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## April News letter

### Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

Compatriots! We had another great meeting! We had 10 chapter members, 1 dual member, 1 SAR Auxiliary member, 3 prospective members, and 1 speaker. We now have 12 prospective members working on their applications.

Police Chief Charles Wiley of the City of Galveston was our main speaker. Chief Wiley told us about the police operations for the City of Galveston! What a great speaker. Many questions were asked by our chapter members.

George Williamson was presented his 15 Year Membership Pin and Certificate. George said he would wear his pin proudly! Linda McBee of the George Washington Chapter of the DAR was presented a Bronze Good Citizenship medal. Vice Regent Mary Louise Gulley of the George Washington Chapter of the DAR was presented the SAR Appreciation Medal and Certificate. Police Chief Charles Wiley was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. He also received Certificates of Appreciation for his presentation and military service during the Vietnam War.

We voted on and approved a new commemorative pin for our chapter. They shall be ready in the very near future!

David Cate, Vaughn Kennon, Kenneth Vaughn's grandson, and Paul Noble are our prospective members this month.

Our next chapter meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. We hope to have another exciting presentation for our meeting! Remember to participate in our chapter's Memorial Day Celebration at Moody Gardens. All are welcome to attend. Our Color Guard will be in attendance! Start thinking about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Parade in Galveston. We hope to make this parade another exciting parade to participate in whether you ride in a wagon or march in the parade with the Color Guard!

The Patriot of Past President and our current Treasurer Gordon Robinson: Private Alexander McMillan.

Alexander McMillan was born August 12, 1749 in County Derry, Ireland. His wife, Margaret, was born April 2, 1762 in Augusta County, Virginia. They wed in 1778. Private McMillan served with the rebels at Quebec and in the Battle of King's Mountain, North Carolina. The King's Mountain engagement involved seven militia units commanded by Patriot Whigs. A Militia of Loyalist Colonials was commanded by British Major Patrick Ferguson. The "Over the Mountain" patriot forces won the day, capturing 598 Loyalists, nine of whom were hanged for treason. He also saw action in Massachusetts and Virginia. Alexander McMillan died April 12, 1836 in Knox County, Tennessee.

John P. "Pete" Lenes

President

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