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Sons of the American Revolution*

President's Message

Compatriots,

It has been an historical year that I know none of us will soon forget. We have witnessed so many rarely preceded events from the impeachment of a president to a global pandemic. Through everything, we have survived. Our resilience and our compassion as a people and a nation are most pronounced during times of crisis. Earlier this week, I felt my unborn daughter move for the first time. As all of you know, this incredible miracle can only fill you with hope for our future. This is the message I wish to leave with you all. Especially during this season of quiet waiting and hoping, let us rejoice in tomorrow, secure in the knowledge that we will survive and grow stronger.



Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Christopher Aichee



NOTICE TO THE BOARD

Notice, is hereby given pursuant to Article 6, Section 3 of the bylaws of the Louisiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution. A meeting of the board will be held at the **Holiday Inn** , on January 30, 2021. 9:00 A. M – 1:00 P.M. Located at **45 Louis Prima Dr, Covington, LA 70433**. 15 rooms have been reserved for Friday, Jan. 29th. The hotel phone number is 985-888-1200. The room rate is \$75 + tax. Confirm reservations by Jan. 21st. The Reservation is under Louisiana SAR... (or Clemenceau). The cost of registration for the meeting is \$15.00 payable to the PGR Chapter. All members needing to submit reports to the secretary please send them to Bob Hess before January 23rd. You may email your reports as follows: robert.hess@lusfiber.net

SPECIAL NOTICE

For those not comfortable with meeting in person there will be a virtual meeting via Zoom, which will interact with the live meeting. President Achee will send out an email with details on how to login to the Zoom meeting.

Youth State Contest Winners

2020



Congratulations to Jackson Howard, an East Baton Rouge Home School Student, winner of the State Joseph H. Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest. He placed 2nd place in the National Contest. He was sponsored by General Philemon Thomas Chapter, Baton Rouge, LA

Fred Hamilton and Steve Ray presented Kenna Williams with her award for winning the state Elementary School poster contest. Kenna is a student at Cedar Creek School in Ruston, LA.



Colin Jacks, the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest winner, sponsored by George Washington Chapter.

September Board Meeting Highlights

2020

Awards presented to the Louisiana Society at the NSSAR 2020 Congress

C.A.R. Activity Award and Streamer

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest

John C Haughton Award

The George S & Stella M. Knight Essay Award

The Walter G Sterling Award

The Franklin Flyer Award and Streamer

Bradley Hayes Presented:

Silver Roger Sherman Medal to David Solar

Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Jeff Nolen

State Distinguished Medal to Bo Vets

Chris Aichee Presented:

The Liberty Medal to Cliff Normand & Gerald Schroeder, Jr.

The William C. Westmorland Award (Awarded to one member for service to veterans) to Tony Vets

Certificate for Librarian General to Tony Vets

Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Outreach to Bo Vets

State Student Award Winners:

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orations Contest — Jackson Howard

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Award— Elaina Stuntz

The Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award—Colin Jacks

Elementary School Poster Contest—Kenna Williams

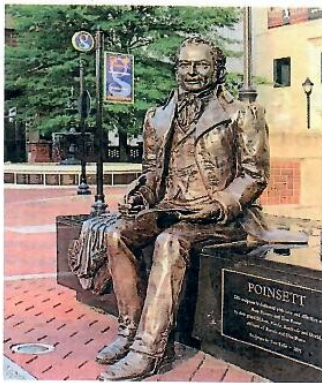


A CHRISTMAS STORY OF THE POINSETTIA

By Rueben M. Perez / Inspired by Robert H. Thonhoff

It just happened... being asked to deliver some beautiful artificial poinsettias to some friends. One happened to be Robert Thonhoff, our Historian of the Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez. I keep up with Robert and Vicie Thonhoff often by phone.

Robert asked me one evening, "Do you know the story behind the poinsettia." As usual, I answered "No" and he proceeded to tell me. Well, that started another story, one I find interesting. First, the scientific name for the poinsettia is *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, (*meaning very beautiful*). It was identified as a new species in 1834 by German botanist Johann Friedrich Klotzsch, who credits Carl Ludwig Willdenow with the species name. Indigenous to Central America, the plant flourished in an area of Southern Mexico known as Taxco del Alarcon. The Aztecs called the plant *Cuetlaxochitlan* and used the plant in a variety ways; as dye, cosmetics, and to treat fevers. Montezuma, the last Aztec king had the plants brought into Mexico City by caravans since it would not grow in high attitudes. Poinsettias are shrubs or small trees, with heights of 2 to 13 feet and became associated with the Christmas holiday and are popular seasonal decorations.



If not for the efforts of Joel Roberts Poinsett, the poinsettia may have remained unknown and unappreciated as a regional plant. Joel Poinsett was the son of a French physician and appointed as the first United States Ambassador to Mexico (1825-1829) by President Madison and later became a co-founder of the Smithsonian Institution. While visiting the Taxco area in 1828 he became enchanted with the brilliant red blooms of the poinsettia plant. He sent some back to his greenhouses in Greenville South Carolina where he began to propagate the plants and send them to his friends. A nurseryman in Pennsylvania, Robert Buist, is thought to be the first to market and sell the plants in the United States.

In Mexico, the plant is known as *flor de Nochebuena*, meaning, the Christmas Eve flower. Since the 17th century, Franciscan friars have used the poinsettia in Christmas celebrations with the star-shaped leaves representing the Star of Bethlehem and the red color representing the blood sacrifice of Jesus's crucifixion.

In the US, December 12 is National Poinsettia Day, marking the anniversary of Joel Robert Poinsett's death.



THE POINSETTIA LEGEND

There is a charming story of Lucida, a poor girl who had no gift to present to the Christ Child at Christmas Eve Mass. There are many variations of the story and names for the girl such as Pepita or Maria, but this one hit home. The girl in our story is named Lucida and, believe or not, the story takes place in San Antonio.



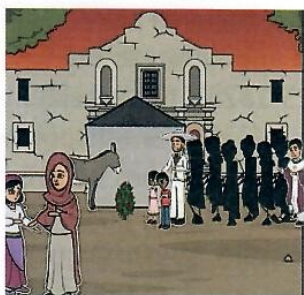
Lucida lived with her family and helped with the cooking, caring for children and feeding the burro.

Lucida also went to the shrine each evening to see if fresh candles were needed.

Everyone helped prepare for the Christmas Eve procession. The men built the nativity, the children practiced songs. Padre asked Lucida's Mama to weave a new blanket for the nativity.



Lucida helped weaving the blanket. Then Mama got sick. Papa told her to take care of things at home while he took Mama to the doctor.



Lucida tried to take care of everything, but messed up when she tried to finish weaving the blanket. The neighbor told her it would be ok, but she did not believe him. When everyone went for the procession Lucida did not. She met an old woman who told her, a **Gift from the Heart** is what matters most. So she gathered weeds to lay in the manger.....then they bloomed into Poinsettias!

The End. Wishing all a Merry Christmas!

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Recent Internet Articles

Statues of Prominent Spaniards Targeted

The Bernardo de Gálvez statue is mentioned in this article. <https://www.voanews.com/usa/race-america/spanish-icons-take-hit-us-war-statues>
We thank Dr. Evaristo Martínez-Radio Garrido for sending the article links below.

Spanish Explorers of the 16th Century

<https://webmail.spectrum.net/index.php/mail/viewmessage/getattachment/uniqueId/57814/account/0/fileNameOriginal/Los%20exploradores%20espanoles%20del%20siglo%20XVI%20-%20Charles%20F.%20Lummis.pdf/fileNameModified/Los%20exploradores%20espanoles%20del%20siglo%20XVI%20-%20Charles%20F.%20Lummis.pdf?folder=SU5CT1g%253D>

Blas de Lezo

<http://theconversation.com/el-desconocido-escuadron-alado-de-blas-de-lezo-129460>

American Independence: The Spanish Secret

This is an article published in the Las Cruces, New Mexico newspaper, but it also appeared in other works. Please see the link below.

[https://www.lcsun-ews.com/newspapers in that region](https://www.lcsun-ews.com/newspapers-in-that-region). It is about a coloring book that shows Spain's involvement in the American Revolution. One of the pages of the coloring book was taken from a photo of our Fife & Drum Corps that shows Crystal Benavides, Jesse Benavides, Priscilla Marrah and Joe Mannix. A Spanish version may soon be in the </story/news/local/community/2020/07/03/coloring-book-hownm-helped-win-revolution-war-education-children/3265240001/>

The Thrill of History – Bernardo de Gálvez

A website called The Thrill of History had an article about Bernardo de Gálvez. You can get your thrill at the following link: <https://www.histhrill.com/bernardo-de-galvez/>

More Recent Internet Articles

The Battle of Baton Rouge

Here is an article and local news report video on the Spanish victory of Bernardo de Gálvez at Baton Rouge as part of a series titled Heart of Louisiana. Below is the internet address. <https://www.fox8live.com/2020/07/28/heart-louisiana-bernardo-de-galvez-battle-batonrouge/>

Historically Speaking

The Pleasanton Express newspaper had an article in its July 1, 2020, edition about Bernardo de Gálvez. The article mentions books by Granaderos Jesse O. Villarreal Sr. and Robert Thonhoff. <https://www.pleasantonexpress.com/articles/historically-speaking-37/>

Telematic Seminar on Bernardo de Gálvez

The Spain-U.S. Council Foundation conducted an online seminar about Bernardo de Gálvez. Below is the internet address. <https://thediomatinspain.com/en/2020/08/bernardo-de-galvez-a-little-known-spanish-heroof-the-american-revolution/>

The Spanish Legacy

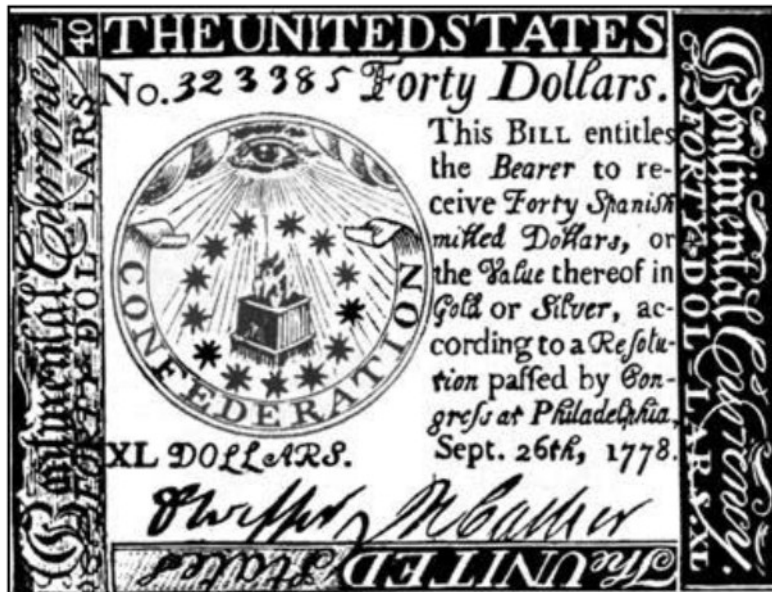
Our friend, Dr. Evaristo Martinez-Radio Garrido, sent us a link to an excellent website named The Legacy. It has very interesting information. This is on their masthead and tells us the focus of their website: “*The Legacy is dedicated to bringing attention to the significance of Spain’s historical and cultural contributions to the United States, in order to encourage and promote the ties between the two countries based on the cherished relationship that has united us since before the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America.*” Their website address is: <https://www.thespanishlegacy.com/>

The Sign

By Robert H. Thonhoff

One of the most recognized symbols in the world, the \$ sign, has been around over two hundred years, yet few Americans know how it originated and evolved.

The dollar symbol originated during the American Revolution when the Continental Congress, in the midst of all its other problems, was struggling to adopt a currency. In 1775 the Continental Congress, on a proposal by Thomas Jefferson, rejected the British Sterling and adopted the “Spanish Milled Dollar” as its basic monetary unit.



A Fort Spanish Milled Dollar Certificate

Oliver Pollock, the New Orleans merchant who acted as an intermediary between the American government and General Bernardo de Gálvez, is credited with originating the symbol. Through his efforts, great amounts of money, arms, ammunition, and military supplies were acquired from Spain and funneled into the American colonies.

The “**S**” alludes to Spain and the two vertical marks “||” allude to the Pillars of Hercules. Shown below is a “Spanish milled dollar,” or *peso*, that was minted in Mexico City in 1781, the year that the Spanish and French forces commanded by General Bernardo de Gálvez fought and won the Battle of Pensacola. On the obverse, or front side, is an image of King Carlos III. On the reverse is the image of the royal coat of arms flanked by the Pillars of Hercules, which adorned most Spanish coins of the period.



**Spanish Milled Dollar
Oberse, 1817**



**Spanish Milled Dollar
Reverse, 1781**

The origin and significance of the dollar (\$) sign is yet another part of our wonderful Spanish heritage in America that has somehow been lost, forgotten, or obscured.

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Carlos M. Fernández-Shaw, *The Hispanic Presence in North America from 1492 to Today*, (Facts on File, Inc., New York, NY, 1987 and 1991), pp. 41-43.

For a brief and concise account of the vital role of Spain, including Texas, during the American War of Independence, see Robert H. Thonhoff's QUADRILOGY OF ESSAYS at www.granaderos.org . These essays, written both in English and in Spanish, have a good, basic listing of references for supporting and additional information for those interested in learning more about the subject.

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Revolutionary War Battlefield found in South Carolina

In a recent report in the Charleston, South Carolina newspaper, *The Post and Courier*, archaeologist Mike Yianopoulos of the South Carolina Battleground and Preservation Trust and his colleagues have found the site of the Battle of Tar Bluff. This battle was fought in August of 1782.

This battle is known today that John Laurens, an aide-de-camp to George Washington and a friend of Alexander Hamilton and the Marquis de Lafayette was killed.

The battlefield is located on private property and is one of 72 that has been identified by the Trust.

For more information check out *The Post and Courier* of August 2, 2020 at https://www.postandcourier.com/features/arts_and_travel/archaeologists-pinpoint-tar-bluff-location-of-patriot-john-laurens-death/article_98ce09bc-d1b0-11ea-9582-1fd6e47ae9d1.html and the article, *Off the Grid: Colonial Dorchester, South Carolina* at <https://www.archaeology.org/issues/125-1403/trenches/1805-south-carolina-colonial-dorchester>

FYI

Revolutionary War Animated Map

<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/maps/revolutionary-war-animated->

The Militiamen of St. Louis & Ste. Geneviève 1779 to 1783
A Compilation of original militia lists from the General Archive of the Indies of Seville, Spain

*By Kristine L. Sjostrom | Mary Ann Long Fernandez de Mesa
| Mary Anthony Long Startz*

Completed is a new resource for searching the names of more than one thousand men who aided in the Spanish Illinois region during the American Revolution. Only about fifteen today are proven patriots.

The three of us began a discussion in 2014 to launch a project to transcribe all the known militia lists for St. Louis and St. Geneviève from 1779 to 1783.

We had slowly begun the project; however, it wasn't until mid-March when the three of us committed to weekly Zoom calls to get it done! Twenty-four weeks later the book is up on Amazon.

By mid-June we had a good draft and were ready to ask Ivette Ron Chapman from Speedy Printing in Houston to help with the page formatting and to prepare the manuscript for uploading to Kindle Direct Publishing. Ivette suggested Lucas Perez to design the cover artwork and Kristine's daughter Sara Arribas Sjostrom contributed the Frontispiece.

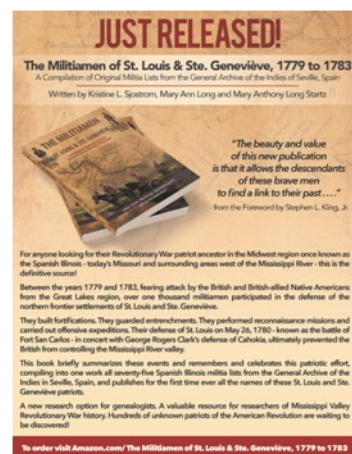
The attached trailer for a documentary about the Battle of St. Louis features Kristine. Both Kristine and Molly live in Spain and are members of the Espana DAR Chapter. Anthony lives in Houston and is a member the Lady Washington Chapter.

We have so enjoyed this project and can hardly wait to collaborate again!

<https://vimeo.com/user48374804/review/387802163/90b90c7ef4>

on Facebook go to

The Battle of St. Louis/American Revolution in the West book
@SteveKlingBOS · Book



*Celebrate
Constitution and Citizen ship Day
by watching this video***

<http://www.azsarbr.org/goldwater/constitution-day-2020.mp4>

This video was created by our Veteran's Committee Chair, Bob Denny.

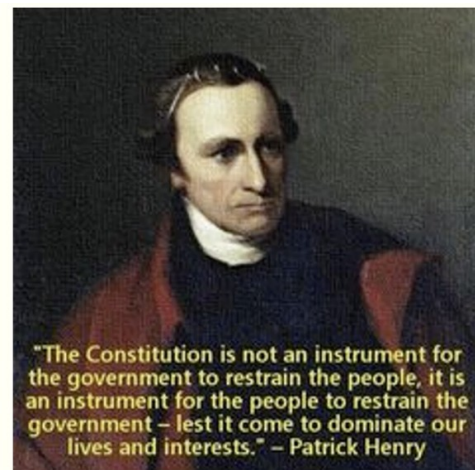
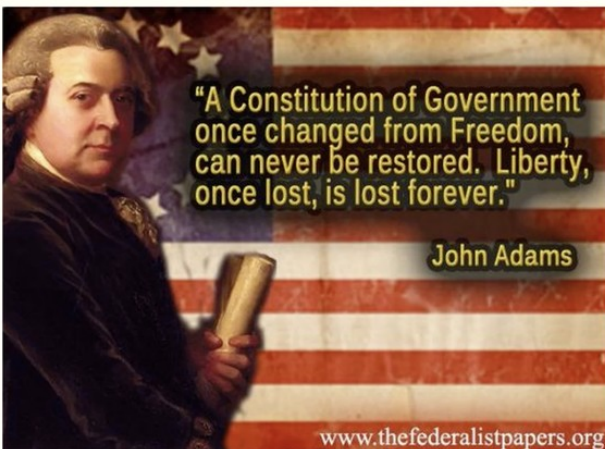
This video is a great way to celebrate the ratification of our Constitution on September 17, 1787! The video is well-researched and contains a wealth of information including key dates and background information on the Constitution and Bill of Rights. It also includes the important role the Sons of the American Revolution played in creating this Federal observance.

On this special date, it is important for all Americans to reflect on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States. This video is a great way to commemorate and celebrate the signing of the Constitution and to reflect on its meaning to us today. We hope all compatriots enjoy the video! And, you are also encouraged to forward the video to family and friends! Note: We have expanded permissions so those receiving this email can simply forward it, allowing your recipients to also just press the red button to access the video, and so on, down the line.

Denny Lessard and Bob Denny

PS: This is the eighth video in the 2020 series. If you want to review any past video's you will find them posted on our Chapter's Page on the AZSAR Website.

***Though Constitution Day is September 17, this is a timely video that could be show nay time*



James Huey Chapter News



James Huey Chapter, LASSAR celebrated Constitution Week with a cake and singing "Happy Birthday" to our 223 year old Constitution. Seated L-R: Steve Ray and Ted Brode; Standing L-R: Fred Hamilton, Gerald Graves, and Ben Simmons



James Huey Chapter congratulates Ben Simmons on being the first descendant of Revolutionary Soldier, James Huey, to join the chapter. He received national number of September 30, 2020

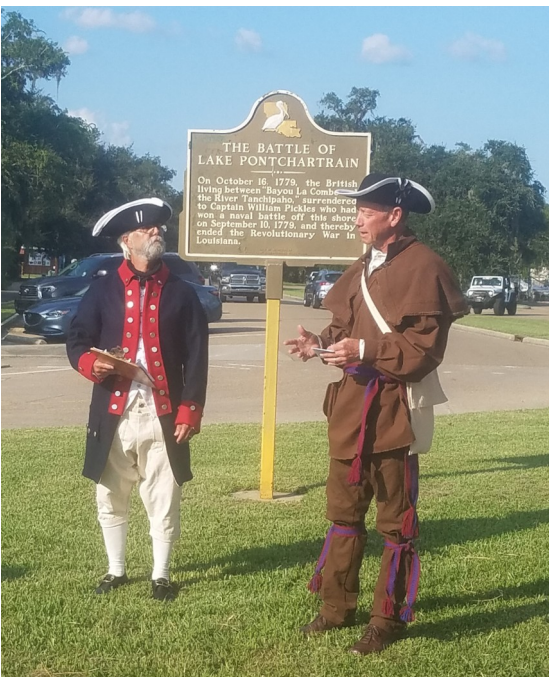


At the November meeting 575 plus items were collected for the Northeast Louisiana Veterans Home in Monroe. Chapter members collected these items as their annual project to support veterans. Standing L-R: Ben Simmons, Ted Brode, Gerald Graves, and Steve Ray.

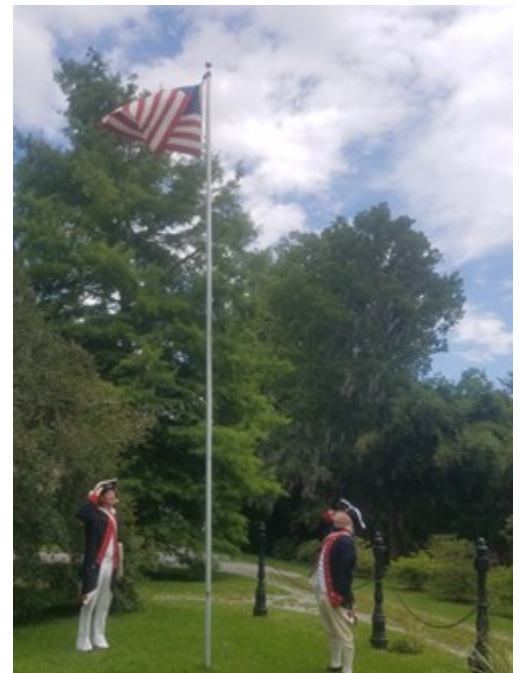
Pierre George Rousseau Chapter News



On September 10, 2020 the Pierre George Rousseau Chapter commemorated the Battle of Lake Pontchartrain on the Mandeville Lakefront About 20 people attended including members of the local DAR and CAR chapters, and the city council. The Battle of Lake Pontchartrain was a single-ship action that occurred 241 years ago on September 10, 1779. It was fought between the British sloop-of-war HMS West Florida and the Continental Navy schooner USS Morris in the waters of Lake Pontchartrain.



On the right, Pierre George Rousseau President George Clemenceau and Vice-President Leonard Rohrbough salute the American Flag on Memorial Day, May 2020.



George Washington Chapter News



George Washington Chapter, LASSAR inducts new members: Gabe Adams and John Ortis were welcomed by Past President Norm Umholtz.



On September 6, 2020, "Minute Men" from the George Washington Chapter came out in a joint effort to clean the George Washington monument in downtown New Orleans. Special thanks to Bradley and Sarah Hayes, Omar Casimire, Roger Villere, Bill and Amy Renaudin, John Mouton, Frank Arnemann, and Dave Krasneer from Germania Lodge #4 and Pierre McGraw and Stan Richard of the MTC.

George Washington Chapter News



George Washington Chapter, Louisiana Society, SAR

The GW Chapter had a very special meeting in November to honor the chapter's veterans. A moving tribute was made by former chapter President Norm Umholtz, followed by a presentation of Louisiana Honor Medals by Miss Holly Talley of the State Department of Veterans Affairs. Thanks to all who attended!



Norm Umholtz,
past Chapter President

*207TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
BATTLE OF MEDINA,
“THE GETTYSBURG OF TEXAS”
August 18, 2020*

By Robert H. Thonhoff

On this day, August 18th, in the year 1813, two hundred and seven years ago, in a matter of just a few hours, Texas lost over one-half of its adult male population and about one-third of its total population in the disastrous Battle of Medina, a veritable “Gettysburg of Texas.”

The fateful Battle of Medina was a Texas counterpart of the Mexican Revolution against Spain, which started with “El Grito de Dolores” by Padre Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla on September 16, 1810, and quietly ended on August 24, 1821.

Fought on August 18, 1813, somewhere in a sandy oak forest region of southern Bexar County and northern Atascosa County, the Battle of Medina was the deadliest, bloodiest battle ever fought on Texas soil.

Occurring during a very confused and turbulent period of world history, the disastrous Battle of Medina affected the destinies of five nations of the world: Spain, Mexico, the United States of America, France, and England. Mexico and much of Latin America were in revolt against Spain, whose king from 1807 till 1814 was Joseph Bonaparte, the brother of Napoleon, who was on a rampage in Europe, and the United States of America was at war with England, later to be called the War of 1812.

In this cauldron of world events, Bernardo Gutiérrez de Lara, a visionary rancher and merchant of Revilla, Nuevo Santander, and Augustus Magee, a former West Point graduate, aided and abetted by the United States, organized an expedition to wrest the Province of Texas

from Spain. Flying the Green Flag, their Republican Army of the North crossed from the Neutral Ground in Louisiana into Texas on August 7, 1812, and soon captured Nacogdoches and Trinidad de Salcedo before heading toward and capturing Presidio La Bahía, where during the winter of 1812-1813, Spanish Royalist forces under Texas Governor Manuel de Salcedo and Nuevo León Governor Simón de Herrera besieged the Republicans for nearly four months, one of the longest sieges—if not the longest—in American military history. Royalists lifted the siege, and the Republicans marched toward San Antonio and defeated the Spanish Royalists on March 29, 1813, in the Battle of Rosillo. The Republicans took control of San Antonio on April 1, 1813, and on April 4, 1813, two Spanish governors, Manuel de Salcedo and Simón de Herrera, were brutally executed. On April 6 a Declaration of Independence established the first republican government of the State of Texas, with a President-Protector, a *Junta* (council), and a Constitution. After the victorious Battle of Alazán on the outskirts of Béxar on June 20, 1813, the Republicans reigned supreme in Texas.

With one bold stroke, however, Spain struck back. On August 18, 1813, the 1830-member Spanish Royalist Army under General Joaquín de Arredondo decimated the 1400-member Republican Army of the North under the command of General José Álvarez de Toledo in “*la batalla del encinal de Medina*.” Less than one hundred of the Republicans are known to have escaped.

The Republican Army of the North was composed of about 200-300 *Norteamericanos*, 800-900 *Tejanos*, 100-200 Native Americans, and one Black named “Thomas.”

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So far, six of the Republicans are known to have been veterans of the American Revolution, some were sons of American Revolutionaries, some were later participants in the War of 1812, and some were participants of the Second Texas Revolution of 1835-1836. The bones of about 800 Republicans killed in the Battle of Medina were left to bleach on the sand for nine years before they were gathered in 1822 and buried under an oak tree somewhere in the “*encinal*.”

Once found and archaeologically confirmed, the Medina battle site, the oak tree burial site of some 800 Republican warriors, and the burial site of 55 Royalist soldiers killed in the battle would be worthy of designation as National Historical Sites.

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Newly formed
Atachafalaya Chapter
swore in new member
Hugh Grimes.

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The author's home, where he proudly displayed the Spanish flag and the green flag of the Republican Army of the North

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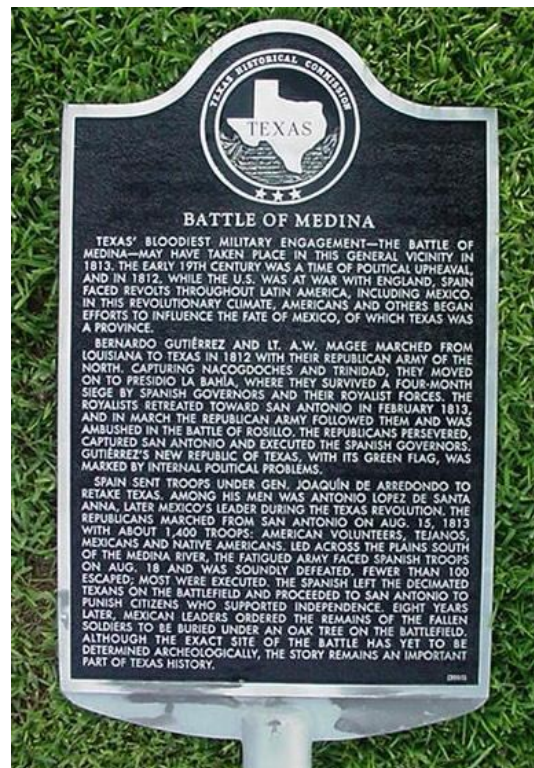
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Historical marker of the Battle of Medina

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Upcoming Happenings 2020-2021

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| 12/19/2020 | Southern District Zoom Meeting. 10:00 a.m. |
| 1/30/2021 | Winter Board Meeting, Covington, LA |
| 2/20/2021 | Southern District Annual meeting |
| 3/6/2021 | Spring Leadership Meeting |
| 3/13/2021 | George Washington Ball, Petroleum Club, Lafayette, LA |
| 4/16-17/20201 | LASSAR Annual State Meeting, New Orleans, LA |
| TAB | OPM historical marker commemoration, Opelousas, LA |

Did you know!

The current NSSAR approved future Congress locations are:

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| 2021 | 131st Annual NSSAR Congress, Reston, VA- Washington D.C., July 10-15, 20201 |
| 2022 | 132nd Annual NSSAR Congress, Savannah, GA |
| 2023 | 133rd Annual NSSAR Congress, Florida |
| 2024 | 134th Annual NSSAR Congress, Pennsylvania |

<http://www.sa.org/annual-sar-congress/future-congress-locations>

And Did You Know?

Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution is in the NSSAR Southern District. Other states in this District are: Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Check out the Southern District Webpage at <http://www.tnssar.org/sd-sar-htm>

As of April, 2020, there were 34,732 members of the Sons of the American Revolution, with Louisiana having 591 members & 30 applications seeking approval,

In case you can't remember:

New Applications: \$115.00 to NSSAR & \$19.00 to LASSAR; Family Plan (additional applications submitted at the same time and within three generations) NSSAR \$65, LASSAR \$19. NASAR dues went up \$5 for 2016 and will apply for any applications submitted to national after Nov. 1, 2015

Supplemental: \$60.00 to NSSAR & \$7.00 to LASSAR – Family plan for supplemental: \$60.00 for first member and \$30.00 for other family member to NSSAR & \$7.00 to LASSAR

*131st Congress
National Society Sons of the American Revolution
July 10-15 July 15, 2021
Reston, VA-Washington, D.C.*

Hotel Name: **Hyatt Regency Lake Washington**
1053 Lake Washington Boulevard North,
Reston, VA 98056

Online Reservations at:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SEARL/G-SONS>

Group Name:
National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Phone Number for Reservations: **800-233-1234**

Room Rates: **\$205 per night with tax**

There is an Alaska Tour that is an add on tour after Congress. It departs on Friday July 16, so if you are taking that tour, please make sure you extend your stay through Thursday night at the SAR rate.

Problems with Reservations email LTCMRSC@aol.com
Please be specific about the issue and give dates you arrive and depart with specific problems . If you have a reservation number please provide. You may also call 906-273-2424

Paul Callanan
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Chris Achee of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter, He serves as our state point of contact for the NSSAR Genealogical Library. He will keep us informed of items of interest to our state society as well as our advocate for the NSSAR Genealogical Library.

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Thanks!

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Tony's Restaurant; during Feb/Arp/Oct/Dec the meetings are
weekend/evening affairs at the SYC (George Washington's
Birthday, Lexington & Concord, Victory at Yorktown ban-
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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).

Large Medal



(Shown in full color)

Mini Medal



*Note: Actual medal is **not** in color. Ribbon drape is the red Cross of Burgundy on white background. The medal is bronze-colored with 3-D figures and inscriptions.*

Note: Medals may be worn by pin mount or by bar mount.

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

LASSAR Galvez Medal Order Form (pre-order sale)

Name: _____

NSSAR Member No.: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____

Work (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Medal Sets ordered: _____ (\$40 per set)

Total payment enclosed (postage included): _____

Please make check or money order payable to:

Enemund Meullion Chapter SAR

Mail order form with payment to:

James A. Morock, Sr. MD

3915 Maywood St.

Alexandria, LA 71302-2526

For more info call: (318) 442-5776

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SAR BERNARDO DE GALVEZ LARGE Medal

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Medal Specifications

32 mm x 32 mm x 3 mm, Soft Enamel, 3-sides Polishing, and 3-sides Brushing

Ribbon Specifications

37 mm x 35 mm, Attachment - 2 long posts on metal plate

The dimension and size of both ribbon and medals to comply with the regulations prescribed by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

SAR BERNARDO DE GALVEZ MINI Medal

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Medal specifications

18 mm x 18 mm x 2 mm, Soft Enamel, 3 –sides Polishing, and 3-sides Brushing

Ribbon Specifications

17 mm x 35 mm, Attachment – 2 long posts on medal plate

The dimension and size of both ribbon and medals to comply with the regulations prescribed by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT SAR MEMBERSHIP MEDAL



The Southern District SAR Membership Medal was approved, as submitted, by the 2015 SAR Medals and Awards committee at the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville. The VPG will have medals for sale.

The Medal is available, without restriction, to any member of the Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and/or Tennessee societies. As planned, 100 medals were presold and ordered for production. Distribution will begin at the Southern District SAR Meeting at Congress. A new District Logo is a residual benefit.

Proceeds from the sale of the medal will support the Walter Buchanan “Buck” Meek Award Fund that recognizes the state society with the largest numerical increase of George Washington Endowment Fund members. Special thanks are extended to the District Logo/Emblem Committee who made this possible – Michael P. Schenk (MS), Chair, Thomas E. Jacks (LA), James K. Stone (TN), James (Jim) J. Thweatt (TN), Thomas Robert (Bob) Thomas (AL), and Michael (Mike) C. Wells (AL). Also, I am especially appreciative that the Valentine Sevier SAR Chapter and its Treasurer Cleo G. Hogan agreed to serve the Treasury role during initial medals sales.



CAR

Children of the American Revolution
LSCAR News

*CAR State President's Project
"Why No Man's Land"
A Bicentennial Celebration
by Nichols Tarver – Fort Jessup Society*

The Neutral Strip (No Man's Land) draws its name from the area's brief stint as the buffer zone between Spain and the United States after the Louisiana Purchase.

There are seven parishes who are historically tied to the No-Man's Land region.

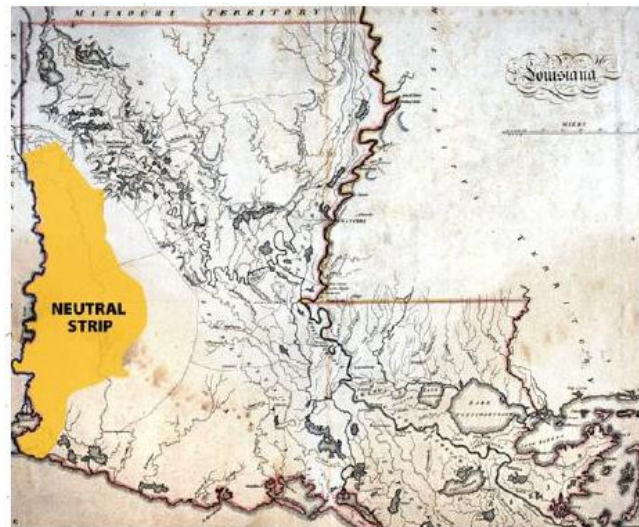
Sometimes described as a place filled with an outlaw culture or as a region with a reputation for a tough and isolated place, the region is better understood as a bastion for those cultural groups wished to find a home where they could preserve a way of life they cherished.

HOW WILL LSCAR CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL"

Members will gather in No Man's Land and experience a day in the life of a soldier who served at Fort Jessup!

We will tour Los Adas, the capital of the province of Texas.

We will hunt for treasure on Fort Jessup!





SUPPORT C.A.R.

N.S.C.A.R. offers several pins to honor and reward accomplishments in C.A.R., as well as promotional items to raise money for the national project. These pins and items are available at any time throughout the year, and may be ordered directly from N.S.C.A.R. Headquarters.

Niebell Fund Pin

Support ongoing operations at National Headquarters through the Niebell Endowment Fund with a donation of \$50!



Mountain Schools Pin

Show your support for our Mountain Schools and a true "Kids Helping Kids" program! Donate \$25 to the Mountain Schools Fund.

Voyager Pin

Available for a \$50 donation to the Voyager Fund that assists with travel expenses for National Officers, State Presidents, and National Chairmen



Red Apple Pin

Major Benefactors wishing to honor an individual with a contribution of \$1,000.00 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum receive a Major Benefactor, or Red Apple Pin. The pins must be presented to an individual and cannot be passed from one person to another.

Apple Slice Pin

Any individual making a contribution of \$50.00 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum will receive the brand new Red Apple Slice Pin. These donations support the educational programs in The Children's Room and N.S.C.A.R. Museum.



Endowment Fund Pin

Anyone contributing \$100.00 or more to the Endowment Fund, or in whose honor \$100.00 is given, will receive an Endowment Fund Pin. This pin denotes the singular honor of one who has helped to insure the perpetuation of the ideals of the N.S.C.A.R.

Library Fund Pin

Benefactors of the N.S.C.A.R. Library Fund donating \$100.00 receive a Library Fund Pin. Donations to the library fund help maintain N.S.C.A.R.'s literary collection.



Magazine Fund Pin

Those donating \$100.00 to the Magazine Fund receive the Magazine Fund Pin. Donations to the N.S.C.A.R. Magazine Fund help defray the costs of publication of the magazine.

[Learn more about each pin and download the donation form here!](#)



Dear Ladies,

We will be having our next Board Meeting January 30, 2021 in Covington at the Holiday Inn, 45 Louis Prema Drive at 10 a.m.

Please remember that we are selling raffle tickets for the Armand hand-crafted table for \$1 each. It is a beautifully elegant and one-of-a-kind piece of furniture! If you would like tickets to sell or purchase, please let me know. My email address is scavin456@yahoo.com or my mobile # is 504-452-1599.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sarah Hayes
LASSAR Ladies Auxiliary President



Here is the beautiful hand-crafted table by Glen Armand Furniture of Alexandria. Tickets are on Sale from any member of the Auxiliary for only a dollar. Drawing for the table will be at the SAR State Meeting in New Orleans in April 2021.

Please support the ladies by buying tickets for the raffle. Remember the money they raise will go to help pay for the student awards giving by the Louisiana Society SAR



*The Ladies Auxiliary of the
Louisiana Society Sons of the American*

For any additional information, please contact: Cheryl G. Morock



Ladies Auxiliary new member,
Liane Blanchard with Auxiliary
President Sarah Hayes and
Katherine Hess.



Ladies Auxiliary

of the

Louisiana Society

Sons of the American Revolution

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Husbands Name: _____

SAR Member: _____

NSSAR Membership #: _____

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Relationship: _____

Annual Dues - \$10.00

Life Member Dues - \$100.00

Amount Paid _____

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