

Bernardo De Gálvez Chapter #1

Texas Society Sons of The American Revolution

Meeting Minutes 2026 October17
PRESENT: (12)
OFFICERS: (3)
John Loper, President
Clark Wright, Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster
David Zwahr, Registrar
MEMBERS: (8)
Robert Cassat
Doylton Davis
Louis Garza
Robert Hanegan
Pete Lenes
Daryl Lott
Billy Mayo
Jon Zwahr

LUNCH: in progress

CALL TO ORDER: President Loper called the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m.

INVOCATION: President Loper led us in the Invocation.

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

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

AWARDS: President Loper presented 3 awards.

David Zwahr received his Bronze Good Citizenship Award

Jon Zwahr received his Robert Sherman Medal

Robert Hanegan received his Robert Sherman Medal

REPORTS: The Chapter has $5960.67 with $2333 reserved for ROTC Awards in the Home Town Bank. A Separate account reserved for the Statue project has $1755.05. We have 50 Active Members, 1 Emeritus Member, 10 New Active Members, 3 Reinstated, 10 Junior Members, 1 Transferred in, 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. David said that he appreciated the empty print cartridges, he goes through 3 or 4 a month. He encouraged all of us to use the resources available for genealogical research. He mentioned the Latter Day Saints (LDS) libraries, DNA analysis and the LDS Family History center. DNA is a good tool, but does not help with adoptions and changes in names. He also spoke of the Patriot Research System (PRS). Clark Wright also reported that the website remains up to date.

BUSINESS: The members present participated in a discussion of officers to be votes on in November. Billy Mayo agreed to continue the head up the ROTC Scholarship effort with Daryl Lott for support. We then discussed the need for uniforms for our Color Guard and the need for volunteers to participate in the Color Guard Events. Robert Hanegan will continue to lead or Youth Programs and will also assist with Program Activity. We need at a minimum of 5 or 6 programs each year. We then discussed by-laws and the need for a Parliamentarian and agreed to take on this task. We also agreed that the By-Laws need to be reviewed and probably revised to keep up with technology. Robert Hanegan reminded the membership of the "Honor Flight" that would be returning home from Washington this evening at the Delta gate, Hobby Airport. This appears to be a late flight, but several members will attend this important function. (See the photographs in the gallery page of the web-site). Robert indicates that honorees are flown to the district of Columbia and given tours of the various memorials. We then had a discussion of the fees for application from CAR to SAR.

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!

CALENDAR:

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

November 21 – Chapter Meeting at Kelley's: elect 2027 officers

December 5 – 2027 Officers Installation at Kelley's at Kelley's in La Marque followed by Dickens on the Strand Parade in Galveston

December 8 - 130th Anniversary of the founding of the Sons of America in Texas at the site of the Original Tremont Hotel

December 19 – Attend Wreaths Across America at the Lakeview Cemetery (Color Guard Event)

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)