

Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
January Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2017

PRESENT: 21

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
Frank Furleigh, Speaker*
James Cantrell
Robert Gindratt
Michael Travis Lee
George Blanford
Guy Taylor Jr.
Mrs. Guy Taylor*
George Dersheimer
Marge Dersheimer*
Bill Mayo*
Robert Gard*
Anthony Startz*
Marsha Shaner*
Wilma Lazartic*
Amy Ritcher*
* Guest
+ Prospective New Member

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Ron Whatley called the meeting or order at 12 noon.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Gordon Robinson led the invocation.

PLEDGES

Vice President Ron Whatley 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 our guest speaker, Frank Furleigh, Galveston County Veterans Service Officer. Mr. Furleigh is a retired Marine and gave an excellent presentation on veteran benefits. In Galveston County alone there were almost 23,000 registered veterans in 2016. We appreciate his service and willingness to present to our group.

LUNCH

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Furleigh was awarded the Good Citizenship Medal for his work with veterans affairs.

Mr. Michael Travis Lee was presented with his new Membership Certificate, and his mother was awarded the Martha Washington Medal. Mr. Lee's ancestor fought with Bernardo de Galvez.

Mrs. Guy Taylor Sr. and Guy Taylor Jr. were presented a NSSAR Memorial Certificate in honor and memory of Mr. Guy Taylor Sr.

It was announced that a new "Life Saving Medal" has been approved by the NSSAR.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the April 15, 2017 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made, seconded 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 eight persons (four submitted). Total membership stands at 64 persons, reflecting two new members, Michael Travis Lee and Paul Elmer.

Medals and Certificates presented to date include: nine Certificates of Appreciation, six Eagle Scout Certificates, six Flag certificates, twenty-eight SAR and non-SAR Medals and Certificates, one Memorial Certificate, and eight ROTC (Sr. and Jr.) Certificates.

STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports.

STATUE REPORT

Anthony Startz gave a brief update on the brochure for the statue.

COLOR GUARD REPORT

Everyone was reminded that a Color Guard will be required for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremonies.

OLD BUSINESS

- Board of Managers Meeting will be held October 13 – 15, 2017 in Galveston at the Hilton Hotel – Please see John Hamlin about volunteering on a Committee. We are in need of volunteers for the Registration Table and still need additional silent auction items.
- 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

- Memorial Day Ceremonies have been expanded this year and will be held at Walter Hall Park in League City, TX (807 SH 3 N). Members are asked to attend in uniform and be present by 11:30 a.m. Presentations to veterans will be made by our Chapter. There will be a meal of hot dogs and hamburgers. Come and enjoy.
- Our June 2017 Guest Speaker will be Galveston County Sheriff Henry Trochesset.
- Sheriff Trochesset is a former recipient of the Law Enforcement Medal from the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1. One of his officers will receive the Heroism Medal and Law Enforcement Medal. A Fireman and EMS Responder from League City will also receive their medals.
- The Galveston Rotary Club has invited all Veterans to attend a luncheon at Fisherman's Wharf at 11:45 a.m. CST on Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

RECESSIONAL

Vice President Ron Whatley led us in the Recessional.

DISMISSAL

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary