

ALAMO CHAPTER #5, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CHAPTER Meeting Minutes
July 15, 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: None

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

Opening Prayer: Chaplain, Clyde Bragg

Pledge: Sr Vice Commander, Jerome Coleman

Officers present:

- Commander, Kathy Kaberides
- Sr. Vice Commander, Jerome Coleman
- Jr. Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr
- Adjutant, Donna Nious
- Chaplain, Clyde T. Bragg, Jr
- Judge Advocate Gwen Thompson
- Officer-of-the-Day, Donald Smith
- Sgt-At-Arms -Rickey Vasquez
- Immediate Past Commander – Luis Baez

Officers excused: Treasurer, Chrystina Power

Officers absent: None

Department/National Commanders or National Service Officer (NSO) Past or Present and Visitors: None

There was a total of 53 members present. There was a quorum for conducting business.

Reading of minutes:

Reading of minutes from May 20, 2023, Chapter meeting.

Motion: Dispense with the reading of the May 20, 2023, Chapter meeting minutes because members were provided with a copy of the minutes.

- Motion made by: Susan Beasey
- Motion 2nd by: Charline Coleman
- Are there any omissions or corrections? No
- Motion passed.

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Treasurer's Report:

The members were provided with three handouts that goes through June 30, 2023. Any questions on these reports will be answered by the Treasurer next month.

- **Financial report by line-item categories:** summary of year-to-date transactions by budgeted line item. A request was made to re-submit this report with all the numbers showing.
- **Chapter 5 2023-2024 Proposed Budget** – To be discussed in new business.
- June 2023 Monthly Financial Report closed out the fiscal year.
- The NEW Treasurer has been added as the Executor of the bank account. All signees for the account have also been completed.

Chaplain's Report:

Chaplain Bragg read a list of prayer requests, including the following: Immediate Past Commander Baez's mother; Jr. Vice Commander Joseph Harrison Jr; Jeffrey Berg; Dan Strange Jr's son, Louis Aguilar's son, Past Commander- Amanda Almaraz and others on the Chaplain's list.

Sergeant-at-Arm's Report:

There was a total of 53 members present. There was a quorum for conducting business.

Application for membership transfer: Sr Vice Cdr has the list of transfers, and these were approved by membership to be transfer: Lee Gray, Martin Hiles, Randy Willet.

Motion: Approved the transfer of members

- Motion made by: Ethel Kelsaw
- Motion 2nd by: James Francisco
- Motion passed.

Introduction of new members: William Cooley, US Air Force, Albert HighField, US Army, Martin Hiles – US Marine Corps (Vietnam Vet), Marlene Smith – US Army

First time attendees: Lee Gray – US Army, Ronald Willet – US Army, Ramona Young – US Army, Ronald Williams – US Air Force, Joe Hallin – US Army, Doug Lewis – US Air Force, Floyd Broket – US Air Force, Georgina Ortiz – US Army.

Communications: Adjutant Nious read the following correspondences:

- Letter from VetStrong for the \$2000 donation to the organization June 2023.
- Thank you letter from Christian Warrior Retreat for the donation of \$2000 for 8 Veterans to attend the Retreat in May.

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- Thank you card from the VA CLC for Sponsoring the 4th July BBQ which also recognized member Jim Volstad for his contributions.
- Thank you letter from the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans & Families for our Support to the organization in the amount of \$2000 in May.
- Thank you letter from Legend Oaks Healthcare & Rehabilitation West for purchasing flowers, flowerpots, dirt, seeds.
- Thank you letter from the Chapter 5 DAVA for our donation to the Auxiliary.
- Thank you letter from Patriot Heights Senior Living facility for donating a BBQ Grill and volunteering at their Fiesta Celebration.
- Thank you letter from Honor Flight San Antonio for our donation of 22 transport chairs for our oldest Veterans to attend the Washington Memorials which was constructed in honor of their dedicated service.
- DAVA UNIT 5 Annual Report provided by the DAVA Unit 5 Treasurer was read by the Adjutant.

Committee Reports:

- **Audit Committee:** Chairperson Dan Strange was unable to make the meeting but Audit Committee member Jim Volstad provided a report to the members and a copy of the written report was provided to members in attendance.

Motion: Request a motion to approve the Financial Audit Committee Report.

- Motion made by: Vaughn Caudill
- Motion 2nd by: Larry Whatley
- Any discussion: Yes
- Need to correct the date of the Audit from January 24, 2023, to read **June 24, 2023.**
- Motion passed with corrections.

- **Welfare Committee:** Assisted 2 Vets in the month of June and July. One veteran and his family were provided a 1-week stay at a Hotel in Katy, Tx. Second Veteran was provided a 1-week hotel stay in San Antonio, Tx.

- **Executive Committee:**
Copies of the minutes from the Executive Committee Meeting held June 24, 2023, were read by the Adjutant and were handed out to members in attendance.

Motion: To approve the Executive Committee Meeting for June 24, 2023

- Motion made by: Ethel Kelsaw
- Motion 2nd by: Jeffrey Berg
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

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Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

A copy of the Constitution and Bylaws and a summary page of proposed changes was provided to membership for review and discussion. The Judge Advocate explained the recommended minor changes/corrections. The document will be presented again in August at the next Chapter meeting at which time a motion to approve the document will be completed.

Motion: To approve the Standing Rules: The newly created Standing Rules that will pertain to our Chapter were distributed to all members present. Members were provided time to review and ask any questions.

Motion made by: Vaughn Caudill

- Motion 2nd by: Albert Owens
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

Motion: Request a motion to support Chapter 240 in Cedar Hill, Texas who requested \$10,000 to help establish their chapter. A motion was made to give \$1000 to support this chapter. This is a one-time donation as the Chapter needs seed money to begin their work of assisting veterans.

Motion made by: Roger Hubert

- Motion 2nd by: Albert Highfield
- Any discussion: Yes – it was explained this is a one-time donation for seed money.
- Motion passed.

Motion: Request a motion to approve the Proposed Budget. Chapter members could not decide on the actual budget, so a motion was made to Operate the chapter with a \$10,000 budget until the members have a chance to take the proposed budget home and look over it. We will re-visit the approval of the Annual Budget at next month's meeting.

- Motion made by: Robert Hubert
- Motion 2nd by: Diana Barrera
- Any discussion: Yes – Vaughn Caudill mentioned the point that \$10,000 would not cover the expenses for the upcoming National Convention which would be before the next Chapter meeting.
- Member Ramona Young recommended increasing the operating funds to \$20,000 and amend the original motion of \$10,000 to \$20,000.
- Motion made by: Ramona Young

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- Motion 2nd by: Diana Barrera
- Motion passed.

Good-of-the-Order:

- Line Officers and Members attended the Department June Convention in San Marcos.
- Jim Volstad coordinated a 4th July BBQ for the Veterans at the Audie Murphy VA CLC. (Jim gave a summary on how happy the Veterans were at the event).
- Commander Kaberides provided information on a Veterans Medicare 101 Event in Seguin, Texas on July 18th from 10-11:30 am. All are welcome to attend.
- Jim Volstad let the members know that any Veteran can attend any University or College for free if 65 or over. The Commander will send a Constant Contact and include the link for this.
- Sr Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr announced we have hats and tee shirts for sale if any members are interested in purchasing the items. The hats were \$45 each and the tee shirts were \$10 (only for those who have already received their free one).
- Member James Francisco received his 500-hour volunteer service pin in the month of June.
- Member Albert Owens and his spouse are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 5th and all members are invited to attend.
- Member Vito Cellini turns 100 years old and will have a party at the VFW on Austin Hwy, on August 12, 2023, beginning at 5:00 pm.
- Celebrated June/July birthdays:
- 50/50 Winner- Patrick Quinn \$76

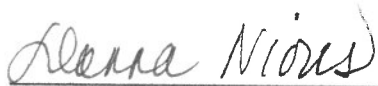
Upcoming Chapter events:

Next Meeting: August 19, 2023

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

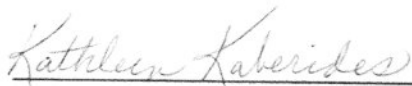
Closing Prayer: Chaplain Clyde T. Bragg, Jr.

Meeting adjourned: at 12:00 pm



Donna Nious
Adjutant, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date 17 July 2023



Kathleen Kaberides
Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

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