



Texas Chapter & Unit 61 Newsletter



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Commander's Comments

February 2012

We continue to be very busy with Service Officer (SO) work, Honor Guard commitments and upcoming events. I want to thank everyone for their help with these projects.

On Saturday, 2/18/12, several of our members will attend the annual Service Officer training in San Antonio. Members attending training this year will have a choice of a beginner's class or an advanced class.

District V Spring meeting will be held on Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd at the American Legion No. 2 post on Fredericksburg Road in San Antonio. Registration both days will be from 7:30 – 8 AM with the meeting beginning at 9 AM.

On Saturday, March 17th and Sunday, March 18th, we will once again be at our Seguin Wal-Mart conducting our first Forget-Me-Not fundraiser for 2012. Not only is this one of our major fundraisers for the year, but it affords us the opportunity to raise awareness of our veterans within our community. With the opening of the Veterans Comfort Zone, our community outreach has been extended to include all active military, veterans and the families of both. There will be a sign-up schedule posted at the Chapter House and I invite each of you to sign up for a shift (or 2) on

one or both days. Each shift is 2 hours long and we will need a minimum of 4 people for each shift. 6 people would be even better. Please bring a lawn chair. Usually members of our Chapter are posted at one door and Unit members are posted at the other door.

And remember, Memorial Day is just around the corner. I will have more information on this as we get closer to this important observance.

Again, speaking for all our Chapter officers, thank you all for your support through your donations of time and talent. This is what makes our Chapter one of the best in the State of Texas.

Phil Sierer
Commander
DAV Chapter 61

From the Unit Commander

Our District meeting on March 2 and 3 is rapidly approaching. For all who signed up to attend please remember to bring 1 wrapped gift for door prizes. Also remember to bring your cookies or whatever dessert you volunteered to bring. We are planning on gathering at the Chapter house on Feb. 25 at 11am to put together the registration bags. You are certainly welcome to come out and help us and if you have anything for the bags bring it with you.

Our Spring Forget-Me-Not drive is set for March 17 and 18 at Walmart from 9-5. There will be a sign up sheet at the Chapter house next week so please let us know when you will be able to help. We need this to be a success for both sides of the house.

Fire and Iron Motorcycle Club will be holding their annual fundraiser benefitting Chapter 61 on May 26. There theme this year is Camping and Fishing. Please begin thinking of ideas of items to donate for their raffle and auction. I am doing a camouflage afghan (and I believe Lynette is

also doing one of a different camo color). This is a great project for us to work on. Remember we (Unit 61) received almost \$600 from the raffle/auction last year.

The members of Unit 61 are doing a wonderful job with all they are doing for our veterans and their families whether it is done locally, for the Wounded Warrior project, the VCZ or where ever else they are volunteering. I want to say Thank You for all you do.

Live, Love, Laugh

Terri

***Then Peter,
turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following. . . .Peter,
seeing him,
said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"
John 21:20-21***

The first thing you do after God speaks to you is critical. Jesus was telling Peter what type of ministry he would have and what type of death he would suffer (vv. 18-19). It was a sacred moment in Peter's life, as his Lord pulled back the curtain to his future. His was not to be an easy life but a life ordained and blessed by his Lord and Master.

Rather than responding to what Jesus told him, Peter looked around at his fellow disciples. His glance fell upon John, the disciple whom Jesus loved. "But Lord, what about *this* man?" Peter asked. Peter had just been given the somber news of his future death. How natural to compare his assignment with that of the others! This is the great temptation of God's servants: to compare our situation with that of others. Did God give my friend a larger house? Did God heal my friend's loved one and not mine? Did God allow my friend to receive appreciation and praise for his work while I remain anonymous? Did God allow another Christian to remain close to her family while I am far removed from mine?

Jesus assigned Peter and John to walk two different paths, but both Peter and John have enriched our lives. Jesus knew how dangerous it is when a servant takes his eyes off the master to focus on a fellow servant. Where is your focus? Have you become more concerned with how God is treating someone else than you are with how He is relating to you?

As Your Chaplain, I am available to all DAV members and their immediate family for counseling or discussion of any spiritual matter. You can contact me at (830) 491-8009 or by email at: richardcusson@hotmail.com.

May God bless you and keep you!
Chaplain Richard Cusson.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ February 18th: Chapter Service Officer Training in San Antonio. Starts at 8AM.
- ❖ February 18th: Honor Guard training. Chapter House. 1 PM.
- ❖ March 2 and 3: District V Spring Conference in San Antonio
- ❖ March 17&18: Forget me not drive, Seguin Wal-Mart, 10AM to 4PM each day.
Volunteer.

That's our known official functions to the end of the month and a bit beyond 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 Chapter services please contact our staff of Volunteers. Volunteers are:

Chapter Service Officers (CSOs):

Doug Herrle (Chairman),
Marlin Howze,
Phil Sierer
Dennis Lorance

Veteran Comfort Zone (VCZ)

Gary Elley
Terri Herrle

Committee Chairs:

Membership – Al Aranda
Building – Leon Garcia
Hospital –Richard Cusson
Honor Guard Captain – Juan De Leon

DAV Meeting Minutes

Guadalupe County, TX Chapter 61

DATE: 02/14/2012

TIME: 7PM

Chapter House, 425 Vaughan St., Seguin TX 78155

CALL TO ORDER:

Prayer by Richard Cusson, Chaplain

Flag Honors: Y

Joint Session

- ❖ Unit Cdr spoke of need for goody bag items for upcoming Dist V mtg. Have received bags from Beurger Storage and coolers from State Farm. Seguin Chamber is donating stuff as well.
- ❖ Unit Cdr gave a short brief on good deals from Ford MoCo. Incentives and direct donations coming to Chapter 61 in the works. More details to come.
- ❖ Forget-Me-Nots scheduled. Mar 17&18. Need volunteers. This is the Chapters event.
- ❖ CSO training this weekend (18 Feb). Legion Post 2, 3518 Fredericksburg Rd. Training starts at 8 AM.
- ❖ Mar 2&3 is Dist V Mtg. Registration starts at 7:30AM, Meeting starts at 9AM. At legion Post 2 address above.
- ❖ Jun 22-24 is Dept Conv. Double Tree North in Austin off I-35 between 290 and 183.
- ❖ VCZ Chairman talked about "Hands for Heroes" program coming to Chapter House possibly in May. Program has massage therapists coming to Chapter House giving free therapeutic massages to disabled veterans.
- ❖ Friday Feb 17, GI Forum and Lulac will host their Annual Banquet at the coliseum.
- ❖ Honor Guard Captain discussed purchase of new flags (for Honor Guard). Funds are represented by previously approved \$300 allocation by Chapter and private donations totaling \$1200. Private Donations were turned into Chapter. Chapter will cut check for flags when purchased.
Upcoming events for Honor Guard:
 - Thursday Feb. 16. Meet at Chapter House at 4PM for Schertz event.
 - Friday Feb. 17. Seguin Lulac Event. Meet at coliseum at 5:30PM.
 - Sat Feb. 18. Chapter House 1PM. Honor Guard Training.
- ❖ Chapter Cdr and Chaplain attended Veterans Outdoor Alliance (VOA) event at Mobely Ranch near Kerrville. No kill but had fun none-the-less. Shared time with Game Wardens and sponsored children. Met with Buckmaster's Outfitting. Will be sponsoring an all expense bear hunt to Maine in May. Open to Wounded Warrior's. More info to follow from Commander.
- ❖ Memorial Day. Unsure who is sponsoring organization, but DAV needs to be ready for the event. Executive committee to find out details after discussion with area Veteran Organizations.
- ❖ May 26th Fire and Iron MC will be hosting the Annual Fund Raiser for Chapter 61. Requesting support in the way of raffle items and possibly help during the event. Will entertain motions for raffle in March.
- ❖ End Joint Session (Auxiliary retires)

Roll call of officers by Marlin Howze, Adjutant

Commander:	Present X	Absent
Sr. Vice Commander:	Present	Absent X
Jr. Vice Commander	Present X	Absent
Treasurer:	Present X	Absent
Chaplain:	Present X	Absent

Adjutant: Present X Absent
Total officers & members present: 23 (Roster attached)
Chapter had a quorum: Yes x No ___

Seven (7) Members shall constitute a quorum. 2 members present shall be elected officers.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Names of transfer members: Douglas Shewalter, Richard Salinas.

Names of visitors: Louie Montoya

Names of New Members: Laura Jones, Jesus Ponce, Willy Pelcar, Randy Randall.

Names of new members who were initiated: Laura Jones, William Bitner, Reno Riley, Jesus Ponce.

(New members and those who have not been previously initiated must be initiated at the meeting and their names recorded in minutes.) Please welcome our new members to the Chapter when you get the chance.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Adopted x Adopted as amended _____

(The commander asks if there are corrections to minutes. Hearing none he/she would declare the minutes are approved as read. If there are corrections, the minutes would be adopted as amended by unit vote.)

Motion to Accept George, 2nd John C, Motion Carries: Y

TREASURER'S REPORT: From Dec1, 2011 To Dec 30, 2011

Beginning balance \$9435.16

Closing balance \$9663.42

Motion to Accept George, 2nd John C, Motion Carries: Y

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- ❖ Dept TX Ltr on Convention Assessment
- ❖ Dept TX Ltr on Cookbook recipe request
- ❖ Dept TX Ltr on Conv Booklet Ad
- ❖ SA NSO Fax on CSO cert list
- ❖ Dept TX email on POI for Conv.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS:

- ❖ Prayers for Comrade Castellon's family following passing of his mother.
- ❖ Bill O reports need for fund raiser to help Comrade Tumlinson's daughter, Jayme, who is battling cancer of liver and kidneys. This weekend at Grain Bin on 123 north. Please stop by.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

No reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Covered in Joint session

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Approved delegate fees for Dist Mtg. Cdr reminded people that if you signed up – go. Don't make the Chapter pay your fees and then not show up.
- ❖ Cdr voiced need for a tape printing calculator for the Treasurer. \$50 will buy a good calculator. Motion by Bill O., 2nd by Leon, Motion carries.

- ❖ Leon to build a podium suitable for outdoor speaking events. Needs \$100. Motion by Charles G., 2nd by Bill O., Motion carries.

Moment of Silence. Remembrance of fallen comrades.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

Motion for Adjournment:

Motion by George, 2nd by Charles G.

Carried: Yes No

CLOSING CEREMONY: Salute Closing Prayer by Chaplain

Next meeting will be 7 PM, on Mar. 13th, 2012

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Service Hours: 9am to 1pm Tuesday & Wednesday

Monthly Business Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the Month

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

VCZ: Tue-Wed, 9am-3pm

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

Commander: Phil Sierer

Senior Vice-Commander: Mike Fore

Junior Vice-Commander: Gary Elley

Treasurer: JJ Chapa

Chaplin: Richard Cusson

Adjutant: Marlin Howze

Sergeant-at-Arms: Leon Garcia

Unit Officers

Commander: Terri Herrle

Senior Vice Commander: Lynette Sierer

Junior Vice Commander: Jeanne Garriott

Adjutant / Treasurer: Christa Howze

Chaplin: Liegh Harrelson

State Executive Committeewoman: Jean

Garriott

Alternate SEC is Leigh Harrelson