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

MEMORIAL DAY

A special Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 28th, 9:30 a.m., at the Houston VA National Cemetery. The Cemetery is located at 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive.

This year the Memorial Day address will be given by one of our members, W.E.B. (Willie) Blackmon. Blackmon is a retired Houston Municipal Courts judge and former Texas Air National Guard Lieutenant Colonel. Blackmon is presently a Category BIMA

Reservist assigned to the 12th Flying Training Wing in Judge Advocate's Office at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Blackmon received a bachelor's degree in business administration in marketing from Texas A&M University in 1973 and a Juris Doctorate from Texas Southern University in 1982. In 1984, Blackmon entered the U.S. Air Force as a military attorney where he served for the next 20 years. Upon completion of active duty, Blackmon served as an assistant District Attorney

in Lubbock and Houston, and established a successful career as a private attorney prior to becoming a municipal court judge for the City of Houston.

Our color guard will post the colors this year, before the parade of colors, and wreaths by numerous local veterans' organizations, ROTC units and Boy and Girl Scout troops.

There will also be many symbolic highlights including flyovers by the Texas Air National Guard, 147th Fighter Wing and a United States Coast Guard rescue helicopter, taps performed by Josey Johnson, III Texas State Guard. A rider-less horse by the Houston Police Mounted Patrol, Amazing Grace performed by Bagpiper Bill Robertson of the Houston Highlander Pipe Band, and a rifle salute by the VFW District #4 Ceremonial Detail accompanied by Co. A 13th U.S. Regular Infantry with muskets.

MARINE MONUMENT

Are you a Marine, or Naval Corps man, or have a family member or friend that was a Marine or Naval Corpsman at the Chosin? On Friday, May 25th, there will be a dedication of the:

TEXAS MARINE—MEDAL OF HONOR MONUMENT

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: Town Park in the Woodlands

To get to the park, take I-45 North, exit Woodlands Parkway, follow the Parkway into The Woodlands. Turn right on Grogan's Mill and go to Lake Dobbins Drive, turn right, the Park is on the right. See you there!!

Semper Fidelis

ELEVENTH ANNUAL "HONOR ALL VETERANS DAY" AT THE BALLPARK

Our annual ballgame at Minute Maid Field will be held this year on:

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 2nd</u>. <u>Game time is 2:55 PM</u> and it should be a sellout. (This is a rescheduled time). The Astros will be hosting the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals.

We will be in the Outfield Mezzanine once again,

Sections 256 & 257.

Tickets are regularly \$18. each, but for us, they will be \$ 9.00 each.

The theme this year will be <u>Underage Veterans</u>. Many people "fudged" their documents to enlist in the service in many Wars, dating back to the Revolutionary War. Our own Henry Martinez is one of these. Many of them fought on the various battlefields, and many paid the supreme price. With the advent of computers, it is unlikely that their ranks will grow in the future. You can't fool IBM.

If you wish to sit with other Chapter members, make your check out to:

Bob Mitchell for the number of tickets you want, times \$9. each. You can bring your check to a General Meeting and sign up, or mail it to:

KWVA/TLSC P.O. Box 802541

Attn: Bob Mitchell-Baseball. Houston, Tx., 77280-2541

<u>The cutoff date for all orders is May 1</u>. Bob will purchase the block of tickets in early May and distribute them at the May General Meeting.

Your family, friends and neighbors are all welcome to attend as well. The more the merrier. Make your plans to join us for this special day, and let's have a really big turnout for our Chapter.

EX-POW DAY

On April 9th, the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center, honored our Nation's former Prisoners of War. The 4th floor Auditorium was the site for the program, and the room was full of ex-pow's, friends and family. Several of our members were in attendance, **Theo Baudoin**, was assigned to the 2nd Engineer, combat battalion, Hq. 2 Division. He served in Pusan, the ChongChoi River and was captured at KunRi. He spent the remainder of the war in several P.O.W. camps until his release. **Tom Lyke** was assigned to the 6th Medium Tank Bn, 24th Division. Tom was captured during the 5th Chinese Offensive in 1951, and remained a P.O.W. until reparation.

After the ceremony, the news media interviewed several men. Among those interviewed was Tom Lyke, who spoke of his ordeal. This interview appeared on television.

Wisdom from Maxine:

"If at first you don't succeed, for gods sakes, don't go skydiving!"

JERRY WEBER SOCKS . .

On Friday, June 15th, we will again gather at the Volunteer Office at the VA Hospital, to distribute socks to the patients. We will begin walking the floors at 10:00 am, so please arrive before that, 9:30 would be good. There are 4 floors that need to be covered, so at least 8 people are needed, more is better as you get through your rounds faster.

The Volunteer Office is on the second floor. The patients always appreciate a smiling face and a friendly voice and the gift of a fresh, clean pair of socks or a cap.

WISDOM FROM MAXINE:

"Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you are a mile away and you have their shoes!"

"Never under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night!"

"Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him to fish, and he will set in the boat and drink beer all day!"

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BREAKFAST WITH THE AMBASSADOR

On April 17th, our members and their spouses, were invited to join the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States of America for breakfast at the Intercontinental Hotel. Consul General Jung



Ambassador Lee Tae-Sik

Keun Kim was also in attendance. There was a great turn out of our membership, including two members from the Arlington Chapter, Bill McSwaine and Marvin Dunn along with their wives.

The morning was very delightful, with wonderful food and good friends. Jim Duncan presented the Ambassador with a KWVA patch and pin and other items and Dr.

Chor Kim and Charles Ehrlund also presented the Ambassador with several items. The Ambassador then presented each member with a parting gift of a camera cell phone, curtsey of Samsung. Thank you very much Ambassador!!



ARMED FORCES DAY

Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on Saturday, May 19th. The ceremony will be held at the Houston VA National Cemetery. The call to order is at 10:00 A.M.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

By Lee Henderson

On April 23rd, I was invited by member, Bill Moore to speak at Alvin High School's Marine ROTC program. Bill is also a member of the 'Chosin Few' organization, and his fellow member Allan Wood joined us to relate the Korean War to the students. The students were very alert and asked questions about the war and what affect it had on us.

The day was a success, and hopefully they will ask us to return.

CELEBERITY

One of our own members is now listed in the Library of Congress. Manuel (Manny) Carnero, Jr. Manny was a Marine and at the Chosin, and became a Staff Sergeant before his career in the Marines ended. He later joined the Army, where he flew helicopters and commanded his troops. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army.

According the website, Manny was stationed in 28 different bases.

If you get a chance, look him up. Very interesting reading and great to have one of our own in the Library of Congress.

CONGRATULATINS MANNY

DOOR PRIZES—APRIL 19, 2007

Bob Bighouse	Flower Arrangement
Max Johnson	Tool kit
Bennie Younger	Cookie jar
Frank Daidone	Book & brief case
Marilyn Harrison	Book
Bob Bighouse	Bottle of wine
Dr. Kim	. Red, white & blue caps
Chris Carnero	Olive oil jar
Ted Maloy	Box of candy
Dr. Kim	Book on Beverages
Buddy Blair	Pair of candles
	Aloe Vera plant
Jerry Riley	Flower wreath
	Book
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The 50/50 drawing of \$40.50 was won by Nuncio Martino. Nuncio donated the winnings to the Warrior. Thank you very much Nuncio.

The items for the nights drawings were donated by the following generous people: Younger, Jerry Riley, Chris Carnero, Howard & Punkie Nathan, Georgia Jackson, Ruby Ehrlund, Marilyn Harrison, Patty Gambino, Dr. Kim and Nuncio Martino. Thank you very much everyone.

IT'S A DOGS LIFE

"If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise



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"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 with be going up soon, 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. To receive the newsletter on line, go to kwvahouston.org and click on the request. The following names will be published monthly through the July 2007 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 — Ehlinger, Pauline O'Flynn, John Padilla, Nora Russell, Rov St. Clair, Jerry Williams, John Young, Nat







Two guys are moving about in a Wal-Mart, when their carts collide. One says to the other, "Excuse me, but I'm looking for my wife."

"What a coincidence, so am I, and I'm getting a little desperate."

- "Well, maybe I can help you. What does your wife look like?"
- "She's tall, with dark hair, long legs, firm boobs, and a tight ass." What's your wife look like?"
- "Never mind, let's look for yours."

COPS...

I went to the store the other day, I was only in there for about 5 minutes and when I came out, there was a motorcycle cop writing a parking ticket. So I went up to him and said, 'Come on buddy, how about giving a guy a break?' He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. So I called him a pencil necked Nazi. He glared at me and started writing another ticked for having bald tires!!! So I called him a horse's butt. The veins in his neck were bulging as he finished the second ticket and put it on the car with the first. Then he started writing a third ticked!! This went on for about 20 minutes, the more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote. When I'd had enough fun for one day, I left him and walked on down the street to where my car was parked...

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Please Continue to give. so we can continue.

Membership Chapter & Other Events

Dues are \$20.00 - Life Membership \$200.00 - Send renewal to KWVA - P O Box 802541 - Houston TX 77280-

The following memberships are due May 1, 2007:

Billie Blair	A804	Harry Caldwell	M 19
Marvin Henderson	n M695	Jack Levine	M693
Nuncio Martinez	M795	Robert Milbern	M717
Cliff Montgomery	M755	Ray Priger	M432
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	Membership

NEW MEMBERS:

Frank Daidone M819

4th of JULY PICNIC?

A 4th of July picnic was suggested, and Franko Gorchoske volunteered to host the event at his place. We will keep you posted with the details.

KOREA REVISIT 2007

The Korea Revisit Program has been extended through 2007, and will continue to be subsidized by the Republic of Korea for this period. Four tour dates have been selected for this year:

> May 13 - 19 June 20 - 26 Sept 12 - 18 Nov. 7 - 13

Tour extensions are available into China, at the end of each tour schedule date. Tour arrangements should be made through the Military Historical Tours organiza-

Tel.: 703-212-0695 * email: mht@miltours.com Website www miltours com

When you were born, you were crying, and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

MAY

3rd - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

5th - Cinco De Mayo

13th - Mother's Day

17th - General Meeting - 7:00 pm

19th - ARMED FORCES DAY

28th - Memorial Day Observed

30th - MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

7th - Board Meeting 6:30 pm

14th - FLAG DAY - Fly your Flags

15th - Socks—V A Hospital 10 am

17th - Father's Day

19th - Emancipation Day

21st - First day of Summer

21st - General Meeting 7:00 pm

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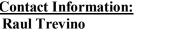
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Correspondence:

We have a request from a woman trying to identify a picture that belonged to her father, a Korean War vet. The picture is of a mountain and the inscription says 'Jun-July '53 xmas true hill'. She is trying to find out what it means. Can anyone help? Maybe someone remembers the mountain or the inscription. If you know anything, contact Mary Whitson in care of Bob Mitchell, kwvarjm@aol.com. Thanks men.

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MAY BIRTHDAY'S

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MAY ANNIVERSARY'S



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Samuel & Aurelia Cardenas	. 5/10 . 5/18 . 5/22/55 . 5/27/52	John & Doris Barker	. 5/15 5/21/55

ATTENTION....

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

VIDEO TAPING OF KOREA STORIES

If you are willing to share your experiences with your fellow vets, please contact Don Napp. The next speaker will be Jim Duncan.

HAPPY 103rd BIRTHDAY HUEY LONG . . .

Wednesday, April 25th, was the 103rd anniversary of the birth of Huey Long. Huey Long grew up with a love of music and played in various bands, even having his own band at one time. During the Korean War, he played with the world famous singing group, the '*Ink Spots*'. The group traveled to Korea with the USO and entertained the troops. (Some of you may even remember being in the crowd of servicemen in Korea, that they entertained.) Mr. Long is the last surviving member of the group.

For those who don't know the story of how we came to know Huey Long, we first met him when our Color Guard went to the Heights Retirement Home several years ago to participate in a flag raising ceremony. In the course of meeting the residents, we met Huey



Arriving via Limo

Long, who is a resident there, and struck an instant friendship. We "adopted" him as one of our own, because of the Korea connection. Mr. Long is still spry and alert and quick to sit down at a piano and play and sing Route 66, or some other old number.

Three years ago we participated in his 100th Birthday Celebration at the home. We also helped him celebrate last year, and this years celebration was held at the same place. The Art Gallery on West 19th Street in the Heights hosted the throng of people who came by to wish him Happy Birthday. The Gallery provided several large birthday cakes, along with a variety of crackers, cheese & fruit, etc. Several members of our organization were in attendance.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Barbara Mixon fell recently and broke a bone in her shoulder. She fell, getting out of bed, on her elbow and that shoved that bone into her shoulder, breaking it. Things are a little rough in the Mixon household. Tom is still recovering from his surgery and now with Barbara out of commission, they rely on each other. *Please be careful and don't have any more problems*.

Vito Susco recently had a bad experience with his gall bladder surgery. It was going to be routine, but then things changed. The doctors could not do the simple surgery and he had to have the old fashioned, full cut surgery. The gall bladder had imbedded itself in the liver, and a portion had to be removed. After the tests came back, it was discovered that his gall bladder had turned gangrene. Vito is feeling fine now, can eat anything he wants, no restrictions. We're all very happy that you are your old self again, and that everything is ok.

Ed Illean joined us at our April meeting. It was good to see him there, after a long absence. In December, he was admitted into the hospital around Christmas, then again in January. The hospitalization in January was very serious, and Ed thought he would die. Through the help of his daughter who is a nurse, his medications have been reduced by his doctors, and he is now feeling really good. He has begun to walk daily at the local mall and Walmart. *Keep up the good work Ed. You can't keep a good man down*.

Johnney Lee recently reinjured his back, and is in a tremendous amount of pain. Walking and moving is done at a price of pain. Thirty years ago he injured his back, but it healed and got better, until recently.

MEMORIES OF THE KOREAN WAR

By Dick Graves

If I were to ever write a book about my memories of the Korean War, this would be the prime chapter - my 15 minutes of fame. Fifty-three years have dulled my memory somewhat, but I remember this incident as if it were yesterday. I was trained at Fort Sill, Okla., as a liaison pilot and arrived in Korea in April 1953, just four months before the war was over. I was assigned to the 17th Field Artillery Battalion, which was part of the I Corp (first U.S. Corps)

Our battalion of 8" Howitzers were spread out so we could cover the entire front (our seventy miles). As a liaison pilot, it was my job to fly an observer, to keep his eyes on the target at hand and secondly to look for targets myself. I flew 37 combat missions, and about a third of them I found something to call in a fire mission. We always



Dick Graves With picture of plane He flew in Korea

flew at an altitude of 10,000 feet to avoid most of the enemy anti-craft fire which we called "able". We never knew which outfit we would be firing, but a fair amount of time we got the persuaders (17th field), as we were called "The eyes of the persuaders", and our 8" howitzers were the most accurate pieces in the whole corps.

This day we were at 10,000', shooting Charlie Dog, and in order to keep my observers eyes on the target, I would dive the L-19 to about 9,500 feet to pick up enough air speed to do a chandelle quickly (180° turn) so the observer did not lose contact with his target. The controls of an L-19 are very sluggish at 10,000 feet, so it was relatively hard to reverse direction without losing precious observation time. As the projectile hit,I observed a flash in the distance. This flash came from the side of a hill a great distance from the target. I instantly knew what that flash was—it was a large enemy artillery piece that was being fired from a cave on a hill near the Imgin river. I quickly calculated the coordinated from the map and

got on the radio, saying to the effect that I found a target worth getting. It went like this: "Boxcar 3 this is gearshift 14, fire mission over." "Gearshift 14, send your mission, over" "Gearshift 14, fire mission—counter battery, coordinates—8 digits, artillery piece in defilade." It seemed like the wait was forever, probably 15 to 20 minutes, but in that time I got to observe another flash from that same hole in the side of the hill. When the projectile finally hit, it was over the target. I called back and said "over line over" "repeat range" "fire for effect". That round was so close to the Gold Mine, probably the closest I had ever seen. The next round hit the gold mine. I screamed "TARGET" "REPEAT RANGE" "REPEAT FIRE FOR EFFECT" "LARGE SECONDARYEXPLOSION" "ANOTHER SECONDARY EXPLOSION" "BLACK SMOKE COMING FROM THE TARGET". I finally said, "several secondary explosions" "Unable to observe target due to large quantities of black smoke" "suggest cease fire" This was my proudest moment, this is why they sent me to flight school and artillery school for. In all my excitement, I did something foolish and stupid. I hollered on the radio "Damn good shootin., Charlie".

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