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Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

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October Newsletter

The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1 met at Gaido's Pelican Club in Galveston. There were eleven members, one SAR Auxiliary Member, two prospective members, two members of the Commemorative Air Force, the Flag Man of Santa Fe with his wife and one wife of a compatriot.

I reported our chapter now has 2,388 points for the Stark Report and 6,351 points for the President's Report. We now have a total of 8,739 points since 26 April, 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 new member certificates to Lt. Commander Bryan Crittendon and his son Carl Crittendon. Lt. Commander Bryan Crittendon was awarded the War Service Medal and Certificate for his service in the Mid East. Compatriot George Dersheimer, retired USAF, was awarded the TXSSAR Bronze Service Medal and Certificate of Appreciation for his

outstanding contributions to our chapter. Andrew Driver, retired USN, was awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal with Certificate and a Flag Certificate. Andrew has been recognized by his subdivision, city, county, state, local congressman and the SAR for his efforts in raising flags throughout his subdivision to honor our nation's warriors in our armed forces daily instead of just on holidays. Andrew's citation is attached!

Old business: We have found a copy of our missing By-Laws. Thanks to Compatriot Clark Wright. We will address the amendment to the By-Laws at the November meeting. There were no committee reports.

Presentations: Col. Don Outler and Col. Van Skiles of the Commemorative Air Force gave a presentation on their organization and the B-17 Flying Fortress. It was a great presentation and we had guests come from the DAR meeting to listen to their presentation. Col. Van Skiles gave a great presentation on how he flew and touched down the B-17 on one tire. Col. Van Skiles also mentioned they can no longer perform this maneuver because of the high cost of insurance. We presented both of them Certificates of Appreciation.

November Presentation: Lt Commander Bryan Crittendon will present Chaplains of the Revolutionary War.

John P. "Pete" Lenes

President

