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

HURRICANE IKE

Our city began to receive the winds on Friday, September 12th, and by 10 or 11 pm, we were really getting slammed by Ike. It has been a long time since we have experienced a Hurricane. Hurricane Alison blew through 25 years ago, and some may have forgotten the fury Mother Nature can deal. As I tried to sleep that night, I was reminded of storms coming through when I was a kid and listening to the wind howl all night long. It's a sound you can't forget, the memory just goes away until the next time. After looking at the storm's path, it looked like it crossed Galveston Island's East end, and went straight up highway 146, through Kemah, Seabrook, Baytown, etc. Galveston had extensive damage with 6 feet of water over the entire island. The Strand area is still closed because of the severe damage. There were homes and businesses completely destroyed, and power was out for weeks. The west end of the island is not protected by the sea wall, so the homes there, were either partially or completely destroyed. Bolivar, High Island and Gilchrist were also especially hard hit, with very few homes remaining. The death count has not been completed as there are still many piles of debris to be searched, it now stands at approx. 30. Ike has been compared to the 1900 storm that covered the island with 19 feet of water, almost destroying Galveston and killing approximately 8,000 people. That storm prompted the sea wall and required the raising of homes 15 feet.



CarPort "Gone with the Wind"



Tree through roof!

Ike left behind trees that were broken, uprooted and leafless, homes destroyed completely or left without a roof. There are blue roofs everywhere you look, and piles of tree limbs. FEMA came in and opened PODS to distribute ice, water and MRE's., these were a real life saver. Every neighborhood had a generator or two or more, running to keep the refrigerators going, if they were lucky. We pulled ours out and prayed that after 22 years it would still work. Changed the sparkplug and then prayed. After a while it finally sputtered to life. The challenge then became to find gas, as most stations were closed because they had no power, it became road trips, sometimes to Katy, where they had power. A generator is wonderful, but the price of gas was terrible, approximately \$45. a day to run it. It also became difficult to find food, as most supermarkets were closed because of no power. Some used generators, but couldn't stock dairy, meat & frozen foods, only dry goods.

We (the editors) were without power for 1 1/2 weeks and no telephone, internet or cable for 2 weeks. This is the major reason this newsletter is so late. We apologize.

PICTURE TIME

Listen up men, it's time to look your best. Bennie Younger's daughter, Sheryl & husband, Roger Lochridge, will be at our October meeting. They were scheduled for the September meeting, which was cancelled. They are professional photographers and want to take pictures of all members that want to participate. Each participating member will receive a **FREE** 8x10 Color Photo. It is requested that if you have a Class A uniform to please wear it, if not, wear your Class B uniform. You can check Roger & Sheryl out at their web site: www.YourBestShot-Photography.com



KWVA CHRISTMAS PARTY - 2008



DATE: Saturday, December 13, 2008 1:00 to 4:00 pm

PLACE: MONUMENT INN- 4406 Battleground Rd.
LaPorte, TX 77571 281-479-8102

DRESS: Casual & Comfortable & in "**Holiday Spirit**"

MENU

Choice of one entree:

1. Fisherman's Platter
2. Broiled Redfish Pontchartrain or Grilled Fish of the Day
3. Chicken Teriyaki
4. Grilled 12 oz. Rib eye steak

Several homemade desert choices will be available, including Sugar Free ones, made with love by our KWVA Ladies.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$23.76

RESERVATION DEADLINE: December 6th,
Call Martha Ballard @ 281-499-5334 - 3415 Palm Desert, Missouri City, Tx. 77459

PAYMENT: We need your check when reservations are made, payable to:
TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER/ KWVA

Each person: please bring a wrapped gift, man for a man, lady for a lady.



Minimum Value: \$5.00 and maximum of \$10.00 for the gift exchange.

May be funny or serious, your choice, but be nice. Guests are welcome.

..... We'll watch the ships go by and sing a few Christmas Songs.



DON'T MISS IT!!



MEETING INFORMATION

Carlos Ballard - President

I hope that this message finds you all doing well after the storm, and that you and yours and your property are safe and sound.

Our September Meeting had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Ike, and the resulting aftermath. We are planning to hold our October Meeting on schedule, on October 16th, however there are several changes we need to make.

Benny Youngers' daughter and her husband will now be at our October meeting to take a **FREE** 8x10 color photo of our veteran members. Please wear your Class A uniform, if you have one. Otherwise, the Chapter shirt (Class B) should be worn.


The annual Chili Supper, usually held in October, will not be held

Raffle tickets for the original Lone Star Chapter American Flag will be available at the meeting, at \$5.00 each. The flag will be raffled off at the November meeting.

Due to the need to catch up on a number of items, plus the photographs, there will not be a videotaping of a member at this meeting.

SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 16TH

FLAG AUCTION

 The first chapter American Flag will be auctioned off by buying tickets at the chapter meetings. You must attend the general meeting, to purchase tickets for the American Flag, as they will not be available on line. This is the flag that began with our Chapter in 1991.

The drawing will be held at our November meeting. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

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

WHY, WHY, WHY

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?



STATE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

By Bob Mitchell

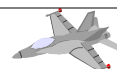
The Department of Texas meeting took place the same weekend that Hurricane Ike decided to blow across the Gulf Coast. The meeting was not well attended, and Marvin Dunn was quite disappointed with the turnout, especially areas not affected by Ike. Three attendees were from Houston, Bob & Dorothy Mitchell, Bob Bighouse and Buddy & Billy Blair.

Bill McSwain was there and spoke about the need for change at the National level, after some disruptive leadership problems, and a need to get more involved with the Chapters.

There was not an official meeting, due to a lack of a quorum, but they did discuss some things, unofficially. Bill explained the pros and cons of the National Charter. For one thing; we are now subject to Congressional oversight, and must file an annual report on our activities to Congress. It also means we can program and have them licensed to work in the VA system. We are required to have an invited member to sit on panels of city and county Veterans groups in all States, to join in discussion and planning, and we will now be advised of changes to the VA at the government level. We also get to attend meetings with the Secretary of the VA. The National will lead in all these efforts for the Chapters. J. D. Randolph is heading up the VSO effort. He will be in contact to ask for candidates.


Marvin had hoped to begin the process for seeking candidates for the 2009 State Department Officers at this meeting. He will now contact the Chapters directly to get this started. We will be informed at a later date as to where the 2009 State Department meeting will be held.

I did a presentation on the status of the Korean Museum, which was well received. Buddy Blair spoke about the sentry duty that we are doing at the National Cemetery.



“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2007 to July 2008”

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 2009 issue. Be sure and have your name included. Fill in the sponsor card, seen below, or included in your July, 2008 newsletter, (those that are mailed) and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson**

Aguilera, Vincent Ballard, Carlos Beecraft, Bert Belken, Donald Blair, Buddy Brast, Hazel Burton, Allie Cambiaso, Hortens Castillo, Alex Cipriano, Ray Conte, Tom Corea, Joseph Cortez, Ricardo Coussons, Charles Craigmill, Bill Duncan, Jim Fitzmorris, Tom Friedman, Abe Fuhrman, Les	Gambino, Sal Graves, Dick Hinojosa, Roberto Hollan, Albert Levine, Jack Lee, Johnney Lyke, Tom Maillet, William McKay, Frank McManners, Dorot Mixon, Tom Montello, Stephen Munguia, Tony Nanninga, John Naomi, Sam Napp, Don Nittsche, Herbert Perkins, Mr. Evelyn Petrey, Clifford	Priger, Ray Riess, Don Riley, Travis Shepherd, James Sholl, Vinton Sicola, Johnnie Stewart, Clyde Talghader, Marvin Trevino, Raul Wallace, Peter Watkins, James Wells, Geneva Wilhemson, Elizabe Williams, Bridget	
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A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft, the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, “Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour, would you like to get off and stretch your legs?” The blind lady replied, “No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs.”

Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story Have a great day and remember ...
A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER IS A DAY WASTED!!!

Morris, and 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, “You’re really doing great, aren’t you?” Morris replied, “Just doing what you said, Doc: “Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.” The doctor said, “I didn’t say that. I said, “You’ve got a heart mummer, be careful.”

In Memory of —
 All Korean Vets...
 All who Died & MIA’s
 All that didn’t come back

Craigmill, Ross WWII
Finks, Clark
Fuhrman, Juanita
Illanne, Ed
Jones, Robert
Kraniak, Lou
McManners, Arthur
Montgomery, John
O’Flynn, John J.
Rhatigan, Bill
Russell, Roy
Shepherd, brothers -

Floyd, Bob & Doyle Williams, John

In Honor of—
Nathan, Howard
 (Speedy Recovery)
Lebaron, Eddie

This Space is for you to Remember someone you Care for.

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“Warrior” Sponsor
I want to be a sponsor of the Warrior for July 2008-July 2009

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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 October 1, 2008:

Alvin Hollis	M381	Henry Martinez	M 5 9 5
Don McFarland	M729	Oscar Migl	M 3 8 5
Jimmy Richardson	M599		

RENEWALS

Tom Fitzmorris	Donald Freeman
Angus Lewis	Rod Ramsey

NEW MEMBER:

Richard Morris L-830

POW PICTURES

We received information of a web site from members David & Frances Velasco. These are very interesting pictures.

www.angelfire.com/art2/koreanwar_pow/Korean_War_POW_photos.html

Correspondence:

Linda Palmer Bowles wrote to the web-site: I am so thankful and grateful for the many sacrifices made by the Korean War veterans and all veterans. The web site is such a wonderful labor of love done on behalf of the veterans. I only wish my father could have seen this before he had Alzheimer's. I will share this web-site address with my children and grandchildren, so they will never forget what our veterans have done for them and our country. I appreciate and thank Carlos Ballard for his kind concern, assistance and direction given to me in dealing with the V.A. survivor benefit process. My father, Wayne Cellis Palmer, passed away on June 24, 2008 at MEDVAC after a long stay in the Transition Care Center. He was a member of the Chosin Few and a very proud Marine all his life. Jesse Harper and other honorable members were the pallbearers at my father's funeral and I will never forget their genuine care and concern for my family and the beautiful tribute and respect paid by them to my father. God Bless you all!!!

FRANKO & BETTY'S

2nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Franko & Betty Grochoske will be hosting their 2nd annual Christmas dinner. This year it will be the 1st Sunday of December, the 7th. Everyone is invited.

2008

OCTOBER

8th - Yam Kippur begins
 12th - Columbus Day
 13th - Columbus Day Observed
 13th - Birthday of U. S. Navy
 16th - Board Meeting 5:00 pm
 16th - General Meeting 7:00 pm
 31st - HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

2nd - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
 4th - ELECTION DAY
 10th - U.S. MARINE CORP BIRTHDAY
 11th - VETERANS DAY
 20th - Board Meeting 5:00 pm
 20th - General Meeting 7:00 pm
 27th - THANKSGIVING DAY

RESEARCH

Recently, several of our members were interviewed by a young Korean student from the University of Houston. Eunjin Kwon is a Master student at the Hilton College at the U of H. She spent her childhood in Paju City and visited the DMZ area many times. Her professor, Dr. Ki-Joon Back, is a Graduate Director and Associate Professor, at Hilton college. His father was a general during the Korean War.

Their research results will be used to develop tour packages for veterans and to let tourism policy makers and scholars know about the Korean War veterans intention to visit Korea, and what they enjoyed most about their visit. They also want to know what the veteran wants.

Eunjin would like to interview our members that have made a return trip to Korea to get their impressions of Korea. She plans to attend our October meeting and talk to any of the members that are willing. Please help her with her research.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S

James Belcher 2nd	Homer Gregory 8th	Judy Smith 13th	Travis Riley 21st
Joseph Correa 2nd	Marlene Susca 8th	Bernard Bergan 15th	Jack Starlin 21st
Richard Rupert 3rd	Dorothy Ballard 9th	Charles Critchell 16th	Beverly Middlebrook .22nd
Forest Robinson 3rd	Ralph DeCosta 9th	Tom Conte 16th	Kenneth Nevill 22nd
Jim Duncan 4th	Robert Arias 10th	Ralph Hockley 17th	Bernice Hollas 25th
Bill Craigmill 4th	Lynn Roe 10th	Vito Susca 18th	Bob Bighouse 26th
Vincent Aguilera 5th	Floyd Frawner 11th	Arnulfo Cortez 18th	Bobby Owens 26th
Tom Lyke 5th	Antonio Munguia 11th	Jack Levine 19th	Don Estill 27th
Paul Johnson 6th	Janie Bighouse 12th	Ralph Melcher 20th	Estella Frawner 29th
Eloise Ilanne 6th	Sandy Bergan 13th	Harvey Barnhart 21st	Carolyn Hockley 29th
Marie Palmer 6th	Alvin Hollas 13th	Alex Castillo 21st	Raul Trevino 30th
James Tarver 6th	Janet Pappas 13th		

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY'S



MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE	MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE
Tom & Charlotte Lyke . . . 54 yrs. . .	10/1/1954	Gene & Camila Lugo	10/5
Ralph & Eva DeCoste 54 yrs. . .	10/4/1954	Donald & Susan Belken	10/7
Floyd & Estella Frawner	10/8	Joe & Muriel Mueller . . . 55 yrs. . .	10/9/1953
David & Willetta Garner	10/9	Henry & Eva Martinez . . . 55 yrs. . .	10/9/1953
J. B. & Shirley Hatfield	10/13	Bernard & Sandy Bergan	10/14
Clifford & Louise Petrey . .55 yrs. .	10/15/1953	Bob & Phyllis Ottis	10/16
Roland & Barbara English	10/20	Frank & Bettye McKay	10/20
Ernest & Elrose Baumgart	10/23	Albert & Debbie Hollan	10/23
R. B. & Earnestine Sanford	10/23	Alvin & Bernice Hollas . . . 55th. . .	10/25/1953
L. B. & Peggy Wilmeth	10/30		

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.

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.

GROCERY STORE REBATES

As many of you know, we have been part of the Kroger Plus Card program, receiving rebate checks based on our members shopping. Under the new NeighbortoNeighbor program, we were told we could no longer participate because we are a 501C-19 and they only allow 501C-3 non profits. We need to appeal this to their Consumer Affairs Dept.: neighbortoneighbor@kroger.com. We should flood them with either emails or letters. Their mailing address is Kroger, 1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202-1100, Attention: Consumer Affairs Department. Let's all get involved and shake their tree a little.

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Frank (Franko) Grochoske is doing better after his surgery. His operation was 21 August and spent some 21 days in the Hospital, with 18 of them in the ICU. He went home for about three days, but then had to go back and stay another 3 days. *Franko, you have really been through a lot. Here's hoping and praying that you are in better health. We look forward to seeing you soon.*

Henry Martinez has been having trouble with his knees again, and the doctors are talking about another knee replacement. This newest surgery won't be for another few months. He recently went from his cane to a walker for assistance. *This is not permanent as you can't keep a good man down for long.*

The Meaning of a Flag Draped Coffin, Cont'd.

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America , and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.



The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.



The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.



The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.



The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.



The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.



The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'



After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

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