



Texas Chapter & Unit 61 Newsletter

Building a better life for Disabled American Veterans and their families.

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Commander's Corner

Welcome to all new readers to our first edition of the Chapter 61 Newsletter. I would like to thank Corinne Brock for taking on the job of Editor for the newsletter, no easy task.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of our members of the commitment we have undertaken by being members of the Disabled American Veterans. There are many reasons to become a member; enjoy the fellowship, be involved in the community, maybe even taking on higher positions outside of our chapter. But one thing we should all be onboard with is that we dedicate ourselves to helping our brothers and sisters who have served this country.

Some of us help by working as service officers, some help others with transportation or maybe helping them fix their house or mow their lawn. Still others help by becoming Chapter, District, State or National Officers interested in taking our battles for Veteran Rights to Congress, but in the end, as members of this organization, we promised to dedicate ourselves to the betterment of life for fellow veterans (disabled or not), their spouses and dependents.

One painless way is to just make meetings and attend our veteran events. When local governing officials see our presence and

numbers, they'll be made aware of the impact veterans have on this community. Wear your DAV cap or your service cap, or a military style ball cap; and be an ambassador to folks who want to know more about what we do and how we do it.

Lastly, just let me say thank you for your past service and being a good comrade.

Marlin Howze

Auxiliary Commander's Corner

I want to thank the Chapter for including the Auxiliary corner in their newsletter.

The Auxiliary is dedicated to helping our disabled veterans and their families in any way we can. This includes community service, volunteering in both VA and civilian hospitals, keeping our legislators informed on what we feel they should be doing to keep their promises to our veterans, and whatever else we can do. Our membership numbers are very vital on Capitol Hill when it comes to voting on Veterans issues. We also support our Chapter in whatever way we can.

Our annual District V Spring meeting is coming up the end of March and at our next meeting we will talk about what we need to do to help make it a success.

Terri Herrle

Highlights of Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2009; the minutes from our January meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and accepted leaving a balance of \$1560.36.

Committees

Two new committees were formed, the Chapter House Repair Committee chaired by John DeLeon, with members of that committee being Preston Ballard, Frank Rios and Ben Orens. The House Fund Raising Committee chaired by Corinne Brock, with member Margarita Bilbrey.

The legislative Chairman is Doug Herrle, Membership Committee Chairman is Al Aranda and don't forget about our Hospital Committee chaired by our Chaplin, Jesse Ayala. Your help is needed to make these committees successful. If you would like to volunteer to be on one of these committees, please contact the appropriate Chairman or call our offices at 830-379-3299 or e-mail at TX61cdr@davfrat.org.

Hospital Services

It was reported that Ben Herrera suffered a heart attack, but is recovering nicely. Fred Mosley was moved to an assisted living facility and Don Berkheart was recovering from hospitalization.

New Members

The Membership Committee reported by Chairman; Al Aranda shows we have 10 new members at our Chapter. They are David Murphy, Thomas W. Brown, Simon De Los Santos, Homberto Rodriguez, Joe Ramos, Raymundo Hernandez, Carl Jensen, Joe Herrera, Rodolfo Sanchez and Dale Davis. Be sure to wish them good luck as new members.

In addition, there were 5 member transfers; R. F. Finch, Jr., Marvin D. Kolar, David A. Eardley, James R. Miller and Bruno R. Perez.

We are all happy to welcome you to our Chapter!

Upcoming Events!

The annual "Forget Me Not" sales are scheduled for the Auxiliary May 9th & 10th and for the DAV on October 3rd & 4th. Volunteers are needed to assist with sales. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Commander Marlin Howze at the Chapter house 830-303-2914 or by e-mail at TX61cdr@davfrat.org.

Don't forget the upcoming District V meeting on March 27, 28, 29 2009. If you would like to become a CSO (Chapter Service Officer) please e-mail us at TX61cdr@davfrat.org or call us at the Chapter house at 830-379-3299.

Also for the District V meeting see your commander about selling advertisements for the 5 x 7 program guide which will be seen by 200 to 250 meeting attendees who will represent over 25,000 South Texas area members and their families.

Gifts Received

Most recently we have received two motorized wheel chairs worth \$3-4K and one manual wheel chair worth \$300. Thanks to the generosity of those who donate!

Our Staff of Volunteers

For help with any claim or correspondence contact our staff of Volunteers. Volunteers are Marlin Howze; CSO & Burial Detail and Commander, Doug Herrle; CSO, Al Aranda; CSO, Phil Sierer, CSO & Burial Detail, Juan DeLeon; Vet Asst. & Burial Detail, Ray Salas, Bill Owen, Jesse Ayala, James Dickerson, Tomas Castellon; Burial Detail, and new office help, Corinne Brock & Margarita Bilbrey.

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<http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/tx/61>.

You may Bookmark the site and refer often to see what's happening.

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