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y Damas de Gálvez
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A Fourth of July Show Like No Other



Our chapter's 39th Annual Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony was a great success. Governor Joe González coordinated the event and it was a great show. We had 20 organizations that participated in laying wreaths or rendering honors this year. We had six fifers, three drummers, the Drum Major, five militia men and five Granaderos, including the Sergeant Major. We had parts of the program represented by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Cub Scouts, Providence High School, the Memorial Services Detachment Honor Guard and the Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery.

A huge "Thank you" goes out to all members who participated on stage and in the audience and made it a great success.



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Next Meeting
Wednesday, August 2

La Fonda Restaurant
8633 Crownhill Blvd

Dinner: 6:30 Meeting 7:30

Guest Speaker:
Anthony Delgado

Presentation:

Women: The B exar Archives
and the Battle of Medina

Anthony Delgado is a ninth generation Canary Island descendant and eleventh generation Tejano who is extremely proud of his familial connections to some of the most notable Hispanic figures spanning three centuries of Texas history, beginning with the first Spanish colonial families who founded what we now know as San Antonio, TX.

Anthony is a U.S. Air Force retiree with 40 years of service, is presently Chair of the Wilson County Historical Commission, and Chair of the Trail de Flores Chapter of El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association. He has authored several biographies of historic Hispanic figures of Texas, these being published online and in journals and books.



August Babies

August 1

Roger Valdez

August 10

Julie Soto

August 24

Joe Viviano

August 28

Deborah Guerra
Ron Finch

Governor

Jos  (Joe) Gonz lez

Deputy Governor

Elizabeth P rez

Treasurer

Manny Rodriguez

Secretary

Janie Rodriguez

Chaplain

Joe Weathersby

Drum Major

Ricardo Rodriguez

Sergeant Major

Adam Dominguez

Steve Chiscano – Lifetime Honorary Granadero

The Full Members of our chapter have voted and it was unanimous. At our August meeting, we will bestow a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. Steve Chiscano, Honorary Consul of Spain in San Antonio. Our chapter bylaws state that we need a three fourths vote (by Full Members) to bestow an Honorary Membership and we got that via email.

Mr. Chiscano has attended chapter events and is supportive of the mission of our organization. He is the liaison between Spain and our group, via Her Excellency, Julia Olmo, Spanish Consul of Spain in Houston. Her Excellency has supported our organization in the various cities where we have chapters.

Mr. Steve Chiscano is a graduate of St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio and is a resident of San Antonio. He was the Chairman of the Board of the Historical Centre Foundation formed to preserve and protect the historical San Fernando Cathedral. His father, Dr. Alfonso Chiscano, supported our chapter for many years before his passing. Steve has an interest in the Spanish culture of our city as well as our organization.



Also...

At our August meeting, we will have words of appreciation from Dama Susan Thonhoff Rodriguez for naming our scholarship in honor of her late father, Robert H. Thonhoff. And if that wasn't enough for one meeting, we will also have Honorary Granadero Rueben Pérez speak about his latest book, "A Collection of Stories: Life and Legacy of Bernardo de Gálvez." He is donating 30 copies of his book to our chapter that we can sell to help our treasury.

Leading the Parade

The fourth of July is a very busy day for us. We have our Patriotic Ceremony in the morning then we lead a parade in the evening at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort. We had a good showing with four Fifers, two Drummers, three Granaderos, and two Militia Men. We wowed the crowd as cameras were filming or taking pictures of us all along the parade route.

Some of those who marched also stayed for a fantastic patriotic fireworks show afterwards. Those who participated helped our chapter earn some honorarium for our treasury.



Proposed Bylaws Amendments: voting at our September 2023 meeting

ARTICLE III Membership

Paragraph 4: 3.Honorary Members.Honorary membership may be conferred upon members or non-members who have rendered notable service to this organization. A member may submit the name to be considered to the Executive Committee who will present the nomination and call for a vote by FULL members only. Three fourths of FULL members' YES votes are required for conferral. Honorary membership shall be for one year unless otherwise specified at the time of election. Honorary Members shall be excused from the payment of local dues and the local chapter may elect to sponsor a National membership by payment of said dues. A Full Member at the time of designation as an Honorary Member shall retain full voting privileges.

Paragraph 4: delete ONLY the last sentence to no longer show "New members joining prior to June 30 shall pay that year's annual dues; those joining from July 1 to December 31 shall pay one half the annual dues for that calendar year." (This is for the purposes of being in alignment with the other chapters as well as the National Office.)

Paragraph 5, subparagraph A: replace the word "should" with the word "may"

ARTICLE IV Officers

Paragraph 1: Add as a second to last sentence "All elected and appointed officers must make every effort to attend all Executive Committee meetings and general membership meetings unless prior written notice is given to the Governor."

Paragraph 3: ADD the word "elected" to the fourth sentence, and ADD the last sentence as shown here:

"No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, provided however that the Nominating Committee may, with a majority vote of members present and voting, recommend the continuance of an officer beyond the two terms. No appointed officer shall be able to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, provided however that the Governor may elect to continue that officer's service."

Paragraph 4: Add as a second to last sentence "Majority rule will decide action to be taken."

Paragraph 6: Add a subparagraph to be shown as "6.a. The Governor AND Treasurer will have discretionary power to spend necessary amounts up to \$100.00. The Executive Committee, by majority vote, will have discretionary power to spend any amount ranging from \$100.01 up to \$500.00. Any expenditure surpassing \$500.00 must have the approval, by majority vote, of the general membership present at a regular meeting."

ARTICLE VI Committees

Paragraph 1: Add **Scholarship** as a standing committee.

Paragraph 2: Change wherever the words Chairman or Chairmen appears to “Chairs” as follows: Committee **Chairs**. The **Chairs** of all committees shall be appointed by the Governor. Committee **Chairs** shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The **Chairs** shall appoint the members of the committee subject to the approval of the Governor. Committee members must be full or associate members. The **Chairs** shall keep a record of all work of the committee and shall inform the Governor of all meetings.

Paragraph 3: Replace the word “special” with the words “**ad hoc**”

Recent Articles on the Internet

Mississippi’s Revolutionary War Connection

An article about Bernardo de Gálvez and Captain Willing’s Expedition

<https://news.yahoo.com/mississippi-revolutionary-war-connection-involves-171016862.html>

Kiddle Encyclopedia – Battle of Mobile

This kid’s encyclopedia has an article about Gálvez’s siege of Fort Charlotte in Mobile

[https://kids.kiddle.co/Battle of Fort Charlotte](https://kids.kiddle.co/Battle_of_Fort_Charlotte)

Spanish Blood Offered for American Independence

ADN América, a bilingual news feed, has an article about Spain in the American Revolution.

<https://adnamerica.com/en/united-states/spain-offered-blood-her-soldiers-cause-american-independence>

Texas and the American Revolution

A 2020 article from the Journal of the American Revolution about Spain (and Texas) contributing in the American Revolution

[https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/12/texas-and-the-american-revolution/?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_6_30_2023_16_8\)&mc_cid=1733fd9c4a&mc_eid=b6984e1336](https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/12/texas-and-the-american-revolution/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_6_30_2023_16_8)&mc_cid=1733fd9c4a&mc_eid=b6984e1336)

Quick Notes on How I Clean My Musket

By Joe Pérez

There are various ways to clean your musket. What I show here is how I clean my musket. It is just one of many ways. Farther below is a link sent in by Peter Baron on another way to clean your musket.



I use Scotch Brite cleaning pads, a funnel, a flat head screwdriver, cotton squares, a toothpick and a paper napkin.



Unscrew the bolts that mount the lock to the stock.



Remove the lock. (Don't ever pour water down the barrel with the lock on because that will rust out the lock.)



Unscrew the ring to remove the top part of the hammer & flint.



Use the cleaning pad to clean every part of the lock that you can reach. Scrub off the gun powder. You can also use the pad to clean the outside of the barrel.



Take a toothpick and small piece of a paper napkin to clog the pitch hole.



Cover one end of the toothpick with the piece of napkin and plug the pitch hole.

Quick Notes on How I Clean My Musket (Cont.)



Use a funnel and pour boiling hot water into the barrel. Use thick gloves or you will burn your hands. Even the barrel gets too hot to handle. Then turn the musket upside down and let the water pour out of the barrel. It will come out black the first time because it's removing the gun powder. Keep doing this until the water pouring out of the barrel is clear.



Use a musket cleaning rod and attachment as shown.



Thread a cotton square through the tip. Make sure it's in tight because you don't want the cotton square to get stuck in the barrel.



Wrap the cotton square around itself and stick the cleaning rod down the barrel and out again. The cotton square will come out black because it's removing the wet gun powder. Keep doing this with a new cotton square until the cotton comes out of the barrel clean or fairly clean.



You can use the cotton squares to oil the lock and barrel after you've cleaned them.

A more comprehensive routine is given at the following link sent in by Peter Baron.
<https://www.17thregiment.com/archive/arms-and-equipment-cleaning-the-firelock-part-1>