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

TLSC CHRISTMAS PARTY....

Please keep December 3rd open. This is the day that has been selected for our annual Christmas Party. We will again have a gift exchange. The limit is again \$5.—\$10.

DATE: DECEMBER 3RD

PLACE: MONUMENT INN
4406 INDEPENDENCE HWY.
LaPORTE, TEXAS

TIME: 11:00 -

MENU: FISHERMAN'S PLATTER
CHICKEN TERIYAKI
BROILED TILAPIA PONTCHATRAIN
12OZ. GRILLED RIBEYE STEAK



All entrees served with a green salad, baked potato, homemade rolls and muffins, Iced tea and coffee. The ladies are asked to bring a dessert.

COST: \$22.50 per person.

Make checks payable to KWV/TLSC.

Mail to: Betty Grochoske, 726 Gilpin Street, Houston, Tx.,
77034-2020

Come early - See you there.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Betty & Franko Grochoske will again host their Christmas Gathering on the 1st Sunday in December or December 4th. This year Frank is preparing Chicken Gumbo and Potato Salad.

Franko lives at: 726 Gilpin St., Houston, 77034. Phone: 713-941-3845. Take I45 South, exit Edgebrook, right, right on Theata, left on Gilpin. Franko is on the right.

RSVP IF YOU CAN COME .

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AT AREA SCHOOLS.....



A group of Chapter members attended the Veterans celebration on the 4th of November at the Millsap Middle School on Huffmeister in the Cypress School district. We had a sumptuous breakfast, the school staff staff attended to our every needs. After the meal children gave their presentation of the Pledge of Allegiance, poems and letters were read. We then formed groups by branch of service and Bob Bighouse and I presented the colors. The schools program, the choir and orchestra were almost professional. A slide show, showing veterans was shown. At the end of the program we were led by a drummer to parade through the school where other classes were lined up with flags to greeted us as we marched past.

On 10 November we were invited to the Spring Branch, Spring Forrest Middle School on Memorial. Another great breakfast feast. They provided a photographer to take a portrait picture of any veteran and his spouse. The Master of ceremony introduced each veteran to the audience. Many of the veterans were teachers at the school or parents of the school children. The band played each service's song and the veterans of that branch was asked to stand during the rendition. The Colors were presented by the schools Navy ROTC, great job. Again, the school's choir and orchestra were outstanding. I must say that when I was in middle school we didn't have a band or choir and it was a big school. These kids are to be congratulated for their talent.

Then on the Big day of 11/11/11 the Chapter provided the Color Guard for the Veterans Day Commemoration at Houston City Hall. West Point graduate, Mr. John Wing who was the Keynote speaker gave a spirited speech. It must be noted that Mr. Wing is the founding owner of Samuel Adams beer, so he has to be a good guy. Local politicians gave speeches, some were gratefully short but the usual long winded ones were there. Of course, our man Stoney Stone gave a memorable presentation for the POW/MIA TABLE.

The three days of celebrations of Veterans Day showed how our country's attitude towards Veterans has become very positive. Compared to when Koreans Vets came home to.... nothing. No parades or celebrations, we came home and continued with our lives. And the Vietnam Vets' when they returned were subjected to abuse.

GOD BLESS THE VETERANS AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES

HANK DAUMANN

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations were held at most Houston area schools. One of those was Mount Belvieu Elementary School, where Lee & Charlotte Henderson's great granddaughter Caydence (Cayde) Sanford, attends. Cayde is in the 2nd grade. The school held a lunch for the veterans, and as they ate, some of the members of the 2nd grade class, entertained the group with a patriotic program. Each lunch period held a program, so there were several held during the lunch time.



The veterans present (there was a very large crowd, perhaps 100, during the 2nd grade session) were recognized and as their names were read, their student received a flag which they presented to their veteran.

SOUTH HOUSTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

On Nov. 10th, the Marine Corp's 236th Birthday, Tom Mixon and Lee Henderson, were invited along with veterans from the area, 75 or more, to celebrate Veteran's Day at South Houston Intermediate School, in South Houston, Tx.

We were served a wonderful breakfast, and then we were escorted to the gym for a program honoring the vets. Tom was asked to speak to the group. We were entertained by the Sam Rayburn High School ROTC Drill team, followed by the South Houston Choir and the SoHo Dance Team and the Band. The Band played the different service melodies, at which time the veterans stood as their music was played. To finish the morning, we were treated to a

SPRING FOREST MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS VETERANS

By Rod Ramsey

Celebrating Our Country's Heroes was the theme of the Veterans' Day program hosted by Spring branch Middle School, on November 10, 2011. A large group of local veterans (estimated at 250) were treated to a sumptuous breakfast and honored at an extensive program. The whole affair was sponsored by the Heritage Texas Properties real estate firm. Attending from our Chapter were: John and Georgia Jackson, Bob and Dorothy Mitchell, Henry Martinez, Bob Bighouse, Rod Ramsey, Johnney Lee, Hank Daumann, and Vito Susca.

Some of the program highlights were posting of the Colors by the School Naval JROTC color guard (very sharp), the SFMS Symphonic Band rendition of "Anthem of Liberty", a presentation of the veterans in which each veteran was introduced by name, a guest speaker (LTC Ret. Charles Neimeyer), the singing of the Armed Forces Medley by the SFMS Choir, poetry reading, a slide show, beautiful renditions of both Reveille and Taps by a student trumpeter (John Eyre). In addition each veteran had his photograph made by Inter State Inc. and was presented with it on the spot. Students participated throughout the program as escorts, masters of ceremony and performers. The Spring Forest PTA was responsible for the table decorations and the serving of

Member **Abe Freidman** attended a dinner recently and the guest of honor was **Mr. Robert Gates**. Mr. Freidman had his **DoD** Certificate with him. He asked Mr. Gates to sign it again, and he did, in person. Fantastic!!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



The annual laying of the wreaths at the **Houston National Cemetery** will be held this year on **Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 11 AM.**

Our members, will make sure that the deceased members of TLSC receive a wreath, plus as many others as possible. You can help by sending in your donation of \$15.00 per wreath, to the TLSC/KWV, P. O. Box 802541, Houston, Texas, 77280-2541. We received a record number of donations last year. Hopefully with your help, we will exceed last years purchases, and are able to help cover the cemetery with beautiful green wreaths. Our goal is to raise \$1800 to \$2,000. So far, the donations through the **TLSC has reached \$3,220.62, and counting.** This is double the donations from last year, proving that our veterans have hearts of gold. The goal of the WAA is to decorate the 25,000 plus graves at the cemetery. The cut off date to accept donations is Nov. 30th.

REMEMBER OUR VETERENS

DONATIONS TO WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Ammerman, Mary (in memory of Dan Ammerman)
Ballard, Carlos & Martha
Bartee, Rosey (in memory of her father, Tom Campion)
Belken, Donald
Bighouse, Bob
Blair, Buddy
Carnero, Manny
Cathers, Ernest
Conte, Thomas
Correa, Joe
Coussins, Judge Charles
Daumann, Hank
Dean, Charles Owen
Duncan, Jim
Ehrlund, Chuck
Friedman, Abraham
Gambino, Sal
Green, Richard
Habinak, Al
Habinak, Ann
Halferty, Dick

Hong Sop Won
Hudson, Ronald
Laird, Grace (in memory of Charles Laird)
Lee, Johnney
Johnson, Max
Malloy, Ted
McManners, Dorothy (in memory of Arthur McManners)
Middlebrook, Beverley (in memory of Marvin Treadwell)
Mitchell, Bob
Mixon, Barbara
Morris, Roger C.
Mouton, Danford
Mulrooney, Maureen (in memory of Joe Mulrooney)
Nathan, Shirley (in memory of Howard Nathan)
Otis, Robert
Porter, Breck
Priger, Ray

Ramsey, Rod
Robinson, Forrest
Sanford, R. B.
Shannon, Debbi (in honor of her dad - Lee Henderson)
Singleton, C. E.
Spencer, Milly (in memory of Mickey Spencer)
Spring Branch VFW, Post 8790
Stevens, Robert & Judy
Stone, Stoney
Susca, Vito
Telling, Wayne
Velasco, Frances & David
Watkins, James O.
Williams, Lester
Young, Jeanette (in memory of Nathan Young)

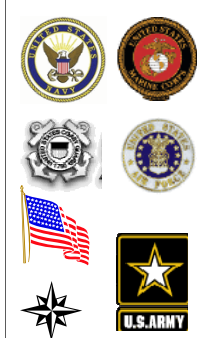
JERRY WEBER AWARDS

It is time again to think about nominating deserving members for the Jerry Weber award. Information about this great award can be found on the web-site: kwvahouston.org. Please visit this site to learn about it and members who have been awarded it in the past. The nominating page can be downloaded and filed in with a deserving members name and reason for the nomination, then mailed in.



“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2011 to July 2012”

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 2012 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**

Arnwine, Cleve Ballard, Martha Bazan, George Belken, Donald Brast, Hazel Brooks, Chet Cathers, Ernest Chavez, Jimmy Cipriano, Ray Conte, Tom Correa, Joseph Cortez, Oscar Coussons, Charles Daumann, Hank DiBello, Sam Dilick, Michael Dickerson, Byron Duncan, Jim Fitzmorris, Tom Fuhrman, Leslie	Gambino, Sal Glass, Joe Hinojosa, Roberto Hollan, Albert Johnson, Max Johnson, Ruth Krebs, Glenn Laird, Grace L. Lawrence, D. F. Lee, Johnney Lynch, Juanita B. Malloy, Ted McManners, Doroth Middlebrooks, Butch & Beverly Mixon, Tom Munguia, Tony Nathan, Shirley Nittsche, Herbert Parker, James L.	Pedraza, John Petrey, Clifford Priger, Ray Ramsey, Rod Richardson, Jimmy Romano, Joseph Singleton, Carl E. Sloane, Jane Smith, Orin Urquhart, Jennifer USMC D-2-7 Velasco, Frances Won, Hong Sop	
			* - Indicates more than one donation

NO SUNDAY PAPER!!!!

“WHERE is my SUNDAY paper:”
The irate customer calling the Toronto Star newspaper office, loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was. “Madam”, said the Star employee, “today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on SUNDAY”.
There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition, as she was heard to mutter, “Well, *#*#, that explains why no one was at church either.”

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. ‘Young man, we’re both 90 years old.’ the husband said. ‘We may not have 45 minutes.’ They were seated immediately.

In Memory of —

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

All Korea POW/MIA’s
Don C. Faith (TC)
Charles W. Laird
Arthur McManners
For All Who GAVE
Pat Canny
John J. O’Flynn
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John Christensen
Bill Cockyell
Al Bradshaw

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I want to be a sponsor of the *Warrior* for
July 2011-July 2012

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Membership

TIME TO RENEW

Dues are \$25.00 - Life Membership \$200.00 - Send renewal to TLSC/KWV - P O Box 802541 - Houston TX 77280-2541.

The following memberships were due November 1, 2011:

Walter G. Ballard M780 | Walter H. Ballard M329

The following memberships are due December 1, 2011

John Alvarado M801	Doyle Griffin M560
Ralph Hockley M749	Johnney Lee M795
Jimmy Richardson M599	Marvin Talghader M234
Rudy Weisar M340	

RENEWALS

Harry Caldwell	Byron Dickerson
Henry Martinez	Oscar Migl
Edwin W. Moore	Roger Morris
Jimmy Richardson	

Welcome New Member:

Alvin Annot M848
Robert (Bob) Campbell M847

WELCOME !!!

3rd INFANTRY DIVISION

At our October meeting, we had a guest, **George Burks**, a WWII veteran. Mr. Burks is a member of the 3rd Inf. Div. and asks that anyone interested in joining the organization, to please contact him at 281-752-5456.

SOCKS

Socks were distributed on **Friday, December 16th**, from the 2nd floor Volunteer Office, starting at **10:00 am**. Please arrive by 9:30. Please come and help pass out socks. You'll be glad you did.

CHRISTMAS PARTY @ V.A. HOSPITAL

On Friday, December 9th at 6:30, we will again help the patients at the V.A. Hospital, celebrate Christmas. The TLSC will again present the colors. The Korean Presbyterian Church is again sponsoring the event as in the past.

Chapter & Other Events

DECEMBER



- 1st - Board Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
- 3rd - TLSC Christmas Party
- 3rd - ROK Marine Assn. dinner
- 4th - Franko Grochoske's Christmas party
- 7th - Pearl Harbor
- 9th - Christmas Party at VA Hospital
- 16th - Socks—VA Hospital
- 16th - ROK Army Christmas Party
- 19th - Hanukkah begins
- 22nd - 1st day of Winter
- 25th - Christmas Day
- 26th - Korean Community Christmas Party
- 31st - New Year's Eve



JANUARY 2012

- 1st - NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 5th - Board Meeting - 4:30 pm
- 19th - General Meeting

KOREAN CHRISTMAS PARTIES:

December 3rd: ROK Marine Corp. Assn. Year end dinner. Korea House Restaurant, 10078 Long Point, (east of Gessner) 713-465-6400. 6:00 PM. Spouses welcome. Please RSVP

December 9th: Christmas Party at the VA Hospital, sponsored by the Korean Presbyterian Church. 6:30 PM.

December 16th: ROK Army year end party. Senior Citizen Center, 1414 Longhorn Dr., Houston, Tx., 77055. 713-465-6588. 7 PM.

December 26th: Korean Community Christmas Party, 7 PM. Class A Uniform. Omni, Crown Plaza Hotel, Hwy. 290, Houston, Tx.

QUARTERMASTER

We are still in need of a Quartermaster. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact the president, Hank Daumann. If you are interested in running for office, begin thinking about it, elections are in March, 2012.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



Sal Gambino 1st	Hazel Brast 9th	Ruth Johnson 17th	Patsy Barnhart 21st
Florence Sicola 1st	Martha Ballard 10th	Chris Carnero 18th	Shirley Hatfield 21st
Mary Lou Grim 3rd	Maxine Dry 10th	Donald Freeman 18th	Don Napp 22nd
Frank Salas 3rd	Mary Kiser 10th	Dick Harris 18th	Dick Palmer 22nd
Willetta Garner 4th	Violet Goodwin 12th	John Snyder 19th	Mitzi Harris 26th
Jean Dickerson 4th	Mary Ammerman 12th	Guadalupe Flores 20th	Oscar Migl 27th
John Ellis 5th	Lillie Critchell 13th	Bob Mitchell 20th	Ed Singleton 27th
Betty Burton 6th	Debbie Hollan 13th	John Morvant 20th	Eva DeCoste 30th
Clyde C. Stewart 7th	Mary Ellis 15th		



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>
		<u>Robert & Victoria Arias . . .52 yrs 12/6/1959</u>
Euell & Dorothy Arnold	12/4	Fred & Lucy Ortiz 12/16
<u>James & Della Sue Tarver . . . 59 yrs 12/6/1952</u>		Orin & Helen Smith 12/19
Salomon & Nora Padilla	12/17	Richard & Barbara Arnott 12/21
<u>Doyle & Jean Griffin 53 yrs 12/20/1958</u>		<u>Ricardo & Helen Cortez58 yrs 12/26/1953</u>
Dick & Marie Palmer	12/22	James & Dorothy Ashby 12/29
Guadalupe & Tomasa Flores	12/27	<u>Charles & Patraicia Dean 59 yrs 12/31/1952</u>
Ralph & Carolyn Hockley	12/30	

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

Correspondence:

Harvey Roe L-1 - Dear Carlos, I have wanted to write and thank you for sending the Certificate of Appreciation Korean War Service, by Robert M. Gates. THANK YOU!!

Now to update you on my present situation, Lynn, my wife of over 40 years, passed away on March 21, 2011. I decided to sell my home in Spring, Tx., and move back to my relatives in Oklahoma, near Fort Smith, Ark. My home in Spring will close 23 Nov. 2011, and I will make the trip back there at that date. I purchased a smaller home in Pocola, OK., about one mile from the Chockton Casino, located on the ARK/OK border. I am a regular customer—member of that Casino. I have been very lucky and won about \$20,000 so far this year, in W-2's that I will have to settle up with the IRS for this tax year.

I am making my second trip back to Korea in 2012. Be sure to pass on my info to members that know me....and if anyone is passing thru Fort Smith, be sure

to look me up. All are welcome to stay in my home. My phone # 918-721-5339. 106 May Ln., Pocola, Ok., 74902. *Harvey*

Ben Schrader - Dear Carlos, What a pleasant surprise this past Sunday. A little embarrassing, but well received by all - especially me. It will be on display in the lobby of the Office Area at the Plantation the end of this week. We have asked the veterans to show some of their memorabilia in remembrance of Veteran's Day. I'm not sure what will show up but we have WW II through Vietnam. I went from a Smoke outfit on the west, 1st Marines, to the East in the Heavy Mortar Bn. And the ROK 8th Div. I will put up the Washington, D.C. monument against any of the others up there. It is real rice patties and all. (I can smell the Kimshi cooking not.) Thank you and the Lone Star Chapter for recognizing the vets of the "Forgotten War". - Ben

KEEPING IN TOUCH - SICK BAY

Don Napp had a recent mishap during his trip to Texas A & M. It seems that he fell in their hotel room and injured his head, requiring several stitches. He's fine now, but states that his equilibrium was off for several days after the mishap.

CONDOLENCES



With great sadness, we report the passing of member and good friend, **Thomas Fitzmorris**. Tom passed away Nov. 8, 2011, after a long battle with cancer. He was born April 24, 1934 in the Bronx, New York.

He was in the Navy during the Korean War and served on the USS Northhampton and the USS Moale.

Tom is survived by his wife, Mary Beth, sister Joan, son Daniel & wife Jessica with granddaughter Ella, daughter Debbie Hughes and husband Richard, son Robert Wilkie and wife Tonya along with many cousins and other relatives and numerous



CONDOLENCES

Lynn Roe wife of member **Harvey Roe**, passed away on March 21, 2011. Our sincere condolences are extended to Harvey and their family.

DOOR PRIZES 11/17/2011

- Ruby Ehrlund Christmas Apron
- Martha Ballard Picture Frame
- Marlene Telling Purse
- Betty Grochoske Book
- Forrest Robinson Book
- Ruby Ehrlund Tiara glasses
- Roger Morris Mouse pad
- Bob Mitchell Book
- Forrest Robinson Book
- Max Johnson Book
- Bob Mitchell Book
- Forrest Robinson Telephone book
- Billie Blair Popcorn can
- Roger Morris Bracelet
- Johnney Lee Note pad
- Forrest Robinson book
- Forrest Robinson Candy jar
- Marlene Telling 2 books
- Billie Blair Book
- Rod Ramsey Book
- Marlene Susca Book
- Bob Bighouse Caps

The 50/50 drawing was won by Roger Morris. Roger donated the winnings to the Warrior. *Thank you very much Roger!!*

The generous donors of the items for the drawings are: Nelda Napp, Forrest Robinson, Rod Ramsey, Martha Ballard, Buddy Blair, Marlene Susca, Ruth Johnson, Chuck Ehrlund and several anonymous donors. *Thank you everyone!!*

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR TOM

The burial service for Tom Fitzmorris was held at the Houston V.A. Cemetery on Tuesday Nov. 15th. The weather, like the mood, was gray and gloomy. The TLSC Honor Guard carried the casket in, and members also formed columns to honor the family as they walked in, also as they left. The Honor Guard then folded the flag and presented it to the family. The Honor Guard from the VFW Post 8790 fired the 21 gun salute and played Taps. A piper played *Amazing Grace*, then *Going Home* on the Bagpipes.



Our condolences are extended to the family. Another great friend and veteran has passed.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And

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From your Editor's

LEE & CHARLOTTE HENDERSON



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