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

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY MEETING & POT LUCK DINNER

Those of you that missed the March 17th monthly meeting, missed a wonderful Irish meal of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Corned beef, stew, various vegetables, and desserts. This great meal was followed by the regular meeting. At this meeting, two deserving members were honored with the Gerry Weber Award. This award is presented annually to deserving members who have contributed to the chapter and to the Chapters



Stoney Stone accepting award from Buddy Blair

image in the community. This years winners were **Travis Riley**, accepted by his widow, Jerry Riley, followed by **Z.E. Stoney Stone**.



Jerry Riley, accepting for Travis

Following the break, the new officers were sworn in. Pictured below are your new officers for the 2011-2013 year are:

**Hank Daumann—Pres.**

**Jim Duncan—1st Vice Pres.**

**Rod Ramsey –2nd Vice Pres**

**Bob Bighouse –Treasurer**

**Buddy Blair—Secretary**



2011—2013 Officers

Your new Directors are:

**Wayne Telling,**

**Forrest Robinson,**

**Al Habinak,**

returning director, **Stoney Stone,**

and not pictured

**Richard Halferty.**



2011—2013 Directors

**Congratulations to the new officers of the Texas Lone Star Chapter.**

## KOREAN COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The Korean - American Association of Houston, hosted an Open House at their new facility. The building is located in the 1800 block of Hollister, just north of Long Point, next to the Spring Branch Hospital. Their new building was acquired last year and has undergone extensive renovation. (The building was damaged during Hurricane Ike.) The result of the hard work is a beautiful and spacious building. This building will house a school, after school activities and the Houston Community College, as well as all the activities of the adults of the Korean Community.

There was a good turn-out of City and Korean dignitaries to help dedicate the building. After the ribbon cutting ceremony, everyone entered the building to admire the beautiful interior and hear the numerous speeches. There were also presentations. Bob Bighouse praised Mr. Kim and the Korean Community on their wonderful new home. Johnney Lee presented Mr. Kim with a picture. Carlos Ballard in turn, presented Johnney Lee with a picture and on the back was a piece of his jacket he wore in Korea.

There was also wonderful entertainment of drums, cymbals and dancers. All of this entertainment was provided by young people. They played drums, cymbals and they also danced. We were also entertained by youngsters who wore decorated costumes as they did the dragon dances. They wound their way through the audience and had a great time doing it. The cutest were the little ones, they must have been under 7.

This was all followed by a wonderful meal.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW HOME!!!**

### CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences are extended to member **Tom Campion**. **Tom** recently lost his wife of 52 years, **Sandra**. She passed away on Sunday April 3, 2011, after a lengthy illness.

Burial was held on Saturday, April 9th at the Miller Funeral Home, 1 PM.

### **HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND DON'T MOVE FAST**

George Phillips, an elderly man, from Meridian, Mississippi, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing

things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No, but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me."

Then the police dispatcher said, "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors, and an officer will be along when one is available."

He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now, because I just shot them." and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

**FAMILY UPDATES ON MIA/POW'S**  
**By David and Frances Velasco**

We attended the Family Update held on February 26, 2011, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We have attended 8 or 9 Family Updates in our area over the years and one National Family Update in Washington, D.C.

The Updates are like an all day seminar. You don't win anything by attending a lot of these. You do learn what is being done to recover our nation's missing servicemen. About political problems associated with getting access to the foreign country. Information about DNA and who carries what genes. You learn about what is going on in the Identification Lab. Also, they discuss about the latest directives on the recovery operation. An increase of identifications is being mandated at this time.

The whole thing is like "CSI" on TV. Evidence is gathered, examined and a conclusion is reached. They also, use dental records, medical information (like a history of broken bones, etc). One problem they currently have is that they have 800 "unknowns" buried in Hawaii, at the Punch Bowl Cemetery. They are unable to obtain DNA from these "unknowns". The embalming process used in 1950 destroyed the DNA. They are working on the problem of reversing the process at this time. They also need a DNA database from the families of the missing to help identify the missing. At this time, they are requesting two samples per family.

At the end of the meeting, you can meet with the service representative and ask specific questions about your case. I go because Frank A. Velasco, MIA, is my brother. I also go because I know that the recovery program is family driven. I feel good when I see a lot of ID badges on the reception table as I arrive. I feel bad, if when leaving the meeting, I see ID badges still unclaimed. That tells me that there were some families that didn't show. The DOD is doing all they possibly can to locate as many families as possible.

At the Louisiana Family Update the DOD reported that 167 missing from the Korean War have been identified and returned to their families for Military Burial in either their home state or Arlington National Cemetery.

If anyone knows of any family of a missing serviceman from any past conflicts, please encourage them to attend a Family Update when it comes to their area.

David and Frances Velasco  
(Still waiting)

**Schedule of Family Updates for the remainder of 2011:**

April 30, 2011	Columbus, Ohio
May 21, 2011	Green Bay, WI
June 25, 2011	Princeton, NJ
July 21-23, 2011	Arlington, VA (Southeast Asia Annual Briefings)
Sept 1-2, 2011	Vienna, VA (:Korean & Cold War Annual Briefings)
October 15, 2011	Wichita, KS
November 19, 2011	Savannah, GA

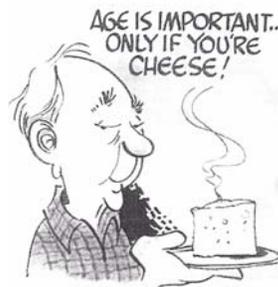
**Contact Casualty Offices:**

Air Force	1-800-531-5501
Army	1-800-892-2490
Marines	1-800-847-1597
Navy	1-800-443-9298
Dept. of State	202-320-7010

**REUNION**

Don Napp recently spent 4 days at Texas A & M in College Station, with some old school buddies.

Don stated that he wasn't sure what happened, but it turned out to be a lot of old gray haired men. What happened to the youthful college men?



**Wisdom from Maxine!**

"Giving money and power to the government is like giving whisky and the car keys to a teenage boy!"

"A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory!"



## ***“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2010 to July 2011”***

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 2011 issue. Be sure and have your name included. Fill in the sponsor card, seen below, or included in your newsletter, (those that are mailed) and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson**

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### **EVER DRIVEN A HONDA BIKE?**

A biker is riding a new motorcycle on the highway. While passing a car, he knocks on the window. The driver of the car opens the window, “Yes?”

“Ever driven a Honda motorcycle?”

“No I haven’t”

The biker drives on, until he sees the next car. While passing it, he knocks on the window. The driver of the car opens the window; “Yes?”

“Ever driven a Honda motorcycle?”

“No, I haven’t”

Then suddenly there is a curve, the biker sees it too late. He crashes off the road into a ditch. A car stops and a man runs to the unlucky biker. The biker, while in severe pain, asks, “Ever driven a Honda motorcycle?”

“Yes I have. I had a Honda for 20 years.”

The biker says, “Tell me, where are the brakes?”

### **Buying a Car**

A husband and wife were debating on buying a new car. She wanted a fast sports car. He wanted a pickup. As time passed on, her birthday came up and she thought it a great time to fulfill her wish. She told her husband, “Look, I want something that can go from 0 to 200. Furthermore, I want it to be able to do it in just a few seconds!”

The husband bought her a bathroom scale.

(The funeral is at 3:00 pm Wednesday).

### **In Memory of —**

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

Christensen, John  
 Cockrell, Bill  
 Graves, Dick  
 O’Flynn, John J.  
 Russell, Roy  
 Teadwell, Marvin

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**July 2010-July 2011**

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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 April 1, 2010**

Robert Greer	M838	Bob Mitchell	M361
Roger Morris	M837	Lemuel Pickle	M756
Ed Sax	M832	Vinton Sholl	M419
Wayne Telling	M696	Bennie Younger	M525

## RENEWALS

Walter Ballard	Al Habinak
Albert Hollan	Oscar Migl

## APRIL



- 1st - April Fool's Day
- 7th - Board Meeting 4:30 pm
- 17th - PALM SUNDAY
- 18th - PASSOVER BEGINS
- 21st - General Meeting 6 pm
- 22nd - GOOD FRIDAY
- 24th - EASTER SUNDAY
- 30th - Vietnam War Ends—1975

## MAY

- 5th - Board Meeting 4:30 p.m.
- 8th - MOTHER'S DAY
- 14th - Astro's game 3:05 p.m.
- 19th - General Meeting 6 pm
- 30th - MEMORIAL DAY



## .... ATTENTION.... DUES INCREASE!



At a recent board meeting, the Board voted to increase the Annual dues by \$5.00, from \$20. To \$25. Per year, in order to better match income with expenses.

This change will go into effect at the start of the new fiscal year, March 1, 2011. Anyone whose annual payment becomes due after March 1, will be assessed the \$25. amount. A request has also been made to the POW's and Life members to donate yearly to help offset the fact that the Chapter has more Life members than Regular members. This is not mandatory, just a request.

## CALLING COMMITTEE

It has come to the attention of everyone, that a calling committee is again needed. There have been times when events or emergencies happen and the only communication has been through notification via the internet. This method is great except that everyone does not have a computer.

Carlos Ballard and Bob Mitchell will be the ones who are in charge of putting together the lists. If you would like to assist them by calling your fellow vets, you can contact either man with your name. Carlos: 281-499-5334 or Bob: 713-939-8880. If enough volunteers don't come forward, some may be asked to **volunteer**.

## SOCKS.....

The quarterly distribution of socks to the patients at the Michael DeBakey V A Hospital took place Friday, March 18th. There was a very good turn out of men, nine in all, to make their way along the halls of the four floors of the hospital. The patients always appreciate the gift of a new pair of socks and for the amputees there were knit caps.

## A Gift from the Sheriff

"Hello, is this the Sheriff's Office?"

"Yes. What can I do for you?"

"I'm calling to report 'bout my neighbor Virgil Smith. He's hidin' marijuana inside his firewood! Don't quite know how he gets it inside them logs, but he's hidin' it there."

"Thank you very much for the call, sir."

The next day, the Sheriff's Deputies descend on Virgil's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept. Using axes, they bust open every piece of wood, but find no marijuana. They sneer at Virgil and leave.

Shortly, the phone rings at Virgil's house.

"Hey, Virgil! This here's Floyd. Did the Sheriff come?"

"Yeah!"

"Did they chop your firewood?"

"Yep!"

"Happy Birthday, buddy!"



### APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Max Johnson . . . . . 4/2	Betty Ann Graves . . . 4/11	Bb Brunat . . . . . 4/18	Tom Fitzmorris . . . . 4/24
Harry Brunelle . . . . . 4/5	Nuncio Martino . . . . 4/11	Mardene O'Donnell . . 4/20	Dottie Beard . . . . . 4/25
Harry Bruce . . . . . 4/6	Euell Arnold . . . . . 4/13	Margaret Bazan . . . . 4/21	Al Habinak . . . . . 4/27
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Rosalie Null . . . . . 4/9	John Jackson . . . . . 4/16	Ray Priger . . . . . 4/24	George Bazan . . . . . 4/30
L. B. Wilmeth . . . . . 4/10	Bill Roberts . . . . . 4/18	Marvin Talgheder . . . 4/24	

### APRIL ANNIVERSARY'S

<u>MEMBER &amp; SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER &amp; SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<u>Jimmy &amp; Gloria Chavez . . . . 55 yrs . . . . 4/2/1956</u>		<u>Lawrence &amp; Flossie Beard . . 57 yrs . . 4/3/1954</u>	
<u>Tom &amp; Sandra Campion . . . . 52 yrs . . . 4/5/1959</u>		Carl & Maxine Dry . . . . . 4/7	
Bill & Lillie Leonard . . . . . 4/14		<u>Frank &amp; Betty Weeden . . . . . 60 yrs . 4/14/1951</u>	
Sam & Frances DiBello . . . . . 4/17		<u>Max &amp; Ruth Johnson . . . . . 57 yrs . 4/17/1954</u>	
H. E. & Lina Striedel . . . . . 4/20		<u>Thomas &amp; Peggy Boren . . . . . 60 yrs . 4/22/1951</u>	
Clarence & Starlene Johnson . . . . . 4/22			

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

#### PHILIPPINE PROJECT

By Bill Craigmill

Bill reports that the Mayor of his province there, has given him permission to renovate and repair the Historical site of MacArthur's Wharf, as long as there are no expenses to them.

(There are several sites in the Philippines that General MacArthur held as his headquarters.) Bill has found a few of them and last year, he and his helpers repaired and cleaned up one of them and held their Veterans Day Ceremony there. The veterans and citizens in the area are very proud of the results and attended in great numbers. The schools even brought their students to the ceremony.

He returned to Canada the middle of April and will return to the Philippines in July. He has decided that he needs time to prepare for his ceremony. He is sending letters to his friends and associates, asking for donations to help with the expenses involved with the project. As with everything these days, it takes money to accomplish your goals.

**CONGRATULATIONS BILL  
And GOOD LUCK**

#### Ponderings for Idle Moments.....

- Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?
- Since light travels faster than sound, isn't that why some people appear bright until your hear them speak?
- How come abbreviated is such a long word?
- If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?
- Since Americans throw rice at weddings, do Asians throw hamburgers?
- Why are they called apartments, when they're all stuck together?
- Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?
- If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to see it, do the other trees make fun of it?
- When two airplanes almost collide why do they call it a near miss? It sounds like a near hit to me!
- Do fish get cramps after eating?

**KEEPING IN TOUCH - SICK BAY**

**Hank Daumann** is scheduled for more tests and treatments, so hopefully, he will be fit as a fiddle real soon.

**Sal Gambino** had a scare recently. It seems that he had another bout with his sinus and needed more treatment. *Sal, hopefully by now, you are doing better and no more hospitals.*

**Tom Fitzmorris** had some good news recently. He feels good and treatments should be over by now. *Congratulations Tom.*

**TRIP TO AUSTIN**

**By Jim Duncan**

**TLSC TEAM GOES TO AUSTIN IN SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS COALITION OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS(TCVO) LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

Background- TLSC has been a member of TCVO since its inception in the 90's. Today TCVO is a coalition of 34 different Veterans Service Organizations representing over 600,000 Texas Veterans. It is highly respected by The Legislature and State Leaders. It is effective and organized. Rather than preparing a "laundry list" of legislation, TCVO targets in and prioritizes the legislative issues it is seeking support for and adoption of legislation (Bill) and ultimately state law signed by the Governor- Governor Rick Perry.

For this, the 82nd Legislative Session, the TCVO #1 priority issue is a passage of a Bill passed in the Texas Senate and Texas House and signed by the Governor which continues exemption from ad valorem taxes of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 % Service-Connected Disabled Veteran. In the 81st Legislative Session a Bill was signed into law by Governor Perry granting this exemption to the 100% Service Connected Disabled Veterans. Responding to the call from John Miterko, Legislative Liaison /Leader of TCVO asking for TLSC to send members to a Texas Senate Finance Committee meeting hearing on Monday 21 March 2011 for a public hearing on this #1 priority issue, seven TLSC chapter members drove to Austin, attended the meeting and stayed throughout the meeting until all the proposed bills on this most important issue were presented and heard by the Committee. Representing TLSC were: Carlos Ballard, Bob Bighouse, Jim Duncan, Bob Hanks, John Jackson, Johnney Lee and Stoney Stone. We went on record as being in support of the continued ad valorem tax exemption as defined above. We were very well received by the Committee, and many comments and thanks as to our attendance and our genuine interest in the issues.

In the Texas Senate, the next step will be a posting of the bill for a Finance Committee Vote, upon successful passage it would be sent to the full Senate. To date no organized opposition has risen to this issue.

We will be following this closely both in the Senate and in the Texas House which to date has not had a committee hearing on this most important issue. It will follow with much the same process as the Texas Senate.

## ADVANCED PRIMARY STROKE CENTER

The Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC) earned the Gold Seal of Approval from The Joint Commission, as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center. The MEDVAMC was awarded the distinction of being the first VA medical center with this designation after the Joint Commission conducted an on-site review in February.

Each year about 700,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke, the nation's third leading cause of death. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 45 seconds and someone dies of a stroke every 3.1 minutes. Stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States, with about 4.7 million stroke survivors alive today.

"We are proud to achieve this important distinction," says Adam C. Walmus, M.H.A., M.A., F.A.C.H.E., Director, "Certification by the Joint Commission as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center recognizes our hospital's commitment to providing outstanding stroke care, and the best care available anywhere, to our Nation's heroes."

The Joint Commission's Primary Stroke Center Certification is based on the recommendations for primary stroke centers published by the Brain Attack Coalition and the American Stroke Association's statements and guidelines for stroke care. The joint Commission launched the program in 2003.

Programs applying for advanced certification must meet the requirements for Disease-Specific Care Certification plus additional, clinically specific requirements and expectations.

In 2005 the MEDVAMC established a Stroke Center to ensure Veterans received timely evaluation with diagnostic procedures and appropriate therapies based on guidelines established by the Stroke Council of the American Heart Association.

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