

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
October Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2023**

PRESENT: 13

John Loper, Secretary
Billy Mayo, Past President
Bill Adriance, Treasurer
Frank Steele, Color Guard Commander
Clark Wright, Webmaster
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Robert Cassat, Sr.
James Anderson
Lonnie Cox
Louis Garza
Robert Gindratt
Albert Gonzales

CALL TO ORDER

Past President Billy Mayo called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. CDT.

INVOCATION and PLEDGES

Monsignor James Anderson opened the meeting prayer. Former President Billy Mayo led the Pledges to the United States flag, the Texas Flag and the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

LUNCH

PROGRAM

Color Guard Commander Frank Steele presented a slide show on *Uniforming of the American Revolution* and *The Color Guard*. The uniforming presentation provided an excellent overview of uniforms worn from the start of the Revolution through the standardization of uniforms which occurred in 1779. Slides presented pictures of early uniforms (Just Wear Brown), the parts of the uniform, British and European uniforms and regional uniforms, e.g. The Green Valley Boys. Following the slide show Commander Steele invited all members to join the Color Guard if they are interested and identified sources of where uniforms can be purchased.

Shown below is the standardized uniform and a picture of our current Color Guard team.



AWARDS

Compatriot Bill Adriance was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman Award. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Frank Steele, Albert Gonzales and Louis Garza for their continued support of the Chapter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the minutes from the August 2023 meeting. Please note there was no Chapter meeting in September.

TREASURER'S REPORT

All accounts are doing well. The Chapter Account Balance is \$9,238.23 as of September 30, 2023.

STATUE REPORT

The Statue Account Balance is \$3,976.43 as of September 30, 2023.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported:

Current Membership: 77

Current Active: 57

Active New Members: 8

Junior SAR Members: 7

Active Reinstated: 3

Dual Members: 1

Deaths: 1 (Bill Whatley)

Transferred In: 1 (Jay Creech)

Not-Paid Regular Members: 6

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.

We need to improve attendance and committee membership.

NEW BUSINESS

TXSSAR Due Notices have been sent out. You can go on the Private web site to pay your dues (\$80.50 for regular members; Jr. member dues are being paid by the State).

We need to start working on the Youth Awards and JROTC Enhanced Awards programs for the upcoming year.

2024 Election of Officers will occur at the November Chapter Meeting.

The Executive Committee recommends the purchase of 5 wreaths for the upcoming Wreaths Across America ceremony. A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase the wreaths from Chapter funds. The George Washington Chapter of the DAR has requested Color Guard support for their luncheon on December 15 (meal cost is \$55.00).

2023 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 11 Nov – Veterans Day ceremony in Seabrook (Color Guard Event) at 10:00 a.m.
- 16 November – Grave Marking ceremony for TXSSAR Past President H. P. Eller; Pecan Cemetery in McKinney, TX
- 18 November – Chapter Meeting – Election of Officers
- 02 December – Chapter Meeting – Swearing in of Officers; Dickens on the Strand and Parade, Texas Color Guard Event
- 15 December – The Lady Washington Chapter of the NSDAR Luncheon (possible Color Guard Event)
- 16 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.bdgssar.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 Past President Billy Mayo and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

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