**Alamo Chapter 1836**

**Military Order of the Purple Heart**

**April 1, 2023, Chapter Meeting**

**Minutes**

The Alamo Chapter 1836 held its regular monthly meeting on 4/1/23 beginning at 9:30 am at VFW Post 8541, 2222 Austin HWY, SA, TX. Commander Quesada presided.

The Commander introduced Deanna M. Gamboa to speak. Ms. Gamboa said she appreciated the opportunity to speak to the Chapter. She is a licensed insurance sales agent. Many veterans have Medicare and access to VA care and some have Tricare, however these programs may not be all that a veteran needs. Her ability is to match a veteran and family members to their health insurance needs by offering insurance covering special needs customized for the individual and to compare programs so the veteran gets the best available. Her contact information is: Deanna M. Gamboa, 210-542-0496, [deannamgamboa@gmail.com](mailto:deannamgamboa@gmail.com) . Ms. Gamboa left literature for those interested. (Ms. Gamboa is the daughter of Life Member Alfredo Davila.)

***The Commander announced that the May meeting will be held on the second Saturday of the Month, May 13, because the VFW is hosting another event on May 6 and no space will be available for Chapter 1836.***

Copies of the minutes of the April 1, 2023, meeting were available to the chapter members. The minutes were corrected to “Fish” City Grill. The $200 donation to the family of the USAF veteran killed by bulldogs was not made because the GoFundMe page had already closed**. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as amended.**

Finance Officer Rodriguez provided the following balances in the Chapter’s three accounts: Monument-$127,704; General-$5,221; Welfare-$12,652. **A motion was made and passed to accept the report subject to audit.**

Michael Lynd held a very fine event on March 29, Vietnam War Veterans Day, at his facility on Pond Hill Rd. Honored guests this year were Edgewood District Veterans.

It was noted we should make it a priority to sell our remaining Fiesta Medals. Several opportunities are forthcoming.

Edgewood District Veterans asked for $100 for an advertisement they will place in their forthcoming program booklet. **A motion was made and passed to approve this action.**

Two of our members are having medical problems, Sonny Arkangel is in the hospital and on 100% oxygen and Lazaro “Airborne” Camarillo is having double knee replacement.

VAVS Officer Pete Rosie reminded members we have viola sales April 10-11-12 at Sam’s club at O’Connor and IH-35. He needs volunteers to help with this event. A signup sheet is available. He also asked that members consider volunteering at Audie Murphy – volunteers are needed. The Volunteer Service Office is at 210-617-5107.

The Department of Texas Annual Convention will be held April 28-29 in Corpus Christi. Go to [www.moph598.org](http://www.moph598.org) to find the registration form. At this time, Sr. Vice Felix Gonzales plans to attend and will vote for Chapter 1836.

The Clay Shoot is scheduled for April 27 at the San Antonio Gun Club in Olmos Park on Contour Drive. Flyers promoting the event are available.

Bob Dillon reminded members of the May 2, 2023, date at Fish City Grill as a fundraising activity for the Chapter. He received PH Sponsor t-shirts for those who volunteer at a cost of $90.85. **A motion was made and passed to approve purchase of a flag box and plaque for Fish City Grill.**

The Chapter is scheduled to participate in the 2023 Fiesta Flambeau Parade on Saturday April 29. Don Fe Gonzales will prepare a new Chapter banner for use in the Parade. A signup sheet is available in the rear along with release-of-liability forms which each participant must sign. Eddie Ybarra will pull the trailer.

Roman gave a brief status report on the Price of Freedom statue project.

Adjutant Crumlett held elections for 2023-2024 elected officers. Nominations were made at the March 3 Chapter meeting. He asked for additional nominations at the April 1 meeting. There being no additional nominees, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

* Commander: Porfirio “Tony” Quesada
* Senior Vice Commander: Don Fe Gonzales
* Junior Vice Commander: Eddie Ybarra
* Finance Officer: Lorenzo Rodriguez
* Sergeant-at-Arms: Alfredo Davila
* Trustee 1 year: Rene Ramirez
* Trustee 2 year: Luis Reyna
* Trustee 3 year: Bob Dillon

Installation of newly elected officer was made by Patriot and Past Department Commander Tony Roman.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Crumlett, Adjutant