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## February News letter

### Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

Compatriots,

We had another great meeting! We had 14 members, 5 SAR Auxiliary members, 1 prospective member, 1 wife and 1 Oration Contest participant. George Williamson, a long time member, has started coming to meetings again. Paul Noble, the prospective member, has General Pickens as his Patriot.

The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1 held its first Oration Contest. Jenny Le presented her speech about the Revolutionary War. Jenny will represent us at the TXSSAR meeting in March! Mathew Mandoza won our Chapter Essay Contest. Mathew did not make the next of level of competition!

The first Color Guard members of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1 were presented Certificates of Appreciation. John Gulley, Ronald Mason, Chairman Steve Whatley, George Dersheimer, Asa Whatley and Tyler Whatley received their certificates. Doug McBee and John Mason will receive their certificates at the next chapter meeting.

Byron Smith, Guido's Pelican Club, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for the outstanding service Gaido's has given our chapter during the past year.

Past TXSSAR President, David Peterson, was presented the War Service Medal for his WW 2 service. Compatriot Tom Harmon was presented the Military Service Medal. George Dersheimer was presented his 5 year Membership Service Award.

Chairman of the Color Guard Steve Whatley, President Pete Lenes, Secretary Bill Whatley and Dual Member Jim Mitchell participated in the Kingwood Mardi Gras Parade on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. Three other chapters participated in this great parade.

Our next chapter meeting will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March! The new officers for 2010 will be installed by Past TXSSAR President David Peterson.

The cost of the lunch at our chapter meetings has increased to \$17 per person. This will go in effect at our next chapter meeting in March. The increase was voted on and approved by the chapter members in attendance at the February meeting.

Patriot of chapter member Edward De La Houssaye.

Chevalier Louis De La Houssaye was born in Point Coupee, Louisiana on October 12<sup>th</sup> 1759. He was a Captain of Infantry, Royal Legion, Mixed Militia of the Mississippi; Commanding General Bernardo de Galvez. Captain De La Houssaye is on the roll with those men who composed the four companies of militia and grenadiers for New Orleans and its districts. General Galvez and his militia of 600 men left New Orleans on August 27, 1779 and began his conquest of the Gulf Coast. This included the capture of Fort Bute on Bayou Manchac and Baton Rouge. Pensacola fell on May 9, 1781. These victories relieved pressure on General Washington's forces and opened supply lines from Spain, France, Cuba and Mexico. The exploits of the Mississippi Militia greatly helped the cause of the American Revolution. Captain Louis De La Houssaye died in the early 1800's.

John P. "Pete" Lenes

President

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