



# LA GRANADA



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To educate the public on Spain's contributions to the American Revolution

San Antonio, TX

## GRANADERO RECEIVES AWARD

Granadero Clifford Normand lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana but he is a member of the San Antonio chapter of the Granaderos and Damas de Gálvez. Clifford was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal from the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution (LASSAR). This illustrious award was presented to him at this year's Annual Banquet of the LASSAR on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

Only one of these awards is allowed to be bestowed each year and it is not simply given out, it must be earned. Clifford earned this award through his tireless efforts over the past four years as LASSAR State Registrar and for several presentations he has given to the public on Bernardo de Gálvez and Spanish contributions to the American Revolution.

He currently has seven American patriots who have been recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution for service under General Gálvez. Clifford humbly states, *"I have to thank the Granaderos and Damas de Galvez and Mr. Richard Whynot for first instilling my interest in this interesting subject that enabled me to receive this award."* Our thanks go out to Clifford Normand for his work in Louisiana. Read more about his efforts on page 4.



Granaderos Joel Escamilla and Joe Perez worked as docents at the Texas A&M University-San Antonio Gálvez exhibit on Sunday, April 22. At right is Joel explaining one of the panels in the exhibit to a couple and their children.

The university hosted their Los Cazcarones Festival and drew several hundreds of festival goers to the event, many of whom stopped in to see the Gálvez exhibit where Joel and Joe gave information on the panels. Several people gave us their email addresses in order to receive more information about our organization and about Spain's contributions to the American Revolution.



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# NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Royal Inn Oriental Cuisine

5440 Babcock Rd Ste 150

Ph: 691-0602

Dinner: 6:30

Meeting: 7:00

## Upcoming Events:

Fiesta Flambeau Parade

Saturday, April 28

28<sup>TH</sup> Annual

Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony

Wednesday, July 4

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

Bernardo de Galvez Exhibit at the Texas

A&M University through May 20, 2012

## TREASURER'S REPORT

For March 2012

Prev Bal	\$2,035.36	2,035.36
Deposits:		
	\$ 100.00 Donation, Federico Martinez	
	\$ 30.00 Dues, Larry Kirkpatrick	
	\$ 30.00 Dues, Ricardo Rodriguez	
	\$ 150.00 Donation, Texas Society DAR	
	\$ 30.00 Dues, Olga Lizcano	
	\$ .29 Divicend	340.29
Expenses:		
	\$ 20.14 Postage for Newsletter	
	\$ 40.00 Texas Society SAR Raffle	60.14
New Balance:	\$ 2,315.51	2,315.51

# New Galvez Medal

A new medal has been struck commemorating the 54<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) and features Bernardo de Gálvez. Granadero Frank Galindo designed the medal. He is not just a numismatist, he is the District 7 Governor of TNA. Frank and his wife, Dama Karla Galindo, serve as the Medals Officers for the organization.

The obverse of the 2012 TNA Medal features General Bernardo de Gálvez, the Spanish Burgundy flag, and a Texas Longhorn steer. The reverse of the medal shows the official seal of the Texas Numismatic Association.

In addition to designing the medal, Frank submitted an article to The TNA News magazine and it appears as a full-page article on page 17 of the March/April edition. To read it, go to [www.tna.org](http://www.tna.org) and click on "March and April 2012, Volume 54, Number 2" which appears just above the title banner. Once there, scroll down to page 17 to read his excellent article.

The medal was struck as a silver and bronze medal set and each set is serially numbered. This is a limited set struck for the 2012 TNA Convention and those who purchased last year's

convention set have first opportunity to obtain this set, so there may or may not be any available to the general public.



If anyone is interested in purchasing a set, please contact Frank Galindo at [karfra1@netzero.net](mailto:karfra1@netzero.net) to check for availability. A silver and bronze medal set is \$50 plus \$4 shipping and handling for each set with optional insurance another \$2. The silver medal

is one ounce .999 fine silver and each set comes with a Certificate of Authenticity. Individual Bronze medals are also available for \$5 each plus 50-cents shipping and handling.

True to our cause, Frank says, *"I am really hopeful that this will give Galvez, Spain, and Texas Longhorns extensive exposure to people who were not aware of their significant contributions to the American Revolution. This is a good opportunity to educate the public through a different venue than the Granaderos and TCARA have had access to before now."* We couldn't agree with you more, Frank.



# Gálvez Alive and Well in Louisiana

As mentioned on page 1 of this newsletter, Granadero Clifford Norman received a Distinguished Service Medal from the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution this past month for his work over the years, which includes educating the public on General Gálvez and Spain's contributions to the American Revolution.

His interest in Gálvez is based on his genealogy research where he has nine ancestors recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution as members of Gálvez' expeditions. In 2007, Granadero Richard Whynot gave a presentation at St. Gabriel Church near Baton Rouge where Clifford and his wife are members. Afterwards, Clifford became a Granadero and Richard provided him slides and text from the presentation, which Clifford uses to make his presentations to organizations in the area.

Clifford and his wife are docents at The Old Governor's Mansion, which is now a museum in Baton Rouge. While looking around in the museum's basement, Clifford found artifacts sent by the Spanish Council in New Orleans for the 1979 Bicentennial of Galvez's capture of Fort New Richmond in Baton Rouge. He had several of these items on display during presentations he gave called "Spanish Contributions to the American Revolution".

Clifford's wife is a Canary Island descendant and both of them are members of the Baton Rouge Canary Island Society which promotes recognition for the Canary Islanders recruited by Gálvez to join the army in Louisiana and settle in the area in order to join the militias. Below is a list of some of the talks he and his wife Lynda have given with the attendance shown in parenthesis.

## Spanish Contributions to the American Revolution Presentations

1. Baton Rouge Genealogical and Historical Society, 2008 (15)
2. Pointe Coupée Chapter, DAR 2009 (10)
3. John James Audubon Chapter DAR, BR, 2009 (25)
4. West Florida Historical Society, 2009 (40)
5. Col. Fielding Lewis Chapter SAR, Fredericksburg, VA, January 10, 2009 (30)
6. General Philemon Thomas, SAR, Baton Rouge, October 1, 2009 (30)
7. German-Acadian Coast Genealogical and Historical Society, Norco, La., October 28, 2009 (60)
8. Edmund Meullion Chapter SAR, Alexandria, LA, 2010 (12)
9. Attakapas Chapter SAR, Lafayette, April 2010 (40)
10. Edward Livingston Historical and Genealogical Society, May 21, 2009 (30)
11. Augusta Parish Chapter DAR, Staunton, VA, October 2010 by Lynda Normand (25)
12. Lagniappe Class (Seniors, LSU Continuing education), BR, May 2011 (40).
13. La. State Museum, Noontime Lagniappe, BR, October 6, 2011 (50)
14. SAR Mansura, La., Cemetery Plaque Dedication, October 29, 2011 (75+)
15. Foundation for Historical Louisiana, Baton Rouge Old Governor's Mansion, April 12, 2012 (50).
16. Iberville Chapter DAR, Plaquemine, LA, April 24.

The next page shows the ad for the presentation Clifford gave at The Old Governor's Mansion on April 12.

Below is the ad for the presentation Granadero Clifford Norman gave at The Old Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge on April 12, 2012. Thank you, Clifford, for all the work you do in revealing this part of American history.



The Foundation For Historical Louisiana

HERITAGE LECTURE ON  
SPANISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00PM THE OLD GOVERNOR'S MANSION

HERITAGE LECTURE TO HIGHLIGHT SPANISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Foundation for Historical Louisiana (FHL) will hold its monthly Heritage Lecture on Thursday, April 12, featuring genealogy researcher Clifford Normand as the guest speaker on "The Spanish Contributions to the American Revolution."



Normand, born and raised in Baton Rouge, is a descendant of many of the founding families and colonial families of Louisiana. His genealogy research revealed that at least nine of his Louisiana ancestors were involved in the Gálvez Expeditions during the American Revolution and have been recognized by the Sons of the American Revolution.

The event is free to FHL members and \$10 for guests.

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RECEPTION HOSTED BY CALANDRO'S SELECT CELLARS & FINE WINES

## Minutes of the meeting April 4, 2012

The meeting, held at the Picante Grill restaurant, commenced at 7:15 p.m.

The invocation was given by Priscilla Marrah.

James Salinas moved to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter and the motion was seconded by Tito Fernandez. The motion carried.

Robert Flores gave a Treasurer's Report for March indicating a previous balance of \$2,035.36, deposits totaling \$340.29 and expenses totaling \$60.14 for a new balance of \$2,315.51. James Salinas moved to accept the report and it was seconded by Joseph Mannix. The motion carried.

Joe Perez talked about his participation at the A&M Galvez exhibit the previous Sunday.

Joe Perez mentioned we have only one entry for a float and not for a marching unit in the Flambeau Parade. Discussion followed on whether we could petition the parade commission to have an extension of the float in the form of banner carriers and fifers & drummers on foot leading the float in addition to those on the float. Joe Perez will let the membership know whether we can add such an extension to our entry as this will determine how many people will participate.

Joe Perez mentioned that he submitted a request to the San Antonio Mayor's office for the mayor to give the keynote address at our Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony. He will let the membership know the outcome of the request. He said he will ask the San Antonio Postmaster to participate in the ceremony by unveiling new patriotic postage stamps. He also mentioned that we will have a special presentation by our Fife and Drum Corps at the ceremony to present musical tunes that were also used as commands to the troops.

Joe also asked for a motion to present colonial-era toys (as shown in a catalog he passed around) at our Fourth of July ceremony to show children in attendance what children played with during that era. James Salinas moved that we purchase one bilbo catcher (\$8.00) and one tabletop ninepin set (\$17.50). The motion was seconded by Lucila Flores and the motion carried. Betty Salinas said she will purchase dolls from the same catalog and donate them to the chapter. A demonstration of the colonial-era toys will be presented after the ceremony near the birthday cake. Priscilla Marrah mentioned that we can also demonstrate the toys at other historical events where we may have a booth.

Joe Perez said he will work with libraries and schools for us to give presentations on Spain's contributions to the American Revolution, colonial-era fife and drum music, muskets and swords, flags of that era and children's toys of that era. He said that, in addition to fulfilling our mission to educate the public, these efforts will also build awareness of our Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony in the hopes of increasing attendance.

Joel Escamilla announced that Karla Galindo found a better price for printing 100 booklets of Robert Thonhoff's booklet *The Vital Contribution of Spain in the Winning of the American Revolution* as approved at the March meeting. Instead of 75-cents each, they will cost 57-cents each for a total of \$57.28. He said that Karla also mentioned that the price would be considerably lower if we were to have them printed with the cover in black and white instead of in color. Joel suggested we give complimentary booklets to schools at the beginning of each school year.

Joel also said we got a second bid on the marker for the Galvez statue in New Orleans in the amount of \$6,600.00. As Governor General, he will provide information to all chapters on this. He said we will be working in concert with the city of New Orleans where the city will pay half and the Granadero chapters will pay half, however, this is not set in stone.

Joe Perez read the wording about General Galvez on one of the panels in the Galvez exhibit at the Texas A&M University-San Antonio main campus building.

Tito Fernandez moved that we adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Betty Salinas. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.