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June News letter

Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

Compatriots! We had an outstanding meeting! We had 16 chapter members, 1 SAR Auxiliary member, 4 prospective members, 1 speaker, 2 Public Service Medal winners, 2 Bronze Good Citizenship winners, 1DAR member and 6 guests.

Gina Decurtis, MSgt U.S. Army, was our main speaker. She is known as the "Flag Lady". She spoke on the history and usage of the U.S. flag and gave us a wonderful presentation. She speaks to many different groups during the year. Gina received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for her many presentations to organizations in Galveston County.

Officer Christopher Sanderson was presented the Heroism Medal for his heroic save of a 14 year old boy from drowning in the Gulf of Mexico. Christopher's citations are attached. Craig Wunstel received the EMS Commendation Medal for his dedication to the preservation of life and health under emergency conditions and performing beyond the duties normally called for within the Emergency Medical Services profession. David Schuler received the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for organizing the tree planting event and the planting of two

hundred trees in the East End of Galveston replacing the trees which were lost during Hurricane Ike. Compatriot Jim Cantrell participated in the planting of the trees. Cmdr. Robert Gallindo received a Certificates of Appreciation for his 30 years of outstanding military service in the U.S.N.

We have now have sold over 50 Galvez Expedition 1779 SAR pins. The price of the pins is \$8 each for chapter members. Non chapter member can purchase the pins for \$10 each or \$8 if they purchase 3 or more pins.

We are working on having the Fire Chief of Galveston to be our next presenter during the 17th of July chapter meeting.

Our next event will be the 4th of July Celebration and Parade in Galveston on Saturday July third. We hope to make this parade another exciting parade to participate in whether you ride in the Ron Whatley's wagon or march in the parade with the Color Guard! Please contact George Dersheimer or Steve Whatley if you plan to attend and participate in the parade. Ron Whatley will be sending all members information about the parade, too!

We had a great Memorial Day Service at Moody Gardens in Galveston. We had 11 chapter members present for this event. We had four Color Guard members present and one Color Guard Member from the Robert Rankin Chapter. We presented a Flag Certificate to the owner of The Island Café during our special chapter meeting before the Memorial Day Services. George Dersheimer did an outstanding job in organizing and presenting the service. David Dersheimer, our webmaster and chapter member, attended the above events. David lives and works in

Owensboro, Kentucky. It was good to see him participating in our activities.

The Patriot of David Peterson:

Charles Cosby was born October 21, 1754 in Powhatan County, Virginia. He married Mary Winter, born December 12, 1759 in Cumberland County, Virginia. Charles Cosby supported the Patriotic cause with food and services at Powhatan County, Virginia. On October 19, 1781 he was allowed claim for pasturage for 89 cattle overnight, 100 pounds of fodder, eight pecks of corn and six meals for cattle drivers. Charles Cosby died in 1802 in Louisa County, Virginia.

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