

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, 5 ALAMO
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
CHAPTER Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2025**

The March 2025 Chapter meeting was held at Oak Baptist Church, 6401 Wenzel Road, San Antonio, TX 78233.

Meeting Opened: Commander Joseph Harrison, Jr opened the meeting at **10:01 am.**

Opening Prayer: Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr

Pledge: Sr. Vice Commander, Keven Lomax, Sr

Officers present:

- Commander, Joseph Harrison, Jr
- Sr. Vice Commander, Keven Lomax, Sr
- Treasurer, Gwendolyn Thompson
- Judge Advocate, Gwendolyn Thompson
- Officer-of-the-Day, Donald Smith
- Sergeant-at-Arms Rickey Vasquez

- **Officers excused:** Jr. Vice Commander, Karla Jordan, Adjutant Kathleen Kaberides

Officers absent: Chaplain, Clyde Bragg, Jr

There was a quorum for conducting business.

Reading of minutes:

Reading of minutes from February 15, 2025, Chapter meeting.

Motion: Dispense with the reading of February 15, 2025, Chapter meeting minutes because members were provided with a hard copy of the minutes.

- Are there any omissions or corrections? No

Motion to dispense the reading of the February 15, 2025, chapter meeting minutes because members were provided with a hard copy of the minutes.

- Motion made by: Donna Nious
- Motion 2nd by: Ann Gayer
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

Motion to approve February 15, 2025, chapter meeting minutes:

- Motion made by: Wayne Lund
- Motion 2nd by: Diana Barrera
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

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Reading of minutes:

Reading the minutes from March 03, 2025, Executive Committee meeting.

Motion: Dispense with the reading of March 03, 2025, 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 March 03, 2025, chapter meeting minutes:

- Motion made by: Bob Johnson
- Motion 2nd by: Ann Gayer
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The members were provided with the following handouts encompassing the financial reports for the month of July through February 2025. The treasurer explained the handouts to the members.

- Bank reconciliation report February 2025.
- Financial report by category line-item February 2025.
- Credit card purchases and payment February 2025.

Chaplain's Report:

Reports on sickness and distress: The family of Dena Pacioreck who passed away January 30, 2025; Diana Barrera who is facing knee surgery soon; Jose Hernandez family; The family of member William Mitchell who passed away on March 13, 2025. Bob Broff whose son passed away on March 15, 2025. Please keep all in your prayers.

Introduction of new members: Lee Ramirez, US Army; Brett Sammis, US Air Force and US Army.

Transfer Requests: Natacha Johnson, US Army.

Motion to approve the transfer of Natacha Johnson:

- Motion made by: John Walker
- Motion 2nd by: Diana Barrera
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

First Time Visitors: Steve Ruiz – US Army

Sergeant-at-Arm's Report:

There was a total of 58 members present. We also had 1 guest.

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Communications: Judge Advocate, Gwendolyn Thompson read the following correspondences:

- Resignation from BPTL Committee Member Karla Jordan January 12th email.
- Department of Texas Women's Veterans Coalition – February 5th email.
- Resignation from Women Veteran Advocate Co-Chair Priscilla Mayfield email effect April 1st.
- Memo dated March 3rd, from National Adjutant Barry Jesinoski announcing DAV Community Impact Day, April 5, 2025.
- 86th Call to Convention packet from the DAV Dept of Texas announcing resolutions deadline of May 1st and delegate list deadline due May 16th.
- Women's Veterans Coalition meeting announcement for June 6th in Kerrville at the annual convention.
- Letter from San Antonio National Service Office for Chapter Service Officer Certification. (Motion will be made under New Business)

Reports:

- Membership Report: – The chapter membership documented Full Lifetime members at 5,847. The membership goal is 5,764. The chapter goal percentage reached is 101.44%. The chapter variance was over 83 members. As of March 15, 2025, there were 2 deceased members.
- Hospitality Committee: Rickey Vasquez reported that we have 2 new members on the committee and Mr. Reynaldo donated the lunch meal for the meeting. If you wish to be on the committee, please let him know.
- Lead CSO- Larry Whatley reported that 4 CSO's participated in the Claims Day event, and they supported 9 Veterans with claims.

Unfinished Business:

- Review of the revisions to the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws (2nd review).

Motion to approve revisions to the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws presented in hard copy at this meeting:

- Motion made by: Vaughn Caudill
- Motion 2nd by: Willie Johnson
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

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New Business:

Membership needs to select three individuals for the Nominating Committee and the Commander needs to appoint those selected by membership to the Nominating Committee for the upcoming election.

Motion: to appoint Donna Nious, Henry Hernandez and Diana Barrera as the Nominating Committee for upcoming elections for 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Motion made by: Larry Whatley

- Motion 2nd by: Pedro Reyna
- Any discussion: No
- Motion passed.

Motion: Motion to approve members to attend Level 1 and Level II Chapter Service Officer training to be held on May 8, 2025, at VFW Post 8315, Schertz, TX:

Level I: Sue Beasey, Henry Hernandez, Rickey Vasquez, Alexandria Ayalla.

Level II: Larry Whatley, Gwendolyn Thompson, Kathleen Kaberides, Joseph Harrison, Jr, Karla Jordan and E. G. Mais.

- Motion made by: Guido Libertini
- Motion 2nd by: Manuel Rico
- Any discussion? No
- Motion passed.

Good-of-the-Order:

- Award for Donna Nious, Past Adjutant, for her service to the Chapter.
- Reminder for those who volunteered for the Freddie Aquiles Golf Tournament on March 30, let the Adjutant know if anything has changed with your committed time.
- Sign-up sheet for Forget-Me-Not Fundraisers for April 2nd and April 22nd at the back table. Volunteers are needed so please sign up. 8am – 12 pm.
- Sign-up sheets for the different Committees we have are also at the back table.
- CSP (Chapter Service Officer) training will be May 8, 2025 – 8 am until completed.
- Women Veteran Personal Wellness Social – March 29, 2025 – 11am – 2pm – to be held at Endeavors. Please see Priscilla Mayfield or Donna Nious for details.
- Next Claims Day will be April 25, 2025. From 9am – 2pm at the church.
- Nominations for officers will be taken at the April and May chapter meetings. Job descriptions for positions will be available at the April and May meetings

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and sent through Constant Contact. Any member can self-nominate for a position.

- Save the Date for Department of Texas Convention – June 6-8 – at the Inn of Hills, Kerrville, Tx.
- 2025 National Convention will be held in Las Vegas at the Paris from Saturday, August 9 – Tuesday, August 12th. Room rates for single/double are \$159 per night.
- 50/50 Drawing: \$80.00 won by John Walker
- Members with birthdays in March – Margaret Hernandez, Vaughn Caudell, Willie Jones, Rudy Anguiano, Willie Knolls, Sue Beasey, Larry Whatley,
- Anniversaries for November – Bobby Johnson, and Sergio Garcia

Upcoming Chapter events:

Next Meeting: **April 26, 2025, at Rolling Oaks Baptist Church, 6401 Wenzel Road, San Antonio, Tx 78233.**

Memorial Service: A moment of silence for our departed comrades.

Closing Prayer: Commander Joseph Harrison, Jr.

Meeting adjourned: at **10:56am**

Gwendolyn Thompson

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Judge Advocate, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date March 18, 2025

Joseph Harrison Jr

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Commander, DAV Alamo Chapter 5

Date 18 March 2025