

ALAMO CHAPTER SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

In February, the Alamo's held a fantastic Super Bowl Muster at Braunig Lake, Tx. Willie and Joyce Pollard hosted, and they really brought the fun. We had 13 rigs in attendance with 3 extra couples who drove in to socialize at the special events, including the Sunday Super Bowl. We all enjoyed the game, the spread of food, and the pool money wins!

We played a hilarious game "How well do you know your mate?" (apparently, not as well as we all thought we did!) but thankfully, everyone is still married. Also lots of laughs and sighs during the Bean Bag Baseball tournament.

The Mardi Gras party was a colorful celebration of costumes, music, and Cajun food. The hosts cooked most of the meals and they were all delicious, especially the Red Beans and Rice! Special thanks to the Mosley's for providing a wonderful breakfast. Everyone really participated in the activities, ensuring fantastic camaraderie among good friends; the excellent planning of our hosts made this a very special muster.

In March, several Alamo members honored our friend and long-time SMART member, Joe Leal, at his Memorial Service. What a beautiful and loving family he and wife Liz Leal have raised. We continue to hold them in our prayers and are grateful to have known such a fine man.

MUSTER MINUTES FEBRUARY 2023

President Jim Collier opened the meeting at 10:00 am and led us in Pledges to the USA and Texas flags. Secretary Mary Palmer read the minutes from the 2022 Christmas Rally and Treasurer Theda Collier presented the financial reports.

We were able to donate \$500 to our charity, Patriot Paws, and send \$260 donation to the SMART National office, as suggested to help with the National budget. 23 out of 28 chapters donated \$260. Our 501c3 status is dependent on keeping a certain percentage and ratio of membership.

Muster Master Hank DiGiovanni requested hosts for the remainder of this years' musters. He also asked that, while we are traveling, we take note of RV Parks and Resorts that have rally halls. We need to start thinking about a venue for the 2024 Regional, as well.

Past Nat'l President Willie Pollard spoke about the representation of our SMW region at this years' National Muster. We'll have Past National Presidents Paul Rider, Willie Pollard, and incoming National President Richard Palmer.

Richard Palmer discussed Recruiting and Retention, and the decline of our National SMART organization membership numbers. Willie recruited new members at this very muster, proving that just displaying our banners will bring the questions from other RV'ers. Recruiting packets are available for every member to use.

This is our traditional muster for yearly elections. Each board member has agreed to keep his/her position for a second term. Thank you to everyone who helps our Alamo chapter remain one of the best there is!

Mary Palmer, Secretary