



## **Bernardo De Gálvez Chapter #1**

### **Texas Society Sons of The American Revolution**

**March Meeting Minutes 2025 July 19**

**PRESENT:** (18)

**Officers:** (7)

John Loper, President

Guy Taylor, First Vice-President

Matthew Hewitt, Color Guard Commander

Clark wright, Secretary

Robert Casset, Treasurer

Jon Zwahr, Photographer

Billy Mayo, Newsletter Editor

**Members:** (7)

Robert Adams

Hugh Ferguson, Jr

Albert Seguin Gonzales

Pete Lenes

Austin Loper

Caleb Loper

William (Rick) Sullivan

**Guests:** (6)

Alexandra Casillas - Texas Familias Council Intern

Devry Goss – Montgomery Chapter of the DAR

Dianne Hanegan-Gálvez CAR

Robert Hanegan

Maria Baños Jordan - Texas Familias Council

Steven Jordan

**LUNCH:** Most attendees had finished lunch before noon.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Loper called the meeting to order at noon. He led the audience with an Invocation, and led in the pledges to the Flag of the United States, Texas and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

**PROGRAM:** Maria Baños Jordan founder of the Texas Familias Council discussed their plans to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by having an event planned to April next year to be held at the campus of Lone Star College in Kingwood. The Council was formed in 2011 to support local communities in various aspects. The Council plans to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence. Maria extended an invitation for the Chapter to have a display to share with the attendees the contributions that Gálvez made to support the American Revolution. The Council hopes to exhibit not only contributions like Gálvez, but also those of the Indigenous Populations and Tejanos. President Loper presented Mrs. Jordan a Certificate of appreciation for her talk.

**AWARDS:** Chapter President John Loper was presented with the Bernardo de Galvez Bronze Color Guard Medal and the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal. Color Guard member Billy Mayo was presented with Bernardo de Galvez Silver Color Guard Medal and the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal.

**BUSINESS:** No objection was made to a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting as posted on the web site. President Loper presented reports of the Treasurer and Registrar. The Chapter has approximately \$12,000 in its bank account. David Zwahr continues to have 31 application in progress. President Loper indicated that Hugh Ferguson will assist David Zwahr in the work of Registrar and Jon Zwahr will backup Clark Wright with the web site.

**CALENDAR:**

16 August Chapter Meeting to learn about the Buffalo Soldiers

29 August remember the Battle of Eutaw Springs, N.C.

1 September is Labor Day

17 September is Constitution Day

20 September joint meeting with the George Washington Chapter DAR to celebrate Constitution Day at the Menard House located in Galveston on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. This is a Color Guard Event beginning at noon.

18 October Chapter Meeting

11 October is the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S. Navy and Marines.

19 October commemorates the Victory at Yorktown in Virginia

15 November Chapter Meeting to elect 2026 officers

For information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Gálvez Web Page ([www.bdg-sar.org](http://www.bdg-sar.org)) or Facebook Group (Bernardo de Gálvez 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 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