

Sons of the American Revolution



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 August Meeting Minutes August 20, 2022

PRESENT: 17

Billy Mayo, President

John Loper, Secretary

Bill Adriance, Treasurer

Hugh Ferguson, 1st Vice President

Clark Wright, Webmaster

David Zwahr, Registrar

Louis Garza

Frank Steele

Robert Gindratt

Albert Gonzales

Andrew Griffis

Charles McBee, Jr.

Ronald Schoolcraft

Jay Creech, Guest SAR Member

Robert Bear, Guest

Bob Cassat, Guest

Amy Maxwell Chase, Guest Speaker (Executive Director, Bolivar Point Lighthouse Foundation)

CALL TO ORDER

President Billy Mayo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

1st Vice President Hugh Ferguson led the invocation.

PLEDGES

President Billy Mayo 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, and thoughts and prayers were offered up for Compatriots that were absent.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

Compatriot Robert Adams was sworn in by President Billy Mayo as a new member to our Chapter last month and was welcomed by all.

LUNCH

PROGRAM

President Billy Mayo presented our guest speaker, Ms. Amy Maxwell Chase, Executive Director, Bolivar Point Lighthouse Foundation. Ms. Chase gave an excellent presentation on the history and restoration requirements for the Bolivar Point Lighthouse, the tallest and one of the few remaining lighthouses on the Gulf Coast. The current lighthouse was rebuilt in 1872 and stands 116 feet tall (the tallest historic lighthouse in Texas). The 3rd Order Fresnel Lens sitting atop the original lighthouse was installed in 1907, and its light could be seen from 17 miles away. It was donated to the Smithsonian Institute in 1933.

The lighthouse and surrounding area are currently being restored at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million. The Foundation is a 501(3)(c) Texas-based non-profit historical preservation organization dedicated to restoring the National Treasure. Volunteers and donations are welcome (<https://www.bolivarpointlighthouse.org/donate-now/>).

AWARDS

Compatriot Jared S. Lenex has earned a 15-year Service Certificate which will be sent by mail. President Billy Mayo was awarded a 5-year Service Certificate. Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard medals were awarded to Treasurer Bill Adriance and 1st Vice President Hugh Ferguson.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the July meeting is posted on the chapter website. A motion was made by Compatriot Bill Adriance and seconded by Compatriot Bill Adriance to approve the minutes. It was passed unanimously by members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bill Adriance reported that all accounts are doing well.

Chapter Account Balance: \$9,198.83

STATUE REPORT

Statue Account Balance: \$3,976.43.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported:

Current Membership: 69

Current Active: 50

Active New Member: 2 (Robert Dring & Robert Adams)

Active Reinstated: 5

Junior SAR Member: 10

Not-Paid Junior Member: 1

Not-Paid Regular Member: 7

Transferred In: 1

Transferred out: 0

Dual Members: 1

Deaths: 1

Membership Applications Submitted Active: 3 (Eddy Betts, Frank Steele and James Anderson)

Regular applications being worked on: 4

First Contact/Research in progress: 24+

WEBMASTER REPORT

Webmaster Clark Wright reported that the website is being actively maintained and updated.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fundraising - The Kroger's Community Rewards application has been submitted.
- Committees – We need more Chapter member participation in active committees, especially the Scrapbook and Veterans Committees. Compatriot Frank Steele volunteered to serve on the Genealogy Committee.
- We still need to decide about participating in the December 3rd Dickens on the Strand Parade in Galveston. A decision must be made to what extent we want to participate by October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- DAR (George Washington Chapter)/SAR Joint Meeting in September. Will be held at the San Luis Hotel on September 17, 2022 from noon to 2:00 p.m. RSVP is required by Tuesday, September 13, 2022 and the cost is \$25 per person at the door. You can RSVP at darluncheon@gmail.com. This luncheon will celebrate Constitution Week, and the Full Color Guard is requested to attend.

- Dues for Junior Members will be paid by TXSSAR for 2023.
- Member Dues Notices will be sent out in September 2022.
- We need to publicize TXSSAR Youth Awards, e.g. Essay Contest, Oration Contest, Poster Contest, Brochure Contest, JROTC Cadet Award, 4-H Award, Eagle Scout Award (see: https://www.txssar.org/education_index.htm).
- 2023 Officers will be elected in our November Meeting. Anyone wishing to serve please contact the chapter president or secretary.
- The Lady Washington Chapter of the DAR has asked our Color Guard to participate in its Christmas Luncheon on December 10, 2022. The event starts at 11:00 a.m. at the Junior League (1811 Briar Oaks, Houston TX 77027), and tickets are \$55 per person. The Color Guard has been asked to participate in posting and retiring of the Colors. More information about RSVP will be provided at a later date.

RECENT EVENTS

- Summer Board of Managers Meeting was convened on August 6, 2022. Some items of interest discussed include:
 - Waiver of Junior Member dues.
 - America 250 Anniversary Award and Programs (<https://america250sar.org>).
 - Availability of Wounded Warrior Coins (have to have been wounded in active service)
 - Veterans Recognition Programs

2022 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 17 Sep – Constitution Day – Joint SAR/DAR Meeting
- 15 Oct – Chapter Meeting
 - NSAR Surgeon General Visit
 - District 7 Vice President Visit
- 22 Oct - Fall Board of Managers Meeting; McKinney, Texas
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day, starting at 11:00 AM at the Bay Area Veterans Memorial located at 1106 Main Street in Seabrook
- 19 Nov – Chapter Meeting – Election of Officers
- 03 Dec – Chapter Meeting – Swearing in of Officers; Dickens on the Strand Parade
- 08 Dec – 126th Anniversary of TXSSAR
- 10 Dec – The Lady of Washington Chapter, NSDAR, Luncheon

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Compatriot Clark Wright, seconded by Compatriot Hugh Ferguson and approved by all.

RECESSIONAL

The Recessional was led by President Billy Mayo and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "John Loper".

John Loper, Secretary