

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

PRESENT: _____ 25

John Hamlin, President
Ron Whatley, 1st Vice President
Bill Whatley, 2nd Vice President
Gene Shaner, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms
Pete Lenex, Registrar
John Loper, Secretary
James Cantrell
Guy Taylor Jr.
Ralph Stenzel
David Peterson
Zachary Adriance
Doug McBee
Eddie De La Houssaye
Larry Tidwell
Sam Massey
Bill Mayo
Katherine Massey*
Ron Brown* (District 7 Vice President)
Linda McBee*
Ray Bigoneese*
Myro Hartman*
Katherine Wagner*
Bob Cohen* (Registrar for Independence #40 Chapter)
Jane Cohen*
Marsha Shaner*

* Guest

+ Prospective New Member

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

President John Hamlin led the invocation.

PLEDGES

Pledges of allegiance to the American Flag, Texas Flag and SAR Flag were recited.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves and their guests. Special guests, in addition to honorees and our guest speaker, included Ron Brown, District 7 Vice President, and Bob Cohen, Registrar for Independence #40 Chapter.

SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was Katherine Wagner who gave an excellent presentation on colonial uniforms. She is an excellent seamstress and had made uniforms for several compatriots that reflect the regiments of their patriots. Everyone was encouraged to have uniforms made so that we can expand our Color Guard activities. Katherine's contact information is as follows: Phone: 832-425-0672; e-mail: kwagner1963@comcast.net

Compatriot Doug McBee also made a brief appeal to the membership to support the preservation of heritage monuments associated with the Confederate States of America.

LUNCH

PRESENTATIONS

Lt. Ray Bigoness of the League City, TX Fire Department was awarded the Fire Safety Commendation Award. Lt. Bigoness is employed as a NASA engineer on his day job and serves as a volunteer firefighter with the League City Fire Department.

Ms. Katherine Wagner was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her service as a seamstress and her excellent presentation.

Compatriots Jim Cantrell, Bill Whatley and John Loper were presented Certificates of Appreciation for their participation in the 4th of July Parade in Galveston. Compatriots Thomas, Austin, Caleb and Jonah Loper were also presented Certificates of Appreciation in absentia for their participation, and Jonah Loper was awarded a Service Medal for the youngest person marching the full 3 miles of the parade.

Registrar Pete Lenes was awarded a Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster for his continued commitment and success in recruiting new members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the June 2017 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made to accept the minutes by David Peterson and seconded by Doug McBee to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gene Shaner presented his Treasurers Report to the Chapter.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Pete Lenex presented the Registrar's Report showing that we have 9 supplementals submitted and that he is working on new member applications for four persons. Three new member applications have been approved, and total membership presently stands at 64 members compared to 57 on January 1, 2017.

Medals and Certificates presented to date include: 19 Certificates of Appreciation, 5 Eagle Scout Certificates, 1 Flag certificate, 20 SAR and non-SAR Medals and Certificates, 1 Memorial Certificate, and 8 ROTC (Sr. and Jr.) Medals and Certificates.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Statue Committee (refer to Chapter Newsletter)
- Board of Managers Meeting – Eddie De La Houssaye has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Registration Committee
- Color Guard – No report

OLD BUSINESS

- The 4th of July Parade in Galveston was a great success and enjoyed by all who participated.
- Board of Managers Meeting will be held October 13 – 15, 2017 in Galveston at the Hilton Hotel. Registration is now open – go to the events tab on the Public TXSSAR web site to register. Also, 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

- Our August 2017 Guest Speaker will be DAR Regent Cheryl Tucker.

- Brett Otteman, General Manager of Fish Tales has been reassigned to the main office and was awarded an SAR Good Citizenship Medal for his service to the SAR and the community.

RECESSIONAL

All Compatriots and guests recited the Recessional.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary