

## Patriot John Abney Wreath Laying and Life Saving Medal Awarded (December 20,2022)



SAR Galvez Chapter and DAR Chapters Dorcheat – Bistineau, Claiborne and Pelican jointly sponsored a wreath laying ceremony to pay respect and honor to Revolutionary SAR Patriot John Abney on December 20, 2022. The wreath laying was held at the Mount Zion Cemetery, Haughton, Louisiana. There were a total of ten SAR and DAR members present. The invocation was provided by Dorcheat-Bistineau Regent Cindy Madden. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited by all. Jerry Madden, President of Galvez Chapter, made comments honoring Patriot John Abney for his contribution to our freedom and democracy today. Following President Madden's comments, the SAR and DAR wreaths were presented.

The SAR wreath was laid by Galvez chapter Compatriot Spencer Creech, DAR Claiborne chapter wreath by Camille Wise, DAR Dorcheat-Bistineau chapter wreath by Donna Sutton and DAR Pelican chapter wreath by Paula Roper. At the conclusion of wreath placing and picture taking, Camille Wise of DAR Claiborne chapter gave the Benediction.

SAR picture left to right: President Jerry Madden, Compatriots Mike Deeter, Steve and Spencer Creech. DAR picture left to right: Kaylon French, Robert Thompson, Cindy Madden, Donna Sutton, Camille Wise, Paula Roper, Sonja Webb.

Later, Compatriot Gayle McFarland was first awarded a Lifesaving Award by the Shreveport Police Department. Compatriot McFarland's leadership of the police team that was directly responsible for preventing the death of a woman and her unborn child is highly commendable. His willingness to put his safety at risk to take action qualified him for the Sons of the American Revolution Life Saving Award.

## Wreaths Across America at Greenwood Cemetery, Shreveport (December 17, 2022)



The Galvez Chapter joined many other local organizations supporting Wreaths Across America at the Veteran's Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport, LA. The turnout for Wreaths Across America was tremendous and heartwarming. Galvez Compatriots Jerry Madden, Raymond Alley (who provided the US Navy Wreath), Fred Ott and others participated. Busloads of school children were there to help unpack and distribute the wreaths. They were very respectful yet made the occasion fulsome as only young people can do.

### Galvez Chapter Participates in Patriot Jethro Butler Wreath Laying (December 6, 2021)



DAR Chapters Dorcheat - Bistineau and Claiborne sponsored a wreath placing ceremony to pay respect and honor to Revolutionary Ancestor/Patriot Jethro Butler on December 6, 2021. The SAR Galvez Chapter was invited to participate.

There were a total of thirteen DAR and SAR members present. Kathy Johnson, Regent of the Dorcheat-Bistineau DAR Chapter, made comments honoring Ancestor/Patriot Jethro Butler for his contribution to our freedom and democracy today. Following Regent Johnson's comments, the DAR and SAR wreaths were presented.

The SAR wreath was laid by Galvez Chapter Compatriots John B. Peters and Jon Liles both descendants of Patriot Jethro Butler. Compatriots Jerry Madden and Mike Deeter were also in attendance.

The setting for the wreath laying was ideal. The weather was fair but cool. And, as can be seen by the pictures, the cemetery and the gravesite are well maintained. The DAR/SAR wreath laying was closed out with a joint Mex-EX in Homer on-the-square during the return to Minden.

Left to right- Compatriots Jerry Madden, Ken Johnson, Jon Liles, John Peters and Mike Deeter.

## Galvez Chapter Honors Patriot Buried In Caddo Parish (October 18, 2016)



During their October monthly meeting, members of the Galvez Chapter held a dedication ceremony for the grave of Revolutionary War Soldier, Private William Davis. Pvt Davis is the only known Revolutionary War Soldier to be buried in Caddo Parish. He served under Captain Jon Henderson's Horse Company, attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Malmady of the North Carolina Cavalry Militia.

Mr. Joe Slattery, Genealogist at the Shreveport Broadmoor Library; Jim Jones, LASSAR Genealogist and Jon Oliver Galvez Chapter President led the ceremony and presented Pvt Davis's history, migration to Caddo Parish and locating and marking his gravesite. A printout of Pvt Davis's pension application was provided as proof of his service in the American Revolution. The chapter is now in the process of making the required notification to NSSAR.

Those present for the dedication were: Richard Corbett, Mike Deeter, Clyde Hightower, Marilyn Hightower (Daughter of the American Revolution representative), Mike Hogan, Lyn Irish, Jim Jones, Chad Kraus, Jon Oliver, Barrow Peacock, Keith Port, Tom Williams, Jim Kihnenman and guest Speaker Joe Slattery and his guests Roger Anderson.

The Galvez Chapter meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Shreveport Club in Shreveport, LA.

## History Professor Speaks On The Price Of Freedom (February 19, 2016)



Dr. Alex Mikaberidze, an LSUS History Professor, was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Shreveport Galvez Chapter. Dr. Mikaberidze spoke about Consortium of "The Price of Freedom-The Revolutionary Era (1750-1850) in America and France." It will be part of the history conference at the end of the month. Over 100 Scholars from around the world will be at the conference held in Shreveport that will also include exhibits from the Noel Memorial Library that includes battle maps and engravings.

Additionally, discussion was held by Chapter members concerning "the shot heard around the world" and where it actually happened. While "The Concord Hymn," written in the 1830's by Ralph Waldo Emerson states it was the Old North Concord Bridge. The book, "Library of American History Vol.2" published in 1918 indicates the "shot" was volley fire that happened in the Lexington Commons shortly before the Concord Bridge.

More information about the Consortium can be found at <http://revolutionaryera.org/>

More Information about the Noel exhibits can be found at <http://www.jsnoelcollection.org/>

## State Senator Speaks At Galvez Chapter Meeting (August 20, 2013)

Barrow Peacock, Louisiana State Senator (District 3) spoke on legislative matters concerning Shreveport area citizens. First on the agenda was a presentation of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) proposal to upgrade a portion of the Red River Bridge at Jimmie Davis Highway (LA 511) to improve the crossing of Red River. He explained the Environmental Assessment's three alternatives and encouraged members to attend the next public meeting concerning this project. Next, he discussed the proposed changes for the LSU Medical Center and health care plans that will affect all of us as citizens of Louisiana. A lively question and answer time followed his presentation.

## Special Presentation at Galvez Chapter July 2013 Meeting

The July 2013 meeting of the Galvez Chapter was a special and unique meeting honoring Harry Lazarus, one of our long time members. Harry was appointed a Knight of the French Legion of Honor for his service in freeing France from occupying German forces during World War II.

The Legion of Honor was created by Napoleon in 1802 to acknowledge services rendered to France by persons of exceptional merit. A three-member delegation representing the President of France and the French Government made the presentation of the medal. The award testifies to the President of the French Republic's high esteem for Harry's merits and accomplishments. In particular, it is a sign of France's infinite gratitude and appreciation for Harry's personal and precious contribution to the United States' decisive role in the liberation of France during World War II.

We all congratulate Harry Lazarus in the honor of the presentation of this award.



## Galvez Chapter Welcomes Ernie Roberson (April 16, 2013)

The April meeting of the Galvez Chapter featured Ernie Roberson, Registrar of Voters for Caddo Parish as their speaker. Ernie gave some details about the voter registration in Caddo Parish and provided information about the upcoming election dates in 2013 and 2014. He provided a information sheet that gave details about the open primary and open general congressional elections coming up in the November and December of 2014. Ernie then gave the group a pop quiz on Shreveport History with some facts that only a person who had grown up in Shreveport and studied Shreveport History would know. Ernie's presentation was very well received by the entire group.



## Chapter Elects New Officers (December 18, 2012)

Neill Matthews was elected as President of the Galvez Chapter at the December meeting. Matthews has been a member of the Sons of the American Revolution since 1995. Thomas N. Williams was reelected as Vice-President.

## Galvez Chapter Hears From Legislator (November 20, 2012)



The November meeting of the Galvez Chapter featured guest speaker Senator Barrow Peacock who spoke on issues of importance to all Louisiana citizens, the state budget. Sen. Peacock brought in a copy of the massive state budget and discussed how each chamber negotiates the changes necessary before sending the package to the governor, who has veto powers. A spirited question and answer session followed.

Following the meeting, a wreath was laid at the Constitution Bicentennial Monument. The monument was funded by the Galvez Chapter and donated to the community. This monument is located adjacent to the Bossier Parish Library on Beckett Street.

## History

While the Louisiana Society had been in existence for over 30 years, little effort was made to expand and organize chapters. Major J. Fair Hardin found fifteen men who were interested in forming a chapter in the Shreveport area. At the Louisiana Societies Annual Meeting in 1925, the President General of the National Society, SAR, presented the Charter of the Galvez Chapter to Major J. Fair Hardin of Shreveport. The charter was signed by thirty members.

The chapter fell dormant for a number of years, but in July, 1967 five members of the Louisiana Society met in the office of Glenn Mason in Shreveport to discuss reactivation of the chapter. On August 22, 1967, the reactivated Galvez Chapter was reborn, and Mason was elected President.