



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

I hope everyone knows by now that we are planning a big reception for our new KWVA President **Bill Mac Swain** at the Bob Duncan Center in Arlington on October 4. The planning committee is headed by **John Fisher** along with **Jim Wetmore**, **Al D'Agostino** and **Jack Cooper**. John has also recruited several of the wives to provide ideas and help. We have retained the hall for that date and mailed out a number of invitations to dignitaries that I hope will be able to attend. We are really hoping Congressman **Sam Johnson** will be there to make a few comments about the new KWVA Charter. Chapter 270 has indicated they will have a large attendance and **Kay Lee Cameron** is very excited about having a large representation from the Korean community. Please put this on your calendar as one of the most important things we do this year. We need to show Bill and Barbara that we are totally behind them in this huge job they have undertaken.

At our last meeting, **Marvin Dunn** told us about the annual State Department Meeting in Austin September 12-14 at the Drury Hotel. These meetings are a great opportunity to get acquainted with Korean veterans and their wives from around the state and to find out how the other chapters are doing. The last 2 or 3 years we have had excellent attendance and always have a good time. Please give this meeting special consideration and go if you possibly can to support **Marvin** in his Presidency of the State Department.

Shortly, everyone will receive information about the KWVA National Convention which will be held in Norfolk, Va. this year on October 22-26. It will be exciting this year having our Chapter represented by **Bill Mac Swain** serving as President of the 250 plus chapters across the country. Norfolk is a great place to visit and the Convention will be a good place to look for some veteran buddies you haven't seen in a long time. **Bettye and I** plan to go and I hope some of you will also.

At our meeting in September we will hear from an Arlington Police Officer, Karen Donahue, who will tell us about what Senior Citizens can do to better protect ourselves from potential crimes. This should be an interesting topic. Also please speak to our new members and make them feel welcome. First time visitors **Bob and Faye McLaren** from Cleburne attended the August meeting and have decided to join the Chapter. If you see them there please let them know we are glad to have them as a member.

Larry Kinard, President

SICK CALL

- ▶ Father Stegman, past chaplain of the National KWVA, is in ICU in San Antonio.
- ▶ Burleigh Casler is in ill health. If you can, you might give him a call.
- ▶ Jo Ann Dunn is still having health problems.

Let's keep these fine people in our prayers.

STAYING IN TOUCH

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS		MEMORY		ANNIVERSARIES
Ken Dillard	10	Judy Richards	22	Judy & Gene Richards 5/98
Gene Richards	13	Jose Montanez	28	
Dan Shiro	16	Ed Ashworth	29	Julia & Bob Walsh 27/91
George Wolf	17	Russell Stephens	30	
Calvin Langford	18			

TEXAS CONVENTION IN AUSTIN

The Texas Convention in Austin September 12-13 is near. I hope many of you can come since we only have one a year. This is a time that all chapters in Texas can get together and share what each one has been doing during the year. We are fortunate this year in that we have our National President of the KWVA will be with us. He will be able to respond to any question you may have. We will have other speakers that will be telling us what is happening in the National KWVA.

This is going to be a very special convention because our National President is from Texas. Let's come and show him we are backing him all the way. I believe our KWVA will grow now that we have a Charter.

RETIREES APPRECIATION DAYS AT FORT HOOD

October 24-26 will be Retirees Appreciation days. I understand this is a very special event. This event is for all branches of services.

GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC. MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES AUGUST, 16, 2008

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on August 16, 2008 at the Martin Sprocket & Gear Facility in Arlington, Texas. The Chapter meeting was called to order by President Larry Kinard with 40 members and 4 guests present. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Burleigh Casler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag conducted by William Hoyle. Jim Wetmore read the Chapter Creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard asked for approval of the July Membership Minutes as printed in the August Bulldog Bugle. Kenneth King made a motion to approve the Minutes and John Fisher seconded. The motion carried. He then asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report for July also printed in the August Bulldog Bugle. Glenn Smith made the motion and Marvin Dunn seconded and the motion passed.

President Kinard introduced our two guests Bob & Faye McLaren and Bob gave a short introduction of his service during the Korean War and after. He also stated he would like to join the Chapter.

President Kinard asked Sim Goodall to introduce our Speaker for the evening and his wife who came with him. Program Chairman, Sim Goodall introduced Dennis Brink the Operational

Administrator at the Fort Worth Clinic, and his wife Lou Ann. Mr. Brink gave the group a very interesting presentation about the new facility that would be built in the Fort Worth area to take care of the surrounding communities as a way of caring for veterans closer to their homes and without the long drive to the Dallas VA Facility. It will not be a bedding facility, but will be a place where sufficient parking and ease of finding what is needed in the way of care for many veterans. It will be easy to get to and the ground breaking will be on September 26, 2008 and completion is scheduled for a November 2010 opening. This will be an outpatient facility with no emergency room with an increased square footage nearly five times as large as the existing facility on Rosedale Ave. The location is close to the intersection of I-20 and Campus Dr on the South side of Fort Worth. He then answered questions from the group and many participated. His presentation was well received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Annette White reported that most of the Chapter Cookbooks have been sold and if anyone needed more she had approximately 26 - 30 left. She reported she had about \$1,000 in sales thus far and would give that to the Treasurer who could report actual numbers in his next financial report. President Kinard said the Chapter really appreciated the work she has done on this project and of course she also thanked all those who helped her.

Tell America Chairman, Byron White reported that the chapter really needed to push the Tell America Program within the area schools and that he would be contacting more schools to try to do this.

In Chairman Ted Malcolm absence Glenn Smith reported that he had attended the Dallas Veterans Day committee meeting and reported that it was indeed being presented with a theme including the Korean War.

Communication Chairman Jim Wetmore again stressed that the Communication Committee is doing their job and reported to the membership that Eileen Montanez had surgery on her hand, Betty Stovall is recuperating from Knee surgery and Jo Ann Dunn is still having problems with her health and is not recovering very fast from a bout with a virus.

Newsletter Editor, Marvin Dunn requested that those interested in helping with the newsletter would meet at 10:00am Monday at the Atlanta Bakery on August 25, 2008.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Kinard stated that the offer to a new member of receiving a shirt, patches and hat seemed to be helping in our recruiting. He reported that we should make sure when we talk to someone that we remind them that we do this.

Most of the old Executive Council Members, who left office this past election, were not present to receive their Certificate of Appreciation so this presentation will continue at the next meetings until all have received recognition for their Chapter work.

National President Bill Mac Swain gave a short presentation about the awarding of the Federal Charter in Washington DC which he and Barbara, along with other Korean War Veterans, attended on July 24, 2008. He also had the framed Charter along so the membership could see it.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kinard reported that the next meeting of the Chapter will be on September 20, 2008 at the Martin Sprocket and Gear Facility. Arlington Police Department spokesmen will make a presentation.

Membership Chairman Fisher told the membership that a reception for the new President would be held and plans have been formulated to hold it at the Bob Duncan Center on October 4, 2008 and that plans were to serve finger food and soft drinks only. He asked for the ladies of the Chapter to please help with cookies and other items to be used for snacks. He also read a letter that had already

been written inviting other guests such as Chapter 270, the Dallas Korean War Group and some of the city and areas higher government individuals , along with Koreans associated with communities in the area.

1st Vice President Al D'Agostino reminded the group that our Annual Picnic will be held at Randall Mill Park on October 11, 2008. This is not our regular meeting day so keep this in mind. The park was not available for that Saturday.

Roy Hill times was held with all the Ladies present receiving a gift from Roy for their work in the chapter and furnish the food for our noon meals. He also donated 4 prizes for the 50/50 drawing.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Neva Wetmore won \$70 and the Chapter collected \$73. Five gifts from Roy Hill were then drawn for with Gene Highsmith, Bill Mac Swain, Judy Richards, Walter Lynch and Mary Lou Stone each winning one of the gifts. Neva later donated her 50/50 winnings toward the Christmas Party in December.

State Department President Marvin Dunn reminded the Chapter that the Department meeting was in Austin the 12th & 13th of September and hoed many from this chapter would attend. He also had Registration Forms available for those who might be interested.

Jim Wetmore made a motion to adjourn with a prayer and William Hoyle seconded. The motion carried. President Kinard told Chaplain Casler he was happy to see him back after his recent bout with pneumonia. Chaplain Burleigh Casler then gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary

EILEEN'S CORNER

The Aug 25th issue of The Army Times has an article about the small COLA hike, 2.8% cost-of-living adjustment in veteran's disability & survivor pay approved by the Senate before the summer congressional recess that is drawing complaints & head-scratching from veterans because the amount is far short of the annual inflation rate this year, running at 6.2 % through July.

But the 2.8% hike was included in S 2617 by the Senate Veteran's Affairs Committee merely as a placeholder, with lawmakers expecting to alter the amount before final passage of the bill so that the annual increase in veteran's disability compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors, and pensions for low- income vets matches the cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security & military retired pay.

SEND CARE 'PACKAGES' TO TROOPS WITHOUT POSTAGE. AAFES "GIFTS FROM THE HOMEFRONT"

DALLAS – Today's postal rates may leave those supporting deployed troops feeling light in the wallet. A seven-pound parcel sent first-class mail from the U.S. to Iraq now costs \$37 just for shipping and handling, not including the amount already spent for the contents inside the package. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service's (AAFES') "Gifts from the Homefront" program reduces mail expenses and ensures that virtually all funds earmarked for the troops go to the troops. For a flat shipping and handling charge of just \$4.95, you can send as much as you want through a lightweight gift certificate that can be redeemed for anything in the BX/PX.

"Gifts From the Homefront" can be sent to deployed troops by logging on to <http://www.aafes.org> or calling 1-877-770-4438. The gift certificates are not limited to friends and family. They can also be distributed to "any service member" through the Air Force Aid Society, American Red Cross, Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, Fisher House, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Operation Homefront, Operation Interdependence® or USO.

Taken from Army Echoes (Jan-Apr 2008)

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

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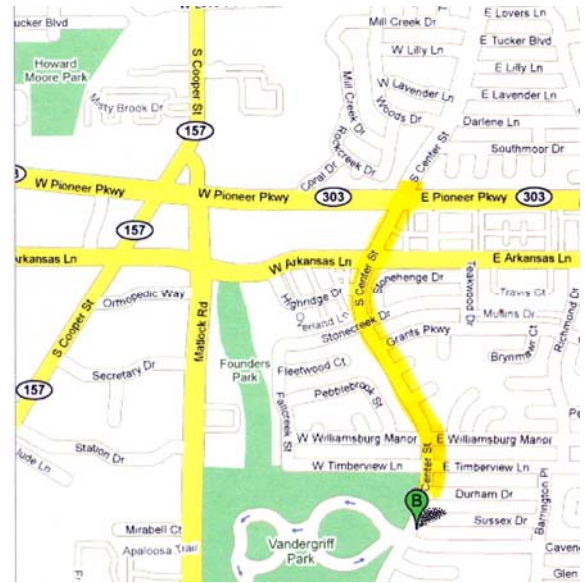
DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ▶ We will have our Executive Board meeting September 9, 2008, at the Hugh Smith at 7:00.
- ▶ Our regular Saturday meeting will be September 20, 2008, starting at 11:15 at the Martin Sprocket and Gear.

► Our yearly Picnic will be October 11, 2008, at Randall Mill Park in Arlington. That's where we have had it the last few years. Please mark this on your calendar.

► October 4th from 5:00 PM until 8 PM. This is our dedication for our new National President of the KWVA at the Bob Duncan Center in Arlington on Center Street. It is near I-20, runs north and south, but it doesn't go all the way to I-20. If you are coming from I-30, go south on Cooper to 303/Pioneer Pkwy and turn east to Center Street and right or south on Center Street. The reception committee will be calling some of you to bake cookies.

► November Meeting we will have our annual Auction. This is very important because our Auction in April didn't bring in much money because we didn't have many people attend that meeting. This is one of our fund raisers for the year. The money goes to Mission of Arlington because that's the Martins favorite charity. Also, half of the money goes to our Christmas Angel project which we help a veteran every year that are less fortunate than us and need help.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL: The Executive Board and the General Membership Meeting approved to have one Christmas Angel this year.

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	0	0			7
Dunn, Marvin	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0			8
Fisher, John	25	16	24	18	19	21	16	20	20	16			195
Goodall, Sim	35	22	26	27	22	28	19	22	33	28			262
Hall, James	59	54	24	32	24	16	54	23	8	29			323
Parker, James	31	20	24	24	24	18	30	18	24	30			243
Total Hours	150	112	98	101	89	94	119	83	89	103			1038

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Martin Sprocket and Gear for their beautiful building
- Our fantastic Ladies who keep us overweight and do a wonderful job.
- All of our committees that do a great job.
- Sandy for putting up with me for our newsletter
- Thanks for all our wonderful members that are so faithful in attending.
- Thanks for our fine Executive Committee for giving up their time to meet and try to better our chapter.

VETERAN HOUSE LEGISLATION HOUSE BILLS

H.R. 0023: Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2007.

A bill to amend title 46., United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individual who served in the United States Merchant Marine (included the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II. Sponsor: Rep. Filner, Bob (Cal-51) (Introduced 1/4/07. Cosponsor (244).

Companion bill S. 0961. Status: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veteran Affairs.

H.R. 0081: Montgomery G I Bill Act. A bill to amend title 38 United States Code to provide that members of the Armed Forces and Selected Reserve may transfer certain educational assistance benefits to dependents and for other purposes. Sponsor- Rep. Bartlet, Roscoe G. (MD-6) (introduced 1/4/08 Cosponsor (6). Status; Referred to Subcommittee on Military personal.

H.R. 0109: DISABLED VETERAN: Small Business Eligibility Expansion Act of 2007. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to make service- disabled veterans eligible under the 8 (a) business development program. Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Jo Ann (VA-1) introduced 1/4/07. Cosponsors (2) Status; referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

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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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Chapter 215 monument donated to the National Cemetery



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

09/09/08 -- Our Executive meeting will be Tuesday the 8th at Hugh Smith Center on New York Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

09/20/08 -- 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. HELPERS NEEDED– PLEASE VOLUNTEER!