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

Texas Korean War Veterans Memorial

Tenth Anniversary - April 16, 2009

By Sal Gambino

On April 16, 2009 we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the Texas Korean War Veterans Memorial in Austin, Texas and as President at that time I remember it like it was yesterday.

Master of ceremony Dan Ammerman opened the program by welcoming everyone on behalf of the Texas Lone Star Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association. Our Color Guard consisting of Leroy Hanks, Harvey Roe, Joe Mueller and two Veterans of the Republic of Korea Posted the Colors. Mrs. Bernadette Stevens sang the National Anthem, Charles Laird gave the invocation and Herbert Odel led us in the Pledge.

Governor George Bush offered the welcoming remarks and expressed his gratitude to the Chapter for this wonderful gift honoring all Texans who served.

Ammerman introduced the Memorial Committee Co-Chairmen Jim Duncan, Story Sloane, Marvin Treadwell, Richard Arnott, Dan Ammerman and Johnny Joe.

Sung Lee expressed his country's appreciation that had the veterans not aided in preventing North Korea from overtaking South Korea, he and Samsung would not be here today.

Dedication remarks were given by His Excellency Lee Kong-Koo of the Republic of Korea who emotionally spoke thanking this country and all present stating, "That we can all go on with our lives is a fitting tribute to those whose names ARE on the Memorial."

At this time it was my privilege as President of the Texas Lone Star Chapter to present the Memorial to the State of Texas... On behalf of all Veterans and to the Honorable Secretary of State, this was my offering:

**"As this ceremony comes to an end, take with you this thought,
In time, not many will remember what happened here on this day.
But in the future, we who bear witness to this solemn occasion will say.
Together...arm in arm...we stepped into History"!**



**Secretary State Bomer,
on behalf of the Texas Lone Star Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association.
it is my privilege to present this beautiful Memorial to the State of Texas.”**

Secretary of State Bomer responded:

“This is truly a beautiful Memorial, and a wonderful day for all veterans and the citizens of Texas,

**On behalf of the State of Texas,
I accept this wonderful gift with
humility and gratitude”!**

Chapter Piper Pat Canny played Amazing Grace as the wreath was laid. Captain John Bohlin played Taps and emotions ran high. Chaplain Charles Laird gave a most inspirational closing prayer and the Colors were retired.

It was truly a time to reflect and remember the 1723 Texans who gave their all for the people of this great Country. At this time Master of Ceremonies Dan Ammerman ended the program with these few words...

“These Proceedings Are Closed!”

In retrospect I thank Lee and Charlotte for asking me to write this condensed anniversary summery.

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS

We have a new slate of officers. As of the March meeting we have a new President—Bob Bighouse, 1st Vice President—Lee Henderson, returning 2nd Vice President—Frank (Franko) Grochoske, Secretary—Buddy Blair and returning Treasurer—Rod Ramsey. Your new Directors are: Jim Duncan, Henry Martinez, Don Napp, and returning directors, Vito Susca and Stoney Stone. Please support your officers.

Pictured being sworn in are: L to R, back row: Jim Duncan, Don Napp, Buddy Blair, Bob Bighouse, Lee Henderson & Franko Grochoske. Front row: Henry Martinez & Rod Ramsey.



JERRY WEBER ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

This year, there were three winners of the Jerry Weber Award. Sal Gambino presented the awards to three Marines. This kind of bothered him, since he is Coast Guard, but he managed to do a great job anyway. The winners were chosen for their work with the chapter and dedication. Without Bob Hanks knowledge and help, we would not have the great data base of members. Bob created the data base, many years ago when he was the secretary, and he continues to keep it updated. He provided this editor with a copy years ago and instructed us on how to use it to make the labels for mailing. For this we are very thankful. The other winners were Charles Laird, chosen for his dedication, all of his volunteer services, working with the Tell America Program and other qualities. Carlos Ballard for all his hard work and leadership, serving two terms as president, helping with the Tell America Program, Veterans on Patrol and work in the community.

These men are all deserving and represent our Chapter with honor.



TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER OF KOREAN WAR VETERAN'S

We have a new beginning. As of March, 2009, we once again became a stand alone Chapter, officially approved by the State of Texas as we were back in 1991.

TLSC is a great organization; I believe the members and wives in this Chapter were brought together for a special purpose. No, we didn't all serve together, or know one another back then when we were sent off to foreign shores to defend and protect a country we probably never heard of. We were very young and really did not know what in store for us. The one thing we did know was that we were all fighting for the same purpose. That purpose was to defend a helpless people against a strong communist force in Korea. From that battle and the sacrifice of many, freedom came to a great nation, The Republic of South Korea with whom we share personal friendship today.

Countless personal accomplishments have been achieved by each of us since that war. I believe God brought us KOREAN WAR VETERANS together again in 1991 to form this Chapter and become a group of men & women, united with the same purpose and so much in common. Most importantly, to never forget the ones that didn't come home and never had the chance to see what was accomplished by their sacrifice..... those who gave it all. We will always honor and remember our KIA, and MIA'S and pay tribute to the POW'S.

There are so many goals TLSC has reached; the most memorable one to me is the Korean War Veteran's Memorial Monument that stands on our State Capitol grounds in Austin, Texas. We, along with our families and their families and families to come, will forever feel our hearts beat stronger when we stand at that memorial, it means so much to so many and TLSC is so proud to have been a strong part in the constructing of that Memorial.

None of these things could have been completed had we veterans not kept a strong bond with each other, held fast to our beliefs and worked hard to reach our goals. We did it TLSC of KWV, just as we did it back in 1950 thru 1953.

I am proud to be a life member of the **TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER OF KOREAN WAR VETERANS, Inc.** I thank each and every one of you for your cooperation and help and the opportunity to be a part of such a special group of men and women. You have become like a family to Martha & me.

As another TLSC of KWV election year comes and goes, I look back over this last year; I was your president for the second time. It was again an honor to be in that seat and serve TLSC to the best of my ability. However, I didn't carry out the duties of the President alone, Martha was by my side, day by day, typing, planning, etc. and most of all "spelling", (I have a little trouble with that and forget to use spell check). Thanks Sweetheart.

We congratulate our new President, Bob Bighouse and his board, we offer our assistance in any way needed.

Thank you again members, ladies, and friends and may TLSC of KWV just keep on keepin' on!
God Bless America.

Sincerely,
Carlos and Martha Ballard



“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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CHILDREN

It was Palm Sunday, and because of a sore throat, five year old Billy stayed home from Church with a sitter. When his family returned home they were carrying several Palm Branches. Billy asked what they were for? His parents replied “People held them over Jesus’ head as He walked by.” “Wouldn’t you know it,” Billy fumed, “The one Sunday I don’t go to Church, HE showed up!”

One Easter Sunday as the Minister was preaching the Children’s Sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, “What’s in here?” “I know a little boy exclaimed, ‘Pantyhose!’”

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that has been pressed in between the pages. “Mama, look what I found,” the boy called out. “What have you got there, dear?” his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered, “It’s Adam’s suit.”

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, “If he gets loose, will he hurt us?”

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
 Lebaron, Eddie**

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

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**I want to be a sponsor of the Warrior 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 April 1, 2009:

Thomas Boren	M178	Bob Mitchell	M361
Lemuel Pickle	M756	Vinton Sholl	M419
Bennie Younger	M525		

RENEWALS

Walter G. Ballard	George Bazan
Vernon Coleman	Ralph Hockley
Albert Hollan	Sam Naomi

NEW MEMBER:

Edward L. Sax M-832

Correspondence:

Albert Hollan: thanks for the great job you all are doing on “*The Warrior*”. *Thanks for the words of encouragement, it’s means a lot.*

Betty Estill: Please be advised that Don S. Estill expired on June 7, 2006 of heart failure. I apologize for the delay in notifying you. *Our sympathy to you and your family.*

Harvey Barnhart: Many of you I have never known, but we served the same cause. I, as many of you, have had health problems. Some of mine have been: Cataract surgery - both eyes in the 1990’s. Heart attack in Sept 2001 - blood clot and artery by-pass, June 2003 two stints in Aorta, August 2008 back surgery, January 2009 defibrillator installed by my heart doctor. I have arthritis in my right hip—other than that I am in great health for 84 + years. I really enjoy reading each *Warrior* from front to back, so I’m enclosing a check to help with the expenses. The organization has really grown since L62. Wishing each of you good health and happiness.

Edwin Moore: Hi Carlos, I have tried to get a copy of the *Warrior* for months. I live in Kaufman and the only contact I have is thru the *Warrior*. *We’re very sorry that you have not been receiving the Warrior. There was a mix-up on the mailing list, you are back on the list and will continue to receive the newsletter. The Editors.*

Doyle Griffin: enclosed is my annual membership and newsletter expense donation. Sorry I forgot to send this check earlier. *Thank you for the donation, the Editors.*

Hazel Brast: Was so sorry I couldn’t attend the dedication of the Medal of Honor the men of Chosin. My husband, Weldon, was there and the memories he had were so terrible. Maybe I can get there some day.

2009

APRIL

2nd - Board Meeting - 5 pm
 5th - Palm Sunday
 8th - Passover Begins @ Sunset
 10th - Good Friday
12th - EASTER SUNDAY
 16th - Passover Ends
16th - General Meeting - 6 pm

MAY

7th - Board Meeting - 5 pm
 9th - Astro’s Baseball Game
10th - MOTHER’S DAY
 16th - ARMED FORCES DAY
21st - General Meeting - 6 pm
 25th - Memorial Day Observed
30th - MEMORIAL DAY

TLSC FAX PHONE

We no longer have the chapter phone, but we have a fax line. That number is **713-464-3437**.

If you have information you need to get to us, just fax it in, if you have no access to a computer.

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.

Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there. *Will Rogers*

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Max Johnson 2nd Harry (Bird) Brunelle . . . 5th Harry Bruce 6th Billie Blair 8th Frances DiBello 8th Rosalie Null 9th L. B. Wilmeth 10th Betty Ann Graves 11th	Nuncio Martino 11th Euell Arnold 13th Jean Gregory 13th W.E.B. Blackmon 16th John Jackson 16th Pam Gambino 16th Billy Middleton 17th Bill C. Roberts 18th	Bob Brunat 18th Mardene O'Donnell 20th Margaret Bazan 21st Muriel Mueller 21st Jim Batchelor 24th Ted Maloy 24th Ray Priger 24th Marvin Talgheder 24th	Tom Fitzmorris 24th Clark Finks 25th Dottie Beard 25th John Crainer 26th Morton Rachofsky 27th Arnold Johnson 28th Morris Estess 30th Doyle Griffin 30th George Bazan 30th
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APRIL ANNIVERSARY'S

MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE	MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE
Jimmy & Gloria Chavez53rd . 4/2/1956	Lawrence & Flossie Heard .55th .	4/3/54
Tom & Sandra Campion . . .	50th . 4/5/1950	Neal & Betty Barbee5th
Carl & Maxine Dry	7th	Bill & Lillie Leonard	14th
Frank & Betty Weeden58th . 4/14/1951	Sam & Frances DiBello	17th
Max & Ruth Johnson55th . 4/17/1954	H. E. & Lina Striedel	20th
Thomas & Peggy Boren58th . 4/22/1951	Clarence & Starlene Johnson22nd

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

LOYALTY * VALOR * HONOR * FIDELITY

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Marlene Susca slipped and fell, going into the Borders Grill recently. Everyone was gathering there after Howard Nathan's funeral services. The floors are slick and as she walked in, she slipped and fell, injuring her elbow, arm and back. She went to their doctor, who recommended she see her orthopedic.

Lorene Romano wife of member Joe Romano, suffered a stroke recently. Details are not known at this time, but regardless, she is in need of our thoughts and prayers.

Tom Campion was hospitalized recently with low blood pressure. The doctors were doing tests to determine if he had unknown bleeding somewhere. *Tom, our prayers are with you.*

Ruth Johnson is now in hospital number 5. She is setting up and talking, and slowly getting better. *Ruth, you have been through a lot. We pray that you will be home soon.*

MEET OUR NEW CONSUL GENERAL



**Consul General
Yun-soo CHO**

On Monday, March 9th, three of our members met with the new Consul General of Korea, Yun-so CHO. Lee Henderson, Johnney Lee and Henry Martinez met our new Consul General and found him to be very friendly and interested in them.

The meeting place was the Korean Senior Citizens building, and from there they walked to the Korean restaurant, a short walk away. The Consul General walked with Lee and quizzed him about his time in Korea, where he was and what it looked like at that time. He was genuinely interested in the fact that Lee, had been in charge of the Tell America program for 10 years, and the number of schools he had talked to.

WELCOME TO HOUSTON

MEMORIES OF MY TIME IN KOREA

By Roland English

In the latter part of 1948, I was working for Continental Can Company. They had a slack period and I was laid off. In those days there was a draft and I knew it was closing in on me, so I enlisted in the Air Force. I was sent to Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas for basic training. I arrived there about the first of January, 1949. I completed basic training about April 1949 and was sent to tech school in Biloxi, Mississippi, where I trained to be an A & E Mechanic. I finished my training there about October 1949.

After my tech school training I was assigned to March Field, California. I had been there about two months before my name was posted on the bulletin board for assignment to the Far East. I rode a bus to the Port of Embarkation in San Francisco, California. After hanging out there for two weeks, I boarded a troop ship headed to Okinawa, Japan. Our first stop was at Pearl Harbor, where some troops left the ship. Next we crossed the International date line, which was quite an ordeal. There was an initiation process which involved being sprayed with water from a high pressure hose, and were sent down a line where we swatted with belts. We were told this was an old Navy tradition.

Our next stop was Tokyo, Japan, then finally in January 1950, we arrived at Okinawa. There I was assigned to the 51st Fighter wing, the 26th fighter squadron, stationed at Naha AFB. It was a great assignment. I even had a maid. Since I was a newcomer, I was just a roustabout on the flight line. The 51st had one squad of F80's, which was the newest jet fighter plane at that time.

On June 25th, 1950, it was a Sunday, I was returning to the base, and I noticed that the guards on the gates were armed. When I got back to the squadron, they were passing out guns and ammo. I asked, "what's going on"? They told me the Korean War had started. The 51st sent two squadrons to Korea, they were stationed at Kempo Air Field. Quite a few pilots were lost, and replacement pilots were sent from reserve units and the National Guard. I remained at Naha, and was assigned to install gun emplacements at both ends of the runway. I performed duty at these gun emplacements for most of the remainder of my tour on the island. For those of you who don't know, Okinawa, Japan still has a fighter wing at Naha and a 19th bomb group at Kadena AFB, as well as an infantry division and a Marine Division. Okinawa is strategically located so it poses as a checkmate for China, Korea, and even Russia.

My tour was supposed to be for just one year, but President Truman extended every one for one more year. I didn't get home for my first furlough until October 1951.

The greatest thing I discovered when I got home, was that my mother had purchased a TV. I had never seen a TV before. I spent my whole furlough watching the world series.

The rest of my enlistment was spent at Ellington AFB. I was discharged at the end of October 1952. I was recruited by the AF reserve in 1953, and enlisted in the 446th Troop Carrier Wing that was stationed at Ellington AFB. At that time the 446th troop was flying the old C46's. In 1959, they transitioned to the newer, bigger, better C119's. At that time I was promoted to Staff Sgt. And was on flying status as a flight engineer. I flew with them until 1965, when they were transferred to San Antonio. At that time I resigned, so I could spend more time with my family. I had logged over 1,500 hours of flying time while I was with troop 446.

Medals I received were: The Korean Service Medal, the Japanese Occupational Medal, the Reserve Status Airmen's Medal, the Flying Reserve Medal and the Korean Government Service Medal.

As a side note, my son, Eddie used to ask me what I did in the Korean War, I told him, **"I Survived!"**

CONDOLENCES

HOWARD HOGUN NATHAN, our good friend, passed away recently, after a long and painful battle with cancer. He was born on February 22, 1927 in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and left our world on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Howard graduated from Kemper Military Academy in Boonville, Missouri, he also attended SMU in Dallas. Howard proudly served his country in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Howard was preceded in death by two of his sons, Darrell and Mark Nathan. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Shirley (Punkie) Nathan, along with son Keith Nathan and his wife, Kim and grandson Brent Hayden, brothers, Vincent and Bill Nathan, and other relatives and all of his many friends in the Lone Star Chapter.



Howard was laid to rest on Tuesday, March 10th, with a large group of the Korean War Veterans and wives in attendance, including Bill McSwaine and Marvin Dunn.

Howard was the person that worked tirelessly with Sam Naomi, to help form the Department of Texas. To date there are 10 departments in the great State of Texas.

He will be greatly missed.

PLAY BALL— 13TH ANNUAL “HONOR ALL VETERANS DAY”

Our annual Ballgame at Minute Maid Field will be held this year on:

DATE: Saturday,, May 9th

GAME TIME: 6:05 pm

TEAMS: ASTROS VS SAN DIEGO PADRES

TICKET PRICE: \$11.00 each (Group price)

If you missed the cut-off date, you can still obtain your tickets. Just go to www.astros.com/veterans and type in the password - vets. It will all be explained on the web-site. The tickets will still be available to you at a discounted rate. Take advantage of the great opportunity and enjoy a great night of friends and baseball.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences are sent to fellow member, Charles Laird, on the recent death of his twin sister, Charlene Virginia Laird Couvillion, on March 8, 2009. She is survived by daughters & sons-in-law, Nancy & Joe Stiles, Peggy & David Matlock, two grandsons and Charles & Grace Laird. She is preceded in death by her husband Urban Couvillion in 2003. They had been married 56 years.

DOOR PRIZES - MARCH 19, 2009

Cort “Rocky” Gambino	Box of candy
Bob Hanks	Book
Forrest Robinson	Book
Ruby Ehrlund	Flag
Johnney Lee	2 books
Georgia Jackson	Candy
Bob Bighouse,	Book, candles
Jerry Riley	Bottle of Vanilla
Bob Ottis	Fresh lettuce
Johnney Lee	Calendar
Bob Mitchell	Eye glass case
Charlotte Henderson	Christmas wreath
Gracie Gambino	Eye glass case
Ruby Ehrlund	Fresh lettuce
Bob Hanks	Fresh lettuce
Bob Bighouse	Eye glass cases

The 50/50 drawing of \$32.50 was won by Bob Ottis. Bob generously donated his winnings to the patrol fund at the Houston V. A. Cemetery.

The items for the drawings were donated by: Marlene Susca, Bennie Younger, Wayne & Marilyn Harrison, Billie & Buddy Blair, and several anonymous donors.
Thank you everyone!!!

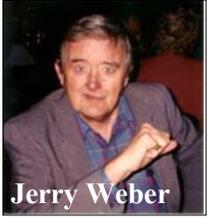
RAFFLE

Just a reminder - there will be a raffle at the April meeting. You can buy chances for a Presto Fold Away Griddle, A King Size Blanket and a Canon Power Shot Digital Camera.

You must be present to win.

Last summer, Franko Grochoske very generously organized the raffle of a “Rolex” watch. Over \$200. was collected and donated to the Chapter’s general fund. The watch was won by Ruby Ehrlund.

THANK YOU FRANKO



WHO WAS GERALD WEBER

05-09-1933—03-23-96

And why is there an award named after him?

Service Record

Jerry was a combat Veteran in Korea from September 1952 through July of 1953 and served aboard the USS Battleship Missouri and with the Communications Group Fifth Air Force Seoul-Korea. His Medals consisted of The Korean Service [with Four Battle Stars], United Nations, Japanese Occupation, China Service, U. S. Service, Korean Presidential Citation and the Good Conduct Medal.

Contributions To Texas Lone Star Chapter

It is widely accepted that Nat Young is the father of the Texas Lone Star Chapter. However along with Nat were several individuals who were there from the beginning. One of those men was Jerry Weber.

Attending that meeting were Nat Young, the First President of KWVA, Fred Ortiz Vice President, and Gerald Weber, Secretary/ Treasurer. What Nat didn't know at that time Weber was to become one of the most important of all of his appointments.

At sometime during the first few months, Jerry began to absorb many more important assignments. One being Chairman of a committee to erect a Veterans Memorial in Houston. Well Jerry, we completed that task for you, the chapter, and for the 1723 Texans killed in Korea. There is now a Memorial in Austin and one at the Houston National Cemetery.

He wrote the Warrior which in the first issue was named Kor-Vet. The second issue provided us with the Logo Korean War Veterans Association with Jerry as editor.

Besides being Secretary/Treasurer and Warrior Editor Jerry served on the Nominating Committee, was Quartermaster, Membership Chairman and also chairman of many committees formed by the President. Jerry held several of these positions at the same time. Many of which he held until the day he died. He was truly a devoted member of the TLSC.

In October 1993 the Chapter presented an outstanding award to Jerry: The Plaque read:

To Gerald Weber, Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors, Editor, Quartermaster and Membership Chairman, for 1000 wonders including unselfish service, devotion, and selfless dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

We Salute You!

On January 31, 2009, Texas Lone Star Chapter # 67 celebrated its eighteenth birthday. It has been 13 years since Jerry Weber's death, and you know what.....He still continues to inspire us!

We just thought you should know!

Researched through the files of the Warrior dated 1991-1996, By Sal Gambino

**Korean War Veterans Association
Texas Lone Star Chapter
Is Proud To Present
The Gerald Weber Distinguished Service Award To
Charles W. Laird**

Charles has been a role model since joining The Texas Lone Star Chapter many years ago.

After the death of Jerry Weber he served several years as Treasurer, a very important position during the time of re-organization of the Chapter. He conducted business with style and leadership removing any concerns as to the financial security of the Chapter. His work was exemplary!

For many years Charles has served as Chaplain and did so with distinction. He has always been active in Chapter activities and well respected among his peers. His style and temperament exemplifies what leadership is all about.

He proudly serves as a member of the Veterans on Patrol at the Houston National Cemetery and as Secretary of the National Cemetery Council of Houston.

Charles presently serves on the Board of Directors of T.L.S.C.

A man of God Charles is a true mentor in all respects and loved by everyone here at Texas Lone Star Chapter.

The Texas Lone Star Chapter and The Board of Directors are proud to present the Gerald Weber Award to Charles. W. Laird for his leadership and dedication this 19th day of March 2009.

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Carlos E. Ballard**

Carlos served on the Board of Directors for several years prior to being elected President and serving from 2002–2003.

He worked with Howard Nathan to create the Department of Texas for the 10 Texas Chapters and became the first President of this group. He was also instrumental in organizing the first and most successful State Convention in Austin, Texas.

He worked diligently to obtain a most important document, a “Proclamation from the City of Houston honoring all veterans”.

Carlos has always been dependable and recently when T.L.S.C. was in need of a President, he offered his leadership and is presently serving a second term for the year of 2008-2009.

He has served with the Color Guard, at funerals, parades, the Speakers bureau and is presently participating in the many activities of T.L.S.C. including the “Veterans on Patrol Team” at the Houston National Cemetery.

Carlos has been a long standing faithful member and through his unselfish commitment has provided prominent leadership for the chapter. He is a church leader and loving family member.

The Texas Lone Star Chapter and The Board of Directors are proud to present the Gerald Weber Award to

Carlos E. Ballard for his leadership and dedication, this 19th day of March 2009.

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Robert C. Hanks**

Robert [Bob] Hanks became a member of The Texas Lone Star Chapter in March 1993 and from that moment on became heavily involved in T. L. S. C. activities. He was elected to the Board of Directors and served in that capacity for several years.

An expert computer operator he is capable of designing the most intricate of programs. He designed the most elaborate computerized member database for the Texas Lone Star Chapter and has continually kept this program updated. He trained our Warrior Editor in database usage which allows T. L. S. C. to process and save information on it's members and have that information ready at the request of a member. These technical programs are so essential and vital to everyday operations of our Chapter.

He chaired the Committee to modernize and update Chapter Bylaws, planned and designed a most professional program for the Texas Korean War Veterans Memorial Dedication and most recently for the Dedication of the World War II Memorial.

For over 15 years he has operated in the background and his activities were unknown to most members. Because of his knowledge and devotion Bob has contributed to the continuous growth and stability of T. L. S. C.

Bob is a proud Marine and an active member of the Chosin Few and until recently wrote and produced their newsletter and kept the database on their membership.

Bob is an effective and loyal T. L. S. C. member who always comes through when called upon to solve intricate problems.

The Texas Lone Star Chapter and The Board of Directors are proud to present the Gerald Weber Award to Robert C. Hanks for his leadership and dedication this 19th day of March 2009.

**Rose Parade Committee Invites
Conroe High School Band**

Excitement is in the air at Conroe High School, for the band has been invited to participate in the world's greatest parade, the Tournament of Roses Parade. It will be a once in a lifetime experience for one excited member of the band, saxophonist, Riley Elliott, 15, grandson of Henry and Eva Martinez.

After more than twenty years, the Conroe High School band has been invited to participate in the 121st Tournament of Roses Parade, on January 1, 2010 in Pasadena, California. The first time the band was invited was in 1986, and they were the only band representing the State of Texas. The band was officially notified by letter by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association in October 2008. They were selected to participate based on footage and photographs from its 2007-2008 marching program. The selection was made by the Association's Music Committee to participate because of the bands "excellent musical talents, performance skills, efforts and outstanding directorship. The 200-member band is directed by Band Director Bobby Heathcock. To learn more about the Riley Elliott CSH band, go to bheathcock@conroeisd.net

REVISIT KOREA TOUR

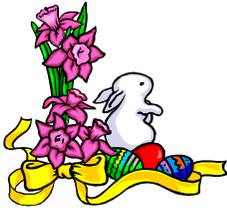
The revisit Korea tour date has changed to
14 May through 26 May, 2009

Little Johnny asked his Grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought for a moment, and then said, "and how old would you be if you let go?"

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