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

VALENTINE'S

WARNING - This is a notice to the male members of the Chapter. You are on your own this Valentine Day. The decision at the January meeting was to skip the Valentine Party for the chapter, this year. We are to concentrate our energies on the dinner and elections coming up in March. This means that **each of you** need to be sure that the Lady in your life is given the proper gift(s) and attention on Valentine, without our help.



MARCH MEETING.....



That is the bad news. The good news is that a pot luck dinner will be held before the Meeting and elections on March 18th. Christine Carnero has volunteered to organize the dinner in March, on one condition. That condition is that we recognize that day, as a carry over from St. Patrick's Day, and we agreed. (Someone told Christine that, if the Irish are up to their usual antics, they won't know when the 17th ended, and the 18th began.)



So remember to wear your green whatever to the March meeting, and we will give a prize to the outstanding Leprechaun.



The March meeting is ELECTION meeting, which means that we need you to participate and vote. There are two director positions open, as their two year term expires in 2010. (There will be ballots in the next newsletter).

DON'T FORGET, NO VALENTINE LUNCHEON OR DINNER THIS YEAR!

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



Our annual Ballgame at Minute Maid Field will be held this year on Saturday, May 22nd. Game time will be 6:05PM. The Astros will be hosting the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



We will be in the Outfield Mezzanine once again, Section 253. The Astros have reserved 140 seats for us, but will give us more if needed. Our group price for the tickets is \$12. each.

The theme this year will be the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War. Our honorees will be five Korean War Veterans, one from each branch of service. The Chapter Board of Directors will select the five honorees.



If you wish to sit with other Chapter members, make your check out to Bob Mitchell for the number of tickets you want times \$12. each. Tickets for this block of seats will be sold from February 1 through March 31st. You can bring your check to the General Meeting on February 18th, or to the General Meeting on March 18th, and sign up, or mail it to the Chapter P.O. Box, attn: Bob Mitchell-Baseball. **The cutoff date for all orders is March 31st.** Bob will purchase the block of tickets right after March 31st and distribute them at the April General Meeting, April 15th.

Your family, friends and neighbors are all welcome to attend as well. The more the merrier. Plan to join us for this special day, and let's have a really big turnout for our Chapter

THE BALLARD'S NEW GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER



Christi with her girls!

We are very excited about the birth of their second great-granddaughter, Kaylee Ann Reuber, and want to share the good news with all of you. Kaylee was born on the cold and snowy morning of January 4th, 2010 in Germany. She weighed 7'11", both Mom and baby are fine, and of course, she is beautiful, only bad thing is we have not been able to see her yet, just pictures and have heard her on the phone. Parents, Christie and Tucker Reuber are both in the Air Force, stationed at Ramstein AFB and will be there for 3 more years. Christie is our granddaughter and the mother of our first great-granddaughter, Cailynn Elizabeth who is now 3. We plan a trip to Germany early this spring and we cannot wait to see them !!

Carlos & Martha

UNSUALLY SIGNS.....

In a Nonsmoking Area:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

In a Restaurant window:

"Don't stand there and be hungry; com on in and get fed up."

TVC LEADERS BRIEF TLSC MEMBERS

By Jim Duncan

As announced in the January 2010 Warrior, our program speakers for the January meeting were Jim Nier, Executive Director and Jim Richman, State Director of Claims Representation & Counseling of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC). Their presentations were excellent and very informative. It was quickly obvious that both Jims are truly dedicated veterans advocates. Their sincerity and commitment to serving Veterans are without question.

Jim Nier gave an overview of the overall TVC program, how it has grown from being strictly Disability Claims Representation, Appeals and Counseling and Training of County Veterans Service Officers to now include assisting Veterans in obtaining Education Benefits such as the GI Bill, on the Job Training and the Hazelwood Act, and providing Veterans Employment Services for Veterans. Further, he told us that the new Texas Lottery Veterans scratch off ticket which kicked off last fall has already resulted in \$2,000,000 in funds to be used by TVC in grants only to be used in fulfilling many currently unmet needs of Texas Veterans and their families. Current projections forecast that on an annual basis this program should generate \$9,000,000 for TVC grants to be used specifically in helping meet the unmet needs of Texas Veterans and their families.

Jim Nier has been Executive Director of TVC since 1998. He is a retired U.S. Command Sgt. Major and past National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Jim Richman has been with TVC for over 23 years having come up through the ranks within TVC. His knowledge regarding Claims Representation and Counseling and his dedication to assisting Veterans and their families were quickly proven by his message and his responses to the many questions he was asked. One of the key points that Jim drove home was that the VA process as to disability claims continues to get more complex every year. His strong advice was: **do not represent yourself in filing claims with the VA.** Use someone who does this as a full time paid counselor. It is impossible to keep up with the changes in VA policy, procedures, and requirements unless you are dealing with it on a full time basis. He urged all of us take advantage of TVC service that is provided at no cost to any Veteran who has been discharged in any category other than a dishonorable discharge.

TVC Houston Regional Office is located in the VA Houston Regional Office Bldg at the Michael DeBakey Medical Center. Overall staff of 20 includes 13 Veterans Counselors.

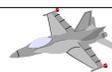
The TVC website is: www.tvc.state.tx.us/ .It also may be reached through our Chapter website utilizing the "Links" sub menu.

V. A. HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT CLINICS

In our January issue, we listed the new outpatient clinics. There was a lot of interest in this information, so we have a bit more information for you.....

Joe Glass from Lufkin wrote to let us know about the new Charles Wilson VA Outpatient Clinic, which opened in 2009. It is a wonderful, modern 35,000 square foot facility It has a new 50 passenger bus to transport East Texas veterans to and from the Houston VA Hospital every weekday.

The Conroe Clinic is located at 800 River wood Court, Suite 100, Conroe, Tx., 77304. Their phone is 936-522-4000



“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, 2009 newsletter, (those that are mailed) and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson**

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THERE IS A NEW VIRUS called “WORK”. If you receive WORK from your colleagues, your boss or anyone else via e-mail, do not respond. This virus wipes our your private life completely.

A MAN WAS FED UP with his wife, so he packed up his stuff and moved into the garage. Although the couple seldom spoke, he continued to mow the lawn, take out the garbage and fix the cars, while she cooked meals, vacuumed and did the laundry.

Months later, the man met a friend for drinks. “Things don’t seem to be going any better.” his friend remarked. “Why don’t you just move out?” “Well, if you really want to know the truth,” the man explained, “she makes a darn good neighbor.”

GOOD JUDGEMENT comes from experience, Experience comes from bad judgment.

A POLICEMAN stopped a motorist for driving down a one-way street. “Just where do you think you’re going?” the policeman asked.

“I don’t know, but I figure I must be late,” the confused driver replied. “Everyone else is already coming back.”

A LITTLE BOY went to the dentist, who discovered he had a cavity that would have to be filled. “Now, young man.” the dentist asked. “what kind of filling would you like for that tooth?” “Chocolate, please,” the boy replied.



In Memory of —

Ammerman, Dan
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 Barbee, Betty
 Bergen, Sandy
 Brast, Weldon L678
 Christiansen, John
 Craigmill, Ross WWII
 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
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 Sikkley, Leland
 Sloan, Story
 Treadwell, Marvin
 Wray, Ewing
 Urquhart, Sam
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 God Bless our Troops

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

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Membership Chapter & Other Events

TIME TO RENEW

Dues are \$20.00 - Life Membership \$200.00 – Send renewal to KWVA – P O Box 802541 – Houston TX 77280-2541.

The following memberships are due February 1, 2010

Ray Cipriano	M159	W. L. Moore	M785
Joe Romano	M354		

RENEWALS

Ralph DeCoste	Richard Harris
Don Riess	Marvin Talghader
Rudy Weisar	

NEW MEMBER:

George Conrad M-836

WELCOME !!!

FEBRUARY

2nd - Ground Hog Day
4th - **Board Meeting - 5 pm**
14th - Valentine's Day
15th - Presidents' Day
17th - Ash Wednesday
18th - **General Meeting - 6 pm**

MARCH

4th - **Board Meeting - 5 pm**
14th - **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
17th - St. Patrick's Day
18th - **General Meeting - 6 pm**
20th - First Day of Spring
28th - Palm Sunday
30th - First Day of Passover

MILITARY RECORDS

As a result of our January meeting, several people have been inquiring about how to obtain their military records. One of the speakers, Mr. Jim Richmon, was very helpful and supplied the address of The Office for Military Records.

NATIONAL PERSONAL CENTER
(Military Personal Records)
9700 PAGE AVE.
ST. LOUIS, MO. 63132

There is a form that needs to be filled out, that they can supply.

Henry Martinez supplied additional information, there is a website to access:

MILITARY RECORDS WEBSITE:
www.kwva.org from the home page, click on "HOW TO REQUEST MILITARY RECORDS OR PROVE MILITARY SERVICE" - Follow Instructions.

You may also try your local Congressional Representative. If not successful in getting them in St. Louis, also try the:

National Archives and Record Adm.
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD. 20740-6001
(1) 866-272-6272

They have records stored on Microfiche.

Note: Most of the records burned were Air Force. Army records were just scorched.

ZICAM COLD REMEDY

This is an account from a person that used Zicam for a cold. "I felt a cold coming on, so before I went to bed I used Zicam Cold Remedy Nasal Gel. It's supposed to help you 'get over your cold faster.' Immediately after I sprayed it into each nostril I felt the most horrific burning sensation imaginable. It literally felt like I had sprayed pepper spray directly into my brain. It burned all the way to the top of my skull. My nasal passages swelled, my eyes watered—the burning lasted all night, and long into the next day.

After about a day, I realized I couldn't taste anything and I thought, 'Wow—I must really have a bad cold.' Then I noticed that I couldn't smell coffee brewing, couldn't smell my perfume when I put it on, couldn't smell the popcorn I burned, couldn't smell my favorite candle. I panicked and starting smelling everything that I could find that had really strong odors—ammonia, finger nail polish remover, bleach, etc. I couldn't smell ANYTHING! I started tasking everything that had really strong tastes such as HOT salsa, raw red onions, Doritos, coffee. I couldn't taste ANYTHING!

I told my mother about this and she said, 'Oh, I've heard Zicam can affect your Olfactory nerve.' I went online, typed in 'Zicam side effects' and bam—up popped all sorts of web sites with people reporting the same thing I experienced. It seems that this past June, Zicam pulled the swabs for adults and children off the shelf but not the nasal gel.

My doctor said the Zicam has basically 'FRIED' my Olfactory nerve and the results are most likely permanent. He put me on a strong dose of a steroid called Prednisone in hopes of recovering ANY bit of the nerve damage, but he told me to 'take this and pray'. He said he had read about the side effects and couldn't believe it is still on the shelf. It isn't FDA approved."



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Emma Hinojosa 2/1	Bill Leonard 2/5	Bob Hanks 2/13	Peggy Hanks 2/23
Charlotte Henderson . . . 2/2	Margie Conrad 2/7	Carl Dry 2/14	MSGR Paul Procella . . 2/23
Sandra Campion 2/3	Joe Mueller 2/7	Evelyn Stone 2/15	Roberta Starlin 2/24
Sam DiBello 2/3	Tom Campion 2/8	Joe Gaambino 2/15	Francisco Garza 2/25
LaVonne Johnson 2/3	Gwendolyn Owens 2/8	Helma Hinojosa 2/17	Ed Sax 2/26
Floyd Pendarvis 2/3	Norma Hall 2/10	Mary Alice Correa 2/17	Jim Brown 2/27
Richard Wilson 2/3	Beatrice Munguia 2/11	Johnnie Marie Smith . . . 2/18	

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
James & Mardene O'Donnell . 57 yrs .	2/1/1953	Ed & Connie Singleton . . 58 yrs .	2/2/1952
Billy & Millie Middleton	2/6	Clarence & Stella Sperbeck	2/7
Franko & Betty Grochoske	2/9	Harry & Louise Brunelle	2/11
Tom & Barbara Mixon . . 52 yrs .	2/11/1958	Vincent & Lucy Aquilera	2/14
Herbert & Junelle Nittsche	2/27	Donald & Patricia Lawrence	2/28

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

DOOR PRIZES JAN. 2010 MEETING

Due to a time limit at our meeting place, we were unable to have our drawing for door prizes. The many donated items will on display for your choice at the February meeting.

We did have a drawing for the 50/50 money. The winner was Marianne Younger. Marianne graciously donated her winnings to the Warrior. *Thank you Marianne.*

QUARTERMASTER

John Jackson

Thank you for your support by purchasing K.W.V. merchandise We have numerous items that you can purchase by:

PHONE: 713-733-6544 (John Jackson)

WEBSITE: kwvahouston.org

Or in person at our meetings.

Get your K.W.V.A. caps, Polo Shirts, (white or blue) some veteran hat pins and Chapter patches. We have blue baseball caps on sale: \$11.00 each

ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK.....

"We repair what your husband fixed..."

CORRESPONDENCE:

Eloise Illanne sent a check in memory of Edward, but noticed his name was no longer listed, also to send her warrior to her e-mail rather than mailing. *Eloise, thank you for your note. The list of donors is changed every year. Ed's name is now on the list and your email address has been sent to the webmaster. You will be notified when it is ready to be viewed.*

Ralph DeCoste sends Best Wishes to all members for a Holy and Happy Christmas and a successful 2010. Our local unit, No. 24, of the Korean War Veterans Assn of Canada had its Honours and Awards Night in late November and it was a huge success. We meet monthly at noon time to accommodate those of us who have difficulty driving at night. The membership declines annually due to us getting older. The unit will one day fall to zero because only those who served in Korea during and for one year after Armistice Day can belong. We still remember with pleasure when Bill & Karen Hare visited us here in Chilliwack and my wife & I also remember with much pleasure our visit with Sam & Jennie Urquhart to your chapter and the kindness shown us during our visit. Carlos and Martha Ballard, Lee and Charlotte Henderson and Bill and Karen Hare come to mind for all the generous gestures they showed us during the visit. *Thank you for the kind letter. Best wishes to you and your wife..*

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Mickey Spencer is residing at the Tranquility House, 9006 Poco, Houston, Tx. 77080. This is an assisted living home. Mickey is in room 8 behind the main house, and his windows look out over the courtyard. He loves visitors, so if you have a minute, drop by and see him.

Franko Grochoske was recently a patient at the VA Hospital. He had a simple procedure done, which so far is a success. He's home and doing great.. *Glad you're doing better. You did look better at the meeting, Betty is doing a great job of taking care of you.*

Patty Gambino had ankle surgery recently. The results were not the ones she wanted. The surgeon had to go to plan B. The healing will take longer than planned, in the meantime she cannot put any weight on her foot, she is using a wheelchair, with a hard cast on her ankle and Sal is doubling as a nurse. **Sal** in the meantime discovered that he will be taking treatment himself for several months. *You two are very strong and you will recover and come out stronger. Good luck!*

Robert Ottis was recently a patient at MD Anderson Hospital. His good news is that with surgery and treatment, he is now cancer free. *That is truly remarkable news. Congratulations.*

Vito and Marlene Susca took to the high seas. On Sunday, January 24th, they took a cruise to Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and Cozimel. *We hope you took plenty of pictures and memories, so you can share with your friends.*

CONDOLENCES



We extend our sincere condolences to the family & friends of member **Charles E. Critchell, Jr. L-21.** Charles (Chuck) passed away on Dec. 30, 2009. The services were held for the family on January 7, 2010 in Victoria, Tx.

(We were notified of Mr. Critchell's passing by his friend and fellow TLSC member, Les Fuhrman.) *Thank you Les.*

NEW YEAR GREETING

I want to tell you that there were probably many, many times this past year when I may have disturbed you. Troubled you, pestered you, irritated you, bugged you. Or otherwise gotten on your nerves for input on the newsletter.

So today I just wanted to tell you.....

SUCK IT UP CUPCAKE!

Because there are NO CHANGES planned for the next year!

A MIRROR OR A 2-WAY GLASS?

How can you tell when you are in a room, restroom, motel etc. with a mirror or a 2-way glass? Here's how: I thought it was quite interesting! And I know in about 30 seconds you're going to do what I did and find the nearest mirror.

Do you know how to determine if a mirror is 2-way or not? A policewoman who travels all over the US and gives seminars and techniques for businesswomen passed this on.

When we visit toilets, bathrooms, hotel rooms, changing rooms, etc., how many of you know for sure that the seemingly ordinary mirror hanging on the wall is a real mirror, or actually a 2-way mirror (I.e., they can see you, but you can't see them)? There have been many cases of people installing 2-way mirrors in female changing rooms. It is very difficult to positively identify the surface by looking at it.

So, how do we determine with any amount of certainty what type of mirror we are looking at?

Just conduct this simple test: Place the tip of your fingernail against the reflective surface and if there is a GAP between your fingernail and the image of the nail, then it is GENUINE mirror. However, if your fingernail DIRECTLY TOUCHES the image of your nail, then BEWARE! IT IS A 2-WAY MIRROR!

"No Space, Leave the Place" So remember, every time you see a mirror, do the "fingernail test." It doesn't cost you anything. **REMEMBER. No Space, Leave the Place.**

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