

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
February Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2024**

PRESENT: (25)

MEMBERS (8)

Billy Mayo, President
John Loper, Secretary
Robert M. Cassat, Sr., Treasurer
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Clark Wright, Webmaster
Matthew Hewitt
William Sullivan

JUNIOR MEMBERS (1)

Aries Hewitt

NEW MEMBERS (1)

Henry Trochesset

GUESTS (15)

Brenda Trochesset
Jack Doraty
Kimberly Doraty
Dennis Gardner
Nancy Gardner
Hunter Tauch
Robbin Tauch
William Osteen
Jennifer Low
Renaye Octtos
Danici Octtos
Kayuna Holes
Dontae Bailey
Andre Mitchell
Douglas Balli

CALL TO ORDER

President Billy Mayo called the meeting to order at 12 Noon CDT.

INVOCATION and PLEDGES

Treasurer Robert Cassat opened the meeting with a prayer, and President Billy Mayo led the Pledges to the United States flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR.

INTRODUCTIONS

LUNCH

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

President Billy Mayo presented new member Henry A. Trochesset with his new member packet. Registrar David Zwahr presented him with his membership pin. Compatriot Trochesset was officially sworn in, and we look forward to his active participation in our Chapter. His patriot ancestor marched with Bernardo de Galvez's troops.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Compatriots Paul Kettler, Hayden Anderson (Junior Member) and George Williams have transferred in from another Chapter but were unable to make our meeting this month.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

The following members of the elite Galveston Police Department Traffic Safety Unit were recognized with Law Enforcement Awards and companion Certificates: Sgt. Jack Doraty, Officer Dontae Bailey, Officer Dennis Gardner, Officer William Osteen, and Officer Hunter Tauch. The Traffic Safety Unit had made huge strides in cracking down on impaired driving during special events in Galveston like Mardi Gras. This Unit has made multiple DWI arrests and seized numerous weapons and drugs. The Unit has been recognized throughout the state for its performance.

The EMS Award and Fire Safety Award were to be presented to League City Officers Brian Harden and Ethan Green, respectively. They were, however, unable to attend our April meeting, and we are hopeful than can come to our May meeting for the presentation.

OTHER AWARDS

Compatriot Jay Allen Creech was to be presented with the Vietnam War Veterans Corps Award but was unable to attend our meeting this month.

Registrar David Zwahr and Photographer Jon Zwahr were presented with their 10-year Member Certificates.

The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter received a TXSSAR Certificate of Appreciation for its submittal of the Stark Report.

YOUTH AWARDS

We were advised by State that our Chapter Brochure Contest Winner Olivia Gibbs was awarded 5th Place at State. We look forward to her attending our May meeting to present her Brochure and receive an Award Certificate and checks from State and our Chapter to recognize her accomplishments.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion and was made and seconded to approve the Secretary's Report for March 2024, as posted on the Chapter Website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Robert M. Cassat Sr. reported that our checking account balance at the end of March was \$11,620,54. There is also \$1,666.67 in the JROTC Scholarship Fund. He also reminded everyone to be sure to sign up for the Kroger Community Awards Program (<http://www.Kroger.com>; Community Awards Program; ER869 – Sons of the American Revolution)

STATUE REPORT

The balance at the end of March is \$5,676.43.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Registrar David Zwahr reported that we have 79 Current Active Members, including New Members.

WEBSITE REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

We still need better participation in our various committees and better attendance at our Monthly meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Awards Programs include Texas SAR Youth Awards, First Responder Awards, ROTC/JROTC Awards, and Chapter JROTC Scholarships. Beginning with our May meeting, the cost for meals will be increased by \$5 to \$25 and the costs for a drink only will be \$5. These increases are necessary due to increased charges from Kelley's to service our meetings.

PREVIOUS CHAPTER EVENTS

11 Apr- Texas City JROTC Award Program

19 Apr – DISD JROTC Award Program

19 Apr – LaPorte JROTC Award Program

2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 25 April – Galveston ISD JROTC Award Program
- 27 April – Texas A&M Maritime Academy ROTC Award Program

- 11 May – CCISD JROTC Award Program – 0900 hours
- 18 May – Chapter Meeting
- 27 May – Memorial Day; Color Guard Event
- 15 June – Chapter Meeting (in the back area of Kelley's)
- 04 Jul – Independence Day
- 20 Jul – Chapter Meeting

For information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo 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 Billy Mayo and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. CDT.