

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1  
March Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2018**

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**PRESENT:                    14**

John Hamlin, President and Chaplain

Pete Lenes, Registrar, DAR Liaison

Gene Shaner, Treasurer

John Loper, Secretary

Bill Whatley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Clark Wright, Webmaster

George Blanford<sup>^</sup>

Bill Adriance

David Garza

Hugh Ferguson

Don Jameson

Sue Lenes\*

Marsha Shaner\*

Stacia Jameson\*

\* Guest

<sup>^</sup>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**

Webmaster Clark Wright 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.

**LUNCH**

## **SPEAKER**

President John Hamlin introduced our guest speaker, Compatriot George Blanford. Compatriot Blanford gave an excellent presentation on *“Participation by Catholics in the War for American Independence.”*

## **AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

The following awards and certificates were presented:

- Compatriot George Blanford was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his excellent presentation.
- Junior Member Jonah Loper was awarded an Outstanding Citizenship Medal and Certificate for his participation in the July 4 Parade.
- Compatriot Thomas Loper was awarded a Bronze Service Medal and Certificate for his participation in the July 4 Parade.
- Compatriots Bill Whatley, John Hamlin, Gene Shaner, Pete Lenex and John Loper were presented TXSSAR Bernardo de Galvez Bronze Color Guard Medals for their active participation in our Chapter Color Guard.

## **SECRETARY’S REPORT**

The Secretary’s Report for the June 16, 2018 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made by Compatriot Bill Adriance, seconded by Compatriot George Blanford and passed unanimously to approve the minutes.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Gene Shaner presented his Treasurers Report to the Chapter, reporting that all accounts are in order.

## **REGISTRAR’S REPORT**

Registrar Pete Lenex presented the Registrar’s Report indicating that he is working on five new member applications and that our membership level currently stands at 75 compatriots – 63 regular members and 12 junior members.

## **COLOR GUARD REPORT**

President John Hamlin reported on behalf of Color Guard Commander Larry Tidwell that we had three persons participate in uniform at the July 4 Parade in Galveston and that we will be responsible for the Color Guard at the joint DAR/SAR Chapter Meeting next month. President Hamlin also encouraged everyone to try to obtain a uniform and participate in our Color Guard events.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The 128<sup>th</sup> National SAR Congress held in Houston July 12 through 19, 2018 was a great success. A special thanks is extended to Compatriots Hamlin, Lenex (and wife Sue), Shaner (and wife Marsha), Whatley, Mayo, Tidwell and Blanford for their support at the Congress including work at the Registration Table and the NASA Space Tour event. A total of 213 Compatriots and their wives attended the National Congress.
- Ms. Labay, the Registrar for the George Washington Chapter of the DAR will be our guest speaker next month.
- The National Congress approved a new logo for the SAR.
- The Executive Board approved donating \$1/member (total \$75.00) to the Patriot Fund. Compatriots Bill Adriance and Gene Shaner moved and seconded approval of this donation, and the motion carried unanimously.
- Secretary John Loper briefly presented our options for the upcoming Wreaths Across America Color Guard and wreath laying opportunities on December 15, 2018. Options include continuing our support at the La Marque Cemetery or alternatively consideration of participating at cemeteries in either Galveston or League City. After a brief discussion, there was a general consensus to continue our support at La Marque.
- Galvez Chapter shirt and baseball cap and Challenge Coin orders are still being taken. Contact Treasurer Gene Shaner.
- The next Chapter meeting will be convened on August 18, 2018 at Landry's. The September meeting will be a joint meeting with the DAR at the San Luis on September 15, 2018.
- There will be a Board of Manager's Meeting in Fredericksburg, TX on October 12 through 14, 2018.

## **RECESSIONAL**

The Recessional was led by Compatriot Clark Wright and recited by all Compatriots.

## **DISMISSAL**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary