

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
January Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2017**

PRESENT: 13

John Hamlin, President
Bill Whatley, 2nd Vice President
Gene Shaner, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms
Gordon Robinson, Parliamentarian/Chaplain
John Loper, Secretary
David Peterson
Eddie De La Houssaye
Marshall Parker
Bill Mayo*
Marsha Shaner*
Noelle Redmon*
Michaela Harris
Megan Harris

* Guest

CALL TO ORDER

President John Hamlin

INVOCATION

Chaplain Gordon Robinson

PLEDGES

Eddie De La Houssaye

INTRODUCTIONS

SPEAKER

Michaela Harris, Knight Essay Contest Winner, presented her Essay titled *America The Ageless*. The Essay will be included in the Chapter Newsletter and available on our web site.

LUNCH

PRESENTATIONS

- Bill Mayo was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and associated Medal for his dedication and service pending approval for membership.
- Michaela Harris was presented an Outstanding Citizenship Award and \$100 scholarship check for entering and winning the Knight Essay Contest.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the February 18, 2017 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made by Gene Shaner, seconded by Eddie De La Houssaye and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gene Shaner presented his Treasurers Report to the Chapter.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

In Pete Lenes absence, President John Hamlin presented the Registrar's Report showing that we have 9 supplementals and that Pete is working on new member applications for six persons (four submitted). Total membership stands at 62 persons, reflecting one new member, Michael Travis Lee.

STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports.

STATUE REPORT

Bill Adriance was unable to attend, but provided a report that the Mayor of Galveston has indicated the City of Galveston is prepared to get involved in the project and that we recently received a \$1,000.00 donation.

COLOR GUARD REPORT

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Yearly dues for 2017 are past due – contact Gene Shaner or Pete Lenes if you have not yet paid your dues
- Board of Managers Meeting will be held October 13 – 15, 2017 in Galveston – Please see John Hamlin about volunteering on a Committee

NEW BUSINESS

- March 30 thru April 2 is the 122nd Texas SAR Annual meeting at the El Tropicana Hotel on the San Antonio Riverwalk. Please let John Hamlin know if you will be attending.
- July 2018 the NSSAR Congress will be held in Houston. Volunteers to work the Registration table are needed. If you can work a couple of two hour shifts let John Hamlin know.
- The Annual NSSAR Congress will be held in Knoxville, TN on July 8 thru 12, 2017. Both hotels are nearly full. If you are going, please get on the national site and arrange your room before April 1st.
- David Peterson reported based on review of the National SAR Magazine that TX has the largest state membership and that SAR meetings are to include no discussion of politics, religion or sex.
- Gene Shaner reported that there was a very nice article in the Houston Chronicle about Guy Taylor's death and his commitment to playing Taps every night in Galveston.

RECESSIONAL

Eddie De La Houssaye led us in the Recessional.

DISMISSAL

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary