

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, 5 ALAMO
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CHAPTER Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2024**

The October 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 **10:01 am.**

Opening Prayer: Clyde T. Bragg, Jr, Chaplain

Pledge: Sr. Vice Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr

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
- Chaplain, Clyde T. Bragg, Jr
- Officer-of-the-Day, Donald Smith
- Sergeant-at-Arms Rickey Vasquez

- **Officers excused:** Immediate Past Commander Luis Baez

Officers absent: None.

There was a quorum for conducting business.

Reading of minutes:

Reading of minutes from September 21, 2024, Chapter meeting.

Motion: Dispense with the reading of September 21, 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 September 21, 2024, chapter meeting minutes:

- Motion made by: Larry Whatley
- Motion 2nd by: Brad Wallace
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

Motion: To approve the Executive Committee Meeting minutes for October 14, 2024. The members were provided with a copy of the minutes.

- Motion made by: Wayne Lund
- Motion 2nd by: Bob Broth
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

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

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

Chaplain's Report:

Reports on sickness and distress: David Huereca, Jeremy Brooks, and Joe Hernandez.

Introduction of new members: none

Transfer Requests

Motion: Requests to Transfer memberships for Michael Matthews (Army - Chapter 08), Doug Hall.

- Motion made by: James Francisco
- Motion 2nd by: Keven Lomax, Sr.
- Any discussion: None
- Motion Passed

First Time Visitors: Lorenzo Nastasi (Air Force), Patricia Campbell (Army).

Sergeant-at-Arm's Report:

There was a total of 46 members present. We also had 1 transfer, and 4 guests were present.

Communications: Adjutant Donna Nious read the following correspondences:

- Golden Corral Military Appreciation Night, Monday November 11, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 8:30pm.
- Department of Texas District 20 Conference invitation to be held January 10-11, 2025, in Kerrville, Texas at the Inn of the Hills Hotel & Conference Center. The cost is \$139 for a single room. The chapter budget supports 2-line officers only. The deadline to register is December 18th.
- Thank you, card, from Latasha Dunn.

Reports:

- Membership Report: – The chapter membership documented Full Lifetime members at 5,767. The membership goal is 5,764. The chapter goal percentage reached is 100.05%. The chapter variance was over by 3

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members. As of October 8, 2024, there were 63 deceased members and 31 new members in our Chapter.

- Benefits Protection Team Lead: Report is deferred to next month due to Sr. Vice having to leave early.
- Women Veterans Advocate – Early voting starts on Oct 21 – Nov 1, 2024. The Women Veterans Calander Release Party will be October 19, 2024, from 6:00 – 10:00pm at VFW Post 76, San Antonio, Tx.
- Hospitality Committee: Rickey Vasquez informed membership that we would have a Christmas Dinner catered by Bill Millers and we will have a desert contest so feel free to bring your best dish and participate. Mr. Ray Rodriguez sponsored our lunch. Mr. Henry Hernandez brought donuts today.
- V.G. Clark Cancer Relief Fund Committee: Gwendolyn Thompson reported we had two applications for the V.G. Clark Fund in the last month.
- LVAP Coordinator Report – Jr. Vice Karla Jordan reported that only 15 members reported LVAP hours for the month of August. The lack of reporting sends the message to National that only 15 people are active in the chapter.
- Quartermaster Report – Jr. Vice Karla Jordan reported that we have 3 ladies service caps: 1 male service cap and 3 vest size XL for sale along with a couple of books.
- Lead CSO- Larry Whatley reported that 5 CSO's participated in the Claims Day event and the next Claims Day is 15 November 2024.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Motion: Silent Auction for the DAV Clock – Auction closed at 10:01 am.

- Winner of the Clock: Susan Allick with a winning bid of \$75.

Motion: Motion to approve the purchase of a 2nd card reader for the Square to take donations and payments.

- Motion made by: Bob Broth
- Motion 2nd by: Keven Lomax Sr.
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

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Motion: Motion to approve participation at the annual Golden Corral Fundraiser on November 11, 2024, from 4 pm until closing at 9111 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, TX 78249. Volunteers needed.

- Motion made by: Wayne Lund
- Motion 2nd by: Margaret Hernandez
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

Line officer position opening: Anyone interested in any Line Position, please let us know. All positions will be available in May 2025. The following Officers will be stepping down: Commander Kaberides, Sr Vice Commander Joseph Harrison Jr., Adjutant Nious will be stepping down as of 1 Dec 2024. We will provide the job descriptions for all positions at the November meeting. We encourage interested members to reach out to the person currently holding the position for more information and training.

Good-of-the-Order:

- Joint Base San Antonio and Brooke Army Medical Center will be having a Military Retiree Appreciation Day on October 19, 2024, 8am – 12pm in the medical mall area.
- October 22 – Project Mend event being held at Project Mend HQ's, 5015 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, 78238 from 4-6pm. Sr. Vice Joseph Harrison, Jr. will represent the Chapter at this event.
- October 23 – Unaccompanied burial ceremony at Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery for 5 veterans at 9:00 AM.
- October 24 -DAV Recruit Military, Military Community Hiring Event, JBSA, Community Center, Bldg. 1395, Chaffee Road, Ft Sam Houston – 11am -3pm.
- November 2 – Randolph AFB Retiree Appreciation Day
- November 11 – 30th Veterans Day Brunch at Mission County Park – 8am-2pm.
- November 11 – Golden Corral Veteran's Day Event 4pm – 8:30pm.
- October 1 to November 30 – Warriors Angels is collecting blankets and coats. Keven Lomax is the chair and will coordinate pick-up through VFW Post 76. Goods collected are to assist homeless veterans. We will collect goods at our November meeting.
- November 15 – Next Claims Day at Rolling Oaks Baptist Church – 9am – 3pm
- Member Rey Rodriguez inquired about Toys for Tots and the Commander advised we would not be participating unless someone was willing to step up and chair the event.
- January 1, 2025 -Deadline to get DOD ID cards updated or they will be confiscated at the gates. Also, if you have a DOD ID card due to a 100% VA

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disability (not a regular retiree), you will need to bring a copy of your 100% disability rating letter with you.

- VA ID cards also have an expiration date in the middle front of your card and if you don't have any date, your card is an older version that you need to get replaced before January 1, 2025.
- 50/50 Drawing: \$80.00 won by Manuel Rico.
- Members with birthdays in October- Rickey Vasquez, Priscilla Mayfield.
Anniversaries for October- Priscilla Mayfield- 26 years.

Upcoming Chapter events:

Next Meeting: **November 16, 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 **11:18 am**

Donna L. Nious

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Adjutant, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date October 25, 2024

Kathleen Kaberides

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Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date October 25, 2024