



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 DECEMBER 2009

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving last week. We certainly did with 17 at our house on Thanksgiving Day. This was the first one for our new great grandchild **Noah Robert Kinard** who is now 6 weeks old. It is good to have a new baby around the house.

I thought we had a good meeting in November. A good crowd of 67 members and guests were there to hear a program that had been recommended by **Janet and Bill Baker**. **Carolyn Noonan** told us about her USMC father who had been a Japanese prisoner for the total time of WW II. **Terry Kirk** was a brave and tough marine to survive almost 5 years of torture and starvation. Thanks to **Carolyn and Joe Noonan** and her mother **Millie Kirk** for visiting with us.

Ron Lange and his wife Jean joined the chapter and a potential new member **Stan Bullard and his wife Linda** were there. We are very glad to have them and it would be a good thing for everyone to make an effort to shake hands and welcome them at the next meeting.

Sim Goodall, Byron White and I had an appointment with the volunteer coordinator at the Dallas VA last week to talk about operating a popcorn machine in the Ft Worth VA Outpatient Clinic. This will be a wonderful fund raising effort for the chapter and should be a good source of income for the many worthwhile projects of our chapter. We were told we probably will not be able to begin until October, 2010 when the new facility opens. In the meantime, we will continue to plan and do the ground work necessary to get ready for the time when we can get it going.

We are looking forward to **Roy Hill's** Christmas party at the next meeting on December 19. Roy is very generous in providing lunch for all of us at Outlaw's Bar B Que restaurant in Grand Prairie. We plan to have a very short business meeting with most of the time eating, singing and exchanging presents. Hope to see all of you there.

Larry Kinard, President



Veteran's Day at the Arlington Veteran's Park Ceremony

*Larry Kinard, Byron
White, Jack Cooper &
Ted Malcolm*

November 11, 2009

*Pictures submitted by
James Lucas*

STAYING IN TOUCH

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Tom Landham	4	James Wetmore	17
Lon Golden	7	James Lucas	26
Ted Malcolm	12	William Yoss, Sr	26
Dorothy Malcolm	12	Joan Golden	26
Ina Lee Smith	15	James L Stone	27
Ray Martin	17	Ed Singleton	27

MEMORY

Mary Lou & James Stone 8/89
Jo Ann & Marvin Dunn 20/52
Nina & Doyle Smith 17/96
Vernell & Jack Cooper 22/66

ANNIVERSARY

EILEEN'S CORNER

A reminder from Annette White: Directories are still available for \$15 plus \$3.50 for shipping. Send a check payable to Annette White for \$18.50 if you'd like to have one. Her address is 904 Purdue Dr, Arlington 76012, or call 817-366-2608.

Photos will be taken at the January meeting for new members or those who were taken in civvies and want to have a photo taken in their uniform shirt. Come prepared in January.

There were 2 new potential members at the November meeting, Stan and Linda Bullard. We would be happy to welcome them to our chapter,

Also a reminder to let Roy Hill know if you plan to attend the Christmas party on December 19th at Outlaw's restaurant in Grand Prairie. His telephone number is 972-262-7222 and he needs to know by Dec 10th. Meet at 11:00 AM and eat at 12:00 PM.

LISTEN UP 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are now due for most of the members of the General Walton H Walker Chapter #215. Those with a later date than 01/30/10 on the mailing label will be contacted later. If your dues date starts with a 00/00/00 you do not owe National dues since you are a Life Member. This is your second reminder that dues of \$40 for those with a 01/01/10 and those wives who are Associate Members at \$12 with the second 01/01/10 on your Bulldog Bugle mailing label.

Those who owe \$40, includes the National dues of \$25 and \$15 for Chapter dues. The Treasurer will send in your National Membership renewal for you. Please make out your check to Chapter #215. Those of you who owe \$12 as Associate Members (mostly the wives of members who also wish to support the chapter) may include your payment in one check also. Mail your check to Chapter #215, P O Box 122084, Fort Worth, TX 76121-2084. Be sure and memo your check as 2010 Membership dues. The Treasurer will also accept dues at the December Membership Meeting. If you have received a postcard from National that your dues were due and you have already sent your National dues to them you only owe \$15 for Chapter dues if your dues date shows 01/01/10 on the label. If your dues are not received by the end of December you will be called or a letter sent as a reminder that your dues have not been paid.

The Executive Council appreciates your membership in the Chapter and hopes that all will submit their renewal dues payment before the end of December 2009. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer at 817-244-0706 or e-mail BillMacSwain@charter.net. If you have already mailed in your dues and you still show 01/01/10 on your label your dues payment was not received by 11/30/09, when the labels were printed.

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

[omitted from online version]

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

- To Jim Wetmore for his hard work chairing the telephone committee & keeping up with sick call.
- To all the ladies who provide the delicious meals at every meeting.
- To Roy Hill for his generosity and the gifts he donates at our meetings.
- To Eileen Montanez, Marvin Dunn and Sandy Moran for putting the newsletter together every month.

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

The Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 Membership Meeting was held on November 21, 2009 at the Arlington Police Substation in Arlington, Texas. The Chapter meeting was called to order by President Larry Kinard with 43 members and 8 guests present. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Burleigh Casler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag conducted by Gene Richards. Nathan Stovall read the Chapter Creed followed by a moment of silence.

President Kinard ask for a motion to approve the September Membership Minutes and the September - October Financial Reports both presented both all presented in the October or November Bulldog Bugles. Ted Malcolm made the motion to approve the September Minutes and Sam Bass seconded. The motion passed. Ben Hogan made the motion to approve the September & October Financial Reports and Ted Malcolm seconded. The motion passed.

President Kinard welcomed two new members Stan Bullard and Ron Lange and also their wives Linda & Emma and the men gave information on their service time. He then welcomed the other Guests and welcomed back Janet Baker who is still recuperating from her fall at the October Picnic. President Kinard then introduced our Guest Speaker Carolyn Noonan who gave a presentation on her Father's Book called "The Secret Camera" that was about his experience as a Japanese Prisoner of War during World War II. It was a very interesting story and books were then made available after the meeting. She also answered membership questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Kinard introduced Annette White and Annette reminded the members that the new Directories were still available for purchase. She also gave a presentation on the Popcorn Fund Raiser proposed for the Fort Worth VA Clinic. President Kinard asked how many would be able to work four hours one day of a 5 day week to sell the popcorn. Approximately seven (7) volunteered and other indicated they might also be able to fill in every once in a while. Annette and Byron will look further into the possibility of storage and costs.

Jim Wetmore reported that Rho Bass had a health problem, Jim Lucas was in the Hospital and Janet Baker was on the mend. He mentioned that Marvin Dunn was still having health problems and Secretary Mac Swain explained his problems and what has been done to help him heal better.

President Kinard reported that the Picnic put on by Special Events Chairman Al D'Agostino and his wife Barbara was a success and a few from Chapter 270 did attend.

Membership Chairman Jack Cooper reminded the members of the contest to see who brings in the most members by December 31, 2009. There is a three way tie at this time with three new members being signed up by three different Chapter Members. So some one needs to break the tie.

President Kinard, reported that he would talk to Eileen Montanez and ask her to take care of the November Bulldog Bugle meeting. The meeting will be on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 10:00 am. at the Atlanta Bread Shop and all are invited to attend to help with articles for the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

President Kinard reported that the Veterans Park Veterans Day Program was very good and about 30 to 35 members attended for a good turn out from the Chapter. He also mentioned that only five members attended the National Cemetery Program and it was also well presented.

National President Bill Mac Swain reported that the Annual Association Membership Meeting at the Westin Hotel in Irving Texas was successful and the hotel did not charge the KWVA for meeting rooms even though not enough rooms were taken to meet the contract. He thanked the Chapter for its participation and hosting and all those members who helped. It was a success because the two local chapters did most of the work and that the Registration and Banquets funds took care of all expenses to conduct the meetings, hospitality rooms, printing of the agendas placed in the Registration Bags and flowers for the Ladies at the banquet, transportation costs for tours, and audio & video equipment.

Color Banquet information (200 copies) with insert printing was donated by Chris Diaz, Lumen Christi Council, and Knights of Columbus. Kay Lee Cameron raised enough funds to pay for the ROK 6.25 Groups Banquet and the Korean Entertainment. The Korean Ambassador took care of the Reception cost.

Roy Hill gave information to the membership about the Christmas Meeting he was hosting and that everyone was invited and the food would be Bar-B-Que and he would furnish chopsticks, Rice and Kimchi for those in the ROK 6.25 Veterans Group, he has invited as a way to thank them for their service in Korea and for the events they invited our chapter too. Roy will have entertainment by our member Calvin Langford and has contacted a veteran to be our Christmas Angel. There will be no 50/50 drawing at this meeting/party and the ladies will not have to cook and serve.

The Treasurer reported that the October Auction raised \$701 of which ½ goes toward our Christmas Angel Program. President Kinard "Thanked" Auctioneer's Marvin Dunn, Jack Cooper and Annette White for a good job of selling all those gifts.

President Kinard and Membership Chairman Jack Cooper presented a shirt with a flag, patches, and a ball cap to new member Gregory Vial. All new members still are to receive these items when they join.

NEW BUSINESS

President Kinard announced that the November Meeting was to be our Christmas Angel time and that it is scheduled to take place at Cowboys Bar-B-Que in Grand Prairie and will be hosted by Roy Hill. The time will be 11 am through 3 pm and Roy Hill has invited all chapter members.

Roy Hill time was held and he asked all the Ladies to come and pick up two gifts on the table and "Thanked" them once again for the way they prepared the meals and especially those who arranged to get him food and take care of bringing him drinks and dessert.

The 50/50 Drawing was held and Connie Singleton won \$72 as her half of the drawing.

Additional prizes (4) were furnished by Gene & Judy Richardson especially the DMZ wire gift picked up in Korea and 2 books and a Planner were drawn for. Roy Hill also furnished eight (8) prizes. All were draw for using the 50/50 tickets -- so 13 people won something.

Gene Richards then presented a short talk about his and Judy's trip to Korea on the KWVA Revisit Program and invited everyone who has not returned to do so. He and Judy enjoyed it and it was a high-light in his life to return to this country that has done a marvelous rebuilding of itself, out of the rubble he remembers in the 1950's, into a very modern city. He now knows that what he did was worth the effort.

Bill Hoyle made a motion to adjourn with a prayer. Ted Malcolm seconded and the motion carried. Chaplain Burleigh Casler gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Mac Swain, Secretary

Texas Governor To Discuss Waiting Time For Processing Veterans' Claims.

The [Waco Tribune Herald](#) (11/24, Dennis, 35K) reports, "Gov. Rick Perry said the state will fund a new initiative into 2011 to reduce a statewide backlog of more than 38,000 pending veterans benefits claims." He previously "authorized the Texas Veterans Commission, a state veterans' advocacy agency, to develop a Claims Processing Assistance Team that will help expedite the backlog." Now, "Perry said the state is allocating \$393,000 that will fund the positions through the end of the 2011 fiscal year," when the Texas Legislature will decide whether to continue funding the program.

[KXXV-TV](#) Waco, TX, (11/23, Cuoco) reports that Texas "is providing close to \$400,000 in grants to create a new claims processing assistance team to help the Texas Veteran's Commission address the backlog of more than 39,000 pending disability and health benefit claims in Texas." Director of Claims Representation and Counseling at the Waco VA, Jim Richman, called the backlog "pretty overwhelming in just sheer numbers."

Sent by John A Miterko - Legislative Liaison - Texas Coalition of Veteran Organizations



Arlington Veteran's Day Park Ceremony, Medal of Honor recipient James L. Stone November 11, 2009 (Submitted by James Lucas)



Above is a picture of the wreath placed at our monument at the DFW cemetery after the National Convention. The wreath was given to the KWVA by the 6.25 ROK Chapter in Dallas. The wreath was all fresh flowers, primarily roses.

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Below:

(L) Jack Cooper

(R) Chapter attendees





Veteran's Day at the Arlington Veteran's Park Ceremony 11/11/09

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Chapter 215 monument donated to the National Cemetery



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

December 08 Executive Board Meeting - Hugh Smith Center 7:00 - 9:00 PM

December 19 Christmas party at Outlaw's restaurant in Grand Prairie. RSVP to Roy Hill -- Meet at 11:00 AM and eat at 12:00 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.