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## Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

### January News Letter

Compatriots,

What a great chapter meeting we had on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. There were 13 chapter members, 1 compatriot from the Freedom Chapter, 1 prospective member, 1 SAR Auxiliary member and 3 wives at the meeting. We started the meeting off with the election of officers for the year of 2010/11. I am going to be the President of our chapter for a second year! I shall try very hard to keep the chapter moving in a more viable and visible manner! Bryan Crittendon will be our Vice President, Bill Whatley will be our Secretary, Gordon Robinson will be our Treasurer, John Gulley our Registrar and George Dersheimer is our Past President.

The Standing Committees for our chapter for the year will be as follow: R.O.T.C./Eagle Scout Awards - Chairman Doug McBee and Co-Chairman James Mitchell. Flag Certificates – North – Marty Nottbohm, South – George Dersheimer. Achievement

Awards - Ron Whatley (Essay, Oration, Poster Awards and History Teacher Candidates). Public Service Awards: North – Pete Lenes, South – Jim Cantrell. Patriotic and Public Events: Mardi Gras Parade- Ron Whatley. Memorial Day/Moody Gardens - Steve Whatley and George Dersheimer. Flag Day Presentation - George Dersheimer. Fourth of July Parade - Ron Whatley and George Dersheimer. Veteran's Day at Sea Wolf Park - Bryan Crittendon. Constitution Day - Doug McBee and John Gulley. We should be well represented at many activities during the year by our newly formed Color Guard with Steve Whatley as our Chairman! Your help and assistance will be appreciated!

Fred Hill of the Freedom Chapter gave us a well prepared presentation on Black Powder/ Small Arms. The members of our chapter enjoyed the presentation and had many questions for Fred! Fred was presented the Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

The Patriot of Jim Cantrell: William Cage was born in Virginia 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 under Colonel David Fanning. He was taken prisoner by 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. 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.

John P. "Pete" Lenes

President

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