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

TLSC CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Texas Lone Star Chapter Christmas Party will be held this year on December 19th, which is on a Saturday. We will again have our gathering at the Monument Inn, which is located in LaPorte, Tx. off Hwy 225, on the Independence Highway. (This was formally named Battleground Road.) As you know, this is adjacent to the San Jacinto Monument and the Battleship Texas.

WHAT: TLSC CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: **DECEMBER 19, 2009, SATURDAY**

WHERE: **MONUMENT INN**

4406 INDEPENDENCE HWY. (formally Battleground Rd.)

La PORTE, TEXAS

TIME: 11:00 am till 2:00 pm

MENU: (CHOOSE ONE)

FISHERMAN'S PLATTER CHICKEN TERIYAKI

BROILED TILAPIA PONTCHATRAIN

12 oz 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 please bring a dessert.

\$22.50 PER PERSON. Your check is your reservation. Make check payable to COST:

Texas Lone Star Chapter KWV.

Mail to: Nelda Napp

1207 Whitestone

Houston, Texas 77073

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS: Dec. 12, 2009

There will be a gift exchange, so please bring a gift, value around \$5.00. The gifts should be, men bringing for a man and the ladies for another lady.

Reserve this date, and make planes to attend the annual party with your friends, family and fellow vets & wives. Hope to see you there!





FRANKO'S 3rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Franko & Betty Grochoske will be hosting their 3rd Annual Christmas Party on the 1st Sunday in December. They will be preparing Brisket, guests can bring a bring a covered dish, if they choose. The time will be: 12 Noon till Everyone is invited, including family & friends.

THE HAPPY SANTA....

One of our members is known as the Happy Santa. This program, known as "The Santa Program", was started in 1947, by Joe Romano. His late wife Lorene suggested the name change to "The Foreign Wars Happy Santa", because he was always smiling and laughing when delivering toys and food and playing Santa Clause with his wife as Mrs. Clause. Joe began this program at his VFW Post in El Cerrito, California, and continued it when he moved to the Houston area. Many business people supplies loads of merchandise for the needy.

Joe will continue his program as long as God gives him strength and life.

Remember Christmas is around the corner.

GOD BLESS, AND WE WISH YOU A BLESSED, HEALTHY AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

WREATH'S ACROSS AMERICA

The date to distribute the Wreath's at the V.A. Cemetery is Saturday, December 12th. If you are able to help lay the wreaths, please keep this date open. The process will begin at: 11:00 AM. Everyone is welcome, PLEASE COME!

WREATH'S ACROSS AMERICA

Our hats off to the group of young athletes from the Woodlands. These young ladies belong to the Cheerleading squads with the Woodland's Elite. They are special because they sold 2,039 wreaths! Sal & Patty Gambino's granddaughter, Gracie, belongs to the winning team, the MASTER CHIEFS!!

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!!

V. A. HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday, December 11, the Houston V. A. Hospital will host their annual Christmas Party. The party should begin at 6:30 pm. This is for the patients at the hospital. The TLSC will present the colors. There will be entertainment and refreshments for all. Please come to help cheer up the patients.

AERO'S GAME

If you were unable to attend the Aero's game that was dedicated to the Veterans', you missed a very good game. The Aero organization secured sponsors for the tickets, making the tickets available to the veterans, FREE. The Aero's won the game 5-3, but they also made the game very They played the San Antonio interesting. Rampage, and the rivalry was intense, as there were several big fights, gloves off, at times, helmets off and sticks swinging. No one got hurt, but players did spend time in the penalty boxes.

There were special guests at the game, former President and Mrs. George H. W. Bush. They were escorted to the box seats at center court, (not too far from our location.) After the game, they stopped to take pictures, the same time this editor's son and daughter-in-law chose to leave and take pictures, so a few great pictures were achieved.





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U. S. Army — U. S. Marines

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VETERAN'S DAY

There were a lot of the schools in the area that honored the veterans. Some of the schools honored the veterans by feeding them breakfast and presenting programs just for them. One of the schools, Millsap Elementary School in the Cy Fair School District, contacted Henry Martinez about a Veterans Event they were planning on having. The school had decided to have a day to honor all Veterans and wanted our Color Guard to present the Colors. The event took place on Friday, November 6th. The school went all out for the Veterans. They had a golf cart in the parking lot for those who had trouble walking. A full breakfast was served in the School Library for all Veterans and spouses, and Millsap kids related to them were also allowed to eat with them. During the breakfast the school choir sang patriotic songs. All the parents were invited to be in the school auditorium along with the staff, students and the Veterans. Our Color Guard presented the colors and retired them afterwards as well. Members present included Henry, Bob Mitchell, Buddy Blair, Carlos Ballard and Bob Bighouse. The school asked if we could furnish a keynote speaker as well and Henry "volunteered" Bob Mitchell. Bob talked to the kids about the gift of Freedom, the fact that Freedom Is Not Free, and about all the Veterans who have helped to keep that Freedom for them for over 230+ years. The ceremony included more singing by the choir plus awards for the kids in various subjects. Afterwards, each Veteran received a booklet with letters written by the kids, thanking them for their service. It was a great effort by the school and very well done. A video photographer was on hand, and each of our members in attendance will be receiving a DVD. It was a very rewarding day for our Color Guard, and everyone else who attended.

Two of our veterans, Lee Henderson and Jess Harper, attended Teague Elementary school in Pasadena. They wanted the men to present their stories from the Korean War, with transparencies. Before they started, the men were treated to a full breakfast, then were escorted to the area to set up for their presentations. Their presentation was much like they did when they went to schools with the TELL AMERICA PROGRAM. The students thoroughly enjoyed the program. The students made thank you cards and their teachers mailed them to the veterans. They are wonderful!!

It's refreshing to know that our youth still want to honor our veterans, by having them attend schools and talk, or honor them with programs.

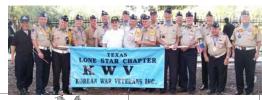
Veterans Day

We were blessed with beautiful weather this year for the ceremonies at City Hall and for the parade, which followed on Veterans day, November 11. The ceremony was well attended, although subdued to a degree, by the tragedy at Fort Hood, which occurred a few days earlier.

The Chapter Color Guard presented colors for the ceremony, and Stoney Stone presented the table honoring the POWs of all wars. Mayor White gave the welcoming speech, and Charles Laird the invocation. The Mayoral candidates were in attendance, as was most of the City Council members and five members of Congress from Houston area districts. Each of the Representatives gave a short speech, expressing gratitude to members of our armed forces and to the veterans.

After that, it was parade time. Viewers were a little light due to the Wednesday date, but the parade itself was one of the best presented on any Veterans Day, lasting almost an hour and a half. The TLSC had four trucks in the parade. Sal Gambino's truck was covered with photo's of our members in their early days. One truck carried some of the women and the remaining trucks were full of our members. Tom Mixon has a

musical horn on his truck that plays the Marine Hymn, which he played all along the route. The marines in the crowd would respond with OOHRAH. Our banner was carried by Jim Duncan and Vito Susca. Thanks to Henry Martinez for representing the chapter in the planning activities and in organizing the chapter



"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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MAXINE'S SLIDE DOWN THE BANISTER OF LIFE.....

As you slide down the banister of life, Remember:...

- 1. Jim Baker & Jimmy Swaggert have written an impressive new book. It's calledMinisters Do More Than Lay People!
- Transvestite: A guy who likes to eat, drink and be Mary.
- 3. The difference between the Pope and your boss, the Pope only expects you to kiss his ring.
- 4. My mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it is gone.
- 5. The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.
- 6. My idea of a Super Bowl is a toilet that cleans itself!
- 7. I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once. The seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood.
- 8. It used to be only death and taxes. Now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.
- 9. A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.
- 10. My next house will have no kitchen—just vending machines and a large trash can.
- 11. If you need a shoulder to cry on, pull off to the side of the road.
- 12. A blonde said, 'I was worried that my mechanic might try to rip me off. I was relieved when he told me all I needed was turn signal
- 13. Definition of a teenager? God's punishment...for enjoying sex.
- 14. As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.

In Memory of —

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

Russell, Rov Sicola, Louis & Charlie Sikkley, Leland Sloan, Story 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.

Texas Lone Star Chapter - KWV P. O. Box 802541—Houston, TX 77280-2541 "Warrior" Sponsor I want to be a sponsor of the Warrior for July 2009-July 2010

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Membership

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 December 1, 2009:

John Alvarado	M801	Doyle Griffin M560
Ralph Hockley	M749	Johnney Lee M795
Don Riess	M768	Marvin Talghader M234
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RENEWALS

L. C. Arnwine	Jim Currigan
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TRACY GEE 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

Note: There are two changes in 2009

- 1. The Board has gone back to the former schedule of meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month, instead of meeting on the same day as the General Meeting.
- Meeting times have changed. The Board Meetings will now begin at 5 PM. The General Meetings will now begin at 6 PM.

MONTH BOARD GENERAL DECEMBER 3 19

HOUSTON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS..

The City has created a new web site to spread information about their plans for disasters that may occur, and how you can prepare personally. The information is available online at www.readyhoustontx.gov. Be prepared for any disaster that might happen.

Chapter & Other Events

2009

DECEMBER

3rd - Board Meeting - 5 pm

7th - Pearl Harbor Day

11th - Chanukah begins

11th - Christmas Party @ VA

Hospital

12th - Wreath laying at VA Cemetery

13th - Birthday of U.S. National Guard

18th - Socks—10AM VA Hosp.

19th - Chanukah ends

19th - TLSC Christmas Party

21st - First day of Winter

25th - CHRISTMAS DAY

25th - 1950-Battle of Chosin Reservoir ends

26th - Korean Christmas Party

31st - New Years Eve

JANUARY

1st - New Years Day

7th - Board Meeting - 5 pm

21st - General Meeting—6 pm

QUARTERMASTER

John Jackson

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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



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From your editors - Lee & Charlotte Henderson



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 <u>max</u>. 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. Our next speaker will be at the January Meeting.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



Sal Gambino 1st	Maxine Dry 10th	Chris Carnero 18th	Dick Palmer
Florence Sicola 1st	Mary Kiser 10th	Dick Harris 18th	Mitzi Harris
Willette Garner 4th	Violet Goodwin 12th	Donald Freeman 18th	Eva Zoch
Jean Dickerson 4th	Mary Ammerman 12th	Bob Mitchell 20th	Doris Barker 25th
Betty Burton 6th	Lillie Critchell 13th	John Morvant 20th	Mary Ybarra 26th
Clyde Stewart	Debbie Hollan 13th	Patsy Barnhart 21st	Oscar Migl 27th
Hazel Brast 9th	Mary Ellis 15th	Shirley Hatfield 21st	Ed Singleton 27th
Sam Hambrick 9th	James Parker 17th	Don Napp 22nd	Eva DeCoste 30th
Martha Ballard 10th	Ruth Johnson 17th		



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY'S



DATE	MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE
12/6/52 12/17	Fred & Lucy Ortiz	12/16 12/19
. 12/27/51 12/29	Guadalupe & Tomasa Flores	12/27
	12/4 12/6/52 12/17	12/412/6/5212/1712/20/5812/2212/2512/2712/29 Robert & Victoria Arias50 Fred & Lucy Ortiz

<u>Congratulations to our members celebrating their 50th + Anniversary's'!!</u>

DOOR PRIZES - November 19, 2009

Forrest Robinson
Bob Bighouse 2 . Books
Buddy Blair ? Forrest Robinson
Georgia Jackson Level Henry Martinez
Tom Fitzmorris Books
Rod Ramsey Greens Sal Gambino Greens
Ted Maloy Greens

The 50/50 drawing was won by Nelda Napp, and Don donated it to the Warrior. Thank you very much Don & Nelda.

We want to thank these generous people that provided the items for the drawings: Henry Martinez, Martha Ballard, Marlene Susca, Don Napp, Tom Fitzmorris and Wayne Harrison. Thank you everyone!

"If it is stupid, but it works, it's not stupid!"

CORRESPONDENCE: We did not go to Europe this year, but had a nice 34 day trip to eastern Canada. We flew to Ottawa, rented a car and visited there for 4 days. We drove next through Quebec to Fredeuction, New Brunswick and had 2 days there before driving to Prince Edward Island, where I was born. We spent 3 weeks visiting friends, attending concerts, horse races and ate lots of seafood. We went back to Ontario driving through New Brunswick, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York entering Canada at Cornwall. We visited a hospitalized Korea Vet for 3 days and attended and Ottawa KWA Unit 7 BBQ before flying home. What 2 great countries have. Best wishes for a Holy and Happy Christmas. We hope 2010 is kind to you and all members of Texas Lone Star Chapter. Eva and Ralph DeCoste. Merry Christmas to you also, from the Texas Lone Star

HONOR DUE

We don't have to turn to our history books for Heroes. They are all Around us.

> President Ronald Reagan State of the Union Address, January 26, 1982

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KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

<u>Patty Gambino</u> It seems that the simple act of stepping down on her foot after having the brace removed, was not so simple. There was instant pain and the doctor put the brace back on, this time tighter.. She is now out of the brace and attending therapy to strengthen the ligaments. We hope this works and your ankle will be back to normal soon.

<u>Mickey Spencer</u> was admitted to the hospital recently in order to get his medications working correctly. When this is corrected, he will be transferred to the Wound Care Center, then home. *Mickey, we all hope and pray that the doctors are able to make the adjustments and help get you better.*

<u>Marlene Susca's</u> daughter-in-law, Brigitte Cycyota, had a real medical scare recently. She began having problems with her vision and the doctors discovered a tumor and successfully removed it. It was benign. She is in excellent physical condition and is making remarkable progress.

<u>Forrest Robinson</u> had tests recently and discovered that he has some heart blockage. *Good Luck Forrest, we all hope and pray that the heart Dr. fixes you up.*

CONDOLENCES

Dr. Jack Levine, M693, passed away Friday, Nov. 20, after a long battle with many illnesses. While in Korea, Jack worked in a dental tent with a M.A.S.H. unit. Jack practiced dentistry for 35 years, and taught at the U.T. Dental school 15 yrs. He was very active in the Shriner's. He was past master of Temple Lodge and past District Deputy Grand Master..

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Janice, his son Harry and wife Kim, and daughter Barbara Jo, and many nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

(Jack was the member that submitted the picture of the Princes' Car-Hop.)

Our Sincere Condolences to the family.

VET CENTER

At our November meeting, we had a guest speaker from the Veterans Resource Center at the V. A. Hospital. The speaker was Elizabeth (Liz) Srouji. Liz is a counselor at the vet center that works with any veteran who has served in a combat zone. If you, or any vet you know needs help, please contact the Vet Center for more information.

NOTICE.....

There will be no general meeting in December, the Christmas party will be the

SOCKS - V.A. HOSPITAL

The Christmas distribution of socks at the V.A. Hospital, will take place on Friday, Dec. 18th at 10 am. We will gather in the volunteer office on the 2nd floor at 9:30 am.



<u>W * I * N * G * S</u>

Wings, is a support group for wives or partners of their own or their partner's war experience. Focusing on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This is a wonderful support group and if you know someone that would benefit from talking to other people with like problems, the person to contact is Sandy Fulkerson @281-448-2141.

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