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FULFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

Guadalupe County Chapter 61

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Commander's Corner

by Phil Sierer

I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and that you are enjoying a wonderful New Year.

In place of our regular business meeting in December, we met at the Geronimo VFW Post for our annual Christmas party on December 11th. We enjoyed a really great time and as always, the food was delicious. A big *Thank You* to everyone who brought food and helped out in so many ways to make this party a great success. Who would have thought that we would outgrow our own Chapter House for this event, but we did. We estimate there were at least 150 in attendance at the Christmas party. I also want to thank Bill Owen for inviting us to use the Geronimo VFW facility and for booking us for next year. And as always, very special thanks to our auxiliary members for taking the lead on the planning and implementing of this event.

Both raffles were very successful and our own Terri Herrle was winner of the pistol. Thanks to all members, Chapter and Auxiliary, for selling and buying tickets to these raffles.

Several of our members met at the Geronimo VFW on New Year's Eve. Everyone had a fun-filled evening, especially one member whose name I will not mention.

At the January meeting I mentioned the following upcoming events:

February 2, 2013: Chapter Service Officer (CSO) training at the American Legion Post #2 located on Fredericksburg Road, San Antonio. This is a one-day training for veterans who are currently serving as a CSO or who want to become a CSO. If you are interested in attending this training and have not yet signed up, please contact our adjutant, Marlin Howze as soon as possible.

March 2, 2013: District V DAV and DAVA Spring Meeting. This one-day event also to be held at the American Legion Post #2 on Fredericksburg Road, will convene at 9 AM with a joint meeting of both organizations. At 10 AM the DAVA will be excused to meet independently. Both organizations will adjourn by 3:30 PM.

Food Bank sponsored by EAD Foundation asked our Chapter and Unit to sponsor one month by donating \$350 to pay for the truck to come to Seguin and by allowing them to park the truck in our parking lot to distribute the food. We voted to participate and will split the cost with our auxiliary. By doing so we are helping provide a much-needed service for our community.

We also voted to purchase two new office chairs to replace the 2 that keep falling down.

The minutes [inside the newsletters] from our November meeting are posted on our web site under the News section.

From the Adjutant

By Marlin Howze

Hope everyone is enjoying a good new year to date. Last year was a spectacular year for Chapter 61. We hit on it at the last meeting, but I just want to re-iterate what a great job was done by the membership. We had large numbers of volunteer strength show up at all of our fund raising events. Well done to everyone.

And while I'm on the subject of membership, our recruiting numbers were pretty high last year and have continued into the New Year. Our membership Chair, VP Elley has done a great job keeping the membership straight and I think we are headed for a stellar year this year.

There were a lot of individuals who have stood out as well. Our building manager, Comrade Garcia, has done a terrific job keeping the Chapter House in "Ship Shape." Most people don't know, but he is first to arrive in the mornings getting the Chapter House ready receive our veterans coming to us for help. Everyone that comes through comments on what a nice Chapter Home we have and a big part of that is the work that Leon accomplishes. Not to say he couldn't use some help. If there is paper on the floor or something out of place, pick it up or put the loose object where it's supposed to be. Don't weight for Leon to handle everything.

Another person doing a great job is our Honor Guard Captain, Juan DeLeon. He invests a lot of time responding to Honor calls, making contact with Team members to get them ready, ordering uniform parts for Team Members and maintaining the Chapters Honor Guard equipment. Good job to Juan and all those who help on the Team. The Honor Guard is a first line of contact for a lot of community folks who may not even know who or what the DAV is and how we help vets. Whether they Honor a vet at his last call or execute a flag raising at a community event, they have always put forth a professional image for our Chapter and the DAV. He can always use a couple more bodies on the Team.

Our Auxiliary has been doing outstanding work also. We just received our first check from the United Way Utility Grant that the Unit applied for and received. This takes a huge burden off of our tight resources and ensures another year of being able to continue our service to area (and sometimes out of area) veterans.

Our Chapter Service Officers are racking up quite a few hours and helping a lot of vets. Chapter Service represents our largest and most successful endeavor at the Chapter and still is a core function. We have training coming up and hopefully we can expand our hours if we have some more

The Chapter 61 Staff.

Chapter Officers:

Commander	Phil Sierer
SV Commander	Gary Elley
JV Commander	Jimmie Dickerson
Treasurer	JJ Chapa
Chaplain	Charles Glass
Adjutant	Marlin Howze
SAA	Leon Garcia
Honor Guard	Juan DeLeon
Service Officer	Doug Herrle

Unit Officers:

Commander	Terri Herrle
SV Commander	Lynnette Sierer
JV Commander	Jeanne Garriott
Treasurer/Adj	Christa Howze
Chaplain	Leigh Harrelson
SEC	Jeanne Garriott
Alt SEC	Leigh Harrelson

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2nd Tuesday of the Month
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Every Tuesday, 12 am-1pm and 1:30-2:30pm
VCZ: Tue-Wed, 9am-3pm
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<http://www.davmembersportal.org/chapters/tx/61>.

You may Bookmark the site and refer often to see what's happening.

dedicated Service Offices come on line.

You'll probably notice a new format with the newsletter. Let me know what you think. If you have some photos of Chapter oriented stuff send them on to me and I'll try to get them into the next Newsletter. Think something should be in here? Let me know.

A bit long winded, but we, the Officers, appreciate all the work our members are getting accomplished. I hope we can expand on that just a little bit more through fund raising, membership, and service to veterans.

New Members

William Hathaway

Harry Kemp

Homero Soto

Daniel Zuniga

Thomas Taylor

Eduardo Ayala

Charles Franz

Lawrence Gold

William Puryear

Welcome Aboard

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 21: MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

**FEB 2: CSO TRAINING, AMERICAN LEGION POST 2
FREDERICKSBURG RD, SAN ANTONIO, TX**

MAR 2: SEGUIN CLEAN UP DAY, TLU DAWGS

CHAPTER HOUSE IS OPERATION STATION FOR TLU STUDENTS

**MAR 2: DISTRICT V MTG, AMERICAN LEGION POST 2
FREDERICKSBURG RD, SAN ANTONIO, TX**

**MAR 24: TEXAS VETERAN'S WALL, READING OF NAMES
LBJ LIBRARY, AUSTIN, TX**

**MAR 25: TEXAS VETERAN'S MONUMENT, GROUND BREAKING
STATE CAPITAL GROUNDS, NE CORNER, AUSTIN, TX**

**APR 2-3: MOBILE SERVICE VAN VISIT
CHAPTER HOUSE**

From the Chaplain

Happy New year to all of my fellow Comrades. Comrades for the purpose of our gathering in the year of 2012, we accomplished many things together. Let us go a little farther in the year of 2013.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians people to encourage them to say strong. In the book of Colossian Chapter 1:9 it says "for this reason also, since the day we heard of God, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding."

Yours in Faith,
Chaplain Charles Glass

Binnacle List

Dennis Roy-In Hospital

He is in our Prayers

DAV Meeting Minutes

Guadalupe County, TX Chapter 61
TIME: 7PM
Chapter House, 425 Vaughan St., Seguin TX 78155

DATE: 1/8/2013

CALL TO ORDER:

Prayer by Charles Glass, Chaplain
Flag Honors: Y

Joint Session

- ❖ CSO training Feb 2 at the American Legion Post 2 in San Antonio on Fredericksburg Road. 8am.
- ❖ The District V meeting will be March 2nd. At American Legion Post 2 on Fredericksburg Road in San Antonio. District V Itinerary holds being done by 3PM. An active day.
- ❖ Food bank truck can come to Seguin from San Antonio via a sponsor. Cost to bring the truck to the area is \$300 + \$30 gas. Chapter 61 makes use of the local food banks extensively for in families. Eats Foundation is one of those food banks. These food banks are in low status for goods and could use the help. **Motion by Leon to bring Food Bank Truck to Seguin, paying 50% of costs (\$187.50) for one time trip. 2nd by Marlin, carried.** Other 50% to be paid by Auxiliary.
- ❖ Treasurer to issue check for \$75 to VFW Post 8456 for hall clean up following Chapter 61 Christmas Dinner.
- ❖ The Gun Raffle pulled in a total of \$2460.00. -\$508.78 for pistol = \$1756.22. 10% is due to Department for fund raiser. Minus 10% (\$195) equals. **Motion by Mike F. to donate half (\$878.25) to Auxiliary. 2nd by Felix, carried.** With half to Auxiliary (\$878.25), reflects net to Chapter.
- ❖ Auxiliary Christmas Raffle made \$804. Half (\$402) donated to Chapter.
- ❖ Vice Commander Jimmy brought to Chapter's attention the passing of a vet in Seguin. No family, no money, and no insurance. To keep vet from being buried in a County plot, would like to see the Chapter help Palmer Mortuary give him a proper burial. **Motion by Leon to donate \$200 towards his costs. 2nd by Felix, carried.** Additionally, Chapter Honor Guard will provide honors for vet this Friday.
- ❖ Discussion about changing the Christmas Dinner format. Getting to large to handle. Will define in near future.
- ❖ United Way grant money to pay for utilities is expected soon. Will pay up to \$500 of monthly utilities. This money comes to the Auxiliary. Auxiliary will then pay utilities with tight accounting to meet conditions of grant.
- ❖ New hours for Seguin CBOC. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-12 and 1300 to 1700.
- ❖ (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 X	Absent

Total officers & members present: 22 (Sign in sheet attached)

Chapter had a quorum: Yes

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

Guests: none

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Names of New Members: William Hathaway, Luling. Harry Kemp, Lockhart. Homero Soto, Converse. Daniel Zuniga, Seguin. Thomas Taylor, ?.

Names of new members who were initiated: New members not present.

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

Names of Transferred In Members: Eduardo Ayala, Charles Franz, Lawrence Gold, William Puryear.

Welcome to all our new and newly transferred members.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Stand as posted-**Motion-Felix, Second-Leon, Carried.**

(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 as well as available in Chapter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: From Nov 01 to 30, 2013.

Report Pending.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS: (list attached)

- ❖ No bills covered in list.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS:

- ❖ Linda visited 7 vets at Remarkable Rehabilitation and Nursing. Member June Bishop is in nursing home, visits would be appreciated. Richard has recovered from illness.

LEGISLATION

- ❖ See Attached.
 - Numerous bills coming up in next State Senate. Also discussed were Tricare increases.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- ❖ Membership: 5 new members and 4 transfers.
- ❖ CSO:
 - SOs: Total Hours 51, Hrs available 96, Veterans seen 34. Hrs for 4 Srvc Ofcrs. See attached report for details.
 - District V Chaplain Hours: Comrade Cusson: 12 total. (Detailed Report Attached)
 - Honor Guard Hours: 0 total hours for December. (Detailed Report Available from Honor Guard Captain).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ❖ See Joint for other Old Business.
- ❖ We are online with Texas Facilites. We are still looking for a large rail shipping container we can use as a storage unit.
- ❖ Our food drive is ongoing. Please remember to bring items for the box in our lobby.
- ❖ Red Barn event is cancelled. Expect it to be looked at again maybe Feb or later.
- ❖ New Year's Party event at the Geronimo Memorial Post was a great event. Lots of fun and as usual, Post 8456 put on a fantastic venue. If you missed it, think about it for next year. This event sells out, so keep it in mind when they announce it this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ See Joint Session for other New Business.
- ❖ Need 2 new office chairs. **Motion by Jimmy for \$350 toward new office Chairs, 2nd by Charles, carried.**
- ❖ CSO training attendees will be faxed tomorrow. **Accomplished 9 Jan.**
- ❖ March 2nd is Seguin Clean up day. TLU Dawgs have asked if they can use the Chapter House as a base of operations. The Chapter will have water and sodas on hand for refreshment. Food is being handles by other corporate sponsors. **Motion to by Leon to spend \$50 toward refreshments, 2nd by Charles, carried. Chapter House will be opened as a base of ops for TLU.**

Moment of Silence. Remembrance of fallen comrades.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

We have free books (paperbacks) in the back. Take a look and feel free to help yourself.

Motion for Adjournment:

Motion by Lynn, 2nd by Leon, carried.

CLOSING CEREMONY: Salute Closing Prayer by Chaplain

Next meeting will be 7 PM, on February 12th, 2013.