

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
October 2024 Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2024**

PRESENT: (21)

MEMBERS (14)

Billy Mayo, President
John Loper, Secretary
Bob Cassat, Sr., Treasurer
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Clark Wright, Webmaster
Jay Creech
Louis Garza
Kyle Ehrlich
Noah Ehrlich
Pete Lenes
Steven J. Manis
Ronald L. Mason
Ronald Schoolcraft

GUESTS (7)

Rochard Gray (Speaker)
Lorraine Loper
Raquel Cassat
Betty Mason
Donald Lefeber – SAR Compatriot
Daryl Lott
Rock Kerris

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

Richard Gray gave an excellent presentation titled “Under Fire” about his firsthand experiences as a Chaplain serving in the Vietnam War. He entered active duty as a Chaplain with the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army in 1970. He served in Vietnam for thirteen months and was awarded

the Bronze Star Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal while based at the Military Assistance Command – Vietnam headquarters in Saigon. He shared several very heartfelt moments, and his presentation and service were appreciated by all.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Mr. Gray was presented with a Certificates of Appreciation, and the following Compatriot Awards were presented:

10 -YEAR MEMBER SERVICE PINs

Steven J. Manis

John R. Loper

20 - YEAR MEMBER SERVICE PIN

William L. Adriance

35 - YEAR MEMBER SERVICE PIN

Marshall H. Glenn (Buda, Texas)

60 - YEAR MEMBER SERVICE PIN

Clark P. Wright

SAR MILITARY SERVICE VETERANS CORPS

Ronald W. Schoolcraft

Ronald L. Mason

SAR MILITARY WAR SERVICE AWARDS

William T. Alsobrook (Southeast Asia)

Joseph W. Love, Jr (Korea)

NEW MEMBERS

New members Kyle Ehrlich and his son Noah were received into the Chapter as new members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Cassat reported that our checking account balance at the end of September was \$11,698.75. 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 82 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. We also need to keep track of all Veterans-related activities for the Stark Report and look for additional opportunities to issue Flag Certificates.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President – John R. Loper
1st Vice President – Open
2nd Vice President – Matthew Hewitt
3rd Vice President – Open
Secretary – Open
Treasurer – Bob Cassat
Registrar – David Zwahr
Chaplain – Monsignor James Anderson

2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES – Scheduled for November.

COLOR GUARD – More members are needed. Militia uniforms would be fine.

DAY/TIME OF CHAPTER MEETINGS – Discussion of possible changes.

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

DAR/SAR CONSTITUTION WEEK LUNCHEON

**Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard
8 Chapter Members Attended**

CHAPTER TABLE @ FRIENDSWOOD LIBRARY (Compatriots Jay Creech & Billy Mayo)
CHAPTER TABLE @ TEXAS CITY LIBRARY (Compatriots Albert Gonzales & Robert Gindratt)

2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 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
- 14 DEC – Wreaths Across America @ Fairview Cemetery

For information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Galvez Web Page (www.bdgsar.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.