

ALAMO CHAPTER #5, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023

Meeting: Zoom

Meeting Opened: Commander Kathy Kaberides opened the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Officers present:

- Commander Kathy Kaberides
- Sr. Vice Commander Joseph Harrison, Jr
- Jr. Vice Commander James Francisco
- Adjutant Donna Nious
- Judge Advocate Gwen Thompson
- Chaplain Clyde Bragg, Jr
- Sgt-At-Arms Rickey Vasquez

- **Officers Absent:** – Treasurer Chrystina Power - Excused

-Commander Kaberides informed the committee of Military Appreciation Night at Golden Corral located at 9111 N Loop 1604 W, SA, Tx on November 13, 2023, from 5pm to closing. This event is not mandatory, but we agreed to participate. The Adjutant will contact the Manager and get all the required information and materials needed for the event. Only the Veteran will get a FREE meal, not the spouse or kids. We will wear our DAV vest and hats to this event. The Executive Committee voted not to transport the flags this year.

- DAV Thrift Stores owner - Marcena Cain passed away September 12th. Status of future checks unknown but we did receive a check for October. The Committee agreed to contribution \$100 in her memory to one of her favorite charities - AMVETS. This donation will be deducted from the Commander's fund. The other two charities will be considered later once we know the status of our budget, and whether it will be impacted.

- We received a request from Bert Meza, Supervisor at NSO Office to support another NSO Information Seminar on November 2, 2023, 0900-1500, at the same location in Schertz. CSO's Gwendolyn Thompson and Joseph Harrison, Jr will attend. Commander Kaberides advised that both she and CSO Team Leader Larry Whatley will be out of state during this event. She also advised that CSO Charline Coleman has not yet responded. The Executive Committee agreed that lunch reimbursement and mileage would be paid only for those CSO's attending. No lunch for the NSO's will be provided. Commander Kaberides will email Mr. Meza in the morning. She will also advise him to please have the necessary forms (Contact Brief, Representation, and Intent to File) along with highlighters and pens to enable the CSO's to be productive.

-Commander Kaberides will be sending an email regarding LVAP hours to see if the system at National has been corrected.

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-Good of the Order: Wayne Lund received his 100-hour volunteer pin.

-Hospitality Committee Brief (Rickey Vasquez) – The November 18, 2023, monthly chapter meeting and Thanksgiving meal will be held at Golden Corral located at 9111 N Loop 1604 W, SA, Tx. Cakes Couture has agreed to donate 100 cupcakes and a cake to Chapter 5 for this meeting. The December 16, 2023, monthly chapter meeting and Christmas meal will be at the church and Un Poco de Todo has agreed to donate and cater this meal to 100 Veterans. DAVA has volunteered to help decorate for the December meeting. Rickey will see if Cakes Couture has a “banner” that we can use at the November meeting to give them some publicity. We will need to thank both Cakes Couture and Un Poco de Todo via Constant Contact, to thank them for their support.

The Hospitality Committee member Christa Angeles will coordinate the food for October. They are trying to acquire healthier food and snacks (maybe a sandwich tray, veggie tray and fruit tray) for this meeting. The committee needs the EIN number and a current tax-exempt letter from the chapter and a letter to seek donations on letterhead.

Finance Report: The Judge Advocate stated the bank Chapter Monthly Financial Report was unacceptable due to the figures in the report and the bank statement not matching and the lack of a detailed spreadsheet showing exactly who was paid. Additionally, the Sergeant-at-Arms asked if the Commander could make the Treasurer submit the spreadsheet. Commander Kaberides advised that No, she could not, but that the Judge Advocate and Adjutant were handling the situation and would let the Commander know if they needed any signatures.

-Department of Texas District 20 Conference – San Marcos, Jan 12-14, 2024.
Delegates who may attend: Commander Kaberides, Sr. Vice Commander Joseph Harrison, Jr, Jr. Vice Commander James Francisco, Judge Advocate Gwendolyn Thompson, Adjutant Donna Nious, Chaplain Clyde Bragg, Jr, Sergeant-at-Arms Rickey Vasquez. Deadline to submit the names is December 5, 2023. Commander Kaberides reminded everyone that this is a conference and not a convention. She also stated that anyone interested in positions on the line is welcome to attend. Everyone attending will be paid round trip mileage, so long as the budget allows it, except for Sr. Vice Commander Joseph Harrison, Jr. who lives more than 50 miles away from the conference site. He will be authorized to book a hotel room and per diem.

-Judge Advocate will ask for Volunteers to support our Forget-Me-Not fundraiser on October 25th at Sam’s Club on I-35 and Judson Road. The event will run from 8-12 and all are requested to wear their vests, caps (if they have one) or chapter shirt.

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New Business: Update to the VG Clark Cancer Relief Fund will be reported by the Judge Advocate at the upcoming monthly chapter meeting on October 21, 2023, along with other committee reports. Concerns over the Women Veterans Advocate not having been at the past two monthly meetings and only being at the July meeting for part of the time were expressed. The Executive Committee is requesting a report from the chair, Charline Coleman, at the October meeting. There is concern that there have been no reports nor events scheduled. Commander Kaberides will send her an email.

Motions for Chapter Meeting:

Delegates to attend the District 20 Conference

Motion to approve the Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at the Golden Corral

Motion to approve the Christmas Meal at the church with donated food.

Upcoming Events:

25 October – Forget-Me-Not fundraiser at Sam's Club on I-35 and Judson Road. All are invited.

2 November – NSO Mini-seminar at the VFW in Cibolo. CSO's to support

Commander Kaberides closed the meeting at **8:13 pm.**

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Adjutant, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date 10/20/2023

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