



## Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1

### FIRST QUARTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to be elected and to serve as your President this year. I look forward to an exciting year. We have many opportunities to serve, and it is my hope that many of you will take an advantage and seize joining and supporting these opportunities. It is our Mission to honor our patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring youth about the founding principles of our country.

This requires involvement by all of our members! Our leadership in this arena can make a huge impact on our success. When asked to serve on a Committee, **just say yes**. If we don't do it, who will?

# SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

This is your Newsletter! Please provide any articles, information or photographs you would like to see in the newsletter to Secretary Clark Wright at [cpwright2@verizon.net](mailto:cpwright2@verizon.net). If you have any suggestions for improving the Newsletter, please let me know. Our meeting attendance has improved this year, and we hope some of our new members will begin to play a more active role in Chapter activities. I look forward to serving as your President next year and ask that you give Clark Wright your full support as he takes on the additional duties of Secretary.

# CHAPTER MEETING PRESENTATIONS



During our January Chapter Meeting, David Zwahr gave the membership his insight into genealogical research and how it relates to proving membership. The first steps include review of various ancestor charts going back at least to the time of the American Revolution. He then honed in on an ancestor who had been referenced in an application to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).



February saw the members hear Amelia White speak about the Bryan Museum. J.T. Bryan is a sixth generation Texan and Texas Ex student. He began collecting items of interest in Texas and purchased the Gage Hotel built in 1894 located in Marathon. His collection got large enough to house a building and sought out the vacant Orphans Home on 2st Street built in 1902. The Home operated until 1984 when it went into private hands. The Museum opened in 2015 after extensive renovation. It has a room dedicated to the period of the American Revolution and many items of interest leading to the Battle of San Jacinto and beyond. It has an extensive art and firearm collection as well as saddles, etc.

# AWARDS



During the January meeting, President Loper presented a Certificate to Billy Mayo for his work as President of the Chapter and to David Zwahr for sharing his information about genealogy.



President Loper presented Ten Year Membership Awards to Thomas, Austin, Caleb, Jarrod, and Henry Loper.





March 1: Eagle Scout Honor Court at St. James Presbyterian Church, LaPorte

## CHAPTER GROUP PHOTOS



January Chapter Meeting

February Chapter Meeting



March Chapter Meeting





# 2025 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 19April – Chapter Meeting
- 24 April JROTC in Galveston at Ball High
- 25 April JROTC in LaPorte at Laporte High School
- 26 April Flag Retirement Ceremony in Seabrook
- 26 April Texas A&M Maritime Academy ROTC Ceremony
- 3 May JROTC in League City at Clear Lake High School
- 14 May JROTC in Texas City at the Doyle Convention Center
- 17 May – Chapter Meeting
- 21 June – Chapter Meeting



For information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Galvez Web Page ([www.bdgsar.org](http://www.bdgsar.org)) or Facebook Group (Bernado de Galvez Chapter #1 SAR)