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November 2014



FULFILLING OUR PROMISES  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

**DOUG HERRLE CHAPTER 61  
SEGUIN, TEXAS**



**DAV DOUG HERRLE CHAPTER  
SEGUIN, GUADALUPE COUNTY, TEXAS  
COMMANDERS' COMMENTS  
Oct 2014**

Happy Thanksgiving Comrades!

Thanksgiving Day will arrive in just a few more days. It is the time of year that we especially give thanks for our families, our fellow comrades, all the veterans of past and present, for all our military men and women serving presently here and abroad. It is because of the sacrifice of all Americans who serve and have served in the military that we can all enjoy this coming Thanksgiving Day as Free Americans. Let us give Thanks to Almighty God for letting us live and prosper in the United States of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave!

As we get close to the end of 2014, a few reminders. Thursday, November 20th, Veterans Night Out, to be held at TLU Party Barn, which is across the street from the new TLU football stadium. A free meal for veterans will be served starting at approximately 5:30 PM. There will also be entertainment.

Saturday, November 22nd will be the 2nd Annual DAV Dash to be held at Starcke Park East behind the ball fields. More details to follow. Registration will start about 7:30 AM.

The chapter house will be closed for business Nov. 20th through Dec. 1st. Will reopen for business Dec. 2nd. This is to allow our members to enjoy thanksgiving week with their families.

Don't forget our next meeting on December 9th, is our annual Christmas Party and will be held at the VFW in Geronimo. Starting time will be 6:30 PM.

The auxiliary will be selling tickets for raffle and drawing to be held at the party. We have some great prizes. See Terri at the chapter house during regular business days to pick up some tickets for you and to sell to your friends and neighbors. You need not be present to win. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Make sure the ticket purchaser writes their name and phone number clearly, so we can read it. All money goes to our Chapter and Unit.

Hope to see everyone at the upcoming events! Thank you for your service!

Gary Elley  
Senior Vice Commander

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**DAV DOUG HERRLE UNIT 61**  
**SEGUIN, GUADALUPE COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**AUXILIARY COMMENTS**  
**Oct 2014**

Where has this year gone? It's almost Thanksgiving and before we have a chance to catch our breath it will be Christmas. Wow! The first thing I want to do is wish Doug Herrle Chapter 61 a belated Happy Birthday. On November 5 they celebrated 50 years as a Chapter, being chartered on November 5, 1964. We wish them another very productive 50 years.

November has been a busy month so far with Golden Corral and Veterans Day. We had fun with the parade and the program which followed at Central Park was great. We had a pretty good turnout in spite of the miserably cold weather. We came out to honor our veterans which we did. We still have a couple of things to finish out the month. Veterans Night Out is on November 20 at TLU and the DAV Dash is on November 22 at Starke Park. Come out and support both functions.

Our December meeting night is our annual Christmas dinner to be held at the Geronimo VFW beginning at 6:30 pm. The Auxiliary is selling raffle tickets with the drawing to be at the dinner. You can contact Terri at the Chapter house on Tuesday or Wednesday to either purchase tickets or pick some up to sell. We have some wonderful raffle items and the proceeds go to help the Auxiliary and Chapter with ongoing projects. We will have turkey and ham for dinner and can always use side dishes. You can call Terri at 830.305.4338 if you want to bring something.

Commander Lynette is well on the road to recovery following major surgery and we need to keep her and all other members in our thoughts and prayers.

As we sit down to dinner on Thanksgiving please remember to give thanks for all we have. We are all very blessed no matter what is going on in our lives.

Have a wonderful Turkey Day!!!

Terri  
Adjutant/Treasurer

**Veteran's Day Program**  
**November 11, 2014**



# Veterans Day 2014



Photos courtesy Pat Paiz and Marlin Howze



New Member Bob Covington  
Being Sworn in by  
District Commander Howze

Photo courtesy Mike Fore

### DAVA COOKBOOKS NOW ON SALE

This is a fundraiser to benefit our DAVA Departmental (State) treasury. Each book costs \$15 and contains more than 300 recipes contributed by DAVA members, families and friends. We have a small supply of them at our Chapter House office. Once we sell these, we can get more until we sell all of them. Exact amount in cash, \$15, or a check made out to DAVA Unit 61 will be appreciated.

Our unit meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the Chapter House. This is the same time and place that our Chapter meets.

### Upcoming Events

15 Nov TLU Bulldogs Veteran's Appreciation Tailgate Party and Game.

17 Nov Golden Corral Military Appreciation Day

20 Nov TLU Veteran's Night Out. TLU Campus

22 Nov TLU DAV Dash

16-18 Jan DAV Dept of Tx Mid-Winter Training

#### Our New Members

David Montelongo - San Marcos

David Phillipi – La Vernia

#### Our Transferred Members

None

### The Chapter 61 Staff.

#### Chapter Officers:

Commander	Phil Sierer
SV Commander	Gary Elley
JV Commander	JJ Chapa
Treasurer	Bella Wiatrek
Chaplain	Richard Cusson
Adjutant	Marlin Howze
SAA	Leon Garcia
Honor Guard	Juan DeLeon
Service Officer	Marlin Howze

#### Unit Officers:

Commander	Lynette Sierer
SV Commander	Leigh Harrelson
JV Commander	Joyce Farr
Treasurer/Adj	Terri Herrle
Chaplain	Jeanne Garriott
SEC	Terri Herrle
Alt SEC	Jeanne Garriott

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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

**Seeking Safety:** Wed. 7:30pm-9pm

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.

## Thoughts from the Chaplain

### Thanksgiving

**And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. (Luke 17:15-16)**

Thankfulness is foundational to the Christian life. Thankfulness is a conscious response that comes from looking beyond our blessings to their source. As Christians, we have been forgiven, saved from death, and adopted as God's children. There could be no better reason for a grateful heart!

Lepers in Jesus' day were social outcasts. Their highly contagious condition ostracized them from those they loved. When ten lepers encountered Jesus, they desperately implored Him to show them mercy. Jesus sent them to the priest. As they obeyed, they were healed! These ten men had been forbidden to enter their own villages, to live in their own homes, to work in their own jobs, or even to touch their own children. Imagine what unrestrained joy must have filled them as they ran back home again!

One of the lepers, a Samaritan, stopped and ran back to thank Jesus. Samaritans were normally shunned by the Jews, but Jesus had healed him! Jesus asked him, "Where are the others?" Ten lepers had been healed. Ten lepers were reveling in their new-found health. Ten men were joyfully rushing to share the good news with those they loved. But only one considered the Source of that blessing and stopped to thank and worship the One who had given him back his life.

We, too, have been healed and made whole by the Savior. We are free to enjoy the abundant life the Savior has graciously given us. Could we, like the nine lepers, rush off so quickly to glory in our blessings without stopping to thank our Redeemer? God looks for our thanks. Our worship, prayers, service, and daily life ought to be saturated with thanksgiving to God (Phil. 4:6).

As your Chaplain, I am available to all members of Doug Herrle Chapter #61 and their immediate family for discussion of any spiritual matter or counseling. Please feel free to contact me at [4Verterans@hotmail.com](mailto:4Verterans@hotmail.com). May God's peace and blessing be with all of you.  
Chaplain Richard Cusson

### *Binnacle List*

*Phil & Lynnette Sierer*

*JD Chapa*

*Judy Cope*

### Reminder

Bible Study is offered at the Chapter House every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 PM usually finishing up by 3 pm. We have open and engaging discussions while we explore the Word of our Lord and find what he has to offer us. Come, join us. We are currently studying Romans.

## DAV Meeting Minutes

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

DATE: 11/11/2014

### CALL TO ORDER:

Prayer by Chaplain Richard Cusson  
Flag Honors: Y

### Guest Presentations

1. Our State Auxiliary Passed Commander Terri Herrle was accepted into the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. A significant award considering that only 3 persons out of the US are accepted into the order each year. Terri was recognized for her outstanding work on behalf of veterans and the local community. The award was presented by Comrade Basil Karm. Doug Herrle had also received this distinguished honor.

### Joint Meeting Chapter and Unit

- ❖ Comrade Fore presented a message from Representative Kuemple thanking all Veterans for their service and sacrifices with hopes that everyone is able to enjoy Veterans Day and honor our nation's heroes.
- ❖ Annual DAV/Golden Corral Military Appreciation Fundraising Event begins on November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Christmas Dinner will begin setup at 6:30 PM, serving at 6:30 pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec (our regular business meeting night) at Geronimo Memorial VFW Post 8456.
  - Turkeys: Jim & Mary 1, Leon 1, 2 turkeys by Chapter. Bella will provide one as a raffle.
  - Hams: Phil & Lynette 1, Gary & Francis 1,
  - Sides: all are encouraged to bring a side/dessert serving 6-8.
  - Raffle Items: Have many need more.
  - Music: Mike
  - Guests: Terri & Marlin to contact
- ❖ Veteran's Day parade and ceremony went well. Light turn out due to the sudden change in temperature, still a good turnout for first parade and event. Good job to all involved. An especially good job to Pat & Marie Paiz for providing the DAV float with the outstanding Cannon built by Pat. Gave the Chapter a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for floats. Motorcyclists took 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Young Marines grabbing 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- ❖ November 15<sup>th</sup> is the TLU Veteran's Appreciation Football Game and Tailgate. This is a Home Game for them and they are excited as they are undefeated this year so far. Come out, watch them play and enjoy the pregame tailgate. Tailgate party starts at 9am, with the game starting at 1 pm.
- ❖ TLU Veteran's Night Out is 20 November at the TLU Party Barn. Starts at 5pm. This is a really fun event that TLU puts on and is open to all veterans.
- ❖ 22 Nov is the DAV Dash, TLU's annual 5K in support of the DAV. Come out and support TLU (the Chapter) by participating or buying T-shirts.
- ❖ Comrade Karm and Danny provided a fish fry on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Nov. The fish was excellent and we are thankful to Danny and Basil for their efforts.
- ❖ January 16-18 is the DAV Department of Texas Mid-Winter/ Training seminar. The event will be at the Doubletree North Hotel in Austin. Every officer or person who wishes to become an officer should consider attending. Let one of the officers know if you're interested.
- ❖ Auxiliary retires.

**Roll call of officers** by Marlin Howze, Adjutant

Commander:	Present	Absent X (excused)
Sr. Vice Commander:	Present X	Absent
Jr. Vice Commander:	Present	Absent X (Excused)
Treasurer:	Present X	Absent
Chaplain:	Present X	Absent
Adjutant:	Present X	Absent
SAA:	Present X	Absent

Total officers & members present: 12 (Sign in sheet available)

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:** David Montelongo - San Marcos, David Phillipi – La Vernia.

**Names of Transferred Members:** None

(New members and those who have not been previously initiated must be initiated at their 1st meeting and their names recorded in minutes.)

**Members Receiving Oath:** Bob Covington (presented pin)

Welcome to all our new members.

**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 or posted. If there are corrections, the minutes would be adopted as amended by unit vote.)

**Minutes are posted on Chapter Website, bulletin board, and emailed via Newsletter.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** From Oct01 to 30, 2014.

Beginning: \$25,108.11. Ending: \$26,719.44.

Full report and statements read aloud and are available on request.

**Motion to accept: Leon Garcia, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Fore, motion carries.**

**BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** (see list in file)

- ❖ Ltr: DAV Nat'l HQ-Mbrshp Rprt. Ltr: DAV Nat'l HQ-Treas Report Error (Ltr requesting line item schedule-Adjutant addressed these items were sent by the Treasurer, so error is on Nat'l's end, but will resend), Ltr: DAV Foundation-Transportation Network and Columbia Trust.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS:**

- ❖ Comrade Phil & Lynnette Sierer still under the weather, Judy Cope recovering, Comrade JJ Chapa in hospital.

**LEGISLATION**

Legislative Report Nov 2014

**Tricare Stops Notification Letters**

The DOD is no longer sending **paper** letters to notify Tricare beneficiaries about changes to their coverage and eligibility status. Contact will be made online through email

VA announced that enrolled veterans may begin receiving flu shots and other vaccinations recommended by the CDC at Walgreens retail pharmacies nationwide.

Today at Marine Barracks, Washington, outgoing Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James Amos, handed the Marine Corps over to Gen. Joseph Dunford, Jr. Gen. Dunford, an Infantryman, becomes the 36th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Travis State Jail Austin TX now has a special dorm for incarcerated veterans. Members of MVPN have worked with the TCJD to come in and help facilitate programs. After completing the 6 month programs veteran inmates might have time taken off their sentence. [www.texastribune.org/2014/09/09/video](http://www.texastribune.org/2014/09/09/video)

The VA will begin accepting applications by mail beginning November 3 for the **Fry Scholarship** under expanded eligibility criteria that now includes **surviving spouses** of service members who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001.

At least 11 new veterans were elected to the House, bringing its total number to at least 81, slightly down from the total of 87 at the beginning of last Congress. Only two incumbent veterans lost their House races on Tuesday. Four new veterans were elected to the Senate, bringing the total number of veterans up to 21 from 20.

Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dailey is to become the next Sergeant Major of the Army on Jan. 30, 2015

### Identified MIA/POWs

- ❖ Air Force Crew members B-24D Liberator bombers, lost in New Guinea, April 10, 1944
  - 1LT Bryant E. Poulsen, 22, of Salt Lake City
  - 1LT Herbert V. Young Jr., 23, of Clarkdale, Ariz
  - Technical Sgts. Charles L. Johnston, 20, of Pittsburgh
  - Tech Sgt Hugh F. Moore, 36, of Elkton, Md.
  - Staff Sgt. John E. Copeland, 21, of Dearing, Kan.
  - Sgt. Charles A. Gardner, 32, from San Francisco.
- ❖ **Army Sgt. Cameron M. Flack**, 18, of Union Mills, N.C., . 31st IN Reg, 7<sup>th</sup> IN Div, MIA in North Korea on Dec. 12, 1950
- ❖ **Army Air Force 2nd Lt. Jimmie D. Collins III**, 32, from Talladega County, Ala., copilot of a B-24H that was lost over The Netherlands on June 21, 1944. assigned, Eighth Air Force, **Army Cpl. Lonald D. Skeens**, of Johnson, Ky., was lost Sept. 4, 1950, in South Korea. Assigned 27th IN Reg, 25th IN Div,
- ❖ **Army Staff Sgt. James L. Van Bendegom**, 18, of Kenosha, Wis., was lost July 12, 1967, in South Vietnam, and later died of his wounds in a POW camp. He was assigned 12th IN Reg, 4th IN Div,
- ❖ **Army Sgt. Michael J. Barra**, U.S. Army, Company C, 2nd Engineer Combat BN, 2nd IN Div lost Feb. 20, 1951, in North Korea.
- ❖ **US Air Force Capt. Richard L. Whitesides**, 13th Air Force, was lost March 26, 1964, in Vietnam. **Army PFC Anthony R. La Rossa**, 38th IN Reg, 2nd IN Div, was lost Feb. 13, 1951, in North Korea.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- ❖ Membership: 2 new members.
- ❖ CSO: (Full report available)
  - Service Ofcrs. Jun 2014: Tot Vets Seen 80, Tot Hrs Used 120, Tot Hrs Avail 216.
  - Chaplain Hours: Sep-23 hrs.
  - Individuals: Linda Truax 24.75 hrs in vet visits, health fair, vet programs.
  - Honor Guard Hours: Awaiting report. Honor Guard had several events. Comrade DeLeon discussed status of Honor Guard, asking that members consider stepping up and volunteer for the Guard. Ranks are getting thin and this is an important service for Chapter 61 to get our name out in the community.
  - Constitution and ByLaw Committee. No report



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- ❖ See Joint for other Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ❖ Discussed Transportation Network and Columbia Trust.
- ❖ **Motion to buy 2 turkeys for Christmas Dinner by James Dickerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Fore, motion carries.**

**GOOD of the ORDER**

- ❖ Flags at Veteran's Park need to be replaced. Officers to take care of this need. SV Commander Elley discussed Woodmen of the World's ability to provide the flags. He will contact them.

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

**Motion for Adjournment:**

**Motion by Richard Cusson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Fore, motion carried.**

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

**Next meeting will be 7 PM, on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Geronimo Memorial Post 8456 in Geronimo. Christmas Dinner.**