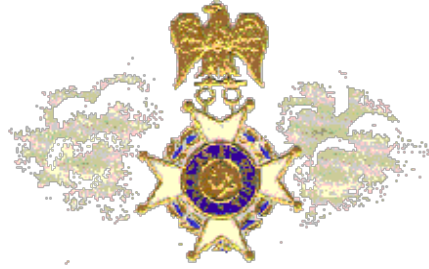


Sons of the American Revolution



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 November Meeting Minutes March 18, 2023

PRESENT: 15

Hugh Ferguson, President
John Loper, Secretary
Bill Adriance, Treasurer
Clark Wright, Webmaster
Billy Mayo
Robert Adams
Bob Cassat
Louis Garza
Robert Bear
Harry Elmendorf
Carol Jean Mulrain
Guy Taylor, Jr.
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Ray Cox, Guest Speaker

LUNCH

CALL TO ORDER

President Hugh Ferguson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

President Hugh Ferguson led the invocation.

PLEDGES

President Hugh Ferguson led us in reciting the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and to the SAR.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves and their guests, and thoughts and prayers were offered up for Compatriots that were absent.

LUNCH

PROGRAM

Guest Speaker Ray Cox from Piney Woods #51 gave an excellent presentation on the use of fifes and drums for command and control during the Revolutionary War. The presentation was titled "An Instrument of War", and compatriot Cox played different camp and battle songs on his fife throughout the presentation. The tunes were largely taken from commonly known songs and were used for calls to wake up, retire, eat, go to battle, charge, and retreat. The Swiss originally employed the fifes and drums starting around the 1400s, and they were not replaced by bugles until the time of the Civil War.

AWARDS

- A TXSSAR Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ray Cox, our Guest Speaker.
- Compatriot Harry Elmendorf was presented 5 Year Membership Service Pin and Certificate.
- A 20-year membership Pin and Certificate will be mailed to Bruce Roberts.
- Josef Dale Fuerhwirth was awarded as Chapter Winner of the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest.
- Allen Aing was awarded as Chapter Winner of the Americanism Poster Contest, and his poster will be presented at the State competition.
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Chapter Winners of the Sgt. Moses Adams Middle School Brochure, to receive cash awards and certificates, were Thanisha Burri, Ethan MacKay and Joshua Seagraves, respectively. Merit Certificates will also be presented to 5 other participants. Ms. Burri's Brochure will also be presented at the State Competition.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the February 2023 meeting is posted on the chapter website. A motion was made by Clark Wright and seconded by Davis Zwahr 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: \$10,0478.79, with \$1,500.00 reserved for the JROTC Scholarship Fund.

STATUE REPORT

Statue Account Balance: \$5,176.43

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)

Not-Paid Regular Members: 9

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 withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chapter JROTC Scholarship - \$1,500.00
- Public Service and Heroism Awards New Chapter Meeting
- Compatriot/Member Grave Marking – Need someone to lead this effort.
- Flag Chairman – Billy Mayo
- Chaplain – open position

2022 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 18 Apr – Chapter Meeting @ Kelleys
- 30 Mar to 2 Apr – Texas SAR Annual Conference at Marriott City Place, 1200 Lake Plaza Drive, Spring, Texas (281-350-4000); Conference Room Rate if booked by March 8, 2023
- 31 May – Public Service and Heroism Awards Due to State Chairman

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 Hugh Ferguson and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

John Loper, Secretary