



The Houston Chapter at the 2013 Annual Meeting



Granaderos in Uniform



Galvez Statue
Washington D.C.

Plans are currently underway to erect an equestrian statue of Bernardo de Galvez in Galveston, Texas. For more information or to donate visit www.galvezstatue.org



Wreath laying ceremony Mexico City 2014 at the tomb of Galvez. Wearing uniforms and capes



The Order of the Granaderos y Damas De Galvez

The organization was founded during the Bicentennial of the United States in 1976 to research and understand the pivotal, yet unpublicized role of Spain -- and the contributions of her King and her people -- to the colonists' victory in the American Revolution.



Galvez Coat of Arms

In this endeavor, our organization labors to teach about this important, but forgotten, aspect of American history, and we do so primarily by illuminating the accomplishments of General Bernardo De Galvez of Spain, a great hero of our country's war for independence. We also perpetuate the memory of the Spanish soldiers who fought during the American Revolution. We

encourage research into the battles fought by Galvez' **troops** and foster preservation of documents and relics of battles in which they took part, and we encourage the publication of the individual service records of the soldiers and patriotic citizens who participated in achieving the independence of the United States.

The Granaderos y Damas de Galvez

support grants, scholarships and lectures on subjects related to Spain's contribution to the American Revolution. We support the restoration of Spanish sites and relics in the United States, and we have an educational program available to middle schools on the Spanish role in our American history, including the Texas cattle drivers who supplied beef to feed Galvez's army. We encourage wearing of the uniform of the Granaderos de Galvez with honor at appropriate occasions, and the Damas wear matching capes. Such events include parades, civic ceremonies, galas and other social settings where we can communicate the goals of our organization. There are active chapters in San Antonio, Houston, Pensacola, Jacksonville and Washington D.C. If you are interested in joining a chapter or in working to reactivate the Galveston chapter, please contact John Espinosa at john.esp123@gmail.com or Mary Anthony Startz at malstartz@outlook.com.



Bernardo de Galvez, 1746-1786

Fourth Spanish Royal Governor of Louisiana, 1777 to 1782
Comde de Galvez; Viscount of Galvezton; Lieutenant General of The Royal Armies; Captain General of The Province of Louisiana; Viceroy, Governor, and Captain General Kingdom of New Spain. There were just some of the honors and titles won by Galvez for his outstanding military and administrative success in The Americas. He died in Mexico City in 1786 and is buried at San Francisco Church.



Galvez was sent to New Orleans in 1776 to command the Spanish garrison and in January of 1777 was promoted to governor of the province of Louisiana. Working with the Spanish army to his left, British Major General Mifflin sent the 1500-man British force to the mouth of the Mississippi River to capture the city of New Orleans. Galvez, with the Spanish army, met the British at the Battle of the Clouds on August 18, 1779. Galvez's forces defeated the British and forced them to retreat to the Gulf Coast. Galvez's victory at the Battle of the Clouds was a decisive one, as it prevented the British from capturing the city of New Orleans. Galvez's success in Louisiana was a major factor in the Spanish victory in the Seven Years' War. Galvez's military and administrative success in Louisiana was a major factor in the Spanish victory in the Seven Years' War. Galvez's military and administrative success in Louisiana was a major factor in the Spanish victory in the Seven Years' War.



The Granaderos y Damas de Galvez placed the above marker at the statue of Bernardo de Galvez in New Orleans in 2012. The statue is at the foot of Canal Street near the Algiers ferry.

Galvez Statue New Orleans Foot of Canal Street