

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, 5 ALAMO
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CHAPTER Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2024**

The March 2024 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: Commander Kathy Kaberides

Officers present:

- Commander, Kathy Kaberides
- 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

- **Officers excused:** Past Commander Luis Baez, Sr. Vice Commander Joseph Harrison Jr; Jr. Vice Commander James Francisco.

Officers absent: None.

There was a quorum for conducting business.

Reading of minutes:

Reading of minutes from February 17, 2024, Chapter meeting.

Motion: Dispense with the reading of the February 17, 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 February 17, 2024, chapter meeting minutes:

- Motion made by: Albert Owens
- Motion 2nd by: Mel Allick
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The members were provided the handouts, and it goes through February 29, 2024.

The treasurer explained the handouts to the members.

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

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Chaplain's Report:

Reports of sickness and distress and added Jeffrey Berg and Margarita Hernandez to the prayer list along with continued prayer requests.

Introduction of new members: Serafin "Marty" Martinez, Air Force retired; Oscar Barabino, Air Force retired.

First Time Attendees: Raul Gonzales, Army Ret and Nicholas Rico, USMC. Manuel Rico (also the brother of Nicholas Rico) brought both guests.

Sergeant-at-Arm's Report:

There was a total of 50 members present. We also had 2 guests present.

Communications: Adjutant Nious read the following correspondences:

- Letter from Texas C.U.R.E. Youth Ambassadors Program.
- DAV March Membership Madness Letter.
- New DAV Women Veterans Report
- Department of Texas Assessment Letter
- Homes for Our Troops Letter.

Committee Reports:

- Membership Report: Commander Kaberides – Full-Lifetime members/Total members are 5572/5798; Goal is 101.48% - we have met our goal.
- Benefits Protection Team Lead: Sr. Vice Commander Harrison, Jr - deferred.
- Hospitality Report: Rickey Vasquez – thanked Peter Kaberides for taking over coffee duties and asked anyone who would like to help, please do so.
- VA Volunteer Services (VAVS): Al Owens reported the **NEW** Fisher House will open next month and it is located right next to the "old" Fisher House. Volunteers are needed.

Unfinished Business:

Standing Rules: Veteran Assistance Committee

Section 1: Currently reads: "The Veteran Assistance Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Commander. The Chaplain shall be the chair of the committee.

Motion to change to read: The Veteran Assistance Committee shall consist of the Chair and two members appointed by the Commander, all of whom have voting rights on all requests.

- Motion made by: Donna Nious
- Motion 2nd by: Ann Gayer
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- Motion passed.

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New Business:

Commander needs to appoint Priscilla Mayfield as the Women Veterans Advocate Chair.

- Motion made by: Reynaldo Hernandez
- Motion 2nd by: Ann Gayer
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

Commander needs to appoint James Francisco as Chair of the Veteran's Assistance Committee:

- Motion made by: Donald Smith
- Motion 2nd by: Obie Bedford
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

Commander needs to appoint three individuals to the Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections: Susan Allick, Markus Carter, and Vaughn Caudill.

- Motion made by: Guido Liberty
- Motion 2nd by: Mel Allick
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

Motion to approve the following individuals to attend CSO Training on May 8, 2024, at the Northwest Health Care Center NWHCC): Kathy Kaberides; Joseph Harrison Jr; Gwendolyn Thompson; Larry Whatley; Karla Jones; Priscilla Mayfield; Bradley Wallace, E.G. Mais; Guido Liberty; and Clyde Bragg, Jr.

- Motion made by: Margarita Hernandez
- Motion 2nd by: John Walker
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

Good-of-the-Order:

- Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser at Sam's Club on February 27, 2024, raised \$457.80. Commander Kaberides, Adjutant Nious, Judge Advocate Thompson, Sgt-at-Arms Rickey Vasquez, Larry Whatley, Peter Kaberides and Jeff Berg volunteered to support this event.
- The next Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser will be on April 25, 2024, at Sam's Club on I-35.
- Adjutant Nious attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Arlington, VA and has provided a handout with links to all the presentations from the conference. She also read and provided a handout on the DO's and DON"TS for DAV members during this election year.

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- There will be a DAV screening of HERE.IS.BETTER at Patriot Heights on March 18, 2024, at 1:00pm. This movie is about PTSD. The Commander will be presenting the film.
- We still need a Communications Committee. If interested, please see the Commander, Adjutant, or Judge Advocate. There are 3 positions: Constant Contact, Blue Host/Word Press (must know encoding) and a webmaster to update our page on National's website.
- The San Antonio Coalition for Veterans and Families (SACVF) is having their Harley Davidson event today from 10 – 4pm at the Cowboys Harley-Davidson Alamo City located at 11005 North IH 35, San Antonio, TX 78233. They have graciously allowed us to have a table to receive donations and recruit for membership.
- There is a New medical form that is required to renew or apply for your disabled placards. Make sure you obtain one, signed by your doctor, prior to going to the DMV.
- Vaughn Caudill announced that the JBSA Retiree Council needs enlisted Navy, USMC, and Coast Guard members.
- **Are there any birthdays and/or anniversaries** for the month of March?
- Kathy Kaberides, Margarita C. Hernandez, Larry Whatley, Willie Johnson, Susan Allick, Vaughn Caudill, Peter Kaberides, Rudy. Mel & Susan Allick Anniversary.
- Guido Liberty announced that JBSA Randolph has walk-in hours now for ID cards.
- **50/50 Drawing:** \$73 won by Mr. Quirino Santillano.

Upcoming Chapter events:

Next Meeting: **April 20, 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 **10:57 am**

Donna Nious
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Adjutant, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date 03/21/2023

Kathleen Kaberides
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Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

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