



# The Galveston Gazette

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## May News Letter and Minutes

### Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

Compatriots! We had another great meeting! We had 10 chapter members, 1 dual member, 2 SAR Auxiliary members, 2 prospective members, 1 speaker, 1 Public Service Medal winner and 4 guests.

Jimmy Fullen, Constable Precinct 4 of Galveston County was our main speaker. He spoke briefly on his duties as a Constable.

Doug McBee was presented his Color Guard Certificate for being one of the first members of our Chapter's Color Guard. Jimmy Fullen, Constable Precinct 4 was presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. He also received a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation. Constable Tiffany Lynn Atkins was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate. Jenny Le, our Chapter's first Oration winner, was presented the Outstanding Citizenship Pin and Certificate. Jenny also received her Oration Certificate for her fourth place finish at the TXSSAR State Meeting.

I have received the Galvez Expedition 1779 SAR pins with crossed flags (Betsy Ross and Spanish Empire). The pin is made of antique brass with a soft enamel and a screw backing instead of a clutch. The pins will be sold at an introductory price of \$7.00 each. We will decide at the June Chapter Meeting what the price will be for bulk sales. The colors on the pins are great and nice to look at. I believe we have a real winner with these pins

Our next chapter meeting will be held on the 19th of June. We have MSgt. Gina Decurtif as our next speaker. She is called the "Flag Lady", and she will have an 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! Continue to think about attending the 4th 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 Marvin L. Nottbohm: Captain Michael Holderbaum

The Holderbaum Family: Johan Peter Holderbaum, his wife Elizabeth and three children arrived in Philadelphia from Oberlanich, Germany on September 9, 1751 aboard the ship Patience. The children were Anna Maria, Michael and Elizabeth. Another daughter, Mary Catherine, was born in Langcaster, Pennsylvania.

Michael Holderbaum was born in Oberkleinich, Rhineland, Prussia in 1740. He married Juliana Ulrich in Saint James Church, Langcaster, Pennsylvania in 1762. They lived in Lebanon Township where they raised nine children between 1762 and 1780. The Children were (not in order) Polly, Jane, Catherine, Julianna, Peter, Adam, John, Michael and Martin. The Family relocated to "Dutch Corner" in Bedford County, Pennsylvania prior to the 1790 census.

Through all eight years of the American Revolution, Captain Michael Holderbaum served in the Langcaster Home Guard. He fought at Germantown, Chestnut Hill and Brandywine. He was active in scouting while the Continental Congress was meeting in Langcaster, Pennsylvania. He also served with General Washington's Army at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Captain Michael Holderbaum died May 5, 1805 and is interred at Mattas Farm Graveyard, Bedford, Pennsylvania.

John P. "Pete" Lenes

President

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