



General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215

THE BULLDOG BUGLE



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HOME CHAPTER OF KWVA NATIONAL PRESIDENT: BILL MAC SWAIN

PAST PRESIDENTS: DICK PREDMORE - MARVIN DUNN - MIKE DOYLE

PRESIDENT'S CORNER MARCH 2009

I thought we had a good meeting in February and thanks to everyone who was there and took part. Good food and fellowship and we had a good program presented by **Michele Davis** from the Texas Land Board. She told us several things about what our own state does in support of Texas Veterans. I think most of us heard about some veteran benefits that we didn't know existed here in our own state. Thanks to **Sim Goodall** for this good and timely program.

We welcomed new members **Fred Barry, Richard Vaughn** and **Byron Price** and are looking forward to having all of you be a very active part of our Chapter.

Also **Annette White** got off to a good start in getting lots of pictures of members for our directory. If you missed the meeting or didn't get it done last Saturday you will have another chance in March. We hope to get picture taking complete by April 1 so she can get started on assembly and printing.

We briefly discussed the September 16 dedication of General Walker's statue in Korea and the tour group that **Won Pak** is trying to get together. It would be good if we could have a few representatives from our chapter there for that event. Won Pak was instrumental in gaining this recognition for General Walker and I think will have a good tour package. I will get more information on what the package will include and provide it to those who are interested.

This year the KWVA has several good opportunities for subsidized revisits to Korea if you haven't been. The Graybeards magazine is a good source of information for the KWVA sponsored tours and for schedules and costs of these tours.

Postage costs are going up again which makes us look at ways to save on the expense of mailing the Bulldog to our members. The Executive Council recently discussed the possibilities of sending our publication to members through email. It appears that we can save at least \$50 per month mailing costs if we can use email. We will discuss this at the next meeting and hope to get all those with computers to agree with us that this is a good thing to do.

See you at the next meeting on March 21.



Michele Davis

Larry Kinard, President

SICK LEAVE

Judy Richards was admitted to the hospital – we wish her a speedy recovery.
Betsy Doyle is still very ill – please keep her and her family in your prayers.

STAYING IN TOUCH

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Orace Edwards 2
Rho Bass 10

MEMORY

Victor Rodriguez 23

Vincent Aguilera

ANNIVERSARIES

Jean & Byron Dickerson 6/53

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

We'd like to honor William Mac Swain this month. He is one of our most active members in our chapter. He was on the Formation Committee for KWVA Chapter #215 as Secretary in 2000 and he still holds that position after eight years and Treasurer for 6 ½ years. He was secretary of the KWVA State Department of Texas for two years, National KWVA Director for six years with four years as Bylaws Chairman and six years as Liaison for the Korean War Veteran Museum.

Bill lives in Fort Worth and is married to Barbara Jean and they have two sons, Michael & Steven. He attended the Diesel Technician School at Oklahoma A&M College 1949 - 1950, 1952 - 1954; Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering with Aeronautical Option at Oklahoma State University 1954 - 1958.

His military career included Oklahoma National Guard 45th Division, Company "B", 179th Infantry Regiment 1946 - 1950 and Rock Island Railroad experience gained during summer months,

45th Division mobilized for Korean Duty September 1, 1950 at Camp Polk, LA. Sent to Fort Riley, Kansas to Leadership Training School then became a Battalion Basic Training Instructor for Weapons and other military equipment. He was shipped to Japan April 1951 and stationed in Chitose, Hokkaido, attended Chemical, Radiological & Bacteriological Warfare School and graduated as the CBR contact for Company "B", at Camp Gifu, Japan. Then he was shipped to Korea December 1951 and relieved the 1st Cavalry Division. Promoted to Platoon Sergeant and served until relieved of duty in June 1952. He was awarded a Combat Infantrymen's Badge, Korean Presidential Citation and other ribbons for duty in the Chorwon Valley.

He attended Oklahoma A&M College 1952 - 1954 to complete the Diesel Technicians School and upon graduation worked at General Electric in their Aircraft Gas Turbine Division as a Technician doing Engine Turbine Bucket Development Testing 1954.

He then attended Oklahoma State University 1954 - 1958 earning a Degree and then worked for Convair, now Lockheed Martin Aerospace, in Fort Worth, TX, from 1958 through 1993 rising to a Supervisor position over the Fluid Dynamics Test Laboratory and twenty-two Engineers.

Bill is invaluable to Chapter 215, the State Department and the National KWVA... and if all of this is not enough, he also participates in the Tell America Program at schools. We are very fortunate to have Bill's experience and wisdom -- he has done an outstanding job.



Trip to the D/FW Airport: The plans have been finalized to meet the troops at D/FW Airport on Wednesday, March 11th. As you recall at our last Chapter meeting I asked for any Chapter member and

spouse who might be interested in going to meet the troops. Those members that signed up at our last Chapter meeting, I will call Tuesday night, March 10, 2009 to let them know the approximate time of arrival of the troops from Iraq and Afghanistan at D/FW Airport. Normally, the flights arrive at Terminal D which is the first terminal on the South side of the airport. You meet the troops at the arrival entrance which is the lower level of the Terminal. There is plenty of parking there. You will be issued a parking pass so there won't be any expense to you that day for parking at D/FW Airport.

If any other chapter members or guests that didn't sign up and would like to go meet the troops, please call me at Metro 817-477-4247. I will put you on the call list to be called Tuesday night.

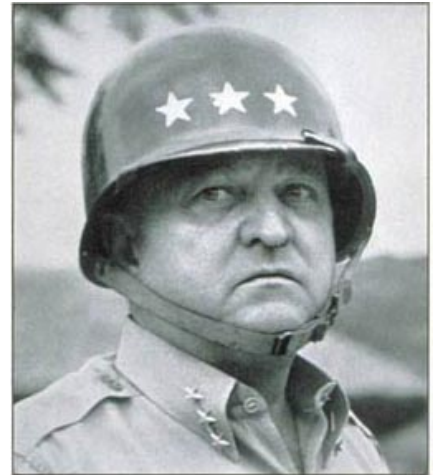
By John Fisher

KOREA GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE WALTON H. WALKER STATUE

Mr. Won Pae Pac, a ROK veteran and Us liaison of the Friendship Society in San Antonio, Texas, just recently informed me that a ground breaking ceremony for the erection of a statue of General Walton H. Walker was held Tuesday December 23, 2008 at the Eight Army Headquarters in the Yongsan Garrison just outside Seoul, Korea. The date was selected because it coincided with the date General Walker was killed in a jeep accident in 1950. A number of dignitaries attended the event, including Gen. Walter Sharp, Commander of the Korea-US Combined Forces, Lt. Gen. Joseph Fil Jr. Commander of the Eight Army, former ROK Army General Paik Sun-yup and Suh Jin-sup, Chairman of the ROK-US Alliance Friendship Society.

Since our chapter is named after his father, General Sam Walker contacted me 3 weeks ago that the groundbreaking was scheduled for that date. He is honorary member of our chapter, has attended some of our meetings and thought we needed to know that all this was being done and might want to, somehow, be a part of the dedication in June, 2009.

General Walker, who is planning to attend the dedication, mailed us a brochure including pictures and details of the planned park. The plans were initiated over two years ago but were delayed in selecting a site and in receiving approval from both US and Korean authorities. This project was initiated by the ROK-US Alliance Friendship Society who said "General Walker's statue is one of the most symbolical projects which we have pursued, for it will establish firm foundations and measure the awareness and importance of the ROK-US alliance and national security in the minds of younger generation Koreans." The Society will assume the full responsibility of funding, planning and construction of the statue.



Lieutenant General Walton Harris Walker
Commanding General, Eighth Army

The Yongsan Garrison site was chosen because the Army base will be transformed into a public park in a few years after the troops leave Seoul for Pyongtack. Yongsan is an area that will attract many people who will view the bronze statue that will be approximately 10 ft. in height and will cost one million US dollars. Current plans call for the dedication ceremonies to be held on June 25, 2009.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POW/MIA By DPMO (DEFENSE DEPARTMENT)

The Department of Defense Department POW/MIA Missing Personnel Office. He is Stanley E. Baylor, U.S. Army, of Webster, N.Y. Baylor was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. On Nov. 1, 1950, the 8th Cavalry was occupying a defensive position near Unsan, North Korea, in an area known as the "Camel's Head," when elements of two Chinese Communist Forces divisions struck the 1st Cavalry Division's lines. Collapsing the perimeter and forcing a withdrawal. The 3rd Battalion was surrounded and effectively ceased to exist as a fighting unit. Baylor was reported

missing on Nov, 2, 1950, and was one of more than 350 servicemen unaccounted-for from the battle of Unsan.

GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC. FEBRUARY 2009 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on February 21, 2009 at the Arlington Police Substation in Arlington, Texas. The Chapter meeting was called to order by President Larry Kinard with 51 members and 2 guests present. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Burleigh Casler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag conducted by Ben Hogan. Jim Wetmore read the Chapter Creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard ask for a motion to approve the January Membership Minutes and one for the January Financial Report all presented in the February Bulldog Bugle. Sam Bass made the motion to approve the January Minutes and John Fisher seconded. The motion was approved. James Wetmore made the motion to approve the January Financial Report and Ben Hogan seconded and the motion was approved.

President Kinard introduced Richard Vaughn as a recent member who was a first time attendee and new member Fred Berry. He then had guest Byron Price introduce himself as a prospective new member. He reported he had sent a Certificate of Appreciation for the picture painted by former member Dale Patton's Sister-in-Law. He asked Sim Goodall to introduce our Guest Speaker Michelle Davis from the Texas Veterans Land Board. Her presentation was on the role the Texas State Organization played for veterans in the State. She talked about the seven and soon to be eighth Texas Veterans Homes that are available for any qualified veterans who lives in Texas and passed out her contact card and many brochures on the available homes. Her presentation was well received and informative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Judge Advocate William Hoyle reported that two revisions had been completed on the update of the Chapter Bylaws and the

plan was to present them to the membership for approval in April.

Tell America Chairman Byron White stated that he and William Hoyle would be talking to the Waxahachie Independent School District officials in March about making our Tell America Program available to their schools. He also reported that Arlington High School was making arrangements for this year.

Communication Officer Jim Wetmore once again "Thanked" his Communication Committee members for their work. He reported on Betsy Doyle, Glenn Smith and Ken King's health problems and asked all to keep them in our prayers .

Bulldog Bugle Editor Marvin Dunn reported those interested in helping with the newsletter would meet at 10:00 am at the Atlanta Bakery on Monday, February 23, 2009.

Quartermaster Jack Cooper was asked by President Kinard to see about shirts, patches and hats for our recent members.

Membership Chairman John Fisher reminded the members they needed to make personal contact with prospects and they needed to follow-up personally on them to join. He showed a new Chapter Card that they could obtain to help in the recruitment of new members.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Kinard called on Sam Bass to report on the results of the Audit of the Treasurer books. Sam stated that the committee made up of himself, Rho Bass and Chairman John Fisher inspected the data and confirmed that the Financial condition of the chapter was as presented throughout the year and passed examination. Treasurer Mac Swain "Thanked the Committee" for their work.

Annette White announced that pictures were being taken for the Chapter Directory and would continue for the next few meetings. It will include the wives/husbands of members.

Sim Goodall reported the Nominating

Committee was now taking names of those who might wish to fill the positions of President, 1st & 2nd Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer and three Directors for the election in June.

Bill Mac Swain gave an update on both of the Chapters roles, in the DFW area, for helping with the National Meeting this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kinard reported that the next meeting of the Chapter will be on March 21, 2009 and he thought our new meeting location at 1030 SW Green Oaks Blvd was very good.

John Fisher reported that a visit to the DFW Airport to welcome home Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans was planned for March. A vote on the day of the week was taken with Wednesday morning being selected as the best day. A sheet was passed around for those who would like to attend so John could contact them to give them the date and time.

President Kinard presented James Hall with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service of many years to the Chapter on the Executive Committee. After accepting the Certificate, Jame's "Thanked" the Chapter for their donation of \$50 for the National Salute for Hospitalized Veterans at the Dallas VA,

that was used to purchase snacks for the veterans.

President Kinard gave notice that the chapter had been invited to join a tour group to Korea to attend the dedication of a statue to General Walton H. Walker. More data is available on the trip and anyone interested should contact President Kinard.

Byron White called Chaplain Burleigh Casler to the front and gave a very good reminder of the role the Chaplains play in all wars. He then presented a book called "Days of Anguish, Days of Hope" to Burleigh for his service in Korea as a Chaplains Aide and for his work in the Chapter as our Chaplain. President Kinard also "Thanked" Burleigh for his recent visit in the death of our POW Member, Vincent Aguilera.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Burleigh Casler won \$79 as his half of the drawing. Other door prizes furnished by Roy Hill were won and the Ladies received necklaces.

Sam Bass made a motion to adjourn with a prayer and Marvin Dunn seconded. Chaplain Burleigh Casler gave the closing prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bill Mac Swain, Secretary*

VA VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR JANUARY: KWVA CHAPTER 215

Name of Volunteer:	HOURS		HOURS
Jack Cooper	0	Marvin Dunn	0
John Fisher	4	Sim Goodall	20
James Hall	0	James Parker	18
Byron White	33		

We want to thank these good men for giving of their time. This is a great tribute to our veterans. We may be in their shape some day. THANKS MEN!!!!

EILEEN'S CORNER:

PRESIDENT'S VETERANS AGENDA OUTLINED in the NAUS NEWSLETTER

A partial list includes:

- Allow all veterans back into the V.A.
- Strengthen V.A. care
- Combat homelessness among the Nations veterans
- Fight employment discrimination

- Ensure seamless transition
- Fully fund V.A. medical care
- Fix the benefits bureaucracy

If enacted quickly, these are very good beginning goals and NAUS is ready to give them and other veteran's issues it's support and to prod the Administration if work on these goals slows or weakens.

**GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC.
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC
FEBRUARY 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT**

[omitted from online version]ASSETS:

ALL I REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, I learned in Kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.
Clean up your mess.
Don't take things that aren't yours.
Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
Wash your hands before you eat.
Live a balanced life.
Learn some and think some.
And draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day.
Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world:

Watch for traffic.
Hold hands and stick together.
Be aware of wonder.

Remember; the little seed in the plastic cup:

The roots go down and the plant goes up.
Nobody really knows why, but we are all like that.
Goldfish, hamster, white mice, and even the seed in the plastic cup-they all die. And so do we.

What a better world it would be if:

We all had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then laid down with our blankets for a nap.

Or if we had a basic policy to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own mess. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

Anonymous

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CREED: All the members of the General Walton H Walker Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association are the living representatives of all Americans who gave their lives in Korea. As members we are dedicated to also represent the known American prisoners of war that were never returned after the war, and the American service personnel still missing in action in the Korean War.

OUR PURPOSE IS:

1. To motivate patriotism amongst the American people and to raise their awareness of the Korean War and those who served in it.
2. To render help and support to all the wounded and disabled American Veterans of the Korean War.

GENERAL WALTON H. WALKER CHAPTER 215
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.
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Chapter 215 monument donated to the National Cemetery



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

3/10/09 Executive Board meeting at Hugh Smith Center from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

3/21/09 Regular meeting: 11:15 AM

1030 SW Green Oaks Blvd, south of I-20, between Cooper and Matlock Streets

3/23/09 Meet with Newsletter committee at Atlanta Bread Co. 10:00 AM

3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH – HAMBURGER COOK-OUT
Dallas VA Hospital 10:30 a.m. Helpers needed– please volunteer!

For the friendship to our chapter and all the donated bakery goods, remember to patronize Atlanta Bread Company located at 3700 S Cooper St., Arlington, TX 76015. They offer pastries, salads, and pizzas.