permanent archives. The webmaster posts the video on our Chapter website, where friends and relatives can view it, no matter where they are. If you go to our website at kwvahouston.org you can see those already there. To date, there are over 30 videos posted. You should consider this opportunity to tell your story for the benefit of you families. Four of those posted are of members now deceased and their families were very happy to have this memento of them to enjoy

To sign up for the program, contact Don Napp at 281-443-1809 or at DONALDNAPP51@gmail.com. Don will sign you up and tell you how the program works and how to prepare for it. For all you other members who have not yet done so, there is plenty of room for you as well. Do it today. You won't regret it.

**KOREAN WAR SPEAKER**

The speaker for the September meeting will be **Richard Goody, Sr.** Richard was in the Infantry.— US Army, 1951-1954.

**PHILIPPINE PROJECT...**

If you are able and want to help in this project, (restoring Gen. MacArthur's headquarters) you can mail your contributions (any amount is welcome) to: Lee Henderson, 5631 Berry Creek, Houston, Tx., 77017. **Please make the checks or money orders payable to: Bill Craigmill.**

**THANK YOU!!!**

**RANDALL'S**

**GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM**

Do you shop at Randall's? If so, do you use your Remarkable Card ? That number is **1998**. Every time you shop at Randall's, please use your Remarkable Card., if you don't have one, please stop in at your local Randall's and get one and use it. Tell them you want a **REMARKABLE CARD** and that you are with the **TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER/KOREAN WAR VETERANS** and the card number is **1998**

Each time you use your card, your purchases are totaled, and your purchase amount goes toward a total for our organization. Quarterly, they send us a check for 1% of the total purchases. We recently received a check for \$31.53. This is free money for the Lone Star Chapter.

# WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The annual laying of the wreaths at the **Houston National Cemetery** will be held this year on **Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 11 AM.**

Our members, will make sure that the deceased members of TLSC receive a wreath, plus as many others as possible. You can help by sending in your donation of \$15.00 per wreath, to the TLSC/KWV, P. O. Box 802541, Houston, Texas, 77280-2541. We received a record number of donations last year. Hopefully with your help, we will exceed last years purchases, and are able to help cover the cemetery with beautiful green wreaths. Our goal is to raise \$1800 to \$2,000. The goal of the WAA is to decorate the 25,000 plus graves at the cemetery.



## DONATIONS TO WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA




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