

ALAMO CHAPTER #5, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CHAPTER Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2023

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

Pre-meeting Guest Speakers: Rob Kayser – Medicare Advantage

Meeting Opened: Commander, Kathy Kaberides opened the meeting at 10:01 am.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain, Clyde Bragg

Pledge: Sr Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr

Commander notified the chapter that Sr Vice Commander Jerome Coleman stepped down from his position and Jr Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison Jr is now the Sr Vice Commander in accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws.

Commander opened the nominations for the position of Jr Vice Commander. James Francisco was nominated from the floor to be Jr Vice Commander.

There were no other nominations for Jr Vice Commander from the floor.

Motion: Motion made by: Vaughn Caudill

- All in favor say aye: Majority of membership.
- All opposed: None
- Motion passed.

***The meeting will now be turned over to Past Commander Len Arroyo who will be the Installing Officer (Installation per the Book of Rituals).**

Installation of Sr Vice Commander Joseph Harrison Jr and Jr Vice Commander James Francisco complete.

Commander Kaberides takes over the meeting:

Officers present:

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

Guests/Past Commanders: Len Arroyo

Officers excused: Judge Advocate Gwendolyn Thompson

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Officers absent: None

There was a quorum for conducting business.

Reading of minutes:

Reading of minutes from August 19, 2023, Chapter meeting.

Motion: defer the reading of the August 19, 2023, Chapter meeting minutes because members were provided with a copy of the minutes.

Motion made by: Vaughn Caudell

- Motion 2nd by: Albert Owens
- Are there any omissions or corrections? No
- Motion passed.

Motion: to approve the Executive Committee minutes conducted on September 7, 2023.

Motion made by: Mel Allick

- Motion 2nd by: Guido Liberty
- 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
- Financial report by line-item category August 2023
- Checkbook Register
- Financial report by line category July 2023 - June 2024

Chaplain's Report:

Chaplain Bragg added Frank and Ruth Schlechta, Margarita Hernandez and Earl Sonnemaker to the list of prayer requests.

Introduction of new members: Antonio Selgado - US Army; Jerry Ellis – US Air Force; Roger Vidales – US Marines; Christa Angeles – US Army

Application for membership transfer: Patrick Jendrusch, Royal Blackmon

Motion: to approve the transfer of the following people:

Patrick Jendrusch
Royal Blackmon

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Motion made by: James Francisco

- Motion 2nd by: Susan Allick
- Are there any omissions or corrections? No
- Motion passed.
- **Note:** After research they were already members of Chapter 5.

First time attendees: Fred Ford – U S Air Force

Sergeant-at-Arm's Report:

There was a total of 56 members present.

Communications: Adjutant Nious read the following correspondences:

- Letter of appreciation from VetStrong for a \$2000 donation to their organization.
- Formal invitation from Project Mend to celebrate their 30-year anniversary fundraiser.
- DAV Caregiver Support Program information from National.
- VA Healthcare sign-up for Veterans who deployed to a combat zone but never enrolled. Deadline is September 30, 2023.
- Ft Sam Houston Memorial Service Detachment (MSD) statistics through August 31, 2023.
- Thank you card from Joe Dashner for the condolences received on the passing of his wife.

Reports:

- Veterans Assistance Committee: Chaplain Clyde Bragg, Jr
- VA Volunteer Services Committee: Albert Owens
- Membership Report: Sr Vice Commander

Unfinished Business:

Website Update: We will continue to update the website as best as possible. We have also made a list of what we would like on the new website. We still plan on procuring estimates to build a NEW website which will also be managed by the builder with input from the Chapter/Line.

Bank Change: Changing banks is on hold pending the corrections of the chapter name on the State of Texas records to match the name on our IRS Exemption. Form 424 will be filed 10 days after the meeting in accordance with the State of Texas rules.

Motion: Request a motion to file the State of Texas Form 424 to correct the Chapter's name with the State.

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Motion made by: Ed Coleman

- Motion 2nd by: Ann Gayer
- Are there any omissions or corrections? No
- Motion passed.

Volunteers: Soliciting volunteers for the Forget-Me-Not fundraiser on Oct 25 at Sam's Club on I-35 and Judson Rd, 8am-12pm. We have a sign-up sheet at the Sign-In table.

New Business:

Motion: Request a motion to approve the revisions of the Standing Rules (a copy was provided to membership when signing in the meeting).

Motion made by: Ann Gayer

- Motion 2nd by: Obie Bedford
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed

Motion: Request a motion to provide the New Bank (RBFCU) the list of all the names and positions of the Officers authorized to be on the signature card at the bank.

Chrystina Power – Treasurer
Kathleen Kaberides – Commander
Joseph Harrison, Jr – Sr Vice Commander

Motion made by: Bob Broff

- Motion 2nd by: Patrick Jendrusch
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed

Motion: Request a motion for Commander Kaberides to appoint the Benefits Protection Team Leader, Women Veterans Advocate, Lead Chapter Service Officer, Hospitality Committee and Chairperson and a Veterans Assistance Committee Member.

Appointment of Joseph Harrison, Jr as the Benefits Protection Team Leader

Motion made by: Guido Libertiny

- Motion 2nd by: Ed Coleman
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed

Appointment of Charline Coleman as Women Veterans Advocate

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Motion made by: Donald Smith

- Motion 2nd by: Louis Aguillar
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed

Appointment of Larry Whatley as Lead Chapter Service Officer

Motion made by: James Francisco

- Motion 2nd by: Chrystina Power
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed

No motion needed for the Hospitality Committee we ask for Volunteers.
Responsibilities will include the holiday meals and/or monthly lunches/kitchen duties.

- Ricky Vasquez -Chairperson
- Donna Nious
- Christa Angeles
- Ed Nious

Motion: In the past we went to Golden Corral for our November meal and brought in food for the December meal. Due to time constraints, we request a motion to allow the Hospitality Committee to get quotes for our November and December meals and present them to the Executive Committee to make the final decision on behalf of the membership. We need to estimate 100 guests for each month.

Motion made by: Willie Johnson

- Motion 2nd by: Reynaldo Rodriguez
- Any discussion: No

Motion: Request a motion to allow the Executive Committee to make the final decision on the Nov and Dec meals.

Motion made by: John Walker

- Motion 2nd by: Bob Johnson
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

Good-of-the-Order:

- Chapter submitted the updated Constitution and Bylaws to the Department of Texas for approval. Once approved, they will forward to National. National will reply directly to us and copy the *Department of Texas*.

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- Chapter Service Officers, Kathy Kaberides, Larry Whatley, Gwendolyn Thompson, Joseph Harrison, Jr, Charline Coleman assisted Veterans at the NSO Seminar at VFW Post in Schertz, Tx. Member Jeffrey Berg assisted administratively by handling the sign-in table.
- Members participated in the Freedom Walk, Memorial Tribute to 9.11 Victims the Military and First Responders in Canyon Lake, Tx.
- DAV Membership Dues will increase from \$300 to \$325 beginning January 1, 2024.
- LVAP hours are being reported monthly. However, there are problems with the system at National resulting in hours not being pulled when reports are run by chapters. National is working on this, so if you think you have reached a certain number of hours and haven't been recognized, this could possibly be the issue.
- Celebrated September birthdays: James Francisco, Ed Coleman, Rob Kayser, Robert Piechnik and Leo Martinez-Rivera.
- 50/50 Winner- John Walker \$79.50

Upcoming Chapter events:

Next Meeting: October 21, 2023

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

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Clyde T. Bragg, Jr.

Meeting adjourned: at 11:20 am

Donna Nious

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Adjutant, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date 3 OCT 2023

Kathleen Kaberides

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Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date 03 October 2023