



## 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

The month of October is going to be a busy time for many of our members with the big reception Saturday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, the picnic at Randol Mill Park and the National KWVA Reunion in Norfolk, Virginia. At the meeting last Saturday **John Fisher** brought us up to date on the plans for the Reception for our National President at the Bob Duncan Center in Arlington. He reminded everyone that this was our party to honor **Bill and Barbara Mac Swain** who has been elected to lead the National KWVA for the next 2 years. We hope everyone will be able to attend and take part by helping as needed and welcoming our invited guests. Those invited include Chapter 270, the Arlington Mayor and his wife, representatives from the Korean Consul's Office in Houston and a large number from the local Korean Community. We are expecting around 150. John and his committee are doing a great job in getting everything ready for what we hope will be an impressive evening of fun and entertainment.

Please make a note on your calendar that our October meeting will be the picnic at Arlington Randol Mill Park on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a week earlier than the regular meeting date. **Al D'Agostino** said the menu of Bar-B-Que brisket, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the chapter and asked the wives to bring side dishes to go with the meat. We are expecting the weather to be good and hope to see a large crowd there.

The National Reunion this year is in Norfolk, Virginia on October 22-26. It looks like we will have six members and their wives attending to support our new president at his first National Reunion.

After a lively discussion the membership voted not to take part in the Veterans Day Parade in Dallas and instead to attend the Arlington Veterans Park ceremony at 11 AM on November 11<sup>th</sup>. As **Col. Stone** pointed out we are the largest and best known veterans group in Arlington and we should do our best to have a strong representation there. After the event we are hoping to go to a local restaurant for lunch. Details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers as they are recovering or preparing for surgery: **Betty Stovall** (knee replacement), **Mrs. Walter Lynch** (aortic aneurysm), **Jim Hall** (accidental fall) and **Mrs. Jim Lucas** (pending cancer surgery).

*Larry Kinard, President*



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

## STAYING IN TOUCH

| OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS |    | MEMORY         |    | ANNIVERSARIES            |
|-------------------|----|----------------|----|--------------------------|
| Nathan Stovall    | 3  | James Craig    | 23 | Joan & Lon Golden 3/53   |
| Jack Marr         | 4  | Louis Holmes   | 23 |                          |
| Vincent Aguilera  | 5  | Jean Dickerson | 24 | Sara & Bobby Brown 16/51 |
| Chester Haynes    | 10 | Bobby Brown    | 25 |                          |
| Jerry Bryant      | 17 | Frank Mascorro | 28 |                          |
| J. C. Reeves      | 22 |                |    |                          |

### RECEPTION FOR THE NATIONAL KWVA PRESIDENT

**October 4, 2008**, is a very important date for us to remember. We are having a reception for the new President of the National KWVA, **Bill Mac Swain**. It will begin at 5:00 P.M. but we need some members to be there at 3:00 P.M. to help set everything up. It is a great honor to have the National President from Chapter 215, as well as being from Texas. We need to show him that we support him 100%. The program is as follows:

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|-------------------------------|--|
| MASTER OF CEREMONIES          | LARRY KINARD,<br>President of Chapter 215 KWVA   |
| KOREAN INTERPRETER            | JESSICA CHOI   |
| INVOCATION                    | DON JONES  |
| PRESENT THE COLORS            | CHAPTER 270 KWVA<br>Richard Sanchez, Gui Jung,<br>ED Wuermster, Billy Denton,<br>Jerry Kasten & Dick Lethe |
| NATIONAL ANTHEM               | JESSICA CHOI   |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE          | COL. JAMES STONE,<br>RECIPIENT MEDAL OF HONOR  |
| INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS        | PRESIDENT LARRY KINARD   |
| GUEST SPEAKERS:               |  |
| Honorable Mayor of Arlington  | ROBERT CLUCK   |
| Korean Counsel General        | JUNG-KEUN KIM  |
| Appreciation Letter           | DAVID CAMERON  |
| Address by National President | WILLIAM MAC SWAIN  |
| Program by Korean Community   | KAY LEE CAMERON  |
| Interpreter                   | JESSICA CHOI   |
| CLOSING STATEMENTS            | PRESIDENT LARRY KINARD   |
| BENEDICTION                   | BURLEIGH CASLER, CHAPLAIN  |

### REFRESHMENTS

### KWVA ANNUAL PICNIC OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> -- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Please place this date on your calendar. Our picnic will be held at Randol Mill Park in Arlington west of Fielder Road. We have this every year in October and we always have a great time. The weather should be pleasant and the fellowship great. Many war stories are told at this time and some of them are true. The meat will be provided, but you can bring a dish to go with barbeque and maybe some sweets. We will eat at noon. Foods needed are: salads – beans – etc. Desserts: think easy to handle at a picnic.

WE'LL HAVE A GREAT TIME -- SEE YOU THERE

### AUCTION -- NOVEMBER 15, 2008

We have two auctions each year and they go for a good cause. Part of it goes toward our CHRISTMAS ANGEL AND MISSION ARLINGTON. We donate to Mission Arlington on behalf of Martin Sprocket

and Gear which is their favorite charity. We have a fantastic place to meet and we want to show the Martins how much we appreciate using their facility. Start looking around your house for something you can share with someone in our chapter. This is always a fun time for everyone. JACK COOPER makes it fun sometime!!

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### KWVA MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

In 1953 I arrived in Korea from Tachikawa AFB just outside Tokyo. After two attempts to take off in a fully loaded C-124, we lifted off just above the heads and banners of Japanese antiwar protesters lined up against the fence at the end of the runway. After landing at K-16, went by jeep to K-46 located near Wonju. I was assigned as the base logistics officer. K-46 was in a river valley between 2 mountains and the Military Supply Road ran through the middle of the base. Convoys of mostly 2 ½ ton trucks ran north and south almost 24 hours a day keeping the dust blowing with the prevailing wind. Night security was very difficult because of the lengthy perimeter and terrain. The only shooting I was involved with was as OD when we had sniper fire on the perimeter.

Quarters were the tents like Hawkeye on Mash lived in. In the winter, we had almost nightly fires burning down a tent. Someone asks the usual question, how cold was it?... enough in the wintertime to be able to drive your jeep across the frozen rivers. Later we traded in our old WWII vehicles for the new M series.

We were about 5 miles from the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Evac Hospital who we supported with medical airlift service. Our unit's main mission was to train UN aircrew how to escape and evade enemy ground forces when shot down. Very few aircrew men that were forced down over land were known survivors. The best plan was to ditch in the COLD coastal waters on either side of the mainland and wait for the jolly green giant. ( There was an option called "snatch pickup", which I will tell you about if you ask me.) The training was mandatory for all UN aircrew. At one time or another we had crewmen from most all of the UN air units in Korea. The survival training was done by specialists, mostly senior USAF non-coms who were really gung-ho. The only officer trainer was an Aussie AF Captain who had an international reputation as a survivalist.

The usual training cycle ran from Saturday to the next Saturday.... Upon landing, a team of cadre would meet the men at the runway and take all of their belongings, including all of the clothes they were wearing except underwear. They were put into a small barbed wire fenced dirt pen. They were prohibited from talking to one another and they had to stand up all the time. They were heavily guarded by instructors dressed in North Korean uniforms and appropriately armed with Russian made weapons. They were kept under those circumstances and not allowed to communicate with each other. At dusk, an armed instructor dressed as a Korean soldier would enter the pen with a 5-gallon pot of thin rice soup for their supper. At dark they were released from the pen and taken to their tents. The training ended with a 2-day test where the students were taken out into the mountainous area east of the base and put out individually to work their way back to the base through a picket line of instructors. Few made it back without detection. One USAF gung-ho colonel fighter Wing Commander got lost and holed up in a deserted Korean shack. He made the mistake of taking his boots off. His feet swelled and he could not get his boots back on. When he didn't make it back to the base the next day, a search of the area found him in the shack.

The school was moved to K-10 with the Korean Marines. I was left as the base caretaker until the Korean AF sent someone to officially take over K-46. Two days later he showed up and I signed the base over to him. For those 2 nights alone, I slept on my cot with my .45 under the pillow and a small generator running at night to keep a single light bulb on. I was then transferred up the MSR to the 6147<sup>th</sup> at K-47 near Chunchon, a T-6 air liaison outfit where I completed my tour.

Have you guessed who this month's bio is?? — *Byron White.*

## NEW MEMBERS IN 2008 AS OF 9/22/08

This has been a good year for our Membership Committee. Continue to invite those who we think are Korean War Veterans to join. There are many out there that would love to join our chapter -- we just have to find them. At our age, they need our fellowship and an opportunity to talk about their part in the Korean War. Many of them go to their grave never talking about their experiences. They will talk to other Korean War Veterans because we know what they went through. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE THESE MEMBERS FOR JOINING CHAPTER 215.

### REGULAR MEMBERS

|                      |                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Kenneth Dillard      | William Hoyle   | Robert McLaren  |
| Leonard G. Gigliotta | James J. Lucas  | Gregory E. Vial |
| Delbert E. Goss      | Walter E. Lynch |                 |

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

|                 |                 |               |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Alice Armstrong | Bea Hoyle       | Ava Redmond   |
| Rebecca Dillard | Faye Landham    | Beverly Steck |
| Carolyn Fisher  | Eileen Montanez | Loree Wolf    |

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## GENERAL WALTON H WALKER CHAPTER 215, INC. MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on September 20, 2008 at the Martin Sprocket & Gear Facility in Arlington, Texas. The Chapter meeting was called to order by President Larry Kinard with 55 members and 6 guests present. The Invocation was given by Sim Goodall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag conducted by Ted Malcolm. Jack Cooper read the Chapter Creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard asked for approval of the August Membership Minutes as printed in the September Bulldog Bugle. Sam Bass made a motion to approve the Minutes and Russell Stephens seconded. The motion carried. He then asked for a motion to approve the August Financial Report also printed in the September Bulldog Bugle. Russell Stephens made the motion and Kenneth King seconded and the motion passed.

President Kinard introduced our New Member Bob McLaren & Wife Faye. He also called on John Cardwell who gave a short introduction of his service during the Korean War.

President Kinard asked Sim Goodall to introduce our Speaker for the evening. Sim introduced Karen Donahue of Arlington Police Department who made a presentation on Seniors and Fraud. Officer Donahue stated that those who were 50 years old and older were 50% of those who were targeted by Fraud. Her definition of fraud was something done by deceit or trickery. She also noted that there were some 14,000 illegal telemarketing operations that accounted for over 40 Billion in losses. She presented many slides and talked of many types of fraud. After completion of her presentation the members were able to ask questions and she answered each question with an example so each of our members could understand how fraud works. Her presentation was well received.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Chairman Fisher reminded the membership that a reception for the new National President would be held and plans have been formulated to hold it at the Bob Duncan Center on October 4, 2008. Plans have been made to serve finger food and soft drinks only. He turned the reminder over to his wife Carolyn who reminded the ladies of the Chapter to please help with cookies and other items to be used for snacks. John also read a letter that had already been written inviting other guests such as Chapter 270, the Dallas Korean 6.25 Group and some of the city and areas higher government individuals, along with Koreans associated with communities in the area. Mayor Cluck of Arlington has accepted the invitation and John is looking for some 175 to be present. He also called for a meeting of the committee for Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm at the center to look

over the area. He asked the chapter members to be sure and attend in uniform and be available to help set up the center starting at 3 pm on October the 4<sup>th</sup> and also to help in the clean up after the reception was completed. The reception will last from 5 :00 pm until 8:00 pm.

Annette White reported that most of the Chapter Cookbooks have been sold and if anyone needed more she had approximately 20 left.

Tell America Chairman, Byron White reported that the chapter really needed to push the Tell America Program within the area schools and that he had contacted the Arlington Schools and we now have to fill out forms to be certified to enter the schools. He handed out forms to those present and also took up Driver Licenses to copy to be included with the Forms to be checked out before any of our members could enter a school to conduct our Tell America Programs.

Chairman Ted Malcolm reported that he had attended the Dallas Veterans Day committee meeting and that it was indeed being presented with a theme to include the Korean War. He also stated that their would be more discussion on this later.

Communication Chairman Jim Wetmore again stressed that the Communication Committee is doing their job. He also reported that Walter Lynch, Bobbie Goodall and Betty Stovall were either diagnosed with problems or recovering from surgeries. Jack Cooper also reported that James Hall had fallen over a Filling Station hose while filling up his car and had really scrapped both knees and his elbows.

Newsletter Editor, Marvin Dunn requested that those interested in helping with the newsletter should meet with him at 10:00am Monday at the Atlanta Bakery on September 22, 2008.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

President Kinard stated that the free offer to a new member of 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. At this time President Kinard called Lenny Giglottee forward and gave him his new uniform shirt and hat. He then called Glenn Smith forward and gave him a Certificate of Appreciation for having served on the Executive Council for a number of years.

A discussion was held on what the Chapter should do on Veterans Day. At the present time we have two places to be at once. First in Dallas for the Veterans Day Parade and also at the Veterans Park for its ceremony. After some discussion the members were asked to sign up to see if we had enough to make a showing at both venues. After the sign up sheet was completed it was found that we could support both venues. Jim Wetmore made a motion to only attend the Veterans Park Ceremony and James Stone seconded. A vote was taken and there was only one against the motion. Ted Malcolm was then asked to inform the Dallas Parade Committee that we would not participate. John Fisher then also reminded the membership that the National Cemetery would have their program at 3:00 pm so be sure and attend this program also.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

President Kinard reported that the next meeting of the Chapter will be on October 11, 2008. He asked Special Events Chairman Al D'Agostino to give more information. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Al D'Agostino reminded the group that our Annual Picnic will be held at Randall Mill Park on October 11, 2008 and will start at 10:00 am. We have the park from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. He also reminded the members that the meat would be supplied and all we need is the necessary support stuff like mustard, onions, potato chips, drinks, dessert and lettuce, etc. He also reminded everyone this is not our regular meeting day. President Kinard also related this fact and mentioned that Chapter 270 would not be attending since the picnic fell on their regular meeting Saturday.

Roy Hill time was held with all the Ladies present receiving a gift from Roy for their work in the chapter and for furnishing the food for our noon meal. He also donated 3 prizes for the 50/50.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Judy Richards won \$82 and the Chapter collected \$82. Three gifts from Roy Hill were then drawn for with Cora Hogan, Dorothy Malcolm and Jim Wetmore each winning a pillow.

Roy Hill made a motion to adjourn with a prayer and Ben Hogan seconded. The motion carried and Chaplain Don Jones closed with a prayer.

*Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary*

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

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**TRUE STORY BY KEN DILLARD**

About 1952-53, I was in the Korean Harbor area on a ten can (destroyer) patrolling and trying to draw fire from the enemy, the New Jersey could then come from around the bend and open fire on them.

One shipmate had a handle bar mustache about 6-8 inches on each side. Another shipmate and I decided to cut one side of it off while he slept. He was a very sound sleeper. We did cut off one side while he slept. It was around 2:00 A.M. When reveille came around I went up to the restroom to see what old Ferggie would say when he looked in the mirror and discovered that he lost some weight while he slept. Ferggie was very upset and called every sailor names not repeatable. I learned some new words that morning. Fortunately, Ferggie never found out who did that terrible deed. Maybe that's why I am still alive today.

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The two pictures below were taken at the Dallas VA Medical Center on July 27<sup>th</sup> celebrating the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Korean War.



Sim Goodall – main speaker



Col. James Stone, Sim Goodall, JD Randolph

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### PEOPLE TO THANK

- ▶ Martin Sprocket and Gear for allowing us to use their beautiful facility
- ▶ Ladies for all the work they do and the delicious food they bring
- ▶ Sandy Moran for putting up with me on the newsletter
- ▶ Al D'Agostino for the use of his equipment
- ▶ Executive Board for meeting every month to make sure the chapter runs smoothly
- ▶ All of the standing officers that go unnoticed
- ▶ Roy Hill for his recognizing the importance of our ladies and the delicious food they bring

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### MARTIN SPROCKET CLEAN-UP AFTER OUR MEETING

We need people to help clean up the building after we have our meeting each month. Most of you are great about this. George Todd was a great help this past month. Thanks George!!!

**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:

**10/04/08** Reception for National KWVA President, Bill Mac Swain from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Bob Duncan Center. It is located at 2800 S. Center St. One block east of Matlock.

**10/11/08** Picnic at Randall Mills Park at from 10:00 until 2:00 PM

**10/14/08** Executive Board meeting at Smith Hugh Center from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

**10/22-26/08** National KWVA Convention Oct. 22-26 in Norfolk, VA

**11/15/08** Auction at Martin Sprocket and Gear at our regular meeting

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