



General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215

THE BULLDOG BUGLE



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER OCTOBER 2009

The big topic for this month has to be the **KWVA National Annual Membership** meeting at the Westin Hotel in Irving on October 24-26. I know I have said several times and I am repeating myself but I really hope we will have a good representation at this meeting since we are the co-host with Chapter 270. We also need volunteers to help with Registration, Hospitality and Transportation. If you haven't signed up to help yet please get in touch with the following members who have agreed to coordinate these functions: **Bill and Bea Hoyle, Registration; Sam and Rho Bass, Hospitality; Nathan Stovall, Transportation.** The registration desk and hospitality rooms will be open each day and we will arrange for shifts and try not to make it too long. Registration and Hospitality will be the areas that we greet our out of town visitors and give them a good Texas welcome. We are considering getting a 15 passenger van for tours to Dallas and Ft Worth for a small fee to cover the cost and will probably need someone to help Nathan with providing information and loading the vans and we will probably need volunteers to drive to the Cowboy Stadium on Tuesday morning for the tour there. Right now we don't know how many have signed up for that particular event so we don't know how many drivers will be needed. Be sure and let us know if you can help.

REMINDER: Our next meeting on October 17th will be the picnic and the auction at Randol Mill Park in Arlington. We have invited Chapter 270 and I think some of them will come. We are counting on everyone to come and take part in the food, fun and fellowship and help with this annual fund raising event.

The Greater Dallas Veterans Council will have its Honoree of the Year Banquet and Raffle at 1:30 pm, Sunday, October 11 at the VA Spinal Cord Injury Center. All are invited to attend and honor Mr. Joe Delpaiz the Medical Center Director of the VA hospital for all the good work he has done this year. Tickets are \$12.50 (advanced purchase) and \$15.00 at the door. If you are interested please let me know and I will arrange for the tickets.

See you at the picnic.

Larry Kinard, President, Chapter 215

KWVA CHAPTER 215 ANNUAL PICNIC

- Date:** October 17, 2009
- Time:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Food will be served around 11:00 AM
- Where:** Randol Mill Park, 1924 West Randol Mill Rd. Arlington, 76012
- What's provided:** Bar-B-Q Brisket, Hamburgers & Hotdogs
- What to bring:** Your favorite Salad, i.e. Potato salad, Coleslaw, Baked beans, Condiments, onions, lettuce, tomatoes and desserts, etc.

STAYING IN TOUCH

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		MEMORY		ANNIVERSARY
Nathan Stovall	3	Louis Holmes	23	Joan & Lon Golden 3/53
Jack Marr	4	Jean Dickerson	24	
Chester Haynes	10	Bobby Brown	25	Sara & Bobby Brown 16/51
Jerry Bryant	17	Gregory Vial	26	
J C Reeves	22	Frank Mascorro	28	
James Craig	23			

MEMBER BIOGRAPHY – Lew Feucht

This month's biography is actually an excerpt from Lew Feucht's autobiography found in the Korean War Educator under Veteran's Memoirs.

Lew was born in Ogden, Utah in 1926, of German immigrant parents who settled there. He attended Ogden High School and was in the ROTC circa 1943; during the winter months he worked as a paper boy to help out his family. He then got on to Western Union as a messenger. He graduated high school mid year so he could join the Marines, one month before his 18th birthday. On January 18th 1944 he was sworn in.

He took his boot training in San Diego and was assigned to Platoon 146. After finishing boot camp he went into Radio School on the Marine Corps base in San Diego. When school was over he got his first stripe and was sent to Camp Pendleton to Field Signal School. The Marines had enlisted native Indians to become code talkers and Lou became acquainted with some of these Navajos during that time.

On Dec. 14, 1944, Lew was on the USS Patrick on his way overseas to the island of Pavuvu in the Russell Islands where he was assigned to 1st Recon Co., Headquarters Battalion, of the 1st Marine Division. After checking in he was then transported to Guadalcanal. On Feb 23, 1945, Recon Co. boarded the USS Renville for Okinawa where he was assigned to one of the special landing craft and on April 1st the invasion started. He stayed mostly with Headquarters Platoon and was a recon observer. He was then assigned to Division Observation Post duty. His OP was in the hills from Naha not far from Shuri Castle and did their observing of the front lines from the OP for several days. When the announcement came about the dropping of the A-bomb they were called back to HQ, packed up their gear, and headed for their new assignment in Tientsin, China.

While Lew was in Tientsin he enrolled in a correspondence course that the Marines offered from a school in the States. On completion of his 6 months duty in China he boarded a ship for home where he landed on April 27th, 1946. He went back to Ogden and his job with Western Union now as a teletype operator. He applied for a transfer to Los Angeles so he could attend the trade school he had taken the correspondence course from while in China and worked his classes around his job. Missing the camaraderie he had in the service Lew joined the organized reserve at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center. He was sworn in on Oct. 17, 1947.

Back at his job he eventually got into special events and spent a lot of "work" time attending sporting events and other outside assignments. In June of 1950 when Lew was in their summer camp session at Camp Pendleton problems started to show up in Korea and rumors started that they'd be called into active duty to help out in Korea and Lew eventually found himself on board ship heading for Korea.

Lew had trouble remembering much of his Korea experience due to the insulin shock treatments he received after coming down with a severe fever and diarrhea, as well as depression. He had a reaction to the drugs they gave him in the hospital and they shipped him back to the States. He spent 5 months in the Naval Hospital in Oakland. Lou has memory lapses of that time as well. After his discharge from the hospital they arranged for him to work in the Treasure Island Naval Hospital post office until his

enlistment was up. In the meantime they upgraded him to Sgt. He was discharged from the service Aug. 3, 1951. Lew's group earned two Presidential Unit Citations, one each for Okinawa & Korea, plus the China Service Medal & the Korean Service Medal.

He returned to L.A. to his old job as an automatic operator where his career was just beginning and he was yet to get into the technical part of his employment with the company. His assignment was to cover special events like baseball and football games, golf tournaments, etc, where Lew was assigned to handle reporters' copy. At one such event he met his future wife, Lynn. She was the first woman they allowed to work in the press box. Lew got to shake hands with the then V.P. Nixon who attended the Rose Bowl game that year. Lew attended many functions in his capacity as a reporter's operator and met many famous people.

In April of 1956, engineer Jerry Gott approached Lew in the Traffic Dept and asked if he was still interested in coming into the wire and repeater section and Lew was transferred to the plant dept. In 1959 they asked Lou if he was interested in contract maintenance with the Air Force out of N.Y. headquarters and he transferred there as a maintenance supervisor. He was only there a short time when they moved him to Chattanooga for training in the Plan-55 system which the A.F. had contracted from Western Union.

Lew had left his car with Lynn when he left for N.Y. When he finished his training he called Lynn on the phone and proposed, and they married on March 22, 1959. Lew and his ride then left for Chattanooga where he returned to continue teaching A.F. students on Plan-55. From there Lew was sent to McClellan AFB in CA. About the middle of 1960 HQ needed instructors for a school started in Wichita Falls, TX. This was training A.F. Technicians as well as Civil Service personnel.

Lou made several more transfers winding up in N.J. where their son David was born. They eventually moved back to Sacramento where their daughter Jodi was born. Lew eventually got a transfer to Dallas and worked there until his retirement. Lou's hobby is writing poetry.

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

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on September 19, 2009 at the Arlington Police Substation in Arlington, Texas. The Chapter meeting was called to order by President Larry Kinard with 47 members and 8 guests present. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Burleigh Casler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag conducted by Calvin Langford. Nathan Stovall read the Chapter Creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard asked for a motion to approve the August Membership Minutes and the August Financial Report both presented in the September Bulldog Bugle. Jack Cooper made the motion to approve the August Minutes and Sam Bass seconded. The motion passed. John Fisher made the motion to approve the August Financial Report and Jack Cooper seconded. The motion passed.

President Kinard welcomed a new member Leonard Plog and Leonard gave a short talk about his role in the Navy as a Fighter Pilot. He then welcomed seven guests to the meeting and then introduced our Guest Speaker Charles Shiner a Master Gardener. Mr. Shiner gave the members a very fine talk in Composting 101, by first stating "it is easier to get things to rot than grow". He also answered questions from the members and then made available a book on Composting. His talk was very informative and well presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Kinard introduced Annette White and Annette reminded the members that the new Directories were still available for purchase. President Kinard "Thanked" Annette for her hard and thorough work on completing the Directory and then presented her with a Chapter "Certificate of Appreciation".

Special Events Chairman Al D'Agostino reminded the membership of our up coming Picnic on October 17, 2009 at Randol Mill Park and what needed to be brought to complete the meal. He stated that the meat would be furnished by the Chapter. The Picnic will be from 8 am to 2 pm and food would be served around 11:00 a.m. He suggested slaw, beans, onions, condiments, lettuce, tomatoes and desserts be brought.

Jack Cooper then stated that the Auction would also be held at that function. He asked all members to attend this Auction since it was the only fund raiser for the Christmas Angel Project this year. Be sure and stay

for the auction and bid on all of the neat stuff place on auction.

Communication Officer Jim Wetmore praised his telephone Committee members for doing a fine job of keeping the membership informed of important events and reporting those to him that were having health problems. He reported on Roy Hill, Neva Wetmore, Glenn Smith, Vernell Cooper, Betty Stovall and that Janet Baker was mending very well and she and Bill had gone to a POW/MIA meeting.

Membership Chairman Jack Cooper reminded the members of the contest to see who brings in the most members by December 31, 2009. The winners National & Chapter annual dues will be paid.

President Kinard, "Thanked" Eileen Montanez and asked her to take care of the October Bulldog Bugle meeting. She stated that the meeting would be on Monday September 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Atlanta Bread Shop and all were invited to attend to help with articles for the newsletter.

Service Officer Sim Goodall reported information that certain Military Awards Recipients were exempt from payments of Parking Meter Fees. You must have License Plates on your automobile. Purple Heart License Plates have been added. You should check the H.R. Bill 618 & 2020 to be sure your tag is included before ignoring a Parking Meter Fee, to be sure you are covered.

OLD BUSINESS

President Kinard reminded the members that each Friday is red shirt day and when asked why we are wearing red shirts to answer that we Believe in God, We Believe in America and We Support our Troops.

John Fisher asked those who wanted to work at the National Cemetery to please see him after the meeting and sign up as volunteers for a four hour shift. He had Volunteer Sign-up sheets available.

President Kinard asked Carolyn Fisher to speak about the cards she was sending out to those who were having health problems. Carolyn asked all who knew someone who was ill to be sure and let her or Jim Wetmore know. She also asked if the cards were serving their purpose and all agreed they were a necessary way of helping those who received them.

Roy Hill then reported that he would be hosting the Christmas Angel meeting at Outlaws BBQ in Grand Prairie and wanted all to come in uniform. Calvin Langford would be the entertainment with songs and Christmas Songs would also be sung by the membership. The restaurant will have Holiday decorations so Roy is expecting a great turnout. The 6.25 ROK Veterans of Dallas will also be invited. Information on this meeting will be placed in the Bulldog Bugle and the women in the chapter will not have to cook or serve and clean-up. The Christmas Angel will also be introduced at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry announced the next meeting was the Picnic and Auction at Randol Mill Park and no business or speaker would be scheduled. Chapter 270 will also be invited to attend.

He asked for volunteers for the National Annual Association Meeting and Bill Hoyle passed around sign-up sheets after Bill Mac Swain stated what type volunteers were required.

John Fisher asked how many members would purchase a Korean War Museum 2010 Calendar at \$5 to \$7 each and approximately 20 agreed to do so. John will order that number. He also reminded the members that they should be documenting their roles in the Korean War on Audio Tape to send to the Museum to document personal experience from troops who served.

Roy Hill time was celebrated with Roy again offering jewelry for the women in appreciation for their work in fixing the meals and serving as well as cleaning up following the great lunches we enjoy before the meetings.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Guest Annette Robinson, Calvin Langford's Niece won \$78 as her half of the drawing, while the Chapter received \$79. Four Special Prizes donated by the Plog's were draw for as well as three other gifts from Roy Hill. Bill Hoyle, Kenneth King, Mary Lou Stone, Roy Hill, Burleigh Casler, Carolyn Fisher and Connie Singleton were the winners of those donated gifts.

Sam Bass made a motion to adjourn with a prayer. Kenneth King seconded and the motion carried. Chaplain Burleigh Casler gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary

REMINDER: KWVA NATIONAL CONVENTION -- OCT 24TH-26TH

The National Convention will be held on Oct 24th -26th at the Westin Hotel in Irving. The last issue of the Greybeards had the application in it with the hotel's telephone number and a copy of the agenda.

Be sure and send your application in. Since this will probably be the last time the National Convention will be held in Dallas, let's have a great turnout.

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

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EILEEN'S CORNER *Submitted by Eileen Montanez*

STROKE WARNING SIGNS

The first step in preventing the debilitating effects of a stroke is to recognize the symptoms as quickly as possible and call for emergency assistance.

Do not ignore the warning signs of a stroke and remember not all of these occur with a stroke. When you arrive at the hospital make sure to let them know you're having a stroke. If possible, pay attention to the time the symptoms started and let them know that as well. There is a drug that can save

critical brain tissue after a stroke, but it only works well if patients get to the emergency room within a certain period of time.

In the event you are with someone who is having a stroke, call 911 even if they tell you they're fine. Time is of the essence and it is imperative that they receive medical assistance immediately.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE WITH YOU HAS ONE OR MORE OF THESE SIGNS, DON'T DELAY!

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause

Immediately call 9-1-1 or your emergency response number so an ambulance (ideally with advanced life support) can be sent for you. Also, check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared. It's very important to take immediate action. If given within three hours of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug called tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) can reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke. tPA is the only FDA-approved medication for the treatment of stroke within three hours of stroke symptom onset.

A **TIA**, or transient ischemic attack, is a “warning stroke” or “mini-stroke” that produces stroke-like symptoms but no lasting damage. Recognizing and treating TIAs can reduce your risk of a major stroke. The usual TIA symptoms are the same as those of stroke, only temporary. The short duration of these symptoms and lack of permanent brain injury is the main difference between TIA and stroke.

<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3053#Stroke>

PROPOSITION 8

VETERANS STILL AFTER RIO GRANDE VALLEY VA HOSPITAL. The McAllen, Texas Monitor (9/25 James) reports, “More than 100,000 veterans in South Texas are closer to their dream of a veteran’s hospital” in the Rio Grande Valley. On November 3rd, voters “statewide will consider a constitutional amendment...that gives Texas the option of partnering” with consider a constitutional amendment...that gives Texas the option of partnering” with the Federal Government to build veterans hospitals, a measure designed to bring a hospital” to the Valley, Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-TX) “again filed legislation this year to authorize the VA to construct a facility and reports to Congress outlining its costs and timeline. At the same time, the VA is proceeding with plans to split the Valley, Corpus Christi and Laredo off from its San Antonio-based hospital system by 2011 and give the region its own director, its own budget and its own office in Harlingen. The VA has taken steps to reduce trips to San Antonio by signing contracts with local hospital to provide inpatient and care to Valley veterans,” and officials “estimate the move eliminated the need for 95 percent of the trips. “ But Valley vets like Homer Gallegos, chairman of the Veterans Alliance of South Texas “haven’t lost sight what they still want, “ and they “are touting Proposition 8 as their best chance yet to land a hospital for the Valley”

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

- To Jim Wetmore for his hard work chairing the telephone committee and keeping up with sick call.
- To all the ladies who provide the delicious meals at every meeting.
- To Roy Hill for the gifts he gives the ladies at every meeting.
- To Al D'Agostino and Sandy Moran for putting the newsletter together every month.

VA VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR AUGUST: KWVA CHAPTER 215

<u>Name of Volunteer:</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>Name of Volunteer:</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
John Fisher	20	Sim Goodall	20
James Parker	14		

Thank you all for giving your time – What a great tribute to our veterans!

A LITTLE HUMOR -- A SENIOR WEDDING

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Florida, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in.

Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds"

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Rebecca: "How about suppositories?"

Pharmacist: "You bet!"

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, and Alzheimer's?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Rebecca: "Everything for heartburn and indigestion?"

Pharmacist: "We sure do."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "Adult diapers?"

Pharmacist: "Sure."

After a pause, Jacob turns to his lady and asks, "So, what do you think?"

Rebecca turns to the pharmacist and says, "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

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VA WARNS OF TELEPHONE SCAM

Sept. 14, 2009

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) – Officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs are warning people not to give credit card numbers over the phone to callers claiming to be updating VA prescription information. Kevin Secor, a Veterans Service Organizations liaison with the office of the secretary of Veterans Affairs, sent an e-mail recently that outlined the scam.

"I have received many reports that veterans are being contacted by 'Patient Care Group' representing that they are helping administer VA prescriptions and stating that the pharmacy billing procedures have changed and they are therefore requesting veteran credit card numbers for prescription payments in advance of filling their prescriptions," Mr. Secor wrote. "This is false. VA does not call veterans asking to disclose personal financial information over the phone. VA has not changed its processes for dispensing prescription medicines." Anyone who receives a call from someone claiming to work for the Patient Care Group who is seeking a credit card number should simply hang up. Veterans with questions about VA services should contact the nearest VA medical center or call toll-free 877-222-8387.

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Chapter 215 monument donated to the National Cemetery



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

October 13 Executive Board Meeting - Hugh Smith Center from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

October 17 ANNUAL PICNIC in lieu of regular meeting 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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

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.