

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, 5 ALAMO**  
**CHAPTER Meeting Minutes**  
**October 21, 2023**

The October 2023 Chapter meeting was held at Rolling Oaks Baptist Church located at 6401 Wenzel Road, San Antonio, TX 78233.

**Pre-meeting Guest Speakers:** None

**Meeting Opened:** Commander, Kathy Kaberides opened the meeting at 10:00 am.

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain, Clyde Bragg

**Pledge:** Sr Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison

**Officers present:**

- Commander, Kathy Kaberides
  - Sr. Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr
  - Jr. Vice Commander, James Francisco
  - Adjutant, Donna Nious
  - Treasurer, Chrystina Power
  - Judge Advocate, Gwendolyn Thompson
  - Chaplain, Clyde T. Bragg, Jr
  - Officer-of-the-Day, Donald Smith
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- **Officers excused:** Immediate Past Commander Luis Baez and Sgt-At-Arms, Rickey Vasquez

**Officers absent:** None.

There was a quorum for conducting business.

**Reading of minutes:**

Reading of minutes from September 16, 2023, Chapter meeting.

**Motion:** Dispense with the reading of the September 16, 2023, Chapter meeting minutes because members were provided with a hard copy of the minutes.

Motion made by: Albert Owens

- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Al Highfield II
- Any discussion? No
- Are there any omissions or corrections? No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** to approve the Executive Committee minutes conducted on October 10, 2023. Hard copies of the minutes were provided to all in attendance.

Motion made by: Wayne Lund

- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Ernest Ybarra
- Any discussion? No

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- Are there any omissions or corrections? No
- Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The members were provided the handouts, and it goes through August 30, 2023.

- Bank reconciliation\_-September 2023
- Financial report by line category July - September 2023
- Monthly Chapter Financial Report

Judge Advocate Gwendolyn Thompson questioned the Treasurer about the bank statement and chapter bank report not matching. Two checks that **have not** cleared the bank in September are annotated on the report. Four checks that were cleared in September are not reported. There is a discrepancy of almost \$6,000 difference in withdrawals not shown in this September report.

- **Motion:** The Standing Rules need to be amended to include that the Treasurer's report will be kept on a continual fiscal year and will be reconciled with the bank statement every month. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Margarita Hernandez
- Any discussion? Yes. The Adjutant advised the report we have today is the minimum according to the Department. However, extra reports as required by the membership and approved this past fiscal year need to be continued. Member Highfield stated he was happy with the system provided today as he does the same with his company. The Commander advised that when membership approved the Treasurer not to have to use QuickBooks, the motion also stated that the Treasurer needed to return to using the spreadsheet that shows the continual fiscal year and that the Treasurer has not done so.
- Motion passed.

**Treasurer Chrystina Power resigned her position during the meeting and provided the Commander at the same time, a written resignation which the Commander accepted. The Commander then advised the Treasurer to turn over all Chapter property through coordination with the Adjutant and/or the Judge Advocate.**

**Motion:** The Commander requested a motion to elect Gwendolyn Thompson as Treasurer for the chapter.

Motion made by: Donna Nious

- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: James Francisco
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

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Members approved the election of Gwendolyn Thompson as Treasurer with a majority vote.

This motion will serve as authority to remove Chrystina Power from all bank accounts and to authorize Gwendolyn Thompson to replace her.

**Chaplain's Report:**

Reports of sickness and distress (list of names provided). The Chaplain also told the membership about the burial of member George Carrasco's wife and the Alamo Eagles Chapter's tribute to her. Adjutant Nious also informed membership that Immediate Past Commander's mother was transitioning.

**Introduction of new members:** None

**Application for membership transfer:** Karl Martin -Air Force (need to check to see what chapter he belongs to before transferring)

**First Time Attendees:** Levi Capers - Air Force with spouse Linda Capers; Eric Lagerquist-Air Force; Ted Guerrero-Air Force; Robert Olsen, Gloria Bragg (spouse).

**Sergeant-at-Arm's Report:**

There was a total of 44 members present.

**Communications:** Adjutant Nious read the following correspondences:

- Golden Corral Military Appreciation Night, Monday November 13, 2023.
- Letter of Thanks from Cedar Hill DAV Chapter 240.
- National Letter – Partnership with Delta Dental of California.
- Letter of Thanks from the Memorial Services Detachment (MSD).
- Project Mend -Salute to Our Veterans, Thursday, November 9, 2023, 4-7pm.
- District 20 Conference, January 12-14, San Marcos, Tx.

**Reports:**

- Membership Report: Sr. Vice Commander Harrison, Jr – Full Lifetime Members are 5,511; Goal is 100.07% - we have met our goal.
- Benefits Protection Team Leader- Sr. Vice Commander Harrison, Jr – will be attending training in January 2024 at the Department Conference and in February at the National Conference. Gave update that all legislative matters are on hold at the Capitol until a new speaker of the house is elected. Advised all to sign up for CAN (Commander's Action Network) at [davcan.org](http://davcan.org) and to participate in those veteran legislative matters.
- Veterans Assistance Committee: Chaplain Clyde Bragg, Jr – Advised that we have been instrumental in assisting a homeless veteran, single dad, with 3 daughters. Jr. Vice Commander James Francisco added that our member John Walker works with the Texas Workforce Commission and is happy to

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assist our veterans. His information will be provided so that it may be sent out on Constant Contact.

- VA Volunteer Services Committee: No Report
- Hospitality Committee – Adjutant Nious – Our November meeting will be held at the Golden Corral. Cakes Couture is donating 100 cupcakes and a large cake. In December, our meeting will be held back at the church and all the food has been donated. A request on behalf of the committee chair to allow a portion of the \$1,500 allowed for this event will be discussed during new business. Cost at Golden Corral is \$11.99 per person. After 11:30 am, the price increases by .50 per person.
- Women's Veteran Chairperson- No Report. Commander Kaberides advised that she has been unsuccessful in obtaining any plan from Women Veteran Advocate Charline Coleman. She also advised that Ms. Coleman hasn't been to a meeting since July and that membership will be asked to approve a new chairperson at the November meeting as the women veterans of our chapter are not being well represented.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Website Update:** We will continue to update the website as best as possible. The Commander has been in contact with an individual who is technically qualified (school and experience) and is proficient in WordPress and will hopefully be meeting with him in the upcoming week. He was referred to us by Larry Whatley.

**ALAMO 5 Fundraiser:** Commander Kaberides has reached out to Joseph Blancarte, the coordinator for the Freddie Quiles Open Golf Tournament to find out what the status is regarding the fundraising that we are to receive from the event.

**New Business:**

**Motion:** Request a motion to approve the listed delegates to attend the District 20 Conference, Jan 12-14, 2024, in San Marcos, Tx.

**Delegates:** Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Sgt-At-Arms, Albert Owens, and Larry Whatley.

Motion made by: Guido Libertiny

- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Clyde Bragg, Jr
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** Request a motion to purchase (2) \$50 gift cards to raffle off at Project Mend "Salute to Our Veterans" event, Thursday, Nov 9, 4-7pm, 5015 Wurzbach Pkwy, San Antonio, Tx 78238

Motion made by: Donna Nious

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- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Roger Hubert
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** Request a motion to participate in Military Appreciation Night at Golden Corral on Monday, November 13, 2024, from 5pm to closing.

Motion made by: Larry Whatley

- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Guido Libertiny
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** Request a motion for the Hospitality Committee to use \$500 to purchase gifts to give away or raffle off during the December Meeting /Christmas Meal 2023.

Motion made by: James Francisco

- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Anne Gayer
- Any discussion: Jr. Vice Commander James Francisco did inform all that the DAV store has pricing based on quantity of items (discounted) through Trophy Awards.
- Motion passed.

**Good-of-the-Order:**

- Constitution and Bylaws have been approved by National.
- November meeting and Thanksgiving meal will be at 9111 N. Loop 1604 W, San Antonio, Tx 78249. The meeting will start at 10:30 am.
- MSD presented the Chapter with an Award.
- Commander Kaberides, Past Commander Baez, Sr Vice Commander Harrison, Jr Vice Commander Francisco, Adjutant Nious, Judge Advocate Thompson volunteered at the Freddie Aquiles Open Golf Tournament on Fort Sam Houston.
- Commander Kaberides, Past Commander Baez, Sr Vice Commander Harrison, Jr Vice Commander Francisco, Adjutant Nious, Sergeant-at-Arms Vasquez attended the Pancake eating competition at the Magnolia Pancake House to support the San Antonio Coalition of Veterans and Families.
- Commander Kaberides, Sr Vice Commander Harrison, Adjutant Nious, attended the Project Mend 30 years of Mobility Gala.
- Adjutant Nious and Judge Advocate Thompson provided Benefit Information to the Veterans at True Vision Church to support the Veterans Ministry. Chapter member Mr. Tony Grant provides leadership over this ministry.
- Legend Oaks West will be having a Veterans Day Celebration on November 10, 2023, at 10:00 am. Anyone who would like to attend is most welcome.

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- University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) is having a Veterans Resource Fair and Appreciation Event on November 15, 2023, 11:00 – 1:00pm on the Main Campus, Patio in front of the Convocation Center.
- Congratulations to Wayne Lund for receiving his 100-hour LVAP pin.
- Are there any birthdays and/or anniversaries for the month of October? No
- Emerald Oaks will be having a Veterans Day luncheon/ceremony beginning at 10:30. David Huereca is the point of contact and has room for 12 veterans to attend.
- 50/50 Winner- Peter Kaberides \$67.00

Upcoming Chapter events:

Next Meeting: November 18, 2023, at Golden Corral, 9111 N. Loop 1604 W, SA, TX.

October 25, 2023 – Forget-Me-Not fundraiser at Sam's Club, I35 and O'Connor 8-12.

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

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Clyde T. Bragg, Jr.

Meeting adjourned: at 11:26 am

*Donna Nious*

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Adjutant, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date *24 October 2023*

*Kathleen Kaberides*

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Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

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