

**Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1  
March Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2018**

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**PRESENT:                    23**

John Hamlin, President and Chaplain  
Gene Shaner, Treasurer  
John Loper, Secretary  
Bill Whatley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Larry Tidwell, Color Guard Commander  
David Peterson  
David Garza, Assistant Registrar  
Billy Mayo  
Eddie De La Houyasse  
Jim Cantrell  
Andrew Griffis  
Albert Seguin\*  
Donna Rosenberg-Tidwell\*  
Sue Lenes\*  
Marsha Shaner\*  
Mary Junek-Garza\*  
Saranne Labay\*^  
Shawn Carlson\*  
Kathleen Griffis\*  
Lawson Heel\*  
Cheryl Tucker\*  
Brenda Atchley\*  
Kathie Chaffee\*  
\* Guest  
^Speaker

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Color Guard Commander Larry Tidwell led the invocation.

## **PLEDGES**

Compatriot Eddie De La Houyasse 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 and Sue Lenex, Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Texas SAR, introduced our guest speaker, Saranne Labay who is the Registrar for the George Washington DAR Chapter. Ms. Labay gave an excellent presentation on her family history which included occupancy of the Bishop's Palace in Galveston.

## **AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Labay was presented a Medal of Appreciation for her excellent presentation.

## **NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION**

Compatriot Andrew Griffis was installed as a new member by President John Hamlin and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bill Whatley.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary's Report for the July 21, 2018 meeting was submitted previously to all members electronically. A motion was made by Compatriot Larry Tidwell, seconded by Compatriot Bill Whatley 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**

Assistant Registrar David Garza presented the Registrar's Report indicating that we are working on three new member applications and that our membership level currently stands at 75 compatriots – 63 regular members and 12 junior members.

## **COLOR GUARD REPORT**

Color Guard Commander Larry Tidwell reported that we will be responsible for the Color Guard at the joint DAR/SAR Chapter Meeting next month (9/15/18; San Luis Resort). President Hamlin also

encouraged everyone to try to obtain a uniform and participate in our Color Guard events.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Secretary John Loper reported that our Chapter will continue to provide Color Guard Support for the upcoming Wreaths Across America festivities at the La Marque Cemetery on December 15, 2018. Presentations commence at 11:00 a.m. CDT, and Color Guard members are requested to be present by 10:30 a.m. CDT.
- Galvez Chapter shirt and baseball cap and Challenge Coin orders are still being taken. Contact Treasurer Gene Shaner.
- The next Chapter 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 New Braunfels, TX on October 12 through 14, 2018.
- Our October 20, 2018 regular meeting will be held at Landrys. Please note there is a Mandatory Executive Board Meeting on October 19, 2018.
- Our Chapter will provide Color Guard support for Veteran's Day ceremonies in Galveston at the monument at 4:00 p.m. CDT on November 11, 2018.
- Our November 17, 2018 regular meeting will be held at Landrys. A primary agenda item will be the election of new officers.

### **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

President John Hamlin started a new monthly topic presenting items of interest for new members, including an overview of our service organization commitments toward educational contests and scholarships and recognition of Veterans.

### **RECESSIONAL**

The Recessional was led by President John Hamlin and recited by all Compatriots.

### **DISMISSAL**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Loper, Secretary