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



ATTENTION: JANUARY MEETING

By Jim Duncan



As TLSC kicks off this year 2010, we are very fortunate to have for our January Chapter Meeting program, two fine gentlemen. First from Austin, Jim Nier, the Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Commission and from Waco, Jim Richmon, TVC Director of Claims Representation & Counseling for the State of Texas. At my request and with the approval of your TLSC Board, I invited these two fine “proven Veterans Advocates” to come and speak to us and they accepted. They are the real deal—committed, knowledgeable and effective (and busy!!). Both of them came up through the ranks. They know their business and are straight shooters. I have asked them to give you an overview from their perspective of what they believe will be forthcoming from the VA as to both service disability claims administration and the ever growing medical services and facilities programs here in Texas. And - what you should be doing from your end. I have also asked that they outline for us how the new Texas Lottery Scratch Off ticket program impacts TVC as to funding for veterans programs. And - they will take your questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND COME TO THE MEETING JANUARY 21, 2010—6 PM, TRACY GEE COMMUNITY CENTER.

In interest of full disclosure, and some of you know this, it was my good fortune, privilege and honor to serve first as a Commissioner and then Chairman of the Texas Veterans Commission for five years (1998-2003) and work with and see these two professionals in action. They are the real deal.

KWV ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Nelda Napp



On December 19, 2009, fifty-five members and guests, gathered at the Monument Inn for a Seafood Feast with lots of yummy desserts. The gift exchange was fun. It had been a real challenge to find something worthwhile for five dollars, but most everyone did.

Thank you to all the helpers who made this a fun day.

FRANKO'S 3rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Franko and Betty hosted a very nice party, with brisket, etc. and Betty's wonderful punch. I'm sure that the weather played a part in keeping the crowd low, but those of us that did make it had a wonderful time. The Texans even helped by finally winning their game. Franko has a huge TV screen on which we all watched the football game. Very exciting game. The food was great and the companionship was even better. If you missed it, you missed a great time.

WREATH'S ACROSS AMERICA



The day for Wreath's Across America at the V.A. Cemetery was a foggy, misty, dreary day. There was a huge crowd that turned out despite the weather, in fact, possible the largest crowd to ever come out for an event at the cemetery. The weather could not dampen the love and respect that was felt for our fallen veterans.

Members of the Cemetery patrol represented the branches of the service along with current members of the armed services carried out the wreaths for the ceremony during the ceremony. Sal Gambino represented the Coast Guard, Carlos Ballard & Charles Laird—the Marines, Don Napp & Bob Big-house—Army, Hank Dauhman & Tom Fitzmorris—Merchant Marines, Travis Riley—Navy, Buddy Blair—Air Force and Stoney Stone—POW/MIA.

Tobin Slaven, of the Wreaths Across America, National, was present here in Houston, as there were more wreaths purchased for the Houston

VA Cemetery, than anywhere else. Scott DeMasi (the man who brought the concept of wreaths on each grave), was presented with a statue representing the



W A A, for his untiring effort to cover as many graves as possible. His son was also honored for prompting his dad to find out why the Houston cemetery was not included in the wreath laying. His inquisitive nature led to a mass response

V. A. HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Friday, December 11, the Houston V. A. Hospital hosted their annual Christmas Party. This is for the patients at the hospital. The TLSC presented the colors. There was a lot of entertainment mixed with drawings for great prizes. In all there were about 30 drawings for the prizes.

At the close of the party, there were large, warm, cozy blankets for each of the veterans, our color guard also received one of the blankets. For refreshments, we were served delicious subway sandwiches, drinks, yogurt, fruit and cake



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MANNY

Manny Carnero will turn 80 this month, and his family tossed him a surprise dinner with his family and close friends in attendance, in Virginia, over the Christmas holidays. Friends and family had been asked by Manny's daughter to provide pictures, stories and video accounts about him. There was an outpouring of information that was received. Some of this was then put onto a DVD along with all the cards and letters that were received. After dinner, he was surprised with old friends; the champagne, video, cards and letters came out. Needless to say, Manny was surprised and touched and very pleased that he had so many friends that wanted to remind him why they are friends.

A special thanks to his daughter, Mary Stahl, for working so hard on this touching tribute to her dad.

GERRY WEBER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

It is that time of year again, time to honor our members with the Distinguished Gerry Weber Service Award. The chosen individuals will be honored at the March meeting.

We encourage our members to submit their nominees to the nominating committee, using the form which can be printed from the website.

This year our nominating committee is Carlos Ballard, Chairman, Bob Hanks and Charles Laird.

Your Board of Directors strongly encourages TLSC members to participate. Please submit your form to Carlos Ballard. The more participation we have, the more TLSC membership is heard and served. Just download your ballot, and vote. The nominees do not have to be living, they should be someone who has made a great impact on the organization.

NEW VA OUTPATIENT CLINICS OPENING NEXT YEAR

The Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center (MEDVAMC) is making progress toward establishing four new VA outpatient clinics in Richmond, Lake Jackson, Katy and Tomball and re-opening its clinic in Texas City.

Scheduled to open the summer of 2010, the Richmond VA Outpatient Clinic will be located in the professional building near Oak Bend Medical Center, close to U.S. Route 59. The nearly 10,000 square foot facility will provide primary health care, mental health care, laboratory, and X-ray services to Veterans in the Richmond/Rosenberg area. Emergency medication needs will be met on a local contract basis.

The Lake Jackson VA Outpatient Clinic, scheduled to open in the fall of 2010, is in the final stages of the contract negotiation process. Physical location information cannot be released until this is finished. It will be similar in size to the Richmond clinic and also offer primary health care, mental health care, laboratory, and X-ray services.

The VA outpatient clinics planned for Katy and Tomball will be much larger in size than the ones in Richmond and Lake Jackson; approximately 30,000 square feet each. Since this exceeds local contracting authority, the Department of Veterans Affairs Real Property Office in Washington, D.C. is handling the contracting process. These clinics are expected to open in 36 to 48 months.

The MEDVAMC also plans to reopen the Texas City VA Outpatient Clinic in 2010. Several properties are currently being considered for lease.

All of the planned VA outpatient clinics will be staffed by VA personnel.

The MEDVAMC currently operates outpatient clinics in Beaumont, Conroe, Galveston and Lufkin. In fiscal year 2009, there were 815,695 outpatient visits at the Houston facility, 56,295 in Beaumont, 34,142 in Conroe, 18,860 in Galveston and 45,054 in Lufkin.

WORDS OF WISDOM.....

“The operations of the federal government will be most extensive and important in times of war and danger; those of the State governments, in times of peace and security”

James Madison

“Nothing is more essential to the establishment of manners in a State than that all persons employed in places of power and trust must be men of unexceptionable characters.”

Samuel Adams

“For those who have fought for it; Freedom has a flavor that the protected will never know.”



“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 HEALTH PLAN

You’re a senior citizen and the government says no health care for you. What do you do?

Our plan gives anyone 65 years or older one gun and 4 bullets.

You are allowed to shoot 2 Senators and 2 Representatives.

Of course, you will be sent to prison... with 3 meals a day,

Shelter and all the health care you need! New teeth, no

Problem. Need glasses? You got it. New hip, knees, kidney,

Lungs, heart? All covered.

And who will be paying for all of this? The government that

Just told you that you are too old for health care. Plus, as a

Prisoner, you don’t pay income taxes anymore!

IS THIS A GREAT COUNTRY OR WHAT?

WISDOM FROM MAXINE!

“Statistics on sanity are that one out of every four people is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends, if they are okay, then it’s you!”

“Why is it, no matter what color of bubble bath you use, the bubbles are, always white?”



In Memory of —

Ammerman, Dan
 Ballard, Dorothy
 Barbee, Betty
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 Brast, Weldon L678
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 Horns, died 7/51 POW
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 Fall of O.P. Berlin 7/53
 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 January 1, 2010

James C. Ashby M831 | Harry Bruce M 6 5 1

RENEWALS

Walter G. Ballard	Josh Flynn
Wayne Harrison	Albert Hollan
Jack Kaley	John Peters
Rod Ramsey	Don Riess

KOREAN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Korean Community hosted their annual Christmas party with a good turnout of our members. Bob and Dorothy Mitchell, Buddy and Billie Blair, John and Georgia Jackson, Vito and Marlene Susca and Bob Bighouse attended on the evening of the 26th. Johnney Lee was scheduled to attend, but became snow bound in Chicago that day. (He returned home two days later)

It was a large and successful event, well attended by the Korean Community including Mr. Kim, Dr. Lee and Consul General Cho. The Community has purchased a larger building on Long Point for the Community use, and will be moving there next year. Our TLSC group marched on stage and led the party in singing the U.S. National Anthem, and the highlight of the evening must have been when our group, at Dr. Lee's request sang the song 'Arirang', in Korean. Roughly translated the words in English would be:

"He is going up to Arirang Ridge
My sweetheart is going and leaving me behind
His feet should hurt before he goes ten league."

The ladies were given a skin conditioning kit as a reward, and Bob Mitchell won a gift card to one of the Korean markets. Thanks to Buddy Blair for serving as choir director.

THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING US IN
YOUR ACTIVITIES!

God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9.7 NIV

JANUARY

1st - New Years Day
7th - Board Meeting - 5 pm
21st - General Meeting—6 pm

FEBRUARY

2nd - Ground Hog Day
7th - Board Meeting - 5 pm
14th - Valentine's Day
15th - Presidents' Day
17th - Ash Wednesday
21st - 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

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

THOMAS JEFFERSON QUOTES:

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those would not.

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.

My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.



JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Pat Canny 2nd	Walter H. Ballard 11th	Charles Smith 18th	Jose Hinojosa 25th
Flossie Heard 2nd	Jessie Weeks 12th	Stoney Stone 18th	Barbara Sims 27th
Richard Beard 3rd	Fay Talghader 14th	Jeanette Young 19th	Joel Ybarra 28th
Carl Sutton 3rd	Don Hester 16th	Ruby Stovall 19th	Ruby Ehrlund 28th
Dorothy Mitchell 4th	Sam Cardenas 17th	Johnnie Sicola 20th	James Ashby 28th
Dorothy McManners 6th	Ricardo Cortez 17th	George Crye 22nd	Joseph Preola 28th
Nelda Napp 6th	Betty Estill 17th	James Watkins 22nd	Manny Carnero 30th
Peter Wallace 7th	Wilma Watkins 17th	Jessie Harper 23rd	Georgia Jackson 31st
Michael Dilick 8th	Dixie Hanks 18th	Albert Hollan 24th	Jane Sloane 31st
Allie Burton 11th			

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY'S

MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE	MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE
Roberto & Emma Hinojosa	1/2	Peter & Katsuko Wallace	1/11
Tom & Mary Beth Fitzmorris	1/12	George & Maggie Bazan . . 58 yrs . . 1/20/52	
Stoney & Evelyn Stone	1/21	Bob & Dorothy Mitchell . . 55 yrs . . 1/23/55	
Travis & Jerry Riley . . 58 yrs 1/26/52		Don & Nelda Napp 59 yrs . 1/28/51	
Don & Ann Hester	1/29	Richard & Dottie Beard	1/30

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

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Get straight answers about your rights and benefits!
 There's good reason why the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Pasadena Memorial Chapter #194 is inviting you and your family to attend a DAV Veterans information Seminar. So many disabled veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next. Here are the details on the seminar:

JANUARY 13, 2010
6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3100 MAIN STREET
SECOND FLOOR AUDITORIUM
HOUSTON, TX., 77002

A highly trained National Service Officer from the DAV's Houston office will conduct the seminar. This veterans' benefits expert offers you the best counseling and claim filing assistance you and your family can get. And the best is available to you free of charge! You need not be a DAV member to take advantage of this service.

Bring your VA Claim Number and Social Security number to the Information Seminar.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bill Craigmill writes that he & wife Flor are just beginning to enjoy their vacation in the Philippines. Bill lives in Canada and his wife is from the Philippines, and they spend their winters in the Philippines, much warmer there. This year, when they arrived, her younger sister was very ill, and passed away. My wife Flor and I would like to extend to all members of the TLSC, a very Merry Christmas & a rich & prosperous New Years. (Please tell all to just remember over the Seasons Greetings, if you drink, don't Drive, Life is to valuable to waste over a few drinks may God bless you all.)

George & Maggie Bazan recently took a trip to Tampico, Mexico. We went to see George's mom who will turn 103 yrs. old on 12/23/09 and is doing well. She has never had any type of surgery and has been a very healthy person, she is not sick now, only very tired. One of the most interesting things I will always remember about her is that when I asked her why she chose the name of George, that's how it appears on his birth certificate, she told me since they were living in the United States, it would be nice to name him after the first president. George has another brother that was also born in the U.S. and then his parents moved back to Mexico and the rest of the family was born in Tampico. He came back to Houston when he was 18 and the rest is history. Happy Holidays, Maggie

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Mickey Spencer has not improved, and Milly has, on the advice of Mickey's doctors, admitted him to Tranquility. This is a private home for Alzheimer patients, located at 9006 Poco Road, Houston, Tx., 77080. He has trouble talking on the phone, but he does pretty good with visits in person. He is in room 8 behind the original house.

Stoney Stone underwent emergency quadruple bypass surgery on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009. He was scheduled for an angioplasty and possible stint. The angioplasty showed 90% blockage in 3 arteries and 80% in one. The surgery took almost 4.5 hours and the Doctor told Evelyn that Stoney came through just fine. He will be in ICU several days and a long recovery. He is at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in the Texas Medical Center. *Stoney our prayers are with you in your time of recovery.*

George Bazan had cataract surgery the first part of December and has recuperated very well.

Shirley (Punkie) Nathan has been sick recently with a recurring problem. The doctors determined that surgery was needed. Surgery was scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2010. *We all need to remember her in our prayers.*

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Johnny Barker** on the recent loss of his wife **Doris**. **Doris** passed away peaceful on December 18, 2009. She is survived by Johnny, two brothers, daughters, Cherry Randall & Deena Thornton, son, Marion Davis and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Doris was laid to rest on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, at the VA Cemetery.

THERE CAN BE NO FIFTY-FIFTY
AMERICANISM IN THIS COUNTRY
THERE IS ROOM HERE FOR ONLY
100 PERCENT AMERICANISM. ONLY
THOSE WHO ARE AMERICANS
AND NOTHING ELSE

Theodore Roosevelt

SOCKS - V.A. HOSPITAL

The Christmas distribution of socks at the V.A. Hospital took place on Friday, Dec. 18th. There was a good turnout of our members. There were plenty of socks and caps for all the patients and Billie Blair made angels for the ladies. James Murphy of the American Red Cross, brought underwear for the male patients, and they were distrib-



uted
along
with the
socks &
caps.

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 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

Be sure and attend and hear the latest memory. Our next speaker will be at the January Meeting.

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