

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1  
June 2024 Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2024**

**PRESENT: (14)**

**MEMBERS (13)**

Billy Mayo, President  
John Loper, Secretary  
Frank Steele, Color Guard Commander  
David Zwahr, Registrar  
Jon Zwahr, Photographer  
Clark Wright, Webmaster  
Guy Taylor, Jr.  
Robert Adams  
Jay Creech  
Louis Garza  
Robert Gindratt  
Albert Gonzales  
Ronald Schoolcraft

**GUESTS (1)**

Jim Nonus

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Billy Mayo called the meeting to order at 12 Noon CDT.

**INVOCATION and PLEDGES**

Secretary John Loper opened the meeting with an Invocation, followed by President Billy Mayo leading the recitation of the Pledges to the United States flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**LUNCH**

**PROGRAM**

Jim Nonus gave an excellent presentation on Jean Lafitte. The presentation was well received by all. Everyone is encouraged to learn more at the Rosenberg Library or the Galveston County Museum. There is also an active Lafitte Society in Galveston (<https://www.laffitesociety.org>).

**CHAPTER AWARDS**

Jim Nonus was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing his excellent presentation.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Secretary's Report for May 2024, as posted on the Chapter Website.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Billy Mayo reported that our checking account balance at the end of May was \$10,944.64. There is also \$1,666.67 in the JROTC Scholarship Fund. He also reminded everyone to be sure to sign up for the Kroger Community Awards Program (<http://www.Kroger.com>; Community Awards Program; ER869 – Sons of the American Revolution)

### **STATUE REPORT**

The balance at the end of May is \$5,871.47.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Registrar David Zwahr reported that we have 80 Current Active Members, including New Members. Several additional applications are in process.

### **WEBSITE REPORT**

Webmaster Clark Wright reported that our website is up to date.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

We still need better participation in our various committees and better attendance at our Monthly meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

National NSSAR has approved a Youth Video Contest starting in the upcoming year. Contestants include all Middle School and High School students, and entries may be submitted by an individual or a group. Video lengths should be 3 to 5 minutes. Prizes for the 2024-2025 school year will be \$1,500 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place and \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner will also receive a stipend of up to \$1,500 to reimburse expenses to attend the NSSAR National Congress. The Deadline for submissions at the National Level is 15 February.

The Stark Report has been updated to include Memorial Day activities.

We have received an invitation from the DAR to participate in their Constitution Day Program.

Color Guard Commander Frank Steele had a custom-built uniform made for him at a store on eBay for a very reasonable price. He brought it with him to demonstrate and will circulate an e-mail to all members with purchasing

information. Everyone is encouraged to purchase a uniform if possible and expand our membership in the Color Guard.

There are errors in the TXSSAR member listing Of e-mail addresses for Compatriots Henry Trochesset and Jon Zwahr. The Secretary was requested to make corrections (completed).

### **RECENT EVENTS**

Recent events have included serving as Color Guard at Seabrook Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day.

### **2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR**

- 04 Jul - Independence Day
- 20 Jul - Chapter Meeting - Irene Walters
- 17 Aug- Chapter Meeting - John Espinosa
- 21 Sep - Joint DAR/SAR Meeting
- 19 Oct - Chapter Meeting - Dick Grey - "Under Fire"
- 11 Nov - Veterans Day - Color Guard Event - Seabrook Memorial Park
- 16 Nov - Chapter Meeting - Elections
- 07 Dec - Chapter Meeting - Installation of Officers
- 07 Dec - Dickens on the Strand

For information and updates, please refer to the Bernardo de Galvez Web Page ([www.bdgsar.org](http://www.bdgsar.org)) or Facebook Group (Bernado de Galvez 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 Billy Mayo and recited by all Compatriots.

### **DISMISSAL**

The meeting was adjourned at 1330 hours CDT.