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**Chapter Report to the Texas State Council
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Our chapter is slowly growing. We have 54 members, of which 35 are life members. Following are some of our activities since the last TSC meeting in April.

- April 12: We had the mayor pro tem of Plano, TX, a veteran, as our speaker at our chapter meeting.
- May 6: Held a fundraiser at Texas Motor Speedway. It included a “car smash” event called Swinging for Veterans. For a fee people could hit a car with a baseball bat or sledgehammer.
- May 10: The speaker at our chapter meeting was a professor of military history at a local college.
- May 26: Attended a Memorial Day ceremony at a local cemetery.
- May 26: Held a fundraiser at a local café.
- June 8-10: Held a fundraiser at a gun show in Dallas.
- June 14: Presented a plaque of appreciation to the promoter of the recent Texas Motor Speedway event for making a generous donation to us. We also mailed a certificate of appreciation to one of his employees who donated a day’s salary to us.
- June 16: Attended a fish fry at the church of our chapter’s chaplain. The church collected a fee from each attendee, and donated all of the fees to our chapter.
- June 19: Presented a plaque of appreciation to a local café owner for allowing us to do many fundraisers in front of his café.
- July 4: Presented an Independence Day celebration at a nursing home. We had music, a sing-a-long, served cake, gave away military hats and lap blankets, and presented retired flags to veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The residents loved it!
- July 12: Attended a Veterans Roundtable at an assisted living facility.

- July 12: At our chapter meeting our speaker was a 93 year old veteran of World War II. He talked about his experiences as a Flight Officer in the Army Air Forces in 1944-45.
- July 17: We presented a certificate of appreciation to a women's group at a local church, who made and donated to our chapter many lap blankets for us to give away to veterans. We also donated \$100 to help them purchase more supplies.
- July 18: Attended a veterans meeting at an assisted living facility, where an Honor Flight presentation was made.
- August 7: We held the first Veteran Round Table meeting at a retirement community. We have held many more since then.
- August 9: One of our members who was a photographer for the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds was the speaker at our chapter meeting.
- September 3: Met with a veteran in need of temporary living assistance. We vetted him, and paid for a night's motel rental and a cell phone reload.
- September 13: We had a representative of Honor Flight DFW as a guest speaker at our chapter meeting.
- September 21-23: Held a fund raiser at a gun show in Dallas.

Our fundraising activities include asking for donations for coffee cups, military hats, tee shirts, copies of the book Stolen Valor, and VVA challenge coins.

We now accept credit cards at our fundraisers and on our website.

We now have an emergency relief fund available to assist veterans in need of temporary assistance, disbursed at the discretion of the chapter president.

In July we elected a new vice president due to a resignation.

In October one of our members passed away. We met with his wife and daughter to offer condolence and assistance, and attended his visitation and funeral. In lieu of flowers his wife asked for donations to our chapter and other charities.

We are preparing for our annual Wreaths Across America fundraising campaign. We have adopted two cemeteries, created a few web pages, and created a flyer.