

Sons of the American Revolution



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 October Meeting Minutes October 15, 2022

PRESENT: 20

Billy Mayo, President

John Loper, Secretary

Bill Adriance, Treasurer

Hugh Ferguson, 1st Vice President and Chaplain

Clark Wright, Webmaster

David Zwahr, Registrar

Jon Zwahr

Louis Garza

Albert Gonzales

John Thompson, Guest SAR Member and Speaker

Jay Creech, Guest SAR Member

Dr. Keith Weissinger, NSSAR Surgeon General, Guest

Cindi Weissinger, Guest

Eric Weissinger, Guest

Sean Weissinger, Guest

Mary Thompson, Guest

Richard Zdunkewicz, Guest

Lonnie Cox, Guest

Robert (Bob) Cassat, Guest

Dave Taylor (?), Guest

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

1st Vice President and Chaplain 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.

LUNCH

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PROGRAM

President Billy Mayo presented our guest speaker, Compatriot John Thompson. Compatriot Thompson gave an excellent interactive presentation about the Colonial Iron Works. A copy of his presentation is available by e-mail request at johnkthompson@rocketmail.com

AWARDS

Compatriots Chad, Drew and Ethan Davenport will be mailed their 5-Year Service Certificates. Color Guard Commander Zachary Adriance received the Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard Medal *in absentia*. President Billy Mayo and Secretary John Loper received 250 Anniversary of the American Revolution Gold Medals and Certificates. Others are encouraged to participate in this program (see <https://america250sar.org>). Russell Byrom received the Texas SAR Wounded Warrior Medal *in absentia*.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the August meeting is posted on the chapter website. A motion was made by President Hugh Ferguson and Webmaster Clark Wright 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: \$9,238.24

STATUE REPORT

Statue Account Balance: \$3,976.43.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported:

Current Membership: 71

Current Active: 50

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

Active Reinstated: 5

New Members: 1 (Eddy Betts)

Junior SAR Members: 11

Transferred In: 1

Dual Members: 1

Not-Paid Regular Members: 7

Transferred In: 1

Transferred out: 0

Dual Members: 1

Deaths: 1 (William Belcher)

Membership Applications Submitted Active: 1 (Frank Steele)

Regular applications being worked on: 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; still awaiting processing and approval.
- Committees – We need more Chapter member participation in active committees, especially the Scrapbook and Veterans Committees.
- We will be participating in the December 3rd Dickens on the Strand Parade in Galveston. We plan on having two carriages. Please let President Billy Mayo know if you want or need to ride in a carriage.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dues for Junior Members will be paid by TXSSAR for 2023.
- Member Dues Notices were sent out in September 2022. Annual dues for this year are \$65.50.
- 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.

SPECIAL AWARD

Richard Zdunkewicz presented our Chapter with the Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Award, recognizing our continued increase in contributions to the Patriot Fund. President Billy Mayo received the award on behalf of the Chapter.

MESSAGE FROM SAR SURGEON GENERAL

SAR Surgeon General, Dr. Keith Weissinger, presented an overview of his responsibilities. He advises the Board about medical issues, provides medical assistance at the National Congress, and is working on installing an AED at their SAR meeting location.

RECENT EVENTS

The BDGSAR Color Guard placed and retired the flags at the DAR/SAR Constitution Week Luncheon.

2022 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 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; Color Guard Event
- 08 Dec – 126th Anniversary of TXSSAR
- 10 Dec – The Lady of Washington Chapter, NSDAR, Luncheon
- 17 Dec – Wreath Across America in LaMarque, TX; Color Guard Event

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 Hugh Ferguson, seconded by Compatriot Clark Wright and approved by all.

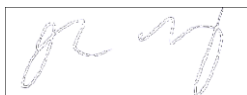
RECESSIONAL

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 black ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read "John Loper".

John Loper, Secretary