

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
December 2024 Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2024**

PRESENT: (17)

MEMBERS (12)

Billy Mayo, President
John Loper, Secretary
Robert Cassat, Sr., Treasurer
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Clark Wright, Webmaster
Frank Steele, Color Guard Commander
Louis Garza
William P. Sullivan
Robert Adams
Albert Seguin Gonzales
Samuel Massey

GUEST SAR MEMBERS (8)

Charles Lano
Art Bynam
Don Reuth
Mike Miles
Bill Myers
Ed Sowards
David Hamaker
Tracy Pounders

GUESTS (2)

Daryl Lott
Ragua Cassat

CALL TO ORDER

President Billy Mayo called the meeting to order at 11:05 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

CHAPTER AWARDS

Compatriot David Zwahr received the Liberty Medal. The Chapter received the Partners in Patriotism Award, presented by TXSSAR President Tracy Pounders.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion and was made and seconded to approve the Secretary's Report for November 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 \$11,197.33. 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 reported that he has added 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 12, representing only 15% 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.

Membership dues statements have been issued. Please pay promptly.

2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 08 Dec – 128th Birthday of Texas Society of the SAR
- 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).

INSTALLATION OF 2025 OFFICERS

The following slate of officers were inducted:

- 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

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

A group photo was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 1110 hours CDT to allow all attending Compatriots to travel to Galveston for the Dickens on the Strand Parade.