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

### .....ELECTIONS & DINNER.....

It's that time of year again, elections, and of course our pot luck dinner before the meeting. The election this year has several openings. The offices of 2nd Vice President and Treasurer are open, along with two directors. The Ballot for your vote is enclosed. If you, or someone you know would like to run for these offices, feel free to add your name to the ballot on the line marked other. The ballots must be received by March 15th, as they must be in the President's hand before the meeting so it can be counted.



Before the meeting, we are going to have a pot luck dinner. Everyone that can, will bring their specialty or favorite food. There will be meat, vegetables, bread and desserts. Our meeting falls on March 18th, just one day after St. Patrick's Day, so some of the women are bringing food with an Irish theme, but it doesn't have to be regular American food or just plain old good be there around 4 and we will eat as soon as it will start at the regular time of 6 PM. If you need assistance with your decision on what to bring, you can call Chris Carnero at 713-468-0502. Chris is coordinating the dinner.



**SEE YOU AT THE MEETING, - PLAN TO COME EARLY AND EAT**

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

We're very sorry to report that our Color Guard Commander Henry Martinez has not received any information about the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year. He normally receives applications well in advance of the date of the parades, plenty of time to notify the board, fill out paper work and return it. As of the time of this printing, he had received nothing. So, it looks like we will not be in the downtown parade this year. If, by chance, he does receive the paper work in time, the information will be posted on the web site. Be sure and watch for it.



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
March 17th  
...WEAR GREEN...**



## 14TH ANNUAL "HONOR ALL VETERANS DAY" AT THE BALLPARK



Our annual Ballgame at Minute Maid Field will be held this year. We will be in the Outfield Mezzanine once again. The Astro's have reserved 140 seats for us, but will give us more if needed.



**WHEN:** Saturday, May 22nd.

**TIME:** 6:05 pm

**OPPONENT:** Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

**TICKETS:** \$12.00 EACH

**DEADLINE:** March 31st

### The theme this year will be the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War.

Our honorees will be five Korean War Veterans, from our Chapter, one from each branch of service. The Chapter Board of Directors will select the five honorees.



If you wish to sit with other Chapter members, make your check out to Bob Mitchell for the number of tickets you want times \$12. each. Tickets for this block of seats will be sold from February 1 through March 31st. You can bring your check to the General Meeting to the General Meeting on March 18th, and sign up, or mail it to the Chapter P.O. Box, Attn: Bob Mitchell-Baseball. **The cutoff date for all orders is March 31st.** Bob will purchase the block of tickets right after March 31st and distribute them at the April General Meeting, April 15th.

Even if you've never gone before, consider going this time because the real honorees that day will be all of **YOU**. Bring your family, friends and neighbors, all are welcome to attend. The more the merrier. Plan to join us for this special day, and let's have a really big turnout and fill that place with Korean Vets and family.

**SEE YOU AT THE BALLPARK!!**



### F16 vs C-130 THERE IS A MORAL HERE!



A C-130 was lumbering along when a cocky F-16 flashed by. The jet jockey decided to show off. The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot, 'watch this!' and promptly went into a barrel roll followed by a steep climb. He then finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier. The F-16 pilot asked the C-130 pilot what he thought of that? The C-130 pilot said, 'That was impressive, but watch this!' The C-130 droned along for about 5 minutes and then the C-130 pilot came back on and said: 'What did you think of that?' Puzzled, the F-16 pilot asked. 'What the heck did you do?' The C-130 pilot chuckled. 'I stood up, stretched my legs, walked to the back, took a leak, then got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll.'

The moral of the story is....When you are young and foolish - speed and flash may seem a good thing! When you get older and smarter - comfort and dull is not such a bad thing! Us older folks understand this one.

## **60th ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY IN AUSTIN**

Arrangements are being made and finalized for the 60th Anniversary Ceremony to be held in Austin at the Korean War Memorial on the State Capital Grounds

**WHEN:** Friday, June 25, 2010, 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** Korean War Memorial, State Capital Grounds, Austin, Tx.

**WHO:** All Korean Veterans, and their guests are invited!



Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. The principal speaker will be retired General Robert Ivany, president of St. Thomas University in Houston. Remember, **All Korean Veterans** and their **guests** are invited, regardless of whether or not they belong to any organization. All Chapter members are encouraged to attend.

Arrangements have been made by Bob Mitchell, with the Drury Inn & Suites on I35 North, in Austin, for a block of rooms on June 24th and/or June 25th. Group rates will be discounted to \$80 to \$85 per night, down from the normal of \$109 to \$119. More details and a group number to use in making reservations will appear in a future newsletter.

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## **DINNER COMMEMORATING THE 60th ANNIVERSARY**

The Greater Houston Chapter #33, Reserve Officers Association (ROA) in cooperation with the Lone Star Chapter, Korean War Veterans, will host a dinner on Saturday 19 June 2010, to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War.

**WHERE:** Houston Marriott Westchase Hotel  
2900 Briarpark Drive  
Houston, Tx.,  
(just South of Westheimer and inside Beltway 8)

**WHEN:** Assembly: 6:30, Dinner at 7 PM

**COST:** \$40.00 per person

The Honorary Chairman for the evening will be Major General Bob Crosser, Korean War vet, former CG of Houston's 75th Training Division. The Guest speaker for the evening will be Col. Ralph M. Hockley, AUS-Ret., who as a 2nd Lt Artillery with the 2nd Infantry Division, landed in Korea on 4 August 1950. The topic will be: **"60 years ago, the Korean War began: Background and Conflict"**.

All members of the Lone Star Chapter, their families and friends are invited to attend. It is recommended that Korean War veterans wear their decorations on their suit coat or blazers for the occasion. The Korean Consul General will be invited and members of the Korean community are welcome.

Reservations blanks will be published in the April and May newsletters.



## ***“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**

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### **PREGNANT AT 71**

A woman went to the doctor’s office where she was seen by one of the younger doctors. After about four minutes in the examination room, she burst out screaming as she ran down the hall.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room.

The older doctor marched down the hallway back to where the young doctor was writing on his clipboard. “What’s the matter with you?” the older doctor demanded. “Mrs. Terry is 72 years old, has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told he she was pregnant?”

The younger doctor continued writing and without looking up said, “Does she still have the hiccups?”

### **In Memory of —**

**Ammerman, Dan**  
**Ballard, Dorothy**  
**Barbee, Betty**  
**Bergen, Sandy**  
**Brast, Weldon L678**  
**Christiansen, John**  
**Craigmill, Ross WWII**  
**Daumann, Arlene**  
**Fuhrman, Juanita**  
**Hogue, Thomas**  
**Illanne, Edward**  
**William Deer with -**  
**Horns, died 7/51 POW**  
**Lebaron, Eddie**  
**Nathan, Howard**  
**O’Flynn, John J.**

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**R040066**  
**Russell, Roy**  
**Sicola, Louis & Charlie**  
**Sikkley, Leland**  
**Sloan, Story**  
**Treadwell, Marvin**  
**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.*

### **WISDOM FROM TRAINING MANUALS.....**

‘If the enemy is in range, so are you.’ ..... *Infantry Journal*  
 ‘It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.’ ..... *US Air Force Manual*  
 ‘Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword, obviously never encountered automatic weapons.’ ..... *General MacArthur*  
 ‘Tracers work both ways.’ ..... *Army Ordnance Manual*

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**I want to be a sponsor of the Warrior for**  
**July 2009-July 2010**

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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 March 1, 2010**

Bob Bighouse	M770	Vernon Coleman	M358
Ralph DeCoste	M524	Glenn Krebs	M786

## RENEWALS

Albert Hollan	Henry Martinez
Joe Romano	Hong Sop Won

## MARCH

*2nd - Texas Independence*

**4th - Board Meeting - 5 pm**

**14th - Daylight Saving Time Begins**

17th - St. Patrick's Day

**18th - General Meeting - 6 pm  
(Dinner & Election)**

**19th - Socks - VA Hospital 10 am**

20th - First Day of Spring

28th - Palm Sunday

30th - First Day of Passover

## APRIL

**1st - Board Meeting - 5 pm**

2nd - *GOOD FRIDAY*

4th - *EASTER*

**15th - General Meeting - 6pm**

## MILITARY RECORDS

As a result of our January meeting, several people have been inquiring about how to obtain their military records. One of the speakers, Mr. Jim Richmon, was very helpful and supplied the address of The Office for Military Records.

NATIONAL PERSONAL CENTER  
(Military Personal Records)  
9700 PAGE AVE.  
ST. LOUIS, MO. 63132

There is a form that needs to be filled out, that they can supply.

Henry Martinez supplied additional information, there is a website to access:

**MILITARY RECORDS WEBSITE:**  
www.kwva.org from the home page, click on "HOW TO REQUEST MILITARY RECORDS OR PROVE MILITARY SERVICE" - Follow Instructions.

You may also try your local Congressional Representative. If not successful in getting them in St. Louis, also try the:

National Archives and Record Adm.  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, MD. 20740-6001  
(1) 866-272-6272

They have records stored on Microfiche.

Note: Most of the records burned were Air Force. Army records were 70% burned..

## MILITARY RECORDS

### CORRECTIONS

By **Ralph M. Hockley**

Army records were over 70% burned, some scorched.

What is never stated by the Records Center in St. Louis is that the building which burned contained personnel files, not other files. If a veteran wants to reconstruct a certain action, or support that he was wounded on a certain date, he needs to request a copy of the "Morning Report" (MR) of his specific unit (Company A, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division) for that date or week which reflects his name. If it is found, it will help him support his claim MR files were not burned and are available on microfiches.

In order to obtain info from St. Louis, a veteran can either send an e-mail to e-mail Recs. Or by mail at SF 180 to St. Louis to the address indicated at left. Forms can be downloaded from the National Archives web page (NARA). The NARA webpage will guide you to everything. Go into military or veterans affairs and tab into "Forms" or whatever else you want.

As the test pilot climbs out of the experimental aircraft, having torn off the wings and tail in the drash landing, the crash truck arrives.

The rescuer sees the bloodied pilot and asks, 'What happened?'

The pilot's reply: 'I don't know, I just got here myself!'



### MARCH BIRTHDAY'S



Amy Cipriano . . . . . 1st	Robert Sims . . . . . 13th	Katsuko Wallace . . . . . 23rd	Carlos Ballard . . . . . 28th
James Shepherd . . . . . 3rd	Walt Tarpley . . . . . 15th	Barbara Arnott . . . . . 24th	Peggy Boren . . . . . 28th
Robert Hall . . . . . 7th	Bettye McKay . . . . . 20th	Ethel Peters . . . . . 25th	Frances Coleman . . . . . 28th
Manuel Ramirez . . . . . 7th	Charlotte Thomas . . . . . 20th	Bill Brookshire . . . . . 26th	:Lee Henderson . . . . . 29th
Mildred Baker . . . . . 8th	Dorothy Ashby . . . . . 21st	Vendla Migl . . . . . 26th	Joyce Balke . . . . . 30th
Walter G. Ballard . . . . . 10th	Helen Smith . . . . . 21st	Lemuel Pickle . . . . . 26th	James O'Donnell . . . . . 30th
Margie Williams . . . . . 11th	Eva Martinez . . . . . 22nd	Jerri Riley . . . . . 26th	Bill Love . . . . . 31st



### MARCH ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER &amp; SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER &amp; SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<u>Roland &amp; Edna Potts . . . 53 yrs . . . . .</u>	<u>3/1/1957</u>	Patty & Sal Gambino . . . . .	3/4
<u>James &amp; Dorothy Johnson . . . 56 yrs . . . . .</u>	<u>3/4/1954</u>	Carl & Sun Hee Sutton . . . . .	3/4
<u>Byron &amp; Jean Dickerson . . . . 57 yrs . . . . .</u>	<u>3/6/1953</u>	<u>Joel &amp; Mary Ybarra . . . . 62 yrs . . . . .</u>	<u>3/8/1948</u>
<u>Carlos &amp; Martha Ballard . . . 54 yrs . . . . .</u>	<u>3/9/1956</u>	<u>Glenn &amp; Connie Krebs . . 51 yrs . . . . .</u>	<u>3/9/1959</u>
Doug & Dorothy Sizemore . . . . .	3/15	<u>Robert &amp; Norma Hall . . . 60 yrs . . . . .</u>	<u>3/17/1950</u>
Harry & Dottie Bruce . . . . .	3/18/1982	Chuck & Ruby Ehrlund . . . . .	3/21
Herbert & Marian Odell . . . . .	3/25	<u>James &amp; Wilma Watkins . . 58 yrs . . .</u>	<u>3/29/1952</u>
<u>Charles &amp; Jessie Crouther . . 56 yrs . . . . .</u>	<u>3/31/1956</u>		

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

### DOOR PRIZES FEBRUARY, 2010

Bob Ottis . . . . . LED flash light, candle stick & CD  
 Chuck Ehrland . . . . . Candle Holder  
 Ralph Hockley . . . . . Lunch kit with cap & mug  
 Marilyn Harrison . . . . . Book  
 Tom Conte . . . . . Earrings  
 Ruth Johnson . . . . . Bridge cards  
 Johnny Lee . . . . . Book  
 Betty Grochoske . . . . . Book  
 Chris Carnero . . . . . Tea pot  
 Ted Maloy . . . . . Calendar  
 Hank Dauman . . . . . Model air plane  
 Martha Ballard . . . . . LED screwdriver combo

The 50/50 drawing was won by Nelda Napp, and she donated the winnings of \$37.50 to the Cemetery Patrol. *Thank you very much Nelda.*

All of these items were donated by these very generous people: Buddy Blair, Martha Ballard, Nelda Napp, Marlene Susca, Gerri Riley, Bob Mitchell, Georgia Jackson, Ruth Johnson, and Charlotte Henderson. *Thank you everyone*

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Hi Lee:  
 Here is my membership dues. I really enjoy the warrior. Keep up the Good Work.

*Albert Hollan*

**Franko Grochoske** received this email recently:  
 I am a disabled veteran, who started collecting military patches from Air Force and Army Air Corp's units after retiring from the Air Force. Hopefully, you kept some a squadron or group patches from your time with the 51st FIW that you would be willing to send me for my collection. I collect from WWII to present day units, so any patch or patches you send will be greatly appreciated and will become an asset to my collection. I served at eleven different bases during my Air Force career and only wished I had started collecting many years ago as it is getting difficult to find patched. Although my main interest is patches, I collect all type of memorabilia (flight jackets, uniforms, wings, DI's) so anything you send will be greatly appreciated. *Jim Petty, MSgt. (Ret), USAF*  
*email: MARDWA@knology.net*

## KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

**Bob Mitchell** was working around his house recently, and was using a ladder for the high things. Well as bad luck would have it, he fell. At the emergency room, they patched up his cuts and bruises and told him there was no permanent damage. (*The morale is, old people should not climb up on ladders.*) As a result of the fall, Bob & Dorothy canceled their trip to Florida.

**Vito Susca** was rushed to the hospital recently with a fever of over 102 and uncontrollable shaking and nausea. After many tests, he was released with a diagnosis of cellulites and bacterial infection in his right leg and 2 medications. He is fine now, but he was required to rest and stay off his feet for several days.

**Patty Gambino** was able to get her cast removed recently, but has a new one. This one is an air cast, but still NO weight on her foot. By now, she might have it off, with a little walking, but may still require the wheel chair as she will always have to watch where she puts her foot.

### CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere condolences to member Henry Martinez on the recent death of his sister Emilia Gomez, on Feb. 5, 2010. Emilia was 93. She is survived by 1 sister, Salome Cortez and 3 brothers, Jesse, Conrado and Henry Martinez and many nieces, nephews and friends.

**Thank You**, all for you condolences, thoughtfulness and many prayers. My sister, Emilia Gomez, 93, died on Feb. 4, 2010. She was the second to the oldest. I was the baby of the family of eight siblings. Therefore, Emilia was like a second mother to me. She was a beautiful, caring giving person and very religious. Again, thank you. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

*Henry Martinez*

### SOCKS

This is a new year, and we have decided to visit the VA Hospital more than twice a year. We now plan to visit the patients 4 times a year. Starting on March 19th we will gather in the Volunteer Office on the 2nd floor at 9:30 am and begin visiting patients on all 4 floors at 10.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

### E-MAIL ADDRESSES

This note is a follow-up to a request that Jim Duncan made to the members at the February meeting. If you have access to email, we would like to have your email address. This request is not related to how you receive the newsletter. It is simply recognition of how we can improve communications. When we have information that needs to get to the members immediately, the internet is the fastest way. If you prefer to receive your newsletter by regular mail, that is no problem, you will continue to receive it that way.

When we were in Korea, the news of an event got to the public the next month in "LIFE" magazine, or the next week in a newspaper story. Today, it is on your television set, and on your computer, within 30 minutes. Thanks to Charlotte and Lee Henderson, our newsletter is one of the finest of it's kind, but we can only get it to you once a month. What if we need to get information to you in between the publications? The internet is the quickest and easiest way to do that.

So, if you can receive e-mail, let us know. Send your e-mail address to Jim Duncan at his e-mail: [jsduncan1@comcast.net](mailto:jsduncan1@comcast.net). We are also looking into reestablishing a telephone committee to reach those without internet access. We will be looking for volunteers.

*Bob Bighouse, President*

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