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



HAPPY NEW YEAR



KWVA CHRISTMAS PARTY - 2008

The day of the Christmas Party was perfect and as a result, there was a great turnout of members; wives and relatives. We all gathered in a private room at the Monument Inn, which is close to the San Jacinto Monument and on the Ferry road. The food was excellent and the entertainment was perfect.



Marilyn singing to Carlos

After dinner, gifts were passed out to everyone by Santa Carlos and Mrs. Claus. The gifts were varied, everyone got a different gift but a very nice gift. As we were eating dessert, a young woman dressed as Ms. Claus and resembling Marilyn Monroe, entered the room. She proceeded to go to the head table and talked to the men there. Eventually she started to sing to them. At first she could only sing to the men at the head table, and those that came up there, then a helpful waiter found an extension cord for the microphone and she was able to visit each and every man, inquiring as to their favorite Christmas song. She would sing their song and at times sat on their laps. One guest requested Happy Birthday to his brother and Mother, Marilyn sang her famous "Happy Birthday Mr. President" to Dorothy McManners and her son Arthur. At the end of the party, Marilyn, aka Kristy Deal, was presented with a gift—two plates featuring the real Marilyn Monroe, each registered and numbered. She was very pleased with the gifts, courtesy of Vic Ballard who was able to obtain the plates.

A wonderful time was had by all in attendance

VALENTINE PARTY

The Valentine Party will be different this year. We are planning a Pancake/Waffle Supper at Tracey Gee, the night of our regular meeting, February 19th. We will gather at 4:30 and begin eating by 5 pm.

There will be Pancakes, Waffles, Bacon, Sausage, and various toppings. Please come hungry

Also, there will be No Charge

FRANKO & BETTY'S
2nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Franko & Betty Grochoske hosted their 2nd annual Christmas gathering, on Sunday, December 7th. The weather was nice, except for a cool breeze that blew most of the afternoon. There was a large turnout of the Korean veterans from the Lone Star Chapter, plus a large number of his friends and family. Franko cooked part of the meal, with Betty and friends doing the remaining cooking. Everyone had a wonderful time, visiting, eating and being entertained. Franko had arranged to have this wonderful actress, Barbara Jennings come and entertain the guests. Ms. Jennings has a show, billed the "ONE WOMAN BROADWAY SHOW." She sings a variety of songs, and of course a medley of the military music.



Thank you Franko & Betty for a fun afternoon!!.

NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCHEON

On New Year's day, Consul General Kim and his wife, opened their home to the Korean War Veterans. We were all invited to his home for a wonderful lunch with the added bonus of learning about two of the wonderful paintings that grace the home. Recently, the National Museum in Seoul, Korea, loaned a group of paintings to the Consul General to be displayed in the home of the Consul General of Korea, in Houston. The Consul General recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony at his home for the Korean dignitaries to show off the new paintings.



It was a wonderful day, so several of the men ate their lunch outside on the grounds, but the ladies chose to remain indoors.

THANK YOU CONSUL GENERAL KIM FOR A WONDERFUL TIME.

KOREAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Korean Community hosted their annual Christmas Party, on Saturday, December 27th, at the Crown Plaza Hotel on Hwy. 290.

The evening was very enjoyable and a very good time was had by all that attended. Sadly, most of our members were absent. There were only four couples in attendance, plus Johnney Lee. There was a great dinner served and wonderful entertainment. (Of course the language barrier made it a little difficult to understand everything.) There were many prizes given away and Bob Mitchell was one of the winners.

You also missed seeing and hearing Bob sing. There was a sing along with the karaoke, and Bob did good. At least he tried, when no one else at our table would attempt it. Congratulations Bob

Three old guys are out walking. First one says, "Windy, isn't it?" Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!' Third one says, "So am I, Lets go get a beer."

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect." "Really," answered the neighbor, "What kind is it?" "Twelve-thirty."

...SNOW .. SNOW .. SNOW...

We all remember the snow of 2008. It was totally unexpected but well received by everyone. Driving that night was a real exciting time, you almost felt like a kid again. Snow falling is something we don't often get to experience here in Houston. Of course, some drivers did not like the snow, as they did not know how to navigate the slick streets. That night was a real winter wonderland, as snow covered everything. The next morning was a different story. The snow began melting and by mid morning, it was gone. Hopefully, we'll get to see it again soon.

The year has been full of surprises. September brought Hurricane Ike, and some of us are still feeling the effects of it. December closed out the year with the snow. I don't think we will forget 2008.

Correspondence:

Ralph DeCoste sent us a letter, detailing his many travels. This trip, he and wife Eva were able to take their daughter Lorraine Depow with them. Lorraine had been ill for several years, but has recuperated, and is back to work part time. They began their month long trip in Frankfurt, then to Bonn for a walking tour of the city, including old castles, then a boat tour on the Rhine. Their travels took them to many places, castles churches, Abbey's, and of course many restaurants. One restaurant, the Da Franco in Bonn, was the same one that served the De-Coste's on their 50th Anniversary.. On their 54th Anniversary, they left Düsseldorf International Airport to fly to Malaga International Airport. One evening they were enjoying dinner and a flamenco show, when Ralph was pulled from the audience to participate—the Fred Astaire of Chilliwack!! After many stops in Spain, they returned to Dusseldorf on October 18th, where they again did walking tours and dined on wonderful food. They returned to Canada on October 22nd. Another wonderful vacation was had by the family.

V.A. HOSPITAL

The new Appointment Center provides you with one telephone number to cancel or reschedule any clinic appointment you have at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston.

1-800-639-5137

Operating Hours:

Monday—Friday: 5 am - 10 pm

Sunday: Noon—10 pm

Jerry Weber Sock's & Caps

On Friday, Dec. 19th, we gathered in the 2nd floor Volunteer Office, at the VA Medical Center. At 10 am, we split up into four teams with carts filled with socks and caps to be distributed to the patients.

There was good attendance, and the patients really appreciated the donations.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Almost everyone has heard of the program of 'Wreaths Across America'. This is a program



that began many years ago at Arlington National Cemetery. Wreaths were donated to be placed on the graves at the cemetery. It has

now spread across the country. Last year was the first time that Houston National Cemetery participated. This year, the Lone Star Chapter will donate funds to the program, to insure that our members buried there are remembered. This is a wonderful program and great that our Houston National Cemetery, all thanks to a young boy that asked his father, why Houston was not included in the program. The father started inquiring, and eventually was able to succeed in making his son's dream come true. This is a wonderful, heart warming sight, and everyone should see it.



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, 2009:

Harry Bruce M651 | Alex Castillo M816

RENEWALS

Renewal information was not available at this time. It will be published in the next newsletter.

2009

JANUARY

1st - New Years Day
8th - Board Meeting **5 pm**
15th - General Meeting **6 pm**
19th - Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday (Observed)

FEBRUARY

2nd - Ground Hog Day
5th - Board Meeting 5 pm
14th - St. Valentine's Day
16th - PRESIDENTS DAY
19th - General Meeting 6 pm
25th - Ash Wednesday

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.
2. 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
JANUARY	8	15
FEBRUARY	5	19
MARCH	5	19
APRIL	2	16
MAY	7	21
JUNE	4	18
JULY	2	16
AUGUST	6	20
SEPTEMBER	3	17
OCTOBER	1	15
NOVEMBER	5	19
DECEMBER	3	17

MEETING TIME CHANGED



Beginning in January, the meeting times will change. The board members voted to change the meetings. The board meeting will now be on the first Thursday of the month, at **5 pm**. The general meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday at **6 pm**, instead of 7 pm. Come early and visit with friends, and meet new ones. The January board meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday, as the 1st Thursday is New Years Day.

WISDOM FROM MAXINE!

'Peanut butter with Omega-3, margarine that lower cholesterol, if food keeps getting healthier, I'll live to be a hundred after all!'

'Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live!'

V. A. HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The V.A. Hospital sponsored their annual Christmas Party for the patients, on December 12, at 6:30 pm, in the Auditorium on the 4th floor. Our KWVA color guard again posted the colors. This party is attended by patients at the hospital and was hosted by the Korean Central Presbyterian Church of Houston. The program was filled with demonstrations of Jump rope, dance, TaeKwonDo, Flute players and a singer. This was all done with drawings for gifts in-between acts. Several of our members were lucky winners of the drawings. At the end, the men were given blankets, donated by the church, which are very soft and nice. At the close of the program, the church had a table filled with food for everyone to enjoy including sandwiches, drinks, fruit and cake for dessert.



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S



Pat Canny 2nd	Walter H. Ballard 11th	Stoney Stone 18th	Jose Hinojosa 25th
Flossie Heard 2nd	Jessie Weeks 12th	Jeanette Young 19th	Barbara Sims 27th
Richard G. Beard 3rd	Fay Talhader 14th	Ruby Stovall 19th	Joel Ybarra 28th
Carl Sutton 3rd	Don Hester 16th	Johnnie Sicola 20th	Ruby Ehrlund 28th
Dorothy Mitchell 4th	Sam Cardenas 17th	Chuck Smith 21st	Joseph Preola 28th
Dorothy McManners 6th	Ricardo Cortez 17th	George Crye 22nd	Manny Carnero 30th
Nelda Napp 6th	Betty Estill 17th	Mendy Gregory 22nd	Georgia Jackson 31st
Peter Wallace 8th	Wilma Watkins 17th	James Watkins 22nd	Jane Sloane 31st
Michael Dilick 8th	Dixie Hanks 18th	Jessie Harper 23rd	
Allie Burton 11th	Charles Smith 18th	Albert Hollan 24th	



JANUARY ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Roberto & Emma Hinojosa	1/2	Dan & Mary Ammerman	56 yrs . . 1/10/1953
Peter & Katsuko Wallace	1/11	Tom & Mary Beth Fitzmorris	1/12
George & Maggie Bazan	57 yrs 1/20/1952	Stoney & Evelyn Stone	1/21
Bob & Dorothy Mitchell	54 yrs 1/23/1955	Travis & Jerry Riley	57 yrs 1/26/1952
Don & Nelda Napp	58 yrs 1/28/1951	Don & Ann Hester	1/29
Richard & Dottie eard	1/30		

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

VETERANS ON PATROL

Stoney Stone & Jim Duncan

We need four or five more volunteers to patrol The Houston National Cemetery on Saturdays and Sundays. This will be for about four hours each day. This is a worthy cause to help protect those who come to pay their respects to their loved one's buried there.

Once you have patrolled, you will get a great feeling of satisfaction in knowing you have performed real meaningful support for those who visit the cemetery. Our patrolling members remind the women visitors to take their purses with them, lock it in the trunk or hide under the seat. Visitors are also reminded to lock their unattended vehicles. There has not been any instances when our patrol is on duty. There has been a few problems on the days we aren't there. The patrol's do make a difference.

Contact Jim Duncan at jsduncan1@comcast.net or #281-384-8853, or Stoney Stone at 281-375-7675, or email at elstone@consolidated.net, and we will inform you of the sign up process.

“Drive carefully. It’s not only cars that can be recalled by their maker!”

Wisdom from Maxing!

REVISIT KOREA TOURS

Won Pae Pak, tour Coordinator and Tour Guide, is again offering tour packages for the return trip to Korea. This will be 13 days and 11 nights, beginning April 9 to April 21, 2009.

For more information, please contact Mr. Pak at 5815 Creekway St., San Antonio, Texas 78247, Tel: (210) 257-6082, or e-mail: kafa6251950@yahoo.com.

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Ruth Johnson has improved for the better. After 6 weeks in the ICU, Ruth is improving against all odds. She is up and talking. The odds of surviving a massive heart attack and two heart arrests, a breathing tube for several weeks is not good, but Ruth defied the odds and is pulling through. CONGRATULATIONS RUTH. KEEP DEFYING ALL ODDS!!!

Henry Martinez recently had a bout with the flu. (I guess he didn't have enough problems to deal with). Just as he was recovering, his wife **Eva** caught the flu. There's nothing like sharing. *Let's hope your health is better.*

We have not been informed of anyone being ill or having other problems. We hope that means that you are all in good health, or as healthy as we can be at our age.

For your information: This newsletter is not the same as the one that was printed and mailed. The original copy contained 12 pictures, but because of the size it could not be condensed into a pdf file for the internet. It will only condense 100 mb or less. SORRY, they were great pictures.

CONDOLENCES



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of our member **Clifford (Ike) Montgomery**. Cliff passed away suddenly from a massive heart attack on Friday, December 5th. Cliff is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Lou, his children Jeff and Scott, grandchildren, Sarah and Collin and his great-grandson, Clayton.

Services were held Thursday, December 11, 2008, with burial at the Houston VA Cemetery.

ELECTION

March is election month. At this time, we do not have a list of the candidates, but they will be in the next newsletter. If you are asked to run for a office, please say yes. The organization is in need of good men, so please consider running.

WE'RE SORRY...

We, the editors, want to apologize for the newsletter being late this month. The only explanation available is Christmas activities, and the number of activities with the KWVA, plus we keep our two grand babies. Add all this together with the fact that there isn't enough time in the day for everything.

Hopefully, next month will be better.

CONDOLENCES

Janie Bighouse, wife of our KWVA Chapter Secretary, **Bob Bighouse**, passed away suddenly on December 28, 2008. Janie is survived by her husband of 56 years, Bob, her children, Bobby, Joannie, Julie and Bill, grandchildren and great grandchildren, a sister Joan and brother Joseph. She is preceded in death by 2 sisters, a son James and daughter Beth.

Janie loved parties, and attended most all of the KWVA parties and functions. She possessed a wonderful spirit and was fun to be around. We will miss her

Services were held on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church

Trials keep You Strong,

*Sorrows keep You Human,
Failures keeps You Humble,
Success keeps You Glowing,
But Only God keeps You Going!*

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