



# Texas Chapter & Unit 61 Newsletter



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## Unit Commander's Comments

Here we are already half way through July. Where has all the time gone?

I want to thank everyone who came out to help us make both Freedom Fiesta and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and BBQ a big success. A great time was had by all!

We recently completed our annual State Convention and had a great turnout from Unit 61. Our own Lynette was installed as District V Commander. Congratulations, Lynette!

For any member that is interested, memorial bricks are again available for sale. They will be placed at the Veterans Memorial in downtown. The bricks are \$50 each and 100% of the proceeds come back to the DAV. You can get the order forms at the Chapter house.

We are working on some fundraising ideas to continue our various veterans programs. If you have any ideas please let us know. We can use any and all ideas.

As always, remember to be kind to each other.

Terri

## Adjutant's Notes

I would just like to echo the Unit Commander's comments on the event turnouts lately. Great job by membership to show up and support the Chapter. Sometimes it seems like overkill, but it is always better to have more than less.

And thanks to Comrade Karm's willingness to start up the Brick Program again. Ever since we shut the program down, more people have come in with an interest to getting their bricks down. Take advantage of this opportunity, we don't know how long this run will last. This is a great fund raiser for the Chapter with 100% of the proceeds being donated to the Chapter.

While I'm on the subject of fund raisers, we had a lengthy discussion at the last meeting on bringing in more funds to support the Chapter House and its missions. We have Officers currently pursuing grants and other fund sources, but this does not take away from the great need for other local fund raisers to support the Chapter, State, and National goals and missions. We need to look to doing a higher rate of fund raising, possibly through BBQ's, breakfasts, or other ideas that may be presented. For these to be considered we will need the continued high level of support the members have shown in this past year. Great job.

Marlin Howze

## Chaplin's Corner

*Comrades, by reason of extraordinary service to your country, and the injury and the suffering sustained by you, in you, in it's behalf. Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

Philippians 1-6

Chaplain Charles Glass

### Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Aug 4-7:** National Convention, Las Vegas.
- ❖ **Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>:** V.J. Day
- ❖ **Sep 11:** Patriot's Day
- ❖ **Sep 11:** POW/MIA Day
- ❖ **Nov 11:** Veteran's Day
- ❖ **Dec 7:** Pearl Harbor Day

*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  
Sharon Reininger  
Charles Glass

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Membership – Mike Fore  
Building – Leon Garcia  
Hospital –Richard Cusson  
Honor Guard Captain – Juan De Leon

#### **Veteran Comfort Zone (VCZ)**

Gary Elley  
Terri Herrle

## DAV Meeting Minutes

Guadalupe County, TX Chapter 61

DATE: 07/10/2012

TIME: 7PM

Chapter House, 425 Vaughan St., Seguin TX 78155

### CALL TO ORDER:

Prayer by Charles Glass, Chaplain

Flag Honors: Y

### Joint Session

- ❖ Guest Speaker Joel Hart from Veteran's Outdoor Alliance (VOA)
- ❖ Guest Speaker D Schoeht from COA w/ Video
- ❖ Fire & Iron presented a check for \$500 following their annual fund raiser.
- ❖ Memorial Bricks are once again on sale. \$50 ea, all proceeds go to Chapter 61. See Comrade Basil Karm for more info.
- ❖ Our float was a ribbon winner at the 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Parade. Nice job loading the trailer and by the all the bikers that rode in the parade.
- ❖ We now have a new facility we're in support of, "Remarkable Nursing and Rehab". They have roughly 20 veterans there. We will still provide support to Hacienda Oaks.
- ❖ Received a Thank You card from kids concerning our donation to the Newspapers Education Program.
- ❖ Extensive discussion concerning Chapter House and our need to step up fund raising efforts to support utility and office needs.
- ❖ Geronimo VFW 8456 has cancelled their Open House for the time being.
- ❖ (Auxiliary retires)

### Roll call of officers by Marlin Howze, Adjutant

Commander: Present X Absent

Sr. Vice Commander: Present X Absent

Jr. Vice Commander Present X Absent

Treasurer: Present X Absent

Chaplain: Present X Absent

Adjutant: Present X Absent

Total officers & members present: 18 (Roster attached)

Chapter had a quorum: Yes

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

**Guests:** Bill Owens Jr. Linda Truax

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Names of transfer members: Velma Smith

Names of visitors: D. Schoeht, (illegible name), Gilbert Medina, Marc Garcia, Scott Wiley, Ronnie Dill, Ron "Bud" Boyl

Names of New Members: Joe Medina, Dennis Soefje, Paulino Soto

Names of new members who were initiated: Linda Truax

(New members and those who have not been previously initiated must be initiated at the meeting and their names recorded in minutes.)

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Stand as posted-Motion-Charles Glass, Second-George O'Brien, Carried: Yes  No

(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.)

**Minutes are posted on Chapter Website and mailed via Newsletter.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** From Jun 01 to 31, 2012

Beginning balance \$7349.53 (adjusted)

Closing balance \$6035.34

**Motion** to Accept Motion: Leon Garcia, Second-Richard Cusson, Motion

Carried: Yes  No

**BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** (list attached)

- ❖ No bills, Communications covered in list.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS:**

- ❖ Comrade Miguel Telles is recovering. Comrade Javier Patron in Hospital. Comrade Doug Herrle being seen by doctors. Jayme Tumlinson is recovering from a liver transplant (we participated in a fund raiser for her earlier in the year.)

**LEGISLATION**

- ❖ Obama Care is legal, not sure of the impact concerning veterans with VA Care. VA Hiring initiative going on right now, check out their website for more info. Stolen Valor Act deemed Unconstitutional, write your representatives.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

- ❖ Membership: 3 new members, 1 transfer.
- ❖ CSO:
  - SOs: Total Hours Available- 252, Total hours with Vets – 79.5, Total vets seen-53.
  - Chaplain Hours: Chaplain Cusson 17 hours (report included)
  - Honor Guard Hours: 260 total hours (Report Included).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ❖ National Convention Aug 7
- ❖ Commander brought up issue of Golden Corral at Dept Conv. Awaiting final word on matter.
- ❖ Accomplished stuff the bus. Cleared other minor house keeping items from last minutes.
- ❖ Wheel Chair Blind for VOA on hold. Issues with ranch owners to settle.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Health Fair. Lady of Guadalupe Church. Juan D. to find out more info and dates/times.
- ❖ Flag Raising Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. Manuel Castilla Park.
- ❖ Finance Committee Members appointed: Bill Owen, Richard Cusson, Leon Garcia.
- ❖ Discussed use of special vet days for additional fund raisers (Pearl Harbor Day, Flag Day, Army Day, Navy Day, etc)

**Moment of Silence. Remembrance of fallen comrades.**

**REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Marlin gave a report on Rolling Thunder trip to D.C Vietnam wall, 13 riders, 3300 miles, 10 days.

**Motion for Adjournment:**

**Motion** by Leon G., 2nd by Richard C.

Carried: Yes  No

**CLOSING CEREMONY:**  Salute  Closing Prayer by Chaplain

**Next meeting will be 7 PM, on August 14th, 2012**

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Service Hours: 9am to 1pm Tuesday & Wednesday

Monthly Business Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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