

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
June Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2023**

PRESENT: 20

Hugh Ferguson, President
John Loper, Secretary
Billy Mayo, Past President
Frank Steele, Color Guard Commander
Clark Wright, Webmaster
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Robert Cassat, Sr.
William Alsobrook,
Louis Garza
Robert Adams
Robert Gindratt
Albert Gonzales
Mark Kelso
Ronald Schoolcraft
Guy Taylor, Jr.

Guest SAR Member

Chuck Wagoner

Other Guests

Beth Alsobrook
Matthew Hewitt
Richard Zdunkewicz, TXSSAR District 7 Vice President

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. CDT.

INVOCATION and PLEDGES

President Hugh Ferguson led the Invocation, followed by the Pledges to the United States flag, the Texas Flag and the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

LUNCH

MEMBER INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Compatriots Bill Alsobrook and Mark Kelso were sworn in and given their new member packets and SAR rosettes.

PROGRAM

Richard Zdunkewicz, TXSSAR District 7 Vice President, presented the status of the TXSSAR Monument Project to be located in the Texas State Cemetery in the center of Austin, Texas. He presented two options for the monument and showed the location where it is to be placed (proximate a DAR monument and a CAR bench).



The monument will honor American Patriots buried in TX and is expected to cost \$60,000.00 (approximately \$20,000.00 has already been pledged). A Go Fund Me page is being set up, and there will be several live auctions to raise funds. Auction items will include articles of interest to members of valuing \$1,000.00 or more each. Each member of the TXSSAR is also asked to make a donation. The monument will be dedicated in conjunction with the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country.

Patriot Zdunkewicz also gave a brief presentation on his ancestor patriot, Martin Camersac, his 6th great grandfather. He also showed a picture of a Centograph placed at the believed location of his burial to honor him.



He served under General Bernardo de Galvez during the American Revolution in Louisiana, and is the only Revolutionary Soldier buried in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

AWARDS

TXSSAR Certificate of Appreciation was given to Richard Zdunkewicz.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the July 2023 meeting was approved and is posted on the Chapter website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

All accounts are doing well. The Chapter Account Balance is \$9975.75 as of July 31, 2023. .

STATUE REPORT

The Statue Account Balance is \$5,676.43 as of July 31, 2023.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported:

Current Membership: 76

Current Active: 57

New Members: 8 (Obie Cox, Jr., Charles McBee III, William McBee, William Alsobrook, Robert Cassat, Sr., Sean Weissinger, Mark Kelso and William Sullivan)

Junior SAR Members: 7

Not Paid: 7

Active Reinstated: 3

Dual Members: 1

Deaths: 1 (Bill Whatley)

Transferred In: 1 (Jay Creech)

Not-Paid Regular Members: 6

Membership Applications Submitted: 6

Applications in progress: 22

WEBMASTER REPORT

Webmaster Clark Wright reported that the website is up to date.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Compatriot/Member Grave Marking; Joint DAR/SAR meeting for Constitution Week on September 16, 2023.

2023 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 4 September - Labor Day
- 16 September – Joint meeting to celebrate Constitution Week with the George Washington Chapter DAR at 10:00 a.m. at Menard Hall, 1605 33rd Street, Galveston (corner of 33rd and Avenue O), Color Guard Event
- 17th October – Chapter Meeting at Kelley's
- 2nd December – Dickens on the Strand and Parade, Color Guard Event
- 16th December at 11:00 a.m. CDT – Wreaths Across America in conjunction with the DAR at Lakeview Cemetery in Galveston, Color Guard Event.

For information and updates, please refer to the Bernado de Galvez Web Page (www.bdgsar.org) or Facebook Group (Bernado 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 12:50 p.m. CDT.