

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
January Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2017**

PRESENT: 19

John Hamlin, President
Ron Whatley, 1st Vice President
Bill Whatley, 2nd Vice President
Gene Shaner, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms
Gordon Robinson, Parliamentarian/Chaplain
Pete Lenes, Registrar
John Loper, Secretary
James Cantrell
Guy Taylor
Bill Hall
Bill Adriance
Marshall Parker
B. Sorrell*
Marsha Shaner*
Lara Merritt-Phillips*
Stephen Hughey**
Robert Phillips*
Pete Swicker**
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* Guest

+ Prospective New Member

CALL TO ORDER

President John Hamlin called the meeting or order at 12 noon.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Gordon Robinson led the invocation.

PLEDGES

Treasurer Gene Shaner led the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag, Texas Flag and SAR Flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves and their guests.

SPEAKER

Registrar Pete Lenos introduced Compatriot Marshall Parker who presented an overview of his Patriot, John Parker, and several additional supplementals.

LUNCH

PRESENTATION FROM NSSAR

President John Hamlin provided an overview of the NSSAR Patriot Biographical Sketch Program. Each Compatriot is asked to log on to the National Web Site and register their patriot(s) this month.

As of April 2, we have 5,415 biographies in the database. We are making great strides to building this database. But, we still need your help. With over 200,000 SAR members and many times that number of DAR members, I know there are countless Heroes that are still unknown to the general public. We need your help in the collecting these scattered bits of our history. Will you help us fulfill one of the early missions of the SAR and submit your Patriot's biographical sketch?

Completed forms related to only a biographical submission should be sent via email to patriotbios@sar.org.

PRESENTATIONS

Marshall Parker was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and accompanying Texas Service Medal for his excellent presentation about his Patriot.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the March 18, 2017 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made by Gene John Loper, seconded by Gene Shaner and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gene Shaner presented his Treasurers Report to the Chapter.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Pete Lenos presented the Registrar's Report showing that we have 9 supplementals submitted and that he is working on new member applications for nine persons (five submitted). Total membership stands at 62 persons, reflecting one new member, Michael Travis Lee.

STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports.

STATUE REPORT

Bill Adriance presented the following updates:

- A Symposium on Bernardo de Galvez was held on April 2, 2017 at Rice University. Attendees included the Spanish Ambassador, Consul General of Spain, and Consul General of Mexico. Several recognized experts on Bernardo de Galvez served as speakers, and the focus of the symposium was on Galvez's and Spain's role in the War for American Independence.
- The fund-raising brochure for the Statue has been completed. Copies were distributed at the meeting. A short video and three-dimensional representation of the Statue and surrounding area has also been prepared for release as "public service" announcements.
- Compatriot Bill Hall made a \$1,000.00 contribution toward the statue at the meeting.

COLOR GUARD REPORT

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Board of Managers Meeting will be held October 13 - 15, 2017 in Galveston - Please see John Hamlin about volunteering on a Committee.
- The NSSAR Congress will be held in Houston, TX in July of 2018. All members are encouraged to attend, and volunteers are needed to work the Registration table.

NEW BUSINESS

- There will be no Memorial Day Parade in Seabrook, TX this year. Ceremonies have been expanded this year will be held at Walter Hall Park in League City, TX (807 SH 3 N). Members are asked to attend in uniform. Based on a recommendation from the Executive Board, a motion was made by Ron Whatley and seconded by Gordon Robinson to continue our annual \$300 contribution to this event to cover the cost of food. The motion was approved.
- The Ladies Auxiliary is still working on tour arrangements and transportation requirements for the October BOM Meeting. Contributions are being requested to offset the \$800 cost for a bus.
- The 122nd Texas SAR Annual meeting was convened in San Antonio, TX March 30 through April 2, 2017. Our Chapter received five awards, including the venerable Patriot Award presented to Pete Lenes. Other awards included:
 - o The Frank Watkins Award for having the highest percentage of members contributing to the Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund in the Year 2016.
 - o The E. A. Limmer Award for having the highest percentage of approved supplementals during 2016.

- o The John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award for outstanding service to America's Veterans in 2016.
- o The Outstanding Public Service Award for awarding all four Public Service Awards during 2016.
- Our May 2017 Guest Speaker will be Frank Furleigh, the Galveston Veterans Affairs Officer.
- At our June 2017 meeting, we are honored to have a special guest, Galveston County Sheriff Henry Trochesset and one his officers.
- We still need candidates for the EMS and Fire Awards for 2017. Gordon Robinson will pursue a candidate for the Fire Award. Still need someone to work to identify a candidate for the EMS Award.

RECESSIONAL

Treasurer Gene Shaner led us in the Recessional.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary