



Texas Chapter & Unit 61 Newsletter



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Commander's Comments

March 2012

I want to thank everyone, members of our Chapter and our Auxiliary Unit, who volunteered to participate in the March 17 and 18 Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser at the Seguin Wal-Mart. It was a very successful two days. Our next Forget-Me-Not fundraiser will be in the fall. We will once again have a sign-up sheet at the Chapter House so everyone will have the chance to participate.

The first nominations for Chapter officers were made at our March 13th meeting. Nominations will be made again at our April 10th meeting.

Memorial Day observance will be on May 28th. More information on this will be available as we draw closer to this date.

On March 2nd and 3rd, the District V DAV/DAVA Spring Meeting was held in San Antonio. Marlin Howze was elected 2nd Junior Vice Commander, and Richard Cusson was elected Chaplain for the District V DAV. Lynette Sierer was elected Commander of the District V DAVA and Terri Herrle will serve as Adjutant. I also want to thank the members of our DAVA who came forward and took the lead on planning, preparing and serving Friday's lunch. We received many complements on the food.

On May 26th, the Fire and Iron Motorcycle Rally and fundraiser will be held. Once again, our Chapter will benefit from the proceeds of this event. Our Chapter has been asked to donate items for the raffle and to assist with the rally by manning checkpoints along the motorcycle rally route. As this group has adopted our Chapter as their charity, we want to support them as much as possible. This event will be discussed again at our next meeting. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Marlin Howze, our Chapter representative for this important event.

Mark your calendars for June 22nd through June 24th. These are the dates for the Department of Texas DAV and DAVA state convention to be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Austin (same place as last year).

Gary Elley is selling tickets for the March 31st BBQ dinner to benefit Jayme Robinson who is in urgent need of a liver transplant. Tickets are \$8.00 each. The event begins at 5:00 PM at the Grain Bin Café and Store, 121 Dennis Drive and Hwy. 123. You can get your plates to go or stay to enjoy the live music and to participate in the silent auction and washer tournament. The medical bills associated with this transplant are massive and I know that your support will be deeply appreciated by Jayme and her family. For more information, please contact Gary.

In closing I want to also thank all of you who volunteer your time and talent to make our Veterans Comfort Zone a success. This is Vets helping Vets.

Phil Sierer
Commander

From the Unit Commander

THANK YOU! This goes out to the members of Unit 61 who stepped up to help at the recent District V Spring meeting. It is what helped to make the meeting a big success. Congratulations are in order for newly elected DAVA District V Commander Lynette Sierer (Unit 61) and DAV District V 2nd JVC Marlin Howze and DAV District V Chaplain Richard Cusson (both from Chapter 61). We all had a good time and received some valuable information from our guest speakers.

We are still looking for recipes. Contact your family, friends and whoever else you can think of for their great recipes. We are doing a cookbook as a State DAVA fundraiser and need as many recipes as we can get. You can send them to me or send them to the Chapter house but please do it soon.

I was going to remind everyone about the Forget-Me-Not campaign at Wal-Mart on March 17 and 18. But that has come and gone. Instead I want to thank everyone that volunteered to help for being there at the times they said and helping to making it a huge success. The public was very generous and gave more than has been given in quite a few years. This will go a long way for both sides of the house in our mission of taking care of America's disabled veterans and their families.

The annual Fire and Iron Bike Rally is May 26 and we are in need of items for the auction and raffle. Last year's rally was a big success and they gave a generous donation to both the Chapter and Unit. Let's make this year's fundraiser a bigger success. If you have any donations you can bring them by the Chapter house.

Again THANK YOU for all you have done and continue to do for our Auxiliary.

Live, Love, Laugh

Terri

The Certainty of God's Supply

**And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:19)**

This verse is one of the most practical we will ever encounter in the Bible. Every one of us faces needs in our lives; at times, they are beyond our own means. Those are not the times to become anxious or to panic. Nor should we give up in defeat. It is at these times that God wants to draw from His unlimited storehouse to meet our need as only He can.

Do you believe God can meet the needs of your finances? Your health? Your children? Your parents? Your church? Scripture says you will never face a need for which God's provision is not more than adequate. This promise appears over and over again in the Scriptures (Ps. 116:6; Heb. 4:16; Matt. 6:8; Ps. 69:33). If you are not experiencing God's bountiful provision, what is the problem? Is the difficulty with God? Or could it be that you do not really believe that God stands ready to meet your every need?

Every resource of God is available to any child of God who will believe Him. No one has ever exhausted God's supply nor suffered a shortfall when trusting Him. Unfortunately, some Christians live as if God's abundant resources were not available to them. They are children of the King, but they live like beggars! Would the people close to you affirm that your life gives evidence of an unwavering belief that God will do what He said?

As your Chaplain, I am available to all members of Chapter #61 and their immediate family for discussion of any spiritual matter or counseling. Please feel free to contact me at 4Veterans@hotmail.com or by calling me at (830) 491-8009.

Our new Bible Study "Answers to Life's Difficult Questions" will begin on Wednesday April 11* at 1:30 PM at the DAV Chapter House. This Bible Study is open to all veterans, whether they belong to a service organization or not, and to adult members of the veteran's immediate family . Reserve your spot today by contacting me by e-mail or by phone.

May God's peace and blessing be with all of you.

Chaplain Richard Cusson

Upcoming Events

- ❖ March 31: Benefit for Jayme Tumlinson at the Grain Bin on Hwy 123.
- ❖ May 26: Local Fire & Iron Annual fundraiser for DAV Chapter 61. At Dirty's Bar B Que on H-46.
- ❖ Jun 22-24: Department Convention, Double Tree North Hotel, Austin, TX.

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: 03/13/2012

TIME: 7PM

Chapter House, 425 Vaughan St., Seguin TX 78155

CALL TO ORDER:

Prayer by Richard Cusson, Chaplain

Flag Honors: Y

Joint Session

- ❖ Congratulations to Chapter 61 for their elections to the following District V positions:
 - 2nd Junior Vice Cdr –Marlin Howze
 - Chaplain-Richard Cusson
 - Auxiliary Cdr-Lynette Sierer
 - Auxiliary Adjutant-Terri Herrle
- ❖ Forget –me-not sign up sheet is available for Saturday and Sunday. Please sign up for a time slot. Mar 17&18.
- ❖ Joel Hart of the Veterans Outdoor Alliance (VOA) thanked the Chapter and Auxiliary for their support in making the first 2 hunts a success. The next hunt involves a Hog Hunt. 200 raffle tickets will be sold at \$10 each. The hunt will take place at a Christian Outdoor Alliance (COA) ranch in September. Also, a fishing trip in Del Rio over the Memorial Day Weekend will be hosted by the Del Rio DAV Chapter.
- ❖ Fire and Iron event in May to raise funds for Chapter 61. Their annual event. They need raffle items and support like they got last year. Raffle theme this year is camping and fishing, though a motorcycle camera would be appreciated as well.
- ❖ Unit 61 has offered to pay ½ of the building Insurance Premium coming due soon..
- ❖ Jun 22-24 is Dept Conv. Double Tree North in Austin off I-35 between 290 and 183.
- ❖ End Joint Session (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: 20 (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: None

Names of New Members: 2 new (names not available at time of report and not present at meeting)

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.)

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 Doug, 2nd Frank R, Motion Carries: Y

TREASURER'S REPORT: From Feb 1, 2012 To Feb 29, 2012

Beginning balance \$9663.42

Closing balance \$10,039.70

Motion to Accept Frank R, 2nd Leon Motion Carries: Y

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- ❖ Dept TX Itr on Conv Booklet Ad. Chapter to take out ½ page ad.
- ❖ Letter about benefit for Jayme Tumlinson. Young girl with many medical problems.
- ❖ National Membership Standings Report (given to Membership Chairman).

SICKNESS & DISTRESS:

- ❖ Comrade Harry D. recovering cancer treatments.
- ❖ Comrades Phil S. recovering from flu. Back at the office.
- ❖ Comrade Doug H. recovered from illness and home from the hospital.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- ❖ Membership: 2 new members.
- ❖ CSO: Total Hours Available- 270, Total hours with Vets – 126, Total vets seen-84.
- ❖ Chaplain Hours: 32
- ❖ Honor Guard Hours: 27

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ❖ See Covered in Joint session
- ❖ The calculator for the Treasurer OK's previously was purchased and is in service.
- ❖ Delegate fees for Dist were paid. \$135 for 9 delegates as per previous.
- ❖ Podium being built by Leon continues.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Insurance Premiums for Chapter Home due. Of interest is a \$27 Terrorist fee added to Premium. Cdr to query Insurance company about that. Pay Bill. Motion by Doug H., 2nd by Juan D., carried.
- ❖ Department Convention Ad booklet. Buy ½ page ad for Jun 22-24 Department Convention. Motion by Doug H., 2nd by Leon G., carried.
- ❖ Flags for Honor Guard. \$1556.24 exceeded originally approved \$1425. Motion to reimburse Honor Guard Captain Juan D. for extra expense. Motion by Doug, 2nd by Jimmie, Carried. A second motion to make the Honor Guard a committee was made to allow Honor Guard to use funerary donations for Honor Guard purposes (flags, uniform items, ammo for rifles, etc). Motion by Frank R., 2nd by Mike A., carried.
- ❖ 1st Nominations of Officers:
 - Cdr-Phil S.
 - SV Cdr-Gary E.
 - JV Cdr- Jimmie D.
 - Treasurer-JJ C.

- Chaplain-Charles Glass
- Nominations recessed till next month.

Moment of Silence. Remembrance of fallen comrades.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Chaplain announced that a new Bible Study Course will begin on April 11th. "How do I deal with tough problems."

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 Apr. 10th, 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