



Texas Chapter & Unit 61 Newsletter



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Notes from the Editor

May has passed and with it another smooth transition for our newly elected slate of Officers. I would like to thank Past District V Cdr Javier Patron for initiating our new line and joining us for our meeting. The new officers are listed below in the Minutes.

I would just like to say what a great bunch of people work at the Chapter right now. Every day I see more people stepping up to the plate helping with this thing or that. That is what makes for a great Chapter, the Members. When we all pull as a team there isn't anything we can't do. Our last couples of events have been huge successes due to the numbers of people that showed up to them. This includes our associate club Fire and Iron Station 87. Thanks to Danny and others for their support during these events. We had so many people available, we were standing around. That is a good thing. No one had to carry the load, we all shared. Good job.

We have a couple of other events coming up and I hope to see that kind of turnout again.

Marlin Howze
Editor/Adjutant

From the Unit Commander

The members of Unit 61 wish to congratulate the newly elected Chapter officers and wish them a successful and productive year. Also, congratulations to the newly elected and appointed Auxiliary officers. They are: Cmdr Terri Herrle, SVC Lynette Sierer, JVC Leigh Harrelson, Ad/Treas Christa Howze and Chaplain Vanessa Lewis. Our SEC is Jean Garriott and ASEC is Vanessa Lewis.

A quick reminder of upcoming events which include the Armed Forces Day Carnival at the American Legion May 17-20 where we will have a food booth on the 18th and 19th, the joint Memorial Day program on May 28 at San Geronimo cemetery, the annual State Convention June 22-24 and our Freedom Fiesta booth on June 30.

A number of our Chapter and Auxiliary members will be leaving on Tuesday for Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual Rolling Thunder bike ride on Memorial Day in honor of our POW/MIA's. We wish them a safe journey and God speed.

Live, Love, Laugh

Terri

Chaplin's Corner

The fact that you are here is a testament to your willingness to stand up and fight for all who served and sacrificed.

2 Timothy 1.7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Chaplain Charles Glass

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Jun 30th**: Freedom Fiesta. Chapter 61 to participate, need volunteers.
- ❖ **Jun 22-24**: Department Convention, Double Tree North Hotel, Austin, TX.
- ❖ **June 6** : D Day
- ❖ **June 17th** : Fathers Day
- ❖ **July 4th**: American Independence Day
- ❖ **June 14th**: Flag Day - Celebrates the official symbol for the United States: our Stars and Stripes. Flag Day was first recognized by Congress on June 14, 1777, which became know as Flag Day.
- ❖ **Aug 4-7**: National Convention, Las Vegas.
- ❖ **August 14th**: V.J. 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 Lorange
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: 05/08/2012

TIME: 7PM

Chapter House, 425 Vaughan St., Seguin TX 78155

CALL TO ORDER:

Prayer by Richard Cusson, Chaplain

Flag Honors: Y

Joint Session

- ❖ Mom's Day at Hacienda Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation for Veteran's and Spouses. Come join us as we celebrate Mother's Day with Hacienda residents. Music, food, and service. 9:30 am, will last about an hour.
- ❖ Armed Forces Day May 17-20. Legion Post 245 in Seguin is hosting an Armed Forces Day event with a carnival, vendors, food, info etc. Saturday the 19th, they will try to bring wounded soldiers from SAMMC and Wounded Warrior Center to the event. All area Veteran Service Organizations are invited to participate. Info booth is free, a food booth is \$100 for all 4 days. A motion for the Chapter to participate with a food booth and an info booth and authorizing the \$100 expenditure was made by George, 2nd by Larry, carried. Chapter will participate. Volunteers please.
- ❖ Fire and Iron event 26 May to raise funds for Chapter 61. 9am registration, 10 am first bike out, 3pm last bike in. Fire & Iron could use 4-6 volunteers to help with registration and the auction. This event is a fund raiser for us, help them out and come enjoy the venue they are putting on.
- ❖ Freedom Fiesta 30 June. Chapter & Unit will be selling beef/chicken fajitas' at his annual event. 100 lbs of meat 50/50 beef/chckn. Also will sell beans. Put it on your calendars, we need volunteers for this event.
- ❖ Memorial Day May 28th hosted by American Legion Post 245. Joint VSO event. DAV to provide Honor Guard for rifle detail. Joint color guard. Starts at 11 am at San Geronimo Cemetery.
- ❖ June 9 is the Lockhart Chisolm Trail Parade.
- ❖ Jun 16 is the Stockdale Watermelon Jubilee Parade.
- ❖ Jun 22-24 is Dept Conv. Double Tree North in Austin off I-35 between 290 and 183.
- ❖ Aug 4-7 is National Convention in Las Vegas. Let us know if you plan on attending.
- ❖ (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: 22 (Roster attached)

Chapter had a quorum: Yes x No ___

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

Guests: Javier Patron, Bill Medina, Scott Wiley (Fire & Iron Station 87 Rep), Becky Wiley

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Names of transfer members: Douglas Shewalter, Richard Salinas.

Names of visitors: None

Names of New Members: 1 new; Leland Potter

Names of new members who were initiated: None

(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

(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 Feb 1, 2012 To Mar 29, 2012

Beginning balance \$8239.21 (adjusted)

Closing balance \$7890.21

Motion to Accept Motion: Cecil , 2nd Tomas:, Carried Y

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS: (list attached)

- ❖ DAV Nat'l Mbrsh Bulliten & Activity Report. Passed to Mbrshp Chairman and Cdr.
- ❖ DAV Nat'l . Officer Report form. Retained by Adjutant for processing and mailing. Mailed 5/14/2012.
- ❖ Email from Joel Hart of the Veteran's Outdoor Alliance (VOA). To be addressed under new business.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS:

- ❖ Comrade Jerry Barnett Passed away earlier in the month. Our prayers to his families.
- ❖ Comrade Harry Drake passed away on 4/ 27/2012. Our prayers to his families.
- ❖ Comrade Margarita's niece was on the recent local school bus crash. She is home and recovering.
- ❖ Comrade Mike F. to receive an Upper GI Study, 24 Apr.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- ❖ Membership: 1 new members.
 - Leland Potter.
- ❖ CSO:
 - SOs: Total Hours Available- 240, Total hours with Vets – 100.5, Total vets seen-67.
 - Chaplain Hours: 17
 - Honor Guard Hours: 120 hrs (1 memorial, 1 funeral)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ❖ See Covered in Joint session
- ❖ Nominations. Remain same from last month.
 - Cdr- Phil Sierer
 - S-Vice Cdr- Gary Elley
 - J-Vice Cdr – Jimmie Dickerson.
 - Treasurer- JJ Chapa
 - Chaplain- Charles Glass
 - Adjutant (Appointed)- Marlin Howze
 - SAA (Appointed)- Leon Garcia

Adjutant casts one blank vote for accepting the nominations as registered. Motion to Accept Tomas, 2nd Margarita, carried Unanimously Y. Officers were immediately installed by Past District V Commander Javier Patron.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Response to VOA email fund raising letter. No motion. No Billed.

- ❖ Lazaro Camarillo III (Airborne) is running for higher office, Department of Texas 2nd Junior Vice Commander. He has asked for Chapter 61's support. A vote was taken. Motion by Frank, 2nd by Leon, Carried Unan.
- ❖ Immediate Past District V Javier Patron asked for Chapter 61's support to higher office, Department of Texas Judge Advocate. A vote was taken. Motion by Frank, 2nd by Leon, Carried Unan.
- ❖ Nat'l Convention. Tabled to next meeting.

Moment of Silence. Remembrance of fallen comrades.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:.

Motion for Adjournment:

Motion by Tomas, 2nd by Margarita.

Carried: Yes No

CLOSING CEREMONY: Salute Closing Prayer by Chaplain

Next meeting will be 7 PM, on June 12th, 2012

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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