



General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215

THE BULLDOG BUGLE



HONORED CHAPTER MEMBER, COLONEL JAMES L STONE, MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT
HOME CHAPTER OF KWVA NATIONAL PRESIDENT: BILL MAC SWAIN
PAST PRESIDENTS: DICK PREDMORE - MARVIN DUNN - MIKE DOYLE

PRESIDENT'S CORNER APRIL 2009

I thought we had a good meeting on March 21 and was happy to see such a good group of people there. **Michelle Rochelle**, DFW Cemetery Assistant Director was there to give us an update on what is going on there. She provided a lot of interesting information and answered several good questions from the audience. She assured us that they are not running out of room and will be able to take care of the area veterans for years to come. We were invited to go out and see where they are opening the new areas along the entrance that will expand the cemetery to about 640 acres. Since opening in May, 2000 and through 2008 there have been 22,347 burials there. If you have questions for Michelle you can call 214-467-3374. She also indicated they can always use more volunteers. **Sim Goodall** and **John Fisher** can help with information because they work out there every Monday and really know what is going on.



Please note in the minutes of the meeting that we have decided to have just one auction per year and that will be during the November meeting. The EC had recommended this change be made because of apparent declining interest in the auctions. This has been a good fund raising effort for the chapter and if we get behind just this one each year it will be enough to cover what two had been doing. Another item of note in the minutes will be our decision to send copies of the Bulldog by email to those who can and are willing to receive it in that manner. Twenty-five members agreed to try this and will begin receiving it through email with this edition. If you didn't get to sign up for the email version and think this will work for you, please give **Bill Mac Swain** or **Marvin Dunn** a call. We estimate this will save us \$40-\$50 per month in postage costs.

Carolyn Fisher has volunteered to be our "Remembrance Chairman" and will send cards developed by **Bea Hoyle** to chapter members when they are ill or in the hospital. Our thanks to Carolyn and Bea for being so resourceful and helpful for our chapter.

Annette and Byron White did a good job of taking pictures for the membership directory these last two meetings and we think we have covered most of our members. She will be contacting those we have missed to make arrangements to get pictures from those we have missed. It will be helpful if you have been missed for some reason please give her a call. We would like to have pictures of everyone in the directory if possible.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on April 18.

Larry Kinard, President

NEWSLETTER MEETING

I want to thank Byron and Annette White, Roy Hill, Eileen Montanez, Jo Ann Dunn for attending the meeting on the newsletter. I can't begin to tell you how much help all of you were. It just helps make the newsletter more interesting.

My sincere thanks, Marvin Dunn

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

This month's biography is on a fairly new member so we won't make you guess who it is this time. Ken Dillard joined our chapter in June of 2008. He was in the Navy and served on a Destroyer from 1952-1956 and was assigned to the aft engine room.

He was stationed on the west coast as well as Hawaii, Japan, Okinawa, and of course, Korea. He received the Presidential Citation and five Battle Stars while in the service. He was discharged in May of 1956 and went to work for General Dynamics then on to the Post Office. He retired from there in 1993.

Ken has been married to Rebecca for 26 years and each brought children to the marriage, one from Ken and three from Rebecca to make a combined family. They now have three grandchildren between them, ages 14-24.

We are happy to have both as members of our chapter and happy to see them at our chapter meetings.

Montanez

By Eileen

SICK CALL

- Betsy Doyle is in the hospital after surgery.
- Shirley Lynch has some health problems.
- Gene Craig has been sick but is recovering.
- Judy Richards still needs our prayers.
- Gene Richards had a stint placed in one of his arteries.

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL THESE MEMBERS.

STAYING IN TOUCH

<u>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>MEMORY</u>		<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>
Louis Bafo	1	John Angell	19	Jean & Del Goss 5/52
Ben Hogan	6	Alice Hall	23	Rho & Sam Bass 7/73
Jo Ann Carson	6	Joanne Hill	26	Louise & Gregory Vial 16/66
Lorraine Rothrock	12	Mary Lou Stone	27	Joanne & Roy Hill 20/51

POW MEETING AT THE VETERANS HOSPITAL ON APRIL 9TH

This meeting starts at 11:00 A.M. at the VA Hospital in the large area behind the information desk. Lunch will be served and it is a special day for our heroes. You are welcome to attend

and help serve. Our mission is to help Korean War Veterans and this is a time we can show our appreciation for their sacrifices.

PICTURES TAKEN

Annette White will be taking pictures for the chapter book. This is very important because Annette has devoted much of her time to get this done. Please come prepared if you haven't had your picture taken.

CHAPTER ELECTION

We will have our chapter election in the May meeting. We still need people to step forward and run for President, First and Second Vice President and three Directors. We have a great chapter and we need everyone to take part in the administration of the chapter. It is not fair for the same people to run every year. We have some great men in our chapter and I know you have some great ideas.

VA VOLUNTEER HOURS

Name of Volunteer	Feb	Name of Volunteer	Feb
Jack Cooper	0	Marvin Dunn	0
John Fisher	20	Sim Goodall	30
James Hall	0	James Parker	24
Byron White	37		

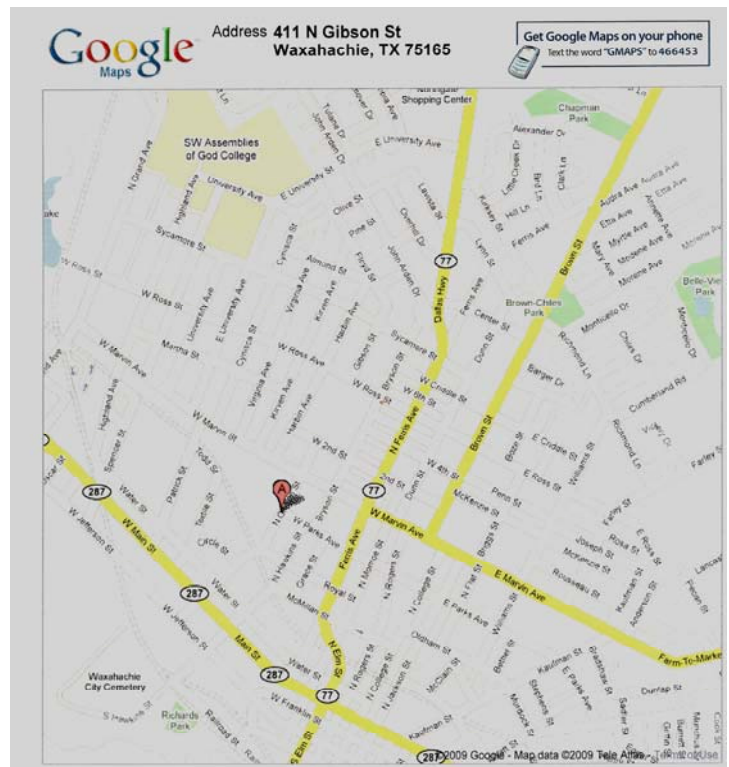
TELL AMERICA PROGRAM

The next Tell America Program will be at Waxahachie High School, 411 N Gibson St., on April 7th & 8th. (See map) -- it will take about 35 - 40 minutes to get there from Arlington. We should arrive at 8:00 A.M. I think we will have 4 classes each day. I know you will enjoy working with the students.

EILEEN'S CORNER *By Eileen Montanez*

Quote from President Obama written in the Feb 27th issue of the National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) newsletter.

"...To relieve the strain on our forces, my budget increases the number of our Soldiers and Marines. And to keep sacred trust with those who serve, we will raise their pay and give our veterans the expanded healthcare and benefits that they have earned..."



NATIONAL ELECTION

Our National election will be in May. In the next Graybeards you will see that we have four directors open for election. The people running for director will have their resumes in the

magazine. Read carefully at these resumes and select the four people you want to be your next directors. This is very important because you are electing them for three years. If you are not sure about someone, ask someone that might know them. I know it is difficult to look at a resume and make a decision. Anyone can write a good resume.

ROY HILL – CALVIN LANGFORD TIME

Roy has been great about bringing items for the ladies for the work they do by bringing delicious food and helping the chapter. At our last meeting Calvin Langford provided the gifts for the ladies. Calvin, I know the ladies appreciate the gifts very much.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

HB1299, THE House version of Senator Van de Putte's and Senator Harris' SB 421, will establish a single scratch off lottery game that would fund the Permanent Fund for Veterans' Assistance that was established by the 80th legislature, but established with no revenue source. This fund, administered by the Texas Veterans' Commission, provides a broad range of needed assistance to Texas veterans and their families.

HB 3950 and HB 3953 will assist those Texas Veterans who are forced to travel more than 200 miles to receive medical care at Veterans' Administration facilities, an issue for many Texas veterans. HB 3950 will allow higher education facilities that have unused housing to provide housing facilities for these veterans during their trip to receive care. HB 3953 will exempt veterans who have to travel long distances to a VA facility to receive care from the state hotel occupancy tax. Both bills will make these trips less burdensome for our veterans

WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Women's History Month March is a month that honors the achievements and contributions of American women. Visit USA.gov's link www.WomensHistoryMonth.gov to read about major historical figures and see event highlights.

CELEBRATION AT EAST TEXAS CHAPTER 286

Bill Mac Swain, Barbara, Jo Ann and I were invited by Jim Gill, President of the East Texas Chapter 286, to attend a commemoration at the gravesite of Sgt. Travis Watkins, a Korean War Veteran who was awarded the Medal of Honor, for his bravery in protecting his troops, for which he gave his life.

Sgt. Watkins is buried in a Gladewater Cemetery. His gravesite was unkempt since all of his family had moved to other states. Chapter 286 cleaned, decorated, with a flag flying in the wind. This was the 2nd year for Chapter 286 to do this. Other organizations have pledged to take care of this task when 286 is no longer able to do so.

There were several city and state dignitaries. A grandson, wife and great grandson were in attendance. This was a very impressive and wonderful tribute to a Great American Hero.



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Sketch of Sgt. Travis Watkins



Jim Gill, President of the East Texas Chapter 286

Burial site of Sgt. Watkins



Mr. & Mrs. Gill

GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC.
MARCH 2009 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTE

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on March 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 4 guests present. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Burleigh Casler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag conducted by Larry Kinard. Gene Richards read the Chapter Creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard asked for a motion to approve the February Membership Minutes and the February Financial Report both presented in the March Bulldog Bugle. Ted Malcolm made the motion to approve the February Minutes and Ben Hogan seconded. The motion passed. Russell Stephens made the motion to approve the February Financial Report and Ben Hogan seconded and the motion passed.

President Kinard announced that he was happy to see a couple of members who have been absent for a number of meetings or were there for their second meeting after joining. He asked Sim Goodall to introduce our Guest Speaker Michelle Kochel from the DFW National Cemetery. Her Husband Philip Kochel was also introduced. Her presentation was about the Burial Services the cemetery has and where the veterans and their families could get information. She had a pass out that gave information and phone numbers and then answered questions from the membership. Her presentation was well received and informative. She reminded the membership that volunteers were always needed. She also announced the Memorial Service would be on May 25th at 11:00 am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Judge Advocate William Hoyle reported that the new Bylaws would be presented to the membership for approval at the April meeting.

Tell America Chairman Byron White stated that he and William Hoyle would be making a presentation of our "Tell America Program" on April 7th & 8th at the Waxahachie High School with classes at 9:15 am and 1:15 pm each day. Byron invited all to attend and help out in uniform. He reported that Arlington High School has not agreed to a presentation.

Communication Officer Jim Wetmore once again "Thanked" his Communication Group for their work. He reported that Betsy Doyle, Shirley Lynch and Betty Craig were still in need of our prayers for their health problems. He then announced that Glenn Smith and Judy Richards were with us tonight. Judy said she was pleased with all the response she got during her illness and "Thank" all who had called and sent cards. Ken King was also present after missing last months meeting.

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, March 23, 2009.

Membership Chairman John Fisher reminded the members they needed to make personal contact with prospects and they should follow-up personally on them to join. He also told the members to tell new members about the shirt, patches and hats they will receive.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Fisher reported he will setup another trip in May since the March visit to meet the troops had an earlier arrival and the miserable weather and traffic was a problem for attendance.

President Kinard reminded those members who had not had their pictures taken to please do so since this was the last time they would be taken. Annette White said she would call those members who have not had a picture taken and that they could send her one.

Sim Goodall reported that the Nominating Committee was still available to take any names of those who might wish to fill the positions of President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and/or Treasurer and three Directors for the election in June. He had names for the Vice Presidents positions and Directors, but needed someone to run for President.

President Kinard reminded the members about the tour group to Korea to attend the dedication of a statue to General Walton H. Walker. More data is available from him.

Bill Mac Swain gave an update on the National Annual Membership Meeting stating that two hotels were now being investigated and the date would be available in the March - April Graybeards Magazine. The May - June & July - August Editions will have the Registration and Hotel location information.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kinard reported that the next meeting of the Chapter will be on April 18, 2009. He also reported that the Executive Council had voted to give a memorial donation of \$200 toward the Graybeards in Memory of Howard Nathan a long time friend of the Chapter.

President Kinard told the group that the Executive Council has also selected Carolyn Fisher as a Remembrance Chairman to take care of sending either flowers or cards to those members who are sick or when a death has occurred. Carolyn then showed two cards made by Bea Hoyle to send out in either case, that was personalized with our Chapter patch and name. Both Ladies volunteered to do this for the Chapter.

President Kinard then reported that the Executive Council had decided to not have an Auction in April. He stated that having one in November usually does the best Fund Raising. He asked the members if anyone had an objection and there was no one who objected. He also asked the membership if some would use e-mail to receive their Bulldog Bugle to save costs on printing and mailing to raise their hands. A large number responded and a list was sent around for them to put their current e-mail address on it. He "Thanked" all those members who decided to use e-mail to receive their copies.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Bob Gorham won \$66 as his half of the drawing. Three other purse door prizes, furnished by Roy Hill, were won by Judy Richards, Carolyn Fisher and Jim Wetmore and all the Ladies present received costume jewelry, Roy Hill brought to "Thank" the Ladies for all they do for the Chapter.

Kenneth King made a motion to adjourn with a prayer. Russell Stephens seconded and the motion passed with Chaplain Burleigh Casler giving the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary

OPERATIONAL INFO

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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.

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC
MARCH 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT**

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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:

- 4/7-8/09** Tell America Program at Waxahachie
4/09/09 POW DAY at the Veterans Hospital at 12:00 o'clock
4/14/09 Executive Board meeting, Hugh Smith Center-7:00 to 9:00 PM
4/18/09 Regular meeting: 11:15 AM
1030 SW Green Oaks Blvd, south of I-20, between Cooper and Matlock Streets
4/27/09 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 **A**tlanta **B**read Company located at 3700 S Cooper St., Arlington, TX 76015. They offer pastries, salads, and pizzas.