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March 19, 2011 News Letter

Bernardo de Galvez Chapter # 1

Compatriots, we had another great meeting and participated in the Home Show in Galveston. There were a total of 16 people in attendance. Attending the meeting we had 10 chapter members, 1 SAR Auxiliary member, 1 prospective member, 1 presenter, and three SAR members from other chapters. Our chapter now has 1140 points on the President's Report and 237 Stark Report points which equates to 2 point on the President's report.

Irma Ortiz from the UTMB Education Dept. gave us a presentation on the Osher Lifelong learning Institute at UTMB. (OLLI) The college level courses are open to all those 55 years or older regardless of previous education experiences.

We now have 5 applications submitted to NSSAR for approval. NSSAR is still having problems in approving applications in an appropriate time period.

We need to have participation from our members in assisting our compatriots who have agreed to participate in our standing committees. We need help in the ROTC/EAGLE Scout program, Flag Certificates in the north part of Galveston County, to help Ron Whatley in the Essay, Oration, and Poster Contest. Ron needs assistance in the Mardi gras and Dicken's on the Strand Parades, George Dersheimer needs assistance with the Flag Day presentation, and two people to help out with the Constitution Day activities. Please let Ron Whatley or myself if you are available to help our chapter become a more visible and viable chapter.

We participated in the Galveston Home Show at the Galveston Convention Center on the 19th and 20th of March. Compatriot George Dersheimer donated a Brown Bess replica rifle for us to raffle off during the Home Show, chapter meetings, TXSSAR State Convention on the 25th, 26, and 27th of March in Irving, Texas and other events. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The proceeds of the tickets are to be used during the October BOM meeting in Galveston which we will be hosting. Bring money to

purchase the tickets during the April 16th chapter meeting! Our Color Guard participated in the opening events at the Home Show. George Dersheimer, Bill Whatley, Tom Green, Ray Cox and Larry Stevens participated in this event. Tom Green is from the Alexander Hodge Chapter and is a past State President. Ray Cox and Larry Stevens are from the Piney Woods Chapter.

The Texas City VA Clinic is now open, and the facility is a beautiful place to go to when medical help is needed. Right now, they are only taking toiletries and no magazines or books. Stop by and give Thelma your toiletries. She was transferred to Texas City from the Galveston VA Clinic.

Our next chapter meeting will be the 16th of April! The Executive Officer of the Texas City USCG station will be our main speaker!

The Patriot of Edward De La Houssaye:

Chevalier Louis De La Houssaye was born in Point Coupee, Louisiana on October 12th, 1759. He was a Captain of Infantry, Royal Legion, Mixed Militia of the Mississippi; Commanding General Bernardo de Galvez. Captain De La Houssaye is on the roll with those men who compose the four companies of Militia and Grenadiers for New Orleans and its districts. General Galvez and his militia of 600 men left New Orleans on August 27, 1779 and began his conquest of the Gulf Coast. This included the Capture of Fort Bute on Bayou Manchac and Baton Rouge. Pensacola fell on May 9, 1781. These victories relieved pressure on General Washington's Forces and opened supply lines from Spain, France, Cuba and Mexico. The exploits of the Mississippi Militia greatly helped the cause of the American Revolution. Captain Louis De La Houssaye died in the early 1800's.

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Prospective members: Remember to bring prospective members to our chapter meetings! We need to build up our membership during 2011!

The annual dues should be paid as soon as possible. Help keep our chapter strong and moving forward!