

**ALAMO CHAPTER #5, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 20, 2024**

**Meeting:** Held at the Rolling Oaks Baptist Church, 6401 Wenzel Rd, San Antonio, TX

**Meeting Opened:** Commander Kathy Kaberides opened the meeting at 10:37am.

**Officers present:**

- Commander Kathy Kaberides
- Sr. Vice Commander Joseph Harrison, Jr
- Jr. Vice Commander James Francisco
- Adjutant Donna Nious
- Judge Advocate/Treasurer Gwen Thompson
- Chaplain Clyde Bragg, Jr
- Sgt-At-Arms Rickey Vasquez
- Officer-of-the-Day Donald Smith
- CSO Lead Larry Whatley

**-Meal for February chapter meeting and coffee hour.** Hospitality Chairperson Rickey Vasquez recommended purchasing the sandwiches from HEB. Treasurer Gwen Thompson recommended he get a quote from Costco to see what the cost would be. Adjutant Nious will reach out to Un Poco De Todo to see if they are willing to donate the lunch meal.

**-Women Veterans Advocate** – This position was posted to membership on Constant Contact and one person responded with interest. The Commander asked for her member number as the person wasn't sure if they were even a member of DAV. The individual did not respond back with her membership number. The Commander was unable to find her on our membership roster. We need to fill this position.

**- Website Update** – The website is being updated slowly, and we now have a new mascot (Ellie the Huskey).

**-Emerald Oaks** will have a luncheon for their resident veterans at the facility on January 24, 2024, at 11:30 am. Rickey Vasquez, Clyde Bragg and Larry Whately will attend.

**-Quilts of Valor** will have a ceremony on March 29, 2024, at the Grunt Museum.

**-CSO Procedures and Events** – Larry Whatley is the lead CSO, and the chapter currently only has 4 CSO's. There will be a NSO Seminar on February 8, 2024, at the VFW in Schertz, TX. We will be supporting this event.

**-Veterans Assistance Committee Functionality** – The Commander spoke with the chairperson (Clyde Bragg, Jr) and due to unforeseen circumstance, he will step down as the chairperson and Jr Vice Commander James Francisco will be the new chairperson of the Committee. This change will be presented to membership in the Standing Rules at the February monthly Chapter meeting.

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The Treasurer informed the committee that we currently owe the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans and Families \$1396. The committee approved these transactions but due to time and circumstances the coalition paid the bills. We will request the previous monthly reports from Tony Fuentes.

-Antique Mustang/Car Show – Rickey Vasquez will get all the information (5 W's) and provide it to the chapter.

-Mid-Winter Conference 6-10 March, Alexandria, VA – Adjutant Nious is approved to attend. Rickey Vasquez would like to go as well. We will request a motion for the Sergeant-at-Arms to attend.

-Valero Texas Open Fundraiser – Adjutant Nious will send an email to Teresa Johniken at Department to clarify if this is a fundraiser we are allowed to participate in due to the method that donations would be made.

-Line Officer Elections - Elections will be in the month of April and May. The Commander will appoint a Nominating Committee.

**Motions for February 2024 Chapter Meeting:**

Motion for Sergeant-At-Arms Rickey Vasquez to attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Arlington, VA.

Motion to appoint James Francisco as Chairperson of the Veterans Assistance Committee.

Motion to move \$2500 from line 14J to 14L.

Motion to pay SACVF (Tony Fuentes) what we currently owe the organization for Veterans Assistance \$1396.00

**Upcoming Events:**

27 February – Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser, Sam's Club on I-35 and Judson Road, 8am-12pm. We need Volunteers!

Commander Kaberides closed the meeting at **12:10pm**.

Donna Nious  
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Adjutant, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date 02/06/2024

Kathleen Kaberides  
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Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter

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