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

Annual KWVA St. Valentine Party

This year's annual St. Valentine's Day Luncheon has now been reserved.

DATE: Monday, February 12th
TIME: 11 AM
PLACE: STEAK N ALE
11109 Katy Freeway (I-10) at Wilcrest

The lunch will include a choice of either Caesar Salad or the Salad bar, a choice of three entrees, plus a side item, warm honey wheat bread, and your choice of any non-alcoholic beverage.

The three entrée choices are:

HAWAIIAN CHICKEN

Two tender marinated grilled Chicken breasts, served with rice pilaf

SIRLOIN STEAK

7oz. Certified Angus Beef top sirloin, served with French Fries.

STUFFED SHRIMP

Three Shrimp stuffed with crabmeat and topped with lemon beurre blanc. Served with broccoli and rice pilaf.

Total cost of all of the above, including taxes and gratuities = \$ 16.50 per person.
Steak N Ale will provide individual checks.

Total capacity - 40 people, so those wishing to attend, need to decide as soon as possible. To add your name to the list, call Bb Mitchell at 713-939-8880 or e-mail him at kwvarjm@aol.com. You can also sign up at the January 18th General Meeting. Reservations will be accepted until January 21st, or until the maximum capacity of 40 people is reached or whichever comes first.

SIGN UP EARLY IF YOU WANT TO COME. THIS EVENT ALWAYS SELLS OUT FAST!!!

Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas Party was well attended and enjoyed by all. The night was perfect for a Holiday gathering. The party was held at the Tracy Gee Community Center, our regular meeting place. The rooms were decorated for Christmas making everything very festive.

Before the dinner, Lee Henderson presented me, with a new digital camera. (I guess there will be no excuse not to take good pictures for the newsletter). *Thank you Lee!*

Our buffet dinner was catered by Randy Blair of *Five Loves & Two Fishes Catering*. The meal was delicious and bountiful. There was opportunity to return to the buffet for seconds or thirds if you could manage to eat more.



As we enjoyed our dessert, Robyn Mundy entertained us with a variety of songs, from Christmas to yodeling tunes. This young lady has a voice that only improves with time. (She entertained us 6 years ago, when she was only 14, and she was fabulous then.) She performed in Branson a year ago and has a new CD from that experience. In one segment, she enlisted the help of Carlos Ballard, where she sang, 'Santa Baby' to him. *Thank you Robyn.*

KOREAN CONSUL General's DINNER

On Tuesday evening, December 19th, thirteen Lone Star members and wives, along with members of the Korean community, enjoyed a fabulous buffet dinner at the Hanil Restaurant. This dinner was sponsored by our new Consul General Kim, and included his staff of Consul's and several other dignitaries. Among those dignitaries was Helen Chang, the president of the Korean-American Association, Young Man Kim, past president of the organization, Dr. Frances Lee, president of The Korean War Veterans Association of Houston, Inc. and Dr. Cheor Kim.

During dinner, we were entertained by several Korean women who performed on traditional music instruments (12-string *gayageum*) and very talented dancers. Also, if you were not there, you missed seeing Johnney Lee and Helen Chang dancing, but with the magic of picture, just for those not in attendance, a picture is included.

Johnney Lee, was instrumental in organizing the events for the evening. *Thank you Consul General Kim, and Johnney Lee for a great night.*



Brunch

On January 1st, the new Korean Consul General, Jung Keun Kim, hosted a brunch for the Lone Star Chapter and Korean friends. This was new for us to be treated to a delicious brunch on New Year's Day, along with a Champagne toast. There was a good turnout and the Honorable Kim and his wife were very gracious and welcomed us to their home. Helen Chang and Youngman Kim each presented the Consul General with \$1,000 checks to be used for the Children's Museum for Korean Heritage.



KOREAN COMMUNITY HOLIDAY BANQUET

The Lone Star Chapter members were again invited to the Korean-American Community Annual Holiday Banquet, and approximately 17 members and wives attended. This lavish party was held at the Crown Plaza Hotel on Hwy. 290. The banquet rooms were filled to capacity with Korean's, their guests and KWVA members and wives.

We were treated to a banquet, followed by entertainment by dancers, singers and musicians. In between all of this entertainment, the MC was calling out numbers for drawings of great prizes that lined the stage and floor in front of the stage. Some of our members escorted their ladies to the dance floor where they enjoyed dancing to the music.

IT'S A DOG'S WORLD

"Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear."

—Dave Barry

"Ever consider what they must think of us" I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul: chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!"

—Anne Tyler

SOCKS

We gathered at the Volunteer Office at the VA Hospital, Friday, Dec. 15th to distribute socks or caps to the patients. There was a good turn out of volunteers plus 2 wives. As always, the veterans, men and women, appreciate the time and effort taken to visit them.

If you have never volunteered, you really should try it the next time we gather at the hospital, it's a very rewarding experience.

VA HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The VA Hospital sponsored their annual Christmas party, Dec. 15th. Our Color guard began the festivities by presenting colors. This was followed by the national anthems of Korea and America, then entertainment from the Children's choir and the youth group of the Korean Central Presbyterian Church of Houston, the TaeKwonDo students of Master Song, and the Korean Farmers Folk Dance Team and the Digital Saxophone played by Chong H. Park. Throughout the evening, between entertainers, the MC held drawings for gifts. There were a lot of nice gifts to be had. At the close, all the patients received a box of gifts donated by the children of St. Ambrose Catholic Church School, plus a gift box of Hickory Farm from the Koreans. The veterans in attendance also received a gift from them to take home.



ROK & U.S. REUNION LUNCHEON

On Dec. 7th, the Lone Star Chapter members and wives, were honored by the *Korean War Veteran Friends*, headed by Dr. Francis Lee to a luncheon at the Lucky Village restaurant. This gathering brought the ROK veterans and their wives together with the Lone Star Chapter members & their wives. Dr. Lee presented our chapter with a plaque to show their appreciation to the veterans. Johnney Lee presented a beautiful picture to Dr. Lee in appreciation of the many wonderful things the Korean Community has done for our veterans.

THANK YOU

The students and teachers at St. Ambrose Catholic Church School need a great big THANK YOU. They put together boxes filled with items for the veterans in the hospital. Included were large bottles of shampoo, lotion, shave cream, razors, tooth paste and tooth brushes.



“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2006 to July 2007”

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 will be going up soon, 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.** To receive the newsletter on line, go to kwvahouston.org and click on the request. **The following names will be published monthly through the July 2007 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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TRUE ACCOUNT RECORDED IN POLICE LOG

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her voice, “I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!”

The four men didn’t wait for a second invitation. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver’s seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then dawned on her why...for the same reason she did not understand why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12 packs in the front seat...

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn’t stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

MORAL OF THE STORY?

If you’re going to have a Senior Moment, make it memorable.

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As everyone knows, the contributions in past years have paid for the printing and mailing of the newsletter. **Thank You and Please Continue to give. . . . so we can continue.**

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 January 1, 2007:

Billy Balke	M509	Harry Bruce	M651
Bobby Gray	M 73	Lemuel Pickle	M756
Thomas Smith	M407		

RENEWALS

George Bazan	Josh Flynn
Robert Fuoco	Edwin Moore
Jimmy Richardson	Forrest Robinson
Marvin Talghader	

NEW MEMBER:

John Nanninga L815

JANUARY

4th - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 12th - Humble High ROTC - recordings
 13th - KO-MART 2pm Memorial
 18th - General Meeting 7 PM
 19th - Cy-Falls Hi School - Speakers
 25th - Cy-Fairbanks Hi School - Speakers

FEBRUARY

1st - Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 12th - VALENTINE LUNCHEON 11AM
 14th - ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
 15th - General Meeting 7 pm
 19th - President's Day
 21st - Ash Wednesday

Correspondence.....

Richard Harris writes a short note: Mitzi and I will be 81 this month (December). I had a new generator put in my pacemaker in January '06, a back operation in May, gall bladder operation on 12/05/06. That's enough for this. Mitzi has to go back for Chemo on the 18th of December. Keep up the good work on the newsletter. *You two have had a very active year, lets hope and pray that '07 is better for you. We hope you can stay out of the hospital. Thank you for the kind words about the newsletter.*

"Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes ice cream & cake to reach your hips!"

RALLY

On Saturday, January 13th, we have been invited by Ms. Helen Chang to join the Korean Community for a rally. This will be held at the KO-MART shopping center on Gessner off of I-10.

"Make someone feel important today. It's never too late to live happily every after!"

VIDEO TAPING OF KOREA STORIES

The tapings will resume at the January meeting. Please contact Charlie Ehrlund at 713-465-5172 to get on the list.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

On Friday, January 12, the ROTC Dept. of Humble High School, has asked veterans to participate in a program they have. The students will record the veterans accounts of their actions during the Korean War. These recordings will be presented to the Library of Congress. If you are interested, please call the Col. at the school.

On Friday, January 19th, the speakers will be at Cypress Fall High School. School starts at 7:30.

On Thursday, January 25th, the speakers are schedule to talk at Cypress Fairbanks High School.

If you can attend either one or both schools, please contact Lee Henderson, 713-946-9194 and let him know, or if you need directions.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD

2007-2008

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to run for Officer & Director positions for 2007/08. You may nominate yourself or any other member for any position, but make sure that other members want to run. Positions include President, 1st & 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Director positions. Concerned that you may not be qualified to serve? Sign up for a Director position. It's the perfect way to find out how it all works. Directors have no assigned duties. You just show up at Board meetings, participate in the discussions, and mainly listen and learn. So if you're a new member or an old oe, this is one you can handle, plus we would love to have new people with new ideas. Charlie Ehrlund is the Committee Chair. Call him at 713-465-5172 to get on the ballot.

Do it now.....you know you want to.



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S



Pat Canny 2nd	Allie Burton 11th	Charles Smith 18th	Albert Hollan 24th
Flossie Heard 2nd	Jessie Weeks 12th	Stoney Stone 18th	Jose Hinojosa 25th
Richard Beard 3rd	Walter H. Ballard . . . 12th	Jeanette Young 19th	Barbara Sims 27th
Carl Sutton 3rd	Fay Talghader 14th	Ruby Stovall 19th	Joel Ybarra 28th
Dorothy Mitchell . . . 4th	Don Hester 16th	Maria Dumais 20th	Ruby Ehrlund 28th
Dorothy McManners 6th	Sam Cardenas 17th	Johnnie Sicola 20th	Joseph Preola 29th
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Robert Milbern 8th			

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY'S

MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE	MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE
Roberto & Emma Hinojosa	1/2	<u>Dan & Mary Ammerman</u>	<u>1/10/1953</u>
Peter & Katsuko Wallace	1/11	Tom & Mary Beth Fitzmorris	1/12
<u>George & Maggie Bazan</u>	<u>1/20/1952</u>	Stoney & Evelyn Stone	1/21
<u>Bob & Dorothy Mitchell</u>	<u>1/23/1955</u>	<u>Travis & Jerry Riley</u>	<u>1/26/1952</u>
<u>Don & Nelda Napp</u>	<u>1/28/1951</u>	Don & Ann Hester	1/29
Richard & Dottie Beard	1/30	B. C. & Karen Young	1/31

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

HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS



On Saturday, January 6, five members of our Color Guard met in Santa Fe, Tx, to present the colors for the ground breaking ceremony for a new home for a disabled Iraq veteran. The program 'HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS' is a non-partisan, not profit organization committed to supporting members of the military who have selflessly given to our country and have returned home with serious injuries and disabilities. Homes for Our Troops provides injured servicemen and women and their immediate families with homes **at no cost**, in their home towns. This organization relies heavily on the local community for donations of funds, home building materials and professional construction services.

The young man that was selected to receive a home this time, was Staff Sgt. Shawn Monroe, who was severely injured when a mortar hit close by, while he was outside a police station in Baghdad. Shawn's home will be built in Arcadia, Texas, his home town.

The TLSC Color Guard was contacted by one of our members who is connected to the DAR. The DAR is an active sponsor of the 'Homes for our Troops'. Each member of the TLSC received praise and a Certificate of Appreciation for participating, from the President and Founder Mr. John Gonsalves. Our members present were: Henry Martinez, Lee Henderson, John Jackson, Tom Mixon and Don Napp.



TLSC Color Guard with Sgt. Monroe

www.homesforourtroops.org

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Bob Mitchell is recovering nicely from his shoulder surgery. The surgery was successful and now he is in therapy to regain motion in his shoulder. *Good luck Bob!*

Joe Romano has been diagnosed with a tumor. Joe is our *Santa*, he always delivered candy to our Christmas and Valentine parties. Joe has been delivering gifts and food to needy families at Christmas, for many, many years. *Our prayers and best wishes are extended to you at this time.*

Ed Illanne has been having some trouble for a while with his lungs and finally had to go into the hospital on the 26th, in intensive care for a few days. They were concerned about the congestive heart failure since he has had trouble in that direction before, the lasix was increased, making him a little dry, and causing the kidneys to work overtime. He made it to a regular room Friday and released to go home on New Years Eve. He is feeling much better and looking forward to getting back to regular routines. *Good luck Ed, We hope to see you again soon.*

Eva Martinez continues to improve, and hopefully with the therapy, will be as good as new in a few months.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

This is a story that happened forty-three years ago in Monterey, California. Only the local auto dealer received calls from shut-ins and they would then drive me in a red convertible with gifts for the person that was ill...Please allow this Santa this short experience of tears and joy from so long ago.



The 10 year old girl I visited, was skeptical, and when I approached her bed she told me, “**Get Out**, there is no Santa.” I questioned her, then asked “if there was a Santa that spoke all languages, would you believe?” She said “maybe!” Knowing that her family were Italian and spoke Italian, I asked her to ask me a question in any language. She asked me in Italian.. “Where was Mrs. Clause?” I answered her in Italian.. “She is in the North Pole, helping the Elves to get the toys ready for all the boys and girls.” She burst out crying, with her face full of tears and in an excited voice cried out... “MA! MA!.. There is a Santa”. With my eyes full of tears, I hugged her and wished all a Merry Christmas and drove off.

CONDOLENCES

Eula Younger-Sutton mother of member **Bennie Younger** entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, January 3, 2007, at the age of 99. She had led a very full and active life, only entering a nursing home 5 years ago. Bennie was always there daily to assist her with meals During WWII, Eula was a Rosie the Riveter. She also belonged to an organization of Rosie the Riveters.

Bennie, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. She will be missed.

REUNION

**45th Infantry Division (Thunderbirds)
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27 September to 1 October 2007**

**Contact Information:
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FUNERAL FOR A FALLEN MARINE



On Wednesday, January 3rd, members of the Lone Star Chapter paid their respect to a Marine killed in Iraq on Christmas Eve. This young man was Lance Cpl. Stephen Morris of Lake Jackson, TX. A ceremony was held in Lake Jackson attended by family, friends and even strangers, many of whom stood in the cold rain to pay their respects. Lance Cpl. Morris was then brought to Houston for burial at the VA Cemetery, and was honored along the way with people standing aside the road, in the rain, holding flags. As they approached the cemetery, the rain ended. Our Honor Guard consisting of 8 available men, were called to attention by Ted Maloy with the command— ‘Korean War Veterans, Attention - Salute’ and they saluted the casket as it arrived.

Our Condolences are extended to the family at this time.

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