

February 2013



# Guadalupe County Chapter 61

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



### Commander's Corner

Well Comrades we're moving right along into 2013. We're hoping for another banner year at Chapter 61. We are off to a great start. Our Adjutant Marlin Howze was installed as Sr Vice Commander for DAV, District V.

The Seguin-Guadalupe County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce presented awards to two of our members at the Annual Banquet. Auxiliary Commander Terri Herrle received the 2013 Patriot Award. Comrade Seguin City Councilman Tomas Castellon received the Daniel Rodriguez Community Service Award. Congrats to them for a job well done.

Well fund raising campaigns are right around the corner. Thanks to all the outstanding participation of our members, last year yielded great results. The success of fundraising events help our Chapter give all the vets that come through our doors the outstanding service they deserve. Thank you members for all your help at the Chapter fundraisers last year. You can pat yourself on the back for a job well done. Let's do it again this year. Let's make 2013 an even better year than 2012.

And a big thank you goes out to our Chapter Service Officers for a job well done. Our mission is to help veterans and our Chapter SO's do an outstanding job at it.

Also, a big thank you to Juan DeLeon and the Chapter 61 Honor Guard. Juan puts a lot of time and effort into making sure our veterans are honored with the upmost respect. It means a lot to all of their families. The Honor Guard also represents the Chapter at various events at which they are asked to "Present the Colors" at official functions around the area. Thank you Juan and members of the Color Guard. You are the Chapter Public relations ambassadors.

I would like to thank everyone for your service to our country. We are looking forward to an outstanding 2013.

### New Members

Luis Collazo  
Charles Johnson  
Houston Robertson  
Jesse Vidal  
Eric Denner  
Patricia Jopling  
Fitzgerald Hernandez

**Welcome Aboard**

Gary Elley  
Sr Vice Commander  
DAV, Chapter 61, Seguin



## Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

Unit 61, Seguin, Texas

### Commanders Comments

March 2013

After coming back from HEB this morning it hit me that spring has sprung. The mesquite trees have buds on them and the bluebonnets are in bloom. We almost had a winter. Oh, well.

The District V Spring meeting held March 2 was a big success. We got our business accomplished and also were surprised with a nice lunch. The lunch was the prize for raising the most money at the State Convention for the Auxiliary project, DAVA 4 Kids. It was a nice surprise.

The newly elected DAVA District V officers are: Commander Molly Camarillo (Corpus Christi), SVC Ursula Cunningham (Universal City), JVC Gloria Cardenas (Harlingen), Chaplain Pat Owens (San Antonio) and Adjutant Terri Herrle (Seguin). We wish the new officers a productive year. Also congratulations to our DAV Adjutant Marlin Howze on his election as DAV Dist. V Senior Vice Commander.

We should be getting information on the State Convention soon. It will be held in Austin in June. More to follow later.

Remember to be good to each other.

Terri Herrle Commander

### 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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**Service Hours:** 9am to 1pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday

**Monthly Business Meeting:**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

#### **PTSD Groups:**

Every Tuesday, 12 am-1pm and 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.

For the Spirit

*“If anyone has this world’s goods (resources for sustaining life) and sees his brother and fellow believer in need, yet closes his heart of compassion against him, how can the love of God live and remain in him? Let us not love [merely] in theory or in speech but in deed and in truth.”*

**(1 John 3:17–18, AMP)**

I’ve heard it said that you can give without loving, but you can’t love without giving. Notice this verse tells us that love isn’t just about our words or thoughts, it’s about our actions. Love is about reaching out and meeting the needs of others. Sometimes meeting someone’s needs is as simple as a smile or sharing a word of encouragement. There are many ways to show the love of God. Can you pay for someone’s gas or groceries? Do you see a need in someone’s life that you can meet?

Remember, you are the hands and feet of Jesus on this earth. The Lord wants to bless you today so that you can be a blessing to others. He wants to work through you to show His love and compassion. Today and every day, look for ways to put your love into action. The Bible says that it’s His kindness that leads people to repentance. He wants to show His kindness in the earth through you.

Step out and sow good seeds of love by meeting the needs of others. God promises that those seeds will produce an abundant harvest in your life in return!

As your Chaplain, I am available to you and your families if you are in need of spiritual guidance or counseling.

Chaplain Richard Cusson (830) 491-8009 or by e-mail:

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**From the Chaplain**

*Binnacle List*

June Bishop - Deceased

Terri Herrle-Recovering from surgery

*They are in our Prayers*

Yours in Faith,  
Chaplain Richard Cusson

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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

**APR 13-14: FORGET-ME-NOT FUND DRIVE**

**JUL 3: FREEDOM FIESTA**

**JUL 4: 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE**

## DAV Meeting Minutes

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

DATE: 3/12/2013

### CALL TO ORDER:

Prayer by Asst State Chaplain Richard Cusson  
Flag Honors: Y

### Joint Session

- ❖ April 2 & 3 DAV Mobile Service Van visits with San Antonio National Service Officers.
- ❖ April 13 & 14 is Annual Chapter Forget-Me-Not Drive. Volunteer sheets to be passed out at next meeting. 2 hour segments. Oct 12 & 13 is the Auxiliaries' Drive.
- ❖ Congratulations to Adjutant Marlin Howze for election to District V Senior Vice Commander position.
- ❖ Property Insurance Premium is due next month. Motion to pay Premium by Comrade Jimmie D, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leon G., motion carried. Auxiliary will pay half.
- ❖ Thanks to the Auxiliary for paying all the utilities. They are doing a wonderful job, be sure to let them know.
- ❖ Congratulations to Doug and Marlin for getting their 1000 hour volunteer pin, Phil for getting a 500 hour pin, Richard for a 50 hour pin from DAV National. If you're interested in the program, see Doug or Terri for enrollment info on the Local Volunteer Assistance Program (LVAP).
- ❖ Freedom Fiesta will be around July 3rd. We will have 1 booth selling brisket tacos and beans.
- ❖ Texas Vietnam Memorial Groundbreaking will begin on the 24<sup>th</sup> with a reading of names, 8:30-5:30, and the formal groundbreaking on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Let Past Commander Doug know if you're interested in a car pool.
- ❖ Need to know who is going to work the Wal-Mart in San Marcos for Forget-me-Nots and make sure Wal-Mart is contacted and ready for us to operate for the Drive.
- ❖ (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 (Chaplain Cusson acting)
Adjutant:	Present X	Absent
SAA:	Present X	Absent

Total officers & members present: 27 (Sign in sheet attached)

Chapter had a quorum: Yes

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

**Guests:** Bella Waltrek, Peggy Johns

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Names of New Members: Luis Collazo –Seguin, Charles Johnson – Selma, Houston Robertson – New Braunfels, Jesse Vidal – Canyon Lake, Eric Denner – Cibolo, Patricia Jopling – San Antonio, Fitzgerald Hernandez - Elgin. (New members and those who have not been previously initiated must be initiated at the meeting and their names recorded in minutes.) 3 members sworn in, but I failed to copy their names, will amend minutes when names are researched.

Names of Transferred In Members: none.

Welcome to all our new members.

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Stand as posted-**Motion-Jimmie D, 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 Feb 01 to 28, 2013.

Beginning: \$14,317.79. Ending: \$16,592.28. Full report and statements attached.

**Motion to accept: Mike F, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Richard C., motion carries.**

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

- ❖ No bills covered in list.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS:**

- ❖ Deaths: Comrade June Bishop Passed. A long time member and Marine. Our prayers and sympathies are with her family.
- ❖ Comrade Terri is recovering from a surgery.

**LEGISLATION**

- ❖ See Attached.
  - 3 bits of info covered. 1) Hazelwood Act. 2) Request for support of HR833 & S470 dealing with ranking of new Distinguished Warfare Medal. 3) HR669 & 570 dealing with the rounding down of COLA and allowance adjustments, bills are against such actions. Report attached.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

- ❖ Membership: 7 new members and 0 transfers.
- ❖ CSO:
  - SOs: Total Hours 105, Hrs available 192, Veterans seen 70. Hrs for 4 Srvc Ofcrs. See attached report for details.
  - District V Chaplain Hours: Comrade Cusson: 21hrs total. (Detailed Report Attached)
  - Honor Guard Hours: 198 total hours for February. (Detailed Report Available from Honor Guard Captain is attached).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ❖ See Joint for other Old Business.
- ❖ Still have not received a date from the Food Bank truck for an arrival date.
- ❖ Still have not found a suitable storage container/bldg for the Chapter. Still looking.
- ❖ April 2 & 3 is the date for the DAV Mobile Service Van to arrive.
- ❖ Still in the works, Chapter 61 and TLU are working to hold a 5K run benefitting the DAV. This is being targeted for Nov. Clean-up Days where TLU used the Chapter House to operate out of during their community events on Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> was a success.
- ❖ Chaplain Charles Glass is out of pocket. Chaplain Cusson will fill in until elections.
- ❖ Golden Corral is scheduled for Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ Nov will also see the Chapter hosting a Defensive Driver Course. Not for dismissing tickets, but good for reducing insurance rates.
- ❖ We are still looking to get our large BBQ pit welded up. Have been trying to get someone to do it pro-bono, but we may have to look to a commercial welder.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ❖ See Joint Session for other New Business.
- ❖ Chaplain Cusson reported that the next Bible Study class will be on Comparative Religions and the History of the major religions active today. The Study is open to all and meets every Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Come join us in fellowship with the Lord.
- ❖ Comrade Juan discussed the plight of an active duty army member whose house burned down injuring his children and grandparents. He was deployed at the time, returning home to take care of family. Many action avenues are underway, see Juan if you want to be involved.

- ❖ Letter from Hospital VAVS coordinator requesting fund support for in-patient vets at Audi Murphy VMC. **Motion to send \$200 in support by Richard C, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leon G, motion carried.**
- ❖ Call to State Convention. Delegates that have been identified so far: Doug H., Frank R., Juan D, Phil S., Justo C., Leon G., Marlin H. **Motion for Chapter to pay delegate fees of \$20 each by Richard C, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tomas C., motion carries.**
- ❖ **Motion to purchase a full page ad at \$150 in the State Convention Booklet by Tomas C., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank R., motion carries.**
- ❖ Discussion as to whom the Iraq/Afghanistan Veteran's Association (IAVA) is.

#### **GOOD of the ORDER**

- ❖ First round of nominations for upcoming annual elections:
  - Commander: Phil S.
  - SV Commander: Gary E.
  - JV Commander: James D.
  - Treasurer: JJ C.
  - Chaplain: Richard C.
- ❖ Nominations closed till next meeting.

**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 Bob M., 2nd by Frank, carried.**

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

**Next meeting will be 7 PM, on Apr 9th, 2013.**