



## 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

I thought our meeting in April was very good even though our attendance was off slightly. We had several who are ill and some who are traveling this time of the year. We missed all of you who were not able to attend. Of particular note is Roy Hill who is still feeling poorly from a bout with pneumonia and Col. Stone who is having some problems with his heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and I hope they will be back to our next meeting. Again we had two visitors that I hope will like what they saw and feel inclined to join the chapter.

Bill and Janet Baker showed me an article in the Glen Rose paper about their experiences with the storm in early April. It seems they lost their electricity for awhile and a number of their out buildings and their house was severely damaged. When the troops at Fort Hood heard about their problems about 15 of them drove up to help put things back together. This was a wonderful blessing for the Bakers who spend a lot of their time and money helping the soldiers at Fort Hood. This is truly a heart-warming story and I am hoping we can get the article re-printed in the Star-Telegram.

As I mentioned at the meeting it is a rare occasion to have two people running for the National Presidency from the same chapter. There is a strong possibility that one of them will be the next President of the KWVA. We had an excellent opportunity to hear from Byron Dickerson and Bill Mac Swain about their candidacy and why they want to be elected. Mike Doyle who is running for 1<sup>st</sup> VP of the National also had a chance to talk about why he hopes to win. The next Graybeard magazine will have information and a ballot for the national election and it is very important that everyone exercise their opportunity to vote for one of these candidates and the others who are running for office.

Thanks to Jack Cooper and Marvin Dunn who did a good job as auctioneers for our semi-annual fund raiser. We had many interesting items to choose from and thanks to our faithful members who contribute and take part in this event.

For the May meeting, Sim Goodall has invited a representative from the Dallas VA Hospital to speak to us about what is happening there. It should be a very interesting and informative meeting. Hope to see you there on May 17.

*Larry Kinard—President*



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

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**STAYING IN TOUCH**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

**MEMORY**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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Barbara Mac Swain	1	Jack Cooper	14		
Marvin Dunn	4	Mike Doyle	27	Ann & Roy Collins	17/58
Jo Ann Dunn	6	Kenneth King	28	Faye & Tom Landham	29/81
Wallace Downey	8				

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Memorial Day on May 26. There will be a meeting at the Veteran's Park at 10:00 A.M. and a meeting at the Dallas National Cemetery at 3:00 P.M. Governor Perry will be the main speaker. A Marine General will also speak.
  - The Tell America Program will be at the Arlington High School on May 8-9, which is on Cooper Street in Arlington.
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**TELL AMERICA PROGRAM AT ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

The Tell America Program will be at the Arlington High School May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be there all day. Everyone is invited to attend and share their experiences in Korea. They receive us well and we have a great time there.

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**CHAPTER ELECTION**

You will receive a ballot in this newsletter. Please vote and send your ballot to the Chapter address and Bill Mac Swain, our Chapter Secretary, will get them and they will be counted by a group nominated by our president and the results will be announced in June meeting.

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**NATIONAL ELECTION**

Many of you have received your Graybeards and the Resumes are in the magazine. Look at the resumes and decide who you think will do the best job. This is a very important election, so please VOTE. If you are not sure about someone, we have several people on the National level and other people that know these candidates. Ask them about them. BUT PLEASE VOTE-VOTE-VOTE.

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**GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES APRIL 19, 2008**

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on April 19, 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 3 guests present. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Don Jones and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted by John Angell. John Fisher read the Creed followed by a moment of silence.

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

President Kinard then welcomed three Koran War Veteran guests and each gave a brief introduction of their service during the Korean War. Ken Dillard (Navy on a Destroyer), Leonard Gigliotto (Army 24<sup>th</sup> Division) and Ron Johnson (2nd Division) reported their service organizations and the areas they served in.

There was no speaker for this meeting since it was our Semi-Annual Auction Fund Raiser. Three individuals from our Chapter gave brief presentations on why they were running for Offices in the National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Byron Dickerson and Bill Mac Swain are both running for President while Mike Doyle is running for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Each requested support for their election and handed out literature on their purposes for running.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Chapter Cookbook Fund Raiser update was presented by Barbara D'Agostino in the absence of Chairman Annette White. She asked that those members presented sign up for how many cookbooks they might order so the Fund raiser Committee could decide on the number to order. They have set the date for completion and ordering for May 15, 2008. This has been done to keep the price at the eight dollar level for each cookbook.

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 April 28, 2008. The group already have the minimum required 200 recipes and a few more are expected by the deadline.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

In the absence of Nominating Chairman Jim Wetmore the Secretary reported that all positions have someone nominated and the three Director position open have four individuals who will be on the Ballot. President Kinard reminded the members that The election results would be reported at our June 14, 2008 meeting. He also reminded them this meeting date is one week earlier than normal because of a conflict with the use of our meeting facility. Ballots will be mailed out in the May Bulldog Bugle with information on what to do with them once the membership has voted.

John Fisher reported that he had information on the Memorial Monument that will be constructed at the national Cemetery and anyone who would like to purchase a Memorial Brick should contact him for an application form.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Kinard reported the next meeting of the Chapter will be on May 17, 2008 at the Martin Sprocket and Gear Facility. We do not have a speaker lined up yet, but our Meeting and Entertainment Chairman Sim Goodall was in the process of looking for one.

Again Roy Hill time was postponed since Roy is still recovering from his recent illness. A report was given that Roy had Bronchial Infection. Others on our sick list include Gene Richard with a severe problem with a heel bone spur. Col Stone has also been in and out of the hospital and is on the mend, but has not been able to get out as much as he would like. James Hall has also been recovering from some problems. All of these members have been missed.

President Kinard reported that a "Tell America Presentation was scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at The Arlington High School. Any member is invited to participate. Please contact Larry if you would like to participate in this program.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Lou Feucht won \$49 while the Chapter received \$50.

George Wolf made a motion to adjourn with a prayer and Sam Bass seconded. The motion carried and Chaplain Don Jones asked for the healing power of God to be with those Chapter members who are ill and to be with all our members in Jesus name.

Following the adjournment the Auction began with Jack Cooper and Marvin Dunn acting as our entertainment as they auctioned off all those items donated for our fund raiser. We appreciate Jack and Marvin and the auction would not be successful without all those who participate. The Auction raised a total of \$320.

*Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary*

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## **MILES FOR MILITARY**

You can help injured service members get home to their families or help their families get to their hospital bedsides through a special program from the nonprofit Fisher House Foundation. Frequent fliers can donate miles on Northwest and Delta (minimum donation is 5,000 miles) to provide tickets. Delta SkyMiles members can call 1-800-325-3999. Northwest WorldPerks members can call 1-800-327-2881.

## **SICK BAY**

Roy Hill and his wife Jo Ann have been sick for some time. Roy has really had problems and Col. Stone, Jack Cooper and Marvin Dunn visited Roy and Jo Ann last week and he did appreciate it. He wants everyone to know he misses you and the good food and fellowship. Roy indicated that Jo Ann has been great helping him even though she has been sick also.

Colonel Stone has been back in the hospital, but is now home. He is feeling much better and we are thankful for that. LET'S KEEP THESE MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS!!!

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### **THANKS TO SO MANY PEOPLE**

- We thank Martin Sprocket and Gear for our use of this fantastic building.
  - The ladies are great. We couldn't have a chapter without them. LADIES, WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!
    - Thanks for the EXECUTIVE TEAM. They work hard every month when we meet to make our chapter better.
    - We want to thank Sandy Moran and Al D'Agostino for their help in the newsletter. They are so helpful.
    - Thanks for our regular members. We couldn't have a chapter without you. We have some of the greatest men and women in the National KWVA. Dedication is what it's all about and we have so many that are dedicated. Remember, we are helping Korean War Veterans that stopped Communism and won as the FORGOTTEN WAR!!!!
    - Let's thank God for all our great members and what he does for us.
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### **BIOGRAPHY OF THE MONTH**

This member was born in Nashville, Arkansas and went to Nashville High Magnolia A & M. He also attended the University of Arkansas. He entered the Army in 1942 and was involved in World War II as well as the Korean War. Before he went into the Army, he worked at AxR. Power & Light in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

He entered the Army in 1942 and was stationed at Ft. Hood and Camp Polk, LA. He was a Field Artillery Liaison Pilot.

He received the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and many more that he can't remember. It is difficult to remember awards after 66 years. I CAN TELL YOU HE IS A GREAT AMERICAN & CHRISTIAN!!!!

He returned to work after his discharge at AP&L and at LTV in Grand Prairie, Texas. He and his wife of 58 years have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. His hobbies are soft ball and bike riding. He and his wife have been a member of Chapter 215 for 8 years.

Look carefully and try to figure out who he is. His name is Chester Haynes.

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### **POW/MIA ACCOUNTING**

These are interesting times. We do not have just yet an invitation from North Korea to do recovery work during 2008. It might come a little later, or not. I can't speak to any specifics, but I haven't given up on the possibility of "going North" later this year. Meanwhile preparations continue for work in South Korea. Our friends at the Joint POW Accounting Command (JPAC) hope to visit several areas, including the POW march routes leading north into the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Work there looks really promising. In just a first "road recon" last year, our JPAC team was able to recover two sets of likely remains, and this year, they'll be able to get into some of the planting areas before new crops go in. That gives us a lot more room to work, and it gives local villagers a lot more time to talk. This is one of the things we'd hoped for, and it is proving true. Very often, we are dealing with members of the same Korean families and they still remember events from during the war. At least some of the second and third generations are not from the original villages. True, most of these areas evacuated as enemy forces moved forward. But there were people who could not get out, and their stories are pretty well known, family by family. So we'll have a lot to listen to and look for.

**GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC.  
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC  
APRIL 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT**

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**FUND RAISER MUST BE USED TO KEEP IT!**

We are raising funds for the Chapter by taking part in the Reward Card Good Neighbor Program for Tom Thumb Grocery Stores. For those of you who shop at Tom Thumb you should do the following: (1) Link the Chapter's Good Neighbor Account Number 10011 to your Reward Card by filling out an application available at the Courtesy Booth at the Tom Thumb you shop at. You will still receive all the discounts you normally get using your card and the Chapter receives a credit for 1% of your total amount spent. (2) Any of your friends who may not be Korean War Veterans can also be given the Chapter's Number and may also link our Chapter Number to their card and the Chapter will receive the same 1% on the total they spend. This is a very easy way to give support to the Chapter with nothing more required than to Link a Reward Card to the Chapter.

## EILEEN'S CORNER

Ladies, it's not too late to still contribute recipes for our cookbook, but they must be in by the cut-off date of May 15<sup>th</sup>. You can mail them to me, Annette White, or Barbara Mac Swain since the next chapter meeting is after that cut-off date. If you want mailing addresses please call me at 817-483-9159. If you have a computer and do email, you can email us recipes too.

In the meantime, thanks to one and all who have contributed recipes to help make our cookbook a success.

Gentlemen, please contribute a short autobiography of yourselves and give them to Marvin or I so we can draw one at random each month and put you in the Bulldog Bugle. It's fun to try and guess who the member is you're reading about, so make sure you don't mention your name till the end of your autobiography. You can write it out in longhand if you don't type or have a computer to print it on. Come on, don't be shy.

As you know Joe and I get the NAUS weekly newsletter and there was an article in the current issue I thought might be of interest to our KWVA members. It mentions an unnumbered bill wherein The House Veterans Affairs Committee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, approved draft legislation that advocates a broad overhaul of the V.A. disability claims system. This bill would change the way the V.A. assigns ratings to veterans based on quality of life versus the current impact on loss of earnings capacity. It would also require the V.A. to design a plan to modernize its claims filing system with new improved information technology.

*Submitted by Eileen Montanez*

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*Chapter 215 monument donated to the National Cemetery*



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

05/13/08 -- Our Executive meeting will be Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at Hugh Smith Center on New York Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

05/17/08 -- Our next chapter meeting is on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Martin Sprocket and Gear. Please arrive between 11:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.; we'll eat at 12:00 and business meeting at 1:15 P.M.

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