

ALAMO CHAPTER #5, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CHAPTER Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2023

The November 2023 Chapter meeting was held at Golden Corral, 9111 N. Loop 1604 W, San Antonio, TX 782023

Pre-meeting Guest Speakers: None

Meeting Opened: Commander, Kathy Kaberides opened the meeting at 10:33 am.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain, Clyde Bragg

Pledge: Sr Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr.

Officers present:

- Commander, Kathy Kaberides
- Sr. Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr
- Jr. Vice Commander, James Francisco
- Adjutant, Donna Nious
- Chaplain, Clyde T. Bragg, Jr
- Sergeant-At-Arms, Rickey Vasquez

- **Officers excused:** Immediate Past Commander Luis Baez, Treasurer/Judge Advocate Gwendolyn Thompson, and Officer-of-the-Day Donald Smith.

- **Special Guest:** Past Commander Amanda Almarez was in attendance.

Officers absent: None.

There was a quorum for conducting business.

Reading of minutes:

Reading of minutes from October 21, 2023, Chapter meeting.

Motion: Dispense with the reading of the October 21, 2023, Chapter meeting minutes because members were provided with a hard copy of the minutes.

Motion made by: Peter Kaberides

- Motion 2nd by: John Walker
- Any discussion? No
- Are there any omissions or corrections? No
- Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The members were provided the handouts, and it goes through October 31, 2023.

- Monthly Financial Report by line category October 2023
- Bank reconciliation_-September 2023

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The Commander informed the members present to please take the financials home to review and bring any questions they may have to December's meeting when the Treasurer will be present to answer them.

Chaplain's Report:

Reports of sickness and distress (list of names provided). The Chaplain notified the members that CJ Bergeron was diagnosed with Cancer, and we should keep him in our prayers.

Introduction of new members: None

First Time Attendees: Ora Bedford (spouse)

Transfers: None

Sergeant-at-Arm's Report:

There was a total of 49 members and 10 guests were present.

Communications: Adjutant Nious read the following correspondences:

- 2024 Mid-Winter Conference dates have been Rescheduled from Feb 25-28 to March 7-10, 2024.

Reports:

- Membership Report: Sr. Vice Commander Harrison, Jr – Full Lifetime Members are 5,581; Goal is 100.22% - we have met our goal.

All other Committee Reports were deferred until next month.

Unfinished Business: The Forget-Me-Not fundraiser held on October 25, 2023, at Sam's Club was very successful and we received \$300 in donations.

New Business: Toys for Tot box is available in the dining room today and will be at the church next month, and you can also donate using the QR code as well.

Good-of-the-Order:

- Adjutant Nious, Judge Advocate Thompson, and Jim Voldstat presented VAVS with Winter Coats for Veterans.
- Toys for Tots – bring new unwrapped toys to the December meeting. Or monetary donations may be made by scanning the QR code on the box.
- Golden Corral Veterans Day event was very successful with **729** veterans being served. We had to turn away people still in line at the end. Donations were collected in the amount of \$355.58. Department gets 50%, so we mailed them a check for \$177.79.

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- Our Chapter had representation at both Legend Oaks West, Emerald Oaks, and Independence Hill retirement communities whereby we honored our veterans living there.
- On November 4th, we had members assisting at the Noah's Farm turkey project and more assistance will be needed today after our meeting. The event is at Shriner's Auditorium at 1604 and Blanco. See the commander for details.
- We participated in Project Mend's military information event as well as UTSA's event.
- We would like to thank **Cakes Couture** (Rhonda Hollon-owner) for her generous donation of cupcakes and a cake for our Thanksgiving Meal.
- **Are there any birthdays and/or anniversaries** for the month of November.
- Jeff Berg and Bob Johnson – Happy Birthday.

Upcoming Chapter events:

Next Meeting: December 16, 2023, at Rolling Oaks Baptist Church, 6401 Wenzel Road, San Antonio, Tx 78233. Doors will open at 9:00 am.

Memorial Service: A moment of silence for our departed comrades.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Clyde T. Bragg, Jr.

Meeting adjourned: at 10:54 am

Donna Nious
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Adjutant, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date 11/22/2023

Kathleen Kaberides
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Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

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