

Sons of the American Revolution



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 November Meeting Minutes December 3, 2022

PRESENT: 21

Billy Mayo, President
John Loper, Secretary
Bill Adriance, Treasurer
Hugh Ferguson, 1st Vice President and Chaplain
Clark Wright, Webmaster
David Zwahr, Registrar
Zachary Adriance, Color Guard Commander
James Anderson, Jr., New Member
Jon Zwahr
Robert Adams
Samuel Massey, TXSSAR President-Elect
Drake Peddie, Guest SAR Member, TXSSAR Past President
Tom Jackson, Guest SAR Member, TXSSAR Past President
Mel Oller, Guest SAR Member, TXSSAR Secretary
Bob Cassat, Guest
Joan Linsley, Guest
John Kennedy, Guest
Sophia Hamdani, Guest Award Recipient
Saba Hamdani, Guest
Alamdar Hamdani, Guest
Catherine Massey, Guest

CALL TO ORDER

President Billy Mayo called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.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

AWARDS

Compatriots Joseph W. Love, Jr. (30 years), Leslie J. Hawkins (20 years), and Harry M. Elmendorf (5-years) will be mailed their Member Service Certificates.

Sophia Hamdani was presented a certificate and check for placing 4th in the NSSAR Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest. Ms. Joan Linsley, who is a Middle School Teacher in Houston ISD, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by TXSSAR Secretary Mel Oller for her many years of promoting the brochure contest at the Pinoak Middle School.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the November meeting is posted on the chapter website. A motion was made and seconded 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: \$9,233.51.

STATUE REPORT

Statue Account Balance: \$4,976.43

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported:

Current Membership: 76

Current Active: 60

New Members: 4 (Eddy Betts, Gary Donovan, Frank Steele, and James Anderson)

Junior SAR Members: 9

Dual Members: 1

Transferred Out: 1 (Carl Crittenden)

Deaths: 1 (William Belcher)

Membership Applications Submitted Active: 1 (Lonnie Cox)

Applications in Progress: 20+

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.
- The Wreaths Across America Ceremony will be held at LaMarque Cemetery on December 17, 2022.
- The Lady Washington Chapter DAR will hold its Christmas Luncheon on December 10, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dues for Junior Members will be paid by TXSSAR for 2023.
- Member Dues Notices have been sent out. 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).

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

The following new officers were sworn in by TXSSAR Immediate Past President Drake Peddie who administered their oath of office:

President – Hugh Ferguson

1st Vice President – Zachary Adriance

Secretary – John Loper

Registrar – David Zwahr

Treasurer – William Adriance

2nd Vice President – Frank Steele (absent)

Compatriot Peddie also asked the chapter members present to take an oath to support the new officers and the chapter during the coming year.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Compatriot James Anderson, Jr. was sworn in as a new member of the Chapter.

RECENT EVENTS

The BDG Chapter President Billy Mayo and 1st Vice-President Hugh Ferguson, Jr. presented a Certificate of Recognition and BDG Chapter Challenge Coin to Chance Hanson (Troop 224) at his Eagle Scout Honor Court.

The BDG Color Guard members Billy Mayo, Hugh Ferguson and John Loper and other chapter members participated in the Veterans Day ceremonies at Seabrook Veterans Memorial Park. Compatriot John Loper played Taps at the end of the Ceremony.

BDG Chapter President Billy Mayo and Secretary John Loper presented Certificates of Recognition to 7 Eagle Scouts of Troop 870, recognizing their outstanding achievements and citizenship at an Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony on November 26, 2022.

2022 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 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
- 21 Jan – Chapter Meeting @ Kelleys

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 and seconded and approved by all.

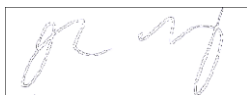
RECESSIONAL

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

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. CDT in order to mobilize to participate in the Dickens on the Strand Parade.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Loper, Secretary