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February 19, 2011 News Letter

Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

Compatriots, we had another exciting meeting! There were a total of 29 people in attendance. We had 15 chapter members, 2 SAR Auxiliary members, 2 prospective members, 1 WW II veteran presenter, 2 Eagle Scouts, 1 Texas City Policeman and 6 guests present at the meeting.

Our chapter now has 975 points on the President's Report and 145 Stark Report points which equates to 1 point on the President's report.

The Bernardo de Galvez has a new member! Compatriot Aaron Mason received his NSSAR Certificate of Membership, approved application, Rosette Pin and assorted papers at our meeting. Aaron is the son of Compatriot Russell Mason, grandson of Compatriot Ronald Mason and nephew of Compatriot John Mason who was in attendance at the chapter meeting. We now have 4 applications submitted to NSSAR for approval, and we will submit prospective member Paul Noble's application in a few days.

We presented Chase Krumholz the Eagle Scout Medal and Eagle Scout Patch at the meeting. Chase was the first Eagle Scout to receive the medal from our chapter. Taylor Krumholz received the Eagle Scout Patch.

Cpl. Neal Mora, of the Texas City Police Department, received the Heroism Medal and Certificate for his life saving efforts on the Guadalupe River near New Braunfels, Texas.

Ralph Barkin, a WWII veteran, read an original letter written before the landing on Iwo Jima in 1945. Ralph participated in the initial landing during the battle, and he also participated in the landings at Kwajalein, Saipan, and the Tinian Islands. After WWII he was called up for active duty during the Korean War. The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1 proudly presented Ralph with a Certificate of Appreciation.

All of the Galvez Expedition 1779 SAR pins have been sold!

We need to have participation from our members in assisting our compatriots who have agreed to participate in our standing committees. We need help in the ROTC/EAGLE Scout program, Flag Certificates in the north part of Galveston County, to help Ron Whatley in the Essay, Oration, and Poster Contest. Ron needs assistance in the Mardi gras and Dicken's on the Strand Parades, George Dersheimer needs assistance with the Flag Day presentation, and two people to help out with the Constitution Day activities. Please let Ron Whatley or myself if you are available to help our chapter become a more visible and viable chapter.

The Patriot of Bill Love – Lieutenant Allen Chapman

Allen Chapman was born on June 10, 1760 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. Lieutenant Chapman served in the Continental Army as a trouper in the Virginia line. His first wife was Rachel Powe. Allen and his second wife, Eleanor DeWitt, emigrated after the War for Independence from Virginia to Cheraws, South Carolina. Lieutenant Allen Chapman died March 2, 1823.

John P. "Pete" Lenes

President

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

The annual dues should be paid as soon as possible. Help keep our chapter strong and moving forward!