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*President's Message*



Gentlemen,

I want to first express my admiration of, and extend my sincere gratitude to the men of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter, who, when we were forced to reschedule the January meeting of the Board of Directors due to inclement weather across much of the state, so promptly secured for us an excellent and hospitable venue.

I also wish to commend all members who were present at the Board of Directors meeting in January for reaching a bipartisan agreement on the Monuments Resolutions. After much healthy debate, both sides worked together, and the following resolution was passed by the Board of Directors:

*The Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution does hereby urge and request all board and chapter members to contact their elected officials to take all action necessary to protect all historic monuments in Louisiana, and to prepare a letter for use by individual members to be used for this purpose.*

I also wish to formally announce that the annual meeting and banquet for the Louisiana Society, SAR, will be held on Saturday, April 08, 2017, at the historic Hotel Bentley in Alexandria, LA. The registration form was made available to all members at the meeting of the Board of Directors, and can also be found on our website at [www.lassar.org](http://www.lassar.org). Only business which is usually transacted at the annual membership meeting, or business that is contained in the Notice, will be transacted, so please communicate to the Secretary any items or business that you wish to bring before the membership so that it may be communicated to the membership in the Notice.

Ronald Reagan once said, "Let us be sure that those who come after will say of us in our time, that in our time we did everything that could be done. We finished race; we kept them free; we kept the faith." Last April I established three goals for each chapter, one of which was to participate in three youth awards programs at the state level. As Reagan also noted, we are always one generation away from losing our liberty. Let us do what we can to make sure that generation does not appear anytime soon. Participate in the youth awards programs, do everything that you can do, and push that threat back another generation.

In patriotic service,

Tony L. "Bo" Vets II, President

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## John Adams / American Revolutionary War History

Crossing our Path still...,

Submitted: August 13, 2016 by James Edward Mitchell, SAR Nat'l. #  
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This past week as I observed the syndicated television program, "Pawn Stars" advertised favorably as World Famous Gold & Silver Pawnshop Las Vegas an individual appeared on screen offering a set of 2 books signed by **John Adams 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. (1797-1801)**. Kindly recall that readers remember that during the Pres. Election of 1800 that candidate Thos. Jefferson defeated Adams. Adams left Washington (District of Columbia) without attending Jefferson's inauguration!

Politically during the election of 1800 much was made by threat of war with France. Adams angered many national stage politicians by sustaining neutrality throughout his term while deepening the divisions in the country composed of Atlantic Coastal states with land claims mapped to the MS River.

A proprietor of "Pawn Stars", Rick the Old Man's son carefully determined the ink and quill signatures of John Adams were original to the set of books on the topic, U.S. Naval History written by Lieut. Charles Thos. Clark (1793-1819).

The books owner claimed that the set of books were rare and the strong, bold Presidential signatures proved that the 2 books were from the **Library of John Adams...**, and should be valued in the thousands of U.S. Dollars. But alas, on this day there was no bargain or sale!

Now, hold on a minute, please reader. Who was **Lieut. Thomas Clark** and what was his relationship with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. An online search of Find A Grave Memorial# 91526669 offered a clue to the burial of the young Lieut. at the **Congressional Cem. Washington D.C.** after his

death on Apr 14, 1819. However, and interment date at this cemetery was noted as Jul 10, 1845 along with a public death notice that **Charles T. Clark, Esq.** age 32 died on Apr 14<sup>th</sup> at the seat of Mrs. French, near Georgetown. In the death of this truly excellent young man (says the correspondent) his widow and infant child have been, in the prime of his usefulness, deprived of an indulgent kind husband and father....

Another significant clue appears within this public notice –his wife and child. At the bottom of the fact sheet for the Find A Grave work appeared **Lieut. Charles Thomas Clarks** wife’s name as **Susan Boylston Adams Treadway** (1796-1884). Her child was recorded as Susan Maria *Clark* Crane (1818-1853). A search of <Ancestry.com>, Public Member Trees, Susan Boylston Adams produced genealogical information online that Susan born on 5 Aug 1796, in New York, N.Y., was a daughter of **Charles Francis Adams** age 26 and his wife, **Sarah** also age 26.

Susan aka Susannah Boylston Adams married **Charles Thomas Clark** on Jul 3, 1817 in Quincy, Massachusetts. **Charles F. Adams** was born on 29 May 1770 in Boston, to **Abigail Quincy Smith**, and **John Adams** age 34.

“Yes, every day our American history survives still and in many cases, it might surface in the most public place for sale or trade.”

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**  
**SOME CHANGES IN THE SAR GENEALOGY POLICIES**

There have been many changes in the SAR Genealogy Policies in the last couple of years. Some of these changes are noted below. The complete genealogy policies are located on the SAR website. C. Normand, LASSAR Registrar, December, 2016.

**E-mail from Patty Riemann, SAR Genealogist, December 13, 2016:**

Good morning, all,

This email is going out to all state point of contacts in an effort to address the challenges we have been facing, particularly this past year, with the processing of your Supplementals largely because of a decline in the quality of documentation received with the applications sent in for review.

First, I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work in the field. It is not easy being in the 'middle' and being a volunteer position, it can be quite thankless at times, as well. However, rest assured we appreciate, so much, the effort you put into working with us and also with your local chapters and members. Much can be accomplished when we all work together.

Please feel free to share this information with your leadership, including chapter registrars, and most importantly, please disseminate this information to your local memberships so that all understand what is needed for us in headquarters, with limited staff, (one full-time, being myself, and one part time genealogist, Leslie Miller) to efficiently process your applications in a timely manner.

First, all of the Supplementals we receive are piggy-backing off of previous applications which have been approved through the years. An important policy to please review with your member base is SAR Policy #3.5004 entitled 'Documents Inadmissible in Evidence' as follows (located on our website):

***Policy #3.5004 DOCUMENTS INADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE***

**"3.5004 Documents Inadmissible in Evidence.** Documents that state beliefs or conclusions, but for which acceptable sources of the information cannot be determined, cannot be considered as evidence for establishing Revolutionary service, lineage or dates and places of birth, death, and marriage. Such documents include, but are not limited to:

\* *Newspaper accounts* published well after lifetimes of the persons or events that are subjects of the account, unless sources that are admissible can be determined.

\* ***Information added to transcripts*** or abstracts of vital records or tombstone inscriptions. This includes narrative added to or in lieu of posted tombstone photographs.

\* ***Published accounts***, including family histories, local histories, biographical dictionaries, and newspaper articles which are not contemporary with the persons or events being reported, unless sources that are admissible can be determined. This includes, but is not limited to, accounts which relate family tradition or conclusions without presentation or citation of admissible evidence.

\* ***Undocumented family trees*** and Genealogical Data Communications (GEDCOMS).

\* ***Compilations of vital statistics drawing from inadmissible sources***, such as the International Genealogical Index (IGI) and the U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900.

\* ***Pages printed from the SAR Patriot and Grave Search and DAR Genealogical Research System and similar summaries.***

\* ***Unpublished transcriptions*** or abstracts of wills or other legal documents posted online.

\* ***Unsupported information from prior applications.***

**Please pay particular attention to the last bullet point above, 'Unsupported information from prior applications'.**

What this means is that if we do not have a currently acceptable document per SAR policies somewhere onsite (either in our record files or sent with the supplemental for review) then we must stop the processing and a) 'look' for the documentation to try to assist the application and b) 'pend' the application if what is needed cannot be located.

***A reminder:*** Prior to the mid 1970's when SAR headquarters moved from Washington D.C. to Louisville, Kentucky, little to 'no' documentation survived the move. In these cases, we are in a 'creation' mode as if the application is being submitted for the first time, needing proof of lineage and service.

***Policy #5.4000 ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE FOR PROOF OF LINEAGE***

**"5.4000 Admissible Evidence for Proof of Lineage.** Lineage and dates and places of birth, death, and marriage must be proven by providing documentation that traces the source of information back to a person who had personal knowledge of the relationship or event, or an institutional source keeping records at the time, such as a government, church, or funeral home. Personal knowledge does not require that a person have been an eyewitness. For example, an ancestor did not remember his or her own birth, but usually had personal knowledge of the identity of his parents and siblings. Admissible sources can include, but are not limited to:

o ***Government records***, such as vital records, probate records, land records, sworn testimony.

o **Church records**, including birth, baptism, death, marriage, and burial records. Pages which identify the clergy officiating at or recording the event should be included.

o **Other institutional records**, such as records of hospitals, funeral homes, cemeteries, and other institutions contemporary with the event

o **Newspaper accounts that are contemporary** with persons, relationships, and events reported, including obituaries, wedding announcements, birth notices, articles that are derived from personal knowledge or admissible sources can be determined. The name, location, and date of the newspaper must be provided, preferably with a copy of a page bearing that information in addition to a copy of the page bearing the pertinent information.

o **Family records, including Bibles** and letters containing names, relationships, and dates of births, deaths, and marriages, provided that the author was in a position to have knowledge of the information in question. Copies of original records provide stronger evidence than transcripts or abstracts. For records from Bibles or other books, the title page bearing the date of publication should be provided. All pages of a letter or a record of relationships and dates and places of birth, death, and marriage should be provided, even those which pertain to people not the ancestors of the applicant. If information is available, the applicant should provide evidence and a written analysis as part of the documentation of who wrote the record, when it was written, and the provenance (of) the original record.

o **Tombstone inscriptions**. Copies of inscriptions from tombstones erected in the time period of the death of the ancestor, with notation of the name and location of the cemetery, shall be accepted as evidence. Readable photographs are strongly preferred to transcriptions and abstracts.

o **Affidavits of people having personal knowledge** of relationships or dates and places of birth, death, and marriage, or which provide such information and identify the sources who had such personal knowledge. Affidavits should not be submitted by an applicant to prove information about himself unless that information is unavailable in other admissible records, such as a discrepancy between the name of the applicant and a birth father in cases of adoption when records are sealed. In such cases written details about the unavailability are required and should be included in the sworn statement.

o **Published books that provide transcripts**, abstracts, summaries or quotations of the above records, or information personally known to the author are admissible as evidence. The applicant is to provide a copy of the title page and date of publication, and any pages with pertinent information about sources, and headings that are relevant to understanding the evidence such as the title of a list that is transcribed. However, an applicant must submit copies of the source material rather than pages from a book that he or a member of his immediate family authored,

o **DNA evidence can only be used as one element** of a genealogical proof argument that includes additional conventional proof of the lineage. Neither autosomal nor Y-DNA tests alone prove a descent from a specific individual. A DNA test can show with high probability that two individuals are related, but fail to determine whether the father was a particular individual, a sibling of that individual, or a cousin. In some cases, some parts of a document may be admissible while other parts are not."

The above documentation stated is what we, as genealogists, are in need of, either sent in with the applications or onsite, in order to process your applications in a timely manner. Both of these policies can be found on our website under the Genealogy heading.

Lastly, in our **APPLICATION PREPARATION MANUAL** on **page 23**, we find the following:

**"SAR RECORD COPY - Provide the SAR number and the name of the patriot.** Note: a copy of the SAR Record Copy is not needed (but largely appreciated) since the GenealogyStaff has access to it already. However, it may be required for use by the State and Chapter Registrars in the verification process."

**"SAR RC 156801 - Samuel Hoard"**

What we are receiving, for the most part, is the SAR member number with no patriot name listed (which requires us leafing through multiple supplementals either online or physically in our record file room, depending on the 'age' of the previous application/s, to ascertain which application to use - a huge time factor here just to prepare to review the application.)

*As an FYI...* We file by Patriot Name and Member number. I would ask for everyone to please adhere to the above instruction, even though this has not yet made its way into our policy manual. You can well imagine the time it takes to peruse every application to see which is most appropriate for use. Some of our members have scores of applications, a most timely endeavor.

In closing, I would like to say that we are here to serve you and please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of any service to your or your membership. The processing of applications takes a team effort with all of us working together to ensure that our SAR policies are adhered to so that we may leave a quality and lasting legacy to those who will, undoubtedly, come after us.

Thank you for your attention and for your assistance and have a very Merry Christmas!

Best regards,  
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"It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended but the glory belongs to our ancestors." - Plutarch



The Pierre George Rousseau Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recently held its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Lake Ponchartrain. The members were honored to have “Bo” Vets, President, Louisiana Society SAR, as their guest. Chapter President Rodney McKelroy conducted an induction ceremony for our newest member, Michael Prince, as witnessed by his lovely wife, Katey.





Pierre George Rousseau Chapter, LSSAR, supported the Twickenham Town Chapter, NSDAR in recognizing two patriot graves. Pictures here are from the Maple Hill Cemetery color guard event which was held in conjunction the Maple Hill Cemetery Stroll in Huntsville, AL.



Wreath Laying at George Washington Statue on State Capitol Grounds by General Philemon Thomas Chapter SAR, John James Audubon Chapter DAR, Canary Island Heritage Society, and Baton Rouge Chapter DAR on President's Day, February 20, 2017 Pictured: Henry Grace (GTP), Denise Lindsly (JJA & CIHS), Arthur Lamm, Greg Lindsly, Chris Achee (GPT), Joan Alleman (CIHS), Lynda Normand (JJA & CIHS), Rachael Grace (BRDAR), and Cliff Normand (GPT).



## A Christmas Present for Washington

By Joe Perez

In the latter part of 1776, General George Washington was facing a dismal winter. His army had experienced recent defeats and morale was very low among his troops. In October, Benedict Arnold, an otherwise successful General in the Continental Army, was defeated at the Battle of Valcour Island. That same month, Washington's Army was defeated at the Battle of White Plains, New York, and he was forced by the British to retreat all the way into Pennsylvania. In November, the British captured Fort Washington, which left the Americans with no forts on Manhattan



Island. Just four days later, across the Hudson River from Manhattan, the British captured Fort Lee in New Jersey. Washington's army was suffering because of desertions and many of the enlisted troop's terms were expiring. The Americans were losing

the war and it appeared as though General Washington was to end the year in dismal fashion.

Although the British had chased Washington out of New York and New Jersey, they did not pursue him into Pennsylvania. Instead, they decided to establish a few outposts in the area of to include one at Trenton, New Jersey. Once established, the British army settled in for the winter, using the outposts as their quarters. The British planned to use the winter months to re-supply its army and make plans on how best to attack Washington's army in a few months when spring would bring better weather.

Washington had lost much-needed supplies when he entreated his army from New Jersey and he had lost contact with two of his leading generals. While the British had Hessian troops (German mercenaries) established at Trenton, George Washington set up camp across the Delaware River from the Hessians. He had about 5,000 soldiers encamped, however, nearly two thousand of them were unable to fight and needed medical care. Under-fed and under-clothed, Washington's army was in the midst of trying times and in dire need of inspiration.

Then, on December 19, patriot Thomas Paine published a pamphlet titled, "The American Crisis". So inspiring was the pamphlet that Washington ordered it immediately read to all of his troops. The first two sentences of the famous pamphlet are "*These are the times that try men's souls; the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.*" The pamphlet served the troops well in that it inspired them to give more tolerance to their extremely trying conditions. With improved morale among his men, it appeared that the fortune of the Continental Army was about to take a favorable turn.

The fortune of Washington's army improved indeed. One day after the reading of Paine's inspirational pamphlet, additional American troops flowed into camp. Two thousand six hundred Continental troops arrived followed by one thousand militia men. In just two days, the spirits of Washington's army improved dramatically. Later in the month, additional supplies arrived, including much-needed blankets. With improved morale and an increase in the number of troops, Washington began planning an attack. On Christmas morning, with plans in place, Washington's troops marched quietly to the west bank of the Delaware River, across from Trenton, New Jersey. Needing every single soldier, even the officers and musicians were ordered to carry muskets. Then, one of the famous



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There were only two Americans who died and four wounded in the battle, while 22 Hessians were killed, 83 wounded and 813 taken as prisoners. This was not a big battle as far as the number of men involved, however, the impact it had on the American Colonists was huge. Prior to the battle, Washington's army was in disarray with desertions and expired enlistments, morale was very low, they suffered repetitive defeats and many were questioning if the revolution was a lost cause. With this victory and the publication of "The American Crisis", the spirit of the American Colonists was invigorated. This victory was like a Christmas present for General Washington. His fortune and the fortune of America were about to change for the better.

Fortune would have it that just six days later, America would get another gift. On New Year's Day, the King of Spain appointed Bernardo de Gálvez as interim Governor of Louisiana, headquartered in New Orleans at the mouth of the Mississippi River. This appointment and its location, within a week of Washington's victory, were little noticed on the part of the American Colonists, however, it would turn out to be pivotal for the outcome of the American Revolution.

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## *LASSAR Happenings 2016-2017*

2/17-18/2017	ALSSAR State Conference Birmingham, Al
3/2-4/2017	NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference Louisville, KY
3/17-18/2017	MSSAR State Conference & Southern District Meeting Olive Branch, MS
3/24-25/2017	TNSSAR State Conference Franklin, TN
4/7-8/2017	LSSAR State Conference, Hotel Bentley, Alexandria, LA
7/7-13/2017	127th NSSAR National Congress Knoxville, TN

### ***In Memorium***

It is with a sadness to inform you of the passing of Carrie Perez, wife of Honorary Granadero Rueben Perez. Rueben and his family take comfort in the fact that Carrie is at peace and awaits her loved ones in Heaven. Rueben Perez has had several articles in "The Pelican Patriot."

Carrie was born in Mississippi to Top and Lula Starnes and was preceded in death by both parents and six brothers and sisters. Following graduation from the University of Mississippi, Carrie moved to San Antonio, Texas where she met her husband, Rueben Perez and they were married in 1966. Carrie is survived by her husband; daughter, Stephanie; and son-in-law, Todd Lanier; and numerous nieces and nephews. She started teaching at Regional Day School for the Deaf. Following her retirement, she went to work at Northside I.S.D. as an Area Coordinator in Special Education. Carrie loved her family and provided strength, support, and affection to each one. She was a loving mother and wife. Rueben and Carrie celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in February of this year. She lived her life serving the Lord and was compassionate to others with a selfless love that will live on in the hearts and lives of every person who knew her.

A Celebration of Life will be held 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at Sunset Funeral Home, 1701 Austin Hwy, San Antonio, Texas.

*In case you can't remember:*

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

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

**Note: National dues increased \$5 for 2016**

## *Did you know!*

SAR approves future Congress locations:

Knoxville, TN July 13-17, 2017

Houston, TX in 2018

Costa Mesa, CA in 2019

Norfolk or Richmond, VA in 2020

Washington State (possibly Seattle) in 2021

And, the 2026 Congress, honoring our nation's 250 birthday, will be in Philadelphia, PA

**The following item is from SAR Genealogists General John Sinks  
Email #24, December 26, 2016.**

**German names.** Sometimes a family in the late 18th century would name a child with the same name as a child who had already died, especially if the name was handed down in the family. German families often gave the same first name to every child of the gender. The sons might be name Johann Nikolas, Johann Georg, and Johann Freidrich. The daughters might be named Maria Magdalena, Maria Elisabetha, and Maria Margaretha. The middle name was the name that would be used in daily life and would appear in wills, tax lists, muster rolls, etc. This was the rufname. The first and middle names are often found in baptism records and on tombstones.

## *Have you heard this?*

12 year old girl finds all the US presidents are related, except one!

Check out <http://www.outsidethebeltway.com/all-u-s-presidents-but-one-descended-from-king-john-of-england/> for details.



Saturday, September 17, 2016 Chief Tusquahoma Chapter, LSDAR in West Monroe celebrated Constitution Week by ringing the bell 13 times, one for each of the 13 colonies. Bell ringer was Jim Miller, member of James Huey Chapter, SAR in West Monroe. Approximately 20 people attended the celebration. L-R: Barbara Gewin, and Diane McPherson, Chief Tusquahoma Chapter DAR; Fred Hamilton and Jim Miller, James Huey Chapter, SAR; and



The James Huey Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, awarded their essay contest winner, Lydia George, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul George of Farmerville, \$100 and a certificate. George's essay will be judged at the Louisiana State Society Sons of the American Revolution meeting on April 8 in Alexandria, where the winner will be awarded a \$500 check and will advance to represent Louisiana at the national level. Her essay was on John Paul Jones. Pictured L-R, are Lydia George and Fred Hamilton, Essay Contest Chairman.



The James Huey Chapter, SAR, West Monroe participated in a Organization Fair, Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 at the Ouachita Valley Branch Library.

During his 2014-2015 term of office, President General Lindsey Brock's goal was to collect biographies of the ancestors of SAR members. All of our patriot ancestors have rich histories and stories to tell. By compiling these biographies, SAR members are helping to honor their ancestors' contributions to the American Revolution. Over a thousand biographies have been collected to date.

To see an index of the biographies submitted:

Enter the [SAR Patriot & Grave Index](http://patriot.sar.org/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=Grave%20Registry&-loadframes) (<http://patriot.sar.org/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=Grave%20Registry&-loadframes>) and input "Index" in the box labeled "Full or Partial Surname" and then click the "Search" box.

A Patriot Index result with Ancestor #P-334038 will be displayed. Click on the "Read Biography" box in the lower left corner of the page to access the full listing of biographies to date in the database.

The available biographies are listed alphabetically by last name, with the P-xxxxxx number in the leftmost column. Users can then scroll through the listing of biographies entered.

To submit a biography of your patriot ancestor to the President General's project at SAR Headquarters, please contact [Mr. Doug Collins](mailto:Mr.DougCollins) or LASSAR Registrar Clifford Normand <[cnormand2181@yahoo.com](mailto:cnormand2181@yahoo.com)>.

Beginning in this issue of [The Pelican Patriot](#) some of these biographies of our Patriot ancestors will be presented. Anyone who has written a biography of their Patriot Ancestor and would like to have it included in a future issue, please send it to Fred Hamilton ([fredh@suddenlink.net](mailto:fredh@suddenlink.net)).

## **Biographies of some Patriots of the American Revolution**

Patriot François Clereau (1739-1779)

*By: Lewis Gregory Lindsly #185365 and Clifford Joseph Normand, Jr. #157351*

François Clereau was a member of the Louisiana German Coast Militia under Captain Don Carlos Brazcauc (Brosseaux) and the overall command of Governor General Bernardo de Galvez during the American Revolution. It is well documented in the book "Bernardo de Galvez Service to the American Revolution" by Charles Robert Churchill President of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution, dated 1925 and others that the German Coast Militia participated in the Battles of Baton

Rouge and Bayou Manchac. And with and a recently discovered 1778 German Coast Militia list found by Judy Riffel, which provided the proof for individual patriots we could identify François as a Patriot .

In the March 2015 "Le Raconteur" Vol. XXXV No.1 is an article by Judy Riffel titled "1778 Reports of German Coast Inhabitants, Slaves and Militia". This item includes a Militia list that is a translation by Ms. Riffel of a previously unknown report from the Commander responsible for the German Coast Militia to General Galvez, the original of which can be found in Legajo 191 Cuba papers in the microfilm collection at the LSU Library. This document was incorrectly included in reports related to Florida and has been overlooked by others for this reason. This report identifies the men and their military rank of the Company of Volunteer Militia of the German Coast as of 2 Jun 1778. There are approximately 122 men identified.

The subject of this biography, François Cleareau, was born in St. John the Baptist Parish Louisiana ca. 1739 to Jean Pierre François Clereau (a Blacksmith), who was born in Ile aux Maines, Vannes, France and Anna Marie Schaaf who was born in Alsace, France. Anna arrived in Louisiana ca. 1721. Jean Pierre and Anna were married in ca. 1733 in Destrehan, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. François was their third child and first son.

François married Marie Marguerite Delatte who was born in Orleans Parish to French born parents ca. 1748. François and Marguerite had at least five children, three girls and two boys. At his death, they owned property about 14 Leagues (42-48 miles) up the Mississippi from New Orleans on the Left Ascending (south) bank several miles North of Edgard in the "Willow Bend" in the River across from Garyville. Since he signed his name on many document in St. John Parish, it is likely he could read and write.

François died at age 40 on 08 Oct 1779, only 17 days after the battle at Baton Rouge (21 Sep 1779). It is unknown if his death was the result of an illness or wounds sustained in the march on Baton Rouge. He was buried at the St. John the Baptist Church, St. John Parish. We have not identified his grave location at this time.

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### **Lt. Col. Arromanus Lyles** P-332952

*By: Lewis Gregory Lindsly 185365*

Arromanus Lyles was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina in 1748. Capt. Arromanus Lyles served in the American Revolution in the Fairfield Regiment of the South Carolina Militia under Col. Joseph Kershaw. He then received a promoted to Lt. Col. under Gen. Richard Winn. During Arromanus' service in the Militia the Fairfield Regiment participated in battles including Cowpens (which resulted in 110 British killed and 600 captured with 24 from the Regiment killed), Fort Granby, Orangeburg, the Siege of the Ninety-Six County, Four Holes Bridge and many others skirmishes. He later served in the South Carolina Legislature.

He married Rebecca Valentine in 1765 and died in Fairfield County SC in 1817 where he is buried at the Rock Creek Baptist Church.

He came from a family of patriots. One older SAR application for a descendant (undocumented SAR# 71329) indicates that the Tories killed his father Ephraim before the fall of Charleston. At least three of his brothers were officers and two were privates serving during the American Revolution. Lt. Col. William Lyles, Maj John Liles, and Pvt. David Lyles are SAR Patriots, and Ensign James Lile and Pvt. Ephraim Lile are DAR Patriots. His son Valentine Lyles served in the War of 1812.

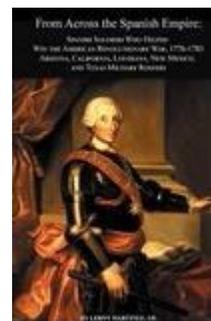
Valentine Lyles as well as many others from South Carolina moved to the Mississippi Territory and Louisiana after the War of 1812 and many of their dependents remain in that area today.

## Recent Items on the Internet About Gálvez

Our friend in Spain, Evaristo C. Martinez-Radio Gallardo, keeps us informed on items pertaining to Spain's influence on the United States. He sent us the following website <http://espausa.com/> which is the Encyclopedia of Hispanic presence in the United States. The site shows a map of the U.S. and you can click on a state for a historical list of people with Hispanic surnames who settled Tejas. For example, you can click on Texas, then click on "Cabello y Robles, Domingo" from the list and it takes you to his biography where he succeeded Ripperdá as Governor of Texas in 1778. Thank you, Evaristo, for sending us this link. (In Spanish)

Here is an article from Pensacola about its sister city in Spain (Macharaviaya) giving a gift of a Gálvez portrait to the city of Pensacola. The article also contains a news video. <http://weartv.com/news/local/spanish-sister-city-gives-pensacola-special-portrait>

A book was recently published titled "*From Across the Spanish Empire: Spanish Soldiers Who Helped Win the American Revolutionary War, 1776-1783 Arizona, California, Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas Military Rosters*" by author Leroy Martinez that contains presidio rosters. Some of the Texas rosters we have seen from the works of Granaderos Jesse Villarreal, Sr. and Robert Thonhoff. There is more information than just lists, though.



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AS A DIPLOMATE FELLOW of the  
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**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail**

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**Face Book Page** \_\_\_\_\_ **Web site**

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**I hereby certify that I have served for a minimum period of one year as the president or principal officer of**

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**I certify that I also served as a national officer /trustee of**

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**Proof of service as a National Officer/Trustee:**

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**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attached is my check for \$15.00 to cover administrative & certificate costs**

**Mail to**

**Texas Genealogical College  
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Suite 217-170  
San Antonio, TX 78257**

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I understand that there are no requirements for membership in the TGC except for payment of dues.

I belong to the following genealogical societies:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the following lineage societies:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attached is my check for my 2017 dues in the amount of \$25.00

Mail to  
Texas Genealogical College  
Private Mail Box 170  
24165 IH-10  
Suite 217-170  
San Antonio, TX 78257



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  
or email: jamkma@aol.com

# 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.





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

For any additional information, please contact: Cheryl G. Morock 3915  
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The Ladies Auxiliary is looking forward to the LASSAR Annual State Meeting on April 7-8 at the Hotel Bentley in Alexandria, LA. We will be handling **MEETNG REGISTRATION** as follows:

**Friday, April 7, 3:00 - 5:00 PM** in the **Hotel Bentley Lobby**

**Saturday, April 8, 8:00 - 9:00 AM** at the **Claiborne Room** on the second floor (where the LASSAR Meeting will take place)

The Ladies Auxiliary supports the LASSAR in its historical, educational and patriotic activities as they seek to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, an appreciation of true patriotism, a respect for our national symbols and the value of American citizenship. They do this by inspiring patriotism, good citizenship and the education of our youth. So it is that the Ladies Auxiliary raises funds for the Youth Awards Programs of the LASSAR. Last year we were able to present a check in the amount of \$1134 for this worthy cause.

We need your support! Our major fund raiser is the Silent Auction at the LASSAR Annual State Meeting. We ask every chapter to donate something for auction. There are endless possibilities that will generate excitement and spirited bidding. This year we are privileged to offer for auction 5 vintage porcelain Revolutionary War soldier figurines, which were so generously donated by Bill and Connie Allerton of George Washington Chapter. Check them out below!



If your chapter chooses to give a cash donation in lieu of an auction item, please pass the hat at every remaining chapter meeting. Please mail checks to Karen Vets, 504 Oak Street, Colfax, LA 71417, or bring to the the Annual State Meeting. These funds will be combined with those from the Silent Auction and donated to LASSAR for the Youth Awards Programs.

**SILENT AUCTION IN THE CLAIBORNE ROOM:**

**Friday, April 7, 5:30 - 7:00 PM** LASSAR Reception

**Saturday, April 8, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM** LASSAR Meeting

**Saturday, April 8, 6:00 - 10:00 PM** LASSAR Happy Hour and Installation Banquet

Do not forget your check book! Bid early and bid often! Our success depends on you!

**LADIES AUXILIARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN THE BEAUREGARD ROOM: Saturday, April 8, 10:00 - 11:30**

The slate of officers for 2017-2019 will be presented at the meeting with election of officers to follow. Installation will take place at the SAR Installation Banquet on Saturday evening.

The Ladies Auxiliary has grown to 48 members in the two years since we began. There is an active drive to expand our organization by seeking new members among the families and friends of both SAR and DAR chapters. Please help us by talking to your wives, companions, daughters, sisters, mothers, and friends about joining us for only \$10 for the year or a one-time payment of \$100 for life membership.

We have initiated an incentive program to facilitate our goals. To that end, there are Ladies Auxiliary representatives in the following chapters:

Alexandria - Cheryl Morock  
Baton Rouge - Lynda Normand  
Covington - Amanda Kahl McKelroy  
Lafayette - Katherine Hess  
Natchitoches - Karen Vets  
New Orleans - Mary Umholtz  
West Monroe - Freida Hamilton

We are looking for representatives for the three remaining chapters:

Lake Charles  
Monroe  
Shreveport

If you know of anyone in the three chapters who might be willing to function in this capacity, please contact Cheryl Morock: [cgmrock@aol.com](mailto:cgmrock@aol.com)

## Ladies Auxiliary Meets in Baton Rouge (January 28, 2017)



Left to Right: Cheryl Morock, Rita Grant, Katherine Hess,  
Amanda Kahl McKelroy, Mary Umholtz, Lynda Normand



# 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues - \$10.00

Life Member Dues - \$100.00

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

Karen B. Vets

504 Oak St.

Colfax, LA 71417

**Make checks payable to : Ladies Auxiliary - LASSAR**



*Louisiana Society*  
*Sons of the American Revolution*



*Annual Meeting Registration*

*April 7 - 8, 2017*

*Alexandria, LA*

The Enemund Meullion Chapter invites all compatriots and their guests to the Louisiana SAR Annual Meeting. All events will be held in the Claiborne Room, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the historic Hotel Bentley, 200 Desoto Street, Alexandria, LA

A reception will be held on Friday evening from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Hotel Bentley to give attendees a chance to meet and greet each other. Join us for light hors d'oeuvre with a Louisiana flair.

The Louisiana Society SAR Annual Meeting will begin at 9:00 am on April 8th.

**A Patriot Grave Marking will be held for Major Benjamin Kitchen, a Patriot of the American Revolution, buried in Rapides Cemetery, right across the Red River from the Hotel Bentley. The grave marking will begin at 2pm, Saturday, April 8, 2017. This has been declared a District Event by Vice President General Gerry Brent. Color guardsmen are encouraged to attend.**

Happy Hour will begin at 6:00 pm Saturday evening, with the Installation Banquet starting at 7:00 pm.

The Hotel Bentley has been designated as the official hotel for this event. This historic hotel experienced visits during the WWII Louisiana Maneuvers by several military notables, including Major General George Patton, Lieutenant Colonel Omar Bradley, Colonel Dwight David Eisenhower, and Second Lieutenant Henry Kissinger. Various entertainers and Hollywood stars have been registered guests at the Bentley over the years, including John Wayne and Roy Rogers. For more information on this outstanding venue, visit <http://www.historicbentley.com> Call (318) 442-2226 to book your room at the special Louisiana Society SAR rate of \$99 plus tax. Only 30 rooms could be blocked at this special rate so reserve your room soon!

Another nearby hotel is the newly renovated Holiday Inn, located right across the street.

Phone (318) 541-8333.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE AT ALL FUNCTIONS**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHAPTER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF GUEST(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reception, Meeting and Banquet:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$80 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting only:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet only:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your registration form along with your check payable to "Enemund Meullion Chapter – SAR" to:

**Tony L Vets**  
**504 Oak St**  
**Colfax, LA 71417**