

MEETING MINUTES - FOR THE BERNARDO DE GALVEZ CHAPTER



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Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1 December 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The December meeting was called to order by Secretary Bill Whatley. Steve Whatley, Jim Mitchell (color guards) presented the colors. Steve Whatley led the pledges to (US, TX, and SAR) flags. Gordon Robinson was asked to do the invocation. After the pledges and invocation the meeting was turned over to chapter President Pete Lenes.

New Business:

Pete Lenes made the introductions of members and guests. There were eighteen chapter members in attendance. This was a new record for number of members attending this year. There were also ten members of the George Washington DAR in attendance. The TXSSAR President, Judge Tom Lawrence and his wife Mickey Jo came to celebrate Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1's 113th anniversary. We also had four SAR Auxiliary members, three members of Dickinson Police Department and nine guests. Pete Lens announced that our chapter participated in the Dickens on the Strand Parade on December 5th. Two of our members (Steve Whatley-Jim Mitchell) wore Revolutionary uniforms and

participated with three members of other chapters. We had seven chapter members, four SAR Auxiliary members, Compatriots Pat Kerr and Dave Jones from the Robert Rankin Chapter, Fred Hill from the Freedom Chapter and two wives at the parade. We hope to make this a state wide event next year.

Pete Lens announced that Bill Whatley donated 815 items to VA this month.

Tom Lawrence spoke to the members about what programs the Patriot Fund supports. He also asked members to consider increasing their donations.

Presentations:

TXSSAR Judge Tom Lawrence & Pete Lens presented three Heroism Medals and certificates to Officer Jack Ferrell, John Smith and Sgt. Mike Anzualda of Dickinson Police Department. Judge Tom Lawrence presented John Gulley and Pete Lens with the Texas Silver Service Medal.

Pete Lens presented Catherine Polk (DAR) with SAR medal of Appreciation and Certificate.

Pete Lens presented Darice Whatley, Carole Whatley and Sue Lens with the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate for their volunteer help and assistance to chapter.

Pete Lens presented Frances Foreman a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of being Chairperson of the Constitution to our local schools.

Judge Tom Lawrence presented Youth/Junior Certificates to Asa and Tyler Whatley. Tom Lawrence was impressed that our chapter is working to secure younger members.