

December News Letter Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

Compatriots, we had another great meeting! There were a total of 27 people in attendance. We had 9 chapter members, 2 SAR Auxiliary members, 1 Boy Scout, 10 guests, 1 prospective member and 5 members of the George Washington Chapter of the DAR. We celebrated the 115th anniversary of the DAR and the 114th anniversary of the SAR. Next December, we will rededicate our SAR marker in Galveston.

We had a joint meeting with the DAR. TXSSAR President Jim Jones gave the presentation. Mary Louise Gulley introduced Bob Jones of the Exxon Mobil Corporation. He is the editor of the Lamp which is their outstanding magazine for stock holders and employees.

We now have 1,937 Stark Report points and 8,210 President Report points.

Ron Whatley talked about the Dickens on the Strand Parade. We had 12 chapter members, 3 Auxiliary members, 1 prospective member, 1 DAR member and 21 guests in attendance.

We proudly presented Boy Scout Chase Bossert the Heroism Medal and Certificate at our chapter meeting. Chase saved the life of a fellow student at Ball High School in Galveston at lunch time when he performed the Heimlich maneuver after he noticed the student was choking and turning blue. He was cited for his bravery and quick thinking.

We now have 3 Galvez Expedition 1779 SAR pins left to sell!

The Patriot of Jim Cantrell – William Cage

William Cage was born in Virginia in 1745. He removed to Chatham County, North Carolina, and served for a time as a major in the Continental Army. His chief service was against the Tories for a short time. At the conclusion of the fight for independence, he removed to Sullivan County, North Carolina. He was a delegate to the House of Commons North Carolina Legislature in 1783, and was returned the succeeding session.

He voted against the first Session Act, but became one of the moving spirits in organizing the New State of Franklin. He was elected Speaker of the House of Commons and was the first treasurer for the State of North Carolina. In 1785, he removed to Sumner County, North Carolina. When the territory south of the River Ohio was organized, he was appointed sheriff of the county by Governor Blount in 1790 and held that post until 1796. He was succeeded by his son, James Cage. William Cage died at home in Cage's Bend (of the Cumberland River), Gallatin, Tennessee. His tombstone bears the inscription: William Cage, a Major in the Revolutionary War. Died March 12, 1811

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Prospective members: Remember to bring prospective members to our chapter meetings! We need to build up our membership during 2011!

Pictures of our chapter meeting and the Dickens on the Strand Parade will be sent to you soon!