

Sons of the American Revolution



Bernardo De Gálvez Chapter #1

Texas Society Sons of The American Revolution

March Meeting Minutes 2025 August 16

PRESENT: (24)

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: (11)

Robert Adams

Doylton Davis

Hugh Ferguson, Jr

Josh Labay

Pete Lenes

Austin Loper

Caleb Loper

Jonah Loper

Thomas Loper

Steve Manis

Frank Steele

Guests: (6)

Jeffery Ellis

Jason Fung-presenter

George Clark Johnson

Steven Jordan

Saranne Labay-George Washington Chapter DAR

Cora Wright-George Washington Chapter DAR

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, in the pledges to the Flag of the United States, Texas and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

PROGRAM: Jason Fung gave the audience a history of those soldiers who were called “Buffalo Soldiers”. They performed a number of services during the American push west beyond the Mississippi. Their participation began after the declaration of the “Monroe Doctrine”. The corps were mixed race, but primarily black. The term “Buffalo Soldier” held on because of their “strangeness”. It worked! Jason gave us the histories of several outstanding “Buffalo Soldiers”, most graduates of West Point. President Loper presented Jason with a Certificate of Appreciation.

AWARDS: Color Guard Hewlett indicated that Color Guard member Billy Mayo was to receive the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal. Then President Loper gave Josh Labay his five year award for participation in the SAR.

BUSINESS: No objection was made to a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting as posted on the web site. President Loper presented reports of the Treasurer and Registrar. David Zwahr continues to have 31 applications 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:

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, location TBD. This is a Color Guard Event beginning at noon.

18 October Chapter Meeting

11 October is the 250th 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

13 December the Color Guard will attend the Wreath Ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery

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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