

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
October Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2017**

PRESENT: _____ 13

John Hamlin, President
Bill Whatley, 2nd Vice President
John Loper, Secretary
Pete Lenes, Registrar
Larry Tidwell, Color Guard Commander
Jim Cantrell
Zachary Adriance
Bill Mayo
Austin Pruitt⁺
David Peterson
Bill Love
George Blandford
David Garza⁺

⁺ New Member

CALL TO ORDER

President John Hamlin called the meeting to order at 12 Noon.

INVOCATION

President John Hamlin led the invocation.

PLEDGES

Compatriot Zachary Adriance led us in reciting the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR Flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves and their guests.

SPEAKER

No speaker during November meeting due to elections (see New Business).

In lieu of speaker, each Compatriot was asked to give a brief overview of their patriots.

LUNCH

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Austin Pruitt, Bill Mayo's grandson, and Mr. David Garza were inducted as new members, and were presented their Membership Pins and Certificates by President Hamlin and Registrar Lenes.

Compatriot David Peterson was presented a certificate acknowledging his 35 years of membership in our Chapter. Compatriot Bill Love was similarly recognized for his 25 years of membership in our Chapter.

Compatriots Larry Tidwell and Zachary Adriance were presented Certificates of Appreciation for their service during the recent Board of Managers Meeting held in Galveston.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the October 2017 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made by Compatriot Larry Tidwell and seconded by Compatriot Jim Cantrell to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no treasury report presented for the month of November.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar Pete Lenes presented the Registrar's Report showing that we have 71 members, 61 Regular and 10 Junior members, and are working on an additional four new member applications. There were 57 members on January 1, 2017.

2018 NSSAR CONGRESS

The NSSAR Congress will be held in Houston, TX in July of 2018. All members are encouraged to attend, and volunteers are needed to work the Registration table and Credentials desk, as well as serve as Tour Bus Captains for the NASA, Bush Library, and San Jacinto Monument Tours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Patriot Graves Committee - Compatriot Jim Mitchell is State Chairman of this committee, and has requested input and review of the program by all Chapter members.

- Statue Committee – No report; however, Compatriot Bill Adriance has joined the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and has enrolled President John Hamlin as a member also.

COLOR GUARD REPORT

Color Guard Commander Larry Tidwell reported that the Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors at the World War I statue/memorial at Menard Park in Galveston on Veterans Day, November 11, 2017. The Color Guard will also participate in the following activities in December 2017:

- Dickens on the Strand Parade on December 2, 2017 (see below).
- Wreaths Across America at La Marque Cemetery on December 16, 2017 (see below).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board of Managers Meeting in Galveston was a huge success, resulting in profits for our Chapter of approximately \$2,800.00. A motion was made by Compatriot Larry Tidwell and seconded by Compatriot Pete Lenés to donate \$500.00 of the profits to the Patriots Fund.
- President John Hamlin provided a brief overview of the Youth Contests sponsored by SAR and encouraged everyone to participate.
- Color Guard Medals are available to compatriots who have worn their uniforms at a meeting where the President General is present. If you qualify, please give your name to Registrar Pete Lenés.
- Dickens on the Strand is right around the corner on December 2, 2017. We will have two carriages again this year and will march with a Color Guard. All members and guests planning on participating are asked to meet at the Historic Post Office Building and the corner of Postoffice and 15th Street (1501 Postoffice Street) in Galveston at 11:00 a.m. Following lunch and induction of new officers, we will adjourn and head over to the Railroad Museum to prepare for the parade.
- Beginning with our January 2018 meeting, we are changing our meeting place from Fish Tales to Landry's next to the Hilton in Galveston.
- President John Hamlin reminded all members that yearly SAR dues are "due"!
- Wreaths Across America – once again this year we will be providing Color Guard and wreath placement support for this event at the LaMarque Cemetery (1709 S. Oak, LaMarque, TX) on December 16, 2017. The ceremonies will start early this year at 11:00 a.m., so please plan on being there by 10:30 a.m. All members are encouraged to

attend, at contributions toward purchase of wreaths can be made at the Wreaths Across America website (<https://wreaths.fastport.com/viewLocation.html?page=17184>).

OFFICER ELECTIONS

The following slate of new officers for 2018 were presented to the membership for consideration:

- President – John Hamlin
- 1st Vice President – Larry Tidwell
- 2nd Vice President – Bill Whatley
- 3rd Vice President – Bill Mayo
- Secretary – John Loper
- Registrar – Pete Lenes
- Treasurer – Gene Shaner
- Historian Sam Massey
- Chaplain – John Hamlin
- Parliamentarian – Marshall Parker
- Webmaster – Clark Wright
- Color Guard Commander – Larry Tidwell

There being no other candidates nominated or expressing an interest in being considered, a motion was made by Compatriot David Petersen and seconded by Compatriot Jim Cantrell to accept the slate of nominees by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously. The new officers will be installed in December at the Dickens on the Strand event.

RECESSIONAL

Compatriot Zachary Adriance led us in the Recessional.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary