



# LA GRANADA



July 2025

Granaderos y Damas  
de Gálvez



San Antonio  
Founding Chapter

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## Béxar Heritage 250 Event



On Tuesday, June 10, the Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez participated in a special event at the Béxar Heritage Center inside the Béxar County Courthouse.

This Béxar Heritage 250 event was a buildup to next year's celebrations for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Mari Tamez, Heritage Outreach Manager, coordinated the series of events. Fifty-four educators

from the San Antonio area arrived at the heritage center where they were welcomed by Rachel Sakai, the First Lady of Béxar County. They toured the amazing heritage center before leaving for a tour of a nearby mission, followed by a teacher workshop. Mrs. Tamez stated that it was an "empowering day of discovery, collaboration, and motivation at our Teacher Development Workshop on Béxar County's pivotal role in the American Revolution."

Some of our chapter's members gave educational presentations at the workshop, including Governor Joe González and Nathan Jones.

We participated in period clothing with members of the Sons of the American Revolution and members of the Canary Islands Descendant's Association. 'Thank you' to all of our members who were at the museum (Joe González, Valerie Finch, Ron Finch, Vedia Weathersby, Joe Weathersby, Sharon Simonick, Adam Dominguez, Joe Pérez) as well as those Granaderos and Damas who worked hard behind the scenes to make it happen (Irene Roberts, Deanna Rodriguez, Anthony Delgado).



We have  
**NO MEETING IN JULY**  
due to our sponsorship of  
the 41st Annual  
Fourth of July  
Patriotic Ceremony



We mourn the loss of three current and former members of the Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez San Antonio Chapter. Joe Aguayo was a current member who was active in the '70s and '80s, then rejoined the group in later years. Roland Salazar was active in the group for about 20 years, starting in the early 2000s. Walter Herbeck was active in the group for a few years starting around 2018 and served as a Committee Chair.

All three of these men had a love of history and a dedication to the organization. May they rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon them.



## July Babies!

**July 1**

Judge Ed Butler

**July 2**

Nancy Lara

**July 8**

Dr. Robert Devine

**July 25**

Juanita Santos

**July 27**

Othman Sankari

**July 30**

Manny Rodriguez

**July 31**

Ricky Reyes  
James Klausmeyer

**Governor**

José (Joe) González

**Deputy Governor**

Joe Weathersby

**Treasurer**

Manny Rodriguez

**Secretary**

Janie Rodriguez

**Chaplain**

Charles Carvajal

**Sergeant Major**

Adam Dominguez



# New Members

We extend a cordial welcome to our newest members, **Sharon Pelayo Simonick, Richard Howell, Sean Mark De La Garza, Gleceria Devine, and Dr. Robert Devine**. We thank you for your interest in our organization and for joining us in our quest to educate the public about Spain's participation in the American Revolution, especially the heroic efforts of General Bernardo de Gálvez. ***Welcome aboard Sharon, Richard, Sean, Gleceria & Dr. Robert Devine!***

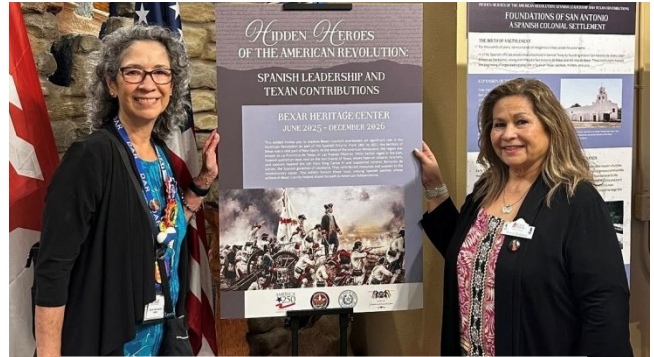
## More Photos From The Béxar Heritage 250 Event



Ron & Valerie Finch



Joe & Vedia Weathersby



Irene Roberts & Deanna Rodriguez



Nathan Jones



Joe Perez, Sharon Simonick  
Maria Antoinette Garza, Adam Dominguez



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## GOLDEN JUBILEE



Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez

# **Golden Jubilee Annual Meeting**

## **November 14 – 16, 2025 in San Antonio, Texas**

**Sponsored by the  
Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez San Antonio Founding Chapter**

### **Registration Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like shown on your ID badge)

**Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like shown on your ID badge)

**Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Registration Fee/ Per Person**

**\$25 by 09/01, \$75 after 09/01**

(no. of people)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Friday Morning Symposium**

**\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ~ Menger Hotel Cavalier Room**

**204 Alamo Plaza**

**Attire: Business Casual**

#### **Friday Afternoon Museum Tour**

**\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ~ Briscoe Museum & Camino de Gálvez Bronze Statues**

**210 W Market St**

**Attire: Casual**

#### **Friday Night Standing Cocktail Party**

**\$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. ~ Standing Cocktail Party at Casa Rio**

**430 E. Commerce St.**

**Attire: Dressy Casual**

**Saturday Breakfast / Meeting / Lunch**      \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ~ Menger Hotel, Minuet Room

204 Alamo Plaza

Attire: Semi-formal (Granadero Blazon/Dama Brooch)

A Continental Breakfast will be served at 8:30. The meeting starts at 9:00.

An Italian buffet with dessert will be served during a lunch break in the meeting. Audio/Visual equipment will be available for reports.

### **Free Time to Explore Beautiful San Antonio**

San Antonio Riverwalk

San Antonio Missions National Historic Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Arneson River Theater at La Villita Historic Arts Village

Witte Museum

San Antonio Museum of Art

Hopscotch Immersive Interactive Art Gallery

Check your goodie bag for information on these attractions and more!

**Saturday Night Farewell Dinner**      \$65 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. ~ Boudro's Firewheel Room through Charles Court

205 N. Presa St.

Cash Bar accepts *cash only*.

Attire: Dressy Casual

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(number attending) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sunday Mass**

10:00 a.m. ~ San Fernando Cathedral

115 W. Main Plaza

Attire: Semi-formal (Granadero Blazon/Dama Brooch)

**Sunday Lunch (Order from the menu, separate checks)** \_\_\_\_\_

12:45 p.m. ~ Mi Tierra Café & Panaderia in Market Square

218 Produce Row

Attire: Come as you are

(Please list food allergies and dietary restrictions  
or whether you need a vegetarian option.)

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## **Menu Items**

### **FRIDAY NIGHT STANDING COCKTAIL PARTY**

**5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Hors d'oeuvres, Cocktails & Cash Bar**

**Casa Rio Restaurant, 4:30 E. Commerce St.**

**Beef Fajitas, Chicken Fajitas, Cheese Quesadillas, Veggie Quesadillas  
Flautas, Tamales, Chili con Carne, Rio Pollo Poppers, Stuffed Jalapeños  
Chili con Queso, Guacamole, Chips & Salsa  
Iced Tea / Water / Cash Bar**

### **SATURDAY BREAKFAST / MEETING/ LUNCH**

**Breakfast 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. / Meeting 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, Minuet Room**

### **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**Chilled Fruit Juices, Sliced Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Assorted Muffins,  
Danish & Croissants, Served with Butter & Fruit Preserves  
Freshly Brewed Coffee & Hot Teas**

### **LUNCH**

**Served at noon**

**Italian buffet with assorted salads and pastas**

**Served with Garlic Bread and Assorted Desserts  
as well as Iced Tea, Water and Coffee**

# **Menu Items**

## **SATURDAY NIGHT FAREWELL DINNER**

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Catered by Boudro's on the Riverwalk  
Firewheel Room entrance through Charles Court  
205 N. Presa St.

### **SOUTHWEST CEASAR SALAD**

Romaine Lettuce, Red Bell Peppers, Shaved Parmesan  
Chipotle Caesar Dressing

### **ENTREE ~ Make Your selection(s)**

(Qty)

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Prime Rib with Boudreaux Butter, Garlic Mashed  
Potatoes and Roasted Vegetables  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sautéed Breast of Chicken with Papaya Pico de Gallo  
Beurre Blanc, Pecan Rice Pilaf and Roasted Vegetables  
Served with Iced Tea ~ Cash Bar accepts Cash Only

## **SUNDAY LUNCH**

12:45 p.m.

Mi Tierra Café & Panaderia in Market Square  
218 Produce Row

Order from the menu / Separate checks

**Pay By Check:** Make checks payable to Los Granaderos de Gálvez and mail to Manny Rodriguez, Treasurer, PO Box 34691, San Antonio TX 78265 and send with full registration, including menu options.

**Pay By Venmo:** Pay by Venmo at <https://venmo.com/u/Manuel-Rodriguez-896> and email registration form to [losgranaderosdegálvez@gmail.com](mailto:losgranaderosdegálvez@gmail.com).

**For those who wish to stay at the Host Hotel (Menger):**

Select 1 King Bed or 2 Double Beds / Non-smoking at \$159/night  
Hotel Valet is available at \$30/day + tax for guests or \$20/event, non guest/no overnight.

For reservations, please call 800-345-9285

Rooms are reserved under the name "Los Granaderos de Gálvez"



# Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez

## San Antonio Founding Chapter

**Meeting Minutes June 4, 2025 at La Fonda Restaurant**  
**Submitted by Secretary Janie Rodriguez**

Officers in Attendance: Governor Joe González, Deputy Governor Joe Weathersby, Treasurer Manny Rodriguez and Secretary Janie Rodriguez

Attendance: Mike Aguayo, Diane Baird-Barger, Barbara Chavez, Debbie Flores, Lucila Flores, Robert Flores, Ron Finch, Valarie Finch, Robert Garcia Jr., Stella González, Carol Hawkins, Francis Kleng, Nancy Lara, Joe Perez, Edmond Pina, Ruth Pina, Dr. Amy Porter, Deanna Rodriguez, Armandina Sifuentes, Jerry Sifuentes, Sharon Simonick, Vedia Weathersby, Melissa Zamora.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Governor Joe González. The Invocation was given by Deputy Gov. Joe Weathersby and Valarie Finch led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Governor Joe González recognized this evening's guests as Edmund Pina, Ruth Pina, Jerry Sifuentes and Armandina Sifuentes. Welcome!

Treasurer Manny Rodriguez gave a report for the month of May 2025. The Savings Account Balance for the beginning of the month of May was \$18,302.92. The end of month total for May in savings was \$16,332.19. Included are 2 CDs, a Scholarship CD at \$2,000.00 and a 2025 National Meeting CD: \$1,000.00. The checking account balance as of May 1, 2025 was \$13,981.40 and the end of month total was \$14,105.78. Please address any questions to Treasurer Manny Rodriguez or Governor Joe González. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Joe Weathersby and seconded by Robert Garcia Jr. The motion carried.

Governor Joe González announced June birthdays and "Happy Birthday" was sung by all!

Old business:

Bexar Heritage 250 Project. 54 teachers have signed up for a teacher workshop. Attending will be Ron Finch, Joe Weathersby, Joe Perez, Adam Dominguez, Valarie Finch, Vedia Weathersby, and Sharon Simonick

The 4th of July ceremony continues to develop. 25 organizations will participate with wreaths and we will feature, in uniform, the Fife & Drum Corps, Granaderos, and Militiamen. Acadian Ambulance service has been contacted and will be available. Rehearsal times will be announced.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Joe Perez reported the membership to date is 89. Nat'l Meeting: Registration Forms have been sent out to all chapters and their members.



Governor González presents a  
Fiesta medal to Dr. Amy Porter



New Business:

On July 12 the Wilson County Historical Commission will have a dedication ceremony. We will participate at this event.

Announcements:

The Laredo Chapter was given congressional recognition for the organization's 50 year anniversary by Congressman Henry Cuellar.

Program: Dr. Amy Porter is a historian of the Spanish borderlands and has taught history at Texas A&M University–San Antonio since 2009. She is an award-winning author and continues to research the lives of women in the Spanish borderlands, and especially San Antonio during the Spanish and Mexican eras.

After a short Q&A the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 by Governor Joe González.

# **41st Anniversary Fourth of July Patriotic Ceremony Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**



# **July 4, 2025**

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