

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, 5 ALAMO
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CHAPTER Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2024

The April 2024 Chapter meeting was held at Rolling Oaks Baptist Church, 6401 Wenzel Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78233

Pre-meeting Speakers: Sr. Vice Commander Joseph Harrison, Jr. informed those members that anyone who would like to be on the Benefits Protection Team to write resolutions to please see him. He also explained how to sign up for CAN.

Meeting Opened: Commander Kathy Kaberides opened the meeting at 10:02 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
- Chaplain Clyde T. Bragg, Jr.
- Sergeant-At-Arms Rickey Vasquez
- Officer of the Day Donald Smith

Officers excused: Immediate Past Commander Luis Baez, Adjutant Donna Nious and Judge Advocate/Treasurer Gwendolyn Thompson

Officers Absent: None

There was a quorum for conducting business.

Reading of Minutes:

Reading of Minutes from March 16, 2024, Chapter Meeting.

Motion: Dispense with the reading of the March 16, 2024, 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 March 16, 2024, Chapter Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by: Vaughn Caudill
- Motion 2nd by: Wayne Lund
- Any discussion? No

Motion passed.

Reading of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:

Reading of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting.

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Motion: To dispense with the reading of the April 15, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes because members were provided with a hard copy of the minutes.

- Are there any omissions or corrections? No

Motion to approve the April 15, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by: Vaughn Caudill
- Motion 2nd by: Wayne Lund
- Any discussion? No

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The members were provided with financial handouts going through March 31, 2024. The Treasurer's explanation of the handouts was deferred until the next Chapter meeting in May 2024. Commander Kaberides asked the membership to please review the documents and bring any questions they may have regarding them to the May meeting.

Chaplains Report: Chaplain Bragg reported that Margarita Hernandez, Jeffrey Berg, Diego Trevino, Atwell Rose, Al Ownes and Gene Sloat have all been added to his list. He also requested that we keep Atwell Rose in our prayers as his wife passed away on April 13th and they had been married 65 years.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report:

There is a total of 48 members present. We also had 7 guests present.

Introduction of new members: Ed Minter – USAF; John Johnston – USN; Martin DeLeon – USA

First Time Attendees: Matthew Hare Hixson – Army; Cynthia Johnson; Latasha Dunn - AF; Tammi Lambert – AF

Applications for Membership or Transfer:

Membership: None

Transfer Motions: Cynthia Johnson; Latasha Dunn; Tammi Lambert; Oscar Barabino, Jr.; and Herman Matthew Hixson Hare.

Motion to approve the transfers of the following individuals: Cynthia Johnson, Latasha Dunn, Tammi Lambert, Oscar Barabino, Jr. and Herman Matthew Hixson Hare.

- Motion made by: Ann Gaynor
- Motion 2nd by: Obie Bedford
- Any discussion? No

Motion passed.

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Communications: Jr. Vice Commander James Francisco read the following:

- 85th Call to Convention – Department of Texas Convention 2024 – San Marcos, TX. Delegates will be selected this month.
- A letter from National Membership Department – 2024 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention will be held in Phoenix, AZ 2-6 August 2024. Delegates will be selected next month after the elections.

An email letter from National Membership Director Doug Wells advising us that National is changing from portals to websites with an anticipated effective date of completion by April 24, 2024, when our new website on DAV.org will go live.

Committee Reports:

Membership/BPTL: Sr. Vice Commander Joseph Harrison, Jr. reported: Full-Lifetime Members/Total Members 5,589/5,913; Goal is 101.985 – we are over our goal by 115. He also stated to keep recruiting! Sr. Vice also reiterated to membership how to receive the CAN alerts and how important they are for the DAV and veteran community.

VA Volunteer Services: Report deferred as Al Owens is recovering from surgery.

Women Veterans Chair: Commander Kaberides introduced Priscilla Mayfield, the Women Veterans Chair. Priscilla informed the membership about two upcoming women veteran events. On April 27th, the Women Veterans Engagement will be held at Endeavors and the Texas Women Veterans event will be held on June 8th at SAC.

Hospitality Committee: Chair Rickey Vasquez advised all that there was a “healthy” lunch for all once the meeting ended. He also introduced his committee members, Peter Kaberides and Martin Serafina and thanked them for their participation.

Unfinished Business:

Commander Kaberides introduced the Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections: **Susan Allick; Markus Carter** and **Vaughn Caudill**. Membership was informed that all positions on the line are open for nominees and that they could self-nominate. Elected positions versus appointed positions was also explained and to please see one of the nominating committee individuals for descriptions of positions. Nominations began today.

New Business:

Motion to approve the following individuals to attend Department of Texas Convention in San Marcos, TX at the Embassy Suites, June 21-23: Kathy Kaberides, Donna Nious,

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Gwendolyn Thompson, Priscilla Mayfield, James Francisco, Larry Whatley, Rickey Vasquez, Vaughn Caudill, Karla Jordan, Latasha Dunn, Oscar Barabino, Sue Beasey and Matthew Hare.

- Motion made by: Wayne Lund
- Motion 2nd by: Bob Broff
- Any discussion? Sr. Vice Commander Joseph Harrison, Jr. reminded the membership that anyone may attend the convention on their own. Commander Kaberides reminded all that reimbursement is based on the budget and that each individual must go online and pay the \$25 registration fee. All tickets for the banquet at \$50 will be at their own expense at this time. Anyone who registers and is a no show will not be reimbursed.

Motion passed.

Good of the Order:

- Jim Volstad informed membership that the new Fisher House is open at Audie Murphy and can accommodate 32 family members in 16 suites.
- Member Atwell Rose provided information for veterans who are diabetic about a new item that scans through your feet on a mat. You need a referral from your Primary Care to obtain the equipment from the VA. The Commander will put the information out in Constant Contact.
- An unaccompanied burial will take place at Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 9am for 8 service members.
- April 27, 2024, Endeavors is hosting a Women Veterans Engagement.
- Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser will be held at Sam's Club on April 25, 2024, from 8am-12pm. Anyone can come to help at this event even if only for an hour.
- Edgewood District Veteran's 15th Annual Scholarship Golf Classic will be held May 17, 2024. Contact Jr. Vice Commander James Francisco for info.
- June 8, 2024 – Texas Women Veterans event will be held at SAC.
- 3rd Annual LTC Hector Villarreal Memorial Golf Tournament hosted by San Antonio Coalition for Veterans and Families (SACVF) on May 20, 2024.
- LVAP pins received since the last meeting: Wayne Lund – 200 and 250 hours; Al Owens – 5,000 hours; Pat Owens – 3,000 hours; Donna Nious – 1,000 hours; James Francisco – 750 hours; Peter Kaberides – 250 hours; Vaughn Caudill – 500 hours; Sue Beasy – 100 hours; Larry Whatley – 750 hours and Bob Broff – 50 hours.
- Birthdays – Obie Bedford and Don Smith. Anniversaries – Vaughn Caudill – 50 years in May (he won't be here next month).
- **50/50 Raffle:** \$75.00 was won by Willie Johnson.

Upcoming Chapter events:

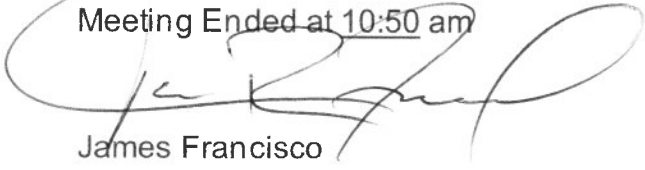
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Next Meeting: May 18, 2024.

Memorial Service: A moment of silence for our departed comrades

Closing prayer: Chaplain Clyde T. Bragg, Jr.

Meeting Ended at 10:50 am



James Francisco

Jr. Vice Commander, 5 Alamo



Kathleen Kaberides

Commander, 5 Alamo