



# BERNARDO de GALVEZ QUARTERLY NEWS



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hosting a Board of Manager's Meeting, a joint Veteran's Day Program and Dicken's on the Strand Parade, these have been three busy months.

Texas SAR President John Beard was very complimentary of our Board of Manager's Meeting in Galveston. From the funds that were raised the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter was able to donate \$500 to the Patriot Fund.

Speaking of the BOM

and the Patriot Fund, our chapter member

Bill Whatley was

selected by the Patriot Medal Committee to

receive this medal at the 2018 State

Meeting in Richardson in April. Well

done Bill. Our Chapter other recipients

over the years are former State

President David Peterson and Registrar Pete

Lenes.



Patriot Medal recipients Bill Whatley, John (Pete)

Lenes, and Former State President David Peterson.

**PATRIOTISM EDUCATION HISTORY**

New officers were elected in November and Officer Installation was held in December with SAR state president John Beard officiating.

The new year is shaping up to be a great time. My suggestion and hope is that you will get involved in our chapter and it's activities in 2018

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**John M. Hamlin, M.Ed.  
President**



## **2018 OFFICERS**

**President – John M. Hamlin**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Larry D. Tidwell**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Bill Whatley**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice – Bill Mayo**

**Treasurer – Merlin (Gene) Shaner**

**Secretary – John Loper**

**Registrar – John (Pete) Lenes**

**Chaplain – John Hamlin**

**Parliamentarian – Marshall Parker**

**Historian – Sam Massey**

**Webmaster – Clark Wright**

**Color Guard Commander –  
Larry D. Tidwell**



Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard presents colors at the Veteran's Day ceremony in Galveston. Pictured: John Loper, Pete Lenes, and Gene Shaner

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**PATRIOTISM EDUCATION HISTORY**

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The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not. -

# ANNOUNCEMENT

Pearl Harbor Day	December 7
Christmas	December 25
New Year Day	January 1
New Officer Board Meeting	January 19
Chapter Meeting	January 20
<b>New Location: Landry's Restaurant</b>	
Valentine Day	February 14
Voluntary Board Meeting	February 16
Chapter Meeting	February 17
Voluntary Board Meeting	March 16
Chapter Meeting	March 17
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
TexasSAR State Meeting	April 6-8
Mandatory Board Meeting	April 20
Chapter Meeting	April 21

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

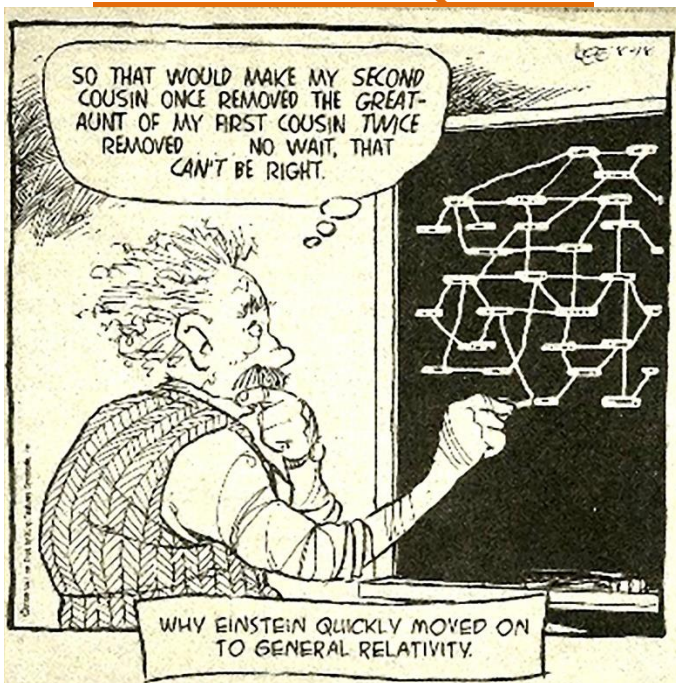


**Registrar's Report showing that we have 71 members. There are 61 Regular and 10 Junior members. We are working on an additional four new member applications.**

There were 57 members on  
January 1, 2017.

Stark Report  
**Toiletries - 245      and**  
**Magazines – 218**  
**Membership - 71**

### GENEOLOGY QUOTE



“History remembers only the  
celebrated, genealogy  
remembers them all.”

I trace my family history so I  
will know who to blame.  
Every family tree has some sap  
in it.

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT  
Beginning in January we will  
start having our meetings at  
Landry’s Restaurant at noon.  
The address is:  
5310 Seawall Blvd.  
“Change is good”

### CHAPLAINS CORNER

**FAITH**  
is like Wi-Fi,  
it’s invisible but  
it has the power  
to connect you to  
what you need.

I'd rather live my whole life  
assuming there is a God, only to  
find out that there isn't, than to  
live my whole life assuming  
there isn't a God, only to find  
out there is.



Galveston County Sheriff Henry Trochesset speaks during the October Meeting

## From THE PRIMER on AMERICAN LIBERTY

### Extending our Legacy of Liberty to the Next Generation

Contemplate the mangled bodies of your countrymen, and then say 'what should be the reward of such sacrifices?' ... If ye love wealth better than Liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animated contest of freedom, go from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that you were our countrymen!" —Samuel Adams

Some of our countrymen are overwhelmed with the current state of our nation. They have resorted to fratricide within their ranks, or withdrawn from the fields of battle altogether. In so doing, they have forsaken the legacy of Liberty extended to them by generations of Patriots who have sacrificed their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

Of such resignation, Jefferson declared, "Honor, justice, and humanity, forbid us tamely to surrender that freedom which we received from our gallant ancestors, and which our innocent posterity have a right to receive from us. We cannot endure the infamy and guilt of resigning succeeding generations to that wretchedness which inevitably awaits them if we basely entail hereditary bondage on them."

On retreating from the defense of Liberty, Benjamin Franklin wrote, "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

George Washington warned, "Disorders and miseries ... gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an Individual ... [who] turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation, on the ruins of Public Liberty. ... The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism. ... Let there be no change by usurpation; for though this, in one instance, may be the instrument of good, it is the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed."

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet," asked Patrick Henry, "as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me Liberty or give me death!"

In the same vein, Alexander Hamilton wrote, “A nation which can prefer disgrace to danger is prepared for a master, and deserves one!”

On Patriotism, George Washington, in his Farewell Address, said, “Citizens by birth or choice of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. ... Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness — these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens.”

But Washington also warned, “Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism.”



Compatriot Bill Mayo receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Registrar Pete Lenes and President John Hamlin.

# Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.

Plainly, none can claim the name “**American Patriot**” while passively submitting to laws and regulations that violate the most fundamental tenets of our Constitution.

At its core, the word “Patriot” has direct lineage to those who fought for American independence and established our constitutional republic. That lineage has descended through our history most conspicuously by way of those who have pledged “**to Support and Defend**” our Constitution — those who have been faithful to and have abided by their oaths, even unto death.

Those who can rightly claim the name Patriot in this era — men and women who have stood firm in defense of Liberty — are rightly encouraged by the grassroots groundswell of activism across the nation in recent years. Increasing numbers of our countrymen are awakening to the serious threats to our Constitution and their irrevocable terminus: tyranny.

The growing chorus of Patriot voices from every corner of the nation and all walks of life is demanding restoration of Rule of Law as enshrined in our Constitution.

Today's Patriots exemplify not only the eternal spirit of Liberty conferred by previous generations of Patriots, but also a spirit enlivened in recent history by a constitutional advocate who many historians regard as the greatest American president of the 20th century.



Pay Dues



Wreaths Across America Observance at the LaMarque Cemetery this next Saturday December 16, 2017. Uniform is encouraged for Color Guard but not required. Please plan on coming out at 10:30 a.m. to support this opportunity.

La Marque Cemetery  
1709 Oak St.  
La Marque, TX



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Compatriot David Peterson receives his 35-year membership pin at the November meeting.



Past Chapter President Bill Love receives his 25-year Pin from Registrar Pete Lenes and President John Hamlin.

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