



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 AUGUST 2009

July was a very busy time for many of the people in our chapter. We started the month with our usual participation in the July 4th Arlington parade. We had an excellent turnout of around 25 members and with the good assistance of **Ted Malcolm**, Parade Chairman, **Sam Bass** his pickup truck and trailer and **Jim Wetmore** and **Gene Richards** antique automobiles we were a spectacular sight going down the street. In spite of the hot weather this was one of the largest crowds I have seen on the streets and it was a good day and I want to say thanks for all who were there.



We had a good crowd at the meeting on July 18 and enjoyed good food and a good program. **Sim Goodall** had asked **Chris Fitzgerald**, attorney with Shannon Gracey law firm to talk with us about estate planning and wills. He did a good job and judging from the questions it was well received. I think he helped everyone understand the importance of preparing wills and certain other legal documents. He was very generous with his time and the information he provided. Thanks **Sim** for getting him to come be with us.

Burleigh Casler's family had a nice 80th birthday party for him in Cleburne on July 25 at the Baptist Church there. Seven of our members showed up to wish him well and share in the good food and an opportunity to meet his family. **Burleigh** we appreciate all you do for us and wish you many more happy birthdays.

On Sunday July 26 at the VA Hospital in Dallas several of our members took part in the 56th



anniversary of the Cessation of the Korean War that is sponsored by the Greater Dallas Veterans Council and Korean War Commemorative Partners. **Lewis Holmes** did an excellent job in his presentation of the Remembrance Table and Retired Col. **John Antal** West Point Class of 1977 emphasized that the Korean War was in fact a real victory. This is always a good event and I would like to see more of our members attend.

I was most pleased to hear that President Obama had signed into law the bill that will help provide recognition to Korean War Veterans. This resolution is shown elsewhere in the Bulldog and will mark July 27 each year as day to honor and give thanks to our distinguished Korean War Veterans and that flags should be flown at half staff in recognition of those who died during the war. This is a good thing for all of us.

Last but not least I want to call your attention to our August meeting speaker. Dave Lieber the Star-Telegram "Watchdog" will be there to tell us tales about his experiences with scam artists, dealing with the government and the electric companies. You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear how you too can deal with some of the common problems we all face every day. Hope to see you all on Saturday, August 15th; it will be a good day.

Larry Kinard, President

ABOUT OUR AUGUST SPEAKER

<http://www.watchdognation.com/>

Fight Back!

DAVE LIEBER is the ultimate authority on fighting back. As THE WATCHDOG columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, he knows tips, tools and strategies to help you get your way.

The consumer advocate and investigator shows you how to fight scams.

Learn how to bite back when businesses and scammers do you wrong. You will discover how to become part of the consumer-rights revolution. Save hundreds, even thousands of dollars, by learning how you can overcome the pickpockets that call themselves the electric company, the phone company, debt collectors, banks, scammers, door-to-door salesmen, identity thieves and countless other sharks who want to make you miserable.



- Inside tips you won't find anywhere else about protecting your money and your family.
- Handle stubborn customer service representatives
- Know your rights under law.
- Get confidence to beat the con men!

LET'S KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS AND IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS SICK, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

- Marvin Dunn is recuperating nicely from his surgeries and is feeling much better.
- Jim Hall has had a bladder infection which delayed his aneurism surgery & he hopes to have it done soon. We wish him well.

☆ **NOTICE:** Annette White hopes to have the directories available at the next chapter meeting on Saturday Aug. 15th. Please send her your picture as soon as possible, if you have one available.
Her address is 904 Purdue Dr., Arlington 76012. Tel # is 817-366-2608

Gene & Judy Richards are very excited to be going on a Revisit Korea trip this October. We wish them a safe journey.

July 27, 2009 NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY

A time for national recommitment to the unfinished work for which our comrades have struggled and continue to do so today in Korea. God bless America and God bless Korea.

Submitted by, Louis T Dechert, Chairman, Combined KOREAN-US Veterans Association, CKVA
National President and Chairman of the Board, KWVA/USA, 2004-2008
Founder and Co-Chairman, US Federation of Korea Veterans Organizations, USFKVO
Chairman, US-Korea Allies Council, UKAC



THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

July 24, 2009

NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY, 2009 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

Fifty-six years after the signing of the Military Armistice Agreement at Panmunjom, Americans remain grateful for the courage and sacrifice of our Korean War veterans. More than 600,000 United States and allied combatants lost their lives in Korea during the 3 years of bitter warfare that ended on July 27, 1953. Many were also injured, taken as prisoners of war, and missing in action. These dedicated servicemen and women, under the banner of the United Nations, fought to secure the blessings of freedom and democracy on the Korean Peninsula, and they deserve our unending respect and gratitude.

Every day we are reminded of the selfless service of these veterans. The Korean War Veterans Memorial stands in our Nation's Capital as an enduring tribute to them. Marching among juniper bushes and rows of granite, Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen silently remind all who glimpse their faces of the great challenges that so many Americans overcame. The strong partnership between the United States and the Republic of Korea is also a proud testament to our men and women in uniform. Today we remember and honor the valor of Korean War veterans and the extraordinary sacrifices that they and their families made in the cause of peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2009, as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor and give thanks to our distinguished Korean War veterans. I also ask Federal departments and agencies and interested groups, organizations, and individuals to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff on July 27, 2009, in memory of the Americans who died as a result of their service in Korea.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

BARACK OBAMA

EILEEN'S CORNER:

An article from the July 2nd NAUS letter re discounts on cell phone plans for veterans. "Veterans are eligible for significant discounts on cell phone plans - if they know how to ask. Most veterans are unaware of the potential savings on their monthly cell phone bills.

Monthly discounts range from 15% on Verizon Wireless plans, and 10% off and no activation fees on T-Mobile agreements. Alltel, Sprint, and AT&T offer similar discounts.

While not everyone knows about these discounts, those that do say that getting companies to register them for the cheaper plans is not an easy task. Most services require a military I.D. card, veterans I.D. card, or military discharge papers as proof of veteran status. Some companies, including Verizon and AT&T, also offer discounted plans for seniors over 65 or older."

MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

This month's biography is on Nathan Stovall. Nathan was born in Dallas and lived in Oak Cliff. He attended Forest Ave H.S. but quit in 1945 and worked briefly at Sears till he joined the Navy in 1946. In 1956 Forest Ave H.S. was renamed James Madison H.S. Nathan was given his diploma at age 75.

Nathan signed up for a two year enlistment and was assigned to the Seabees and worked in communications on Guam. He then got out of the Navy and went on Inactive Reserves. He was talked into taking a cruise to Cuba by some buddies who were also Inactive Reserves in 1949, and was called to active duty in July 1950. He was the only one of that group to be recalled.

Nathan was stationed in San Diego where he took part in re-commissioning the Destroyer U.S.S. Blue, which had been in mothballs. He was discharged in 1952 when he went to work for Dallas Power and Light as a lineman and worked there till Sept 1959.

He then left DP&L and went to work for Texas Instruments where he spent 3 years. He left there to join General Motors where he worked till he retired in 1992.

He and Betty were married in 1954 and have two sons, five grandchildren, three boys and two girls, 2 great grandsons with a third on the way.

Nathan has been a member of our chapter since Christmas of 2000.

STAYING IN TOUCH

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS		MEMORY		ANNIVERSARY
Byron Dickerson	1	William Baker	21	
Edna Holmes	7	Byron White	26	
Fred Berry	12	George Merwin	30	
Larry Kinard	13	Doyle Smith	31	
Bill McFadin	13	Barbara D'Agostino	31	
Billy Smith	15			

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

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on July 18, 2009 at the Arlington Police Substation in Arlington, Texas. The Chapter meeting was called to order by President Larry Kinard with 46 members and 3 guests present. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Burleigh Casler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag conducted by Ken Dillard. Chester Haynes read the Chapter Creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard asked for a motions to approve the June Membership Minutes and the June Financial Report both presented in the July Bulldog Bugle. James Hall made the motion to approve the June Minutes and Roy Hill seconded. The motion passed. Don Jones made the motion to approve the June Financial Report and Al D'Agostino seconded. The motion passed.

President Kinard announced that he was happy to see member Dan Shiro present after many missed meetings. He then asked Sim Goodall to introduce our Guest Speaker Chris Fitzgerald, Attorney at Law with the Shannon Gracey Law Firm of Fort Worth. Attorney Fitzgerald then spoke on Estate Planning and Wills. He covered Statutory Durable Power of Attorney, Medical Power of Attorney and Directives to Physicians and Family or Surrogates. His talk was very informative and many member questions were answered. He also covered why having a Will probated was necessary. He had brochures for all who wanted one.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Kinard introduced Annette White and both explained that the Membership Directory was in its last stages of being edited and anyone who was present that had not had a picture taken should do so or send in one as soon as possible. President Kinard took a poll of those who might be interested in buying a directory and the response was over 30 holding up their hands. Three people will edit the Directory for mistakes, spelling and proper names with the pictures.

Communication Officer Jim Wetmore reported that his Committee of Callers were doing a fine job and then he reported that those with health issues included Marvin Dunn who is recovering from surgery, Jo Ann, his wife who is having back problems however, she has to stay and tend to Marvin so will have it looked at after he recovers. Neva Wetmore, waiting for results from a biopsy, James Hall who will have aneurysm surgery July 24th.

President Kinard thanked Eileen Montanez for stepping in to help with the Bulldog Bugle preparation meeting Monday at 10:00 am, July 27th at the Atlanta Bread Company. She will meet with all who wish to help get the newsletter ready.

President Kinard reported that the Arlington 4th of July Parade was very well attended and thanked all who participated. He especially commented that a special Thank you was owed to Ted Malcolm for his expertise and guidance and Sam Bass for the truck and trailer along with his son's help and a couple of other guests who also helped make this parade one of our best.

OLD BUSINESS

Judge Advocate William Hoyle swore in President Larry Kinard, 2nd Vice President Al D'Agostino and Secretary/Treasurer Bill Mac Swain since they were not present at the June meeting when election results were announced and were not available to be sworn in at that time.

John Fisher reported on the DFW Welcome Home of Returning Veterans. He reminded the members that this is a very moving event not only for those who are returning, but for all those who come to do the welcome. He told about the Soldier (a Mother) who had been separated from her daughter for a year, and about a soldier who rip the patch off his sleeve to give to him when he noticed John's service to his country. He said they are very appreciative of us greeting them.

President Kinard reminded the members of the special July 26th Korean War Remembrance Program at the VA on Sunday, July 26 at 3:00 pm. President Kinard and Jack Cooper will be on the program and hoped as many as possible, from our Chapter, would come to it in uniform.

NEW BUSINESS

President Kinard reported that the next Membership Meeting will be August 15, 2009. He also reminded the members that Burleigh Casler's Daughter was hosting an 80th Birthday Party for him from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Henderson Street Baptist Church, Family Life Center - 919 East Henderson St - Cleburne, TX 76033.

Presidents Kinard and Mac Swain gave a short recap of their revisit trip to Korea. Both had a good time and met with dignitaries from the KVA and other groups and were interviewed by newspapers and TV Stations while there. Bill showed a couple of pictures and a medal he received and Larry showed a Dedication Dish, given to our chapter, that was available at the ground breaking for a General Walton H Walker Statue to be dedicated in December of 2009.

Both also reported on the petition for making the Purple Heart Stamp a Forever Stamp, new Legislation in work for a Korean War Veterans Recognition Day on July 27th each year, by flying the American Flag at half-mast, and a Membership Directory, being prepared for National, that the members have been asked to furnish updated information and also purchase.

Secretary Mac Swain thanked Eileen Montanez for taking minutes at the June meeting and getting them ready for publishing in the July Bulldog Bugle, Sandy Moran, the person who prepares the newsletter, and Al and Barbara D'Agostino for folding, labeling and stamping the newsletter. President Kinard also thanked Vice-President Cooper for conducting the June meeting and all those who helped Jack. He said they had made his Presidency as well as the Secretary's tasks look way to easy.

Roy Hill again offered the Ladies costume jewelry for their preparation of a great meal and he certainly appreciates them for doing this at each meeting. He also supplied three Door Prizes.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Annette White won \$68 as her half of the drawing. A special mug was supplied by Gene and Judy Richards. Carolyn Fisher won it. The three prizes from Roy Hill were won by Burleigh Casler, Jim Wetmore and Mary Lou Stone.

Bea Hoyle asked the Chapter Members who support a belief in God, a belief in America and Support for our Veterans to say so each Friday by wearing a Red Shirt. When ask why they were wearing a red shirt to tell the questioner, I believe in God, I believe in America and I believe in supporting our troops.

William Hoyle made a motion to adjourn with a prayer. Gene Richards seconded and the motion passed with Chaplain Don Jones giving the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary

KWVA Chapter 215 Volunteer Total hours through June '09

<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Cooper, Jack	12
Dunn, Marvin	0
Fisher, John	178
Goodall, Sim	223
Hall, James	22
Parker, James	<u>175</u>
Total Hours	610

07.27.2009 DEATH OF MAJOR GENERAL PARK, JEH SIK

The Combined Korea-US Veterans' Association (Provisional), and all supporters of the US-Korea Mutual Defense Alliance, 1954-2009, join in prayers for Mrs. Hong, Suk-Ja and her sons and daughter, for the venerable Korean Veterans Association, and for the Republic of Korea.

Submitted by Chairman Louis T Dechert on July 27, 2009

Side note: Larry Kinard mentioned that they had met MAJOR GENERAL PARK, JEH SIK and visited with him several times on the trip to Korea. He was head of the KVA in Korea and in charge of all the Revisit programs.

IMPORTANT EVENT: GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DAY AT RANGERS BALLPARK IN ARLINGTON

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

ANGELS VS. RANGERS – 2:05 P.M.

ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK -- AUGUST MEETING.

July 4th Parade (L – R) Colonel Stone, Sam Bass, Jim Wetmore



VA Secretary Establishes ALS as a Presumptive Compensable Illness: 09/23/2008

Cites Association between Military Service and Later Development of ALS (ALS also called Lou Gehrig's disease)

WASHINGTON – Veterans with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) may receive badly-needed support for themselves and their families after the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that ALS will become a presumptively compensable illness for all veterans with 90 days or more of continuously active service in the military....

... The new interim final regulation applies to all applications for benefits received by VA on or after September 23, 2008, or that are pending before VA, the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, or the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on that date.

VA will work to identify and contact veterans with ALS, including those whose claims for ALS were previously denied, through direct mailings and other outreach programs.

For more information on VA's disability compensation program, go to www.va.gov or contact 1-800-827-1000. ###

See complete article at:

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1583>

H.R. 303: Retired Pay Restoration Act: to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt.

H.R.333: Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive concurrent payment of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, to eliminate the phase-in period for concurrent receipt, to extend eligibility for concurrent receipt to chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service, and for other purposes.

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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Chapter 215 monument donated to the National Cemetery



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- August 11** Executive Board Meeting
- August 15** Regular Monthly Meeting
- August 24** Greater Dallas Veterans Council

3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH – HAMBURGER COOK-OUT
Dallas VA Hospital 10:30 a.m. Helpers needed– please volunteer!

