

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, 5 ALAMO  
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS  
CHAPTER Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2023**

The December 2023 Chapter meeting was held at Rolling Oak Baptist Church, 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, Jr.

**Officers present:**

- Commander, Kathy Kaberides
- Sr. Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr
- Jr. Vice Commander, James Francisco
- Adjutant, Donna Nious
- Treasurer, Gwendolyn Thompson
- Judge Advocate, Gwendolyn Thompson
- Chaplain, Clyde T. Bragg, Jr
- Sergeant-At-Arms, Rickey Vasquez
- Officer-of-the-Day, Donald Smith
- Immediate Past Commander – Luis Baez
  
- **Officers excused:** None.

**Officers absent:** None.

There was a quorum for conducting business.

**Reading of minutes:**

Reading of minutes from November 18, 2023, Chapter meeting.

**Motion:** Dispense with the reading of the November 18, 2023, Chapter meeting minutes because members were provided with a hard copy of the minutes.

- Are there any omissions or corrections? No

Motion to approve the November 18, 2023, made by: Albert Owens

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

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

- Monthly Financial Report by line category November 2023
- Bank reconciliation

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**Chaplain's Report:**

Reports of sickness and distress C. J. Bergeron and a list of continued prayer requests.

**Introduction of new members:** None

**First Time Attendees:** Dawn Long – Family member and Jake Vanhover – Army Veteran.

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

There was a total of 49 members present. We also had 12 guests present.

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

- Thank you card from Past Commander Luis Baez and Family.
- Homes for Our Troops Letter.
- Thank you letter from National Association of Letter Carriers.
- Correspondence from State of Texas officially changing our name to Disabled American Veterans, 5 Alamo.

**Reports:**

- Membership Report: Sr. Vice Commander Harrison, Jr – Full Lifetime Members are 5,527; Goal is 100.36% - we have met our goal.
- Benefits Protection Team Lead: Sr. Vice Commander Harrison, Jr. reminded membership to sign up for CAN and get active with supporting DAV legislation on Capital Hill.
- Hospitality Report: Rickey Vasquez
- VA Volunteer Services (VAVS): Al Owens will email the latest report to the Commander to put on the website.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Motion:** Approval of Standing Rules: Request a motion that the Treasurer's report be kept on a continual fiscal year and be reconciled with the bank statement every month as was approved by membership in the August minutes.

Motion made by: James Francisco

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

**New Business:** None

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

- February 8, 2023, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, there will be a DAV NSO Seminar at VFW Post 8513, 1000 FM 78, Converse, TX. If you need help with a claim, this is a walk-in event.
- Jim Voldstat and Adjutant Nious sponsored Bingo at the VA CLC for the month of November.
- We would like to thank **Un Poco De Todo** (Daniel & Sierra Zimmerman-owners) for their generous donation of breakfast Tacos for our December meeting.
- Women's Veterans Advocate position available.
- Jim Voldstat is asking for HEB gift card for Dialysis patients at the VA who need food while getting treatment. He will get back to us with what is required.
- Jim Voldstat is asking for donations for Hallway Bingo at the CLC. Let us know if you would like to donate. Donations may be made to the Chapter with instructions that funds are for CLC Hallway Bingo.
- **Are there any birthdays and/or anniversaries** for the month of December? Clyde Bragg, Al Owens, Albert Talamantes, Rico Manuel.
- **50/50 Drawing:** \$96 and was won by Sue Beasey.
- **Big Screen TV's were won by:** Member Wayne Lund and DAVA Unit 5 member Emma Garcia.

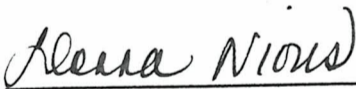
Upcoming Chapter events:

Next Meeting: **February 17, 2024, at Rolling Oaks Baptist Church, 6401 Wenzel Road, San Antonio, Tx 78233.**

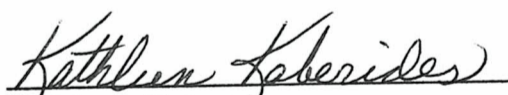
Memorial Service: A moment of silence for our departed comrades.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Clyde T. Bragg, Jr.

Meeting adjourned: at 10:49 am

  
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Donna Nious  
Adjutant, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date January 9, 2024

  
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Kathleen Kaberides  
Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

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