



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1

SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

This is your Newsletter! Please provide any articles, information or photographs you would like to see in the newsletter to Secretary John Loper at jloper@lopergroup.com. If you have any suggestions for improving the Newsletter, please let me know. Our meeting attendance has improved this year, and we hope some of our new members will begin to play a more active role in Chapter activities.

CHAPTER MEETING PRESENTATIONS



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President Hugh Ferguson presented Msgr. James Anderson, Pastor of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church in La Marque, with his certificate of membership in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) at the April meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter. Msgr. Anderson will serve as the

chapter's chaplain at future meetings and events.



Compatriot John Loper, Bernado de Galvez First Responder Recognition Committee Chairman, recognized Lieutenant Juan Pena at the April Chapter Meeting with a Sons of the American Revolution Society Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate for his outstanding service with the Galveston County Sheriff Office and his many hours of community service. He is a Board Member for the Ronald McDonald House, The Sunshine Center in Galveston, Galveston Catholic Charities and the Upward Mobility Academy which serves underserved and potentially disadvantaged students in Galveston.



Compatriot John Loper, Bernado de Galvez First Responder Recognition Committee Chairman, recognized Detective Brian Berg at the April Chapter Meeting with a Sons of the American Revolution Society Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate for his 18 years of outstanding service with the Texas City Police Department. He was part of a combined law enforcement effort at combating the gang and narcotic activities of gangs that plagued Galveston County. He has continued his work in getting sizable amounts of narcotics, and illegal firearms off the streets. One of Detective Berg's "Plug" type of Fraud cases that he worked on was recently adopted by the United States Secret Service.



Compatriot John Loper, Bernardo de Galvez First Responder Recognition Committee Chairman, recognized Carly Hester, League City Police Department at the April Chapter Meeting, with a Sons of the American Revolution Society Life Saving Medal and Certificate for her quick actions and instructions to an emergency caller on how to perform the Heimlich maneuver prior to an EMS unit saved a choking victim's life.



At the April Chapter Meeting, Compatriot Billy Mayo, ROTC Award Committee Chairman, presented a Bernardo de Galvez JROTC Scholarship to Cadet Major Deanna Garcia, a student at Dickinson High School. Cadet Major Garcia received a Certificate and a check for \$750. In 2022 she was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Junior ROTC Medal and Certificate in recognition of her outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence.



As the chapter winner in the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in the 2023 TXSSAR Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest, William Lance Cartwright was presented a certificate and a check for \$150 by Chapter Youth Awards Committee Chairman John Loper at the April Chapter Meeting. He also placed 3rd in the state level of this contest.



Allen Aing, a student at Odyssey Academy-Bay Area, was the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter winner in the Sons of the American Revolution American Poster contest. Chapter Youth Awards Committee Chairman John Loper presented him a certificate and a check for \$50.



During the May Chapter Meeting, First Responders from League City and La Marque were recognized for their outstanding performance of duties and life saving actions. Blake Brazzel from the League City Fire Department received the EMS Award; Maya Frazer from the League City Fire Department received the Fire Safety Award; and Corporal Nicole Galindo from the La Marque Police Department received the Life Saving Award.



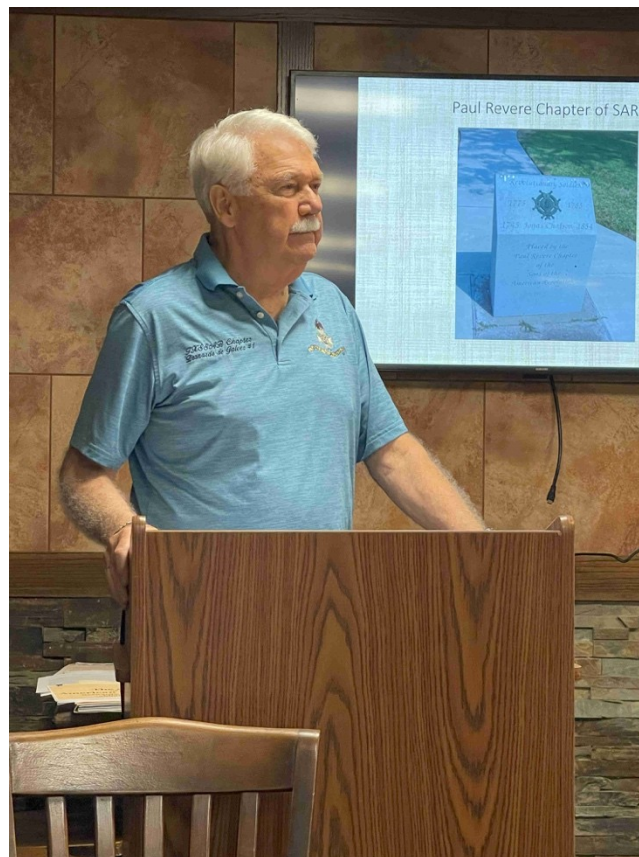
At the May Chapter Meeting, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President Hugh Ferguson swore in Judge Lonnie Cox as a new member and presented him with his membership certificates and rosette. Chapter Registrar David Zwahr (center) pinned the Rosette on Judge Cox.



The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter had the privilege at the May Chapter Meeting of presenting Tanisha Burri with a TXSSAR Certificate and check for placing 5th in the SGT. MOSES ADAMS Middle School Brochure Contest. She had previously received a certificate and check as the chapter's first place winner in this contest.



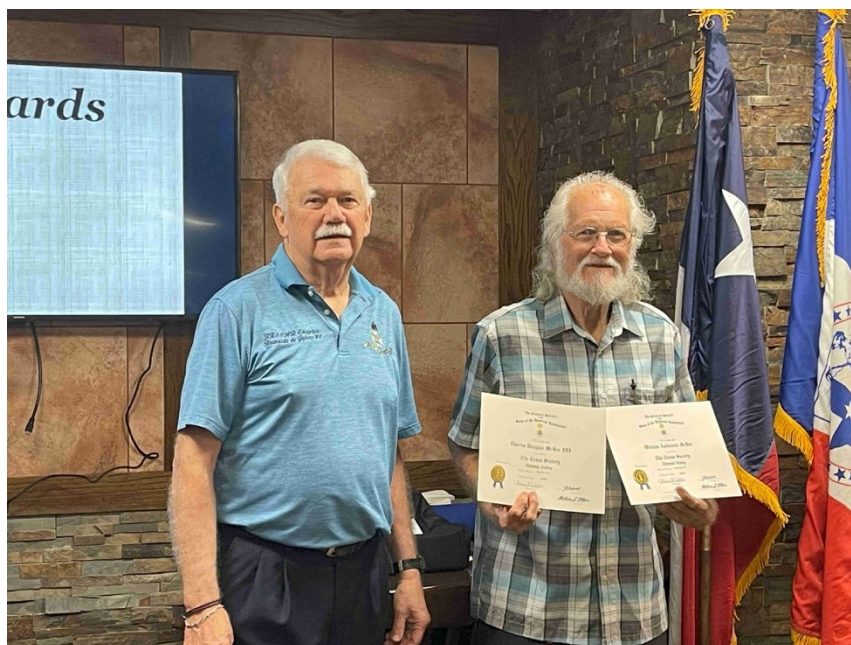
Chapter President Ferguson was presented his 5-Year Membership Certificate of service by Chapter Secretary John Loper during the May chapter meeting.



President Hugh Ferguson gave an excellent presentation on his Acadian Revolutionary Ancestor, Jean Baptiste Chiason in the June Chapter Meeting. Jean Baptiste (“Jonas”) was born in Nova Scotia of French parents. After imprisonment by the British during the French and Indian War, he and his parents fled to France where he was soon orphaned. He returned to North America and joined the Colonial Army in 1775 at Quebec. He served with Lafayette at Brandywine in 1777; fought at Germantown in 1777; was wounded at Eutaw Springs in 1781; and fought under Lafayette’s command at Yorktown in 1781. In 1785 he migrated to Western Louisiana as a cattle rancher and farmer, married Marie LeBlanc and had eight children. He later moved to Beaumont, TX with his

son until his death in 1854. He was one of few men in the American Revolution involved in Texas history. He is a recognized Patriot by both the SAR and DAR.

President Ferguson was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.



Charles McBee was presented with his Membership Certificate and Rosette Pin and was

welcomed into our organization during the June Chapter Meeting.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES



At the April Dickinson High School JROTC Awards Ceremony, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President Hugh Ferguson presented 1Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Davin Bacchus with the Sons of the American Revolution Society's Junior ROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate in recognition of his outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence.



At the Texas A & M Maritime Academy ROTC Award Ceremony in April, Cadet Midshipman Nicolas Farmer was recognized with a SAR Silver Medal and Certificate by the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).



At the May Clear Creek ISD JROTC Awards Ceremony, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President Hugh Ferguson presented SAR Bronze Medals and Certificates to 1Cadets Kim, Morrow, Cline, Lloyd and Erickson in

recognition of their outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence.



During the May Clear Creek ISD JROTC Awards program, Compatriot Billy Mayo presented Lieutenant Colonel David Lloyd from Clear Springs High School with a Bernardo de Galvez Chapter \$750 Scholarship. He had been awarded a SAR JROTC Bronze Medal earlier in the awards ceremony.

COLOR GUARD EVENTS



The Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard members Hugh Ferguson, Billy Mayo, William Adriance, John Loper and Frank Steele participated in the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Bay Area Veterans Memorial Park in Seabrook. Compatriot John Loper played taps at the conclusion of the ceremony. Compatriot Frank Steele is the newest member of the color guard and destined to be the Color Guard Commander in the near future.

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Compatriot Billy Mayo is the chapter's chairman of this committee and meets with the TXSSAR Committee Chairman along with other chapter chairmen via ZOOM on at least a quarterly basis. Each chapter must file a Stark annually that records the activities of chapter members support to veterans with visits, donations, etc.; activities honoring veterans by decorating graves with flags or flowers; and participations in Memorial Day and Wreath Across America activities. TXSSAR Chairman Rohrbough encourages members to track ongoing activities throughout the year by using **Stark Activities Tracker Form** located on Texas SAR Private Website. Go to Tab "Reports/Forms", Scroll down to "Veterans Worksheet (Excel)" at bottom of the list and click on it to **download** the Form to your computer. The document will appear on your computer. Open the Form and enter data. Members can then forward a copy of their "Veterans Worksheet" to their chapter chairman, who consolidates all the information and prepares the Chapter's Annual Stark Report. If this seems to be too much trouble, then just provide the chapter chairman with the information via an email.

FLAG COMMITTEE

SAR recognizes individuals and organizations that consistently display the American Flag at their homes or businesses with a Flag Certificate. Chapter President Hugh Ferguson is currently the Chairman of the Flag Committee. If you know of someone in your neighborhood (including yourself) that displays the "Stars and Stripes" and would like to present them with a Flag Certificate, please provide President Ferguson with the names and addresses of the individuals. He will provide you with the certificate at our next chapter meeting, so that you can personally present it to the individual.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

The TXSSAR History Committee meets via ZOOM usually once a quarter. The committee is in the process of preparing "Texas SAR History Volume 3." Currently the committee is reviewing older volumes, Rosters, President lists, etc. The new information that is needed is new information on Patriots that are buried in Texas, Patriot and Compatriot Grave markings, Deceased Veterans, Past Texas Patriot Medals, Chapter Formation Stories, etc. Our Chapter History Committee members are Clark Wright and Billy Mayo, who will work of the history of our chapter. If anyone would like to provide information, please send it to either Clark Wright or Billy Mayo.

KROGER COMMUNITY AWARD PROGRAM

As you have been previously informed, the chapter received news that it was approved for the Kroger Community Award Program. The chapter will receive a donation from Kroger depending on how much our members spend at Kroger's. Anyone who has a Kroger's Reward can go to Kroger.com and connect their account to our chapter. This is not limited to members only; you can encourage family and friends to enroll as

well. If you shop at Kroger's and do not have a Rewards Card, you will have to create an account – which is a good deal.

To enroll simply log onto Krogers.com, sign in, click on “my account”, click on “Community Rewards” (lower left screen), and in the search box enter **ER869**. After clicking on search, “The Sons of the American Revolution, Galveston Texas” will pop up and then click on enroll.

Members are strongly encouraged to enroll in this program to help our chapter fund its various projects and programs.

CHAPTER GROUP PHOTOS



April Meeting



May Meeting



June Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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)

