



Texas Chapter & Unit 61 Newsletter

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Chapter Commander's Corner

Hello Comrades;

Just a few comments. It's starting to get hot out there, take care when working outside; especially when we're working around the Chapter House and other projects.

DAV Department of Texas Convention is happening this weekend in Austin, we're well represented.

I got the word that the Chapter House is to be painted by the potential Eagle Scout, Mr. Caleb Palmour and crew, on the 26th of June. Any volunteers able to show up and help supervise the lads are welcome.

We will be participating in the July 4th Parade, which will actually take place on the 3rd of July. We'll be gathering at 7:30 to decorate the float and get ready. I think we have to be in line by 9:30am, that's the way it was in the past. I would like the names of everyone that will be on the float during the parade. Sounds like we may have a bunch this year and we may need another trailer volunteered. We'll see. We'll have a membership BBQ at the end of the Parade at the Chapter House. Come on out for some good food and camaraderie.

Welcome to all the new members and transferred members. Thank you for becoming a member of our Chapter, hopefully we'll be seeing you around the Chapter House.

Take care out there and enjoy the summer, but don't overdo it. Remember that we can use all sorts of help around the Chapter House, particularly if you have a skill set such as electrician or other.

Juan DeLeon
Commander
DAV TX Ch61

Unit Commander's Corner

I would like to thank the auxiliary for having faith in me, to elect me CMDR. We have a few of us going to state convention and I will let you know what happened next month.

We have a parade on July 3, 2010. We are meeting at the chapter house at 730am for float decoration, and we'll have a BBQ after with the aux providing side dishes. You are welcome to ride in the parade with us.

Our National Convention is the end of July in Atlanta. We have some AUX and chapter and unit members attending and we will let you know what is going on when we return.

Thank you. Jean CMDR.

Upcoming Events

Dept of TX Convention: 18-20 June, Austin Double Tree Hotel, 9am.

Paint the Chapter House: 26 June, Chapter House, 10 am.

July 4rd Seguin Parade: 3 July, Meet at Chapter House, 7:30am.

That's our official functions to the end of June as we know them right now. More info can be found at our website:

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

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, Dennis Lorange, Larry & Margarita Bilbrey.

Committee Chairs: Membership – Phil Sierer, Building - John DeLeon, Hospital – Richard Cusson, Honor Guard Captain – Juan DeLeon.

Minutes Summary

Our last meeting was on 6/8/2010 at 7PM. IAW our C&B, we had a quorum. Minutes from May meeting were read and accepted.

Legislative report: New presumptive list of diseases for Agent Orange exposure. See your CSOs

Service Officer's report: over 200 hours in Service officer work, veteran transportation, and Honor Guard Details.

Chaplain's report: None reported.

Under **Unfinished Business**, The Veteran's Park Project continues with members from the local VFW and our Chapter staining the

new privacy fence. Good work by those who attended.

The Chapter has new computers. We purchased 5 computer sets (CPU, Monitor, Laser Printer, mouse & keyboard) for \$2995.00. Another older computer is being repaired to use at the Reception Desk. This cost will be approximately \$100.

The Eagle Scouts will begin prepping and painting the Chapter House exterior on the 26th of June. Need folks to help supervise while these young men get the work done.

Forget Me Nots are still tabled until we get a date for action.

Bids on Exterior Doors are being restarted. Hopefully we will have this problem resolved soon.

Telephone Systems are dropped from consideration at this time. This could be recalled again in the future if needed.

Still need to present the Commissioner's Court Award. Not all Commissioners' have been present to accept the award.

Loose electrical connections around the receptionist desk still need to be taken care of. Member Greg Martinez said he would gladly do this as soon as he is finished with another job he is working on.

Under **New Business**, we discussed getting a dedicated fax line and fax machine to be added to the current network. Everyone is in favor. Additional line prices and cost of fax machine to be brought forth at next meeting.

We will be looking into getting ceiling fans for the Bay Meeting area as it gets quite warm out there.

4th of July Parade to be held on the 3rd of July. We'll be meeting at 7:30 to decorate and load the float.

Auxiliary has voted to help pay ½ of the Insurance bill for the next year, to be paid in full.

WE are looking at a Nov 20th Dinner/Dance as a fund raiser. We'll ask Member Basil Karm if he would like to

chair that committee. The agreed price will be \$15/person. The DeLeon family will be catering the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.
Next meeting will be Jul 13, 2010 at 7PM.

Under **Good of the Order.**

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Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the Month

PTSD Group: Every Tuesday, 1:30-2:30pm

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.

Chapter Officers

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The Auxiliary Unit Officers

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