

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5th

Royal Inn Oriental Cuisine Restaurant

5440 Babcock Rd ~ Dinner at 6:30 ~ Meeting at 7:30

Guest Speaker: Judge Robert Thonhoff

Topic: Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez Royal Audience in 1991



Saturday, November 12 Noon – 1:00 pm

U.S. Military Veterans Parade. We will march in the parade.

Friday - Sunday, November 11 - 13

National Meeting for Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez to be held in Galveston, TX.

Saturday, December 3 11:30 – 1:30

Christmas Party - La Fonda Restaurant in Alamo Heights at 8633 Crownhill Blvd near Loop 410 & Broadway

Membership Dues Are Currently Due

It's that time of year when we all can do our part in continuing to make our group a thriving, viable organization. Paying our membership dues allows our group to achieve the goals set forth every year. Our biggest goal, as stated in our Bylaws, is to fulfill our mission to educate the public about a part of our American history that would go largely unnoticed if not for our efforts every year. In addition to having monthly meetings with dynamic speakers, we continue to stock and staff educational display booths at history fairs, seminars and symposiums and we maintain an outstanding website that is updated every month. Those who are able to make the monthly meetings know that the camaraderie is unlike most other groups as we help one-another, learn together and genuinely enjoy each other's company. We also continue to participate in parades and serve as Color Guard for important events in the greater San Antonio area. We will continue staying active in the community and seek more ways in which to fulfill our educational mission. Please help by paying your annual membership dues of \$30. Checks may be made payable to "Granaderos" and mailed to Treasurer Elizabeth Perez, 2714 Lovelace Blvd, San Antonio TX 78217.

Happy Birthday To Our October Babies

Oct. 2

Jimmy Peet

Oct. 3

Richard Whynot

Oct. 4

Roland Salazar

Oct. 7

Rita Ellis Brown

Roland Cantu

Oct. 18

Mimi Lozano-Holtzman

Oct. 24

Joe Perez

Granaderos Blazons and Damas Brooches

All members of the Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez have a chance to show their pride in our organization by purchasing and wearing a Granadero Blazon or Dama Brooch. To express our unity, when we are representing our group in public, Granaderos wear a blue blazer with gray pants and a Blazon while Damas wear a brooch showing membership in our organization.

The Granadero Blazon has a red field with gold trim and five grenades and the words "Yo Solo" embroidered on it. It has a backing that slides into the breast pocket on a blazer. The colors represent the colors of the Spanish flag. The words "Yo Solo" represent Gálvez's battle cry at the Siege of Pensacola when he was the only officer to bravely enter the Bay of Pensacola, while the other officers refused. They later followed Gálvez in after his successful entry. The five grenades represent the five British forts captured by Gálvez along the Gulf Coast at Manchac, Baton Rouge, Natchez, Mobile and Pensacola.

The Damas Brooch is a beautifully designed pendant under a ribbon of red and gold with a pin backing to attach to clothing. The colors of the ribbon represent the colors of the Spanish flag. The brooch is a medallion on a designer starburst backing. The medallion is a cross interrupted by an oval field with the words "Damas de Galvez" around a grenade. The Brooch is made of zinc with the medallion plated in silver and rhodium with a translucent dark red enamel. The Brooch hanging from the ribbon is a beautiful expression of unity and membership in our organization.

The sale of these membership items serves as a fundraiser for our group and allows us to fund the various activities that we are involved with throughout the year as well as production of brochures and materials for our educational programs. These items are only sold to members of our organization. The Granadero Blazons are \$25 each and the Damas Brooches are \$45 each and can be purchased at any of our monthly meetings. Show your pride in our group by purchasing and wearing these membership items at all of our events.

Add \$5 for Priority Mail postage and insurance if you want these items mailed to you.





Welcome New Member Tim Thatcher

We welcome our newest member, Tim Thatcher, to our group. While members support the group in various ways, Tim has decided to give his support by donning a historical Granadero uniform. A couple of weeks ago, Tim first learned about our group on Tuesday, was loaned a uniform on Wednesday and was marching in our Color Guard on Thursday.

Tim is a 31-year veteran of the U.S. Postal Service and currently works in the Maintenance Department at the main post office. He is the newest, motivated member of our chapter. Welcome aboard, Tim!

More Pictures From the Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony



And Some More Pictures From The Diez y Seis Parade



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Recent Articles on the Internet About Gálvez



Gálvez Statue Sculpting Done

ABC 3 WEAR-TV reported on Tuesday, September 13th that a statue of Bernardo de Gálvez is well on its way with the clay sculpting done and the foundry work to begin soon. You can read the brief article at: <http://weartv.com/news/local/sculpture-of>



Blake Pontchartrain New Orleans Trivia

A reader to Gambit, an online magazine in New Orleans, asks columnist "Blake Pontchartrain" about a statue in New Orleans located between the World Trade Center and the Canal Street Ferry. Read the response in his column. You'll be proud to know that you contributed to what is in the last paragraph of his response. See the article at: <http://www.bestofneworleans.com/gambit/blake-pontchartrain-don-bernardo-de-galvez/Content?oid=3028131>



DAR Regent Spanish Chapter in Madrid



Elizabeth Ann Wise is the Regent for the Spanish Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Madrid, Spain. She is a descendant of John Ralston who fought in the American Revolution and was commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel of the Fourth Battalion in 1777. She appeared in an interview for ABC Cultura in Spain, an affiliate of the American Broadcasting Company. You can read the interview at the link below. However, the interview is in Spanish. Thank you, Evaristo C. Martinez-Radio Garrido, our friend in Spain, for sending us the link.

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Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez National Meeting November 11 – 13, 2016 in Galveston, TX

Mark your calendars for this year's National Meeting, which will be held from Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 13 in Galveston, Texas. Events for the weekend are currently being planned by the Houston Chapter, which is sponsoring this year's meeting. The host hotel is none other than the Hotel Gálvez. While the business meeting Saturday morning will be held in the luxurious Hotel Gálvez, staying at nearby hotels is also an option. The Hotel Gálvez and Spa is a Wyndham Grand Hotel located at 2024 Seawall Blvd. Galveston, TX 77550 and the phone number for reservations is (409)765-7721. The room rates are \$229 (Friday and Saturday); \$249 (Saturday Only) or \$149 (Thursday and Sunday)

When making your reservation, please say you are attending the Granaderos de Galvez National Meeting. (The Galvez is a popular wedding venue, and there are at least two scheduled there on this weekend. So please note that there are many delightful, and possibly more reasonable, hotels in Galveston very close to the Hotel Galvez!) [More info coming soon.](#)

The Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution has commissioned a Louisiana Society State Medal honoring Bernardo de Gálvez and his victory at Baton Rouge. The medal is made available to members of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez. If you are interested in purchasing this unique medal, please see the ordering information below.



The Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution proudly presents the Louisiana Society State Medal, honoring cherished Patriot and esteemed leader, General Bernardo de Galvez, and his vital contributions, as well as those of Spain, to the War for Independence. The reverse side of the medal features one of General Galvez's victories at the Battle of Baton Rouge. Among other victories are those at Manchac, Natchez, Mobile, Pensacola and St. Louis. The medal may be purchased and worn by any active member of the SAR, not limited to the members of LASSAR, nor to the descendents of the Galvez Patriots. Only medal sets (large and mini medals) are being produced (after pre-order sales) @ \$40 per set (postage included).



(Detach bottom portion and mail with payment. **Please print clearly.**)

LASSAR Galvez Medal Order Form (pre-order sale)

Name: _____
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Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez

Minutes for the meeting held September 7, 2016 at the Royal Inn Oriental Cuisine Restaurant Submitted by Joe Perez

Attendance:

Eileen Barrientos, Olga Lizcano, Manuel Lizcano, Joe Perez, Susan Thonhoff Rodriguez, Victoria Thonhoff, Robert Thonhoff, Richard Whynot, Alex Zamora, Joe J. Zavala

- The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m.
- Judge Robert Thonhoff provided the Invocation.
- Alex Zamora led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Treasurer Elizabeth Perez was absent but gave the Treasurer's Report to Governor Joe Perez to present to the group. He gave the reports for July and August. For July, he reported a Beginning Balance of \$1,649.07, Expenses of \$487.44, Income of \$60.12, and an Ending Balance of \$1,221.75. For August, he reported a Beginning Balance of \$1,221.75, Expenses of \$170.00, Income of \$595.12, and an Ending Balance of \$1,646.87. A motion to accept the report was made by Richard Whynot and seconded by Olga Lizcano. After a vote, the motion passed.
- Governor Joe Perez announced the birthdays for this month. He spoke about our participation recently in the Battle of Medina Symposium where he staffed a booth and where Honorary Granadero Robert Thonhoff gave a talk. Joe also spoke about upcoming events such as our participation in the Diez y Seis Parade on September 17, our participation in the Battle of Kirby Pointe Reenactment on October 16 and our National Meeting in Galveston November 11 through 13.
- Joe introduced Richard Whynot as our Guest Speaker. Richard gave a very informative presentation titled "A Walk With Galvez" about the personal life of Bernardo de Gálvez, based on his personal research from several trips to New Orleans, where Gálvez lived as Governor of Louisiana during the American Revolution. Richard's presentation was very well received and Joe mentioned that Richard will also give the same presentation at the upcoming National Meeting in November.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

