



# The Galveston Gazette

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## March News letter

### Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

Compatriots!

We had another great meeting! We had 11 chapter members, 1 SAR Auxiliary member, 1 wife, 2 prospective members, 1 speaker, and our Essay and Poster contest winners.

Mathew Mendoza received his Chapter Essay Medal, Certificate and a check for \$300. Matt Nance received his Chapter Poster Certificates and a check for \$200. Our Oration winner, Jenny Le, will be competing at the TXSSAR State Meeting on the 27th March in Houston.

Chief Peter Davis of the Galveston Beach Patrol was our main speaker and told us about the operations of the Beach Patrol!

John Mason, a member of the first Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1 Color Guard, received his Certificate of Appreciation and Color Guard Pin.

Past TXSSAR President, David Peterson, installed the new officers for the 2010/2011 year. Pete Lenes was installed as President, Bryan Crittendon Vice President, Bill Whatley Secretary and Gordon Robinson as our Treasurer. John Gulley will remain as our registrar.

Eric Eubanks and Carey Rutledge are our prospective members this month. This makes 5 prospective members in three months.

Our next chapter meeting will be held on the 17th of April. We hope to have another exciting presentation for our meeting!

The Patriot of Past President George Dersheimer: Private First Class Manuel Dersheimer.

Private First Class Manuel Dersheimer was born in 1755. He volunteered in the adventure of the American Revolution, joining the Pennsylvania Unit known as the Flying Camp. PFC Manuel Dersheimer was enrolled in Captain Heller's Third Company, 2nd Battalion, Northampton County Militia. The 2nd Battalion saw action in the first two organized battles of the war against England; Long Island and Fort Washington. He was captured at Fort Washington and held prisoner on a prison ship in New York

Harbor. He escaped with the help of other Patriots and returned to Pennsylvania. Manuel rejoined Heller's Company and fought in the Indian Wars with General Anthony (Mad Dog) Wayne, helping to secure the Northern Frontier in the Ohio Territory. Manuel Dersheimer died in 1796.

John P. "Pete" Lenes

President

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