



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

April is one of my favorite months of the year. The weather is usually very nice in Texas and we begin to see lots of pretty wild flowers—especially the bluebonnets. Bettye and I have just returned from visiting the Azalea Gardens in Nacogdoches and were very impressed with what the Forestry Dept at Stephen F. Austin College does there. Dozens of species of azaleas were blooming and absolutely beautiful. It was well worth the trip.

April also brings our semi-annual auction to our 3rd Saturday chapter membership meeting. The auction has served a good purpose in providing a little entertainment and is a good fund raiser for the chapter and our Christmas Angel fund. Recently we have had some questions about whether we need to continue to have the auction two times each year. The Executive Council is looking into this question and would appreciate thoughts from the membership about whether we should continue having an auction in April and again in November. If you have thoughts about this please pass along to a member of the Council.

Sim Goodall brought us a very informative and interesting program in March with the three Firemen from the Arlington Fire Department. You can tell they are really dedicated to serving the community and do a great job. Remember in April we will not have a program with the auction.

In May we plan to have a representative from the Veterans Administration and June will be the election for new chapter officers.

Don't forget to send in your recipes for the cook book. See you on April 17th at the meeting.

Larry Kinard—President

NEW PROCEDURES FOR SICKNESS OR DECEASED MEMBERS

If you hear of someone who is sick or has passed away, please let Jim Wetmore know at 817-860-4050 and he will notify Larry Kinard, our chapter president. Larry will let the chaplain and other people know. I think Jim Wetmore will let telephone committee contact the members. It is very important that we do this. It really helps when they know someone cares about them and their family.

MEMBERS THAT HAVE HAD HEALTH PROBLEMS

Col. James Stone has had some health problems but we know how strong he is and he will not let things get him down.

Roy & Joann Hill have been ill and they seem to be improving. It is very difficult to get over health problems at our age. It takes a little longer to recover. All of these members are grateful for your visitation, phone calls and the many cards that have been sent.

STAYING IN TOUCH

APRIL BIRTHDAYS		MEMORY		ANNIVERSARIES	
Louis Bafo	2	John Angell	19	Rho & Sam Bass	7/73
Marathon Hogan	6	Alice Hall	23	Louise & Gregory Vial	16/66
Jo Ann Carson	6	Joanne Hill	26		
Lorraine Rothrock	12	Mary Lou Stone	27	Joanne & Roy Hill	20/51

EILEEN'S CORNER

Thanks to all the ladies who have contributed recipes for our cookbook so far. The closing deadline is July 1st so you still have time to submit more recipes to add to what you've already turned in, or to submit some if you haven't gotten around to it yet. You can either put them into the publisher's web site directly if you have a computer if you just follow the instructions Annette White put in the last issue of the Bulldog Bugle. It really isn't hard at all. If you don't have, or know how, to use a computer please don't hesitate to bring them to the meetings & give them to me, Joanne Dunn or Barbara Mac Swain. You can also mail or fax them to Annette White, our chairlady for the cookbook committee.

I also have a little booklet that has every telephone number you might need to call in the Office of the Attorney General, for any reason. They cover criminal justice, child & family issues, consumer protection, health issues, environmental protection, & access to legal services. If you are in need to call one of these offices just let me know & I will pass the number on to you.

There was a little information recently in the NAUS newsletter I quote from some times, that stated the DOD was going to allocate more money for nursing homes for Veterans. I'm hoping to see more specifics on this issue in future newsletters.

Gentlemen, while we ladies are providing recipes for our cook book Marvin & I need you to submit your autobiographies to us so we can pull one randomly each month & print it in the Bulldog Bugle. Come on guys, don't let us down.

Respectfully submitted Eileen Montanez

NATIONAL VOTING

- The National Voting is in June 2008. Bill Mac Swain, Byron Dickerson and Chris Yanacos are running for President.
- Running for First Vice President are Mike Doyle and Jim Ferris.

You will select four directors among all that are running. All of their resumes will be in the next Graybeards. This is an extremely important election and may determine the future of our organization. Anyone can write a good resume and if you have a question about anyone, please ask someone that you may know and you trust.

CHAPTER VOTING

Chapter voting will be in June also and we will have a great group that will lead our chapter.

- I know Larry Kinard is running for President unopposed as are Al D'Agostino for First Vice President and Jack Cooper as Second Vice President.
- We have four Directors running and you will vote for three. Good luck because all four are great men!!!! These four candidates are: Jim Wetmore, Jim Hall, Byron White and John Fisher.

AUCTION FOR THIS MEETING

We have two auctions a year and this helps with our fundraising. Please bring something you would like to share with other members at our next meeting April 19th, 2008. This is very important and we have lots of fun. I don't think we have a speaker this month which will shorten the time we will be there. BRING LOTS OF MONEY!!

**GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC.
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC
MARCH 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT
[omitted from online version]**

MEETING TIME FOR OUR CHAPTER

This is a reminder for our meeting times. We would like for everyone to arrive at our meeting place at about 11:00 to 11:15 A.M. to mix and fellowship. We will eat at 12:00 noon and have the business meeting at 1:15.

GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC. MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MARCH 15, 2008

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on March 15, 2008 at the Martin Sprocket & Gear Facility in Arlington, Texas. The Chapter meeting was called to order by President Larry Kinard with 39 members and 4 guests present. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Burleigh Casler and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted by Eileen Montanez. Ted Malcolm read the Creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard asked for membership approval of the February Minutes as printed in the March Bulldog Bugle. Russell Stephens 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 February also printed in the March Bulldog Bugle. John Fisher made the motion and Joseph Pena seconded and the motion passed.

President Kinard then welcomed our Guests to the meeting and especially to both William and Janet Baker who had missed a couple of meetings because of the long drive in bad weather.

President Kinard then introduced Sim Goodall who introduced Lt. Steve Davis, Norm Phillips and Nevin Price from the Arlington Fire Department and Engine Station #3. They explained their operation and each of the men discussed their part when answering a call for help for an accident, fire or accident. They mentioned that over 30,000 Arlington residents have been given CPR classes and that packets are available for emergency cardiac care. Their presentation also had a question and answer session where many questions were answered from the members. Their talk was well received by the membership. Many received information that will be useful to them if they are ever in need of help from the Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communication Committee Chairman, Jim Wetmore again asked the members, who receive calls for the meeting our other events, to please introduce themselves at the meeting to those members who call them each month.

Newsletter Editor, Marvin Dunn requested that those interested in helping with the newsletter would meet at 10:00 am Monday at the Atlanta Bakery on March 17, 2008.

Eileen Montanez reported or Annette White that there were now 96 recipes on the website for the Cookbook Fund Raiser.

Ted Malcolm said the Arlington 4th of July Parade Committee would be holding the first meeting on March 27, 2008

OLD BUSINESS:

Nomination Chairman Jim Wetmore reported that there were individuals to fill each vacant spot for the election of Chapter Officers. He also reported that Glenn Smith had decided not to run for 1st Vice President. He will still try to get others to run if possible.

President Kinard reminded the membership that the election meeting would be held on the second Saturday of June since we had a conflict in using the Martin Facility on the normal third Saturday of that month.

John Fisher reported that the visit to the DFW Airport to meet returning Armed Force individuals returning for R&R was a success and made a plea for others to be sure and attend the

next in that it will raise your spirits to see how grateful those who return are to have someone to greet them.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kinard reported the next meeting of the Chapter will be on April 19, 2008 at the Martin Sprocket and Gear Facility. It will be our Auction Meeting. Everyone should come and participate in this fund raiser for our chapter.

Roy Hill time was postponed since Roy and his wife Joanne are fighting the flu bug. The ladies certainly missed Roy's Time as well as the other members.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Larry Kinard won \$63 while the Chapter received \$63. Larry later donated his portion toward the Angel Fund for the 2008 year. Bobbie Sims won the drawing for the remainder of a large cake brought by Eileen Montanez. Eileen had to attend another meeting and was afraid the cake would not survive being left in her car. Sweets to the sweet I guess this drawing could be called.

John Fisher made a motion to adjourn with a prayer and Jim Wetmore seconded. The motion carried and Chaplain Burleigh Casler gave the closing prayer with mention for the speedy recovery of Roy and Joanne Hill.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary

OPERATIONAL INFO

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Director (06 - 08)	James Wetmore	817-860-4050	None
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Director (07 - 09)	Roy Hill	972-262-7222	None
Director (07 - 09)	Ted Malcolm	817-446-5945	TedDotMalc@yahoo.com

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Co-Chaplain	Don C Jones	972-660-4658	None
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MANY THANKS TO MANY PEOPLE

- ◆ Thanks to Martin Sprocket and Gear for their beautiful building.
 - ◆ Thanks to our ladies for all the great food they bring each month.
 - ◆ Thanks to all the members who make an effort to attend each month.
 - ◆ Thanks to all the people who stay and help clean up the building.
 - ◆ Thanks to all the members who make an effort to bring a potential member.
 - ◆ Thanks to Sandy Moran for being so helpful in getting our newsletter out each month.
 - ◆ Thanks to Al D'Agostino for use of his equipment.
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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MONDAY May 26th, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

D-FW NATIONAL CEMETERY

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75211

21 Round Cannon Salute - Texas Military Forces
301st Fighter Wing, 457th Fighter Squadron - Fly Over
“Placing of the Wreath” Ceremony

Keynote Speaker
Governor Rick Perry

Also Featuring
Lt. Gen Joseph Weber, USMC

Music provided by
Mountain View College Community Band
Reflections Home School Choir

See over 200 Memorial Flags along the Expanded Avenue **of Flags**
Meet Military Dignitaries

We suggest you arrive early as Opening Ceremonies and Program begins promptly at 3 p.m.

Free parking - Bring your family and friends
Limited seating, you are welcome to bring lawn chairs. Bottled Water provided

From I-20 take Mountain Creek Parkway exit 458, and go north past Kiest Blvd. to entrance.

From I-30 take Loop 12 South to Spur 408. Exit Kiest Blvd & go west to Mountain Creek Pkwy-turn north to entrance.

VETERANS RESOURCES is a very informative website concerning veterans. You can find them at the following URL: <http://www.veteransresources.org>

VA BURIAL BENEFIT UPDATE 01: Often survivors are disappointed when they seek reimbursement of burial expenses for departed veterans. This is because retirees have not informed their loved ones what to do and how much to expect in the event of their demise. You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if:

- . You paid for a veteran's burial or funeral; AND,
- . You have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer; AND,
- . The veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Following are the maximum benefits currently available from the VA:

. **Burial Allowance (SC):** VA will pay a burial allowance up to \$2,000 if the veteran's death is service-connected. In such cases, the person who bore the veteran's burial expenses may claim reimbursement from VA. In some cases, VA will pay the cost of transporting the remains of a service-connected veteran to the nearest national cemetery with available gravesites. There is no time limit for filing reimbursement claims in service-connected death cases.

. **Burial Allowance (NSC):** VA will pay a \$300 burial and funeral allowance for veterans who, at time of death, were entitled to receive pension or compensation or would have been entitled if they weren't receiving military retirement pay. Eligibility also may be established when death occurs in a VA facility, a VA-contracted nursing home or a state veterans nursing home. In non service-connected death cases, claims must be filed within two years after burial or cremation.

. **Plot Allowance:** VA will pay a \$300 plot allowance when a veteran is buried in a cemetery not under U.S. government jurisdiction if: the veteran was discharged from active duty because of disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty; the veteran was receiving compensation or pension or would have been if the veteran was not receiving military retired pay; or the veteran died in a VA facility. The \$300 plot allowance may be paid to the state for the cost of a plot or interment in a state-owned cemetery reserved solely for veteran burials if the veteran is buried without charge. Burial expenses paid by the deceased's employer or a state agency will not be reimbursed.

. **Headstones or markers:** VA will provide headstones or markers to memorialize veterans or mark the graves of veterans buried in national, state, or private cemeteries as well as those whose remains have not been recovered or identified. This includes those buried at sea, those remains donated to science, and those cremated and whose cremated remains were scattered without burying any portion of them. VA will also provide markers for eligible family members interred in a national or State Veteran's Cemetery. When interment is in a private cemetery, the cemetery may require, and charge for, a foundation for the marker and installation of the marker. Such costs must be paid from private funds.

. **Flag:** VA will provide an American flag, upon request, for covering the casket; and a memorial certificate, bearing the President's signature, expressing our Nation's grateful recognition of the deceased veteran's service.

. **Other:** In addition to VA burial benefits, the surviving spouse or eligible child of a veteran may be eligible for a \$255 lump-sum death benefit from Social Security. Local Social Security Offices have details.

[Source: VA Federal Benefits for Veterans & Dependents 2008 Edition ++]

PROSTHETIC LIMB DEVELOPMENT: Hundreds of veterans face the challenge of learning to live with a missing arm. To make that transition easier, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) launched a \$55-million project that pools the efforts of prosthetics experts nationwide to create a thought-controlled bionic arm that duplicates the functions of a natural limb. If all goes well, by 2009 the agency will petition the Food and Drug Administration to put the arm through clinical trials. This summer the team hit a critical milestone when it finished Proto 2, a thought-controlled mechanical arm -- complete with hand and articulated fingers -- that can perform 25 joint motions. This dexterity approaches that of a native arm, which can make 30 motions, and trumps the previously most agile bionic arm, the Proto 1, which could bend at the elbow, rotate its wrist and shoulder, and open and close its fingers. A person wearing a Proto 2 could conceivably play the piano. The next steps are to shrink the battery, develop more-efficient motors, and refine the bulky electrodes used to read electrical signals in muscles. A video clip of this prosthetic device can be viewed at <http://www.popularmechanics.com/technology/industry/4224764.html?series=37video>

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Chapter 215 monument donated to the National Cemetery



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

04/08/08 -- Our Executive meeting will be Tuesday the 8th at Hugh Smith Center on New York Avenue at 7:00 P.M. Please place this on your calendar because we need you. Your ideas and suggestions are necessary for our chapter to remain great. Please don't let dissention ruin our chapter. Our problems can always be solved if we talk about them. Most of the time there is just a misunderstanding. This is a great chapter and we all love one another!!!

04/19/08 -- Our next chapter meeting is on the 19th at Martin Sprocket and Gear. Please arrive between 11:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.

**3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH – HAMBURGER COOK-OUT
DALLAS VA HOSPITAL 10:30 A.M. WE NEED HELPERS!**