



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

2nd Quarter 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bill Mayo



The second quarter of 2022 has been an active period for the chapter. Activities have included presentation of First Responder Awards, presentation of Youth Awards, swearing in of two new members and an exciting program presented by the Galveston County Emergency Preparedness and Community Emergency Response Team Coordinator.

The Chapter still needs to work on improving the attendance at our monthly meetings. Average member meeting attendance was less than 10 members during the quarter, compared to an active roster of over 50 members. We have all taken the oath to support both the chapter and its officers when we were admitted into the organization. Members, who are not living out of the area or are not restricted for medical reasons, should make an effort to attend the monthly meetings.



New Member Robert Adams was sworn in during June 2022 meeting.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

FIRST RESPONDER AWARDS



During our April Meeting, First Responder Awards were presented to:

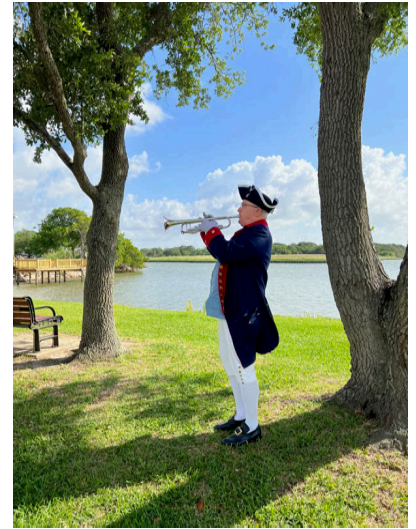
- Daniel Gibbs, League City Fire Department, Fire Safety Award
- Felipe Belmarquez, Galveston County Sheriff's Department, Life Saving Award
- Cameron Christenson, League City Police Department, Law Enforcement Award



President Billy Mayo presented a Bronze ROTC Medal to Dickinson High School Cadet 1st Lieutenant Deanna Garcia on April 14, 2022. Our Chapter Color Guard also attended ROTC/JROTC Award Ceremonies at Ball High School, Texas A&M at Galveston and CCISD League City. Medals were also presented.



During our May Meeting, the EMS Award was presented to Trenton Mitchell, League City Fire Department.



Memorial Day Celebration at Seabrook Park. Good representation from Chapter with Color Guard and Bugler Support. J.W. "Bill" Kongable was the Keynote Speaker at his event. Kongable (center photo), now 92, joined the Army right out of high school, and his regiment liberated Ohrdruf, a labor concentration camp within the Buchenwald network, on April 4, 1945. He has received several medals for his service.



YOUTH AWARDS



CAR Member Beau David Brabham was honored at our May Chapter Meeting as the Poster Winner for our Chapter and 3rd Place winner at State for his poster depicting the Bernardo de Galvez victory at Pensacola Florida.



Emma Wallace was honored at our June Chapter Meeting as our Chapter winner in the Knight Essay Contest based on her paper describing General Henry Knox, a brilliant general during the Revolutionary War working under General George Washington who later appointed him as the first Secretary of War.



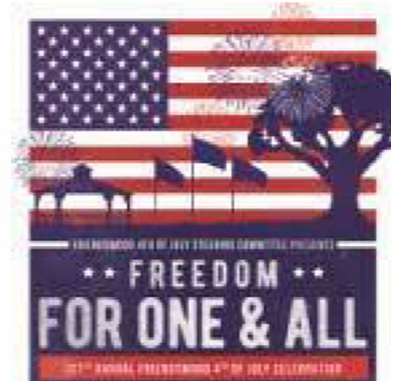
Bill Adriance was presented a TXSSAR Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate of Appreciation at our June Chapter Meeting.



Mr. John Herrmann, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Community Emergency Response Team for Galveston County gave an excellent presentation at our June Chapter Meeting providing an overview of these programs and reviewing ongoing trainings available for Galveston County residents.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 04 Jul – July 4th Parade in Friendswood
- 16 Jul – Chapter Meeting
- 20 Aug – Chapter Meeting
- 17 Sep – Constitution Day
- 27 Sep – Joint SAR/DAR Meeting



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Tickets will be available until January 31, 2023 @ 12:55 PM.

The drawing will be held on January 31, 2023 @ 1:00 PM.

FUNDRAISING



Our Chapter has completed and submitted our application for the Kroger's Community Rewards Program. More information to follow.

The 7th District Meeting of TXSSAR Chapter Presidents was convened during June, and President Bill Mayo reported that the District intends to establish a Speaker's Bureau with funding from volunteer sources. If you know anyone who would like to be a Speaker at one of our meetings, please let Bill or Hugh Ferguson know.



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