

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
January Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2017**

PRESENT:

John Hamlin, President ^x	Ron Whatley, 1 st Vice President, CAR Liaison
Bill Whatley, 2 nd Vice President ^x	Larry Tidwell, 3 rd Vice President ^x
Pete Lenex, Registrar, DAR Liaison ^x	Gene Shaner, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms ^x
John Loper, Secretary ^x	Gordon Robinson, Parliamentarian/Chaplain
Chick Havey*	Joe McColl^
Marshall Parker	Brenda Sorrell*
Eddie De La Houssaye	Zachary Adriance
George Blanford	Jim Cantrell
Robert Gendratt	Edelmiro Pena*
Yolanda Pena*	

* Guest

^Associate Member

^xAttended in Uniform

CALL TO ORDER

President John Hamlin

INVOCATION

President John Hamlin

PLEDGES

Ron Whatley, 1st Vice President

INTRODUCTIONS

COLOR GUARD CHANGE IN COMMAND CEREMONY

Larry Tidwell was installed as new Color Guard Commander in transfer ceremony with former Commander Joe McColl by President John Hamlin

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President John Hamlin confirmed we have 57 paid members in our Chapter and that our goals for 2017 will be focused on:

- Membership growth, retention and active participation with goals of 70 members and an average attendance of 30 members.
- Complete the Bernardo de Galvez Statue Project with an emphasis on the statue itself.

- Hosting the TXSSAR Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting in Galveston in October (NASA Theme).

SPEAKER

Chick Havey, World War II veteran and recipient of thirteen major decorations in six months of combat, from the Battle of the Bulge to the Liberation of the Death Camp at Dachau in April 1945, was our guest speaker.

LUNCH

PRESENTATIONS

- New Members Robert Gendratt and Marshall Parker were presented with their membership certificates.
- John Loper received a Supplemental Certificate for Patriot John Ferrier and a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts to engage our Chapter in the Wreaths Across America program at LaMarque Cemetery last December.
- Joe McColl and Chick Havey received Certificates of Appreciation and Bronze Good Citizenship Medals for their work with Veterans.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the December 3, 2016 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made by Eddie De La Houssaye, seconded by Ron Whatley and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gene Shaner presented his Treasurers Report to the Chapter.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar Pete Lenos reported that we have 9 supplemental and two new member applications submitted and pending approval.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing committees presently include the ROTC/Boy Scouts Awards (Bill Whatley), Flag Certificates (Ron Whatley), South Public Service Awards (Gordon Robinson), North Public Service Awards (Pete Lenos), Veterans Awards and Service (open position), Parades (Ron Whatley), Education Committee (John Hamlin) and Statue Committee (Bill Adriance).

STATUE REPORT

No report provided; however, President John Hamlin emphasized the need to get this project completed.

COLOR GUARD REPORT

The Chapter Color Guard participated in two ceremonies during the past month at the Wreaths Across America service in LaMarque, TX and the National Bee Keepers of America convention in Galveston, TX.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- Our Chapter received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of LaMarque Cemetery Board for our participation in the December Wreaths Across America Program and generous contribution toward a bench for the cemetery.
- We were rained out of the Dickens on the Strand Parade in December and were unable to negotiate a return of our deposit on the carriage. A motion was made by Larry Tidwell, seconded by Eddie De La Houssaye, and approved unanimously to investigate the use of a different carriage company this year.
- The Stark Report and our Annual Chapter Report were submitted to the TXSSAR.
- Everyone was reminded to make sure they have paid their annual dues.
- The Chapter will need every members' support to successfully host the October BOM meeting.

Positions/Committees that need to be filled include:

- o Badges (Gene Shaner)
- o Program
- o Banquet Overseer
- o Raffle/Goody Bags/Sales Items
- o Ladies Auxiliary (Sue Lenes)

RECESSIONAL

1st Vice President Ron Whatley led us in the Recessional

DISMISSAL

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary