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DAV COMMANDER

I have just returned from the State Commanders & Adjutants Association Orientation in Cold Spring, Kentucky. I was privileged to meet the faces to all the names I already knew. This was a great informative meeting which gives me greater insight to the mission of the organization.

We, as the DAV, have one single purpose in mind. We have come together for the purpose of building better lives for all of our nation's disabled veterans and their families. Our chapters, working with the veterans on a first-hand basis are going to work providing assistance to those in need of our help.

The DAV is here to carry the message to all veterans regardless of their time of service to let them know **there is someone who cares and is here to help you.** Then we begin to extend the DAV's mission of hope to all of the area cities and towns around our chapter location.

When I came home from Vietnam in 1972, there was no one to greet me. Here I was, released by the military with a service connected life threatening injury and no one to assist me. I did not know where to turn. I had an appointment at the Dallas VA Medical Center, where I met the National and Department Service Officers of the DAV. They went to work immediately to make certain I received every single benefit I was entitled to because of my service connected injuries. I was so glad that someone was willing to fight for me that I asked how to become a member. The rest of my story is history.

The service this organization provides is needed even more today than it was when this great service oriented fraternity began. Our Iraqi, Afghanistan, War on Terror veterans needs us just as much as we need them. We must always remember that first and foremost we are committed to fulfilling the mission of building better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families. We have and will continue in this

mission through service, quality, integrity and leadership in representing and advocating our support now and in the future.

The Disabled American Veterans maintain the highest ethical standards as a charitable organization through which our society can express it's gratitude to the men and women who will, for the rest of their lives, pay the price of our nation's freedom. Since it's founding in 1920, we have been dedicated to this purpose.

We are living in unique times. Our lives are changing daily. Our soldiers are coming home with injuries which require someone who can understand their needs. In one instance a returning Iraqi veteran was failing in her classes in college. She had been an "A" honor student prior to joining the Army and going to Iraqi as a squad leader in an infantry unit. Why was she failing? Upon being observed by a Disabled American Veteran Service Officer he noticed she spent every minute of the class looking around her, not paying attention to the instructor. As the Service Officer spoke with her it was determined that she led patrols through the streets in the city of Kabul. She did not know what was at the next hallway, which was looking in the window, who was coming in the door. She was always on alert.

After speaking with her instructor she was moved to the very back of the room. She had only one place to look now, in front of her. It took a veteran who understood her needs to help her turn the corner on becoming a successful civilian and a viable part of society again. The injuries to our soldiers are not always noticeable. Their injuries may be immediately known because of the missing limb. But can you see the needs of a veteran who spent years in captivity as a POW just by looking at them? No, you can't and you cannot treat him with the same medications and therapy you would treat the veteran with the missing limb.

I extend a **“Thank you for a job well done”** to all of our chapters. Now, it is time to continue your mission of service.

Ken Hackney

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DAVA COMMANDER

Recently I returned from a visit to National Headquarters where I had a chance to visit with our National Adjutant Judy Hezlep and our National Assistant Adjutant Pat Kemper. Each time I see these ladies I am impressed with their dedication to the DAVA! They have a wonderful staff also. It is amazing that a staff of five people take care of all of the business of DAVA. A big Texas thank you goes out to ALL OF YOU LADIES!

I hope many of you will be packing up and heading to New Orleans for the National Convention. This is such a great opportunity for each of you to learn more about the organization as well as network with other units across the country. Don't forget our District Caucus is scheduled to take place on Friday, August 5 th at 10:30 am till 12:00.

By next month I should have all of the information to share with as to where and when the State School of Instruction will be held. I am in the process of contacting potential places for this event.

I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

Craig Johniken

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MEMBERSHIP GOAL FY 11-12

Goal	52,338
Pct of Goal	95.82%
Number needed	2189

DAV MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Comrades, it is time again to discuss membership drives and goals. I want to encourage each of you to get out and try to recruit new members.

If you have a DAV cap, wear it proudly. I have had people ask me about the DAV just from seeing my cap. Carry a membership application book with you and keep applications in your car. You never know when the opportunity will occur for you to sign-up a new member.

Challenge each other at the chapter level to a new member contest. Ask your comrades if they have a membership application on them. Use that as a fund raiser at meetings, a small fine if they cannot produce an application.

Community events can also produce opportunities to recruit. If possible, set up a booth at these events and let your community know that the DAV is active and working hard for the veterans in the area.

Keep up the good work and let's reach our goals this year!

Tom Parker

Sr. Vice Commander
Membership Chairman
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ADJUTANT'S COMMENTS

Please remember that your Financial Reports are due in by September 30, 2011.

Two copies of the updated Department Constitution and Bylaws is to be mailed this month to the get mail address of each chapter. Additional copies are available at a cost of \$1.50.

If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

Teresa Johniken

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DAVA ADJUTANT'S COMMENTS

Dear Auxiliary Members,

It is my great honor to serve each of you as Adjutant-Treasurer this year. I am looking forward to working with each of you to continue to serve the veterans and their families and promote the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. We have a great opportunity to increase our membership numbers due to the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. I am sure each of us knows someone who now qualifies for membership. We will need our membership as we continue to grow and move forward with our organization.

This year reminds me of one of my favorite movies- The Incredible Journey. It is about an older dog, a young pup and a cat. This unlikely group of companions gets separated from their owners while moving across country. The three companions work together through many trials, traumas and plan scary

situations. Each of the companions brings a unique and valuable skill to the group to aid in their survival. Even though they do get separated for a time, they find each other again and keep working together and protecting each other. The group finally made it back home to find their worried owners waiting for them. Each animal is a little worse for the wear and tear of the journey but they each learned to trust and depend on themselves and others.

I see each of us like that group of companions. We each have unique and valuable skills to bring to the organization. Every contribution is needed and important. Everyone gives of their time and money as they can and one person's contributions should not be compared to anyone else. We have to learn to work together knowing that each person has a different personality. We are a group of people united by a common thread that joins us together. This will be a good year for each of us as our officers and members work together to move the Auxiliary forward and increase our membership. I have faith in all of us.

I want to remind each of you that if you have any concerns, questions or other issues, please forward a letter to the Auxiliary State Department and as Treasurer, I will make sure you get an answer or other actions are taken. With that being said, I have new headquarters contact information for you.

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900 Rancho Drive

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Office Phone-972-285-1269 There is an answering system for messages.

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I also would like to wish Patti the best in her endeavor to become National Commander. I hope each and every one of us will support her and do our very best to make quota this year. I look forward to working with each of you. Remember be courteous and gracious to all you meet.

Ruth Gates
State Adj/Treasurer

DISTRICT I

To all the District 1 Officers, Chapter Commanders and elected officers and members of DAV, District 1. I pray that you and all your family members are in the best of health and spirit to enjoy your time during these summer months of vacation. I want to extend my congratulations, to our District 1 Commander Juan Ruiz Jr. who was elected to the position as Dept of Texas, 1st Jr. Vice at the Department Convention in Austin, TX. This was a total shock to all of us in Dist 1 due to the fact that the commander was re-elected for a second term for 2011-2012 in April at our District 1 Meeting in El Paso. It is very hard for District1, to see a great person and commander leave due to your leadership, commitment and dedication to the DAV Organization and District 1. That has been recognized by the leadership at the Department level. You will be missed and wish you well in your endeavors to continue to represent and support us, as you climb the ladder of success in the DAV Organization and Department. GOD SPEED COMRADE. In July newsletter, Dept 1st Jr. Vice Juan Ruiz Jr. mentions that he relinquished District 1 Commander duties and responsibilities to me as your District 1, Sr. Vice Commander. It's an Honor to except the duties and responsibilities to represent all the members of District 1. This is a great challenge for me, as I take on this important commitment in addition to my other duties and responsibilities as Northeast Chapter 187, Commander. I have opened a line of communication with all chapter commanders in the event in needing assistance in any aspect to better or improve our chapter programs to assist our veterans in the community. I'm asking the chapter commanders for your support to work together and we will prevail. Our hats off to Chapter 44, The Department 1st Jr. Vice Juan Ruiz Jr and I were invited to attend there chapter monthly meeting in Lubbock. And have to commend them for a superb welcome, tremendous hospitality and accommodations. Commander Robert Strickland and Chapter officers are really committed and devoted to servicing the veteran community in the City of Lubbock. I'm very impressed and commend them and the entire chapter for a superb job well done. Thank you Chapter 44. I would like to thank Chapter 187 for supporting and funding some of the cost for fuel for the visit to Lubbock.

Chapter Commanders Report:

Border 10 (El Paso) Chapter members volunteer their time five times a week at the VA clinic assisting veterans at the information desk and issuing of wheel chairs. To include helping the DAVA serve refreshments to all veterans on a monthly basis. **Chapter 26 (Amarillo)** The chapter elected the first female chapter commander (Susan Clark), since the chapter was chartered. Congratulations Commander. They have conducted and attended an est. of 300 funerals throughout the City of Amarillo for the year of 2010-2011. Great Job. **Chapter 36 (Abilene)** conducted visits and birthday party to all the veterans in the nursing home on monthly basis. The chapter has an outstanding outreach program (DAV Connect) that assists veterans on a daily basis. I commend Commander Richard Darden and chapter officers for outstanding job. **Chapter 44 (Lubbock)** Participated in the 4th of July parade in downtown Lubbock. They continue to assist the veterans in the community working together with their community partner at there DAV Thrift Store. Great Job! **Chapter 47 (Big Spring)** Chapter members volunteers on daily basis at the VA Hospital as DAV Drivers to include conducting birthday parties for veterans at the hospital and Texas Veteran Home. Good Job. **Chapter 58 (Midland)** Chapter members participated in escorting the remains of a fallen soldier who was KIA in Afghan together with the Patriot Guards and also, attended the funeral. Good Job! **Chapter 165 (El Paso)** Chapter members visited the sick chapter members and veterans at William Beaumont Army Medical Center to include veterans at the Texas Veterans Home. Manny Navarrte continues to conduct POW/MIA ceremonies throughout the City of El Paso. **Chapter 187 (El Paso)** participated in the 4th of July Independence to the Union Ceremony. Chapter members volunteered at the Texas Veterans Home to help cook the food for all the employees and resident veterans. The chapter participated in recognition night at the Diablo's Baseball Game for all Disabled Veterans. Ramos Rosario was selected from our chapter to throw the first pitch of the game. I commend the chapter for outstanding outreach program and at the present time we are conducting outreach for membership during the Diablos Baseball Games, especially during Military Night at Cohn Stadium. This shows that all our chapters in District 1 are active, alive and committed. I commend, you all for your devotion and dedication to the DAV mission. "Outstanding Job Comrades". Let us never forget our

fallen comrades and family members and keep the soldiers that are in harms way in your prayers. God Bless the USA and the DAV Organization.

David Garcia

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DISTRICT II

Once again I hope I find everyone in Dist. II doing well.

I hope some of you are getting some rain or maybe a little cooler weather. This 105 plus is really hard on a lot of us, are it has been on me this year. There is not much going on in the District right now. I will try and meet with Chapter 6 in Tyler next month to start working on next years Dist. II meeting. I came down with strep throat last month and was not willing to share that with them. I have already spoken with the Dept of Texas and set it for the last Friday, March 30th to be CSO School with the meeting starting Saturday March the 31st. I'm hoping to start getting all this under way next month, or this month August. When it all gets final I will be contacting Commander Scott Dist. II DAVA so the Units can get started on what they need to get done.

I will be letting everyone know more next month about the Dist II meeting next year.

Until next time be safe and drink plenty of water during this hot spell, and pray for some RAIN.

For UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL

GOD bless each and everyone

Bobby Harris

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DISTRICT III

Greetings, Comrades of District III

We are now in the hottest month of the year, and are in a draught as well. The temperature is about 100 degrees, so stay hydrated if you're outside.

As you all know, we have the National Convention in August, in New Orleans, Louisiana. I will attend, and hope to see as many as possible at this convention.

The District III Officers are scheduled to visit every Chapter in the District at least once this year. The Officers will be in touch with you to set up these visits to your Chapter. We hope you will let our Officers help you with any problems you may have, including any financial reports. Membership is a continuing problem; we must develop programs to recruit younger members. Please think about your Chapters problems and let us be of help. I hope you all had a very happy 4th of July. We all continue to pray for our troops who are in harms way.

Yours Comradeship,

Gordon Brett

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DISTRICT IV

Greetings Comrades,

As we prepare for the 2011 Disabled American Veterans National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, please remember the current issues involved with the VA National Cemetery in Houston and the Director of the Cemetery. This is a very serious matter that we as veterans should be very aware of. Many of you may know or have heard of the alleged discrimination accusations from the Cemetery Director Arleen Ocasio, Ms. Ocasio who was previously taken to court for not allowing freedom of prayer during the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Houston National Cemetery. She lost that battle in U.S. District Court.

The newest accusations are to remove prayer from burial rituals, no longer include "God Bless" in condolence cards from National Memorial Ladies, and shutting down of the chapel and turning it into a meeting facility. If these accusations are true then we must band together with other veterans organizations to show her that this violation of the First Amendment will not be tolerated. On a more

cheerful note, I met with our 2012 District Meeting hosts Chapter 195 and some of the Time and Place Committee last week. I was really impressed with the work they have done in preparing for next years meeting. I believe it will be a meeting to remember and that it will be enjoyed by all who attend. I encourage members and other chapters within our district to begin preparing for our meeting next year and support our host chapter.

I hope to see you all at the National Convention in my home City, New Orleans, Louisiana. **"Laissez les bon temps rouler"**

Yours in Comradeship,

Isaac Bazile

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DISTRICT V

DAV National Convention: Greeting comrades. Just another week and it will be time to meet at the DAV National Convention. I hope to see as many District V Chapter Commanders as possible and/or chapter members.

Korean War (60th Anniversary): The Korean War began on June 25, 1950 and still to this date it is still remembered or referred to as the "**Forgotten War**" but less us not forget. All chapters having Korean War veterans please support them in thanking and honoring them for their service and sacrifices they went through, and especially to the families that lost love ones. We must continue to support our Korean War veterans and many states and nations are having a Remembrance Day event not only in June but also in July and August. VFW Post 76 in San Antonio is having a Korean War Remembrance Day on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

BRAVO ZULU: To Chapter 61 (Sequin) for and outstanding PTSD (program) session every Tuesday for all veterans within the surrounding area and from San Antonio as well. I had the opportunity to attend (on Tuesday, July 19th) a PTSD session and all who attend interact and participate with the representative from the Austin Veterans Center in making it a successful session.

BRAVO ZULU: To Chapter 121 for their continue quest in seeking support for a full-service VA inpatient health care facility in Harlingen. To date, the tireless work of the Commander and members of Chapter 121 have been able to obtain a letter signed

by Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchinson for such a full-service hospital. This letter was forwarded to The Honorable Patty Murray, Chairman of Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and The Honorable Richard Burr, Ranking Member of Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ALL CHAPTER COMMANDERS: Please provide me with any events you may have had and would like the rest of the District V Chapters and/or our others Districts comrades to know of your accomplishment throughout our term-year.

STAND UP FOR VETERANS, and may God Bless America.

Javier Patron

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BPT / LEGISLATIVE REPORT

It is time to start packing for the National Convention in New Orleans. It should prove both interesting and informative. The Big Issue – Hopefully Resolved - is the: Debt Ceiling and the “Negotiations” about Raising It. Our “DOG is in that Fight”. If the issue is not resolve there will be NO disability checks from the VA and NO checks from Social Security. If that does not get you to contact your local congressional offices (Senate and House) your budget looks better than mine. If you do not need the check think of all your Disabled Comrades who do. We have older Veterans who “get by” on Pension checks of \$ 985 a month. Please, call your LOCAL congressional office and advise them that not seeing a deposit in your account on September 1, 2011 would annoy you enough to remember their name on November 12, 2012.

Do not accept “cop outs”. They will tell you about “difficult” negotiations. Respond about “difficult payments for housing, utilities and food”.

The next new tactic is “Costing Out” proposals to enhance the benefits we receive. This will affect such things as COLA and expansion of veterans disability entitlement. We will, soon, be asked to support cuts in future benefits for the returning veterans as a trade off for not having our benefits cut. If you think I’m kidding then you have missed the “Behind the Scenes in DC” segment of how “The Politics Turn”. This is a very popular afternoon soap in DC. It always ends with “Don’t you just Love our Military and our Veterans?”

There is a name you may not remember, Chou. He was head of Human Resources for the Department of Defense under President Bush. He proposed cutting veterans’ benefits and transferring the savings over to the Pentagon budget. He is now a “highly respected consultant to the “cut the budget” factions. He is now saying that we cannot afford our military with the kind of pay and benefits we are paying. His proposal is to cut personnel, pay, health benefits and retirement for the career military as a way of “Cheating” the defenders of our country. I do not think he has forgotten the veterans, I believe he realizes that if he can get his “reduction” of active duty benefits accepted for negotiations he can then offer the veterans as an alternative sacrifice.

If you care about your veteran comrades write your congressional representative (or Face Book, Tweet and Twitter them) or, better yet, stop by their local office and let them know you care about their position on the issue of veterans benefits.

If you care about the future of veterans benefit programs RECRUIT new members – numbers count We are all in the same boat – START BAILING – speak up at local meetings, speak to local congressional staff. Do not accept “I love and respect you” as acceptable payback for your sacrifice. Remember – if we do NOT ACT NOW we will look at OUR current veteran benefits as “the good old days”.

G. “Wolf” Biedenfeld

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FY 2010-11 Financial Position

As of 6-30-2011

CD's	\$ 476,412.77
Checking	\$ 147,666.02
Savings	\$ 6,657.54
*Investments	\$ 994,222.87
Total	\$1,624,959.20

Expenses

Line	Admin	Service
11	\$ 75,193.51	
12	\$ 51,469.59	
13	\$ 5,031.27	\$ 7,268.44
14		\$637,853.17
19	\$ 14,283.46	
21	\$ 52,897.04	
Total	\$198,874,.87	\$645,121.61

*Investment is not Income

Convention Report

Convention Expense	\$37,651.93
Convention Income	\$17,233.50
TOTAL Cost	\$20,418.43

VAVS

Good Morning Volunteers!!!

"Shared laughter creates a bond of friendships. When people laugh together, they cease to be young and old, teacher and pupils, worker and boss. They become a single group of human beings."

---W. Lee Grant

Wow! What a wonderful concept...And I know that holds true for many of you as you go about your day in volunteering your service for our veterans. That compassion and joy that comes from the heart really is contagious and generates an atmosphere of sunshine as you go along your way.

Twice before I quoted Dale Carnegie, and I would like to do it one more time---"You have it in your power to increase the sum total of this world's happiness now. How? By giving a few words of sincere appreciation to someone who is lonely or discouraged. Perhaps you will forget tomorrow the kind words you say today, but the recipient may cherish them over a lifetime."

This is so important as you participate in the VAVS and/or LVAP programs, or just living life day to day as you go your way.

Following the National Convention my plan is to do a mail out to all chapters promoting both the VAVS & LVAP programs. Especially with the LVAP program there are so many, many ways to get credit for your

hours helping veterans in the community. This is a way for all chapter members to participate in making a veterans life just a little better.

My goal is to have the info out for the September business meetings, so Chapter Commanders, be on the lookout for it.

Until next month, I again thank you for your invaluable service for America's veterans.

One last quote: "Be like a duck. Calm on the surface, but always paddling like the dickens underneath."---Michael Caine

Respectfully yours in service,

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Ed Meiser

VAVS Chairperson

WOMEN VETERAN COORDINATOR

Margaret Cochran Corbin

"The First American Woman to Take A Soldier's Part in the War for Liberty"

Women have served, with honor, in the United States Armed Forces since the Revolutionary War when Margaret Corbin fought at Fort Washington. Margaret's husband, John, joined the Continental Army at the start of the Revolutionary War and she accompanied her husband, as many women did. On November 16, 1776 the Corbin's were stationed in Fort Washington, NY, when the fort was attacked by Hessian and British troops. John Corbin was assisting a gunner, who was manning cannon, and took over when the gunner was killed. Shortly thereafter, John was killed, and Margaret, who was assisting him, was loading and firing the cannon by herself. She drew attention from the British and Hessian armies due to her aim and accuracy. At the end of the battle, Margaret was found severely wounded. She had injuries from 3 musket balls and grapeshot, which had damaged her left arm, chest and jaw. After treatment, she was paroled and in 1779 Congress awarded her a disability pension due to her distinguished bravery. She was included on the regimental muster lists until the end of the war in 1783 and is the only woman interred with other soldiers behind the Old Cadet Chapel at West Point.

At Fort Tyron Park, New York City, near the place of the Fort Washington battle, is a plaque that commemorates Margaret Corbin as "the first

American woman to take a soldier's part in the War for Liberty."

Our history of service to our country is as long as the history of our country. Service women are physically different from their male peers. However, the difference that stands out in my mind is not physical. Women who have served, were never drafted, we volunteered. We all made a conscious choice to raise our hand, to take an oath, to support and defend.

As women veterans we do have issues that are distinct to being female. Pregnancy and childbirth related issues require specialized medical care. We also have issues that are the same as our male Comrades. Quality health care, adequate compensation, housing, and education assistance are a few of the issues that all veterans are faced with regardless of gender. As your Women's Veteran's Coordinator, I need to know what issues you face and what information you need so that I may address them in this forum. My issues as a single mother may be vastly different from that of a retiree or widow. Please let me know what information you'd like to see here and how I can help.

I appreciate the honor of being chosen as Women's Veteran's Coordinator and hope that I can make the most of this opportunity.

Jennifer Kellogg

Women Veteran Coordinator
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings my fellow Comrades: It is my prayer that all is well in your life. Please note I would love for you to share your joys and sorrows with me. I am a good listener and can be reached by phone or email – whichever you prefer.

On that note I am sharing the deaths of two fellow comrades from Chapter 16. They are Windell Roland Wiley April 15th 2011 and Gerry W. Baker July 1st 2011.

I will be attending the National Convention and I pray to leave there with a better knowledge in learning to serve my fellow comrades.

For anxiety – Phil 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus

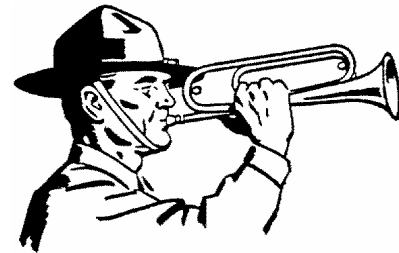
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Phone: (956) 230-0653.

Peace be with you my dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

I remain your Chaplain.

Meizie Lofton

Department Chaplain
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Department and the membership extend deepest sympathies to the family members, friends, and comrades of these fallen heroes. May each one rest in honor.

Hector Chavez Uresti

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Please feel free to call, write, or e-mail the Adjutant's office if you have a loss in your family, Chapter, or Unit that should be included in this column



On Saturday July 16, 2011 members and friends of Nacogdoches Memorial Chapter and Unit 83 met to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Chapter. Disabled American Veterans State Commander Ken Hackney was also present and spoke to the Chapter on helping the returning veterans who are going through crippling injuries and post traumatic stress issues. The DAV can have a life changing impact on them. He spoke on how we can try to meet their needs in the future.



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On June 29, 2011, Members of DAV Alamo 5 in San Antonio, Texas donated 5 cases of bottled water along with a new Computer to our DAV office at Audie L. Murphy VA hospital here in San Antonio, Texas.

Standing L-R: Alamo Ch 5 Cmdr. JR Garza, , DSO/HSC Bruce Gillikin, Volunteer and Ch 5 DSO Thomas Torres, Ch 5 Finance Chairman James J. Davis and in front Past Department of Texas Commander and Ch 5 Adjutant L. Duke Hendershot.