



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1 3rd Quarter 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY Bill Mayo



During the past three months, our chapter has continued to have monthly meetings as well as has participated in special events, such as the Friendswood 4th of July Parade and DAR Constitution Week Luncheon. During the next three months, we will continue to participate in special events such as the Veterans Day’s Ceremony in Seabrook, the Dickens on the Strand Parade and the Wreaths Across America event in La Marque. Even if you do not want to participate in the event, you can still attend and show your support.

In November the election of chapter officers will be held for the next calendar year. I encourage you to volunteer for either an officer position or for one of our committees. As always, I would appreciate each of you attending our monthly meetings and taking an active role in our chapter. To accomplish our mission of promoting patriotism, preserving American history and promoting education, we must have the support of volunteers. When called upon to serve, please step up.



Ms. Amy Maxwell Chase, Executive Director, Bolivar Point Lighthouse Foundation was our guest speaker during our August 20, 2022 Chapter meeting. It is the tallest historic lighthouse in Texas, standing 116 feet tall, and was built in 1872. It is currently being restored at a cost of \$2.5 million, and the Foundation is dedicated to restoring this National Treasure. The Foundation is a 501(3)(c) Texas-based non-profit historical preservation organization. Volunteers and donations are welcome (<https://www.bolivarpointlighthouse.org/donate-now/>).

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES



During our August Meeting, Albert Gonzales was awarded a Five-Year Membership Award, and Charles McBee, Jr. was awarded a Thirty-Five Year Membership Award.



During our August Meeting, Hugh Ferguson and William Adriance were awarded Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard Medals.

JULY 4TH PARADE IN FRIENDSWOOD, TX



The Bernardo de Galvez SAR and CAR Chapters participated in the July 4th Parade in Friendswood, TX. The float, decorated by the CAR won third place in the Best General Float Category. Color Guard Commander Zachary Adriance and Compatriots Hugh Ferguson, John Loper and William Adriance marched in advance of the CAR float. President Billy Mayo rode in the boat with young George Washington as he was rowed across the Delaware River. Compatriot David Zwahr walked along with the Color Guard.

DAR CONSTITUTION WEEK LUNCHEON



The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Color Guard provided the Color Guard for the George Washington Chapter of the DAR at its Constitution Week Luncheon at the San Luis Resort Hotel in Galveston, TX on September 17, 2022. Compatriots Bill Mayo, William Adriance, Hugh Ferguson and John Loper presented the Colors at the event. Compatriot Robert Adams also attended the luncheon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 15 Oct - Chapter Meeting
- 22 Oct - Fall Board of Managers Meeting; McKinney, TX
- 11 Nov - Veterans Day; starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Bay Area Veterans Memorial located at 1106 Main St. in Seabrook, TX
- 19 Nov - Chapter Meeting - Election of Officers
- 03 Dec - Chapter Meeting - Swearing in of Officers; Dickens On The Strand Parade in Galveston
- 08 Dec - 126th Anniversary of TXSSAR
- 10 Dec - The DAR Lady of Washington Chapter luncheon

Gold Sestercentennial (250th Anniversary) Recognition Medal



We are pleased to announce that two of our Officers, President Billy Mayo and Secretary John Loper, have received approval from National to receive this distinguished Gold Medal.

The medal is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies to participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the heroes of the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers the celebration of any event's 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress. This therefore will cover any public celebrations in the Period from 2014 to 2033.



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



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