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

## MARCH MEETING & ELECTION



Our March meeting was a great success. There was a good turn-out of members and guests, (maybe the fact that food was served, was a contributing factor). Our March meeting is traditionally, election night with a pot luck dinner and the awarding of the Gerry Weber award.



Our winners of the Gerry Weber Award were two well deserving gentlemen. Don Napp and Buddy Blair. Nelda Napp was present to support Don. Buddy had his family present to help him celebrate.



Don Napp admires his new award as Carlos Ballard looks on.



Buddy Blair listens as Carlos Ballard reads proclamation for the Gerry Weber Award

Present were his wife Billie, son Randy with his wife Wanda, daughter Taylor and son Jonathan Blair. Daughter Ann Findley and her daughter Fanchon Findley. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO HELP CELEBRATE.



Hank Dauman Treasurer  
Travis Riley Director  
Vito Susca 2nd V. P.

Our new officers are:  
Vito Susca—2nd Vice President,  
Hank Dauman—Treasurer  
Travis Riley—Director.  
Stoney Stone—Director

**CONGRATULATIONS GENTLEMEN!**

THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE  
IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS.

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## 14TH ANNUAL "HONOR ALL VETERANS DAY" AT THE BALLPARK



Our annual Ballgame at Minute Maid Field will be held this year. We will be in the Outfield Mezzanine once again.

**WHEN: Saturday, May 22nd.**

**TIME: 6:05 pm**

**OPPONENT: Tampa Bay Buccaneers.**

**TICKETS: \$12.00 EACH**



### The theme this year will be the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War.

Our honorees will be five Korean War Veterans, from our Chapter, one from each branch of service. The Chapter Board of Directors has select the five honorees, and the honorees are:

ROD RAMSEY	ARMY
TRAVIS RILEY	NAVY
LEE HENDERSON	MARINES
BUDDY BLAIR	AIR FORCE
SAL GAMBINO	COAST GUARD

The Color Guard will be comprised of 10 men:

BOB BIGHOUSE	U. S. FLAG
BOB MITCHELL	TEXAS FLAG
JOHN JACKSON	KOREAN FLAG
DON NAPP	P.O.W. FLAG
MANNY CARNERO	CHAPTER FLAG
JIM DUNCAN	ARMY FLAG
HANK DAUMAN	NAVY FLAG
TOM MIXON	MARINE FLAG
WAYNE HARRISON	AIR FORCE FLAG
CHARLES LAIRD	COAST GUARD FLAG

**HONOREES & COLOR GUARD, PLEASE ARRIVE BY 5 PM AT TEXAS @ HAMILTON, UNDER THE CLOCK.**

Henry Martinez is the coordinator of the Color Guard and the Honorees for the game.

Bob Mitchell has been working with the Astro's, coordinating the tickets and seating arrangement.

The official photographers for the Chapter will be: JOHNNY LEE and CHARLOTTE HENDERSON  
Councilman James Rodriquez will represent City Hall.

**The cutoff date for all orders was March 31st.** Bob Mitchell will purchase the block of tickets right after March 31st and distribute them at the April General Meeting, April 15th. **If you missed this deadline** and still want to go, you can still obtain discount tickets. The Astro's have set up a special website just for this game, [www.astros.com/veterans](http://www.astros.com/veterans). You can order up to 2 hours before game time, depending on availability.

Even if you've never gone before, consider going this time because the real honorees that day will be all of **YOU**. Bring your family, friends and neighbors, all are welcome to attend. The more the merrier. Plan to join us for this special day, and let's have a really big turnout and fill that stadium with Korean Vets and family.

**SEE YOU AT THE BALLPARK!!**

## **60th ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY IN AUSTIN**

Arrangements are have been made and finalized for the 60th Anniversary Ceremony to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War, to be held in Austin at the Korean War Memorial on the State Capital Grounds

**WHEN:** Friday, June 25, 2010, 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** Korean War Memorial, State Capital Grounds, Austin, Tx.

**WHO:** All Korean Veterans, and their guests are invited!



Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. The principal speaker will be retired General Robert Ivany, President of St. Thomas University in Houston. The Governor and other prominent State Officials have also been invited, as well as the Honorable Yun-Soo-Cho, South Korean Consul General and Dr. Koh, Pres. Of Samsung, Austin. Remember, **All Korean Veterans** and their **guests** are invited, regardless of whether or not they belong to any organization. All Chapter members are encouraged to attend.

Arrangements have been made by Bob Mitchell, with the Drury Inn & Suites, 6711 IH 35 North, Austin, Texas 78752, for a block of rooms on June 24th and/or June 25th. Group rates will be discounted to \$80 to \$85 per night, down from the normal of \$109 to \$119. To make reservations online, go to [www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com), click on **Book it Fast**, then enter group number **2084795**. To make reservations by telephone call 1-800-325-0720. Specify the hotel location and reference the Group name—Korean War Veterans. The hotel provides a free hot breakfast buffet. The cutoff date to make your reservation is **Monday, May 24th**.

There will be buses provided by Samsung from the Hotel to the Capital grounds and back to the Hotel. The buses will leave the Hotel at 10 am. Don't miss the bus, as there is little or no parking at the Capital grounds.

## **DINNER COMMEMORATING THE 60th ANNIVERSARY**

The Greater Houston Chapter #33, Reserve Officers Association (ROA) in cooperation with the Lone Star Chapter, Korean War Veterans, will host a dinner on Saturday 19 June 2010, to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War.

**WHERE:** Houston Marriott Westchase Hotel  
2900 Briarpark Drive

Houston, Tx.,

(just South of Westheimer and inside Beltway 8)

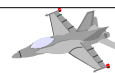
**WHEN:** Assembly: 6:30, Dinner at 7 PM

**COST:** \$40.00 per person

The Honorary Chairman for the evening will be Major General Bob Crosser, Korean War vet, former CG of Houston's 75th Training Division. The Guest speaker for the evening will be Col. Ralph M. Hockley, AUS-Ret., who as a 2nd Lt Artillery with the 2nd Infantry Division, landed in Korea on 4 August 1950. The topic will be: **"60 years ago, the Korean War began: Background and Conflict"**.

All members of the Lone Star Chapter, their families and friends are invited to attend. It is recommended that Korean War veterans wear their decorations on their suit coat or blazers for the occasion. The Korean Consul General will be invited and members of the Korean community are welcome.


Reservations blanks will be published in the May newsletter.




## ***“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2009 to July 2010”***

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 2010 issue. Be sure and have your name included. Fill in the sponsor card, seen below, or included in your July, 2010 newsletter, (those that are mailed) and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson**

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### **A TRIP TO COSTCO**

Yesterday I was at my local COSTCO buying a large bag of Purina Dog Chow for my loyal pet, Biscuit, the Wonder Dog and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had, an elephant? So since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IV's in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete, so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horried, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter and a car hit us both.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Costco won't let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.

### **In Memory of —**

Ammerman, Dan  
 Ballard, Dorothy  
 Barbee, Betty  
 Bergen, Sandy  
 Brast, Weldon L678  
 Christiansen, John  
 Craigmill, Ross WWII  
 Daumann, Arlene  
 Fuhrman, Juanita  
 Hogue, Thomas  
 Illanne, Edward  
 William, Deer with -  
 Horns, died 7/51 POW  
 Lebaron, Eddie  
 Nathan, Howard  
 O'Flynn, John J.

Olivarez, Manuel  
 R040066  
 Russell, Roy  
 Sicola, Louis & Charlie  
 Sikkley, Leland  
 Sloan, Story  
 Treadwell, Marvin  
 Wray, Ewing  
 Urquhart, Sam  
 Fall of O.P. Berlin 7/53  
 God Bless our Troops

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

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**“Warrior” Sponsor**  
**I want to be a sponsor of the Warrior for**  
**July 2009-July 2010**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



# 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, 2010**

Thomas Boren	M178	Bob Mitchell	M361
Lemuel Pickle	M756	Edward Sax	M832
Vinton Sholl	M419	Bennie Younger	M525

## RENEWALS

Ray Cipriano	Bill Moore
Don Napp	

## WORTHY ENDEVER

There is one of our members that is undertaking a monumental job. Bill Craigmill, a member that lives in Canada, spends his winters in the Philippines. (His wife is from the Philippines) His last trip there, he discovered that the monument to veterans in the Province of Guimaras, the Municipality of Buena vista is neglected. This is a monument to the fallen hero's of WWII and Korea. He has made it his mission to change that.

He normally returns to the Philippines in the fall, when the weather in Canada begins to turn cold. (He can't handle the cold any more, and enjoys the warmth of the Philippines.) This year he is returning in July, because of the mass amount of work to be done. He is helping the Mayor to organize the people to clean up the monument area and restore it to the original condition.



The Mayor, with Bill's help is planning a ceremony at the site on November 11th, but they need help. One of our members, Travis Riley has stated that he would try to obtain poppies for Bill to distribute there. An American flag is also needed, along with a recording of the National Anthem, and he would like a banner, like the one used at our parades and ceremonies. He also needs funds to help pay for all the work that needs to be done. Bill hopes that this year, with the help of numerous people and the Lone Star Chapter, the Veterans Day Celebration on November 11th, will be one that the people in the region will finally remember those that helped to free their country.

**PLEASE HELP THIS WORTHY CAUSE...**

## APRIL

- 1st - Board Meeting - 5 pm
- 2nd - GOOD FRIDAY
- 4th - EASTER
- 15th - General Meeting - 6pm
- 24th - San Jacinto Day Festival

## MAY

- 6th - Board Meeting - 5pm
- 9th - MOTHER'S DAY
- 15th - ARMED FORCES DAY
- 20th - General Meeting - 6pm
- 31st - MEMORIAL DAY

## JUNE

- 3rd - Board Meeting
- 14th - FLAG DAY
- 14th - BIRTHDAY OF U.S.ARMY
- 17th - General Meeting
- 18th - SOCKS - V.A. HOSPITAL
- 20th - FATHER'S DAY
- 21st - Summer Begins

## MEETING TIME ?

### What time should the meeting start?

At this months board meeting, it was suggested that we move the meeting time back to 4:30 PM.

The **advantage** of the earlier start time would be:

That we could drive to and from the meeting, for most of the year, during the daylight hours.

One **disadvantage** would be that this time might conflict with the members that meet and have dinner in the area, prior to the meeting.

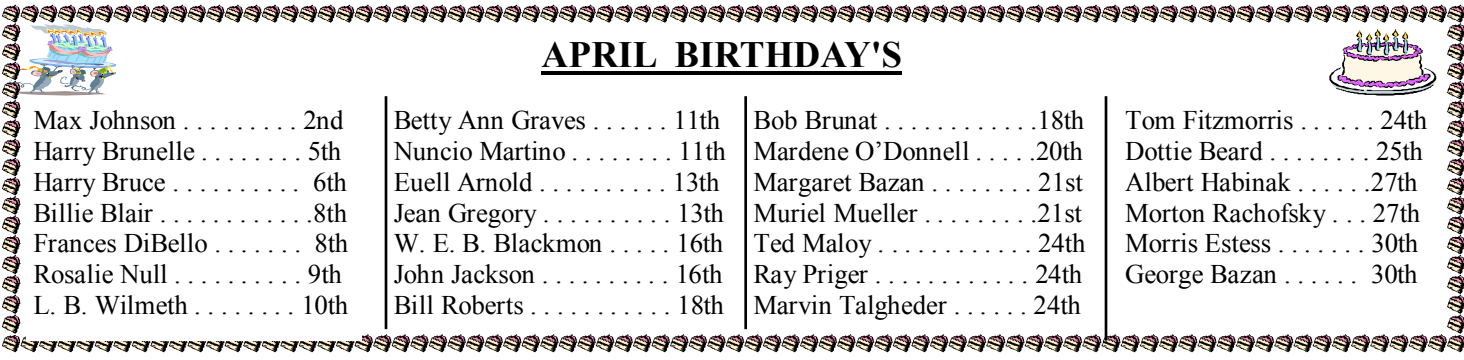
**Let us know what you think!** This item will be on the agenda, and be put to a vote at the meeting on April 15th.

Join us at the meeting to vote on your opinion of the meeting time.

You don't just luck into things; you build step by step, whether it's friendships or opportunities.

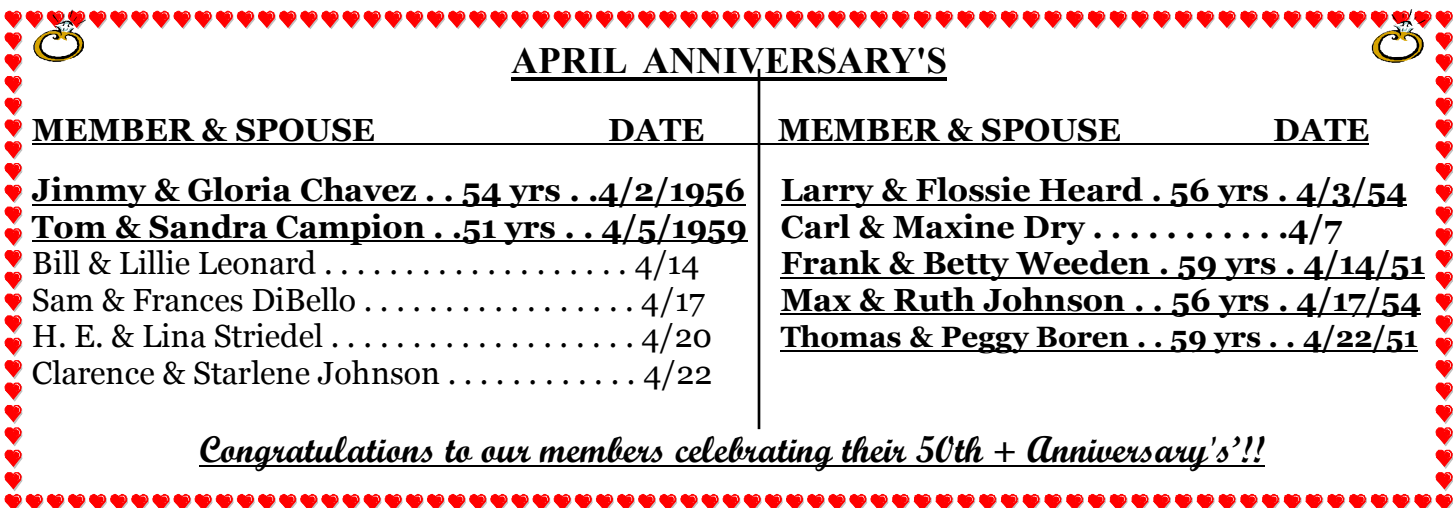
*Barbara Bush*





## APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Max Johnson . . . . . 2nd	Betty Ann Graves . . . . . 11th	Bob Brunat . . . . . 18th	Tom Fitzmorris . . . . . 24th
Harry Brunelle . . . . . 5th	Nuncio Martino . . . . . 11th	Mardene O'Donnell . . . . . 20th	Dottie Beard . . . . . 25th
Harry Bruce . . . . . 6th	Euell Arnold . . . . . 13th	Margaret Bazan . . . . . 21st	Albert Habinak . . . . . 27th
Billie Blair . . . . . 8th	Jean Gregory . . . . . 13th	Muriel Mueller . . . . . 21st	Morton Rachofsky . . . . . 27th
Frances DiBello . . . . . 8th	W. E. B. Blackmon . . . . . 16th	Ted Maloy . . . . . 24th	Morris Estess . . . . . 30th
Rosalie Null . . . . . 9th	John Jackson . . . . . 16th	Ray Priger . . . . . 24th	George Bazan . . . . . 30th
L. B. Wilmeth . . . . . 10th	Bill Roberts . . . . . 18th	Marvin Talgheder . . . . . 24th	



## APRIL ANNIVERSARY'S

<u>MEMBER &amp; SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER &amp; SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<b><u>Jimmy &amp; Gloria Chavez . . 54 yrs . . 4/2/1956</u></b>		<b><u>Larry &amp; Flossie Heard . 56 yrs . 4/3/54</u></b>	
<b><u>Tom &amp; Sandra Campion . . 51 yrs . . 4/5/1959</u></b>		<b><u>Carl &amp; Maxine Dry . . . . . 4/7</u></b>	
Bill & Lillie Leonard . . . . . 4/14		<b><u>Frank &amp; Betty Weeden . 59 yrs . 4/14/51</u></b>	
Sam & Frances DiBello . . . . . 4/17		<b><u>Max &amp; Ruth Johnson . . 56 yrs . 4/17/54</u></b>	
H. E. & Lina Striedel . . . . . 4/20		<b><u>Thomas &amp; Peggy Boren . . 59 yrs . . 4/22/51</u></b>	
Clarence & Starlene Johnson . . . . . 4/22			

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

**DOOR PRIZES MARCH, 2010**

Because of the length of the meeting, there were no door prizes at the March meeting.

**VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL WEBSITE**

This is a very interesting website. You can click on a person a read about them. Very touching.

Someone spent a lot of time on this and it is truly remarkable. This website is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Viet Nam war, with the names, bio's and other information on our lost comrades. It is a very interesting link, and those who served in that time frame and/or lost friends or family, can look them up on this site.

First click on a state.....then when it opens a city.....and names.....then it should show you a picture of the person or at least his bio and medals.....

[Http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm](http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Hi Lee:  
 Here is my membership dues. I really enjoy the warrior. Keep up the Good Work.

*Albert Hollan*

**Franko Grochoske** received this email recently:  
 I am a disabled veteran, who started collecting military patches from Air Force and Army Air Corp's units after retiring from the Air Force. Hopefully, you kept some a squadron or group patches from your time with the 51st FIW that you would be willing to send me for my collection. I collect from WWII to present day units, so any patch or patches you send will be greatly appreciated and will become an asset to my collection. I served at eleven different bases during my Air Force career and only wished I had started collecting many years ago as it is getting difficult to find patched. Although my main interest is patches, I collect all type of memorabilia (flight jackets, uniforms, wings, DI's) so anything you send will be greatly appreciated. *Jim Petty, MSgt. (Ret), USAF*  
*email: MARDWA@knology.net*

**FUN FACT**

A typical pencil can write 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

**Patty & Sal Gambino** are improving, but were unable to attend our monthly meeting. *We missed you at the meeting, hopefully we'll see you at the April meeting.*

**Betty Duncan** was hospitalized recently. She's better and now at home.

**Charlotte Henderson** recently had a severe infection in her leg. It seems to have started with a swollen spider vein that may have burst, a scratch on the skin that allowed bacteria to enter it. The infection is almost gone, after 3 1/2 weeks, it will be nice to no longer have occasional sharp pain in the ankle, and the swelling to go down.

**Billie Harper** wife of member Jess Harper, twisted her ankle 3 weeks ago. She is upset that it still hasn't gone back to normal. *I guess we all have to remember that we don't heal as quickly as we did when we were young.*

*If there were any other members or family members that were ill and we were not notified, we hope you are better now.*

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Make your plans early. The date for the annual Christmas Party has been set. Mark your calendar for **December 18th**. The place will be once again at the Monument Inn. We have had two very successful parties there and the decision was made to return.

### SOCKS & CAPS

On Friday, March 19th, the new scheduled distribution of socks and caps took place. The turn out was very disappointing. There were only 3 men that showed up... Buddy Blair, Jim Duncan and Lee Henderson. As a result, only three floors had socks distributed. It was very sad that more did not attend. Another case of thinking someone else will be there, it didn't happen. Come on men, let's have a better turn out next time. Remember, we distribute socks & caps 4 times a year, every quarter.

The future dates are:

June 18th  
Sept. 17th  
Dec. 17th

**SEE YOU NEXT TIME!!!**

**Tact is the ability to close your mouth before someone else wants to.**

### OBITUARY



Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of **STEPHEN J. MONTELLO**, LIFE MEMBER I-497. Stephen was born Sept 20, 1930 and passed away 1 April 2010. He is survived by his wife Caroline of 58 years, 4 children, Anthony, Phyllis, Stephanie, and Johnny, 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

He was an Air Force Sergeant and a Cartoonist for the military paper, during the Korean War.

A Rosary service was held on Tuesday evening 6 April 2010 @ St. Thomas More Catholic Church. A Funeral mass was held Wednesday, April 7 with graveside Burial services was held on Wednesday, 7 April 2010 @ Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

### TEXAS HISTORY

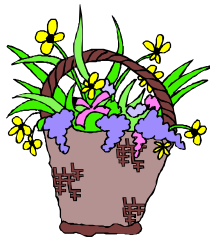
Celebrate the battle that won Texas' Independence in 1836. On Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the San Jacinto Day Festival offers a full day of living history camps, period demonstrations, family entertainment, children's activities, and much more. In the afternoon, hundreds of historical re-enactors gather at the San Jacinto Battleground to stage the state's largest battle reenactment. **FREE TO THE PUBLIC.**

Inside the monument is a museum, plus guests can take the famous 489 foot ride to the top of the Monument. *(Lee Henderson attended the dedication April 21, 1939. His sister performed with the Milby High Band.)*

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