



BERNARDO DE GALVEZ CHAPTER Third Quarter Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year to date has been a busy and productive year for our Chapter and Color Guard. We have enjoyed several excellent presentations from guest speakers and have been honored to serve as Color Guard at numerous events. And there is more to come – Honor Flight on October 11, Texas Board of Managers Meeting on October 17-19, Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, Installation of New Officers and Dickens on the Strand Parade on December 6, and Wreaths Across America on December 13.

We still have several open slots for officers and Committee persons, including 3rd Vice President, Programs Committee, History Committee and Registrar support. Please consider volunteering to spend a few hours on a committee to help.

Your attendance at our monthly meetings is also important to show support of our mission, welcome new prospects, and recognize those receiving awards – First Responders, Youths, etc.

We should all be proud of our Chapter heritage and work hard to continue to serve our communities, educate our youth about the founding principles of our country, and honor our patriot ancestors.

The Mission of the SAR

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

President: John R. Loper

1st Vice-President: Guy Taylor, Jr.

2nd Vice- President: Matthew D. Hewitt

Secretary: Clark Wright

Treasurer: Robert M. Cassat, Sr.

Registrar: David Zwahr

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CHAPTER MEETING PRESENTATIONS



At the July meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Ms. Maria Baños Jordan, founder of the Texas Familias Council, was the guest speaker and discussed the history and purpose of the council. She also discussed plans for a celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the significant role that Bernardo de Galvez played in the American Revolution. She extended an invitation for the chapter to participate in this celebration in 2026, which was accepted by the chapter. Her program was very well received by all present, and she was presented with a Certification of Appreciation by Chapter President John Loper.

At the August meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Jason Fung, archivist of Collections and Exhibitions of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, was the guest speaker and discussed the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and the mission of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum. His program was well received by all present, and he was presented with a Certification of Appreciation by Chapter President John Loper. Chapter President Loper also presented a SAR Flag Certificate to the museum for its daily flying of the U.S. national flag.



AWARDS



At the August meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, President John Loper presented Compatriot Joshua Labay his 5-Year Certificate and Pin for his service to the chapter and SAR.

COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES



At the July meeting, Chapter Color Guard Commander Matthew Hewitt presented Chapter President John Loper with the Bernardo de Galvez Bronze Color Guard Medal and the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal for his service at many chapter, state and national events.

At the July meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Chapter Color Guard Commander Matthew Hewitt present Color Guard member Billy Mayo with the Bernardo de Galvez Silver Color Guard Medal and the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal for his service at chapter, state and national events.



The Chapter Color Guard posted colors at the annual joint SAR/DAR Constitution Meeting at the Menard Hall in Galveston. For the past several years, the Chapter Color Guard has posted colors at the George Washington Chapter (DAR) meeting celebrating constitution week. Since all chapter members have been invited to this event, it has replaced the normal monthly chapter meeting.

CHAPTER GROUP PHOTOS



JULY CHAPTER MEETING

Seated From Left to Right: Clark Wright, Pete Lenés, John Loper and Hugh Ferguson. Standing From Left to Right: Robert Adams, Robert Cassat, Caleb Loper, Albert Gonzales, Austin Loper, Billy Mayo, Guy Taylor, Maria Jordan, William (Rick) Sullivan, Devry Goss, Robert Hanegan, Alexandra Casillas, Diane Hanegan, ???, ??? and Jon Zwahr.



AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING

Seated From Left to Right: Billy Mayo, David Zwahr, Pete Lenés, Louis Garza & Clark Wright. Standing From Left to Right: Jason Fung, Caleb Loper, John Loper, Jon Zwahr, Thomas Loper, Guy Taylor Jr., Austin Loper, Hugh Ferguson Jr., Mrs. Labay, Joshua Labay, Robert Cassat Sr., Doylton Davis, Aries Hewitt, Matthew Hewitt, guest, Cora Wright, guest and guest.



SEPTEMBER SAR/DAR CONSTITUTION WEEK MEETING
Standing From Left to Right: David Zwahr, Billy Mayo, Hugh Ferguson, John Loper, Joshua Labay and Robert Hanegan. Not Pictured: Jon Zwahr (photographer) and Harry Elemendorf.

2025 CHAPTER CALENDAR

- 17 Oct - Family History Day @ Friendswood Library
- 18 Oct - Chapter Meeting at Kelley's in La Marque
- 18 Oct - TXSAR BOM @ Sugarland, TX.
- 19 Oct - 1782 Victory at Yorktown, VA.
- 10 Nov - Friendswood Senior Citizen Veterans Day Program
- 11 Nov - Veterans Day
- 15 Nov - Chapter Meeting at Kelley's in La Marque & Election of Officers for 2026.
- 06 Dec - Chapter Meeting at Kelley's in La Marque & Installation of Officers
- 06 Dec - Dickens on the Strand
- 13 Dec - Wreaths Across America



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