
JULY 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

Well comrades we're down to the last three months of the year. I'd like to thank everyone that have helped with the fundraisers. The first weekend of Oct., we had another successful "Forget Me Not" campaign at WalMart. We have one more major fundraiser coming at the Golden Corral in New Braunfels. It's Nov. 1st through Nov 10th and then one more day on Nov. 17th for the free veterans meal. There are two shifts during the week and three shifts on the weekend. We started signing up volunteers at the Tuesday night meeting. If you didn't attend the meeting and can help call myself [830-305-4419](tel:830-305-4419) or Terri at [830-305-4338](tel:830-305-4338) on Tuesday or Wednesday to see what's available and we can fill in your name.

Now, that being said, if you volunteer for a certain shift and something comes up that you can't make it, call myself or Terri a minimum of 24 hours in advance, so we can get someone to replace you. We have to have a minimum of two people per shift. It is your responsibility to let us know. So don't put someone in a bind by not showing up.

We will also start selling raffle tickets for our Christmas party fairly soon. The December Christmas Party/Meeting will be at the Geronimo VFW again this year. The date is December 9th.

We will have a November 11th monthly at the chapter house. That day is Veterans Day and we will be closed for business that day, but will have a meeting. We will participate in a Veterans Day parade/ceremony in downtown Seguin that morning.

Thank you for your service!

Gary Elley
Senior Vice Commander

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I don't know about you, but I am very happy that the cooler fall weather has finally arrived. It feels great and makes is so much nicer to do outside activities.

The Auxiliary wants to extend get well wishes to Commander Lynette Sierer and member Delores who are both recovering from major surgeries. We wish them a speedy recovery.

We had a very successful Forget Me Not campaign and I want to thank all who came out and helped us.

November and December are looking to be very busy months. We have Golden Corral from 11/1-11/10 and 11/17 (which is the night of the free Veteran Appreciation meal).

We have the sign-up sheet at the chapter house if you would like to help out.

We also have the Veterans Day parade and program at Central Park on November 11 followed by Joe DeLeon's annual free Veterans Day BBQ.

December brings our annual Christmas dinner and we are looking for raffle items. You can bring them to the Chapter house on Tuesday or Wednesdays. We will talk about the menu at the November meeting.

The final item is the annual School of Instruction to be held in January jointly with the DAV. More information on that later.

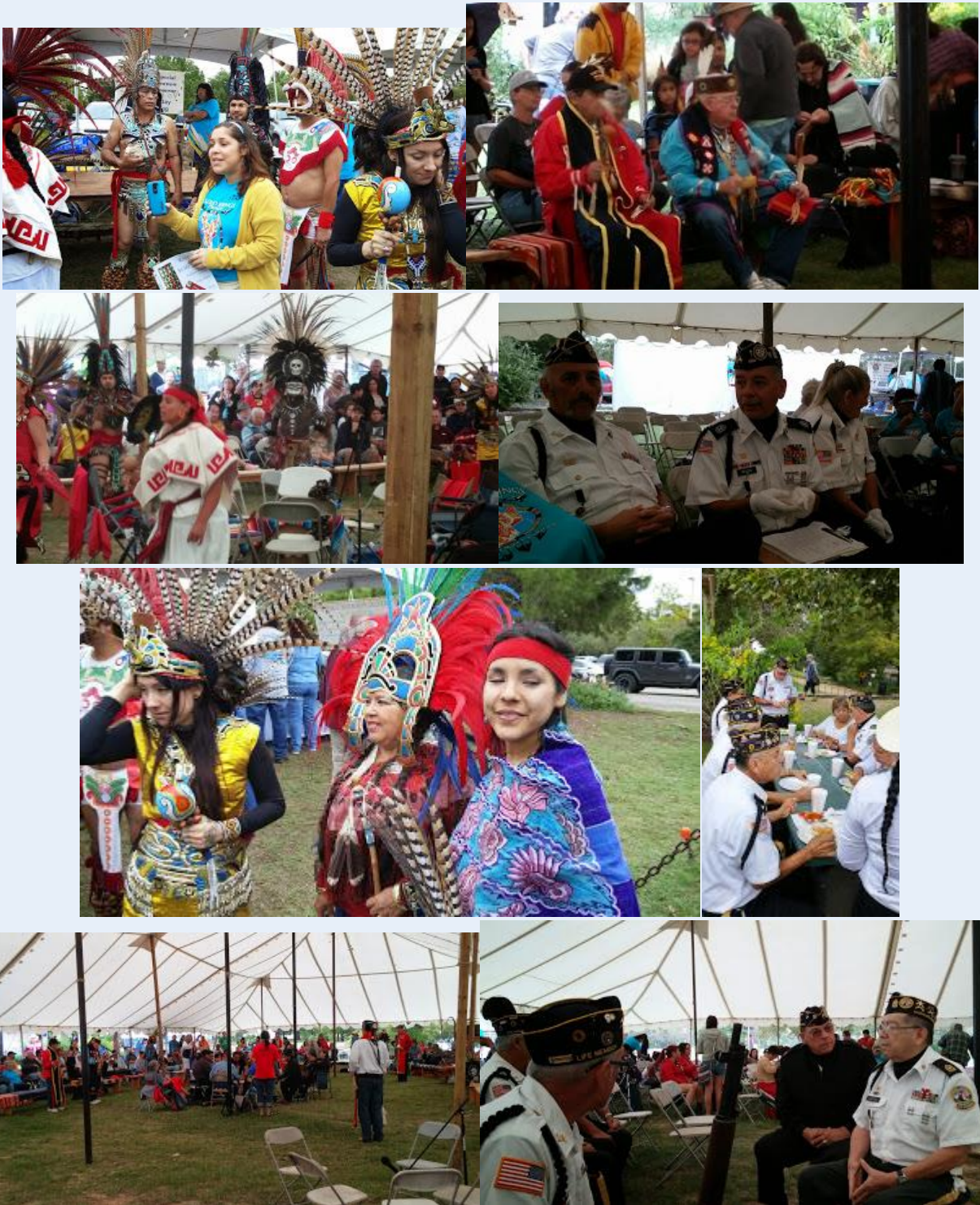
Be good to each other.

Leigh

Senior Vice Commander

POW/MIA Program
Sept 19, 2014





San Marcos Intertribal PowWow 2014

Chapter 61 Honor Guard in attendance (3rd Year)

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 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the Chapter House. This is the same time and place that our Chapter meets.

Upcoming Events

1-10 Nov Golden Corral Fundraiser. New Braunfels

5 Nov Chapter 61 50th birthday.

11 Nov Veteran's Day Parade and Program. Seguin

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

Our New Members

Samuel Barbosa-San Antonio

Mark Bell-Floresville

Robert Cone-Seguin

Oscar Goins-San Antonio

Carl Malard-Seguin

Bernitt Powers-Schertz

Darrel Schuenemann-Staples

IrvingTillung-Brookings Oregon

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:

2nd 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

Be Anxious for Nothing

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Don't be anxious! Paul said there is nothing that should cause a child of God to worry. He was well aware of things that cause anxiety. His nation was occupied by a foreign army and ruled by corrupt leaders. He was writing from prison, where he was being held as a result of false accusations. He was separated from those he loved; his motives had been questioned, and he had been misrepresented. Some were trying to undermine all that he had accomplished in starting churches. He suffered physically and faced imminent execution (2 Cor. 11:23-29). Yet Paul said there would never be a crisis so troubling that God could not bring peace in the midst of it!

God will not necessarily take your problems away, but He will carry the load for you. He wants you to experience His peace, which is beyond human comprehension. You will never fully understand how God could give you peace in some of the situations you face, but you do not have to understand it in order to experience it. This peace is not just for those who "handle stress well"; it is for everyone! You may know that God wants you to experience peace but wonder how this is possible, given what you are presently facing. Yet, Scripture says to be anxious for nothing. God's word clearly indicates that there is nothing you can face that is too difficult, too troubling, or too fearful for God. No matter what your circumstances are, turn your anxiety over to God and let His perfect peace guard your heart.

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 4Veterans@hotmail.com. May God's peace and blessing be with all of you.
Chaplain Richard Cusson

Binnacle List

Phil & Lynnette Sierer

Judy Cop

Juan DeLeon

Bernard Brietzke-Passed

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: 10/14/2014

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

- ❖ Annual DAV/Golden Corral Military Appreciation Fundraising Event begins on November 1st with Appreciation Day and free meal on the 17th. Chapter 61 will begin working at the New Braunfels GC on the 1st and continue through the 10th. This is a big fundraising opportunity for us and the DAV, we will need lots of volunteers to fill time slots accepting donations at the GC. They feed us well when working these events. Come on out and help us raise the funds to keep the Chapter operating at the high level it does, sign up for time slots at the Chapter House or call one of the officers.
- ❖ We will discuss the Christmas Dinner at the November Meeting.
- ❖ November 5th is the Chapter's 50th birthday. Due to the busy schedule, we are looking at a celebration early next year, maybe around March 5th or 6th.
- ❖ 11 November is Veteran's Day and the Chapter is the lead for the Veteran's Day Program. We will also have a parade, please spread the word and let everyone know. GI Forum is the lead on the Parade. We will gather at the Chapter House at 8-8:30am to prep floats, stage for parade at 9am, start parade at 10am, start program in Central Park at 11am, finished by noon. Bring your lawn chairs for comfort.
- ❖ Chapter 61 was presented a Basketball Sponsorship Award by the Seguin Knights youth basketball team.
- ❖ The Forget Me Not fundraiser at WalMart went well raising \$2,864.11.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ November 15th 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.
- ❖ 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 X	Absent
Treasurer:	Present	Absent X (Excused)
Chaplain:	Present X	Absent
Adjutant:	Present X	Absent
SAA:	Present X	Absent

Total officers & members present: 16 (Sign in sheet available)

Chapter had a quorum: Yes

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

Guests: Jakari Wreacher, Maru Alyn (?).

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Names of New Members: Robert Brewer-Seguín, Kenneth Hofer-San Marcos, Deborah Lewis-Schertz, Patrick Murphy-McQueeney, Joe Paloma-Seguín.

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: None

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 Sep01 to 30, 2014.

Beginning: \$25,279.65. Ending: \$25,108.11.

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

Motion to accept: Richard Cusson, 2nd: JJ Chapa, motion carries.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS: (see list in file)

- ❖ Ltr: DAV Dept of TX-Golden Corral, Ltr: DAV Dept HQ-Directory, Email: COA/VOA-Donation Req, DAV Nat'L HQ-Digital Service Officer Guide, Email: DAV Dept TX-Aux Belk fundraiser approval, Email: Blue Bonnet Mental Health-Invite to participate in Mental Health Fair, Ltr: Memorial Day Foundation-Donation Req, Email: Geronimo VFW-New Year's Eve Party invite, Ltr: DAV Dept TX-Req for # attendees at Mid Winter, Ltr: Dept TX DAVA-Donation Req (Christmas Gifts VA inpatients), Ltr: Paypal-card reader offer.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS:

- ❖ Comrade Bernard Brietzke passed away, Phil & Lynnette Sierer still under the weather, Judy Cope recovering, Juan DeLeon recovering.

LEGISLATION

Legislative Report DAV Ch 61 Oct 14, 2014

Here are four legislative priorities for veterans for the upcoming 84th Texas Legislature:

- SB 540 - Adjust the dollar amount that will be used to reduce the appraised value of the principal residence/homestead of a veteran disabled less than 100% based on recommendations from the 2012 Comptroller's Study.
- Veterans Preference and Employment: legislation to require State and Federal agencies to increase the number of veterans they hire to a 7% veteran hire rate.
- Hazelwood Act: to remove the age limit on dependent children using the veterans Hazelwood benefits.
- Military absentee voting: If military absentee ballots go out late by any time frame (eg: hours or days), the grace period will double to allow military absentee voters extra time to return the ballot to county clerk's office in order to compensate for the late shipment and subsequent receipt from local election offices.
- New **Public Law No: 113-52 Veterans Compensation Cost –of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013**
- Veterans' Compensation COLA Act of 2013 - increases, as of December 1, 2013, the rates of veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans, and DIC for surviving spouses and children with each such increase to be the same percentage as the increase in benefits provided under title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act, on the same effective date.
- **New public law 113-12 Stolen Valor Act of 2013.** Amends title 18, US Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.
- **VA Accountability** ► Legislation to Punish VA Employees - more changes

On 10 SEP, the House VA Committee(Lawmakers) approved yet another measure that would make it easier to fire the agency's senior executives and take away their bonuses both proactively and retroactively.

Requires doctors or dentists who do not receive a successful review would not be eligible to receive performance pay.

The VA Secy rescinded a \$8,500 performance award given in 2013 to Sharon Helman, who served as director of the Phoenix VA hospital.

In Sep Congress cleared a Continuing Resolution to fund the government through Dec. 11. The bill provides an additional \$59 million for the VA's VBA to help fight the claims backlog, and \$5 million for VA's IG's Office to continue investigations into improper conduct, and for whistleblower protections.

The VA released final regulations for the *Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act*, starting measures to provide hospital care and medical services for veterans, and to reimburse eligible Camp Lejeune family members for out-of-pocket health care costs related to any of the 15 medical conditions listed in the law. Dependents must show their relationship to a veteran who served at Camp Lejeune, such as marriage license, and copies of orders or base housing records that showed you lived on base for 30 days or more between Jan. 1, 1957, and Dec. 31, 1987.

The new American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial opened in Washington on Sunday Oct 5, 2014.

VA announced that enrolled veterans may begin receiving flu shots and other vaccinations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at Walgreens retail pharmacies nationwide

MIAs identified

- **Army Air Forces 1st Lt. William Cook and Sgt. Eric M. Honeywell**, 397th Bombardment Group, lost Dec. 23, 1944, over Germany.
- **Army Pfc. Richard N. Bean**, 27th IN Div, lost June 15, 1944, in Saipan.
- **Army Sgt. Lee H. Manning**, 2nd IN Div, lost Dec. 1, 1950, in North Korea.
- **Army Pfc. Arthur Richardson**, 28, of MA, lost in Jan 1951 in South Korea. 24th IN Div

7 Army Air Force WWII B-24D Liberator bomber lost Apr 10 1944, near New Guinea: Identified are **1st Lts.** William D. Bernier, 28, of Augusta, Mont., Bryant E. Poulsen, 22, of Salt Lake City, and Herbert V. Young Jr., 23, of Clarkdale, Ariz.;

Tech Sgts. Charles L. Johnston, 20, of Pittsburgh, and Hugh F. Moore, 36, of Elkton, Md.; **Staff Sgt.** John E. Copeland, 21, of Dearing, Kan.,

- ❖ **Sgt.** Charles A. Gardner, 32, from San Francisco..

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

- ❖ Membership: 5 new members.
- ❖ CSO: (Full report available)
 - Service Ofcrs. Jun 2014: Tot Vets Seen 78, Tot Hrs Used 121.5, Tot Hrs Avail 578.
 - Chaplain Hours: Sep-23 hrs.
 - Honor Guard Hours: Jun 136 hrs.
 - Constitution and ByLaw Committee. No report. In process, should be ready for 1st reading by Nov meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ❖ See Joint for other Old Business.
- ❖ The Park adjacent to the DAV Chapter House has been named Park West.
- ❖

NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ **Motion to purchase new Chapter Flag (\$650) and a new Alter Cloth ((\$75) for a total of \$725 by Leon Garcia, 2nd by Roland Charles, motion carries with one descending vote.**

- ❖ Donation request from Memorial Day Foundation. **Motion for \$200 by Leon Garcia, 2nd by Linda Truax, motion carries.**
- ❖ Donation Request from DAVA Dept of Tx for Christmas Gifts for VA inpatients. **Motion for \$300 by Bill Owen, 2nd by Leon Garcia, motion carries.**
- ❖ Donation to Mr. Joe DeLeon for his annual Veteran's Day free meal and event held in New Braunfels every year. **Motion for \$200 by Leon Garcia, 2nd by Larry Crickler, motion carries.**
- ❖ Donation to Geronimo VFW for New Year Benefit. **Motion for \$212 by James Dickerson, 2nd by Leon Garcia, motion carries.**
- ❖ Kyle American Legion Post 115 is requesting art donations for its annual Sidewalk Art Sale/Fundraiser.

GOOD of the ORDER

- ❖ Comrade and Service Officer Jaime Cervantez mentioned the efforts of the Barnabus Operations efforts to obtain and record for posterity the stories of veterans. If interested contact Jaime.

Moment of Silence. Remembrance of fallen comrades.

Motion for Adjournment:

Motion by Leon Garcia, 2nd by James Dickerson, motion carried.

CLOSING CEREMONY: Salute Closing Prayer by Chaplain Cusson
Next meeting will be 7 PM, on Nov 11th, 2014.