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

CHILI COOK-OFF & AUCTION

The annual Chili cook-off and silent auction was a great success. There was plenty of chili (except for the winning pot of chili), rice, all the trimmings and desserts. There were of course a group of strange looking people that invaded the gathering, but it was all in fun. A large number of costumed members attended. We had a pirate with a talking parrot, Lucy Ricardo, a doctor, a scarecrow, the wicked witch, a Dynamo player and fan, cowboys, farmers and the winner a Roman Gladiator. Everyone had a great time, even those of us who did not wear costumes.

The Silent Auction was a huge success. Everyone browsed, signed their names with bid amounts, then waited. The lucky winners were notified during the meeting, which items they successfully won the bids on. Several people did their Christmas Shopping, or simply bid for themselves. The evening was successful because of dedicated and generous members. The auction and dinner brought in \$982.00. This was one of the more successful fund raisers.

The winner of the Chili cook-off was Rod Ramsey with his delicious award winning recipe, followed by Buddy & Billie Blair in 2nd, with Manny & Chris Carnero in third place, winner of a can of Wolf brand Chili.



Marilyn Harrison
WINNER

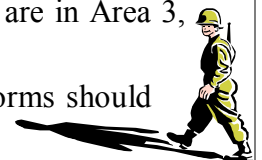
VETERAN'S DAY

On Wednesday, November 11th, we will gather in downtown Houston to celebrate Veteran's Day. The ceremony at City Hall will begin at 10 am, so if you plan to attend the City Hall program, please arrive early, at least by 9:30, or earlier, as it is always crowded. The parade will begin between 11:30 & 12 noon. (Giving people time to get from City to assigned places in the Parade route). Our group will line up at Prairie & Smith between 10 and 11 am. We are in Area 3, with numbers for our trucks—62, 63, 64 and 65.

All members should wear their Class "A" uniform. Those without uniforms should wear their Class "B" chapter shirts and caps instead.

Ladies, please wear your heart shirts, or a similar patriot shirt.

EVERYONE, PLEASE ATTEND, THIS IS FOR YOU, THE VETERANS!!



TLSC CHRISTMAS PARTY



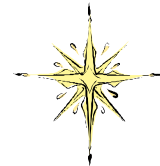
The Annual Texas Lone Star Chapter Christmas Party will be held this year on **December 19th**, which is on a Saturday. We will again have our gathering at the Monument Inn, which is located in LaPorte, Tx. off Hwy 225, on the Independence Highway. (This was formally named Battleground Road.) As you 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
12oz GRILLED PIBEYE 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.

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

MEMORIAL TO WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

Member Tom Mixon, has built a memorial adjacent to his museum, *MIXON MEMORIES*, that he is dedicating to Women in the Service. As Tom says, *"I think the women haven't been recognized for what they've been doing for the military and for our country."*

The metal sculpture, painted red, white and blue, sits atop a cement slab spanning 1,000 square feet that Mixon himself inlaid with granite pieces, much like decorative tile work. At the top of the sculpture sits a helmet, and above that is a eagle. The surrounding grounds are covered with the granite pieces, placed in different designs. One design is of a cross sculptured in the stones with the rays of light extending from it. It is very impressive and beautiful. Along the South edge of the property is a six foot metal fence. Tom uses this fence to place the pictures of service women. He needs more pictures. Women, if you or any one you know ever served in the Armed Services, please send your photo in so that it can be included on the Memory Wall for Service Women.

This memorial was built by Tom Mixon alone, without any financial help from anyone. The location is adjacent to his Museum, Hwy. 3 at Virginia, in South Houston, with parking in front and across the street, at the South Houston War Memorial. As most of you know, Mixon Memories Museum houses our original wall, the U.N. flags, and various Korean memorabilia, along with countless movie props from Hollywood..

Pictures can be mailed in care of Tom Mixon TLSC/KWV, P.O. Box 80254, Houston, Tx. 77280-2541.



2009 KOREAN FESTIVAL HOUSTON

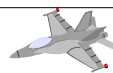
On October 3rd, the Korean-American Society of Houston, held the first ever Korean-Festival at the Houston Community College—Spring Branch. This high-energy, fun event is held specifically on Oct. 3rd, 2009 because this day happens to be both Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving Day) and Foundation Day, which celebrates the mythical founding of the Korean nation in 2333 B.C.

When this editor arrived at the event, he was escorted to the VIP table, where he received his VIP Badge and the Schedule of the Performance. We were seated in the front. The Consul General and the Consul were present and enjoyed the performance. The Guest speaker was Senator John Whitmire of the 15th Senatorial District.

As with all festivals, traditional Korean food was served, provided by several Korean restaurants—Seoul Garden, Bonga, Korea Garden and Kimchi's Korean Café.

The entertainment consisted of playing of the 12 string Gayageum, where the last song played was Idedum. The Gayageum is probably the best-known traditional Korean musical instrument. There were the 3 young women playing the 9 drums and the Women & Children's Folk Dancers using fans painted with pink peony blossoms and represented images using fans like flowers, butterflies and waves. The Farm Folk Dancers preformed their Farm dance which is rooted in the dure (collective labor) farming culture. This traditional dance and music was originally performed as part of farm work, on rural holidays, and at other village community-building events. The Korean martial art form and sport of TaeKwonDo was demonstrated. The last group to perform was the K-Pop Dance Group.

Thank you, Korean Community, for inviting us to your special holiday event.



“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**

Ammerman, Mary Ator, Roy Ballard, Carlos Ballard, Martha Ballard, Walter G. Barbee, Neal Bergen, Bernie Brast, Hazel Brunelle, Harry Cambiaso, Jose Canny, Pat Castillo, Alex Cipriano, Ray Conte, Tom Correa, Joseph Cortez, Richardo Craigmill, Bill Crouther, Charles Dickerson, Byron	Dillick, Michael Duncan, Jim Fitzmorris, Tom Fuhrman, Les Gares, Cho Glass, Joe Harrison, Wayne Harper, Jessie Hinajosa, Jose Hollan, Albert Kennison, Bill Lyke, Thomas Lynch, Juanita Maloy, Ted McManners, Doroth Mixon, Tom Montello, Stephen Moore, Bill Munguia, Tony	Nanninga, John Napp, Don Nathan, Shirley Nevill, Kenneth Parker, James Pedraza, John Riley, Travis Romano, Joe Priger, Ray Sanford, R. B. Sax, Edward Sholl, Vinton Sicola, Johnnie Spencer, Mickey Stewart, Clyde Won, Hong Sop Urquhart, Jennifer		
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* - Indicates more than one donation

WHO DOES WHAT

.A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, ‘You should do it because you get up first, and then we don’t have to wait as long to get our coffee.’ The husband said, ‘You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.’

Wife replies, ‘No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.’

Husband replies, ‘I can’t believe that, show me.’

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says, ‘HEBREWS’.

CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, ‘I don’t know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time.’

The wife responded, ‘Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!’

WIFE vs HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, ‘Relatives of yours?’ ‘Yep,’ the wife replied, ‘in-laws.’



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
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Russell, Roy
 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.

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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 November 1, 2009:

Walter G. Ballard M780	Walter H. Ballard M329
Josh Flynn M805	Wayne Harrison
Albert Hollan M397	Edwin Moore M555

RENEWALS

Ray Cipriano	Frank Daidone
Tom Fitzmorris	Francisco Garza
Max McLendon	Lemuel Pickle
R. B. Sanford	Vinton Sholl
J. O. Watkins	

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**.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
NOVEMBER	5	19
DECEMBER	3	19

Happy Birthday Marines

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.readyhouston.tx.gov. Be prepared for any disaster that might happen.

2009

NOVEMBER

1st - DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME ENDS (Fall Back)
3rd - Election Day - VOTE
5th - Board Meeting - 5 pm
10th - Birthday of U.S. Marines
11th - VETERANS DAY
11th - Ceremony & Parade
19th - General Meeting 6 pm
26th - THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER

3rd - Board Meeting - 5 pm
7th - Pearl Harbor Day
11th - Chanukah begins
13th - Birthday of U.S. National Guard
19th - Chanukah ends
19th - TLSC Christmas Party
21st - First day of Winter
25th - CHRISTMAS DAY
25th - 1950-Battle of Chosin Reservoir ends
31st - New Years Eve

QUARTERMASTER

John Jackson

Thank you for your support by purchasing K.W.V. merchandise We have numerous items that you can purchase by:

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

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 November Meeting.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



Roland English 4th	Fred Ortiz 8th	Herbert Nittsche 16th	Frank Daidone 26th
Chuck Ehrlund 4th	Richard Andrews 9th	Virginia Lewis 17th	Angus Lewis 26th
James Johnson 6th	Richard Arnott 11th	Edwin Moore 20th	Clarence Sperbeck 27th
Guy McMenemy 6th	Marion Odell 12th	Lillie Leonard 22nd	Wayne Harrison 27th
James Kirk 8th	David Velasco 14th	Evelyn Perkins 22nd	Bennie Younger 28th
Peggy Wilmeth 8th	Betty Weeden 15th	John Alvarado 26th	

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Joseph & Lorraine Preola11/	Jack & Violet Goodwin	11/1
Morris & Mary Lee Estess	11/2	Ralph & Anita Melcher . . 63rd . .	11/8/46
Benny & Marianne Younger . . 58yrs . .	.11/3/51	Tom & Mendy Gregory	11/8
William & Mary Kennison . 59 yrs . .	11/11/50	Harvey & Patsy Barnhart11/16
Oscar & Vendla Migl 56 yrs . .	.11/21/53	Robert & Barbara Sims	11/25
William & Mary Louise Maillet 55 yrs . .	.11/26/55		

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

THE DARKEST SUMMER

PUSAN AND INCHON 1950

THE BATTLES THAT SAVES SOUTH KOREA

This is the title of a new book published by Simon & Schuster, written by **Bill Sloan**.

Bill Sloan is a former *Dallas Morning News* reporter and historian. **THE DARKEST SUMMER** takes place during one of the greatest reversals of military fortune in history—the desperate first three months of the Korean War, when the U.S. military simultaneously carried out one of the greatest defensive operations in history and saved South Korea from extinction. Drawing on exclusive author interviews, unpublished memoirs and oral histories, Sloan recounts the conflicts from the perspectives of the soldiers and Marines on the ground. Unlike other books on the Korean War that cover the entire conflict and end inconclusively with stalemate and no victory *The Darkest Summer* focuses on how American forces, facing hear certain defeat, carried out two of the greatest military operations in history. The result is a dramatic, hour by hour, casualty by casualty story of “the forgotten war.” It also contains 16 pages of maps and pictures.

If you are interested in this very interesting book, you can contact the publisher: Danielle.Lynn@simonandschuster.com or at 1230 Avenue of the Americas, Simon & Schuster, New York, NY 10020. She can inform you of the price and when it goes on sale to the public.

BUS RIDES

The city will once again provide a bus from the VA Cemetery to City Hall, downtown, on November 11th, for those in need of transportation into town.

For more information, contact **Stoney Stone** at 281-375-7675.

VETERAN'S DAY EATING GOOD!!

Continuing a long tradition, two previous sponsoring restaurant corporations and one new one will be offering active duty, retired military and all veterans a chance at some good free food during the Veterans' Day period.

McCormick and Schmicks Seafood Restaurants kick things off on Sunday, November 8th, with their tribute to veterans. Click on their [website](#) for more details. They recommend you make reservations ahead of time.

Applebees Restaurants is a new addition to the list. They will be honoring veterans on Veterans Day, November 11th, at all of their participating restaurants. They have a nice selection from six different entrees. For more information go to their [website](#).

Finally Golden Corral Restaurants will be having their 9th Annual “Appreciation Dinner” on Monday November 16th, from 5—9 pm. For more information, go to their [website](#).

THANK YOU PARTICATING RESTAURANTS

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Patty Gambino is sporting a new ankle brace. It seems that the simple act of getting into a van for a fun evening of dining with family, took a turn for the worst. She heard and felt something pop, then pain. An MRI showed that there was a lot of inflammation and torn ligaments. She will be wearing her new foot ware for a while.

Marianne Younger has been improving, as well as Bennie. It was really good to see Bennie accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law at the Chili cook-off. We missed Marianne’s smiling face, but hopefully she will be strong enough for our next gathering.

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★ Whether you’re retired from the military, presently serving in one of the branches of the ★
★ armed forces, or living each day protecting and serving in the local communities of the United ★
★ States of America, you are to be honored for your brave sacrifice. ★
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CONDOLENCES

Jonell Glass wife of Life member, **Joe Glass** passed away on October 10, 2009. Services were held Oct. 13, in Lufkin, Tx.

Joe and Jonell had been married fifty-seven years. She leaves her loving husband and best friend, Joe, children: Janie & Terry Ray, Cindy & Paul Rick and Joe & Kellie Glass, five grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Our sincere condolences are sent to the entire family.

CONDOLENCES

Dorothy Ballard wife of member **Walter G. Ballard** of Semmes, Al., passed away on Sept. 20, 2009, in Semmes.

Walter & Dorothy had been married 56 years, and had 7 children, 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by her husband and family.

Our sincere condolences to the entire family.

SPEAKERS @ NOVEMBER MEETING

There will be two special speakers at the November general meeting, one will be from the Veterans resource center in Houston, Tx., for veterans sponsored by the U.S. Government and one from Women Inspiring Noble gracious spirits, sponsored by the Disable Veterans of America.

WREATH’S ACROSS AMERICA.....



Our membership has come forward with donations to the Wreath’s Across America program in a big way. Our members have been tremendous, with \$450.00 being donated .

“Wisdom” From Maxine

“Why do you have to ‘put in your two cents,’ but it’s only a ‘penny for your thoughts?’ Who gets the extra penny?”

“How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?”

NEW POSTAL REGULATION

On Sept 8, 2009, a new regulation went into effect concerning the mailing of the booklets. The new rules now require 3 - 1 1/2 round tabs, two on the right and one on the left , instead of the scotch tape we have previously used. This applies to all mail using the non-profit postage.

This editor has tried to keep the cost of publishing and mailing the newsletter down, Due to the additional cost of the new tabs, the newsletter will cost 12 cents more.

We want to thank all the readers of this newsletter, especially our contributors, who have made it possible to continue with the newsletter.

Your Editors-
Lee & Charlotte Henderson

We don’t have to turn to our history books for heroes. They are all around us.

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