

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
August 2024 Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2024**

PRESENT: (13)

MEMBERS (11)

Billy Mayo, President
John Loper, Secretary
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Clark Wright, Webmaster
Frank Steele, Color Guard Commander
Guy Taylor, Jr.
Jay Creech
Louis Garza
Albert Gonzales
Pete Lenes

GUESTS (2)

John Espinosa
John Shradar

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

Messrs. John Espinosa and John Shradar gave an excellent presentation on Los Granaderos y Damas de Galvez and the Galvez Statue project. The purpose of Los Granaderos is to educate and inform people about Spain's support of the American Revolution. At the Battle of Pensacola, Bernardo de Galvez was the only Spanish Captain to lead his ships to attack the British (Solo Mio), ending the Revolutionary War. The Galvez statue project is still underway but need a large financial donor to ensure completion.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Messrs. Espinosa and Shradar were presented Certificates of Appreciation, and Compatriot Guy Taylor, Jr. received his 10-year Member Service Pin.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Billy Mayo reported that our checking account balance at the end of July was \$11,589.94. There is also \$2,225.01 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 July was \$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 1st Place and \$500 for 2nd Place. The 1st 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.

In September we will participate in the DAR Constitution Day Program the 3rd Saturday in September at Menard Hall. This will be a Color Guard event. We will have no regular meeting. We will be participating in the Dickens on the Strand Parade in Galveston in December.

Membership dues statements will be coming out in September/October.

We need to develop a slate of candidates for Officers in 2025.

VETERANS COMMITTEE

We need to identify all Chapter Veterans. Recent applications for the SAR Military Veterans Corps include William T. Alsobrook, Joseph W. Love and Ronald L. Mason. We also need to identify and recognize and wounded veterans and make sure they receive a TXSSAR Wounded Warrior Coin.

RECENT EVENTS

The TXSSAR Summer BOM was convened on August 3, 2024. Make sure your information is updated in the TXSSAR directory to ensure you receive a membership dues statement.

2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 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.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 1350 hours CDT.