

personally and the chapter. It was both a wonderful learning experience as well as a challenge to be you chapter president in 2015.



We accomplished much in just a short amount of time. The year has gone by so quickly and we definitely put on chapter/state/national brand out there. A tremendous amount of time and effort was made in being the 2015 Texas SAR Board of Managers host chapter. I want to thank each and every one of y'all again for the hard work and effort each of y'all gave to show our Texas SAR Society what a wonderful chapter we have her in Galveston. We accomplished this with both new and very experienced chapter members of SAR. Each of y'all should be proud of the work you have accomplished this year in being an active member of one



I look forward to again being your chapter president in 2016. With your help, guidance and prayers, I believe we can surpass all expectations and goals for this New Year.

Please help me in my effort in making our Bernardo de Galvez Chapter the shining example for all Texas SAR Chapters.

Larry D. Tidwell

OUR ANCESTORS

JOHN LOPER AND LOPER FAMILY  
ANCESTOR

MICHAEL LOPER III

I am a direct descendant of Michael Loper III, born on September 5, 1741, in New Hanover County, North Carolina to Bridgett Loper, age 25, and Michael Loper II, age 35. Michael Loper II and his family had previously emigrated from Kent County, Delaware to Hanover County, North Carolina. Michael Loper III married Dorothy Dolly Messick in 1764 in Colleton County, South Carolina, and they had nine children during their marriage. Michael Loper III resided in Charleston District, South Carolina during the Revolutionary War and served as a Private in Captain Wickley's Company of the 4th South Carolina Regiment (Artillery). He died in 1794 in St. Bartholomew's Parish, Charleston, South Carolina.

Michael Loper III's son Joseph Messick Loper, my g-g-g-grandfather was born on March 15, 1785, in New Hanover County, North Carolina and died and was buried in 1865 in Spring Hill Cemetery in Washington County, Alabama.

**The truth is that all men having power ought to be mistrusted.**

**- James Madison**



My great-great grandfather was Richard Loper, son of Joseph Messick Loper. The 1850 census for Washington County, Alabama shows

he was 22 as of September 24, 1850 and still single living at home with his father Joseph Loper. In March of 1859 he was issued a land grant in St. Stephens, Alabama. The Alabama Marriage Collection indicates he married Jail W. Warrick on July 15, 1856. Jail Warrick was the first Warrick girl to marry a Loper boy in Joseph and Sarah Loper's family. Three Warrick sisters married three Loper Boys. The Warricks came from Pike County, Alabama. They were all the daughters of James Madison Warrick Sr. who was a minister, a saddle maker, and a physician on a laymen's terms, being helpful to his fellow man. He had 22 children and lived at Healing Springs where he had a land grant. He raised 6 children (3 girls who married Loper boys) by Sarah

**Farrior, and then married again after Sarah died. Sarah's grandfather, John Farrior served as a Lieutenant in the Wilmington District of North Carolina during the Revolutionary War and is a recognized patriot by the DAR (Ferrier; Ancestor #: A039400). James Madison Warrick, Sr.'s grandfather, Wyatt Warrick, is also believed to have served during the Revolutionary War as a private in the Captain Doherty's Company of the 10th Regiment of North Carolina (based on pension records for his wife).**



**Following the death of her second husband, Calvin David Causey in the Civil War, Jane (Jail) Warrick (Loper) married another Civil War veteran, William Nash Worsham, and subsequently followed family moving to Van Zandt County, Texas with her son William Joseph Loper, my great-grandfather, and his brother Andrew Jackson Loper. My grandfather, Joe William Loper, Sr. was born in Henderson County, Texas and later married in Clifton, Texas the daughter, Gertrude Clyde Inez Johnson, of a Norwegian**

immigrant who was a Confederate veteran. My grandparents and father, Joe William Loper, Jr., operated a grocery store and fashion store in Port Arthur, Texas for many years prior to my father moving with his family to San Antonio, Texas where I was raised. My mother's side of the family (Lohmanns and Vaughns,) operated laundry establishments in Port Arthur, Texas and had relatives who fought on both sides of the Civil War and in the War of 1812. Her earlier relatives (Cockerhams, Estes, and Stones) also provided services during the Revolutionary War and are known patriots. My brothers, Joe William Loper IV and George Edward Loper, sons, Jarrod Wesley Loper and Thomas Benjamin Loper, and grandsons, Austin Travis Loper, Caleb Houston Loper and Jonah Calvin Loper are also members of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the TX SAR.

**DUES ARE PAST DUE NOW!**

### SECRETARIE'S SCRIBBLES

It seems like no time has passed

since our last Newsletter in October.

We have had a great time the last three months. Three Chapter meetings were held. The one in October was highlighted by Bill Adriance's report on his trip to Washington D.C with the Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez. In November we had a ton of people to thank for their participation in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and the Board of Managers Meeting. Then in December's meeting we had our Officer Induction ceremony and the Dicken's on the Strand Parade It has been a busy three months.



Now a new year is here. 2016 will hopefully be as exciting as 2015 was. We don't have a BOM here in Galveston this year so we can concentrate on two things. One is the Bernardo de Galvez Statue project. Bill Adriance did a fantastic job in 2015 with this project.





Secondly, in 2016 we need to concentrate on getting new members. We also need to get existing members to attend and be a part of our Chapter activities. We had 10 new members join the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter in 2015 hopefully, we can have even more in 2016. Thanks to Pete Lenes for his hard work as Registrar in getting these new members approved in 2015.

Also, please take an active part in our organization we need committee chairs and committee members for the following committees:

**C.A.R Committee**

**Achievement Awards Committee**

**Veterans Committee**

**Statue Committee**

**ROTC/Boy Scout Awards**

**Color Guard**

**Student Oration, Picture/History**

**Memorial Day/Veterans Day**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

**2017 National Congress Helpers**

**And more. Let me know if you will help**



**STATUE REPORT:**

Bill Adriance, Chairman Statue committee in 2015, has concentrated its efforts on grant writing, and with some success. We have received approval for \$15,000 from the Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund, as long as we raise the other \$685,000. We have also been encouraged by the Strake Foundation. Additional grant deadlines are coming up this Spring, we are just getting started.

With the help of the Granaderos y Damas de Galvez, we have placed an exhibit at the Galvez Hotel in the hallway between the Spanish and the primary meeting room, The Music Room.



We have created a tri-fold brochure aimed at corporate sponsorship. The Consul General of Spain, Enric Panes, has volunteered to distribute these to Spanish owned enterprises in Houston. The Spanish Ambassador, in Washington DC has also express an interest in assisting us.

PATRIOTISM EDUCATION HISTORY

# ANNOUNCEMENT

Jan. 23 - Chapter Meeting @ Fish Tales

Feb. 15 - Washington's Birthday

February 20 – Chapter Meeting @Fish Tales

February 20<sup>th</sup> – Washington Parade in Laredo, Texas

March 19- Chapter Meeting @ Fish Tales

March 31 – April 3 Texas SAR State

Convention, Plano, Texas

April 16 Chapter Meeting @ Fish Tales



**Texas SAR President Larry Stevens and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Barbara Stevens at December Meeting with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Pete Lenes.**



## **A LOOK BACK**

### **JANUARY**



**Past President Bill Whatley receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his work in 2014 from**



**Incoming President Larry Tidwell and Registrar  
Pete Lenos**

**FEBRUARY**

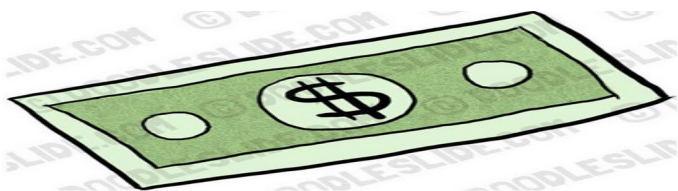


**John Loper receives his Membership Certificate  
from Vice President Gene Shaner and Registrar  
Pete Lenos**

**MARCH**



**Chapter Oration winner Maria Henriquez poses  
with Galvez compatriots at the state convention.**



**MARCH Continued**



**New meeting place: Fish Tales Restaurant**

**APRIL**



**Chapter Heroism Award was presented to  
Galveston Police Officer Jo Villarreal**

**MAY**



**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 leads the  
Seabrook Memorial Day Parade**

**JUNE**





**BERNARDO de GALVEZ CHAPTER #1  
DELEGATES JOHN HAMLIN, LARRY TIDWELL,  
AND JAMES MITCHELL — in [Louisville, Kentucky](#)**

**JULY**



**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter shirts, hats and  
Challenge Coins become available**

**AUGUST**



**Members present at August 15th meeting**

**SEPTEMBER**



**Presentation to Mary Louise Gulley by  
President Larry D. Tidwell and Past  
President Pete Lenos**

**OCTOBER**



Bernardo de Galvez members at B.O.M.  
Registration table on Friday — with [John P. Lenos](#),  
[Larry D. Tidwell](#), [John Hamlin](#), [Bill Whatley](#) and  
[Gene Shaner](#) at Galveston Hilton Hotel and Resort

**NOVEMBER**



**Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to  
members for their help during the recent Texas**



Board of Mangers meeting. — with [David Peterson](#), [George Dersheimer](#), [John P. Lenes](#) and [John Hamlin](#) at Fish Tales Galveston



DECEMBER



The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 Color Guard with members of the Texas SAR Color Guard prepare to march in the Dickens on the Strand Parade. — with [Bill Whatley](#), [Joe Machol](#), [Larry Stevens](#), [Tom Jackson](#) and [Gene Shaner](#).

## **DUES ARE PAST DUE NOW!**

COMPATRIOTS Dues are past due now for 2016 National and Chapter dues. To pay dues either go to the Texas SAR public site at <http://txsar.org> go too far right top under Events drop down to Online Dues Payment. Dues this year are \$82 with the \$5 increase from NSSAR. This is still a great price. If you cannot get on the website or do not have access then give a check to Pete Lenes our

Registrar and he will see that you are registered for 2016.

Send payment to: **Pete Lenes, 4401 Ableside Dr., League City, Tx. 77573**

## **Recruitment Corner**

*Why should I become a member?* Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution honors and preserves the legacy of your Patriot ancestor. Two hundred and forty years ago, American Patriots fought and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. As a member of SAR, through participation in the Society's various programs and activities, you can continue this legacy by actively supporting American History, promotion of education, and patriotic endeavors.

SAR provides the opportunity to...

- \* contribute to important service projects
- \* honor and preserve the legacy of patriot ancestors
- \* make lifelong friends
- \* participate in unique social and service-oriented programs within your community
- \* be involved in a variety of programs that provide something for everyone
- \* gain valuable leadership experience
- \* establish a network of contacts in your community and all over the world





**NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky**

## **REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR 2015**



### **2015 REGISTRAR'S REVIEW**

#### **2015 Flag Certificates**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Mike and Tanya Russo – 23 Jan 2015 Eddie De La Houssaye - Presenter</li> <li>2 Ralph and Mary Loupe - 23 Jan 2015 “</li> <li>3 Kurt and Judy Dohman – 23 Jan 2015 “</li> <li>4 Fred Josephson – 6 Feb 2015 – Gordon Robinson – Presenter</li> <li>5 Rudy and Paco – 6 Feb 2015 - “</li> <li>6 Holland House – 6 Feb 2015 “</li> <li>7 John and Melissa Hamlin – 21 Mar 2015 – Pete Lenés – Presenter</li> <li>8 Robert and Jody Cerisano – 21 Mar 2015 – Steve Manis – Presenter</li> <li>9 Dave and Toni Frazier – 21 Mar 2015 - “</li> <li>10 Neptune Properties- 4 April 2015 – Eddie De La Houssaye - Presenter</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11 Our Lady of Lourdes School - 4 April 2015 – Eddie De La Houssaye “</li> <li>12 Kwik Kar Lube and Tire, Michael Estes Mgr. – 4 April 2015 - Eddie De La Houssaye Presenter</li> <li>13 Kwik Kar Lube and Tire, Stephen Penn – Employee – 4 April 2015 - Eddie De La Houssaye – Presenter</li> <li>14 Larry and Marsha Armstrong – 7 April 2015 - Steve Manis – Presenter</li> <li>15 Tom and Sandra Brooker – 7 April 2015 - Steve Manis – Presenter</li> <li>16 B. J. and Coleen Miller – 16 April 2015 – Gene Shaner – Presenter</li> <li>17 Tony and Wendy Dehnert – 20 April 2015 – Steve Manis - Presenter</li> <li>18 Bob and Denise Fitzmaurice – 20 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>19 Tom and Janet Frobese – 20 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>20 Don and Jean Robinson – 20 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>21 Don Trinh and Trang Doan – 20 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>22 John and Kathleen Sharp – 20 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>23 Michael and Cynthia Boland – 20 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>24 Miguel and Alice Sequeira – 28 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>25 Ed and Sandy Robbins – 28 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>26 Toby and Wendy Dehnert – 28 April 2015 - Steve Manis “</li> <li>27 John and Geri Bentley – 28 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>28 Dan and Sheila Mulvaney – 28 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>29 George and Betty Pipper – 28 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>30 James and Madalyn Nelson – 28 April 2015 – Steve Manis “</li> <li>31 Edith Caperton – 28 April 2015 - Steve Manis “</li> </ol> |
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- 32 Mike and Carolyn Eldred – 28 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 33 Bob Meyer and Tish Barba – 28 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 34 Virginia Meyer – 28 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 35 Grady and Betty Lawrence – 28 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 36 Neva Mikulicz – 29 April 2015 – Bill Whatley “
- 37 Marilyn Brooks – 29 April 2015 – Bill Whatley “
- 38 Wahib Attar – 29 April 2015 – Bill Whatley “
- 39 Jesse Wallace – 29 April 2015 – Bill Whatley “
- 40 Brandon Marshall – 29 April 2015 – Bill Whatley – Presenter
- 41 Sammie Odonohue – 29 April 2015 – Bill Whatley - “
- 42 Juan Garcia – 29 April 2015 – Bill Whatley - “
- 43 Gary and Patty Rytlewski – 30 April - Steve Manis “
- 44 Robert and Phyllis Wronko – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis “Patricia Hruby and Joseph Nebins - 30 April 2015 Steve Manis “
- 45 Rick and Jane Kline – 30 April 2015 - Steve Manis “
- 46 Ed and Lynda McKenney – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 47 Clint and Suzanne Rigby – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 48 Rusty and Shelley Covert – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis ‘
- 49 Rafael and Rosalie Oliveri – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 50 Michael and Kathleen Szydowski – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 51 Luis and Sheila Lopez – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 52 Mark and Elisa Holderman – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 53 John and Sally Pitts – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 54 Joe and Mary Dervay – 30 April 2015 - Steve Manis “
- 55 Marc And Luanne Edelman – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 56 Larry and Kelly McCormick – 30 April 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 57 Friendswood Hardware & Feed – 8 May 2015 – Pete Lenés “
- 58 SFC Daniel F. Lisarelli – 8 May 2015 – Pete Lenés “
- 59 Julio and Diana Vega – 11 June 2015 – Steve Manis “
- 60 The Redman Family – 28 July 2015 – Dalton Redman “
- 61 Bel’s Upholstery - !4 August 2015 – Guy Taylor “
- 62 Kiddie Kampus – 14 August 2015 – Guy Taylor “
- 63 Emami Real Estate Holdings – 14 August 2015 – Guy Taylor “
- 64 Musle Cars – 14 August 2015 – Gene Shaner “
- 65 Bill’s Wrecker Service – 14 August 2015 – Gene Shaner “
- 66 Denise and Darel Beene – 14 August 20105 – Gene Shaner “
- 67 Diane and Kenny Abernathy – 14 August 2015 – Gene Shaner “
- 68 Eurliene Reed – 3 September 2015 – Gene Shaner “
- 69 David and Joyce Stump – 17 October 2015 – Pete Lenés “
- 70 Kelley’s Country Cookin 19 October 2015 – Pete Lenés “
- 71 Larry D. Tidwell – 21 November 2015 – Pete Lenés “
- 72 Regions Bank – West 518 - 3 Nov 2015 – Pete Lenés “
- 73 JSC FCU – West 518 – 3 Nov 2015 - Pete Lenés “
- 74 Gulf Coast Educators FCU – 3 Nov 2015 – Pete Lenés “



75 Mike and Ginger Cooper – 20 Nov 2015 – Gene Shaner “

76 John R. and Lanell Johnston – 20 Nov 2015 – Gene Shaner “

77 John R. and Lanell Johnston – 20 Nov 2015 – Gene Shaner “

78 Cynthia Stamandi and Monika Stefanini – 20 Nov 2015- Gene “

79 Felipe and Jana Gutierrez – 20 Nov 2015 – Gene Shaner “

80 Steve P. Sutton, Sr. – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

81 Elizabeth and David Poole – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

82 Philip Donelson, Darryl Schilhab, Brett Schilhab – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

83 Freddy and Dawn Sustaita – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

84 Douglas and Darlene Balkum – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

85 France M. Beechinor – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

86 Vince Smith – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

87 Frank A. Ramirez 0- 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

88 Mildred and Michael Johns – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

89 Eddie and Bardain Murray – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

90 Michael and Belinda McCrackin – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

91 Barrett H. Ortega – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

92 Ashley M. Montague – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

93 Sally S. Wymer – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

94 Eugene and Agnes Jobb – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

95 Denise Dawson – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

96 Consuelo Lopez – 20 Nov 2015. – Gene Shaner “

97 Felipe M. Gomez III – 20 Nov. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

98 Ron and Carol Helms – 4 Dec. 2015 – John Hamlin “

99 Kegan M. Montgomery – 23 Dec. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

100 Marie, Debra, and Larry Smith – 23 Dec. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

101 Michael Farmer – 23 Dec. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

102 James and Wanda Morris – 23 Dec. 2015 – Gene Shaner “

103 Elizabeth, Dornie, and Nicole White 23 Dec. G. Shaner “

104 Kim and Alfred Garza – 23 Dec. 2015 - Gene Shaner “

105 Petronilla and Richard Aucorn – 23 Dec. 2015 G. Shaner “

### 2015 Stark Report

#### Texas City VA Clinic

- 1 March 30 - 120 Toiletries and 17 Magazines – Pete Lenex
- 2 February 27 - John Gulley’s Funeral – Pete Lenex and Gene Shaner attended the funeral in uniforms. Bill Whatley, Ron Whatley, Gordon Robinson and Jim Cantrell also attended the funeral.
- 3 April 15 – 29 Toiletries and 3 calculators – Pete Lenex
- 4 April 17 – 156 Toiletries – John Hamlin
- 5 May 4 \_ 26 “ “
- 6 May 6, 2015 - 10 Toiletries and 34 Magazines– Pete Lenex
- 7 May 27, 2015 – 42 magazines – Pete Lenex
- 8 May 29 – 4 magazines – John Hamlin

- 9 Lt. Col. John Martin – Ill - Visited him at his home – Pete Lenos
- 10 July 9 , 2015 – 50 toiletries – Larry Tidwell
- 11 July 21, 2015 – 22 magazines – Pete Lenos
- 12 July 29 – 254 toiletries and 25 Magazines – John Hamlin
- 13 August 17, 2015 – 7 magazines – Pete Lenos
- 14 August 20, 2015 - 63 Magazines and 126 toiletries – John Hamlin
- 15 September 22, 2015 – 24 Magazines and 44 toiletries – Pete Lenos
- 16 September 25, – Visited Col. Charles Whitsett at Memorial South Hosp. Pete
- 17 November 4 – 41 Toiletries and 14 Magazines – John Hamlin
- 18 November 7 – Attended Col. Charles Whitsett’s Funeral. Pete Lenos
- 19 November 25 – 54 magazines – Pete Lenos
- 20 December 11 – 42 Magazines - Pete Lenos
- 21 December 212 – 6 toiletries and 4 Magazines – Pete Lenos
- 22 December 18 – Visited Airman 1st class Carole Whatley at Kindred Hosp. Pete Lenos
- December 23 - “ “ “  
2015  
Bernardo de Galvez # 1  
Applications and Supplementals
- 1 No Supplementals submitted as of 23 December 2015.

- Supplemental – working – John Roper
- 2 Membership Applications submitted – 0
- 3 Regular applications being worked on  
George Keller Cheney, IV – working  
Zachary Adriance – pended and working  
Robert Bear - Problem  
Bill Mayo – Problem  
5 others interested in joining
- 4 Approved applications – 2015 – 10  
Austin T. Loper  
Caleb H. Loper  
George E. Loper  
Henry W. Loper  
Jarrod W. Loper  
Joe W. Loper, IV  
Jonah C. Loper  
Thomas B. Loper  
Aidan N. Minor  
Andrew McGlothlin
- 5 Approved Supplements - 21  
Austin T. Loper  
Caleb H. Loper  
George E. Loper  
Henry W. Loper  
Jarrod W. Loper  
Joe W. Loper, IV  
Jonah C. Loper  
Thomas B. Loper  
Don Schwarz  
Pete Lenos  
Gene Shaner (5)  
Larry Tidwell  
John Loper (3)  
Medals and Certificates

- 1 Certificate of Appreciation – SAR – 49
- 2 Certificate of Appreciation – Non SAR – 57
- 3 Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates – 14
- 4 Flag Certificates – 105
- 5 SAR Members – Medals and Certificates – 10 Medals with Certificates and 3 Certificates
- 6 Non SAR Medals and Certificates – 7
- 7 Memorial Certificates – 2
- 8 ROTC – Senior Medals and Certificates – 2, Jr. ROTC – 7 Senior ROTC

#### Stark Report

- 1 866 Toiletries
- 2 352 Books and Magazines – 3 Calculators

Great report Pete, Thanks

### [Genealogy Corner.](#)

#### **Beginners Corner.**

Check out RootsMooc. It is a free, open, online course and a friendly introduction to family history research in the U.S. using commonly available sources. The course and discussions will be open from March 23 to June 1. [Website](#)

#### **Research Tips:**

Take advantage of Legacy Family Tree's free webinars. These are some excellent opportunities to advance your genealogical knowledge. You can check out and register for forthcoming [free webinars](#)

## **OUR REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY**

### **JANUARY 1776**

Colonel Henry Knox arrives in Cambridge, Massachusetts with the 43 British Cannon and 16 mortars captured by Ethan Allen at Fort Ticonderoga. These artillery have been transported cross-country through the wilderness.

### **FEBRUARY 1779**

American Loyalists are defeated by Patriots at Kettle Creek, Ga. Colonel James Boyd and 700 loyalists set up camp along Kettle Creek on February 14, 1779, they knew to be prepared for an attack. Only a couple of days before, on February 11, 100 Patriots attacked them while crossing Van(n)'s Creek in spite of being outnumbered. Things were not going well for these Loyalists. Boyd expected additional men to assist in a strike against the Patriots. The skirmish at Vann's Creek had alerted Colonels John Dooly and Andrew Pickens to the Loyalist's presence in Wilkes County. As was the custom, the Loyalist sent scavengers out to find food. About 150 men were out searching for food when Pickens attacked with a combined total of 340 men in three columns, Col. Dooly on the right, Pickens in the middle and Elijah Clark, Dooly's second in command on the left. A small advance guard was sent in front of the columns to scout the enemy. Col. Pickens scouts were surprised by Boyd's Loyalist sentries and opened fire. Alerted to the attack by the sound of gunfire, Boyd rallied his men and advanced with a small group to the top of a nearby hill, where they wait behind rocks and fallen trees for the Patriots. To the left and right the men under command of Dooly and Clarke had problems crossing the high water of the creek and nearby swamps. Pickens continued his advance to the fence on top of the hill, where Boyd's men awaited the advancing Americans. On the approach of Pickens, the Loyalists opened fire. Men at the lead of the column fell victim to the first rounds. Clarke and Dooly, unable to advance quickly through the cane, were helpless. By all



accounts, outnumbered and caught by surprise, the Patriots were losing the battle. After the successful ambush, Boyd ordered his men to retreat to the camp by Kettle Creek. In one of those events frequently labeled as fate, Boyd fell to the ground, dying from a musket ball. Seeing this, his troops panicked and an orderly withdrawal turned into a nightmare for the 600 men under his command. Pickens rallied and advanced his men towards the Loyalist camp. At the same time Dooly's men emerged from the swamp. Surrounded on three fronts, with the creek to their back, about 450 Tories followed Boyd's second in command, Major Spurgen, across Kettle Creek. While they were crossing the creek, Lt. Col Elijah Clarke emerged on the other side and charged with 50 men. The Loyalists fled, soundly defeated. Total losses: Loyalists 40-70 dead, 70 captured, Patriots 9 dead, 23 wounded. The men who fled the battlefield eventually made their way back to Wrightsville, although some were captured and hung later that year. Pickens, who became famous for his many battles in the Revolution would later write that Kettle Creek was the "severest chastisement" for the Loyalists in South Carolina and Georgia. Dooly was later brutally murdered by British Regulars.

### **MARCH 1781**

In the Battle of Guildford Courthouse, North Carolina, British General Cornwallis achieves a pyrric victory over the American forces of General Greene and General Morgan. Cornwallis suffers such severe losses that he abandons the campaign to establish British control over the Carolinas. It is the largest, most hotly-contested action of the



**Ladies Auxiliary Member Sue Lenes presents Texas SAR President Larry Stevens with check for Patriot Fund from sale of Quilt at State Meeting.**

Revolutionary War's climactic Southern Campaign. Major General Nathanael Greene and his army of 4,400 Americans contested the British invasion of North Carolina at Guilford Courthouse. Lt. Gen. Charles, Earl Cornwallis, commanded the tough professional force of 1,900 British soldiers. Greene deployed his men into smaller groups to take advantage of the terrain. The Courthouse battle was fierce. The veteran British troops were severely crippled. Cornwallis lost a quarter of his army and almost a third of his officers. Greene lost only six percent of his men. With greatly diminished ranks and depleted supplies, Cornwallis withdrew to the coast, 200 miles away.

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 meets upstairs at Fish Tales on the Third Saturday of each month at noon except September and December.**





## **OFFICERS**

**President – Larry D Tidwell**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice – John Loper**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – John (Pete) Lenes**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice – Bill Whatley**  
**Treasurer – Merlin (Gene) Shaner**  
**Secretary – John M. Hamlin**  
**Registrar – John (Pete) Lenes**  
**Chaplain – John M. Hamlin**  
**Parliamentarian – Gordon Robinson**  
**Historian – David Peterson**  
**Webmaster - ??**