

Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution
March Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2025

PRESENT: (13)

Officers: (5)

John Loper, President
Clark wright, Secretary
David Zwahr, Registrar
Jon Zwahr, Photographer
Billy Mayo, Immediate Past President

Members: (3)

Robert Adams
Robert Gindratt
Pete Lenes

Guests: (5)

Captain Hector Echevarria
Colt Nicholus Rawls
Megan Rawls
Brooke Rawls
Remi Rawls

LUNCH: Most attendees had finished lunch before noon.

CALL TO ORDER: President Loper called the meeting to order just after noon. He provided the audience with an Invocation, and led in the pledges to the Flag of the Unites States, Texas and Sons of the American revolution (SAR).

PROGRAM: President Loper introduced Captain Hector Echevarria, La Porte Commander of the JROTC. Hector indicated that he is a native of Chicago and served with the U.S. Army in Iraq being a helicopter pilot, after which he was a pilot with United Airlines. He has always enjoyed teaching young people and enjoys particularly the community spirit of La Porte. He gave us a rundown of the JROTC program at LaPorte where they emphasizes teamork and academics through numereous programs such as archery, and a ground school for pilots. Hector seemed particularly enthusaic regarding their archery program, being awarded statewide recognition and able to participate in the national competition.

AWARD: President Loper presented Cadet Colt Nicholus Rawls with his Certilficate and check of \$750 for his scholarship. Cadet Rawls acknowledged the award and indicated that he would take his lessons on into college after High School Graduation.

BUSINESS: No objection was made to a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting as posted on the web site. President Loper presented reports of the Treasurer and Registrar. The Chapter has \$11,844.78 in a checking count after disbursements for magazine ad, and contribution for a Spanish uniform. David Zwahr indicated that two (2) applications have been submitted. We have no requests for transfers, either in or out, and a total of 31 application in progress. Billy Mayo reported that the LaPorte JROTC ceremony is the final one for this year, and that adequate funds are available for next years activity. Billy also discussed the work going on about the Texas Society History Volume III. This volume will cover 2005-2025 and he solicited the membership to prepare theirs by July 1, being the deadline for inclusion. Upcoming activities also include participation in the Friendswood 4th of July Parade. Finally President Loper appealed for Compatriot participation with attendance and in chapter committees particularly the Registrar's and Color Guard Committees.

CHAPTER CALENDAR

11 May Mother's Day
14 May: JROTC Ceremony
17 May Chapter Meeting
26 May with the George Washington DAR Chapter 130th year Celebration,
Galveston Artillery Club, 2-4 p.m. (Color Guard Event)
14 June is Flag day
21 June Chapter Meeting with Kathleen Macca

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

A Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded and approved by all.

RECESSIONAL

The Recessional was led by President John Loper and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned after 1:00 p.m. CST with a Group Photo following adjournment.

Clark P Wright, Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster