



Texas Chapter & Unit 61 Newsletter

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

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Commander's Corner

Hello Comrades;

First off, I want to thank everyone for their support, flowers, cards and phone calls regarding the passing of my Mom. I and my family greatly appreciated your sympathies and kindnesses. Especially Delores, who brought food and stuff to the family.

June has started off with a bang. There are a lot of things going on this month and are mostly wrapped around 2 main events; the new Chapter House coming on line and the rededication of the Seguin Veteran's Park.

Construction and renovation has begun on the new Chapter House at 425 Vaughn St. Sr Vice Commander DeLeon, John DeLeon, and Rito have been putting in overtime painting and prepping the interior and getting some work done on the exterior. They need a lot more help though, it's a big project. We can't move in till we get a Letter of Occupancy, which requires the House to be brought up to code. If you have specific skills, expertise or know someone who does, get in contact with SV Cdr DeLeon. We are working on the House on various days of the week, so call Juan, John, or myself for a time to work. Stop by, grab a brush, shovel or hammer and help us get this place done.

While I was at convention this last weekend, I was approached by Lazaro Camarillo III (Airbourne) with a check for

\$100 from his Chapter 150 for the completion of our New Chapter House. Cdr Camarillo is the District V Commander. He also issued a challenge to the other Chapters to match their contribution. A salute to Cdr Camarillo and Chapter 150 for their support.

Veteran's Park is a multi-lateral effort being accomplished by the Guadalupe County Veteran's Organizations in collaboration with other corporate and civic entities and leaders. We have gotten the green light from the Parks Commission and City Hall. Now we are working on raising the funds needed to make this project a reality. If you want to be part of something big in the community give me a call. We need people to go out and raise contributions in the form of monetary donations, promises of labor, and acquisition of raw materials.

This last weekend was the State of Texas Department Convention. Resolutions were made, dinners attended and networking achieved. A new line of officers were elected for the Department DAV and DAVA. Teresa Johniken is our new State Commander. We wish the outgoing Commander, Ed Meiser, good luck in his future pursuits. Other details from the Convention should be available on the Department website soon. Check here for info: <http://www.davmembersportal.org/tx/>.

I would also like to congratulate our own Unit 61 Auxiliary for receiving 2 awards this past weekend at the convention; the Mae Holmes Award for charitable works throughout the year, and the Legislative Award for their efforts in bringing DAV legislative issues to the forefront of our leaders at State and in Washington.

It's getting hot out there,

Marlin Howze
Commander
DAV TX Ch61

Auxiliary Commander's Corner

Another State Convention has come and gone. We had great attendance from our unit this year and I hope all had a good time. Our unit won two awards this year. The first is the Legislative Award for all our hard work in trying to protect our veteran's benefits and the second is the Mae Holmes Award. This award is the combination of all the things we do throughout the year for our veterans and their families. It is the most prestigious of the awards. These will now be sent to be judged at our National Convention. Receiving these awards just shows how much hard work our Auxiliary does to take care of our veterans and their families. Congratulations to all!!

I would like to thank everyone for their donations to our toy drive for the kids of our Wounded Warriors. Christa and Marlin delivered them to Fort Sam and they were GREATLY appreciated. Our next project is donations of diapers (any size or brand), children's DVD's and video games. The games and DVD's do not have to be new and they will be given to the kids of our Wounded Warriors.

Work is underway to get our new Chapter home cleaned up and ready to move into.

We can use any and all volunteers to help us get it in order.

I want to thank all the Auxiliary members for the hard work they continue to do for our Veterans and families. This is who we are and what we do.

Terri Herrle
Auxiliary Commander
TX Unit 61

Upcoming Events

Our next big event will be the 4th of July Parade. We will be mustering at the old Chapter House on Peach Street at 7:30 AM to rig the float. The Parade starts at 10 AM. Come on down and join us for a ride and afterwards stay with us for a BBQ at the New Chapter House on Vaughn St. We'll have brisket, sausage and chicken with sides. Show up and have some fun.

July 14th will be the next regular business meeting. I am hoping that is the last one in the old Chapter House. By August, we should be far ahead enough with the New Chapter House to move in.

Later in August, from the 22nd to the 25th, will be the National Convention to be held in Denver, Colorado. Doug and Dennis will be our delegates and have sent their paperwork on to National.

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, Corinne Brock & Margarita Bilbrey.

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

Other News

We say Aloha to Don and Corrine Brock who are moving to greener pastures in

Waco. I really appreciated the work they did while they were here and wish them the best of luck in their new home.

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For the most up to date news, please visit our web site at

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

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

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