

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1
March Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2018**

PRESENT: 17

John Hamlin, President and Chaplain
Pete Lenes, Registrar, DAR Liaison
Gene Shaner, Treasurer
John Loper, Secretary
Larry Tidwell, 1st Vice President and Color Guard Commander
Bill Whatley, 2nd Vice President
Billy Mayo, 3rd Vice President
Clark Wright, Webmaster
Ron Whatley
Bill Adriance
David Peterson
Dave Garza
Jim Cantrell
Mike Turner*
Marsha Shaner*
Kathy Chessher*
Caroline Chessher*,^,**

* Guest

** Award Recipient

^Speaker

CALL TO ORDER

President John Hamlin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chaplain John Hamlin led the invocation.

PLEDGES

Compatriot Jim Cantrell 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, and thoughts and prayers were offered up for Compatriot Bill Hall whose wife Jeanne recently passed away (http://www.galvnews.com/obituaries/article_5c2d2f31-d20e-5ab3-9d3e-e6d60d259d0b.html).

LUNCH

SPEAKERS

President John Hamlin introduced our guest speaker, Ms. Caroline Chessher of Beaumont, TX who was our Chapter Knight Essay Contest Winner and placed 3rd at State. Ms. Chessher graduated from West Brook Senior High School and will be attending University of Texas in the fall. She gave an excellent presentation on one of her revolutionary war era ancestors, Ms. Dicey Langston (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dicey_Langston).

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The following awards and certificates were presented:

- Ms. Caroline Chessher received a medal, certificate and check for \$100 for her winning essay.
- Compatriot Billy Mayo received a Supplemental Certificate recognizing his patriot Patrick Butler.
- Compatriot John Loper received a Flag Certificate for flying the American Flag daily.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report for the April 21, 2018 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made by Compatriot Billy Mayo, seconded by Compatriot Gene Shaner and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Gene Shaner presented his Treasurers Report to the Chapter, reporting that our accounts are doing well.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar Pete Lenos presented the Registrar's Report indicating that our membership level stands at 72 compatriots – 60 regular members and 12 junior members.

COLOR GUARD REPORT

Color Guard Commander Larry Tidwell was congratulated on his recent marriage and retirement from the Houston Police Department. The Color Guard will support ceremonies at the Bay Area Veterans Memorial in Seabrook, TX on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Participants should plan on arriving by 8:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to purchase a uniform and join our Chapter Color Guard. Members are also encouraged to wear their uniforms at Chapter meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In January, the Executive Board agreed to send \$100 to the Bernardo de Galvez CAR Chapter in Friendswood. A motion was made by Compatriot Pete Lenes, seconded by Compatriot Larry Tidwell and passed unanimously to send checks for \$100 to this chapter every 6 months.
- Volunteers are still needed for the National SAR Congress being held in Houston July 12 through 19, 2018. Please contact President John Hamlin if you can help out. We need four volunteers to meet the buses for the NASA Tour on Saturday, July 14 and 12 volunteers to help with registration on Tuesday, July 17.
- Galvez Chapter shirt and baseball cap and Challenge Coin orders are still being taken. Contact Treasurer Gene Shaner.
- Four Adult and two Junior members' dues remain unpaid.
- The next Chapter meeting will be convened on June 16, 2018.
- A Memorial Day Program will be held on May 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Seabrook TX.
- Eagle Scout recognition certificates will be presented on May 21 at University Baptist Church.

RECESSIONAL

The Recessional was recited by all Compatriots.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary