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Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

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November Newsletter

The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1 members and guests met at Gaido's Pelican Club in Galveston. There were fifteen members, one SAR Auxiliary Member, and three prospective SAR Auxiliary Members in attendance.

I reported our chapter now has 2,628 points for the Stark Report and 6,635 points for the President's Report. We now have an approximate total of 9,263 points since 26 March, 2009. All members were reminded to clean out their houses of unwanted books, magazines and toiletries and take them to the VA Clinic at 39th and N in Galveston. All members were reminded to email me about any activities they participated in during the month.

Our chapter presented a new member certificate to Barry Rogers. Barry was awarded the War Service Medal and Certificate for his services in Africa. Barry is the cousin of Jim Mitchell who is now a dual member of our chapter. John Mason and Russell Mason were presented their 5 Year Membership Service Awards. Billy G. Whatley, Ronald Whatley and Steven

Whatley were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and the TXSSAR Bronze Service Medals.

New business: Compatriot Jim Mitchell gave us a copy of the Proclamation of Thanksgiving written by President George Washington dated November 19, 1789. We will include this document in our chapter's minutes.

Old business: Our chapter approved the amendment to our By-Laws to bring them up to date. We had a name correction changing our name from Galveston one to Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1. We will forward the amended copy of the By-Laws to the State Secretary and the Archives.

Presentation: Chaplain, Lt. CMDR Bryan Crittendon of the U.S. Navy gave us a great presentation on the Chaplains of the Revolutionary War. Lt. CMDR Crittendon was a Marine Corps helicopter pilot who transferred to the NAVY as a Chaplain. He is assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard. Since becoming a member, Lt. CMDR Crittendon gave a presentation at the Sea Wolf Park on Veterans Day and will give another presentation on the USS Battleship Texas on December fifth.

December Chapter meeting: Our TXSSAR President, Judge Tom Lawrence, will be in attendance with his wife. This meeting will be a joint meeting with the DAR!

John P. "Pete" Lenes

President

