



## Galvez Times Bernardo de Galvez Society Friendswood, Texas

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### **National Theme: Courage, Service, Honor**

The National Society is focusing on first responders who through their lives have demonstrated Courage, Service, and Honor. The project this year is to work with Tunnel to Towers to provide wounded first responders with mortgage free Smart Homes. They answered the call to service, now we can assist them with their housing needs. These first responders have sacrificed for our safety and are now facing traumatic brain injuries, multiple amputations and other challenges.

Hello Bernardo de Galvez Society!

I am so glad to have seen so many of you at the George Ranch meeting. It was a very successful meeting and I hope you all learned more about the Chilsom Trail. I appreciate the members who came to the Richard A Anderson Veterans home. I believe the veterans greatly appreciated our program. State Conference is coming up in the spring, and I highly recommend that all of you attend. It is a great time to meet people and celebrate everything we've accomplished this year. Be sure to get involved by being a page, aide, or color bearer. Get ready for LOTS of fun with the Kazoo band!

I hope to see you soon,  
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Society President



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This year we are exploring the history of the Chisholm Trail. This trail was important for westward expansion on the frontier. The state project is raising money to provide signage for The Chisholm Trail Outdoor Museum in Cleburne, Texas. This museum has a large collection of Chisholm Trail memorabilia and is also home to the oldest courthouse in Texas. There is also a working blacksmith shop and a Native American Museum. Our project will enable visitors to locate the museum entrance more easily. We hope you can visit the museum to learn more about the Chisholm Trail.

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Our Society is having a wonderful year! Many thanks to the members and seniors who attended our November meeting at the George Ranch. There were over 40 individuals from five Houston area Societies! We enjoyed a lovely day learning about our State Theme – Blazing Trails Through Texas History. Our upcoming Wreaths Across America is one of my most favorite activities we participate in all year long. I hope to see you there. Also – we have a lot of wonderful teenagers in our society. I highly encourage each and everyone of you who are eligible to apply for any of the numerous scholarship opportunities offered by both C.A.R., D.A.R., and S.A.R./S.R. Please save the date for State Conference this year – March 28-29th in the Dallas Area. It is always a wonderful time to gather and celebrate all we've accomplished this year.

With kindest regards,  
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Eight members of the Bernardo de Galvez Society traveled to the Richard A. Anderson Texas State Veterans Home in Houston, Texas. Members presented a program for over 100 veterans, family members, and staff. Members recited the C.A.R. Creed, Motto, C.A.R. Song, and Mission Statement. Each member shared about his or her patriot ancestor while wearing a tricorn hat. Members presented during the 11th hour of the 11th month of the 11th day. A special flag folding demonstration was presented with the meaning of each fold of the flag shared. Veterans received small American flags, and poppy pins from the members. Rebecca U. (14) presented as Martha Washington and reflected on the trials overcome by George Washington during the American Revolution. Kathryn U. (12) assumed the persona of Hazel Herringshaw, an Army nurse during World War 1. Kylie R. (10) finished the presentation by portraying Ovetta Culp Hobby, the first female Colonel in the United States Army. The Bernardo members were especially touched to be present for the singing of the National Anthem, and the playing of Taps on a bugle.



**Bernardo de Galvez hosted a Houston Area Meeting  
with five societies attending.**



Members playing  
a Chisholm Trail  
game.



Members and  
seniors enjoying  
the day.



Cowboys roping  
cattle. The  
George Ranch is  
a working ranch.



State Officers  
attending the joint  
meeting.

Five Houston Area C.A.R. Societies gathered at the George Ranch Historic Park to learn about the Texas State President's Project - Blazing Trails Through Texas History. The Bernardo de Galvez Society hosted forty members and seniors and led members playing an experiential game taking on the role of cattle drivers along the Chisholm Trail. They encountered cattle thieves, lightning strikes, snowstorms, fast moving rivers, and prairie fires, gaining and losing cattle along the way. At each town along the trail, members read pertinent information about the town's participation in the Chisholm Trail. When team two made it to the final town, members did the math to learn how much profit they had earned. Cows sold in Texas were worth \$4, but cows that made their way to the end of the Chisholm Trail were sold at \$40 a head!

Members and Seniors then proceeded to the viewing stands and viewed a cattle roping demonstration. The cowboys shared about life on Chisholm Trail, as well as current day cattle operations. A highlight came next as members tried to stay out of the 'splash zone' while the cattle took a dive into the ten feet deep dipping vat. A short tram ride allowed members to enjoy beef jerky and cornbread muffins on the way to the 1860s Polly Ryon historic home. State Chaplain and George Ranch volunteer Rebecca Ulczynski led everyone on a house tour. She shared specifically about Polly Ryon, a savvy cattle businesswoman of the late 1800s. Members and seniors were then free to tour the three other historic homes (some were put to work gathering eggs and feeding the pigs!) and enjoy the beautiful day at the ranch.

**It's almost time! December 14th! Join us at La Marque Cemetery. Our meeting will begin at 10:15. Please arrive a few minutes early! Please bring donations for Galveston City Police Department... Reese's Cups, Reese's Pieces, M&Ms, Fruit Snacks, or Peanut Butter Crackers.**



For God and my Country is the C.A.R. motto, join us as we pay tribute to those who have served our country. This is always a special day. We gather for a brief meeting then a tribute to those we are honoring. We then place flags at the headstone of veterans. Laura U. age 8



## Members supporting first responders.



Members giving brownies to a first responder to thank them for their service to our community.



Kaelyn and Kaemyn giving a coffee cake to a first responder who helped their family after a pipeline explosion in their neighborhood.



Member's supporting the League City Fire Department.

Please bring candy to our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at LaMarque Cemetery. We are donating candy to the Galveston City Police Department. Suggested candy includes Reese's Cups, Reese's Pieces, M&Ms, Fruit Snacks, or Peanut Butter Crackers.





19 Members and seniors attended the state project day. Our society supported the Chisholm Trail Museum.



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