

## DAV Meeting Minutes

Guadalupe County, TX Chapter 61

DATE: 09/11/2012

TIME: 7PM

Chapter House, 425 Vaughan St., Seguin TX 78155

### CALL TO ORDER:

Prayer by Charles Glass, Chaplain

Flag Honors: Y

### Joint Session

- ❖ Welcomed guests.
- ❖ Seguin Area Food Drive. Many of the food pantries in the local area are running thin on inventory. As such, Chapter 61 will be conducting a food drive from now until the end of the year. Non-perishable items can be brought to the Chapter House and for delivery to the local food banks. Adjutant to make up flyers.
- ❖ Advanced Auto Parts in Seguin has set up a special discount for DAV Members. To get the discount simply present your member card to the agent when checking out. Thanks to Don Herrle, one of our Auxiliary members for setting this up.
- ❖ Veteran's Day, Nov 11. Again this year, Veterans Day will be conducted by the Guadalupe County Veteran's Council with all Seguin area (and possibly some others as well) Veteran Service Organizations participating. This year, the DAV Chapter 61 will be chairing the function. Adjutant has begun preparations.
- ❖ Sign up sheets for the Forget-me-nots will be put out soon. Please sign up for a 2 hour slot. The event is the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of October. Mark it on your calendar.
- ❖ POW/MIA Observation, Sep 29<sup>th</sup>. Honor Guard Captain DeLeon will be doing a flag raising ceremony at Castilla Park. Needs participants to show up at 9:30am to set up for the event. Geronimo Post 8456 will be hosting the Guadalupe County Veteran's Council event at 7pm. A day of solidarity for our former and current POWs and MIAs, we should provide remarkable presence at both events.
- ❖ Pistol Raffle. Comrade Chapa has asked if the Chapter can run a Pistol Raffle. The weapon in mind is a .40 cal Springfield. 300 tickets would be sold at \$10 each. Adjutant will make request to State. **Motion to hold raffle by Comrade Rosario, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comrade Dickerson, carried unam.**
- ❖ Commander asked for a motion to donate to Joe DeLeon's annual Veteran's Day BBQ in New Braunfels. Annually, Joe throws this BBQ which is free to all veterans. **Comrade Cusson motioned a donation for \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comrade Glass, carried unam.**
- ❖ DAV Mobile Service Van will be here at the Chapter House on Nov 7 & 8. Up and running from 9am to 4pm. Could use some volunteers.
- ❖ Commander brought up need by Veteran's Outdoor Alliance for funding of the upcoming Disabled Veteran Hunt. **Comrade Cusson motioned a donation of \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comrade Rosario, carried unam.**
- ❖ Recess from regular business. Prayer for Auxiliary members Jean and Joyce's sister in law as they had received word during meeting that she had been involved in a wreck and was being cut out of the wreckage. Jean and Joyce depart meeting. District Chaplain Cusson led assemblage in Prayer for the Sister in law and Jean and Joyce's family. Returned to regular business from recess.
- ❖ (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  
SAA: Present Absent X (excused)

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:** Welcomed guests from Texas Lutheran University, 2 young ladies from Vista. Mbr Hart brought two guests that are interested in joining.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Names of transfer members: Steven Penaluna, Hester "Bud" Strickland

Names of visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bromlan (sp?)

Names of New Members: Brewer Wilmer, Hansford Green, Gilbert Medina, Francisco Vasquez, Robert Morrison.

Names of new members who were initiated: Gilbert Medina, Jimmie Wheeler

(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-Comrade Howze, Second-Comrade Rosario, Carried: Yes \_\_x\_\_ 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 Aug 01 to 31, 2012

Beginning balance \$11043.24

Closing balance \$10758.42

**Motion to Accept: Comrade Glass, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comrade Cusson, carried unam.**

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

- ❖ No bills, Communications covered in list.

#### **SICKNESS & DISTRESS:**

- ❖ Comrade Miguel Telles is still in the hospital. Comrade Gary Elley's Brother in law, David, passed away. Keep our comrades in your prayers.

#### **LEGISLATION**

- ❖ No report.

#### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

- ❖ Membership: 5 new members and 2 transfers.
- ❖ CSO:
  - SOs: No report. (CSO Absent)
  - Chaplain Hours: Comrade Cusson: 10 hrs total for Aug. 21 hrs in Jul. (Detailed Report Submitted)
  - Honor Guard Hours: 190 total hours (Detailed Report Submitted).

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Golden Corral seems to have been resolved, awaiting final word from Department of Texas.
- ❖ See Joint for other Old Business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Comrade Hart spoke of the Veteran's Hiring Fair at Live Oak Community Center in San Antonio September 12. Good turn out over 150 employers.

- ❖ Received cubicle systems, computers, office supplies, furniture and a whole lot of other stuff from a company closing down their operations center. The company was Altametrics locally based out of New Braunfels, but home base is out of California. Good job by those members who participated in moving this inordinately large amount of stuff from the center to the Chapter House. Includes almost 50 computer systems, dozens of chairs, tables, racks and general office supplies. Comrades Howze, Chapa, Elley Cusson, Garcia, and Fore moved this stuff. Comrade Howze's Brother was the connection. Big thanks.
- ❖ See Joint Session for other New Business.

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

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

None

**Motion for Adjournment:**

**Motion by Comrade Cuellar, 2nd by Comrade Rosario, carried unam.**

**CLOSING CEREMONY: \_\_x\_\_ Salute \_\_x\_\_ Closing Prayer by Chaplain**

**Next meeting will be 7 PM, on September 11th, 2012**