



General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215

THE BULLDOG BUGLE



Honored Chapter Member, Colonel James L Stone, Medal of Honor Recipient
PAST PRESIDENTS: DICK PREDMORE - MARVIN DUNN – MIKE DOYLE

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this on January 1, 2008 I am thinking like most of you, I expect, that 2007 came and went much too quickly. Overall, I think our Chapter had a good year and I certainly hope for more good things to come in 2008. My thanks to all of you for helping to make this last year a fun and productive time for all of us. My hope and prayer is for each of you to have a healthy and happy New Year.

Larry Kinard

CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE

I have already seen comments about Who is running for office, States of names, Insulting and ridiculous comments about why someone should or should not run. Also, comments about why someone should or should not run; also comments about the Complete Administration (whatever that is) being removed. All such comments are just plain ignorant.

We Elect (4) Directors every year, just so the complete Board cannot be gone at the same time. Every two (2) years we elect a President and (2) Vice Presidents.

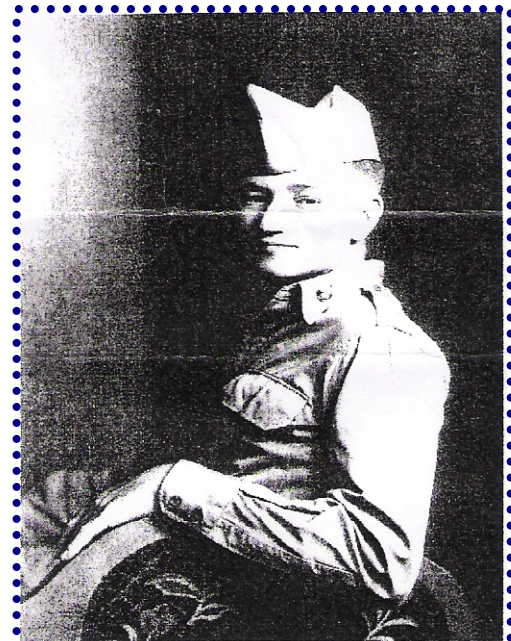
My personal belief is that if a member has served on the Board, they should not be elected as President or Vice President. If you have never participated in the responsibility, then you are not prepared to lead. Just remember that when a member receives support for Director, the Newly Elected Director does not belong to the President or any other group. This is the biggest problem in the KWVA today. A few individuals are trying to control the future of the KWVA, for personal gain. The future of the KWVA is the job for the Electors as a group, with support and input from members, not outside forces.

As chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee, I am prepared to Accept, Very & Authenticate all Applications for office. After acceptance, the names will be submitted to the Graybeards & then to the Website.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT AS OF RIGHT NOW THERE ARE NO, I REPEAT, THERE ARE NO CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.

After February 14th, every individual that has AN INTENTION OF RUNNING, SHOULD HAVE SUBMITTED a complete & exact application, with supporting documents.

Tomas McHugh, Director and Chairman of the Nominations & Election Committee



Eta Jima, Japan 1951

Can you guess who this member is? Answer revealed in this month's biography section.

STAYING IN TOUCH

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS		MEMORY		ANNIVERSARIES
Richard Beard	3	Clyde Maxwell	15	Barbara & Bill Mac Swain 2/54
Sam Bass	6	Lewis Feucht	19	Betty & Bill McFadin 16/54
Eldon Armstrong	6	Nina Doyle	25	
Dick Predmore	7	James Ogletree	26	

LISTEN UP

This is your third reminder that dues of \$40 for those with 01/01/08 and those wives who are Associate Members at \$12 with the second 01/01/08 on your Bulldog Bugle mailing label.

If your dues are not received by January 15, 2008, you will be sent a letter as your last reminder that your dues have not been paid and when your Chapter Membership will be closed. Then if you wish to remain in the National Association you should renew in National yourself at \$25 to keep on receiving the Graybeard Publication. You should use a new Application Form from *The Graybeards* to do so.

The Executive Council appreciates your membership in the Chapter and hopes that all will submit their renewal dues payment before the end of January 2008. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer at 817-244-0706 or e-mail BillMacSwain@charter.net.

If you have already mailed your dues and you still show 01/01/08 on your label, disregard this letter. Your dues payment was not received by 12/26/07, when the labels were printed.

GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC. MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2007

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on December 15, 2007 at the Martin Sprocket & Gear Facility in Arlington, Texas. The Chapter meeting was called to order by President Larry Kinard with 42 members and 5 guests present. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Burleigh Casler and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted by George Wolf. Nathan Stovall read the Creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard asked for membership approval of the November Minutes as printed in the December Bulldog Bugle. Nathan Stovall made a motion to approve the minutes and Sam Bass seconded. The motion carried. He then asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report for November also printed in the December Bulldog Bugle. Sam Bass made the motion and Marvin Dunn seconded and the motion passed.

President Kinard then welcomed our Guests to the meeting. Two new members were introduced Gregory Vial and Ava Redmond. He then allowed the Bulldog Bugle Editor Marvin Dunn to introduce Sandy Moran who does the publishing of our newsletter and she introduced her husband Bob and mother, Maureen Wireman.

President Kinard then asked if everyone was still OK on the new lunch and meeting time. No one objected, however they would like to start as soon as possible after the lunch and clean up are finished, even though it is not yet our scheduled meeting time of 1:30 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communication Committee Chairman Jim Wetmore reported that Jim Hall had been released from the VA Hospital and was doing a little better. He also stated that he was very proud of the work his committee members do for the chapter and again "Thanked" them for their dedication.

Ted Malcolm reported that the Chapters Static Display at the Dallas Veterans Day Parade had won first place and that Roy Hill and Marvin Dunn would receive this reward at a luncheon at the American Flight Museum on January 17th.

Newsletter Editor, Marvin Dunn requested that those interested in helping with the newsletter would meet at 10:00 am at the Atlanta Bakery on December 17, 2007.

Byron White reminded the members that the paver bricks in the Veterans Park Memorial were being corrected and that if anyone wanted to add bricks they could still do so.

John Fisher also told the ladies that if they had not received a Rose of Sharon Pin to please see him and he would give them one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Col Stone "Thanked" those who showed up for his meeting to receive his Proclamation from the City of Arlington Mayor as he was honored by a Proclamation to have a Col James Stone Day in his honor. He wanted the Chapter to know he appreciated our support.

Larry Kinard reported on a luncheon, attended by the Chapter Executive Council, hosted by the Dallas ROC 6.25 Veterans. It was a very good meeting and helped solidify relationships with this group as well as with Chapter 270 who also had members present.

Roy Hill reported on the Angel Fund where 70 phone cards were to be presented to those in the Transitional Care Unit of the VA Hospital in Dallas. He read the Christmas card that would accompany the phone card to be given to each patient.

Secretary Mac Swain reported that thus far he had received about thirty renewals from the membership and still had about 20 who have not paid their 2008 dues for National and Chapter.

Barbara D'Agostino announced that our Christmas Party was held on December 13, 2007 at Rolling Hills Country Club with 30 paid diners and a good combo and a lot of dancing by some of our members. Colonel Stone and Sam Bass along with their wives danced the best and were considered a draw for the honors of best performances. Jim Wetmore was "Thanked" by Barbara and all the ladies present at the Christmas Party and Dance, for the wrist corsages furnished by Jim

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kinard reported the next meeting of the Chapter will be on January 19, 2008 at the Martin Sprocket and Gear facility. He also reminded the members that the new Flag Saluting Bill had not yet passed the Senate so hand saluting was not official out of uniform yet.

Roy Hill time was conducted with the Ladies present at the last meeting, who did not receive the two bowls being given theirs at this meeting. He also had plastic filter bowls for all the ladies at this meeting as well as three extra prizes for the drawing following the 50/50 raffle. He again "Thanked" the Ladies for all their work in the Chapter.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Beverly Steck won \$61 while the Chapter received \$62. Ava Redmond, Dorothy Malcolm and Alice Armstrong won the three gifts furnished by Roy Hill during the continued 50/50 drawing.

Ted Malcolm made a motion to adjourn with a prayer and Sam Bass seconded. The motion carried and Chaplain Don Jones gave the closing prayer and then led the members in Christmas songs with Barbara D'Agostino on the keyboard.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary

KWVA FINAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2007

The KWVA has 17,175 Members as of 12-31-07. At this time last year the KWVA had 17,168. This is an increase of 7 members. We had almost 650 members die in 2007.

We now have new KWVA Flyers with the KWVA posters on the National Website to download. WWW.KWVA.ORG Hopefully chapters will start utilizing these recruiting materials on the website and we can do better job with new members for the year 2008.

Happy New Year, KWVA Membership Committee

KWVA MEMBER BIOGRAPHY Thumbnail Bio of Burleigh Casler



Burleigh and Ruby Casler
1957

I was born on July 25th, 1929 near the town of Dimmitt, in the Texas panhandle. I was the middle child of nine. We lived on a farm. My father passed away when I was 11 years old. We moved to Weatherford, Texas my last year in high school. I was drafted into the Army on January 4th, 1951. I took 14 weeks basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. I was on my way to Korea as an infantryman when I was selected to attend Electrician school at Eta Jima, Japan. After 6 weeks of school, I was sent on to Korea and assigned to the 2nd Division Combat Engineers Headquarters and Service Co. I was the company electrician and generator operator.

Fortunately, even though the Hq. Co. was usually within sight and sound of the war, we weren't right at the front lines. Much of the time we lived in bunkers. The North Koreans and Chinese - weren't the

only enemy we had. Our bunkers became infested with lice. The weird looking picture is me with the equipment used to dust the bunkers. I think we were using DDT powder. I have wondered if breathing that DDT dust might have contributed to me developing lung cancer in 1987. My left lung was removed and I have been cancer free since then. I suffered some frostbite damage during the winter of 51/52, but otherwise had no war injuries. I served as a Chaplain's assistant for about 3 months. During that time, I drove the Chaplain's jeep as well as assisted him in conducting worship services. I was rotated home in April of 1952. I was stationed at White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico until I was discharged in October of 1952 at Ft. Bliss in El Paso. After the discharge I attended Tarleton University, at Stephenville, Texas. I retired from Vought Aircraft Co. in 1993 after spending approximately 40 years in the Aircraft Industry. I married my wife, Ruby, in 1957. We had a son in 1959 and a daughter in 1965. Ruby was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1989. Ruby passed away in January of 2003. She was a good wife and mother to our children. As long as she was able, Ruby honored the Lord by singing gospel music with the talent she had been given. Until I join her, I will keep on keeping on.



No. 1 Lice Killer
Korea, 1952

VETERANS LEGISLATION:

H.R.0140: A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the amounts reimbursed to institutional providers of health care services under the TRICARE program to be the same as amounts reimbursed under Medicare, and to require the Secretary of Defense to contract for health care services with at least one teaching hospital in urban areas.

POSTHUMOUS PURPLE HEART FOR PRISONERS OF WAR WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY

Department of Defense (DoD) assured us that they are working to change the regulations now, and that the changes to the regulation should be in place by mid-2008. We continue to follow up with DoD on a regular basis.

The policy change to allow POWs die in captivity to receive the Purple Heart is being incorporated into revised version of the DoD 1348.33-m, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards.

By Rick Tavares

**GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC.
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC
DECEMBER 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT**

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THANK YOU

- ◆ For all God has given us this year.
- ◆ Martin Sprocket and Gear for their use of the beautiful building.
- ◆ Ladies for all they do for us and the Chapter. "Great Food"
- ◆ Sandy Moran and Al D'Agostino for helping us with the newsletter
- ◆ Ladies and men for meeting with me to help on the newsletter.
- ◆ Thanks to all the members for being so loyal this year. You are always there to help.
- ◆ Thank God for giving us a Chapter with so many great members

POW NEWS: Corporal Robert S. Ferrell, U.S. Army, was MIA from the Korean War, and has now been identified. His remains were contained in one of the 208 boxes turned over to the U.S. His sister now resides in California, and is one of six family members who donated DNA to help identify him.
By Rep. Gene Green

KOREAN COMMUNITY HAD A LUNCHEON IN DALLAS DURING DECEMBER FOR CHAPTER 270 AND CHAPTER 215 – BELOW ARE A FEW OF OUR CHAPTER ATTENDEES



Mr. & Mrs. Al D'Agostino



Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mac Swain



Mr. & Mrs. Mike Doyle

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Chapter 215 monument donated to the National Cemetery



CALENDAR OF EVENTS: DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Our next Executive Board meeting will be January 8th, 2008, at Hugh Smith Center 7:00 P.M.
- Our next regular meeting will be Jan. 19th, 2008 at Martin Sprocket and Gear at 11:00 A.M., eat at 12:00 and Business Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

**3rd Wednesday every month – Hamburger Cook-Out
Dallas VA Hospital 10:30 a.m. We need helpers!**