



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 MAY 2009

I thought we had good attendance at our April meeting and lots of good participation. Thanks to the efforts of **John Fisher** Membership Chair, **Marvin Dunn** and **Jack Cooper** we were able to present new shirts and caps to five new chapter members. It was a pleasure to welcome **George Merwin, Fred Barry, Richard Vaughn, Bob Gorham** and **Byron Price** to the Chapter during the meeting. We hope they will all feel welcome and work with us to make our chapter better than ever. Glad to have you all with us.

We were reminded again about the need for volunteers at the DFW Cemetery. Some have talked with **John Fisher** about how to sign up and I hope more will come forward and get involved there. I would like for us to consider that as one of our Chapter Projects for the rest of 2009. We will discuss this at the next EC meeting and consider if it appears to be a feasible thing for us to do.

Thanks to **Rho Bass** for the assist in getting more member photos for the directory. We still need several more and hope those who have not been able to attend the last two meetings will send a photo to **Annette White** if you want to be in the book. Annette has put together a draft copy of the book and I think everyone is going to be proud of it.

At the meeting we had on display a very colorful banner created by **Paula Gilliland** who is a friend of **Janet** and **Bill Baker**. The banner, which she donated to the chapter, is designed for us to use at the DFW airport when we welcome the troops home from Iraq. We want to express our heartfelt appreciation to Paula, Janet and Bill for this very special gift.

Louis Holmes told me the other day he will be doing his Memorial Day service this year at the Heritage Baptist Church on Collins Street in Arlington. I am sure he would welcome anyone who would like to attend his very special service.

Larry Kinard, President

ROY HILL'S BIRTHDAY

All men of the Walton H. Walker Chapter are invited to help celebrate **Roy Hill's 87th birthday**. It will be on June 11, 2009, at the "Yes China Buffet" on the northeast corner of 303 and Robinson (see *map*.) We will gather at 11:30 A.M. and have the invocation at 12:00 noon.

When you arrive, tell the hostess that you are there for the KWVA birthday party. She will escort you to the special seating. Roy Hill is treating everyone. Please no uniforms or gifts. Dress casual and the buffet has 150 items. **Let's show Roy how much we appreciate him!!!**



SICK CALL

- Betsy Doyle is still sick, so let's keep her in our prayers
- Dorothy Malcolm is having health problems. Let's remember her in our prayers
- Jack Cooper is going to have surgery soon. Let's keep him in our prayers

STAYING IN TOUCH

MAY BIRTHDAYS		MEMORY		ANNIVERSARY
Barbara Mac Swain	1	Leonard Gigliotta	10	
Marvin Dunn	4	Jack Cooper	14	Faye & Tom Landham 29/81
Jo Ann Dunn	6	Mike Doyle	27	
Wallace Downey	8	Kenneth King	28	

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Some of you may not know this month's biography member so well as he's been with our chapter only about a year now. He is Delbert Goss.

Delbert was born in Bluejacket, OK and attended schools in various districts like Cocklebur, Jonespur, Temple Hill, Dixon, and finally Bluejacket High School. His family were farmers thus the many moves. He lived in Craig City before joining the Army in January 1949, right out of high school.

He served at several U.S. bases in Arkansas, Texas, Michigan, and Chicago. He worked as a driver, clerk, in the armory, and a supply sergeant; plus he received the American Defense Ribbon.

He married Jean in April of 1952 and was discharged from the service in September of 1952.

He then went to work for G.M. for about a year as a production manager, leaving to go into a tool and die apprenticeship. After finishing that, he returned to G.M. as a tool and die maker and retired from there in September 1997.

We're happy to have Delbert and Jean as members of our chapter.

By Eileen Montanez

TELL AMERICA PROGRAM

The Tell America Program is going to be busy the month of May. May the 7th & 8th we will be at Arlington High School. We have been going there for several years. It will be for 2 full days and May 18 we will be going to Donna Shepherd Middle School for one day. If you would like to participate, call Byron White at 817-804-1161 and he would appreciate your help. It is exciting to see how the students are so interested in the Korean War. It is very rewarding to us to share some experiences with them.

CHAPTER ELECTION

The chapter will have its election in June, 2009. The following people are running:

President- **Open**

First Vice President- **Bill Hoyle**

Second Vice President- **Al D'Agostino**

DIRECTORS:

Roy Hill

Jack Cooper

Marvin Dunn

We have three openings for Director. We need members to think about next year and prepare to commit to run for a position. It is a great honor to be part of the Executive Team and help run this great chapter. We need new people and new ideas. Please give this some thought and participate in the election next year.

OUR SPEAKER FOR THE MAY MEETING IS JACK DRAIN

He is a retired Air Force Lt. Col who lives in Bedford, TX. He flew 100 missions in an F-84 during the Korean War and later 168 missions in an F-4 in Vietnam. He has just written a book, "Life on a Short Fuse" which is a story about defective fuses that caused bombs to explode upon release from planes. Gene Richards has heard him talk and recommended him for our May program.

NATIONAL ELECTION

The National Election is in June but you received your ballot in the last Graybeards. Vote for four Directors and be sure and get your name on the white envelope and place in the ballot. There is a place for it. I had trouble pulling mine off, so I cut it off the cover and taped it in the space for it. It is very important that you vote because the National KWVA needs the correct people to support Bill Mac Swain, our fine President. He is working very hard to get everyone involved. This is your organization and it needs your support.

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

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on April 18, 2009 at the Arlington Police Substation in Arlington, Texas. The Chapter meeting was called to order by President Larry Kinard with 48 members and 3 guests present. The Invocation was given by Roy Hill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag conducted by Jim Lucas. Bob Gorham read the Chapter Creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard asked for motions to approve the March Membership Minutes and the March Financial Report both presented in the April Bulldog Bugle. Bobby Brown made the motion to approve the March Minutes and Sam Bass seconded. The motion passed. Ken King made the motion to approve the March Financial Report and Glenn Smith seconded. The motion passed.

President Kinard announced that he was happy to see member Jose Ruiz who has been absent for a number of meetings and two of our new members from the last meeting Fred Berry and first time attendee Bud Merwin. He asked Clem Candelaria to introduce himself as a new prospective member.

President Kinard asked Sim Goodall to introduce our Guest Speaker Colby Van Sickler of Elhoff Financial Counseling who then gave a slide show of statistical graphs on how the firm he worked for made long range plans to advise clients what to invest in. He handed out cards and a brochure for anyone who might be interested in his advisory group after his presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tell America Chairman Byron White stated that he and William Hoyle led a group made up of, Roy Hill, Marvin Dunn, Larry Kinard, Bill Mac Swain and Gene Richards, in making a two day presentation of our "Tell America Program" on April 7th & 8th at the Waxahachie High School. He said the group met with approximately 300 students each day and also were treated very well by the High School Principle Mr. Nix. He reported that Arlington High School and Mansfield Middle School were being planned for at this time with no dates yet selected. He also asked that the Principle of the High School be sent a letter or Certificate of Appreciation by the Chapter as well as any Teacher who makes arrangements for our Tell America Program. This is to be voted on by the Executive Council at their next meeting.

Communication Officer Jim Wetmore reported that Betsy Doyle, was at home recovering from her surgery. He reported that Marvin Dunn was having a problem with his prosthesis and was having to use crutches and would not make this meeting. Carolyn Fisher reported that she was sending out our Special Chapter Cards to those who are ill or have lost family members.

Bulldog Bugle Editor Marvin Dunn gave President Kinard the following earlier report that those interested in helping with the May newsletter would meet at 10:00 am at the Atlanta Bakery on

Monday, April 27, 2009.

President Kinard called on Quartermaster Jack Cooper and Membership Chairman John Fisher to make a presentation of new uniform shirts with patches, flags and a ball cap for the following new members: Fred Berry, Bob Gorham, Bud Merwin, Byron Price and Richard Vaughn.

The Baker's brought a banner made by a friend of theirs who wished to donate it to the chapter. A letter or Certificate of Appreciation is to be prepared for Paula Gilleland from the Chapter for her thoughtful gift.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Kinard announced that Rho Bass was taking pictures for the directory. Members who have not had their pictures taken should do so since this was the last time they would be taken.

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 one Vice Presidents positions and a couple of Directors, but needed someone to run for President.

President Kinard then thanked Sam and Rho Bass for attending the Dallas Veterans Day Parade Group meeting.

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 reported the National Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the Westin Hotel on Highway 114 on October 24th through 26th with dates before and after being available should anyone wish to stay longer and tour the area. Registration information will be available in the May - June & July - August editions of The Graybeards Magazine.

Bill Mac Swain then gave an overhead projection presentation and answered questions on the changes being made to the Chapter Bylaws, that will be voted on at the May Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kinard reported that the next meeting of the Chapter will be on May 16, 2009.

John Fisher reported that the National Cemetery needed volunteers to help in the Visitors Center and he would like to have more from our chapter. He stated a four hour shift per week was normal but, anytime donated would also be appreciated. For further information see him..

Sam Bass reported on the possible use of the GM Plant Meeting area for our Chapter meetings. Sam stated that he had talked to officials and they essentially were not interested in granting us the use in this Facility unless a payment of \$250 per meeting was made. He said he was very disappointed in their decision and lack of respect for Korean Veterans.

Bill Hoyle reported the Korean War Veterans Remembrance Program would be on Sunday afternoon, July 26, 2009 at the Dallas VA Hospital. Rev. Holmes a former member and now Honorary Member of our chapter will be presenting the Remembrance Table

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Beverly Steck won \$68 as her half of the drawing. Three other Gum Drop/necklace door prizes, furnished by Roy Hill, were won by Carolyn Fisher, Leonard Gigliotta and Bob Gorham. All the Ladies present received costume jewelry, Roy Hill brought to "Thank" the Ladies for all they do for the Chapter. Roy also announced his Stag Birthday Party would be on June 11, 2009

Sam Bass made a motion to adjourn with a prayer. Delbert Goss seconded and the motion passed with Sam Bass giving the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary

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

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VA VOLUNTEER HOURS: KWVA CHAPTER 215

MARCH 2009

Jack Cooper	0	Marvin Dunn	0
John Fisher	29	Sim Goodall	24
James Hall	0	James Parker	24

The National Cemetery in Dallas is asking for more volunteers because they are getting so busy and need more help. If anyone can volunteer a few hours a week it would be appreciated. They are having over 15 funerals a day there and that takes some people to commit a few hours. Remember these are Veterans we need to support them

May 2009

Smith named CTVHCS Director: Thomas C. Smith, III is the new Director for the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System (CTVHCS). Mr. Smith has been Acting Director of CTVHCS since October 4, 2008. He comes to the VA from St. Luke Hospital and Living Center in Marion, Kansas, where he served for nearly two years as Chief Executive Officer and Administrator. Prior to this, Mr. Smith spent more than 22 years in the Army and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2004.



Smith

While in the Army, he served as the Director of Ambulatory Care at the Army General Hospital in Seoul, Korea; Acting Commander of a 296-bed Combat Support Hospital; Executive Officer of Darnall Army Community Hospital at Fort Hood; Executive Officer of the Army Health Center in Vicenza, Italy; Deputy Commander for Administration for the Army Community Hospital at Fort Rucker, Alabama; and culminating as Deputy Commander for Administration of Martin Army Community Hospital at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Mr. Smith was inducted into the Order of Military Medical Merit, an honorary organization which recognizes leadership and significant contributions to the Army Medical Department. He also earned the Army Legion of Merit which is awarded for exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.

Mr. Smith is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), served on the ACHE Regent's Advisory Board while in Kansas, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Auburn University in Alabama, and a master of health administration from Baylor University in Texas.

The world's most powerful mobile research MRI at the Waco VAMC will be used to study active duty troops at risk for post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, depression, and substance abuse. The first planned project is a study on genetic influences on emotional processing and brain structure in active duty troops and veterans. The study includes active duty service members and veterans at three sites: the Olin E. Teague VA Medical Center, Temple; the Waco VA Medical Center, and the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood.



(L to R) Col. Casper Jones, Commander Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood; Thomas C. Smith, III, Director, Central Texas Veterans Health Care System; Mayor Virginia DuPuy, City of Waco; Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison; Congressman Chet Edwards; Timothy P. Shea, Director, VA Heart of Texas Health Care Network; Dr. Suzy Bird Gulliver, Director, COE; and Brig. Gen. Peter J. Atkinson, Deputy Commander, III Corps, Fort Hood.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS

House Bill SB 469 states that certain veterans with 100% disability will be exempt from property tax. Let's hope this bill becomes law. Contact your Congressman or Congresswoman and put pressure on them.

Texas Coalition of Veteran Organizations

MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

The Medal of Honor Day is March 26th and we need to honor these heroes. We have one in our chapter by the name of Col. James Stone. I am so sorry we missed the celebration this year but Col. Stone knows we all respect and love him. He and Mary are such a big part of our chapter.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING

- The Police Department for their building. We really appreciate their generosity.
- The ladies for all the good food they bring each month.
- The people who stay and clean the building.
- Roy Hill for the gifts he brings to our ladies for the work they do.
- Sandy Moran and Al D'Agostino for the help they give us on the newsletter.
- The fine people who meet with me the 4th Monday of each month to help with the newsletter.
- All the members who attend the meetings and fellowship.

COWBOY RULES by Roy Hill

1. Pull up your pants up, you look like an idiot.
2. Turn your cap right, your head is not crooked.
3. So you have a \$60,000 car. We're not impressed. We have \$250,000 Combines that are driven only 3 weeks a year.
4. Every person in the West waves. It's called being friendly. Try to understand the concept.
5. We open doors for women. That's applied to all women, regardless of age.
6. Turn down that blasted stereo! That thumpity-thump ain't music, anyway.
7. You bring coke into my house, it better be brown, wet and served over ice.

OPERATIONAL INFO: Executive Council

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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
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Chapter 215 monument donated to the National Cemetery



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 7 & 8 at Arlington High School for Tell America Program
May 12, we have our Executive Board meeting at Hugh Smith Center at 7:00 P.M.
May 16, we have our regular meeting on Saturday
May 18, we go to Donna Shepherd School Middle School for Tell America Program
June 11, Roy's Birthday Celebration, so place this on your calendar

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.