



LA GRANADA



May 2026 (Part 1)

Granaderos y Damas
de Gálvez



San Antonio
Founding Chapter

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Medals, Festivals, Monuments, Ceremonies, Parades, Oh My!

We knew this would be a busy year for us because of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It has already been very busy and that is only through the first four months of the year. So far, in these first four months, we have participated in:

- an America 250 kickoff celebration at the Heritage Society Museum in Houston
- a dedication ceremony of a Patriot Marker & two Educational Walls in McAllen
- a George Washington Birthday Celebration parade in Laredo
- a presentation to a Honey Creek Chapter of the DAR in Bulverde for America 250
- a B xar 250 kickoff celebration event in front of San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio
- the Folkfest history and music festival in New Braunfels
- a Fiesta Medal Market in San Antonio
- a dedication ceremony in Austin for Texas patriots in the American Revolution
- the King William parade in San Antonio as part of Fiesta San Antonio
- a presentation to the Jacobs Well Chapter of the DAR in Wimberley for America 250

We had an event every Saturday in April. We will get a breather in May then start up again in June with more scheduled events for the remainder of the year.

With period uniforms for Granadero soldiers, militia, fifers, drummers, a friar, General G lvez, and Indigenous peoples, we can represent the sights and sounds of the American Revolution very colorfully. We also add our Damas who look beautiful in their capes.

We are sure to look back on this year as one of the busiest we've ever had and we're not done yet. Enjoy this newsletter.

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 6

La Fonda Restaurant

8633 Crownhill Blvd

Dinner: 6:00 Meeting 7:00

Presenter:

Dr. William Kiser

Presentation:

The Business of Killing Indians:
Scalp Warfare in the
Southwest Borderlands

Happy Birthday!

May 1

Robert Garcia, Jr.

May 2

Carol Traub

May 5

David Conner

May 11

Debbie Flores

May 13

Ted Gravenhorst

May 18

Yolanda Inglis

May 22

Irene Roberts

May 26

Joe Weathersby

May 28

Edna Gravenhorst

May 30

Maria Preston

Our guest speaker, Dr. William Kiser, is the History Department Chair at Texas A&M University San Antonio. He is the author of six books and numerous articles on the U.S. Borderlands and the American West. His latest book (2025), *The Business of Killing Indians: Scalp Warfare and the Violent Conquest of North America*, will be available to purchase at our next meeting for \$35. Forms of payment accepted are cash, check, Venmo, and PayPal.

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, **Dama Linda Patterson & Granadero James Patterson** from Mission, Texas, and **Dama Donna Williams** from Manassas, Virginia. 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 Linda, James, and Donna!**



On April 11, we participated in the annual Folkfest Living History & Music Festival in New Braunfels, TX. This festival is something every history buff should attend. It has music, games, living history presentations, hands-on interactive demonstrations, and much more for "kids of all ages." It was like walking back in time. We're glad to be invited every year to educate the public about Spain in the American Revolution.



On Saturday, April 25, we served as the Vanguard for the King William Fair Parade. This was our 14th year in this parade and our 12th time as the Vanguard.



It was the first time we had a second color guard, as we were joined by the San Antonio Chapter #4 Sons of the American Revolution. It was also the first time we had our new General Gálvez, portrayed by Manny Rodriguez, Jr. We had a fantastic entry as we looked and sounded great all along the parade route. A big Thank You to all who were able to participate.



And If All That Wasn't Enough...

While we were marching in the parade, Governor Joe González gave a presentation to the Jacobs Well Chapter of the DAR at their America 250 Patriot Marker Dedication in Wimberley, TX. The response from many attendees was, "I had no idea..." As Governor González said, this was *"all of us spreading the word by various methods."*

