



**The Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez**

**Founding Chapter**

**San Antonio, Texas 78265**

June 16, 2021

Stamp Development  
Attn: Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW. Room 3300  
Washington, DC 20260-3501

Dear Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee Members:

On behalf of the San Antonio Founding Chapter of the Order of Granaderos y Damas of Gálvez, we respectfully request your consideration in the approval of an official commemorative stamp honoring Bernardo de Gálvez as part of our country's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration in 2026.

Bernardo de Gálvez deserves recognition for his services which he rendered to the American colonies during their fight for independence. During the American Revolution, he fought against the British, preventing their forces from capturing American ships and keeping open the Mississippi River for navigation and for the uninterrupted distribution of supplies for the American colonial armies.

A military tactician, Gálvez planned and successfully coordinated attacks on British strongholds on the Gulf Coast, which enormously assisted in the subsequent independence of the United States from British rule. He systematically defeated the British at the battles of Manchac, Baton Rouge, and Natchez in 1779, Mobile in 1780 and, most importantly, the capture of Fort George at Pensacola in 1781.

As the Governor of Spanish Louisiana, Gálvez also worked with the American patriot Oliver Pollock to ship gunpowder, muskets, uniforms, medicine and other supplies to the beleaguered American colonial rebels.

Bernardo de Gálvez was subsequently commended for his bravery by the Continental Congress and received letters from Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson thanking him for his services to the United States. Also, on December 16, 2014, the United States Congress conferred honorary citizenship on Gálvez, citing him as a “hero of the Revolutionary War who risked his life for the freedom of the United States people and provided supplies, intelligence, and strong military support to the war effort”. He is one of only eight people in our country’s history to have been awarded this prestigious honor by an American President.

His heroism is currently displayed in a portrait in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee meeting room and with statues in Washington, DC, New Orleans, Pensacola and Mobile. Also, as a living tribute, the city of Galveston, Texas was named in his honor as well as the parishes of Galvez and St Bernard in the state of Louisiana.

One cannot dispute the enormous contributions of Bernardo de Gálvez towards the defense, the ultimate survival, and the formation of the United States during this crucial time in our history. For these reasons, it is fitting to honor Bernardo de Gálvez’s contributions by the issuance of a commemorative stamp in honor of his memory.

We appreciate the consideration you will give to this matter.

Sincerely,



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