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# BERNARDO DE GALVEZ QUARTERLY NEWS

DECEMBER 2020

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Looking over the last two years, as President, it occurred to me that this is just a little slice in time in the history

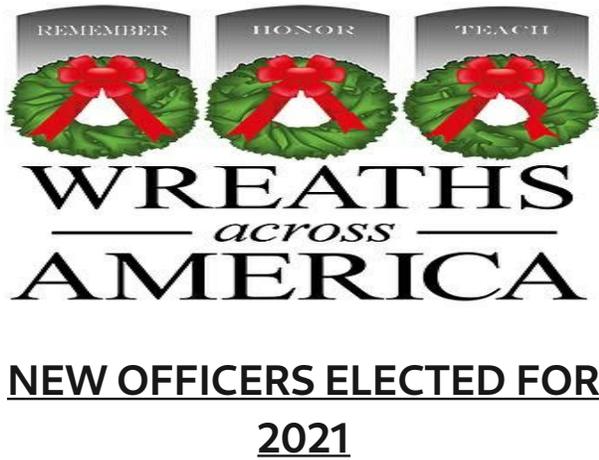
of our chapter. We made progress in getting the statue moving forward, gained some members and made numerous appearances at events; locally as well as national and international.

The most significant was the Sister City relationship we have with Macharaviaya, Spain.

I thank all of my compatriots for giving me the opportunity to make a lasting impression with these events. And, I look forward to continuing to serve the chapter, state and national societies.

Bill Adriance

President 2018 - 2020



President \_ Bill Mayo

1st Vice President John Loper

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Hugh Ferguson

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Eddie De La Houssaye Jr.

Secretary – John Hamlin

Registrar – David Garza

Treasurer – Gene Shaner

Parliamentarian – David Garza

Chaplain – Hugh Ferguson

## Wreaths Across America

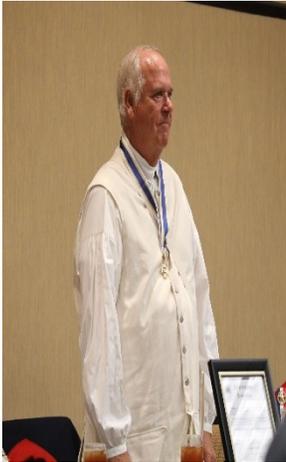


The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 Color Guard participated in the 2020 Wreaths Across America

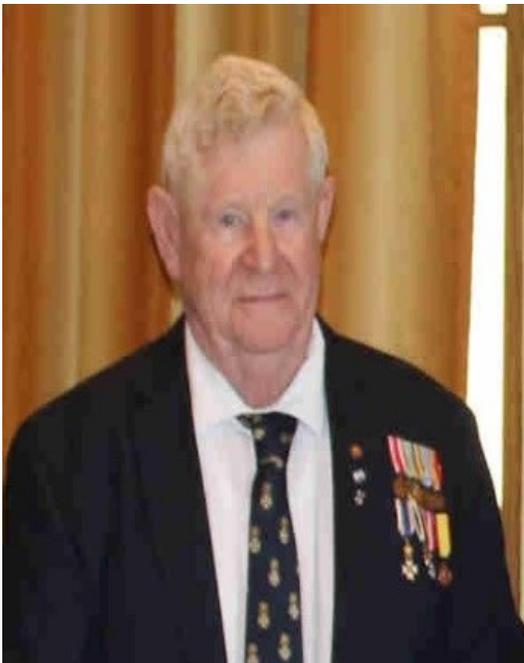
Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

**In 2020 the Wreaths Across America is on December 19<sup>th</sup>. As a chapter we will meet at the LaMarque Cemetery at 10:30 a.m.**





**2021 PATRIOT MEDAL AWARDEE  
WILLIAM ADRIANCE**



At

## **PATRIOT MEDAL AWARDEE**

### **BILL ADRIANCE**

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The Sons of the American Revolution patriot Award is the highest award a state society may give to one of its members.

In the Texas Society, we can award six (6) medals because our membership in good standing at December 31, 2020 was more than 3,000 and less than 3,500.” State Secretary Jim Clements affirmed that the Texas Society membership in good standing as of December 31, 2020 was more than 3,000 and less than 3,500. The National Handbook provides: MEDALS AWARDED BY A STATE SOCIETY TO COMPATRIOTS FOR SERVICE TO THE SAR “The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. Thus, we do not recognize service such as military service, charitable service, religious service unless there is a component of service to the SAR.

The 2020 recipients include our own Bill Adriance. Bill was nominated by former chapter president and 2018 Patriot Medal awardee John Hamlin.

Bills citation read in part for the past 8 years Bill has been the Chairman of the Bernardo de Galvez Statue project which with the sponsorship of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution. has raised more than \$90,000 to raise the statue in Galvez honor in Galveston. He has worked tirelessly at this effort spending both time and money to make the statue a reality.

For the last two years, Bill Adriance has been the President of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

Also, for the last three years, Bill has compiled the state chapter yearly reports. Bill joins four other living recipients of the patriot medal in the Galvez Chapter. They are John Hamlin (2018), Bill Whatley (2017), Pete Lenes (2016) and former state President David Peterson (1996)

## **VETERANS DAY**

On November 11, 2020 the Bernardo de Galvez chapter #1 participated in the Seabrook Veterans Day Service.

Participating in the Color Guard were President Bill Adriance 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Mayo and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President John Loper.

the August chapter meeting President

Adriance passed out the five Service

Medals

## **FIRST ZOOM MEETING HELD**

History was made on November 2020As the first ever ZOOM Chapter meeting was held by the Bernardo de

Galvez Chapter 1. This ZOOM meeting was sponsored by President Bill Adriance. It was held because of the Corona Virus guidelines set by State President Drake Peddie. The December meeting will also be by ZOOM.

After the first of the year it is planned to have in person/zoom meeting. Time will tell.

## **MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ELECT**

What a year 2020 has been for not only our Chapter but for the world. COVID-19 has disrupted, and in many cases destroyed, the lives of many of us. Hopefully, with vaccines coming in the near future, life return to a somewhat normal pattern for us. With that in mind, I would like to set some of the following goals for our Chapter for 2021.

Assuming that life will be returning to normal, I would like to see our Chapter return to its regular activities and events.

One of the goals that I have is to increase member participation in our activities, both in our monthly meetings and in our Color Guard events. With respect to Color Guard events, such as Memorial Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Veterans Day, etc., I would encourage members to attend these functions even if your are not in the Color Guard or do not have a uniform.

As to membership, we should all make an effort to recruit new members whenever possible by encouraging both family members and friends that are eligible to join. Male relatives of DAR members should be a great source for new members.

In the past, we have had members write articles about their ancestors for the Chapter newsletter. I would like to encourage this practice again since it allows all of us to get to know one another better. It will also be a big help to the publisher of the newsletter, who is always looking for items

to publish.

In October, we will be hosting the fall BOM being at the Hilton Hotel on NASA Road One. The Chapter will need all of your support in preparing for and hosting this event.

Since we have done this a couple of times in the recent past, we should be able to accomplish with little difficulty.

I welcome your support in accomplishing the above goals and also welcome any suggestions that you may have to improve the Chapter.

Billy C. Mayo

President - Elect