

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

PRESENT: 16

John Hamlin, President
Bill Whatley, 2nd Vice President
Gene Shaner, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms
John Loper, Secretary
Pete Lenes, Registrar
Jim Cantrell
Bill Mayo
Eddie de la Houssaye
David Peterson
Ralph Stenzel
George Blandford
Chad Davenport, New Member
Marcus Newman⁺
David Garza⁺
Marsha Shaner^{*}
Henry Trochesset, Galveston County Sheriff, Speaker^{*}
* Guest
⁺ Prospective New Member

CALL TO ORDER

President John Hamlin called the meeting to order at 12 Noon.

INVOCATION

President John Hamlin led the invocation.

PLEDGES

Mr. Bill Mayo led us in reciting the pledges of allegiance to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR Flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves and their guests.

SPEAKER

President John Hamlin introduced our speaker, Galveston County Sheriff Henry Trochesset. Sheriff Trochesset gave a very interesting and enlightening overview of the duties of the Sheriff's Office, including operation of the County Jail. He underscored the need to expand the jail and welcome the support of all citizens.

Sheriff Trochesset was born in Galveston, Texas and is a lifelong resident of Galveston County. He began his law enforcement career with the Galveston County Sheriff's Office in 1983. While working as a jailer, he attended the Police Academy at night to earn his Peace Officers Certification. He is a graduate from both state and nationally recognized law enforcement schools, the Law Enforcement Management Institute Command College and the FBI National Academy.

Sheriff Trochesset held the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Major over multiple divisions in the Sheriff's Office before being elected Sheriff. He is married to his wife Brenda, and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

Additional information about the Sheriff's Office can be found at:
<http://www.co.galveston.tx.us/sheriff/>

LUNCH

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Chad Davenport was inducted as a new member, and was presented his Pin and Membership Certificate by President Hamlin and Registrar Lenes. He was also presented Membership Certificates for his two sons, Drew and Ethan, who are registered as Junior Members.

Sheriff Trochesset was presented an American Flag lapel pin, a TXSSAR koozie, and a Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate.

Mr. David Peterson was recognized for his 35 years of service to the TXSSAR and will be presented with a Pin at a future meeting (on order).

Messrs. David Peterson, Pete Lenes and Bill Whatley were recognized as recipients of the Patriot Medal – the highest award given by the SAR.

Mr. Bill Mayo was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a Pin for his service in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Curtis Williams was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for the excellent service he provides at Fish Tales on an ongoing basis during our monthly meetings.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Messrs. George Blandford, Jim Cantrell, Gene Shaner, John Loper, Zachary and Larry Tidwell for their hard work in supporting the October Board of Managers meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no treasury report presented for the month of October.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Pete Lenes presented the Registrar's Report showing that we have 69 members, 59 Regular and 10 Junior members, and are working on an additional six new member applications. There were 57 members on January 1, 2017.

2018 NSSAR CONGRESS

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 and Credentials desk, as well as serve as Tour Bus Captains for the NASA, Bush Library, and San Jacinto Monument Tours.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Biography Committee – Mr. Jim Mitchell continues to work on preparing biographies for all of the Patriots recognized by our membership. His outstanding efforts to date have resulted in our being presented a new streamer for our Chapter Flag recognizing our achievement of the Patriot Biographies Award.
- Statue Committee – No report.

COLOR GUARD REPORT

President John Hamlin presented the following report in the absence of Color Guard Commander Larry Tidwell:

- Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors at the DAR luncheon and meeting in September

- Chapter Color Guard will present the Colors at the World War I statue/memorial at Menard Park in Galveston on Veterans Day, November 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Officer elections will be held at the November Chapter Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be welcome; however, each nominee must have previously agreed to serve if elected. Please send any nominations you may have in advance to President John Hamlin or Secretary John Loper.
- Color Guard Medals are available to compatriots who have worn their uniforms at a meeting where the President General is present. If you qualify, please give your name to Registrar Pete Lenos.
- Dickens on the Strand is coming up soon on December 2, 2017. We will have two carriages again this year and will march with a Color Guard. All members and guests planning on participating are asked to meet at the Historic Post Office Building and the corner of Postoffice and 15th Street (1501 Postoffice Street) in Galveston at 11:00 a.m. Following lunch and induction of new officers, we will adjourn and head over to the Railroad Museum to prepare for the parade.
- Beginning with our January 2018 meeting, we are changing our meeting place from Fish Tales to Landry's next to the Hilton in Galveston.
- Wreaths Across America - once again this year we will be providing Color Guard and wreath placement support for this event at the LaMarque Cemetery (1709 S. Oak, LaMarque, TX) on December 16, 2017. The ceremonies start at 12 Noon, so please plan on being there by 11:30 a.m.
- A handout providing information on the history of our Chapter, prepared by our Chapter Historian, Mr. James Mitchell, was distributed to all members present.

RECESSIONAL

Mr. Bill Mayo led us in the Recessional.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary