



Texas Chapter & Unit 61 Newsletter

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Chapter Commander's Corner

Hello Comrades;

Firstly, let me personally thank all of you for your vote of confidence in making me your new Commander. I would like to thank Commander Howze for all the hard work he has done on behalf of the Chapter. I would also like to congratulate all of the executive members voted and appointed to their offices with me. Together I believe we can continue to make Chapter 61 a great organization, one we are all proud to be a part of. There is still a lot of work ahead concerning at the Chapter House with a focus on recruitment, service work and strengthening our Honor Guard.

Upcoming is the Memorial Day services to be held on the 31st of May, Monday, at 11am to take place at the San Geronimo Cemetery on the East side of Seguin behind Alamo group. We will meet at the Chapter House between 7:30 and 8am or at the American Legion Hall at 8 am to help load tables, chairs, podium, etc. I hope I can see a lot of DAV hats in the crowd.

I am looking forward to the challenges of the new year as your Commander and hope to be working with all of you.

Juan DeLeon
Commander
DAV TX Ch61

New Officers for 2010-2011

Commander - Juan DeLeon
Senior-Vice Commander - Phil Sierer
Junior-Vice - Commander – Dennis Garriott
Treasurer – Larry Bilbrey
Chaplain – Richard Cusson
Adjutant – Margarita Bilbrey
Sergeant-at-Arms – Gary Elley

Unit Commander's Corner

Our dedication was a huge success due to all the hard work done by the DAV/DAVA membership. The day went smoothly and the food was delicious! A big thank you to all the members who brought the sides. It was all good and we had plenty.

Remember that we have our joint Memorial Day program on Monday, May 31. It begins at 11am and is being held at San Geronimo Cemetery (behind Alamo Group on 123). Each Auxiliary will provide cookies and water for the guests attending.

Our annual election was held and I would like to congratulate all the new officers.

They are:

Commander: Jean Garriott
Sr. Vice: Lynette Sierer
Jr. Vice: Christa Howze
Adj/Treas: Terri Herrle
Chaplain: Leigh Harrelson

I encourage you to support this new group of officers and I would also like to say thank

you for all your support throughout the years.
Be good to each other!
Terri

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day: 31 May, Seguin San Geronimo Cemetery, 11 am.

That's our official functions to the end of May 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 Lorance, 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 5/11/2010 at 7PM. IAW our C&B, we had a quorum. Minutes from Mar meeting were read and accepted.

New & Transferred Members to the Chapter and DAV included: “Red” Salas (transfer fm Ch5). Welcome to the Chapter Gentlemen, we look forward to working with you in the future.

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

Chaplain's report Rito Romero is still battling thyroid cancer. Bill Owen is still recovering from knee surgery.

Under **Unfinished Business**, The Veteran's Park Project continues along with its development in the form of Phase II operations.

There were discussions around new computers for the Service Offices, new doors for the Chapter House, lighting and electrical issues, and another telephone line.

The Eagle Scouts have been out taking pictures of the exterior and expect to begin prepping and painting within the next couple of weeks.

Under **New Business**, we discussed the Memorial Day event coming up on 31 May, 11 am, at San Geronimo Cemetery. Need to see a lot of DAV hats out there.

Under **Good of the Order**. New Officers elected and sworn to office.

The possibility was brought up about opening the Chapter for more days by Past Commander Herrle. After a short discussion the topic was tabled till the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. Next meeting will be Jun 8, 2010 at 7PM.

Immediate Passed Commander remarks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for there support over the last 3 years. We have accomplished a lot in that time frame and under the guidance of the new Executive Body I'm sure we can do a lot more. I especially would like to thank all those who volunteer day in and day out showing a real pride in the organization and what we can do as a “family.” I encourage others to find a way to help with our mission as well. Sometimes the smallest things can make a big difference. The new Board will appreciate any help they get. Marlin Howze

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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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Chaplin: Liegh Harrelson