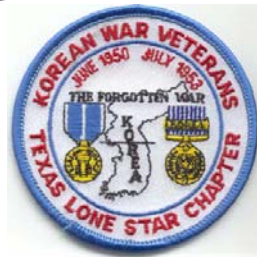


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Our Mission as Editors of the Warrior, is to Enlighten the Minds and Hearts of its Members!

New Officers & Directors

Our April meeting had two important guests. Bill McSwain (a candidate for president of KWVA National.), and Jack Cooper, Vice president-Dept. of Texas and Junior Vice President of Walton Walker Chapter. Bill McSwain is Secretary/Treasurer of Chapter 215 and a National Director.

Bill was gracious enough to swear in the new officers. Carlos Ballard—President, Frank (Franko) Grochoske— 2nd Vice President and Z.E. (Stoney) Stone and Vito Susca as directors. Thank you very much Bill, and good luck on your quest for President of National KWVA.

Congratulations to the new officers.



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

My thanks to all of you for letting me be your President again, I regard it as an honor.

My main objectives are to have all members & their wives attend the meetings. Our meetings will be held in a more relaxed mode. I feel it is important that each member pass on his or her military legacy of the Korean War to their family and friends. Our Chapter will have programs for this.

I am looking forward to a good & prosperous year.

Carlos Ballard, President



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Charles Laird

This was sent to me by my Nephew. It has a strong message that I would like to share with you.

Malachi 3:3 says "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining Silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: **"He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver,"** She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment, then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it."

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

"Life is a coin. You can spend it anyway you wish, but you can only spend it once."

May God be with you as you spend this coin.



HUEY LONG 104th BIRTHDAY EVENT

By Bob Mitchell

On Friday, April 25th, our Color Guard attended our good friend Huey Long's 104 Birthday celebration at the Huey Long Museum, just across the street from his home at the Heights House. Chapter members in attendance included Carlos & Martha Ballard, John & Georgia Jackson, Bob & Dorothy Mitchell, Henry Martinez and Travis Riley. The Color Guard presented the colors when Huey arrived and retired them when he left.

He is in a wheelchair now and looks frail, but he still had that big smile and enjoyed every minute of the event. Among the guests was City Councilman Adrian Garcia who presented Huey with a proclamation from the City declaring April 25th as Huey Long day in Houston. Also, there were musicians who came all the way from California to honor him and played Java Jive, one of the big 'Ink Spots' hits. Bob Mitchell spoke to the crowd to explain the special connection we have with Huey for his USO trips to Korea during the War. A music professor came from the University of Texas. He also runs the Texas Music Museum on 11th Street in Austin, and he came to announce that there will now be a special area devoted to the 'Ink Spots', featuring Huey, a Texas native. A former student sang a song she composed for him, another lady read a poem she wrote for him. One of the special moments was when his daughter, Anita, sang to him. You could feel the love in her voice.

A catered down home meal was served, including catfish, okra and yams. A special sheet cake, showing him at various times in his life was served a well.

If you would like to visit the Huey Long Museum, it is just east of Yale at 117 East 20th Street. It is best to call first at 713-677-9736 as hours are flexible. You can also check out the website at: www.theinkspotmuseum.com.



Huey Long, Anita Long & Bob Mitchell

VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER

On Sunday evening, April 20th, members of the Texas Lone Star Chapter, were treated to a Veterans Appreciation Dinner given by members of the Easthaven Baptist Church and the Saemaum (Korean) Baptist Church. The veterans and their wives enjoyed a lavish meal of Korean and American foods. It's safe to say that no one went home hungry.

Members of the Color Guard presented the colors and the service flags as the music of each service was played. Three of our members, Howard Nathan—Navy, Henry Martinez— Army and Lee Henderson-Marines, gave a brief account of their part in the Korean War. The evening was a special night and everyone had a wonderful time.



KWVA NATIONAL ELECTIONS

The March-April issue of the Greybeard, will contain the ballot for the election of National Officers and Directors. If you are a member of National, and we hope you are, you need to become informed about the candidates, and to send in your vote in a timely manner. The deadline for ballots to be counted is they must be received by June 10, 2008

Following is a list of the candidates for each office this year, as released by the KWVA Nominations and Election Committee, and as they will be published in the Greybeard. Information on most on most of the candidates will be available in the Greybeard, on the National website (www.kwva.org), on postings by the candidates and by several of the chapter web sites. Become informed, cast your ballot and get it there in time. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order. If you have questions, contact Tom McHugh, Chairman of the KWVA Nominations & Elections Committee at (908) 852-1964, or e-mail tmmchugh@msn.com.

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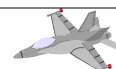
Video taping of the stories from the Korean War will resume. A member speaks about their Korea experiences during our monthly meetings, and these talks are videotaped. The tapes will go to the Korean War Museum, to become part of their archives. Since time at our meetings is limited, we will have to 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.


The stories will resume at the June meeting.

Be sure and attend and hear the latest memory.



“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 \$10 or more 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 and to help pay the cost of the website.** The following names will be published monthly through the July 2008 issue. Be sure and have your name included. Fill in the sponsor card, seen below, and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson

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HUMOR **TEXAS RANCHERS**

The first Texas says, “My name is Roger. I own 250,000 acres. I have 1,000 head of cattle and they call my place ‘The Jolly Roger’ ”. The second Texan says, “My name is John. I own 350,000 acres. I have 5,000 head of cattle and they call my place ‘Big John’s’ ”. They both look down at the Jewish man who says, “My name is Irving and I own only 300 acres.” Roger looks down at him and says. “300 Acres? What do you raise?” “Nothing” Irving says. “Well then, what do you call it?” asked John. “Downtown Dallas.”

Jim was in his early 50s, retired from the Marine Corps, and started a second career. However, he just couldn’t seem to get to work on time. Every day, 5, 10 or 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, real sharp, so his boss was in a quandary about how to deal with it.

Finally, one day the boss called him into the office for a talk. “Jim, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job, but you’re being late so often is quite bothersome.”

“Yes, I know boss,” said Jim, “and I’m working on it.”

“Well, good. You’re a team player; that’s what I like to see. It’s odd, though, You’re always coming in late. I know you’re retired from the Marine Corps. What’d they say when you came in late there?”

“They said. ‘Good mornin’, General.”

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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 M a y 1, 2008:

Billie Blair	S804	Harry Caldwell	M 19
Frank Diadone	M817	Byron Dickerson	M821
John Dronenberger	M823	Jack Levine	M693
Nuncio Martino	M794	Ray Priger	M432
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Carl Singleton	M775	Frank Weeden	M822

RENEWALS

Vernon Coleman	Roland English
Richard Harris	Glenn Krebs
Don McFarland	Edwin Moore

NEW MEMBER:

Gene Holland M828

2008

MAY

4th - Astro's vs Milwaukee 1:05 pm
 11th - MOTHER'S DAY
 15th - Board Meeting 5:00 pm
 15th - General Meeting 7:00 pm
 17th - Armed Forces Day
 19th - Victoria Day (Canada)
 26th - MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED
 26th - Memorial Day Ceremony at Houston V.A. Cemetery

JUNE

14th - Flag Day
 15th - FATHER'S DAY
 19th - Board Meeting 5:00 pm
 19th - General Meeting 7:00 pm
 20th - First Day of Summer
 20th - SOCKS - VA HOSPITAL 10 am

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas Party plans are in the making. Reservations have been made to have the Lone Star Chapter Christmas Dinner at the Monument Inn. This is located on Battle Ground Road, next to San Jacinto Monument, on December 13, 2008, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. More Details later.


KWVA REVISIT KOREA PROGRAM

Military Historical Tours is sponsoring tours to **Korea** and **China**, and the **Xian Extension**. Optional extensions to Beijing, China are less than two hours flying time from Korea. "The price is right" since you have already paid for the Trans-Pacific flight. Now is a rare and special time to visit Beijing, in preparation for the 2008 Olympics since the main tourist attractions have all been renovated, in order to understand ancient China we advise an extension to Xian the first capital of China, final resting place of the Emperors.

<u>Korea Dates:</u>	<u>China Post Tour</u>	<u>Xian Extens.</u>
June 22—28	June 28-July 3	July 3—5
Sept 4—10	Sept 20—15	Sept 15-17
Nov 5—11	Nov 11—16	Nov 16-18

* Phone 703-212-0695 * www.miltours.com *

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

 The Memorial Day Ceremony at the Houston V A Cemetery will begin at 9:30 AM on Monday May 26th. Please arrive early (8:30—9 am) in order to get a parking space and a place to sit and watch the ceremony. Our Color Guard will Present the Colors and then participate in the Parade of Colors.

Josh Flynn, a member of our organization will sing the National Anthem, and a musical selection.

REUNION 45th INFANTRY DIVISION THUNDERBIRDS

WHEN: 25 - 27 Sept. 2008

CONTACT: Raul Trevino
 2145 NE St.
 Oklahoma City, OK, 7311
 210-681-9134



KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Steve Montello a long time member, has been residing at the Westbury Place Nursing Home for several years. His wife says that he is unable to carry on conversations, but can still recognize family & friends. If you get a chance, stop by and visit with him. I'm sure he would enjoy it.

Vito Susca recently had tests done and as a result had a stint put into an artery and spent two days in the hospital. He was reluctant because he knew he was in good health, ate right and walked several miles a day. It's lucky for him that his doctor insisted.

GROCERY STORE REBATES

As many of you have already found out, Kroger no longer accepts the Share Card. They have replaced it with the Neighbor to Neighbor Card. It will work the same as the Share card, but we need to obtain new cards. As soon as these are available, we will distribute them to the members.

NEW OFFICERS AND POSITIONS:


Z. E. (Stoney) Stone was recently named as the President of the National Cemetery Council of Houston. *Congratulations Stoney!*


Howard Nathan was elected as the new Board Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lone Star Chapter, after Jim Duncan resigned. *Congratulations Howard!*


CONDOLENCES

Our condolences are extended to **Sandra and Rod Ramsey** on the recent death of Sandra's mother. **Elsie Cate** passed away on April 2nd.

HONOR GUARD FUNERALS FOR IRAQ VETERANS

On April 1st, at 12:30 PM, members of the TLSC, were at Forest Park East, for the funeral of Sgt. Gregory Unruh. Sgt. Unruh was killed in action in Iraq.  Members of the Patriot Guard Motorcycle Riders, presented the American Flag, the Gold Star Mother's Flag and the Blue Star flag. The service at the Chapel and grave site was very moving.

On April 8th, at 12:00, members of the TLSC Honor Guard, attended the funeral of Cpl. Joshua Alexander Molina, at Houston National Cemetery.  Cpl. Molina was killed in action in Iraq. The Army Burial Team did the Honor of folding the flag and presenting it to the family. They also fired the 21-gun salute and played Taps.

Later in the day, April 8th, at 2:00 pm, several members of the TLSC attended the funeral of Cpl. Steven Candelo, at Forest Park West. Cpl. Candelo was killed in action in Iraq.  After the ceremony in the chapel, the Honor Guard escorted the Horse Drawn Caisson to the Burial Site. The Patriot Guard Rider group made an impressive appearance at all three funerals.

M.I.A.'s FROM KOREA IDENTIFIED

The Dept of Defense POW/MIA office announced that the remains of two U.S. servicemen, missing from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

They are Cpl. Robert L. Mason of Parkersburg, W. Va.; and Pfc. Joseph K. Meyer, Jr., of Wahpeton, N.D., both U.S. Army. Both men will be buried Saturday, May 3rd. Mason will be buried in Belpre, Ohio and Meyer will be buried in Wahpeton.

Mason was assigned to B Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, and Meyer was assigned to K Company, 31st Infantry Regiment. Both were attached to the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT), 7th Infantry Division. The team was engaged against the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea from late November to early December, 1950. Both men died as result of intense enemy fire, and their bodies were not recovered at the time.

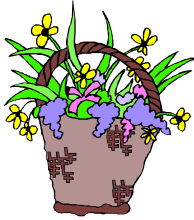
The remains were recovered between 2001—2005 with joint U.S. & Democratic People's Republic of Korea teams. Remains recovered led to the identification of several individuals, including Mason & Meyer.

For additional information on the Defense Dept.'s mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1420.

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