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

CITY OF HOUSTON PROCLAMATION

August 4, 2009, was proclaimed as **John Jackson Day**. The City of Houston issued a Proclamation, honoring our good friend and fellow member, John Jackson. The event was a total surprise to John. His wife Georgia, did a great job of keeping this momentous event secret for several weeks. She was even able to invite a few friends and relatives, without him knowing anything. John was introduced by Councilwoman Wanda Adams, and he appeared to be stunned.

FOLLOWING IS THE PROCLAMATION:

The City of Houston has declared August 4, 2009, as John B. Jackson Day. John B. Jackson has made many significant contributions toward the betterment of our city through his dedication and commitment to our community, earning the respect and admiration of those individuals who have been privileged to know and work with him.

John is a very creative man who readily shares his creativity with his family, friends, club members, the Sunnyside community and the Houston Community at large. He never met a stranger and is quick to assist when he sees someone in need. John B. Jackson's commitment and love for family, friends, city and country is commendable. He is Vice-President of the Sunnyside Civic Club, a graduate of the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.), President of the Texas Rollers Recreational Vehicle Club, and is a member of the Fourth Missionary Baptist Church. John B. Jackson has tirelessly served the Houston Community.



Wanda Adams, John, Georgia, Mayor White, Dr. Jackson
Councilwoman [John's brother]

The City of Houston salutes John B. Jackson for his outstanding service to the Houston Community and extends best wishes for continued success.

Therefore I, Bill White, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim, August 4, 2009, as John B. Jackson Day

The accolades did not end there. The next morning, Councilman Al Green invited John & Georgia to breakfast, where John was again honored. Councilman Green presented another proclamation honoring John, and presented him with a U.S. Flag that had flown over our Nations Capitol. John was emotional and very humbled by the tributes.

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!!!

CORRECTION. . . .

In our August newsletter, it was reported that Dr. Francis Lee, represented the Korean community. Dr. Lee is the immediate past president of ROK KWVA, speaking on behalf of the association. Mr. Myong Kim represented the Korean Community, as its president.



Dr. Lee is a ROK Veteran and a freedom fighter (1950-1955). He made a 12 minute speech in English without notes on the 56th Truce Anniversary. His speech emphasized several important issues and proposals.

Our sincere apologize, Dr. Lee. We truly appreciate you and your work.

The Editors, Lee & Charlotte Henderson

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigues of supporting it.

Thomas Paine

CHILI COOK-OFF OCTOBER MEETING

Our October meeting, October 15th, will be one of our favorites. The Chili cook-off returns, with a number of entries already. If you have not signed up, and want to compete with your favorite chili recipe, contact Martha Ballard. As this is Halloween month, please dress in costume, not required, but fun. There will be judging for the best costume, with prizes.

There will also be a **silent auction** that is a fund raiser. Please contact businesses in your area to obtain items to be auctioned, or something you might have of value, to be auctioned

Please arrive about 4 pm as we will eat at 5 pm.

AWESOME

By Tom Campion

That is the expression my granddaughter Ashlee, uses to describe something that she thinks are fantastic, terrific and satisfying. Ashlee is the daughter of my oldest daughter and son-in-law, Roslyn & Ronnie Bartee. She has just completed her junior year at Foster High School in Richmond, Tx., and is very active in extra-curricular activities at school - the school choir, cheerleading team, and a member of the FFA. After two years on the cheerleading team, she has been appointed head cheerleader. In FFA she is also very active, raising a Brahman Heifer called Thumper. Two years ago Thumper finished second in a competition at the Houston Livestock Show. Thumper received a red ribbon and it was “**AWESOME**” One thing for sure, Thumper is not going to live up to her name.

Several months before school ended, Ashlee asked me if I knew anything about ‘*The Great Depression of the 30’s & 40’s*’. I told her that I was born during the Depression. Evidently, her History class was studying that period and she asked me if I would talk to her class about the DEPRESSION. I said that I would be glad to. About two weeks before school ended I got the call. We met at her school along with her mother, and I was introduced to her teacher. The class consisted of about 30 students, mostly pretty, young ladies.

I started talking, and told them sometimes I had to put thick cardboard in my shoes to cover the holes in the soles, how the ice man came around and delivered blocks of ice to everyone. “Ice boy” sold blocks in 10, 20, 30 & 50 cent sizes. For a little humor, I told them how I had to walk barefoot, 2 miles in the snow uphill, both ways. That got everyone to pay attention and smile. I explained what I knew caused the Depression: the bank failures and unemployment that were nearly 20 % of the countries workforce, as compared to 8% at the present time. When the Depression came to an end in 1939, it was believed Pres. Roosevelt ended the depression with his creative government jobs. For many that may have been true, but I believe that WWII helped end it. All the factories geared up to make military materials, (Rosy the Riveter) and men went into the Army.

At that point, the teacher noticed that I had my KWV shirt on, and asked me to talk about the Korean War. I told them how and why the war began, all the students appeared to be interested, and asked me questions about my experiences there and a little about my personal life. After about 45 minutes I told them to remember -**Freedom Isn’t Free**.

When I finished my talk, everyone applauded and the teacher thanked me

Ashlee told me that I was “**AWESOME**” and that all the other speakers were boring and put everyone to sleep. She said everyone was listening attentively and asking questions.

I believe that my granddaughter Ashlee is “**AWESOME**”.

CONDOLENCES



Lt. Col. Edward L. Barker, USMC died August 4, 2009, after a prolonged illness in Temple, Tx. He served in WWII and Korea. He never spoke of his experiences during the wars, or the honors and medals he was awarded, until 1980. At this time, Lt. Col. Barker consented to talk for one hour with his youngest son, Harold R. Barker, about his military career. After that one hour, he refused to talk more and until his death remained silent.

That one hour conversation later resulted in the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C., and the founding of the Korean War Project on the Internet.

Lt. Col Barker is survived by his two sons, Edward L. Barker, Jr. and Harold R. Barker of Dallas Texas.

The story of Lt. Col. Barker's heroism and influence in honoring all Korean War Veterans throughout the world can be found at:
www.koreanwar.org/html/chapter_one.html

PRESENTATION....

Jerry Riley, presented Bob Mitchell with a check for \$2,000 from the Ladies Auxiliary #8790, to the Korean War Museum in Illinois.



Bob is a director of the Museum and plans to present this donation to the Museum's treasurer.

Thank you very much Jerry.

JULY 27th PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

Signed July 24, 2009

Fifty-six years after the signing of the Military Armistice Agreement at Panmunjom, Americans remain grateful for the courage and sacrifice of our Korean War veterans. More than 600,000 United States and allied combatants lost their lives in Korea during the 3 years of bitter warfare that ended on July 27, 1953. Many were also injured, taken as prisoners of war and missing in action. These dedicated servicemen and women, under the banner of the United Nations, fought to secure the blessings of freedom and democracy on the Korean Peninsula, and they deserve our unending respect and gratitude.

Today we remember and honor the valor of Korean War veterans and the extraordinary sacrifices that they and their families made in the cause of peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2009, as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

To read the proclamation in its entirety go to the website: http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Presidential-Proclamation-National-Korean-War-Veterans-Armistice-Day/

BUS RIDES

Do you need a ride to the City Hall on Veteran's Day? The city will once again provide a bus from the VA Cemetery to City Hall, downtown, on November 11th.

For more information, contact Stoney Stone at 281-375-7675.

TLSC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held this year on **December 19th**, which is on a Saturday. We will again have our gathering at the Monument Inn, which is located in LaPorte, Tx. off Hwy 225, on the Independence Highway. (This was formally named Battleground Road.) As you know, this is adjacent to the San Jacinto Monument and the Battleship Texas.

Reserve this date, and make plans to attend the annual party with your friends, family and fellow vets & wives



“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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Disorder in the American Court. . . .

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?
 WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?
 WITNESS: He's twenty, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?
 WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?
 WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?
 WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?
 WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?
 WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town, I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, How many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?
 WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?
 WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 pm.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?
 WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

In Memory of —

Ammerman, Dan
 Barbee, Betty
 Christiansen, John
 Craigmill, Ross WWII
 Hogue, Thomas
 William Deer with -
 Horns, died 7/51 POW
 Lebaron, Eddie
 Nathan, Howard
 O'Flynn, John J.
 Olivarez, Manuel
 R040066
 Russell, Roy
 Sikkley, Leland
 Sloan, Story
 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.

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“Warrior” Sponsor
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 September 1, 2009:

George Bazan	M789	Roland English	M673
Jack Kaley	M108	Charles McLendon	M674
R. B. Sanford	M790	James Watkins	M110

RENEWALS

Michael Dillick	Charles Laird
Bill Moore	Tony Munguia
Joe Romano	

NEW MEMBER:

Albert J. Habinak M-835

WELCOME !!!

TRACY GEE 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

Note: There are two changes in 2009

1. The Board has gone back to the former schedule of meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month, instead of meeting on the same day as the General Meeting.
2. Meeting times have changed. The Board Meetings will now begin at **5 PM**. The General Meetings will now begin at **6 PM**.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
SEPTEMBER	3	17
OCTOBER	1	15
NOVEMBER	5	19
DECEMBER	3	17

HOUSTON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS..

The City has created a new web site to spread information about their plans for disasters that may occur, and how you can prepare personally. The information is available online at www.readyhouston.tx.gov. Be prepared for any disaster that might happen.

2009

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd - V-J Day
- 3rd - Board Meeting—5 PM
- 7th - LABOR DAY
- 11th - Patriot Day
- 13th - GRANDPARENTS DAY
- 17th - General Meeting—6 PM
- 18th - **POW/MIA DAY**
- 18th - *Birthdays of U.S. Airforce*
- 18th - Rosh Hashana begins at Sundown
- 20th - Rosh Hashana ends
- 22nd - First Day of Autumn
- 27th - Yom Kipper begins at Sundown
- 27th - Gold Star Mothers
- 29th - VFW Day

OCTOBER

- 1st - Board Meeting - 5 pm
- 12th - COLUMBUS DAY
- 13th - *Birthdays of U.S. Navy*
- 15th - General Meeting 6 pm
- 31st - HALLOWEEN

QUARTERMASTER

John Jackson

Thank you for your support by purchasing K.W.V. merchandise We have numerous items that you can purchase by:

PHONE: 713-733-6544 (John Jackson)

WEBSITE: kwvahouston.org

Or in person at our meetings.

Get your K.W.V.A. caps, Polo Shirts, (white or blue) some veteran hat pins and Chapter patches.

VIDEO TAPING OF KOREA STORIES

These talks are videotaped. The tapes will go to the Korean War Museum, to become part of their archives. Since time at our meetings is limited, we will have to follow some simple rules:

Members will have **10 minutes max.** to speak. The time limit will be controlled. To be able to tell your story in that time frame, you should plan your talk in advance. List the things you want to cover, and try it out at home first and watch the time it takes. If it is way over the time, trim out some things to make it fit.

Remember you're being taped and the Museum won't know who you are. Start with your name, rank, branch of service, time you were there and what your specialty was. Then tell your story

Be sure and attend and hear the latest memory. Our next speaker will be **Rod Ramsey**.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S



Della Sue Tarver 9/1	Betty Ann Graves 9/11	Eve Singleton 9/18	Frank Weeden, jr. 9/23
Danford Mouton 9/1	Woody Thomas 9/11	Hong S. Won 9/18	Bert Beecroft 9/24
Patricia Dean 9/2	Victoria Arias 9/11	Tom Bray 9/18	A. C. Martin 9/25
Rosa Ramirez 9/2	Kyung Ja Won 9/11	Jo Ann Martino 9/19	Tom Mixon 9/25
Charlotte Lyke 9/4	Doug Sizemore 9/13	Maureen Gutierrez 2/20	Marilyn Harrison 9/27
John Peters 9/6	Vinton Sholl 9/14	J. B. Hatfield 9/20	Charlotte Hackler 9/27
Mary Lee Estess 9/7	Jack Ledford 9/14	Steve Montello 9/20	Hortence Cambiaso . . . 9/27
Bill Hare 9/7	Rudy Weisar 9/15	Charles Crouther 9/22	Salomon Padilla 9/27
Stan Bozeman 9/9	Marianne Younger 9/17	Tomasa Flores 9/22	Grace Laird 9/29
Dorothy Sizemore 9/10			

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY'S



<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEMBER & SPOUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<u>Buddy & Billie Blair . . . 54 yrs</u>	<u>9/1/1955</u>	Woody & Sandy Thomas	9/1
<u>Jose & Hortence Cambiaso . . 54 yrs . .</u>	<u>9/1/1955</u>	<u>John & Ethel Peters . . . 59 yrs . .</u>	<u>9/2/1950</u>
<u>Wayne & Marilyn Harrison . . 54 yrs . .</u>	<u>9/1/1955</u>	<u>Nuncio & JoAnn Martino . . 56 yrs .</u>	<u>9/4/53</u>
<u>Jim & Betty Duncan 54 yrs . .</u>	<u>9/10/1955</u>	William & Mildred Baker	9/11
Carl & Eve Singleton	9/17	<u>Johnny & Florence Sicola . 59 yrs .</u>	<u>9/24/50</u>
<u>Jack & Roberta Starlin 58 yrs . .</u>	<u>9/28/1951</u>		

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

DOOR PRIZES - August 18, 2009

- Chris Carnero Clock
- Bob Mitchell Two books
- Margaret Sax Mystery envelope (\$5)
- Ted Maloy ?
- Georgia Jackson Ceramic flowers
- Billie Blair Candle
- Forrest Robinson Book
- Margaret Sax Desk organizer
- Rod Ramsey Book
- Evelyn Stone Book
- Bennie Younger Travel mug

Forrest Robinson won the drawing for the 50/50 pot and he donated his share of the pot to the general fund.

The donors for the nights drawing were: Marlene Susca, Travis Riley, Rod Ramsey, Margaret Sax, Tom Mixon and an anonymous donor.

Thank you everyone\!

WREATH'S ACROSS AMERICA

At our July meeting, Jim Duncan asked the members attending, to be thinking about how, working with the *Wreaths Across America* program, we might provide wreaths in December, for all deceased members of the chapter. This was discussed, but was not acted on last year. We would not have been able to place the individual wreaths on the graves last year, because the event was the same as our Christmas Party. We will not have that conflict this year. The Wreath's Across America will be on December 12th.

Orders should be placed in September. There are about 20 to 25 deceased members, in the Houston area.

The cost of each wreaths will be \$15.00 each.

God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9.7 NIV

KEEPING IN TOUCH — SICK BAY

Franko Grochoske was hospitalized recently for a series of tests. Franko feels that things can't be too bad, the doctor said he'll see him in 3 years.

CONDOLENCES

On July 6, 2009, **Frank A. Dixon, Jr. L-205** passed away, of Pulmonary Fibrosis and Pneumonia. Frank is survived by his wife, Donna and three nephews. He had a Military Burial with Honors at Houston's Glenwood Cemetery.



Our Sincere condolences to the family, from the Texas Lone Star Chapter of Korean Veterans.

Correspondence:

Joe Glass attended a Kiwanis Club meeting recently and was advised by the Angelina County Tax Assessor-Collector that veterans of special 'Veterans' license plates and select the Korea design. The plates are free.

The link will take you to TxDot and form VTR-420
Http://www.dot.state.tx.us/txdot/forms/GetForm?formName=/VTR-420.pdf&preference=PDFForm&appID=vtr/specialty_plate

VETERANS CORNER

Wounded Veterans Get Tax Break:

Under legislation signed by Gov. Rick Perry last month, severely injured veterans are about to get some major financial relief: They will no longer have to pay property taxes on their homes.

Disabled veterans in Texas will qualify for total homestead property tax exemptions if the Department of Veterans Affairs has determined they are unable to work or they are receiving 100 percent disability compensation for physical or psychological problems related to their military service.

The new law also increases exemptions for veterans with disability ratings of 30 %, 50% or 70%. Many states offer similar tax breaks. For more information contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-827-1000.

NEW LAWS

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1st

Did you know beginning September 1st that **ALL** occupants of a vehicle must wear a seatbelt or that using a cell phone in a school zone is illegal?

HB 537 requires **all** occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle; changes the definition of a passenger vehicle to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver. This bill also prohibits a motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication

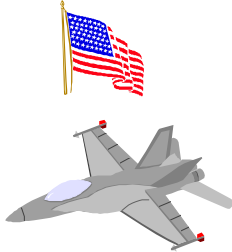
device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.

Read about DPS online at www.txdps.state.tx.us

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