

Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 May Meeting Minutes May 20, 2023

PRESENT:27Hugh Ferguson, PresidentJohn Loper, SecretaryBilly Mayo, Past PresidentRobert AdamsJudge Lonnie CoxJay CreechLouis GarzaAlbert Seguin GonzalesSteven ManisGuy Taylor, Jr.David Zwahr, RegistrarJon Zwahr, PhotographerGuests, 15

<u>LUNCH</u>

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.

<u>LUNCH</u>

NEW MEMBER

Judge Lonnie Cox was presented with his Membership Certificate and Pin and was formally inducted into our organization.

AWARDS PROGRAM

First Responders

- Corporal Nicole Galindo Life Saving, LaMarque Police Department
- Paramedic Blake Brazzel EMS, League City Fire Department
- Maya Frazer Fire Safety, League City Fire Department

Youth Awards

• Thanisha Burri was presented a Certificate and \$100 Check as the 5th Place State and 1st Place Chapter Winner for the State Brochure Contest.

JROTC Awards

- JROTC Bronze Medals and Certificates were awarded at a ceremony on May 13, 2023 to Clear Creek Independent School District Cadets as follow:
 - Cadet Captain David Heinsler Clear Lake High School
 - Cadet 1st Lieutenant Jacob Pitcher Clear Brook High School
 - Cadet Command Sargent Major Elijah Saiz Clear Creek High School
 - Cadet Captain Samuel Whitley Clear Springs High School
 - Cadet Captain David Castagna Clear Falls High School
- A ROTC Silver Medal and Certificate were awarded to Midshipman Nicolas Farmer at the Teas A&M Maritime Academy in Galveston on April 30, 2023.
- The Bernardo de Galvez scholarship was awarded to Cadet Lloyd at Clear Springs High School on May 13, 2023.

Service Awards

• President Hugh Ferguson was awarded his 5-year Certificate and Pin.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the April 2023 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

In the absence of the Treasurer, President Hugh Ferguson reported that all accounts are doing well. Chapter Account Balance as of 30 April 2023: \$9,611.83.

STATUE REPORT

Statue Account Balance: \$5,176.43

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported: Current Membership: 76 Current Active: 57 New Members: 5 (Judge Lonnie Cox, Charles McBee, William McBee, Robert Cassat and Sean Weissinger) Junior SAR Members:7 Dual Members: 1 Transferred In: 1 (Jay Creech) Deaths: 1 (Bill Whatley) Not-Paid Regular Members: 7 Membership Applications in Progress: 20

WEBMASTER REPORT

Webmaster Clark Wright's home in Dickinson burnt to the ground this past week, and he was unable to be with us. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his wife Cora during this difficult time. re.

OLD BUSINESS

• Fundraising - The Kroger's Community Rewards Program is now active, and all Compatriots are encouraged to visit <u>http://www.Kroger.com</u>. After logging into your account, search for Sons of the American Revolution

NEW BUSINESS

• Compatriot/Member Grave Marking – Need someone to lead this effort.

2022 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 29 May Memorial Day Color Guard Ceremonies at Bay Area Veterans Memorial in Seabrook
- 31 May Public Service and Heroism Awards Due to State Chairman
- 10 June Houston DAR Flag Day Luncheon at Junior League of Houston (SAR Color Guard Event)
- 17 June 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 Hugh Ferguson and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary