

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
November 2024 Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2024**

PRESENT: (17)

MEMBERS (13)

Billy Mayo, President
John Loper, Secretary
Robert Cassat, Sr., Treasurer
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Clark Wright, Webmaster
Frank Steele, Color Guard Commander

Guy Taylor, Jr.

Louis Garza

William P. Sullivan

Arden Hill IV

Austin Loper

Caleb Loper

GUESTS (4)

Steve Zwahr

Lorraine Loper

Daryl Lott

Cindy Lott

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

President Billy Mayo presented a brief overview of the NSSAR and TXSSAR web sites and encouraged all members to familiarize themselves with the information available on these sites.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Compatriot Ronald Schoolcraft was scheduled to receive his 10-year service pin, but he was not in attendance at the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion and was made and seconded to approve the Secretary's Report for October 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 \$11,514.90. 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. He also plans to add a link to the private pages of the State Society website.

OLD BUSINESS

We still need better participation in our various committees and better attendance at our Monthly meetings. Our attendance of members today was 13, representing only 16% of our membership. President Mayo also reminded everyone to submit information for Flag Certificates and the Stark Report.

NEW BUSINESS

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 Veterans Day activities.

We will be participating in the Dickens on the Strand Parade in Galveston in December.

Membership dues statements have been issued. Please pay promptly.

2025 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following slate of officers was presented for approval by President Billy May:

- President – John Loper
- 1st Vice President – Guy Taylor, Jr.

- 2nd Vice President – Matthew Hewitt
- 3rd Vice President – Open Position
- Secretary – Clark Wright
- Treasurer – Robert Cassat, Sr.
- Registrar – David Zwahr
- Chaplain – Monsignor James Anderson

There being no nominations from the floor, a vote was called, and the proposed slate of officers was unanimously approved.

RECENT EVENTS

Color Guard members President Billy Mayo and Secretary John Loper participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony held at Seabrook Memorial Park on November 11, 2024. Compatriots Thomas Loper, Austin Loper, Caleb Loper, David Zwahr and Zachary Adriance were also present.

2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 07 Dec – Chapter Meeting – Installation of Officers. 11:00 a.m. at Kelleys
- 07 Dec – Dickens on the Strand. 1:00 p.m. across from the Galveston Railroad Museum.
- 14 Dec – Wreaths Across America Members of the Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard with be participating in the ceremony in conjunction with the George Washington Chapter of the DAR at **Lakeview Cemetery (57th Street side) in Galveston at 11:00 a.m.** All members and their families are welcome to attend and support this event.
- 18 Jan – 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 1320 hours CDT.