



Bernardo De Gálvez Chapter #1

Texas Society Sons of The American Revolution

Meeting Minutes 2026 July18

PRESENT: (17)

OFFICERS: (5)

John Loper, President

Guy Taylor, 1st Vice-President

Matt Hewitt, 2nd Vice-President/Color Guard Commander

Clark Wright, Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster

David Zwahr, Registrar

MEMBERS: (5)

Robert Adams

Louis Garza

Robert Hanegan

Billy Mayo

Jon Zwahr

JUNIOR MEMBERS(1):

Aries Hewitt

GUESTS (6):

Paul Labelle

Pete Labelle

Joe Wearmouth, Speaker

Nakia Welch

Aidan Welch

LUNCH: in progress

CALL TO ORDER: President Loper called the meeting to order promptly at noon.

INVOCATION: President Loper led us in the Invocation.

PLEDGES: President Loper led us in the three pledges: Flag of the United States, Texas and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

INSTALLATION: We had no new members or officers to install at this meeting.

AWARDS: Robert Hanegan received his Bronze Bernardo De Gálvez award.

REPORTS: The Chapter has \$5,747.15 with \$2333 reserved for ROTC Awards in the Home Town Bank. A Separate account reserved for the Statue project has \$1721.47. We have 50 Active Members, 1 Emeritus Member, 10 New Active Members, 3 Reinstated, 10 Junior Members, 1 Transferred, 1 Dual and 1 Deceased. The chapter also has 12 members who have not paid their dues for 2026 yet. Compatriot David Zwahr reported that 13 membership application have been approved, while he had 34 in process, ANY HELP? Clark Wright also reported that the website remains up to date.

OLD BUSINESS: President Loper reminded us that we need to improve meeting attendance and secure volunteers for the Registrar's Committee and Color Guard. Even though we have only three members we will attend to annual Memorial day Ceremony at Bay Area Veteran's Park in Seabrook. President Loper will play taps for this ceremony. No objection was made to a motion to accept the minutes as posted on the web site. We need to continue to improve our meeting attendance and secure volunteers for various committees, especially our Registrar's Committee, Program Committee, Awards Committee and our Color Guard!

NEW BUSINESS: Compatriot Hanegan is preparing materials and for our New Member Mentoring Program. For August we expect to have Dick Gray discuss "Freemasonry in the American and Texas Revolutions". Please let any officer know about possible programs! The chapter officers have decide that we do not have the resources to support the "Liberty Tree Program" .

PROGRAM: Joe Wearmouth began his program by talking briefly about his novel "Rising Suns" about some Patriots of the American Revolution in Massachusetts. He then said that he would not talk about that beginning with a quotation claiming to be about George Washington, but was really about Benedict Arnold. Then we heard about the Battle of Fort Griswold which is on the east bank of the Thames River north of New London. Which is on the west bank of the river. Joe being a forensic expert, lawyer currently living in El Paso then took us through evidence of how stories are fabricated when passed from courier to officer in which the Revolutionary defender of Fort Griswold was actually not run through with his own sword.

CALENDAR:

August 15 – Chapter Meeting at Kelley's

September – Chapter Meeting with the George Washington Chapter DAR in Galveston

October 17 – Chapter Meeting at Kelley's: nominate 2027 officers

November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony at the Seabrook Memorial Park – Color Guard to assemble at 10:00 a.m.

November 15 – Chapter Meeting at Kelley's: elect 2027 officers

For information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Gálvez Web Page (www.bdgsar.org) or Facebook Group (Bernado 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 Loper and recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL: The meeting was adjourned after 1 p.m. CST and a Group Photo followed adjournment.

Clark P Wright, Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster (Preliminary)