



## Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1

### Winter Newsletter

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY Bill Mayo



During the past four months of this year, we have continued to have challenges with COVID impacting our chapter as well as our lives, but we have continued our chapter activities through the use of ZOOM and/or meetings at Landry's.

Since all national and state meeting have been done using ZOOM, members have had the opportunity to attend these meetings without leaving the safety of their homes. Those wearing uniforms have even earned Color Guard points. This has also been true for those attending special events such as the 242<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek, the Battle at Moore Creek Annual Celebration and the 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Guildford Courthouse. Upon a sadder note, the funeral of our past Chapter President, who was also a past TXSSAR President, was designated a national event and attended by chapter members in uniform.

During our April meeting at Landry's, the chapter honored First Responders with Heroism, Life Saving, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Safety Medals and Certificates. Our Chapter Secretary John Hamlin was awarded the Brass Good Citizenship Medal. Our Past-President William Adriance also awarded him the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. Three new members were sworn into the Bernado de Galvez chapter, Josh Lebay, Mike Segers and Jeremy Stonecipher.

I would like to remind all members that our chapter is hosting the Board of Managers (BOM) meeting in October; this will be the first in-person meeting the state society has held since the COVID19 pandemic, so we can expect a great turn-out for this event. Please support the chapter by volunteering to help with event.

Billy C. Mayo



Welcome to our new members since January 1, 2021

Arden Hill IV

Joshua Labay

Scott Johnson

John Merritt

Jeremy Stonecipher

Robert (Mike) Segers

Louis Garza



## TEXAS SAR ANNUAL MEETING

At the TXSSAR Annual State Meeting in April, Chapter Past-President William Adriance was awarded the Patriot Medal, The Patriot Medal is the highest award that the Society gives to deserving members. Other Galvez Chapter members who have received this award are former state president David Peterson (deceased), former chapter presidents Bill Whatley, John (Pete) Lenex and John Hamlin. Other Awards presented were given to Chapter Secretary John Hamlin was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman Medal. Both Bill and John hold positions at the state level on committees. The Bernado de Galvez Chapter was also awarded the Ross Shipman Newsletter Single Sheet Award, the Public Service Award and the Flag Presentation Award.



# IN MEMORIAM



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 Color Guard attend funeral for Former State President David H. Peterson.

Mr. David Howard Peterson, born November 11, 1927 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin passed from this life Wednesday morning, March 24, 2021, in Hitchcock.

David was born to Opal Kuns of Illinois and Elmer S. Peterson, born in Norway. His youth was spent on the lands in Vermillion County, Illinois on a farm homesteaded by his 3rd Great Grandfather in 1844. At age 16, during World War II, David entered the U.S. Merchant Marine Training Station in New York and received training in the engine department aboard ship. He left the Merchant Marine after having served 2 ½ years in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific war zones. David was awarded the Medal for Freedom for his part in the “Great Patriotic War” (1939-1945) from the Russian government for his service during “Murmansk Run”.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1949 to 1955, receiving basic military training at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division. He was sent to Japan where he was reassigned to active duty with the 49th Field Artillery Battalion, 17th Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division in Japan. One year later he landed at Inchon, Korea in September 1950 and served until October 1951. David was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for heroic action in the evacuation of refugees from the Yalu River in North Korea. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He was later employed with North American Aviation in 1963. This company later became Rockwell International and was prime contractor for the Saturn-Apollo moon project. David was transferred to Kennedy Space Center for the duration of the Apollo moon project and was later assigned work at Johnson Space Center in Texas working with the crew equipment group on approach and landing tests on the shuttle Orbiter project. He is responsible for 2 inventions on the

shuttle Orbiter and has received several certificates of recognition for his work and contribution to the space program from management and astronauts alike. David retired from the space program in 1998.



David Peterson attends October Chapter meeting

David joined the ranks of the Sons of the American Revolution, in 1982. He served as president of the Bernardo de Galvez chapter#1 in Galveston. David served as state president from 1991-1992. Other organizations of note are; past president, Sons of the Revolution, he served as Deputy Governor General, Society of Colonial Wars. Past president of the War of 1812; Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims; The Aztec Club of 1847; The Sons of the American Colonists; The Society of Indiana Pioneers; The Illinois Prairie Pioneers; The Ancestry; The International Society of the descendants of Charlemagne, The Royal Society of St. George and is an Admiral in the Texas Navy. David is a life member of the First Marine Division Association, The Seventh Infantry Division Association and the Korean War Veterans.

## **SPRING/SUMMER CALENDAR**

May 07 JROTC Award Ceremony for GISD at VFW

May 15– Chapter Meeting at Landry’s

May 24 – Memorial Day at Seabrook Memorial Park

Jun 14 – Flag Day

Jun 19 – Chapter Meeting at Landry’s

July 4 – Galveston July 4 Parade (maybe)

July 14 – 18 – 128 National Congress in Seattle, Washington

July 19 - Chapter Meeting at Landry’s

For additional information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Galvez Web Page ([www.bdgsar.org](http://www.bdgsar.org)) or Facebook Group (Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 SAR)

The NEW Statue Video is being shown at [Bernardo de Gálvez Chapter #1 - Sons of the American Revolution \(bdgsar.org\)](http://Bernardo de Gálvez Chapter #1 - Sons of the American Revolution (bdgsar.org))