

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

The July 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:** Judge Advocate, Gwendolyn Thompson

**Pledge:** Commander, Kathy Kaberides

**Officers present:**

- Commander, Kathy Kaberides
- Sr. Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr.
- Jr. Vice Commander, Karla Jordan
- Adjutant, Donna Nious
- Treasurer, Gwendolyn Thompson
- Judge Advocate, Gwendolyn Thompson
- Sergeant-At-Arms, Rickey Vasquez

**Officers excused:** Immediate Past Commander Luis Baez, Chaplain Clyde Bragg, Jr, Officer-of-the-Day Donald Smith.

**Officers absent:** None.

**Guest:** Past Commander Len Arroyo

There was a quorum for conducting business.

**Reading of minutes:**

Reading of minutes from May 18, 2024, Chapter meeting.

**Motion:** Dispense with the reading of the May 18, 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 May 18, 2024, chapter meeting minutes:

- Motion made by: Albert Owens
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Roger Hubert
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The members were provided the handouts, and it goes through June 30, 2024.

- The treasurer explained the handouts to the members.
  - Bank reconciliation report as of June 30, 2024.

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- Monthly Financial Report by category line item as of June 30, 2024.
- Proposed Budget for FY 2024-2025

**Chaplain's Report:**

Reports of sickness and distress. The Commander gave the Chaplain's report. Sympathy cards were sent to Obie Bedford, Ed Nious, Eddie Galvez and Joseph Harrison, Jr. Prayers were requested for the Chaplain, Clyde Bragg, Bob Broff who will have surgery on August 7, 2024, Shirley Ferguson, Wayne Lund and "KC" Carey.

**Introduction of new members:** Jerry Brown, US Army and Rossano Gerald.

**Transfer Requests**

None

**First Time Visitors:** Christopher Kind, US Army; Georgina Ortiz, US Army

**Sergeant-at-Arm's Report:**

There was a total of 58 members present. We also had 5 guests present.

**Communications:** Adjutant Nious read the following correspondences:

- Letter from Homes for Our Troops. Please join them to present the keys to new specially adapted homes for Army Major Yancy Baer and Sergeant Jose Lopez in Spring Branch, TX on Friday June 7, 2024, at 9:00 am and 11:00 am respectively.
- DAV-Recruit Military Hiring Event/Job Fair will be Thursday, July 25, 2024, 11-3pm at the SA Shrine Auditorium.
- DAV Recruiter Rally May 2024 – June 2025.
- TX C.U.R.E. Family Practice Program Event.
- We received a \$200 donation from Kenneth Sweeney for the Hospitality Fund.

**Reports:**

- Membership Report: Full Lifetime members/Total members are 5540/5841; Goal was 5873 and Goal % is 99.46% - we are under the goal by 32 members. DAV has under 1 million members for the first time.
- Benefits Protection Team Lead: Sr. Vice Commander Harrison, Jr reminded membership to join CAN and support the legislations.
- Women Veterans Advocate: Priscilla Mayfield discussed the Dress for Success Clothing Drive for females on July 20<sup>th</sup> and Aug 17<sup>th</sup>. She also explained that they are holding a 5 day workshop for women leaving the military by training them for resume writing and interviewing and will give them each 3 outfits, shoes, unused make-up, travel size toiletries and accessories.
- VG Clark Committee: Gwendolyn Thompson discussed the process to apply for the Cancer Relief Trust Fund along with the required forms.

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- LVAP Coordinator: Karla Jordan discussed how to report your LVAP hours and provided registration forms for members to complete.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

**Motion:** Motion to approve the July 13, 2024, Executive Committee Minutes.

- **Motion** made by: Lennie Arroya
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Atwell Rose
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the Proposed Budget for FY 2024-2025.

- **Motion** made by: Bob Broff
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Keven Lomax, Sr
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the Audit Committee Report which Lennie Arroyo the Chair provided a summary of the report.

- **Motion** made by: James Francisco
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Ann Gayer
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the Standing Rules with the Executive Committee changes which include the New VG Clark Trust Fund forms.

- **Motion** made by: Priscilla Mayfield
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: James Francisco
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the appointment of Joseph Harrison, Jr as the Benefit Protection Team Leader.

- **Motion** made by: Donna Nious
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Roger Hubert
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

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**Motion:** Motion to approve the Legislative Committee with the appointments of Joseph Harrison, Jr (Chair), Karla Jordan and Ann Gayer.

- **Motion** made by: Guido Liberty
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Markus Carter
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the appointment of Gwendolyn Thompson (Chair), Latasha Dunn, Keven Lomax, Sr. to the VG Clark Cancer Trust Fund Committee.

- **Motion** made by: Larry Whatley
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Mel Allick
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the appointment of Karla Jordan as the LVAP Coordinator.

- **Motion** made by: Priscilla Mayfield
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jeffrey Berg
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the appointment of David Huereca as the Chair of the Veterans Assistance Committee.

- **Motion** made by: Vaughn Caudill
- Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jeffrey Berg
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

**Good-of-the-Order:**

- Commander Kathy Kaberides, Joseph Harrison Jr, Karla Jordan, Donna Nious, Gwendolyn Thompson, Rickey Vasquez, Larry Whatley, Vaughn Caudill, Sue Beasey, Priscilla Mayfield, LaTasha Dunn and Naomi Narcisse attended the Dept of Texas Convention in San Marcos in June.
- MSD Funeral Statistics – 655 funerals as of May 2024. They moved into their new building, and they love it. FSH Golf Course has been providing lunch meals for them. They would like to thank the chapter for all your support.
- Unaccompanied Veterans Memorial Service will be July 24, 2024, at 9 am at Fort Sam Houst National Cemetery. You are encouraged to attend and pay tribute.
- Chapter 5 CSO's had a Claims Day on July 19, 2024, at the Church. They assisted 11 Veterans and 1 Widow with their claims.
- LVAP Detailed List for FY 2023-2024. Chapter 5 completed 11,676.5 Volunteer hours.

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- LVAP Awards: Vaughn Caudell received his 50/100/150/200/500 and 750-hour Volunteer Pin. Manny Iberra received his 1000-hour pin.
- Lupe Valdez received his 10,000-hour award at Audie Murphy VA for volunteering in the Chapel.
- Claims Day was held yesterday. Larry Whatley, Joseph Harrison, Jr., Gwendolyn Thompson, Karla Jordan, Priscilla Mayfield and Kathy Kaberides assisted 11 veterans and 1 widow.
  
- **Birthdays and/or Anniversaries** for the months of June & July.  
June Birthdays: Atwell Rose; Jerry Brown; Henry Ford  
June Anniversaries: Randy Willett; Vaughn Caudill; Markus Carter  
July Birthdays: "Marty" Martinez; Rossano Gerald; Guido Libertiny  
July Anniversaries: Robert Piechnik; Jerry Brown; Jose Garcia
  
- **50/50 Drawing**: \$82 won by Rossano Gerald.

Upcoming Chapter events:

Next Meeting: **August 17, 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: Gwendolyn Thompson

Meeting adjourned: at **11:32 am**

*Donna Nious*

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Adjutant, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date 24 July 2024

*Kathleen Kaberides*

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Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

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