



Texas Chapter & Unit 61 Newsletter

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Commander's Corner

Hello Comrades;

I can't believe that August is upon us. I had hoped to have been in the new Chapter House by now, but we are getting there. I would like to send out a big thank you to Comrade Bill Owen for donating the ramp leading into the Kitchen door entrance. I know this was a significant contribution on his part everyone should give him a big thank you. Also, a big thank you goes out to Larry Sloan (working to become a member) for paying for and installing a 36" office door. This was an ADA standard that had to be met and Larry stepped up to the job. Comrade Luna had commissioned and donated a brand new lighted sign for the lobby; it looks really great. Thanks Santiago. There is still work to be done and we could still use help. Grass could be mowed and trimmed and a lot of little odds and ends.

The Veteran's Park renovation is coming along. The joint steering committee has gathered enough funds to begin Phase I of the project. We hope to begin construction by the first week of August.

July 25th, Comrades Herrle, Sierer, Owen, Unit Commander Terri Herrle and myself attended Congressman Cuellar's Coffee

social at Pico Taco in McQueeney. The main topic of discussion was the President's proposed healthcare and it got pretty lively, but together with County Commissioner Judy Cope and Veteran's Commission Rep Bill McAllister we were able to bring some attention to the problems being experienced at the Houston VA office. Commissioner Cope presented the Congressman with the Resolution drafted by parties representing veterans last year and demanded action, not lip service on straightening out the worst VA admin in the nation.

It's still plenty hot out there; take care of your selves in this heat.

Marlin Howze
Commander
DAV TX Ch61

Auxiliary Commander's Corner

Plans are underway for this year's birthday party. We are going to need items for the raffle and other help. Al Aranda will let us know when the planning meeting is so we can get in and help.

Work is going slow but sure on the fire station but there is still much to do. Christa and I got the paint for the Auxiliary office and meeting room and could use some help

getting them painted. Help is also needed to finish up the rest of the fire station.

As we continue to swelter in this wonderful summer weather remember to stay hydrated and to also keep an eye on your elderly neighbors to make sure they are doing okay and staying cool.

Be good to each other.

Terri Herrle
Auxiliary Commander
TX Unit 61

Upcoming Events

The cousins Juan and I try to be there a couple days a week with me there on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after 10AM or so, working until I've had enough. Come join us if you have the spare time and can turn a screw or two. We are just about done with painting of the DAV offices, hallways, kitchen and bathroom. We are getting ready

to start on electrics and doors. We could really use some help in these areas.

Veterans Info Fair held at Crossroads Convention Center on 8-8-09. POC is Ruben Balle at 210-355-1922. A lot of info concerning vets is passed out here including Texas Land Board, and Social Security interests.

Our Staff of Volunteers

For help with any claim or correspondence contact our staff of Volunteers. Volunteers are: Chapter Service Officers (CSOs): Doug Herrle (Chairman), Marlin Howze, Phil Sierer, & Margarita Bilbrey.

Committee Chairs: Membership & Entertainment - Al Aranda, Building - John DeLeon, Hospital - Jesse Ayala, Honor Guard Captain - Juan DeLeon.

Other News

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