

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, 5 ALAMO
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CHAPTER Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2024**

The September 2024 Chapter meeting was held at Oak Baptist Church, 6401 Wenzel Road, San Antonio, TX 78233.

Meeting Opened: Commander, Kathy Kaberides opened the meeting at 10:03 am.

Opening Prayer: Clyde T. Bragg, Jr, Chaplain

Pledge: Jr. Vice Commander, Karla Jordan

Officers present:

- Commander, Kathy Kaberides
 - Jr. Vice Commander, Karla Jordan
 - Treasurer, Gwendolyn Thompson
 - Judge Advocate, Gwendolyn Thompson
 - Chaplain, Clyde T. Bragg, Jr
 - Officer-of-the-Day, Donald Smith
 - Sergeant-at-Arms Rickey Vasquez
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- **Officers excused:** Adjutant, Donna Nious, Sr. Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr., and Immediate Past Commander Luis Baez

Officers absent: None.

There was a quorum for conducting business.

Reading of minutes:

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report: The members were provided the following handouts encompassing the financial reports for the months of July through August 2024.

- The treasurer explained the handouts to the members.
 - Bank reconciliation report as of the end of August 2024.
 - Monthly Financial Report by line category August 2024

Chaplain's Report:

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Reports of sickness and distress: George Carrasco, Mel Allick, David Huereca, Earl Sonnemaker on the passing of his wife of 66 years, and Elias Huereca on the passing of his wife.

Names added to the prayer list: Joe Hernandez family, Keven Lomax family, Dave Eeler, and Butch Rendon.

Introduction of new members: none

Transfer Requests

Motion: Requests to Transfer memberships for Daniel C. Bernal (Marine- Chapter 14), Linda M. Morrow Gentzel (Army- California chapter), Janis L. Valdez (Air Force- Kentucky Chapter 64).

- Motion made by: Vaughn Caudill
- Motion 2nd by: Donald Smith
- Any discussion: None
- Motion Passed

First Time Visitors: Linda Genzel, James Atchley, Chris Ehney, Stacy Rangel, Bessie Rangel, Daniel Bernal, Jan Valdez, Alyn Macleod.

Sergeant-at-Arm's Report:

There was a total of 45 members present. We also had 9 guests present.

Communications: Jr. Vice Commander, Karla Jordan read the following correspondences:

- Thank you letter and donation of \$1,000 from Mr. Jim Rizzo for direct veteran service. Mr. Rizzo also gave an additional \$500.00 to Commander Kaberides which she donated to the Chapter for direct veteran service. Commander Kaberides is a Chapter Service Officer and as such is not authorized to take monetary payments for her service.
- Thank you letter from Latasha Dunn.
- Thank you letter from FSH Memorial Service Detachment for the \$1,000 donation.

Reports:

- **Membership Report:** – The National DAV Membership database is not functioning, and Chapter membership information was not available for August. The State of Texas membership documented Full Lifetime members at 67,520. State of Texas goal is 67,389. The State of Texas goal percentage reached is 100.19%. The State of Texas variance was 131 members. As of July 1, 2024, there were 61 deceased members and 31 new members in our Chapter.

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- Benefits Protection Team Lead: Deferred to next month.
- Women Veterans Advocate – No report
- Hospitality Committee: Rickey Vasquez discussed opportunities for members to donate breakfast or lunch meals for chapter meetings. Also, volunteers are still needed. Thanks to Rey Rodriguez for donation of chili hotdogs for lunch. Thanks to Jeff Berg and Marty Martinez for breakfast donuts.
- V.G. Clark Cancer Relief Fund Committee- The adjutant, Donna Nious, mailed the criteria for eligibility for the VG Clark Cancer Relief Fund to six (6) DAVs, fourteen (14) VFWs, and nine (9) American Legion Halls to solicit their help in finding eligible veterans for this fund. Nine of these letters were returned for incorrect address. No acknowledgement has been received through the mail, website, or email that other organizations have received the documents. The committee was able to help one (1) veteran who is receiving active treatment.
- LVAP Coordinator Report – Jr. Vice Karla Jordan reported that only 25 members reported LVAP hours for the month of August. The lack of reporting sends the message to National that only 25 people are active in the community in a DAV chapter that has over 5,000 members and that isn't a true reflection of our chapter so please report your hours. If you don't know how to fill out the LVAP through the website, please ask one of your fellow veterans or send an email to our chapter email address and send the hours to her that way. If you are talking to veterans on the street, talking to friends on the phone, who happen to be vets, all of that counts as LVAP hours. The only things that you cannot report is if you're being paid for caring for a veteran or your travel time. There are many opportunities and capacities for everyone to volunteer so please, let's get involved and report your hours.
- Lead CSO- Larry Whatley, Kathy Kaberides, and Gwendolyn Thompsom provided claim processing assistance at the National Service Officer's Benefit Seminar on 12 September 2024.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Motion: Motion made to approve the September 11, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting minutes.

- Motion made by: Guido Libertiny
- Motion 2nd by: Roger Hubert
- Any Discussion: No
- Motion passed.

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Motion: Motion to approve the chapter acquiring Square, point-of-sale system, to collect donations using credit cards, debit cards, and digital wallet transactions. The request includes acquiring two (2) card readers. The cost per credit card transaction of approximately 3% would be passed on to the customer.

- Motion made by: Henry Hernandez
- Motion 2nd by: Clyde Bragg Jr.
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

Motion: Motion to approve a Golden Corral Fundraiser on October 12, 2024, from 12 pm- 4 pm at 9111 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, TX 78249. Volunteers needed.

- Motion made by: Larry Whatley
- Motion 2nd by: Roger Hubert
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

Line officer position opening: The adjutant, Donna Nious, will be resigning effective 1 December 2024. Anyone interested in the position, please see the Commander or Adjutant Nious. Adjutant Nious is willing to start training her replacement now for a smooth transition in December.

Good-of-the-Order:

- Sam's Club fundraiser, September 24 from 8am – 12 pm at I35 and Judson.
- San Antonio Coalition of Veterans and Families, 5th Annual Pancake Eating Competition at the Magnolia Pancake House, 10333 Huebner Road, San Antonio, TX on September 26, 2024, 5:30 pm- 8 pm.
- San Antonio Gold Star Families Monument Dedication Ceremony on September 28, 2024, 6 pm. at Veterans Memorial Plaza, 451 Jefferson Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.
- 5k Walk at Pavilion at Mission County Park on September 29, 2024.
- Project Mend will have their Annual Toast to Mobility Gala on October 3, 2024, 6 pm- 10 pm at Pedrotti's Ranch, 13715 FM 1560 North, Helotes, TX. Sponsorship starts at \$250-\$30,000.
- Patriots Heights Heath Fair- October 9, 2024, from 11 am-1 pm. We will have a table setup there and the Commander needs volunteers.
- Golden Corral fundraiser on October 12, 2024, from 12pm – 4pm at 9111 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, TX 78249.
- Tentative Claims Day- October 18, 2024.

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- Joint Base San Antonio and Brooke Army Medical Center will be having a Military Retiree Appreciation Day on October 19, 2024, 8 am- 12 pm in the medical mall area.
- We will have a Silent Auction beginning at the September chapter meeting and ending prior to the start of the October meeting. A DAV clock will be auctioned.
- DAV Alamo 5 member, Vaughn Caudill, is currently serving on BAMC Family and Patient Experience Council and BAMC Retiree Council. If any member has any concerns about their BAMC experience, you can contact him.
- 50/50 Drawing: \$83.00 won by Woody Meyer.
- Members with birthdays in September- Jean McNeal-Ingram. Anniversaries for September- Wayne Lund- 34 years, Henry Hernandez- 56 years, Gene Sloat- 51 years, and Billy Borrer- 66 years.

Upcoming Chapter events:

Next Meeting: October 19, 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 11:07 am

Gwendolyn Thompson

Date September 26, 2024

Gwendolyn Thompson
Judge Advocate/Treasurer, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Kathleen Kaberides

Date September 26, 2024

Kathleen Kaberides
Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter 5