



LA GRANADA



The Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez – Founding Chapter

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Tejeda History Faire & Culture Fest



The 12th Annual Tejeda History Faire And Culture Fest takes place on Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Tejeda Middle School located at 2909 E. Evans Rd. We have participated in

this event in the past and it continues to grow in the number of participants and spectators.

We will staff a living history booth with items on display, provide oral presentations and even fire our muskets. To get to the school, drive north on Hwy 281 outside Loop 1604. At the 2nd traffic light, turn right on Evans Rd. Go past the stop sign and you will see the school on your left. Take the first entrance and go to the back of the school.

Congratulations To Our New Treasurer

Congratulations and thanks go out to Olga Lizcano, who was sworn in at the March meeting as our new Treasurer. Olga has previously been a member of several business, professional and historical organizations and has served in the position of Secretary for Los Bexarenos Genealogical Society and the San Antonio Founders Heritage. She was most recently the President of the Donaldson Terrace Neighborhood Association. We thank her for agreeing to serve as an officer in our chapter

King William Fair & Parade

Our Fiesta event this year is the King William Fair where we will march in the parade and staff a living history booth at the historic Wulff House. We will need all available Granaderos and Damas at this event to staff the booth while those in uniform march in the parade. We also need help to take pictures and hand out brochures. The entire event attracts about 50,000 visitors for the day.

Those marching in the parade should arrive by 8:30 at the corner of Eagleland and E. Guenther St. The parade route is about a mile and half long.

We have special accommodations for our living history booth. We will set up on the grounds of the historic Wulff House located at 107 King William St (corner of King William & St Mary's St). Part of the fence is removed for visitors to reach our booth and we will hang our banner on the fence. We will also have full access to the historic Stuemke Barn on the grounds which will provide an indoor rest area with air conditioning, a bathroom and a refrigerator with water and sodas. Those staffing the booth in the morning should arrive by 8:30.



See page three of this newsletter for more information and a map.

"It's going to be fun!"



Our Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 3

La Fonda Restaurant

(Alamo Heights)

6402 N New Braunfels Ave

Dinner at 6:30

Meeting at 7:00

Guest Speaker:

Larry Kirkpatrick

**"The Three Battles At Béxar
In The Year 1813"**

A Bicentennial of Battles

Two hundred years ago, in the year 1813, there were three battles fought at Béxar and one of them remains to this day as the bloodiest battle ever fought on Texas soil. All three battles were part of the Texas Revolution. Granadero Larry Kirkpatrick will be the guest speaker at our April meeting and give a PowerPoint presentation titled "*The Three Battles at Béxar in the Year 1813*".

This part of our history involves the lust for land, the grab for power, an ambush and the intrigue of a leader who turned out to be a spy for the enemy at great cost of life.

Larry will present the findings of his latest research on these historic battles and their locations. You won't want to miss it.

Upcoming Events

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**Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual History Faire at Tejeda Middle School. We will staff a living history booth.

**Saturday, April 27, 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
King William Fair. We will march in the parade and staff a living history booth.

*Welcome  
New Member:  
Dorothy Perez*

We welcome Dorothy Perez as the newest member of our chapter.

Dorothy is very active in several historical and genealogical groups and is a Canary Island descendant. You will remember Dorothy from our last meeting when she, with her brother, gave an excellent presentation about Women and Children of the Alamo and we became aware that she is a descendant of the youngest survivor of the Battle of the Alamo.

With a genealogy as rich as hers, it is no surprise that she has an interest in history.

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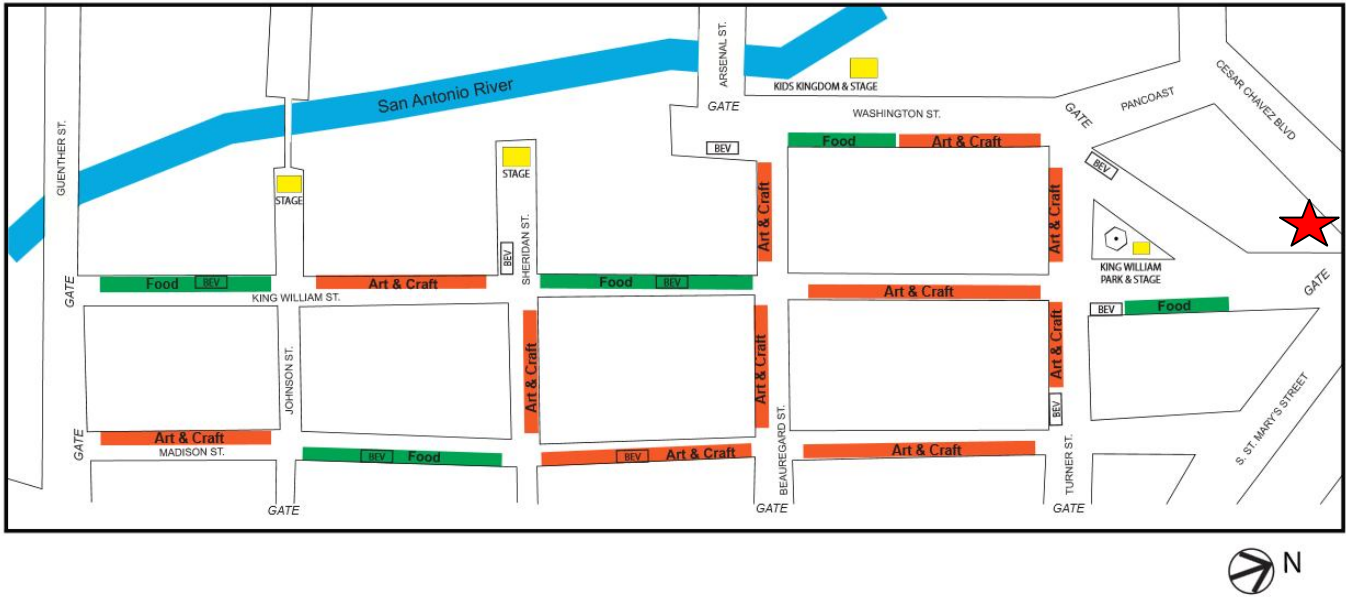
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# KING WILLIAM FAIR 2013



Our booth will be at the Wulff House which is at the corner of King William and Saint Mary's St, shown with a star on the map above. The parade starts at the intersection of Guenther and Eagleland, goes up Guenther, turns right onto King William, then right on Turner, right on Madison, left on Johnson and ends up back at the starting point. Granaderos and Damas need to arrive at 8:30 either at the Wulff House (shown as a star on the map) or at the parade starting point (not shown on the map).



## Quarterly Report January - March, 2013

Our chapter counts the items below as accomplishments in the first three months of 2013.

- Three well-attended monthly meetings
- Two new members; Lynda Normand and Dorothy Perez
- Living history presentation at the Westfall Library with 20 people in attendance
- Living history booth at Losoya Intermediate School
- Living history booth at the Navarro House
- Living history booth at the San Antonio Police Department Memorial Festival
- Purchased a multi-media projector and screen for chapter use

## They Come From Macharaviaya

Governor General Joel Escamilla announces that Antonio Campos Garin, the Mayor of Macharaviaya, and a 21-person contingent from Spain are requesting to meet with the Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez during their visit to New Orleans on May 10, 2013.

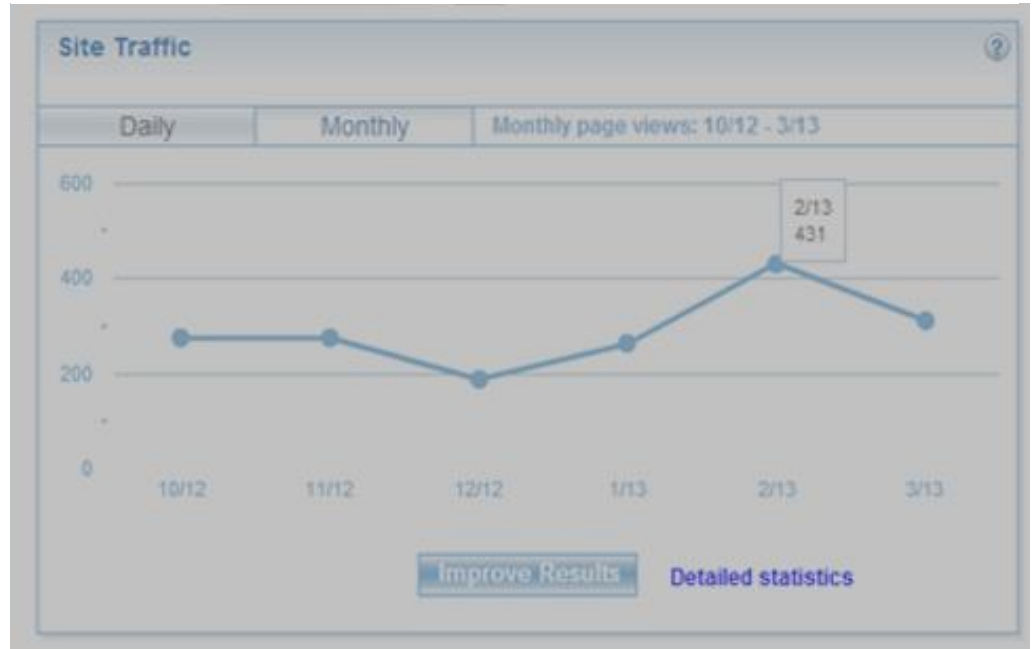
Anyone who can make the trip should email Gov. Gen. Escamilla at [escamillaj@satx.rr.com](mailto:escamillaj@satx.rr.com).

## Happy Birthday!

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Happy Birthday to Victoria Thonhoff who celebrates her birthday on April 2nd. We're all wishing you the best, Mrs. Thonhoff.

The graph to the right shows the amount of traffic we have been getting on our website. We had a spike of 431 hits in February which may have been a result of our performance at the Westfall Library. As recently as August 2012, we were averaging about 200 hits a month. That increased from October 2012 through mid-March where we averaged about 300 hits a month. The site is kept current with the latest information about our next meeting and upcoming events. When you get a chance, send a note to Granadero Roland Cantu at gne007@gmail.com and let



him know how much you appreciate him creating and maintaining a fantastic website for our chapter. He does a great job for us and we've gotten emails regarding the website from all over the world.

**JOURNAL
OF THE
AMERICAN
REVOLUTION**
all things liberty!

On March 18th, author Lars D.H. Hedbor published an article titled "The Perfect Storm: Bernardo de Gálvez and the Gulf Coast Campaign" in the online

magazine "Journal of the American Revolution all things liberty!" He wrote of Gálvez that his "contributions are barely noticed in classroom histories, but without whom, events would have turned out dramatically different."

The brief article covers the trials Gálvez had to overcome during his Gulf Coast campaign. He writes of the Spanish troops, "Crucial to their success in assisting us was one storm-plagued Spanish general, who is primarily memorialized today only in the name of the city of Galveston, Texas, and who deserves to be better known."

Hedbor writes novels about history and is currently working on a novel about Bernardo de Gálvez. You can read the article by copying the following link into your internet web browser: <http://allthingsliberty.com/2013/03/the-perfect-storm-bernardo-de-galvez-and-the-gulf-coast-campaign/>.

Student Competition Winner Wrote About Gálvez

Fayobserver.com, the online newspaper of Fayetteville, North Carolina ran an article on March 2nd about a student competition called "Forgotten Patriots" sponsored by Fayetteville's Daughters of the American Revolution Liberty Point Chapter. The group recognized twenty two students in a ceremony on February 21st. Students competed in a number of categories such as history essay, poetry and poster design, to name a few, but all were within the theme of "Forgotten Patriots". In some of the categories, students can advance to state and national competition. You can read the article by going to: <http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2013/03/02/1239630?sac=fo.life>.

Daughters of Liberty

By Joe Perez

We know well the exploits of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, George Rogers Clark, Bernardo de Gálvez and other great men during the American Revolution, but how about Colonial women during that time? On July 4, 1776, the world changed for all American Colonial men and women and war changes everything. Depending on whether a woman lived in a large town or on a remote farm, the war meant either opportunities to meet interesting young men in uniform or limitations on their social lives due to the absence of young men.

Women were more than just observers during our War of Independence. Many women attended “spinning events” which were public demonstrations of weaving cotton into fabric. These public events were political acts meant to encourage the home production of yarn as a means to protest British imports. Some women signed “Association” documents pledging not to purchase boycotted English items and some even burned their tea at public demonstrations in acts of defiance and patriotism. Some young women even pledged that they would not date men who did not serve in the military. Defiant women of the time called themselves “Daughters of Liberty”¹

While such demonstrations promoted freedom for our new country, they also had an undertone of freedom for women, who, at that time, did not have the right to vote. Abigail Adams famously warned her husband, future President John Adams, that women would not hold themselves bound by laws in which they had no voice or representation.²

Despite limitations placed on women, especially married women since they had fewer rights than single women, they contributed greatly to the winning of our freedom.

There are several instances of women helping American prisoners of war escape. In 1779, Elizabeth Burgin helped two hundred American prisoners of war escape and the British put a bounty on her head for two thousand dollars.³

Margaret Corbin’s husband worked on a cannon crew and when his crewmember was killed, she stepped up and took his place. Her husband was then killed and she was wounded,

becoming the first woman to receive a lifetime pension for wounds received on a battlefield. The more popular account is when Molly McCauly, or “Molly Pitcher” bravely staffed a cannon crew when her husband fell wounded.,

Nancy Hart (shown in a drawing above) assisted an American Patriot soldier and when British troops came to question her, she shot two of them. Deborah Sampson enlisted as a man and served in the war before being discovered and given an honorable discharge.

While much has been written about women’s contributions to our War of Independence, one would have to agree their achievements are not yet common knowledge.

Resources:

1 & 3 *To Be Useful To The World: Women in Revolutionary America 1740-1790*, Joan R. Gundersen, pp. 173-181

2 www.historytools.org/sources/Abigail-John-Letters.pdf



Nancy Hart shot two British soldiers who questioned her for aiding an American Patriot.

Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez Meeting Minutes

For the meeting held March 6, 2013 at Royal Inn Oriental Cuisine Restaurant
Submitted by Secretary Briana Perez

Attendance:

Jesse Benavides, Jack Cowan, Joel Escamilla, Sylvia Escamilla, Lucila Flores, Bob Hancock, Priscilla Hancock, Manual Lizcano, Olga Lizcano, Priscilla Marrah, Angel Pagan, Zena Pagan, Briana Perez, Rueben Perez, Dorothy Perez, Joe Perez, Susan Rodriguez, James Salinas, Elizabeth Salinas, Corinne Staacke, Sylvia Sutton, Robert Thonhoff, Victoria Thonhoff, Joe Zavala

- Governor Joe Perez opened the meeting at 7:18 pm.
- He welcomed guests Reuben Perez, Dorothy Perez and Susan Rodriguez.
- The Invocation was given by James Salinas.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jesse Benavides.
- Governor Perez conducted the Swearing-In of Olga Lizcano as our new Treasurer
- Treasurer Olga Lizcano gave the Treasurer's Report.
- Secretary Briana Perez gave the Secretary's Report which was voted on and passed.
- Governor General Joel Escamilla gave the National Report. The Houston Chapter will host the National Meeting in August. They had 50 people attend their last meeting. There will be a national meeting of La Raza in New Orleans coming up and our organization is invited. We will be seeking donors to refurbish the Galvez, statue in New Orleans. Governor General Escamilla is working on a Memorandum Of Understanding regarding the donations.
- Governor Perez made a few announcements:
 - He updated our officer information on file with the Texas Secretary of State.
 - Recent Events: We gave a presentation at the Westfall Library and staffed a living history booth at the Casa Navarra event and the Losoya Intermediate School History Fair.
 - Upcoming Events: We will participate in the SAPD Memorial Festival, King William Fair and 12th Annual Tejada Middle School History Fair.
 - We have a small committee that's trying to get translated documents written to or from Gálvez that we can put on our website for others to use as reference.
- Governor Perez obtained the book *Bernardo de Galvez: Services to the American Revolution*, published in 1925 by Charles Churchill (President of Louisiana Society SAR) from Granadero Clifford Normand on the condition we donate it to the San Antonio Main Library in a ceremony to include the SAR and DAR. Larry Kirkpatrick, who retired from the library, warned that library ownership is not guaranteed and if the book is not used, the library can sell it. He moved that we keep the book and start a chapter library and make it available for others to reference. The motion was seconded by Briana Perez. Discussion ensued on other types of libraries and other options. The motion was voted on and it passed. Governor Perez said he will notify Granadero Normand but there is no guarantee we can keep the book if it is deemed we did not honor the condition on which it was obtained.
- Governor Perez suggested we invest in a projector and screen for presentations. Dama Sylvia Sutton moved we set aside \$650 for the equipment. Governor General Escamilla seconded the motion. Discussion was had and a vote taken. The motion carried.
- Guest speakers Reuben and Dorothy Perez gave an outstanding presentation on The Women and Children of the Alamo; Juana Perez, 11-month old Baby Alejo and others who survived the Battle of the Alamo. The presentation had musical accompaniment and they had display boards and artifacts from their ancestors. Rueben and Dorothy received resounding applause. Rueben stated that we are now the voices of the past and must tell the stories of their lives and accomplishments.
- Governor Perez adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.