

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
January Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2018**

PRESENT: 16

Gene Shaner, Treasurer
John Loper, Secretary
Pete Lenes, Registrar
Bill Mayo, 3rd Vice President
Eddie de la Houssaye
David Peterson
Bill Hall
Bill Adriance
Jim Cantrell
Stephen Hughey
Lara Phillips*
Larry Blackburn, Piney Woods Chapter 51*
Judy Blackburn*
Ray Bigonnesse, League City Fire Department, Speaker*
Myro Hartman*
Marsha Shaner*

CALL TO ORDER

Registrar Pete Lenes called the meeting to order at 12 Noon.

INVOCATION

New Member Stephen Hughey led the invocation.

PLEDGES

Treasurer Gene Shaner 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

Registrar Pete Lenes introduced our speaker, League City Volunteer Fire Fighter and NASA Mission Control Specialist Lieutenant Ray Begonnesse. Lt. Begonnesse gave a very interesting and

colorful presentation on The Battle Road, from Lexington to Concord, Massachusetts. He has made several visits to the area and shared some wonderful pictures showing current day status where key battles in the American Revolution were fought by our ancestors.

LUNCH

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Stephen Hughey was inducted as a new member and was presented his Pin and Membership Certificate by Special Guest Mr. Larry Blackburn and Registrar Pete Lenos.

Compatriot Jim Cantrell was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his valiant efforts in supporting our Dickens on the Strand program.

Compatriots Gene Shaner and John Loper were presented the Roger Sherman medal and certificate recognizing their services to the Chapter.

David Peterson was given a 30-year service award for presentation to his son Richard.

Ms. Lara Phillips, member of DAR and mother of Compatriot Stephen Hughey, was presented the Martha Washington medal.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the October 2017 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made by Compatriot Eddie de la Houssaye and seconded by Compatriot Billy Mayo to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gene Shaner presented a brief overview of Chapter financial status. No formal report was submitted.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar Pete Lenos reported that our Chapter presently has 72 members and reminded all that 12 members have yet to pay their annual dues for 2018. There were 57 members on January 1, 2017.

2018 NSSAR CONGRESS

The NSSAR Congress will be held in Houston, TX July 13 through July 18, 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. Registration is now open on the National web site.

2018 TEXAS SAR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Special Guest Mr. Larry Blackburn reminded all compatriots that the Texas SAR Annual Conference will be held in Richardson, TX from April 5 through April 8, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Statue Committee – Chairman Bill Adriance reported that we have joined the both the Spanish and Spain-Texas Chambers of Commerce to further support our fund-raising efforts for the statue. He further reported that Compatriot Bill Hall has donated \$1,000.00 to the Statue Fund, and that Kendra Scott in Baybrook Mall has agreed to let us set up a booth on Wednesday, January 24 to promote the Statue and will give 20% of its sales that day to the fund. Chairman Adriance also reported that we need a volunteer for public relations support.

COLOR GUARD REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Galvez 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.
- Beginning with our January 2018 meeting, we changed our meeting place from Fish Tales to Landry's next to the Hilton in Galveston.

RECESSIONAL

Registrar Pete Lenos led us in the Recessional.

DISMISSAL

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary