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

BEAR CREEK - JULY 28, 2007

The unexpected happened. Because of the heavy rains before the scheduled date, Saturday, July 28th, the event was cancelled. We were notified on Friday afternoon, that the park and the Monument (The War Memorial) was surrounded by water.

HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS



In January, we reported about a wonderful project named 'Homes for our Troops'. At that time, the home for SSG Shawn Monroe and his family was dedicated, and ground broken. Well, their home is finished and the Lone Star Chapter is again invited to participate in welcoming SSG Monroe and family into their new home. This project is a joint effort of the community and businesses in the area.

SSG Monroe was severely wounded in Iraq, when a mortar attack occurred outside a Baghdad police station. As a result of that blast, Shawn was left with an above the knee amputation of his left leg, and severe injuries to his right leg. He gets around now with the use of prosthetics, crutches and a wheelchair.

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH
TIME: 4:00 PM
LOCATION: 15913 Pine Street, (Galveston County)
Santa Fe, TX



SSG Monroe with
Wife & son.

This is a wonderful way to say **Thank You** to a proud serviceman. Come - Join Us.



DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS MEETING

The Dept. of Texas is holding their annual meeting this year in Austin. If you have not made your plans to attend, please do so now. The dates are: Aug 13-14. The meetings are being held at the Drury Inn and Suites, 6711 IH-35, Austin, Tx. (A complete schedule of events was published in last months *Warrior*.)

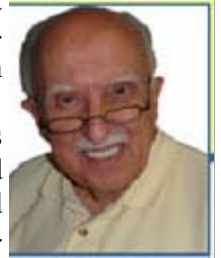
The banquet at the close of the meeting will be held in a local restaurant adjacent to the Hotel in their Banquet Room.

Be sure and stay over a day and attend the dedication of the WW II memorial on the Capital grounds.

VOLUNTEER - VITO SUSCA

Vito is a volunteer at the Literacy Council's Literacy Center in Sugar Land, and when he enters the building, everyone knows he's there. Vito loves to share his knowledge, wisdom, interests, hobbies, current events, etc, with everyone. One particular day, he brought an article to class and involved his students in the story. The students involvement helped sharpen their skills in reading comprehension and vocabulary, skills they need to pass the GED test.

The challenges of the people in the article are similar to the challenges Vito has faced in his own life. He is a Korean War veteran, and since retirement, walks regularly for exercise, has had two knee replacements and recently survived a life threatening gall bladder operation. All this and he volunteers six hours every week, twice the number of hours required of Council volunteer tutors. He also reads over 100 books a year.



You can read more about our STAR VOLUNTEER at www.ftbendliteracy.org.

CONGRATULATIONS VITO!! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

4th of JULY PARADE

On Wednesday, July 4th, the morning was a disappointment. It started to drizzle when we left the house to go to the annual Parade of the Villages. The drizzle turned to a light rain, than back to drizzle, all morning, back & forth.

The TLSC had 4 trucks, decorated with balloons, red, white & blue garland, red bows and magnetic signs on the sides of the trucks, proclaiming that we were the Korean War Veterans.

Surprisingly, there were hundreds of people, young & old, lining the streets. (Most holding umbrellas.) Parade participants threw candy to the crowds, but sadly, a lot of it landed in the water. At the end of the parade, there was plenty of food for everyone, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, etc. (Charlie & Ruby Ehrlund were busy preparing hot dogs and other things.) There was also a lot of activities for the kids, our granddaughter reported that the rain made the slide super fast.



Our organization had a great turn out, but with the weather, everyone rode in the trucks.

TEXAS WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

The dedication of the Texas World War II Memorial in Austin is becoming a reality. The long overdue tribute to our WW II veterans will take place on State Capital Grounds Wednesday, August 15th, 10:00 am. The memorial is located on the North-west quadrant of the Capitol grounds. The dedication will be immediately outside the East entrance of the Texas Supreme Court Building. The Texas WW II Memorial fittingly joins current monuments paying tribute to Texas' Soldiers of World War I, Pearl Harbor Survivors and Korean War Veterans.

All World War II veterans, their families, friends, and indeed any Texan wishing to help honor our "greatest generation" of Texans, are invited to attend the Memorial dedication ceremony for this long overdue tribute.



The memorial is an exact copy of the pillar that is part of the World War II monument in Washington D.C. Each State has a pillar with their name on it, surrounding the pool of reflection.



National Memorial in Washington, DC

REVISIT KOREA TOUR

KOREAN WAR VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS
10 DAYS AND 8 NIGHTS
FROM: SEP. 04, TO SEP. 13, 2007

ANNOUNCED BY
KOREA NATIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION
AND
KOREAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

POC: Mr. Won Pae Pak, Tour Coordinator
5815 Creekway St., San Antonio, Texas 78247
Tel: (210)257-6082 E: kafawonkwvat@yahoo.com

Maximum Number of 40 people may sign-up on a "first come, first served" basis.

Complete tour package cost: \$2,500.00 P/P

YOUR TOUR COVERS:

1. ROUND Trip non-stop by Korean Air or Delta
2. Motor Coach for 10 Days.
3. Hotel (Double occupancy, single room available)
4. Meals (some meals will be on your own.)
5. Include Visits:
Seoul— Panmunjeom—DMZ, JSA—Chorwon Valley -
Iron Triangle, Ops—Yang-gu, Punch Bowl, Ops, the 4th
Tunnel—Dae-gu, Nakdong River, chilgok-
Dabudong—Weagwan—Bowling Alley-Busan U.
N. Memorial Cemetery—Geoge-do POW Camp—
Seoul Korean War Museum—Incheon—Gen. Mac
Arthur Freedom Park— Incheon Landing Memorial
Museum—Seoul and more
Your Tour's Coordinating and Tour Guide Will be:
Mr. Won Pae Pak, President of:
Korean-American Friendship Association
Korean Freedom Democracy League of America
Mid-South Region
And
Founder of KWVA Alamo Chapter #298
*China and Vietnam Optional Tours are available

DOOR PRIZES—July 19, 2007

Henry Martinez Candle w holder
Danford Mouton Book
Barbara Brennon Peach preserves
Andrea Gambino Teddy bear
Tom Mixon Bracelet
Buddy Blair Lighter
Ruby Ehrlund Coasters in basket
Jim Duncan Earrings
Forrest Robinson Car magnet & picture frame
Georgia Jackson 2 scarf holders
Forrest Robinson Pink tub soap holder

The 50/50 drawing was won by Jim Duncan
(\$72.00/36.00). Jim donated the prize to the
newsletter. *Thank you Jim!!!*

The items for the drawing were donated by
these following generous people: Ruby Ehr-
lund, Don Napp, Billie Blair, Travis Riley,
Ruth Johnson and Maggie Bazan. *Thank you
very much everyone.*

VETERANS' RECOGNITION

The City of Sugar Land would like to
invite you to participate in a Veterans' Re-
cognition and Procession, which will be a part
of the grand opening celebration for the City
of Sugar Land's Brazos River Park at the
Sugar Land Memorial Park on November 10,
2007. The event will run from 2-9 p.m.. The
Veterans' Recognition and Procession will
be in the evening around 6:30 and will last
approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

In addition to the Veteran's celebration
(which will include a fireworks show), there
will be a number of outdoor and environ-
mental activities that are friendly for kids.

COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION !!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Charles Laird

The "dog days of summer" are upon us. I frequently tell newcomers to Houston, "We have two seasons in Houston - we have summer and then we have August".

This will be my 69th summer in Houston, and I have survived so far. I forgot, I did spend the summer of 1945 on Okinawa and Guam and 1946 in North China.

Many of these summers were filled with fun things - vacations and such. As I recall these summers, I remember how blessed they were because of my relationship with the Lord. Traveling to places to view beautiful mountains, valleys, lakes and landscapes, put in place by a loving God. Just think, we are more important to him than any of His other creatures, because you have the capacity to love your Creator. The Bible tells us we should love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our mind and all our strength and our neighbor as ourselves.



“WARRIOR DONATIONS” Honor Roll for “July 2006 to July 2007”

The editors would like to acknowledge and thank the following members and patrons of the *Warrior* who have contributed \$10 or more 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 and to help pay the cost of the website.** The following names will be published monthly through the **July 2008 issue.** Be sure and have your name included. Fill in the sponsor card, seen below, and return with your contribution. Thanks: Your editors: Lee & Charlotte Henderson

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In Memory of —

Mathis, George

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



ONE WISH

A bus carrying only ugly people crashes into an oncoming truck, and everyone inside dies. As they stand at the Pearly Gates waiting to enter Paradise and meet their maker, God decides to grant each person one wish because of the grief they have experienced. They're all lined up, and God asks the first one what the wish is. "I want to be gorgeous," and so God snaps His fingers, and it is done. The second one in line hears this and says, "I want to be gorgeous too." Another snap of His fingers and the wish is granted. This goes on for a while with each one asking to be gorgeous, but when God is halfway down the line, the last guy in the line starts laughing. When there are only ten people left, this guy is rolling on the floor, laughing, laughing, and laughing. Finally, God reaches this last guy and asks, what his wish will be. The guy eventually calms down and says: "Make 'em all ugly again!"

* - Indicates more than one donation

- English is Easy. Yea, right!!**
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
 - 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
 - 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
 - 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

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“Warrior” Sponsor
I want to be a sponsor of the Warrior for July 2007-July 2008

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WARRIOR SPONSOR

As everyone knows, the contributions in past years have paid for the printing and mailing of the newsletter. **Thank You and Please Continue to give. . . . so we can continue.**

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 August 1, 2007:

Mike Dilick	M 54	Tom Fitzmorris	M593
Charles Laird	M461	Rod Ramsey	M702

RENEWALS

Harry Caldwell	Tony Munguia
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NEW MEMBER:

Eugene Vanatta M-824

KOREAN WAR "SEA MUSEUM"

The Korean War was a war to remove communism from a democratic society by joint efforts from 16 nations. This national tragedy resulted in geographical boundaries understood by few and remains in our memories by the soldiers who lived to talk of their heroics and valor during the occupation from the North. The South Koreans continue to educate their children of this national tragedy so that future generations will not forget the sacrifices made by the Korean People and the allied forces.

The objective over generations, is to bring the experiences from the Korean Veterans to future generations, to learn from, and as a reminder of the atrocities that take place in wartime. In an effort to memorialize the 16 nations that participated in the war and the larger role of the American Armed Forces, the creation of the *Korean War Sea Museum* will provide the setting for this educational memorial. Our efforts to secure a decommissioned aircraft carrier and or battleship from the war era will provide the forum for this history museum and will be maintained by the Korean government so that generations can witness the truths of war and the sacrifices made to bring peace.

America's role in this venture is paramount in the creation of this "*Sea Museum*" in part due to the large numbers of soldiers who bravely gave the ultimate sacrifice and the duty to memorialize these soldiers and their services to the South Korean People. This would include educational exhibits located aboard each vessel and a memorial plaque describing each vessels service record. It is clear that without the American forces and support of the American people, this war would have a far different conclusion. →

AUGUST

4th - Dedication of Homes for our Troops
13 - 14th - Dept. of Texas Meeting
15th - Dedication of WW II Memorial
 16th - Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.
 16th - General Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 27th—28th - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
 (Please drive carefully)

SEPTEMBER

3rd - LABOR DAY
 9th - National Grandparents Day
11th - PATRIOT DAY in honor of
 those who died 9/11/01
 12th - Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset
 20th - Board Meeting 5:00 PM
 20th - General Meeting 7:00 PM
 21st - Yom Kippur begins at sunset
 23rd - 1st Day of Autumn

Thank you George & Maggie Bazan for catching the typo in last month's newsletter. *Editor*

REUNION

**45th Infantry Division
 (Thunderbirds)
 REUNION**

27 September to 1 October 2007

Contact Information:

**Raul Trevino
 2145 NE Street
 Oklahoma City, OK 73111**

Korean War "Sea Museum" cont'd.

The Korean Government will pay the cost to move the vessel to Korea and place it in the Busan perimeter for the future development of the *Sea Museum*. The Korean government will continue to maintain this exhibit for all people of the world to visit. Above all, the "*Sea Museum*" will be in place to memorialize and teach future generations the sense of pride & duty to the peace and democracy of Korea

Sincerely
 Won Pae Pak
 Pres., Project Committee Korean War Sea Museum



AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S



Byron Dickerson 1st	Edwin Billeck 7th	Jessie Crouther 14th	Jack Kaley 22nd
H. E. Striedel 1st	Dick Tumlinson 7th	Milly Spencer 14th	Neathal Kirk 23rd
Marlene Ruppert 1st	R. B. Sanford 10th	Sara Hamm 15th	Bob Otttis 23rd
Earnestine Sanford . . . 2nd	Joe Glass 10th	David Garner 16th	Lorraine Preola 26th
Dottie Bruce 4th	Donald Belken 11th	Roy Wagner 16th	Paula Maloy 26th
Sayoko Hambrick . . . 5th	Janice Levine 11th	Tina Smith 17th	Mary Brown 27th
Glenda Brown 5th	Joan Griffin 12th	Janiece Stewart 18th	Millie Middleton . . . 28th
James Conley 6th	Pat McMenemy 12th	Max McLendon 18th	Mary Beth Fitzmorris 29th
Emma Russell 6th	Punkie Nathan 12th	Frank Grochoske 19th	Israel Gutierrez 29th
Ernest Baumgart 7th	Gene Lugo 13th	Jennifer Urquhart 19th	Jonell Glass 29th
Thomas Boren 7th	Mickey Spencer 13th	William Baker 21st	Joe Romano 30th



AUGUST ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Bill & Karen Hare	8/4	Bob & Sandy Brunat	8/4
Don & Betty Estill	8/6	Richard & Marlene Ruppert	8/6
Joe & Lorene Romano	8/8	Evelyn & Emma Jean Perkins	8/11
Vernon & Frances Coleman	8/14	Ray & Amy Cipriano	8/15
Rod & Sandra Ramsey	8/15	Stan & Betty Bozeman	8/17
Clyde & Janiece Stewart	8/18	John & Georgia Jackson . 54th . . 8/20/53	
Jack & Adrienne Kaley	8/21	Manuel & Rosa Ramirez	8/21
Guy & Pat McMenemy . . 54th 8/22/53		Bob & Janie Bighouse . . 55th . . 8/23/52	
James & Glenda Brown	8/27	Dick & Mary Harris	8/27
Roy & Rose Wagner 50th 8/29/57			

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

ATTENTION....

Members, if your Anniversary or Birthday has been missed or incorrectly listed, please contact Charlotte, at 713-946-9194 or e-mail us at bhenderson49@comcast.net.

TEXAS TRIVIA

King Ranch is larger than Rhode Island
Dr Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. There is no period after Dr in Dr Pepper.

Texas has had six capital cities

1. Washington-on-the-Brazos
2. Harrisburg
3. Galveston
4. Velasco
5. West Columbia
6. Austin

The Capitol Dome in Austin is the only dome in the U.S. which is taller than the Capitol Bldg. in Washington D.C. (by 7 feet).

THINGS GO BETTER WITH COKE

Just when you thought you knew everything...

1. In many states the highway patrol carries two gallons of Coke in the truck to remove blood from the highway after a car accident.
2. You can put a T-bone steak in a bowl of coke and it will be gone in two days.
3. To clean a toilet: Pour a can of Coca-Cola into the toilet bowl...Let the "real thing" sit for one hour, then flush clean.
4. The citric acid in Coke removes stains from vitreous china.
5. To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers: Rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of Reynolds Wrap aluminum foil dipped in Coca-Cola.
6. To loosen a rusted bolt: Apply a cloth soaked in Coca-Cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Charles & Grace Laird recently enjoyed a sightseeing trip on the Alaskan cruise. Hopefully they will share their experience with us later.

It was great seeing **Mickey Spencer** at the July meeting. Mickey recently survived a bout with Kidney stones and other problems. *Keep up the good work.*

Henry Martinez will undergo knee replacement surgery in early August. This replacement is to replace the replacement he had years ago. *Good luck Henry, we'll keep you in our prayers.*

Carolyn German, great niece of **Evelyn Stone**, still needs our prayers. The Drs are not doing chemo, they are giving her different drugs, trying to help her. There will be a benefit for her on Aug. 12th. Look for the information below.

MINI - ELECTION

Doug Sizemore was elected to fill the remaining term as director, previously held by Hank Fry.

Congratulations Doug

CAROLYN GERMAN BENEFIT

Carolyn was able to play softball earlier this year. One of her coaches, Mark, who is a police officer for Tomball, is putting together a *"Showing Off for Life Benefit for 12 yr. Old Carolyn German"*

Sunday August 12th

Tomball VFW Hall.....Noon - 6 pm.

There will be a car, truck and bike show (all makes and models).. \$20 donation entry...trophies and awards. There will be BBQ plates, games, live music, live and silent auctions and a Raffle for a dream vacation to Puerto Vallarta which includes: Round trip air fare for 5 days and 4 nights in a 4 bedroom 7 bathrooms luxurious mountainside estate overlooking the bay and one day offshore fishing trip. To see this vacation villa on-line you may visit <http://lacasadelajungla.com>. Raffle tickets are \$50 each and may be purchased at the Benefit or by sending check or money order to:

Carolyn German Benefit
c/o Gretchen Fagan
Farmers Insurance
23802 FM 2978, A5
Tomball, TX 77375

Donations may also be sent to:

Carolyn German Benefit
c/o First Community Credit Union
238850 Tomball Parkway
Tomball, TX 77375

MASH UNITS IN KOREA

Members of the award winning team from Eisenhower High School were present at the July meeting. These remarkable young people compiled a video of the MASH Units. They interviewed veterans that were treated in the MASH units and also Doctors and other personnel associated with them, from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. The MASH operation's transportation of patients by helicopters was the beginning of our present day Life Flight operations. One of the men interviewed was Orin Smith, a member of the Lone Star Chapter.

We were treated to the video that won in the competitions. After viewing the video, everyone present was very impressed with the quality of the work involved. They did a very professional job.

The students won at the local level, came in 2nd at state and went on to National. At the National level they placed 23rd out of 100.

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS !!!

THE DOCTOR'S SON

The ten-year-old son of a physician, together with a friend, was playing in his father's office, during the absence of the doctor, when suddenly the first lad threw open a closet door and disclosed to the terrified gaze of his friend, an articulated skeleton.

When the visitor had sufficiently recovered from his shock to stand the announcement the doctor's son explained that his father was extremely proud of that skeleton.

"Is he?" asked the other. "Why"
"I don't know," was the answer; "maybe it was his first patient."

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