

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

**PRESENT: (12)**

**MEMBERS (11)**

Billy Mayo, President  
John Loper, Secretary  
Robert Cassat, Sr., Treasurer  
David Zwahr, Registrar  
Jon Zwahr, Photographer  
Clark Wright, Webmaster  
Guy Taylor, Jr.  
Jay Creech  
Louis Garza  
Mark Kelso  
Albert Gonzales

**GUESTS (1)**

Irene Walters

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION and PLEDGES**

Secretary John Loper opened the meeting with an Invocation, followed by President Billy Mayo leading the recitation of the Pledges to the United States flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**LUNCH**

**PROGRAM**

Irene Walters gave an excellent presentation on genealogical resources available at Houston Public Library's Family Historic Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus. She provided details on both physical holdings and electronic access availability. She also provided guidance on conducting family research and reminded everyone that library cards are available on-line and are free to Texas residents. The presentation was well received by all. Everyone is encouraged to learn more about the library located at 5300 Caroline in Houston.

**CHAPTER AWARDS**

Irene Walters was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing her excellent presentation.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Billy Mayo reported that our checking account balance at the end of June was \$10,844.35. 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 June is \$5,871.47.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Registrar David Zwahr reported that we have 80 Current Active Members, including New Members. Several additional applications are in process.

### **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**

National NSSAR has approved a Youth Video Contest starting in the upcoming year. Contestants include all Middle School and High School students, and entries may be submitted by an individual or a group. Video lengths should be 3 to 5 minutes. Prizes for the 2024-2025 school year will be \$1,500 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place and \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner will also receive a stipend of up to \$1,500 to reimburse expenses to attend the NSSAR National Congress. The Deadline for submissions at the National Level is 15 February.

It is time to contact schools about all our Youth Awards Programs, as well as JROTC Awards and Scholarships.

The Stark Report has been updated to include Memorial Day activities.

We have received an invitation from the DAR to participate in their Constitution Day Program the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. This will be a Color Guard event.

### **RECENT EVENTS**

Thomas B. Green, III, past President of TXSSAR passed away this past week. He will be dearly missed by all. He was a great patriot; having served in the Navy, he was also active in the Sons of

the Republic of Texas, the General Society of the War of 1812 and the American Legion.  
Visitation will be on 27 July 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Pearland.

### **2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR**

- 27 Jul – Summer BOM of TXSSAR - Zoom
- 17 Aug- Chapter Meeting – John Espinosa
- 21 Sep – Joint DAR/SAR Meeting – Color Guard Event
- 19 Oct – Chapter Meeting – Dick Grey – “Under Fire”
- 11 Nov – Veterans Day – Color Guard Event – Seabrook Memorial Park
- 16 Nov – Chapter Meeting – Elections
- 07 Dec – Chapter Meeting – Installation of Officers
- 07 Dec – Dickens on the Strand

For information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Galvez Web Page ([www.bdg SAR.org](http://www.bdg SAR.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 Billy Mayo and recited by all Compatriots.

### **DISMISSAL**

The meeting was adjourned at 1350 hours CDT.