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

“HONOR ALL VETERANS” BALLGAME

Our annual “Honor All Veterans” Ball game at Minute Maid Field has now been scheduled.



The date is Saturday, June 2nd at 6:05 PM versus the **Cincinnati Reds**.

Location of our seats are once again in the **Mezzanine**. A block of seats has been reserved for our group. As in past, our ticket price will be **\$12. each**.

The Board had considered making it a fundraiser, which would have affected the price, but they have decided against this..



This year’s theme is **“Prisoners Of War”**. We are currently seeking a **POW** from **WW II, Korea** and **Vietnam**. As in past, the Astro’s will create a special website just for this game. They hope to have it online in a couple of weeks.

We will begin taking ticket orders at the February meeting. Ticket sales will continue until the end of April. Tickets will be distributed at the May General Meeting.

T.L.S.C. CONTINUES ITS EDUCATION MISSION

Board Member **Dick Halferty** recently spoke at a Rotary Club luncheon on two divergent subjects. He had been invited to address the group because of his naval service during the Korean War. Dick was on the U.S. Destroyer (The Mole) The Mole operated along the East coast of Korea; North and South. They received enemy fire from NKP shore battery guns. His talk also dealt with the current political scene on the Korean Peninsula as a result of the death of Kim Jong Il, the former dictator, and the ascent of his son to fill his position. He also spoke on the major problem of post traumatic stress syndrome as it affects our returning deployed service personnel and their families.



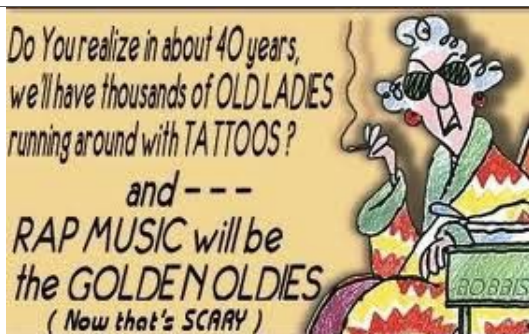
On January 18th a team of 3 of our members visited Dobie High School in Pasadena and gave a presentation on the history of the Korean War from their perspectives as active participants. **Bob Hanks USMC**, discussed the first year of the war, 1950. Bob, was in the 11th Marine Artillery and talked of the Marine operations at the Pusan Perimeter, the Inchon landing and the Chosin Reservoir. **Lee Henderson, USMC**, spoke of his experiences in 1951-52. Lee was a machine gunner in the Marine Corp, and instructed on the Offence and Defense. He also showed the frag grenade and how it was used both offence and defense and **Jim Duncan's** discussion covered his time in Korea in 1953. Jim was a Army tank Platoon leader on the M46 tank. His tour of duty was in the Trabeke Mountains in N. Korea until the cease fire went into effect. He witnessed the Little Switch of the wounded and sick of UN POW and the Big Switch of the POW's Their audience was about 300 students, most of whom knew little of the history of the war or of that period in U.S. History. The talks were well received and were made visual through the help of Bob Daugherty, one of the Dobie instructors who put Lee Henderson's graphics on a Power Point disc. This visit was Lee's 152nd school visit. Thank you, gentlemen for this outreach.

Submitted by Rod Ramsey

Amazing Virtual Tour—Air Force Museum

This might be one of the most advanced sites I have ever been in. If this is a sign of the future, Wow!

Click on the word **MAP** in the upper right hand corner to bring down a visual menu of the different sites within the museum, then click on a dot within that site to view the exhibits from that camera angle and then follow (click on) the arrows. You can run your mouse over the aircraft and it can tell you what it is and in some cases you can click it and find out even more on the plane. Clicking the icon button with 4 arrows puts you into full screen mode. "Esc" will bring you back, or click on the 4 arrow icon again to bring you back. Moving your 'mouse arrow' around the viewing window will rotate the screen to where you want to look / go. The PLUS / MINUS icons at the bottom of the screen will bring you in closer or move you back out. It may takes a few minutes to get the hang of it, but well worth it. **WARNING:** Time flies when you get immersed in this tour!
<http://www.nmusafvirtualtour.com/full/tour-pkg.html>

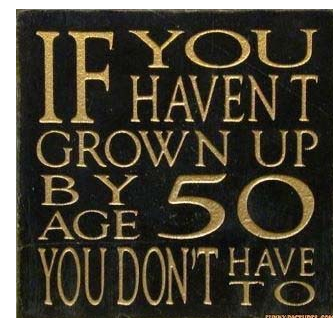


calories

(noun)

Tiny creatures that live in your closet and sew your clothes a little bit tighter every night.

charonkhatatman.tumblr.com



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Jeanette Young and family at Nat Young's grave

The annual laying of the wreaths at the **Houston National Cemetery** was 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. Our goal was to double the amount of wreaths purchased last year. The donations through the TLSC has **reached \$3,490.62**, and counting, more than twice the number from last year. Our veterans have hearts of gold. The goal of the WAA was to decorate the 25,000 plus graves at the cemetery, they were able to cover over 31,000 graves.



REMEMBERING OUR VETERENS

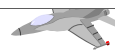
DONATIONS TO WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Ammerman, Mary (in memory of Dan Ammerman)	Hong Sop Won	Otis, Robert
Ballard, Carlos & Martha	Hudson, Ronald	Porter, Breck
Bartee, Rosey (in memory of her father, Tom Campion)	Johnson, Max	Priger, Ray
Belken, Donald	Laird, Grace (in memory of Charles Laird)	Ramsey, Jeff
Bighouse, Bob	Lee, Johnney	Ramsey, Rod
Blair, Buddy	Levine, Janice (In memory of Jack Levine)	Robinson, Forrest
Carnero, Manny	Johnson, Max	Sanford, R. B.
Cathers, Ernest	Juergens, Gene	Shannon, Debbi (in honor of her dad - Lee Henderson)
Clark, Mark	Malloy, Ted	Singleton, C. E.
Conte, Thomas	McManners, Dorothy (in memory of Arthur McManners)	Spencer, Milly (in memory of Mickey Spencer)
Correa, Joe	Middlebrook, Beverley (in memory of Marvin Treadwell)	Spring Branch VFW , Post 8790
Coussins, Judge Charles	Mitchell, Bob	Stevens, Robert & Judy
Daumann, Hank	Mixon, Barbara	Stone, Stoney
Dean, Charles Owen	Morris, Roger C.	Susca, Vito
Duncan, Jim	Mouton, Danford	Telling, Wayne
Ehrlund, Chuck	Mulrooney, Maureen (in memory of Joe Mulrooney)	Velasco, Frances & David
Friedman, Abraham	Napp, Don (In memory of Mickey Spencer)	Watkins, James O.
Gambino, Sal	Nathan, Shirley (in memory of Howard Nathan)	Williams, Bridget , (In memory of John Williams)
Green, Richard		Williams, Lester
Habinak, Al		Young, Jeanette (in memory of Nathan Young)
Habinak, Ann		
Halferty, Dick		
Hanks, Bob		

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CLEAN-UP AT V.A. NATIONAL CEMETERY

On Saturday, Jan. 7th, several hundred eager volunteers gathered at the Houston V. A. National Cemetery to pick up some 32,000 evergreen Christmas wreaths, which had been decorating the graves since early December. Work commenced at 9:00 a.m. and by 10:30 every wreath had been collected and put in a dumpster for removal to a recycling site. This was truly a community-wide effort manned by all manner of volunteer groups including Boy Scout, Girl Scouts, JROTC Cadets, Patriot Guard bikers, veterans groups, military reserve units, high school and middle school students, and parents and of course citizens who had loved ones buried in this beautiful cemetery. The Lone Star Chapter was represented on the clean-up by Jim Duncan, Rod Ramsey and Johnney Lee.

Submitted by Rod Ramsey



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 are due February 1, 2012

George Conrad M836	W. L. Moore M785
Danford Mouton M812	Joe Romano M354
Orin Smith M686	

RENEWALS

Doyle Griffin	Charles McClendon
Rudy Weisar	

TEXAS DRIVER LICENSE

The Department of Public Safety shall include the designation “VETERAN” on the face of any class or type of Texas driver license issued to a veteran in compliance with Section 521.1235 of the Texas Transportation Code.

In this section, “Veteran” means a person who has: Served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or Marine Corps of the United States; served in the Texas National Guard as defined by Section 431.001, Government Code, which includes veterans who served in the Texas Army and Air National Guard, but does not include individuals who have served in the Texas State Guard only, and been honorably discharged from the branch of service in which the person served. Veterans who are not U.S. Citizens but served and received an honorable discharge from one of the Services listed above are eligible to receive the “VETERAN” designation on their Texas driver license upon request

To be eligible for the veteran designation to be placed on their driver license, the veteran must present a DD-214 or DD-215 (corrected copy of DD-214) signifying they received an honorable discharge or general (under honorable conditions) from the service in which the person served.)

The veteran can visit a driver license office and initiate the request to have the veteran designation placed on their driver license. A duplicate transaction fee will be applied to obtain a duplicate driver license reflection an added or removed veteran designation, however the veteran will not be charged an additional fee to add/remove the veteran designation while applying for: An original driver license; A renewal; Modification or upgrade of the class of their driver license; Change of address or replacement of a lost or stolen license.

Veterans who are out of the state may request the veteran designation by mail for a driver license only by providing the following: A complete out of state/county application (RIS-50); A copy of DD-214 or DD-215; Proof of Social Security number; DL-43 (TX driver license or ID Card renewal—duplicate application); DL-63 (explanation of Eye Specialist) if renewing a drive license; and Required fee.

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Chapter & Other Events

FEBRUARY

2nd - Board Meeting - 4:30 pm
 12th - Lincoln’s Birthday
 14th - Valentines Day
 16th - General Meeting 6:00 pm
 20th - Presidents Day
 22nd - ASH WEDNESDAY
 22nd - Washington’s Birthday



MARCH

1st - Board Meeting - 4:30 pm
 11th - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
 15th - General Meeting - 6:00 pm
 17th - St. Patrick’s Day

Continued from previous column—

Mail all required documents along with the payment. Accepted are: check, money order or cashier’s check, payable to the Texas Department of Public Safety:

Texas Department of Public Safety
 P.O. Box 15999
 Austin, Tx., 78761-5999

Information regarding disabled veterans: Disabled veterans who provide proof of a service-related disability of at least 60% will not be charged a fee for any driver license or identification card transaction.

NOTE: The “Veteran” designation is not available on a Texas Identification Card at this time.

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.

MOTIVATION.....

Responsible leaders confront problems— they don’t pass them along to others. Leaders are never content with the status quo—they look down the road, anticipate and prepare for new challenges and new opportunities. And good leaders create a climate of Honesty and Integrity.

George W. Bush

<u>FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S</u>			
Emma Hinojosa 1st	Bill Leonard 5th	Lynda Trousdale 10th	Johnnie Smith 18th
Charlotte Henderson . . 2nd	Joyce Campbell 7th	Beatrice Munguia . . . 11th	Peggy Hanks 23rd
Sam DiBello 3rd	Margie Conrad 7th	Bob Hanks 13th	Paul Procella 23rd
LaVonne Johnson 3rd	Joe Mueller 7th	Carl Dry 14th	Roberta Starlin 24th
Floyd Pendarvis 3rd	Gwendolyn Owens . . . 8th	Evelyn Stone 15th	Edward Sax 26th
Richard Wilson 3rd	Norma Hall 10th	Helma Hinojosa 17th	Jim Brown 27th

<u>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY'S</u>			
MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE	MEMBER & SPOUSE	DATE
James & Mardene O'Donnell 59 yrs	2/1/1953	Ed & Connie Singleton 60 yrs	2/2/1952
Clarence & Stella Sperbeck	2/7	Franko & Betty Grochoske	2/9
Harry & Louise Brunelle	2/11	Tom & Barbara Mixon 54 yrs	2/11/1958
Vincent & Lucy Aguilera	2/14	Herbert & Junelle Nittsche	2/27
Donald & Patricia Lawrence	2/28		

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

AWARDS.....

At the January meeting, two of our members were awarded Certificates, thanking them for their dedicated and tireless work on behalf of the Lone Star Chapter.



Henry Martinez has served as the Color Guard Commander for many years and John Jackson has been our Quartermaster.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

DOOR PRIZES - JAN. 19, 2012

- Manny Carnero Card holder
- Bob Mitchell Book
- Manny Carnero Military posters
- Henry Martinez book
- Don Napp Book
- Rod Ramsey Book
- Lee Henderson Book
- Marlene Telling Books
- Jim Duncan Military posters
- Georgia Jackson Book
- Martha Ballard Music CD

The 50/50 drawing was won by Billie Blair, and she donated the winnings to the Sock & Cap fund.

The items for the drawings were donated by these fine people: Wayne & Marlene Telling, Carlos Ballard, Marlene Susca, Bob & Dorothy Mitchell, Jim Duncan, Rod Ramsey, Martha Ballard and Max Johnson. *Thank you everyone!!*

*** CHAPTER COIN ***

Recently, members of the Board, voted to have a Chapter Coin. This coin will be available to members only. Since it contains the image of our Monument in Austin, on one side, it cannot be sold to the general public. This monument was given to the State of Texas. The other side of the coin will contain the Texas Lone Star Chapter emblem.

The coin will sell for \$8.50 each and members can purchase as many as they want. Applications are enclosed in the newsletter.

ELECTION

There will be an election ballot enclosed in this newsletter. Keep in mind that a Secretary is needed as well as two directors.

Please cast your vote, **or** add your name to the ballot as a candidate, and mail it in. **THANK YOU!!**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 2012 - 2013 BALLOT

T L S C / K W V

The mid term election, on March 15, 2012 will be for the 2012—2014 term. Please select two directors,

The nominees are shown on the ballot, but you may insert the name of any other Regular or Life member of the chapter, in good standing, by writing in their name in the space provided.

We are in need of a Secretary and two directors. Also needed is a Quartermaster. If you are interested in becoming our Quartermaster, please notify one of the officers.

SECRETARY : _____

- **DIRECTORS: TWO NEEDED...**

Dick Halferty _____

Carlos Ballard _____

Max Johnson _____

Officers returning for the remainder of their terms are:

- PRESIDENT: Hank Daumann**
- 1st VICE PRESIDENT: Jim Duncan**
- 2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Rod Ramsey**
- TREASURER: Bob Bighouse**
- DIRECTOR - Al Habinak**
- DIRECTOR: Wayne Telling**
- DIRECTOR: Forrest Robinson**

Signed: _____ **or Member No:** _____

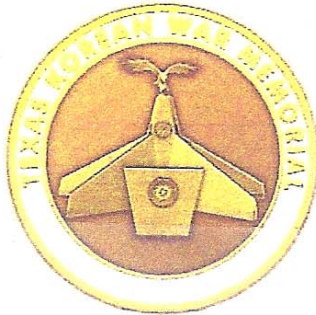
Texas lone star Chapter
Korean War Veterans, Inc.

CHAPTER COIN ORDER FORM

NAME _____

Number of coins desired _____ @ \$8.50 Each _____

(total)



Obverse & Reverse
1.75 Inch Custom Antique Brass Coin
Approximate Size

Bob Mitchell posted this on an email posting. I thought we would re-post this in the newsletter to let everyone know the problems

We did not have a great holiday. We had sickness in the house for the last three months of the year so we had a very quiet Christmas. The doctor said it was only a cold but it turned out to be "super bug". No matter what we were given it had no effect so we just had to wait it out.

On December 27 th we felt better so my wife decided to catch up on laundry and turned on the washing machine. I came out sometime later and found the kitchen had become a lake. I used boots and a wet vac to clean up while I waited for a plumber. He said the water control malfunctioned, so the water kept flowing till it overflowed. The machine turned 15 on January 2nd so we already bought a new one. They are holding it for delivery until we're ready. The plumber recommended a cleaning service who came quickly. They removed the bottom panels on all the floor cabinets and found water underneath. They checked the other rooms and found that the water had gone through the baseboards about four feet into the dining room, the master bedroom and the bedroom walk in closet. They cut away the wet carpeting so the floors could dry and removed all the baseboards, then drilled holes in the walls at the bottom and injected chemicals to prevent mold. Then they brought in giant blowers and put them everywhere there was damage. They ran night and day for three days and the noise was unbelievable but it all dried. We are now sleeping and living in the guest bedroom in the front of the house because the master bedroom furniture is piled up in the middle of the room. The contractor did a walk through on 12/31 to prepare an estimate for the insurance company. They finally faxed it to insurance company yesterday. I will call them Monday to see how long it will take to process the claim. The baseboards and cabinet panels will all need to be replaced and there may be a need for some painting. Basically, the big need is carpeting. Since it was all installed in one piece from the back of the house to the front they are asking to replace it all, to avoid it looking mismatched like a patchwork. We'll see what gets approved. Right now I am guessing this work will not begin until the week of 1/23, and since we had to pack up a lot of things we will have to unpack it all when it's done, just like we were moving in, which could take another week or two till we are back to normal. We were planning a trip to Florida starting 2/1. Right now it looks like that's not going to happen.

The good news is that we are both in good health and we will get through this. Hopefully the rest of 2012 will be better. Regards to all. Hope you all had a good holiday. Talk to you soon.

Bob Mitchell

Open Letter to members of TLSC-KWV (Houston, Tx.)....

Enclosed is my donation of \$25.00 towards the "Warrior" newsletter and \$25.00 towards the "Wreaths Across America" campaign.

Enjoyed the Nov. 2011 issue of the "Warrior" especially poignant was the article "Revisit Korea". I served in the ROK (U.S. Army) from Jan 6, 1986 to Jan 6, 1987, and had my own experiences with the gratitude that the Korean civilians still expressed for your service.

In Tongduchon, the Ville adjacent to Camp Casey (HQ-2nd. I.D.) I went to a tailor to make a custom cap for my dad, Rod, who was with the 32nd Inf. 7th I.D. (Hourglass). The gentleman who, at that time, appeared to be in his mid '60's, asked me to shake his hand in appreciation for my Dad's service there & having a hand in the liberation and freedom that these people enjoy today.

Another experience occurred when we were asked to assist Korean civilian contractors in servicing a tank gunnery range, were we were replacing plywood target silhouettes & changing batteries. One of our guys, a kid from upstate NY, who'd never even been out of his own country his whole life until then, asked one of the civilians (He's also in his 60's) what he would think if the North re-invaded the South. (this kid probably never knew anyone who served). We were riding in the back of a deuce & a half and the old guy went into tears. He was a young man when you guys went over there & kicked ass and did it, and just came home. **YES, THEY REMEMBER!**

And, yes, that year, college students were blowing up trash cans at Kimpo and so on. How soon we forget the tribulations of our forbearers.

Thanks to all of you guys (and the women who suffer you!) I just hope the long-term ramifications of our current conflicts have such a resounding success as what you en accomplished without fanfare.

A hearty salute to all of you,

Jeff Ramsey, Inf.

KOREAN WAR EXPERIENCES PROGRAM

By Bob Mitchell

For the benefit of our newest members, we have a program that has been in operation for a few years now where Chapter members talk about their Korean War experiences at one of our General Meetings. The talks are videotaped, and copies go to the speaker, to our Chapter records, to our webmaster and one copy goes to the National Korean War Museum for their permanent archives. The webmaster posts the video on our Chapter website, where friends and relatives can view it, no matter where they are. If you go to our website at kwvahouston.org you can see those already there. To date, there are over 30 videos posted. You should consider this opportunity to tell your story for the benefit of you families. Four of those posted are of members now deceased and their families were very happy to have this memento of them to enjoy

To sign up for the program, contact Don Napp at 281-443-1809 or at DONALD.NAPP51@gmail.com. Don will sign you up and tell you how the program works and how to prepare for it. For all you other members who have not yet done so, there is plenty of room for you as well. Do it today. You won't regret it.

This program will give your children and grandchildren a visual account and written account, (as most of you will need to write your thoughts down) of your activities during the war. This is something everyone should have to pass on to their family.

The editor requests a copy of your experience to put in the newsletter. Thank You!!!

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03/13	Forrest Robinson	832-259-3977
03/12	Z.E. (Stoney) Stone	281-375-7675
03/12	Dick Halferty	832-660-8286
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 1998-99 - "Stoney" Stone
 1999-00 - Sal Gambino
 2000-01 - Howard Nathan
 2001-02 - Bob Mitchell
 2002-03 - Carlos Ballard
 2003-04 - Don Napp
 2004-05 - Charlie Ehrlund
 2005-07 - Buddy Blair
 2007-08 - Charlie Ehrlund
 2008-09 - Carlos Ballard
 2009-11 - Bob Bighouse

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VA HOSPITAL	Buddy Blair
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