



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

These past few weeks have been exciting times in the Korean War Veterans organization especially, with the conclusion of the National Election. We had a good chance that the National President would be someone from our chapter with two of the three candidates being from Chapter #215. Sure enough our own **Bill Mac Swain** is now the National President for the next two years.

Our condolences to **Byron Dickerson** and congratulations to **Bill** for a very noteworthy achievement. We look for **Bill** to do great things with the KWVA and know that Chapter #215 will support him in anyway that is needed. Remember that **Marvin Dunn** and **Mike Doyle** still have another year on the National Board of Directors.

I would like to welcome to the Executive Council members **Jack Cooper**, 2nd VP, new Directors **John Fisher** and **Byron White**, **Al D'Agostino** 1st VP, **Bill Mac Swain** Secretary/Treasurer (re-elected) and **Jim Wetmore** (re-elected). **Ted Malcolm**, **Roy Hill** and **Marvin Dunn** will continue to serve as Directors for one more year. I very much appreciate the service and support of **Glenn Smith**, **Nathan Stovall** and **Jim Hall** who rotated off the Council this year.

Elsewhere in the Bulldog is a story about the “long overdue” Federal Charter for the KWVA. Your National organization has worked for several years seeking recognition for the Korean War Veterans and it is now a reality. This will “afford the Association the same status as other major organizations and allow it to participate as part of select committees with other Congressionally-chartered veterans and military groups.” This is just another major step in the recognition of Korean veterans and I am very proud and we should all be proud that this effort has been rewarded.

At the next meeting I plan to provide a brief review of the “Project List” that we started with last July and see what we were able to accomplish. One of the items I noticed in this review is that we have lost 5 Regular members and 2 Associate members so far this year. On the other hand I am excited about the 6 Regular members and 2 Associate members we have gained. It is great to see some new faces at the meetings. Let's be sure to greet and make all the new members welcome.

Just a reminder—We hope to see a good turnout for the Arlington July 4 parade. **Sam Bass** and **Jim Wetmore** will be providing transportation and it will not be necessary to walk unless that is what you want to do. We have always been well represented and would like to do it again. See you there!

Larry Kinard—President

LEGISLATION GRANTS OVERDUE FEDERAL CHARTER TO PREMIER KOREAN VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator **Benjamin L. Cardin** (D-MD), House Majority Leader **Steny Hoyer** (D-MD) and U.S. Rep. **Sam Johnson** (R-TX) hailed House passage today of legislation they have sponsored to grant a Federal Charter to the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), one of the

few veterans' service organizations of its size that has not been recognized with the prestigious classification. The bill, which has already passed the Senate, will now be sent to the President.

"Korean War veterans deserve the same official recognition for their struggles and sacrifices on behalf of freedom that other veterans enjoy," **said Majority Leader Steny Hoyer.** "Granting this Federal Charter delivers a long overdue honor to the 5.7 million Americans who fought and served during the Korean War. It is but a small expression of this nation's eternal appreciation for the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of our Korean War veterans."

"The Korean War is often referred to as the 'forgotten' war, and recognition of our veterans from this war is long-overdue," **said Senator Benjamin L. Cardin.** "This legislation would let the nearly 1.2 million American veterans of the Korean War who are still alive know that we have not forgotten them, and we honor the sacrifice they made for our nation."

"We owe a debt of gratitude to the brave men and women who valiantly served in the Korean War," **said Congressman Sam Johnson, a 29-year Air Force veteran who flew 62 combat missions during the Korean War.** "Many paid the ultimate price for freedom. The Korean War veterans want, need and deserve a national charter and the prestige it offers. I'm gratified that we could finally make it happen. Considering the Korean War armistice occurred in 1953, the proclamation of a national charter is long overdue."

Congress has long recognized various military and veteran "patriotic" organizations in public law as a means to acknowledge that a group serves the public interest by providing member services and community support. In addition to bestowing special recognition, granting this charter to the Korean War Veterans Association would allow it to expand its mission and further its charitable and benevolent causes.

Specifically, it will afford the Association the same status as other major organizations and would allow it to participate as part of select committees with other Congressionally-chartered veterans and military groups. A Federal Charter will also help the Association gain accreditation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, which will enable its members to assist in processing veterans' claims.

President of the Korean War Veterans Association Louis Dechert said, "The vote taken today in the House of Representatives granting a Federal Charter to the Korean War Veterans Association is an historic moment for our organization, providing for equal status with the many other fine hard working Veterans Service Organizations with whom we have been serving for so many years. The Korean War Veterans Association will accept this Federal Charter with gratitude and will initiate the efforts necessary to carry out the charter responsibilities conferred on us by The Congress.

Continued Dechert, "This action is the culmination of many years of effort on the part of Congressmen Hoyer and Johnson in the House, Senator Paul Sarbanes - who successfully obtained passage of the KWVA charter bill in each session during the past four years - and Senator Cardin - the lead Senate sponsor in the current session of Congress. We are grateful to them for all their efforts on behalf of the nation's Korean War veterans."

The Korean War, often overlooked in American history, is anything but forgotten by the nearly 1.2 million American veterans of the Korean War still alive today. During the three-year course of the war, some 5.7 million Americans were called to serve, and by the time the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed in July 1953, more than 36,000 Americans sacrificed their lives, 103,284 were wounded, 7,140 were captured and 664 were missing.

The KWVA is the only fraternal veterans' organization in the United States devoted exclusively to Korean War veterans and the only U.S. member of the International Federation of Korean War Veterans Association. Incorporated in 1985, the 25,000-member charitable association has established a strong record of service and commitment to fellow Korean War veterans, ranging from efforts on behalf of Project Freedom to its successful effort to construct a national Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall.

THE RECENT NATIONAL KWVA ELECTION:

Bill Mac Swain was victorious in his bid for President of the National KWVA. I think Bill will make a great President because he has the correct demeanor and expertise to move the organization forward. He has spent 6 years as Director and has performed many duties. The most important was the National Bylaws. You are a product of your experiences and Bill has been blessed to have been exposed to many things. We know how he has helped our chapter, so I know the chapter will back him.

We want to congratulate Byron Dickerson and Mike Doyle for running a good race. Someone has to lose in a big race like this but that is life and it certainly doesn't mean we can't contribute to the Organization.

Barbara, Bill's wife, will be an excellent First Lady. She supports Bill completely and she knows what to expect. She will play lots of golf and bridge. GOOD LUCK TO BOTH OF YOU!!!!!! (picture: Barbara & Bill Mac Swain)



ROY HILL'S BIRTHDAY AT THE TASTE OF KOREAN:

Roy Hill celebrated his 86th birthday at the Taste of Korean Food on Hwy 303 at Great Southwest. There were 19 men present and we all had a great time celebrating Roy's birthday. Roy does so much for the Ladies and he wanted the men to join him and help him celebrate his birthday. I think most of the men enjoyed the food. Roy was presented two plaques, one from the chapter and one from Byron Dickerson and Mike Doyle. The pictures will show Roy and the 19 men who attended.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROY!!!!!!



Pictures
(L) Roy Hill
(R) Colonel Stone, Gary & Roy Hill (Gary is Roy's son)



JULY 4TH PARADE:

Thursday, July 3rd, the trailer will be at the school barn to decorate. It is located in Arlington at Pioneer Pkwy (303) & Davis. Be there between 6:00- 7:00 P.M. We have a great spot this year and it is #10. We NEED to be at the parade site July 4th at 7:00 & 7:15 A.M.

For those of you who will come to ride in the parade, the city has made



the U.T.A. parking lot available. Ted Malcolm and his helpers have done an EXCELLENT JOB!!!
 Questions? Call Ted at 817-446-5945.

STAYING IN TOUCH

JULY BIRTHDAYS	MEMORY	ANNIVERSARIES
James Tew 7	George Carson 14	Betsy & Mike Doyle 7/56
Gene Highsmith 8	Joe Roberts 24	Neva & Jim Wetmore 14/95
Neta Fowler 9	Burleigh Casler 25	Dorothy & Ted Malcolm 29/50
Ann Collins 10	Albert Rollins 31	

Name of Volunteer	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Total
Cooper, Jack	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0					7
Dunn, Marvin	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0					4
Fisher, John	25	16	24	18	19	21	16	20					159
Goodall, Sim	30	22	26	27	22	28	19	22					196
Hall, James	59	54	24	32	24	16	54	23					286
Parker, James	31	20	24	24	24	18	30	18					189
Total Hours	145	112	98	101	89	94	119	83					841

LOCAL ELECTION OFFICERS:

President - Larry Kinard
First Vice President - Al D'Agostino
Second Vice President - Jack Cooper

DIRECTORS:

John Fisher
 Jim Wetmore
 Byron White

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO RAN. I KNOW YOU WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE BOARD.

NEW MEMBERS:

Delbert Goss -- Walter Lynch -- Leonard Gigliotta -- Kenneth Dillard -- James Lucus -- Bill Hoyle

Welcome to the Walton H. Walker Chapter 215. We hope you have a great time in the chapter and take part in the running of the chapter. All 6 of you will receive a shirt, cap and our own patch. If we can help you in any way, let us know. **AGAIN, WELCOME TO OUR CHAPTER!!!**

GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC. MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JUNE 14, 2008

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on June 14, 2008 at the Martin Sprocket & Gear Facility in Arlington, Texas. The Chapter meeting was called to order by President Larry Kinard with 42 members and 4 guests present. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Burleigh Casler and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was conducted by Gene Richards and Russell Stephens read the creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard asked for membership approval of the May Minutes as printed in the June Bulldog Bugle. Russell Stephens made a motion to approve the Minutes and Marvin Dunn seconded. The motion carried. He then asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report for May also printed in the June Bulldog Bugle. John Fisher made the motion and Russell Stephens seconded and the motion passed.

President Kinard then welcomed five new members, Ken Dillard, William Hoyle, Delbert Goss, Walter Lynch and Lenny Gigliotta. Jim Lucas visited as a prospective member and gave the chapter members a short briefing on his service and he also plays in a big band group and has played his trumpet at the DFW Cemetery for Veterans Funerals.

President Kinard then asked new member Ken Dillard to come forward to play a few tunes on his harmonica. Ken did an excellent job playing four Armed Forces melodies while those in the chapter stood when their branch of service was played. He also played Sentimental Journey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Kinard reported that the Chapter Cookbook Fund Raiser was now to the printer and a copy of the cookbook was being looked at before the final printing takes place. Treasurer Mac Swain reported that he had received an invoice for 220 books and some Counter Displays for a total of \$659.

Communication Chairman Jim Wetmore again stressed the method for letting the Chapter know of those who were ill or had passed away. He also reported that Roy Hill had broncho-pneumonia and had taken a couple of shots and is doing better. That is why Roy was not at this meeting. President Kinard said that Roy's Birthday party was a huge success and said all enjoyed the Korean food, and drink and party favors. Roy paid for his own party and it was good to see his son there also. Roy was presented two plaques. One plaque was from the Chapter for the work done on the Executive Council and his Roy Hill time where he always presented gifts to the Ladies and sometimes the Men. The second plaque was from Byron Dickerson and Mike Doyle, fellow 2nd Division members who recognized Roy as the Best Damn Soldier in the Outfit.

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 June 23, 2008. He also told the members that they should be sending him Bio's for him to put in the Bulldog Bugle. They can write it and send them to him or call and give him something over the phone and he will write it. All are encouraged to do this.

President Kinard said Parade Chairman Ted Malcolm wanted him to remind the membership that we will be putting the float together Thursday evening in the Bus Barn area 6 pm to 7 pm. Sam Bass will again be furnishing the Truck and Trailer. Everyone is invited to take part in the parade and should be at the UTA parking lot at 7:30 am Friday morning July 4, 2008. Should you have any questions you can contact the Secretary at 817-244-0706 and he will answer any questions you might have. He will also have a Cell Phone on Friday should you have a question. His cell phone number for that date is 817-988-4294.

Nathan Stovall reported that the pecans furnished for a fund raiser for the chapter by Publicity Chairman Faye Landham were sold out at the Executive Committee meeting. Nine bags were sold for a total of \$45.

John Fisher asked the Ladies present to hold up their hands if they have not received a Rose of Sharon pin and passed them to those who had not received one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominating Chairman Jim Wetmore reported the results of the ballots received for the election of officers. President Larry Kinard, 1st Vice President Al D'Agostino, 2nd Vice President Jack Cooper and Secretary Treasurer Mac Swain received 23 votes each for a one year term. Those running for Director for a two year term received the following, John Fisher 16, James Hall 18, Jim Wetmore 19, Byron White 13. Jim Wetmore stated that James Hall had submitted his resignation from the Executive Council so the three Directors elected were John fisher, Jim Wetmore and Byron White. President Kinard Thank the Ballot counters, Marvin Dunn, Sim Goodall and Nathan Stovall, Russell Stephens made a motion to accept report by the Nominating Committee and Burleigh Casler seconded. The motion passed with no objection. Nathan Stovall made a motion to destroy the Ballots and Russell Stephen seconded. The motion carried with no objection.

The Secretary reported that we have had five new members all eligible for a free Shirt with Flag, Ball Cap and Chapter Patch. Membership Chairman Nathan Stovall was asked to get their shirt size and give them to Marvin Dunn to start the process.

President Kinard read the results of the National Election and then asked member Bill Mac Swain to say a few words about his becoming the new National President. He also reminded the chapter members that our chapter has Marvin Dunn and Mike Doyle as Directors who will still have a year on the Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kinard reported the next meeting of the Chapter will be on July 19, 2008 at the Martin Sprocket and Gear Facility.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Alice Armstrong won \$63 and the Chapter collected \$122.

John Fisher made a motion to adjourn with a prayer and Russell Stephens seconded. The motion carried and Chaplain Burleigh Casler gave the closing prayer

Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary

RECIPE BOOK

The cookbooks are in over a month early! They will be distributed at the July 19th meeting, but if you would like to get yours before that day, just call Annette White at 817-366-2608 to arrange a pick-up time. The books are even nicer than anticipated. If you can help Annette to find more places to set out a display and/or set up a sales table for an hour or two at a busy location that would attract potential buyers, just let her know at the same number. We received 227 books and have preliminary orders for about 80, so if we really get to work to sell the others the Chapter stands to have a fundraiser totaling around \$1100.00 – and wouldn't that be great.

We want to thank Annette and all of her helpers, especially Barbara Mac Swain and Eileen Montanez, for developing a beautiful recipe book.

EILEEN'S CORNER

Taken from the recent NAUS newsletter we get there is something called The Veterans Pride Campaign was launched to promote veterans wearing their military medals on Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and the Fourth of July.

Beginning in 2006, the Dept of Veteran's Affairs began a program aimed at to bring veterans across the country in a symbolic demonstration of unity and patriotism."

Marvin & I are still hoping to get more biographies coming in so we can publish one each month. Come on guys, don't be bashful. Tell us about yourselves.

Eileen Montanez Email: e.montanez5318@att.net

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC
JUNE 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT**

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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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Chapter 215 monument donated to the National Cemetery



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

07/08/08 -- Our Executive meeting will be Tuesday the 8th at Hugh Smith Center on New York Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

07/19/08 -- Our next chapter meeting is on the 17th 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.

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