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*Louisiana Society
Sons of the American Revolution*

President's Message



Dear Compatriots,

While we were safe and well fed this Christmas season, in 1776 these dedicated patriots suffered severe hardships to help gain our freedom and establish our country.

The **Battle of Trenton** was a small but pivotal battle during the American Revolutionary War which took place on the morning of December 26, 1776, in Trenton, New Jersey. After General George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River north of Trenton the previous night, Washington led the main body of the Continental Army against Hessian soldiers garrisoned at Trenton. After a brief battle, nearly the entire Hessian force was captured, with negligible losses to the Americans. The battle significantly boosted the Continental Army's flagging morale, and inspired re-enlistments.

The Continental Army had previously suffered several defeats in New York and been forced to retreat through New Jersey to Pennsylvania. Morale in the army was low; to the end of the year on a positive note, General George Washington—Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army—devised a plan to cross the Delaware River on the night of December 25-26 and surround the Hessian garrison.

Because the river was icy and the weather severe, the crossing proved dangerous. Two detachments were unable to cross the river, leaving Washington with only 2,400 men under his command in the assault. The army marched 9 miles (14 km) south to

Trenton. The Hessians had lowered their guard, thinking they were safe from the American army, and had no long-distance outposts or patrols. Washington's forces caught them off guard and, after a short but fierce resistance, most of the Hessians surrendered. Almost two-thirds of the 1,500-man garrison was captured, and only a few troops escaped across Assunpink Creek. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Oliver Pollock held the Avenue of Flags on Veteran's Day and were able to display all flags (over 960 flags). What a beautiful sight.

Several members went to Kentucky for The Leadership Training. It was a great experience and met with several Compatriots I have met in earlier meetings.

I had the privilege to going and presenting the SAR Gold Good Citizenship medal to Lt. Gen. Russell Honore at the General Philemon Thomas Chapter.

The LSSAR Annual Meeting for 2016 will be held in Lake Charles, LA on April 22-23, 2016. The Hotel for the meeting and contact information:

Springfield Suites
1551 West Prien Lake Road
Lake Charles, LA 70601
337-474-1112

The group rate on rooms are \$159 and must be reserved or cancelled by March 22, 2016 and are held for Sons of the American Revolution.

Friday night we will have a choice of crawfish boil or chicken/sausage gumbo at the tennis-basketball court in my subdivision of Country Club Estates which is about a mile from the motel.

I was present at the dedication of the bust for the Dr. Sibley Event in November. It was a great day weather wise and a very good dedication ceremony.

We had a great time at the installation of new officers of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter. Welcome and a successful year for the newest officers. Good luck to the chapter.

Plans are made to install the new officers of the Enemund Meuilliion Chapter the 23rd of January.

Sincerely

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Revolutionary War Battlefield Lies Beneath Ballpark Village Site

By Rueben M. Perez



New Bush Stadium for the Cardinals

Little is remembered today of a battle that occurred on the site of Busch Ballpark Village, St. Louis, Missouri, home of the St. Louis Cardinals ballpark. Reported by KMOX, “Even life-long St. Louis residents may not realize that a big battle was once fought on what is now the site of Ballpark Village, just north of the old Bush Stadium.

The Battle, often referred to as “The Battle of St. Louis”, is also known as “The Battle of Fort San Carlos.” Under the gallant leadership of Bernardo de Gálvez, the Spanish defeated the British over 230

years ago in May 1780 on the very same Bush ballpark. The victory in St. Louis was critical for Gálvez in stopping the British from capturing the Upper Mississippi Valley and expanding their claims to lands west of the Appalachians. The victory also closed off any possibilities of attacking New Orleans by the Mississippi and troops from Pensacola. Had the British taken St. Louis, it is probable the victory would have swung to the British by additional Indian tribes on their side. In addition, St. Louis would have given the British an excellent base to launch attacks or supply Indian raids against the pitifully small American forces north of the Ohio River. One can only imagine what American history would have been if this battle had gone the other way.

The battle at St. Louis was one of the most unusual battles during the American Revolution and one of only two battles fought west of the Mississippi River. *St. Luis des Ylinueses* (St. Louis of the Illinois) was a French settlement ceded to Spain by France on May 26, 1780. The settlement was established by French traders in 1764 and located at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. St. Louis was primarily a trading hub occupied mostly by French and outnumbered by Indians in the vicinity. After France ceded the territory above St. Louis, the Spanish did little to defend the area and the British started to extend westward. In command of Upper Louisiana and commandant of the militia at Fort Carlos was Fernando de Leyba, Lieutenant Governor of Spanish Louisiana. Leyba and his family arrived in St. Louis in 1778 and became acquainted with George Rogers Clark. Local St. Louis merchants invested and extended Clark credit for his cause with guns, powder, and essential supplies. In July 1778, George Rogers Clark captured

Kaskaskia, Cahokia, Vincennes and several other British villages and forts. Leyba lost his wife in the summer of 1779, and he suffered a severe illness that affected his health.

Fernando de Leyba expected that St. Louis would be attacked by the British and feared his small contingency of soldiers would not be enough to fend them off. Leyba writes to Gálvez on February 5, 1779, fearing he did not have the fighting force to ward off a British expedition, "Sixteen men, including the drummer, are all the troops I have; of the militia, it is true, there are forty able to bear arms, but at this time they are all trading on the Misury." In addition to the Regular army soldiers of the Fijo de Luisiana Colonial Regiment, a civilian militia of 176 was spread out in the countryside. By May 1780, Leyba had information that an attack was imminent. The British started their march towards St. Louis in the spring of 1780 with a force over 1,000 strong consisting of British soldiers, fur traders and a large group of Indians from various tribes.



Fort San Carlos diorama in Missouri State

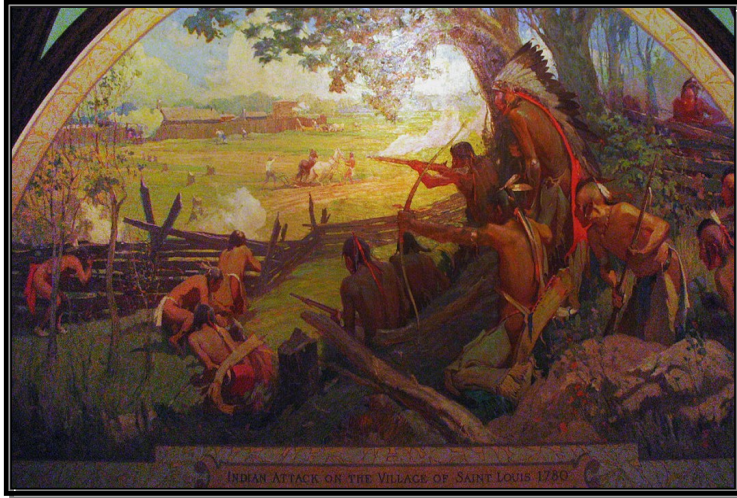
Leyba developed a plan for constructing four stone towers to defend St. Louis. Without financial assistance from New Orleans, Leyba collected money from the citizens and from his own private funds to pay for the towers. On April 17, 1780, the first stone was laid in place to what would be a cylindrical fort. By mid-May, only one stone tower had been built, about 30 feet in diameter and thirty to forty feet tall.

It was named Fort San Carlos after the Spanish King Charles III.

A trench was dug around the city and without the necessary funding to provide better protection, trees were cut, logs spiked into the ground and parapets

structed at the ends of the trench. At the top of the tower cannons were placed. Leyba called up the Ste. Genevieve's militia and when the British attacked, he now had a force of twenty-five regulars and two hundred and eighty-nine villagers. Emanuel Hesse, Commander of the British expedition, sent out a scouting party to evaluate the village of St. Louis but was unable to get close due to the villagers out in the field working.

On May 26, 1780, around 1 P.M. the British forces approached the village, while another contingency of Indians attacked the other side of the river at Cahokia. Out in the field, the villagers, upon realizing they were being attacked, ran towards town. The village people had 21 killed and up to 100 wounded or captured. As the Indians were attacking, troops in the trenches and cannons on top of Fort San Carlos started firing. The explosions and noise frightened the Indians, causing them to retreat but not before crops, livestock, and buildings were destroyed. On the same day, George Rogers Clark and his army defeated



Mural at Missouri State Capital depicting
Indian attack on the village of St. Louis

defeated the British at Cahokia on the other side of the river. Fernando de Leyba died the following month and the village of Saint Louis was never attacked again. The battle of St. Louis ended any hopes the British had for controlling the Mississippi Valley.

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Texas SAR Patriot Graves Cmte. Report.

Dated on Oct 11, 2015

and

Submitted by James E Mitchell, (TX) Chmn.

On Sat., Oct 10, 2015 the writer, presently chairman of the Texas SAR Committee For Preservation and Remembering Revolutionary War Graves within Texas attended the 3:45 PM changing of the (U.S.) guard ceremony at the 'Tomb of the Unknowns' at the 624 acre site of *Arlington National Cemetery* across the Potomac River from the Washington National Monument and Seat of the United States Government.

Amid the final resting place to more than 400,000 American military veterans and their families, throngs of cemetery visitors lined the walking paths where a brightly [Continental Army (1777-8)] uniformed-William "Bill" Schwetke, Pres., Culpeper Minute Men Chapter (CMM) Virginia SAR rendezvoused with CMM members, Lance Lyngar and a dual (TX) member, Jas. E Mitchell to observe the (bus) arrival of the *Honor Flight veterans* visit at the wreath laying ceremony that included our National Society SAR Pres. Gen., Thomas E . Lawrence (TX) with his wife, Mickey Jo of Houston, Texas.

Unusually loud, co-incidental applause from hundreds of cemetery visitors could be heard as the writer uniformed in period, Virginia Militia apparel-a blk. Lieut.'s cover, dark leather boot shoes with blue stockings, knee britches and a linen waist coat followed in the rear of the *Honor Flight veterans*, each seated in a wheel chair and personally accompanied by a care giver or in case the veteran preferred to walk they pushed their assigned wheel chair navigating to the summit where the 'Tomb of the Unknowns' lay. There were an estimated 21.7 million veterans in the U.S. in 2011 and fewer than 5 percent were veterans of WWII; source, Nat'l. Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics.

[Texas, California and Florida have the greatest number of veterans. It is estimated that approx. 500 WWII veterans die each day, according to the Nat'l. WWII Memorial Museum. By the year 2036, logically no WWII veterans will remain alive to participate in the *Honor Flight veterans*!]

Applause from hundreds of observers seemed to crescendo as the wheel chaired *Honor Flight veterans* reached the summit passing the iconic white tombstones that dot the hills of the national cemetery! Surprisingly to the above Texas and Virginia SAR uniformed color guardsmen walking immediately behind the line of *Honor Flight veterans*, many applauding visitors standing along the hilly, paved walking paths would observe the last, *Honor Flight veteran* with an impromptu trailing rear guard of American Revolutionary War uniforms, yet another loud applause from the crowd surprise and sincere approval, followed us to the summit!



Jim Mitchell and others at Arlington National Cemetery



President General & Mrs. Tom Lawrence at
Arlington National Cemetery

National Society SAR President General Tom Lawrence and wife, Mickey Jo were greeted within a direct line of site near the great, granite “Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.” Less than a dozen SAR uniformed color guardsmen (CG) assembled and were assigned by our National Society CG Cmdr. to hold ceremonially the U.S. Flag, Virginia Flag, SAR Flag and National Society SAR President General’s. Flag.

Over a dozen colorful wreaths were ceremonially laid flat upon the granite surrounding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by blue uniformed members of the U.S. Military Ceremonial Drill Team. Last year, during Oct. 2, 2014, Texas contributed two brothers –Don Jones, age 89 and Robert Jones, age 91, both who served during WWII. Robert was chosen among *Honor Flight veterans* to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony held on a Thursday. This trip was singularly important for the writer because the Unknown Soldier’s memories are kept alive with our US Military History only, if we cherish their sacrifice.



Westwego Police Receive Proclamation

At the August 10th, Westwego, Louisiana city council meeting, Sons of the American Revolution, George Washington Chapter President Norman Umholtz and compatriot Dennis Rollins present a proclamation to Westwego Police Chief, Dwayne Munch Sr. and the Westwego police department. The proclamation expresses sincere appreciation for their daily sacrifices on behalf of the public, and that they constantly go above and beyond the call of duty to protect the community.



On Aug. 3 at a meeting of Daughter's of the American Revolution in New Orleans the George Washington Chapter SAR President Norm Umholtz presented Kay Alpaugh a medal and certificate for her exceptional service to the National Society and the George Washington Chapter .



Congratulations to Lt. General Russell Honore who received SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal at Constitution Week Banquet of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter, 18 September 2015 at the Baton Rouge Country Club. Pictured L-R: Jerry Haynes, General Honore, and Jim Morock. The GGC medal is the highest award to non members presented by the SAR and must be approved by the SAR Executive Committee.



Wreath laying ceremony, Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the Bossier City "Garden of Liberty" commemorating the tragedy of 9/11/2001. L-R: Sandy McNeeley, Tom Williams, Tom Angers, Norm Umholtz, Richard Corbett, Jerry Haynes, Jim Oliver, Chairman of the Wreath Laying Ceremony & Speaker, Alvin Bethard, Jim Morock, and John Francois

Pierre George Rousseau Chapter, Sons of American Revolution New Members

The Pierre George Rousseau Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recently held its 16th Annual Commemoration of the Battle of Lake Ponchartrain. The members were honored to have Genny May, U.S. Marshal Eastern District of Louisiana as the guest speaker. U.S. Marshals Service is the oldest law enforcement agency in the United States. Established shortly after the Revolutionary War in 1789, the Marshal Service protected the first Federal Judiciary and enforced the initial Federal Warrants. After 225 years, protecting the Federal Judiciary is still the primary mission of the U.S. Marshals. In addition to learning about the Marshal Service, five new members were inducted into the chapter. Pictured from left to right are John Crosby, Genny May (guest), Sean Morrison, Bret Morrison, Robert Morrison and not pictured Patrick McKelroy. Any male who is a lineal descendant of an ancestor who supported the war for American Independence is eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. For further information refer to <http://www.lassar.org/>

NSSAR Update regarding the handling of documents in a previously submitted application

Patty Riemann, who handles SAR supplemental, gave the following response on the correct way to document a previously submitted application in order to not duplicate information. "The SAR member number and the patriot name is the correct way to list any information that is piggybacking off of an existing SAR application/record file where we have the supporting documentation in our files.

What ends up happening is that the documentation is 'duplicate listed' and there is no need for it, as when the application is pulled or reviewed (for whatever reason) if the documents listed in the reference section are 'not' contained in 'that' record file, it just gets bracketed because that is 'not' where the documents are located if they need to be pulled for whatever reason. We only need and want one set of documents

Received from Cliff Normand, Louisiana SAR Registrar



Bernardo de Galves

"Unsung Hero"

By Nancy Reynolds Tiner



Bernardo de Galves was born July 23, 1746 in the village of Macharaviaya, Malaga, Spain. He was part of a noble family that distinguished itself in service to Spain, and he chose a military career. In 1765 he arrived in Mexico, which was then called New Spain, and in 1769 he was made commandant of Nueva Vizcaya and it was his duty to subdue the Apache Indians in the area that included Texas. The first expedition he led contained about 135 men and took him all the way to the Pecos River in Texas. By the time the Indians were located it was November and the weather was very cold and the soldiers were tired and hungry. Bernardo urged the men to follow him as he plunged his horse into the cold river. They followed his courageous charge and killed and captured a great number of the Indians.

Galves conducted other campaigns against the Apache and during one of these he was badly wounded while fighting five Indians by himself. He returned to Spain to recover, and in 1776 he was sent to New Orleans and soon made governor.

Bernardo gave aid to the American colonies during their fight for independence by keeping open the Mississippi River for navigation. Ammunition, guns, clothing, and other supplies were sent to George Rogers Clark in the northwest. Galves and an American named Oliver Pollock were responsible for furnishing these provisions to Clark's troops. Pollock financed the purchase of the supplies and Galves kept the British from capturing the American ships.



Spain formally declared war on Great Britain on May 8, 1779, but Galves did not receive the news until August, at which time he was instructed to begin hostilities against the British forts along the Gulf Coast. His first expedition, started on August 27, was to Fort Bute at Manchac in Louisiana, 90 miles upriver from New Orleans. He easily took Fort Bute and marched on to the fort at Baton Rouge. He took the fort and demanded that the British commander also surrender Fort Panmure at Natchez, which he did. Galves was rewarded for the capture of these forts with a promotion to brigadier general.

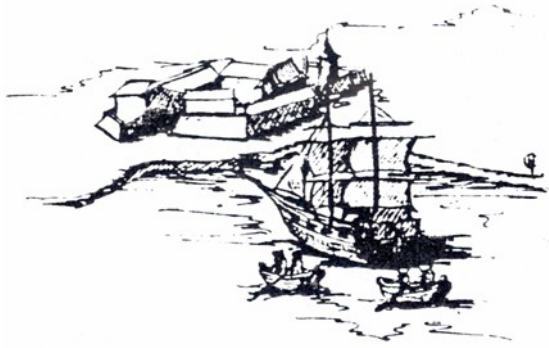
The new General began planning a campaign to take Fort Charlotte in Mobile and began the attack on February 29, 1780. The British surrendered on March 13 and Galves was promoted to field marshal and was given command of all Spanish operations in America.

Pensacola was the next objective, but a hurricane scattered the first fleet and it was not until March 9, 1781, that the second fleet arrived off the Florida coast to start the siege. The Spanish admiral was reluctant to try to take the fleet across the sand bar for fear of running aground. Galves decided to go in alone on his ship the "Galvestown," accompanied by two launches and a sloop that were under his personal command.

They sailed across the sandbar and anchored safely, and the remainder of the fleet arrived the following day. Additional reinforcements arrived and on May 10 the British surrendered. King Carlos III made Bernardo a count and promoted him to lieutenant general. The king also gave him permission to put the "Galvestown" on the crest of his coat of arms with the motto "YO SOLO"-I alone.

Following the victory at Pensacola, the Bahama Islands were taken and Galves was planning a campaign to take Jamaica when word was received that the hostilities had ceased.





In August of 1779, when Galvez first received word of Spain's declaration of war, he sent a request to the governor in San Antonio, Texas for Texas longhorn cattle to be driven to Louisiana to aid his campaign. During the time he was fighting the British, approximately 10,000 head of these cattle were delivered to Galvez.

The cattle belonged to the Spanish missions in San Antonio and Goliad and were assembled at the presidio La Bahia, near Goliad, and driven to Nacogdoches, Texas, and then to Galvez. The use of these longhorns gives Texas a connection with the American Revolution.

Bernardo de Galvez deserves recognition for his part in helping the American cause and should be remembered as a pa-

triot. He was, in fact, commended by the Continental Congress and received letters from Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson thanking him for his services to the United States.

Galvez was a brave, chivalrous and compassionate man who was very popular with the people. He was an able administrator and following the war he was appointed Viceroy of New Spain and was "given more jurisdiction than any of his predecessors. He arrived in Mexico City in 1784 to begin governing his new territory which was virtually all of Spanish North America. In the fall of 1786 Bernardo was stricken with a fever during an epidemic and on November 30, he died and was buried in Mexico City.

Galveston, Texas, and Galveston Bay are named for him, and Texans are proud that because of him, Texas made a contribution to the American Revolution.



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Nancy Reynolds Tiner is a native Texan who has had an avid interest in history since childhood. She became intrigued with the story of Galvez, and feels that he should be recognized for his role in the American Revolution. Mrs. Tiner has encouraged the study of history in Texas and has given historical programs for various organizations. She is a member of the Daughters of American Colonists, an Honorary State Regent of the Texas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution and is currently serving a three year term (1985-1988) as a Vice President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. She was awarded the SAR Medal of Appreciation in 1985.

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Recognition of the American Revolution Spanish Patriots
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In the March 2015 issue of *Le Raconteur* Judy Riffel published a previously undiscovered 2 June 1778 list of the Company of Volunteer Militia of the German Coast. This list contained many of the settlers of the area who served under the Spanish and assisted in the defeat of the British in the Battles of Fort Bute at Manchac and Baton Rouge in September 1779. Many members and prospective members with ancestors from this area were very excited to be able to have their ancestors recognized as American Patriots by either the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

In an effort to expedite three applications that had been pended by the SAR some three years prior due to a lack of proof of service, in June 2015 the SAR Genealogist General was contacted in an attempt to move those applications along. The genealogist general responded that the German Coast Militia List did not qualify since it was dated prior to the date that Spain declared war on Britain on 21 June 1779. This was extremely confusing since the SAR (and the DAR) had previously recognized Spain's assistance to America beginning 24 December 1776 when the King ordered Spain to assist the Americans in their battle against the British.

It was then realized that a change in the SAR genealogy policy concerning the Spanish had been approved in 2011 but the impact on the Galvez Patriots had not been recognized. The problem arose since most of the militia lists that have historically been used date between 1777 and early 1779. (Typically 20-30 percent of new Louisiana SAR members are accepted using a Galvez Patriot.) This change in policy initiated a lot of discussion between various SAR state societies and the genealogy committee. A review of the policy was initiated by the SAR genealogy committee and at the September Leadership Meeting a revised policy was approved that returned the date recognizing American patriots with Spanish service after 24 December 1776.

The text of the revised SAR policy:

Sons of the American Revolution

Genealogy Policy No. 2015-01, Consolidated Genealogy Policy

Portion of Section 2.30001 that pertains to Spanish Involvement to the Cause of the American Revolution.

Changes up to 25 September 2015

Any member of the Army or of a Spanish colonial militia who served, as shown by contemporary rosters, in a Presidio or garrison in the Spanish territories, bounded within by the area now included in the present day United States of America, and which Presidio or garrison is shown to have provided military or material support, such as a contribution of the donativo or participation in the cattle drive, to the cause of American Independence, may be considered to have performed qualifying military service in support of the Patriot cause. Any member of the Spanish Army, Navy, or militia who served in the Spanish Navy in support of Galvez, in the Gulf of Mexico, from Texas to Florida, along the Mississippi River, or were members of the Louisiana Infantry Regiment between December 24, 1776 and November 26, 1783, may be considered to have performed qualifying military service in support of the Patriot cause. Any resident of the Spanish territories bounded within by the area now included in the present day contiguous United States of America, who provided material aid or contributed to the donativo requested by King Carlos III in 1780 to fund Spanish involvement in the war effort, may be considered to have performed qualifying patriotic service. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis.

Shortly after the approval of the above policy the SAR approved four applications recognizing these individuals from the German Coast as patriots in the American Revolution:

Francois Daniel Madere

Francois Noel Dupont

George Kerner

Francois Clareau

Anyone interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Sons of the American Revolution can obtain contact from the organization's website.

The SAR genealogy committee has updated the NSSAR Genealogy Policies following the September Leadership Meeting. It is recommended that all chapter registrars and genealogists review the policy that is available on the SAR website. To access go to the homepage Genealogy section on the blue banner. Near the bottom of the page is a link to the Genealogy Policies.

Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Application Preparation Manual Policy Manual, June 1, 2015, Revision.

Using Previously Approved DAR & C.A.R. Record Copies

Many applications are submitted using previously-approved SAR, DAR and C.A.R. applications. As noted in the disclaimer on the Ancestry.com webpages for SAR Membership Applications 1895-1970, the documentation on many older SAR applications would fail to meet modern SAR genealogy standards, and it may be necessary to supplement the old SAR application with additional evidence.

Likewise, DAR recognizes that many of its older applications are insufficiently documented by current standards. As has SAR, in recent decades DAR has implemented more detailed review of new applications that rely on previously-proven lineage and service, and now flags facts that must be proven anew by future applicants. The C.A.R. follows the same procedures as the DAR.

Out of respect for the genealogical standards of the DAR and C.A.R., it is SAR policy to accept as evidence of lineage and related facts on SAR applications, corresponding facts on official copies of DAR or C.A.R. applications approved after 1 January 1985 unless relevant portions of the applications have been determined to be incorrect by the DAR, C.A.R. or the SAR Genealogist General. Short-form DAR or C.A.R. applications are also deemed acceptable evidence of the lineage and related facts presented thereon.

The earliest DAR application approved in 1985, and therefore accepted for these purposes, was for DAR Member No. 688702. DAR supplemental applications in "Add Vol." 622 and above will also have approval dates in 1985 or later. The first C.A.R. new-member application in 1985 was No. 130021.

If the patriot ancestor can be found in the online DAR Ancestor Database, the DAR members who claimed that patriot ancestor can be easily identified by their Member Number prior to purchasing a Record Copy. The "Add Vol." number is also provided on the same listing for any supplemental applications based on that patriot.

For pre-1985 DAR or C.A.R. applications the information contained may be considered as evidence if 1) the specific relevant facts have a verification check-mark on each datum of evidence, 2) the sources used are provided, *and* 3) those sources meet current standards of acceptability. Regardless of whether acceptable as evidence, these earlier applications may still be valuable resources to help in further research by applicants.



**OLIVER POLLOCK CHAPTER,
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
PRESENTATION OF MARTHA WASHINGTON
AWARD MEDAL**

Mrs. Myra Foreman Whitlow was the recipient of the prestigious Martha Washington Award Medal and the embossed Certificate of Appreciation by Mr. Jerry A. Haynes, Louisiana

Society Sons of the American Revolution, State President and Past President of Oliver Pollock Chapter, NSSAR, of Lake Charles. The ceremony was held on September 17, 2015 at the Constitution Week Observance of the Louisiana Bayou Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution at The Harlequin.

This medal of distinction was authorized in 1971 in recognition of outstanding service to the NSSAR. The gold medal (large and a smaller lapel pin bear the portrait of Mrs. Washington with the inscription of "Martha Washington Award" suspended on the ribbon of the SAR colors: blue, white and gold.

Mr. Wilton G. Wallace, Vice President of Oliver Pollock Chapter of NSSAR was a guest at their special ceremony. Mr. Haynes expressed appreciation to Mrs. Whitlow for her assistance and encouragement to the chapter; as well as NSDAR, Children of the American Revolution, War of 1812, Colonial Dames of XV11Century, Jamestown Society, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Sons/Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Mrs. Whitlow has served as Past Regent of Calcasieu Chapter, NSDAR, prior to transfer of membership to Louisiana Bayou Chapter, NSDAR. She continued to serve as the Louisiana Society Daughters of the American Revolution State Organizing Secretary in 2004-2007; State Flag of the U.S.; State Commemorative Events including the Lewis and Clark Expedition; Louisiana Purchase and Constitution Week Chairman. She served as delegate to Continental Congress in Washington, DC twice.

In the local chapter she was elected to serve as Chapter Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar. The chapter has received recognition for her participation on several committees: NSDAR Genealogical Records, Genealogical Preservation and Indexing Committees. She has served as a Volunteer Genealogist, American History, American Heritage, Yearbook, DAR Youth Citizenship, PR/ Media and Community Service Award Chairman. As Chairman of the Volunteer Information Specialist Committee, she designed the first websites in LA for Louisiana Bayou Chapter and Calcasieu Chapter.

Mrs. Whitlow served as Senior Organizing Secretary/Registrar for the reorganization of the Fort Atkinson Society of the National Society Children of the

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New LASSAR Chairman appointed for SAR Library.

State LASSAR President Bob Hess has appointed Chris Achee of the General Philemon Thomas Chapter, LASSAR 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 being our advocate for the NSSAR Genealogical Library.

His contact is:

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If you have any news you'd like to have included in the next PELICAN PATRIOT, send it to Fred Hamilton at fredh@suddenlink.net .

Thanks!

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Meets every other monthly at noon on 3rd Saturday , plus
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Contact Chapter for more information

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Meets monthly on 4th Tuesday (Except Dec. & Feb.)

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](http://www.tnssar.org/sd-sar.htm)

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LASSAR Happenings 2016

- 2/19-20/2016 Alabama Society SAR Annual Meeting & Southern District Meeting in Prattville, AL
- 2/22/2016 George Washington Day Wreath Laying Ceremony; 12 p.m. @ George Washington Bust, Louisiana State Capitol Grounds, Baton Rouge, LA, (see announcement next page)
- 2/26-27/2016 SAR Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY
- 3/5/2016 57th Annual George Washington Ball, Petroleum Club, Lafayette, LA (see announcement next page)
- 3/18-19/2016 Mississippi Society SAR Annual Meeting in Tupelo, MS
- 4/1-2/2016 Tennessee Society SAR Annual Meeting in Lebanon, TN
- 4/22-23/2016 LSSAR Annual meeting will be in Lake Charles
- 7/8-7/9/2016 CAR South Central Regional Meeting, Hilton Capitol Center Downtown, Baton Rouge. **CAR would love to have LASSAR participate by assisting with registration & other meeting functions. CAR banquet on the 8th
- 7/8-7/14/2016 NSSAR Congress, Boston, MA

In case you can't remember:

NSSAR dues went up \$5 for 2016 and will apply for any application submitted to national: \$115.00 to NSSAR & \$19 to LASSAR; Family Plan (additional applications submitted at the same time and within three (3) generations: NSSAR \$65.00 & LASSAR \$19.00.

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.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION,
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION, AND
THE CHILDREN OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION
INVITE YOU TO A
GEORGE WASHINGTON DAY
WREATH LAYING
CEREMONY AT THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON BUST
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2016
12:00 P M AT THE
LOUISIANA STATE CAPITOL
ARSENAL GROUNDS
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
AT THE LT. GOVERNOR'S SUITE ON THE SECOND
FLOOR OF THE PENTAGON BARACKS
IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE
CONTACT
HENRY GRACE
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*Galvez Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution
and
Attakapas Sons of the American Revolution
cordially request the pleasure of your company
at their 57th Annual George Washington Ball
Saturday, March 5, 2016 at seven o'clock in the evening
Petroleum Club 111 Heymann Boulevard in the Oil Center,
Lafayette, Louisiana.
Make checks payable to George Washington Ball,
P.O. Box 51815, Lafayette, LA 70505.
R.S.V.P. Reservations Only by February 24, 2016.*



Ladies Auxiliary Update

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution was founded in January, 2015. Our purpose is to support both the State and the National SAR societies in promoting membership, in furthering the SAR objectives and patriotic activities, and in raising funds. These funds will be donated to the LASSAR for youth programs at the state level. The dues are only \$10 for the year or a one-time payment of \$100 for life membership. Membership in the National Ladies Auxiliary is automatic with membership in the Ladies Auxiliary of the LASSAR. There are no additional dues for National membership.

We amended our bylaws to expand membership to include any women who support the SAR and its purposes. They need not be related by bloodline or by marriage to SAR members. My challenge to each member is to recruit one additional new member so that we may continue to grow. Good sources are family, friends, DAR members, and the wives and daughters of SAR members.

The general membership meets once a year at the LASSAR Annual State Meeting in April. The Board of Directors meets in September and in January. The Auxiliary meetings always coincide with those of the LASSAR. Members who are not on the Board are always welcome and strongly encouraged to attend the Board meetings. Please come to one of our meetings and see what goes on.

Our major fundraiser is the Silent Auction at the Annual State Meeting. We encourage chapters to donate baskets filled with goodies, such as, food items, wine, products unique to the area, patriotic items, books, tailgating supplies, LSU, sports items (fishing, hunting, golf), children's toys and books, spa selections (the list is endless). Winning bidders will be announced at the banquet. For those chapters that prefer to make a cash donation, we suggest passing the hat at every chapter meeting, starting as soon as possible. We also have a Split the Pot Donation (AKA 50/50 Raffle), with raffle tickets sold throughout the banquet.

The money we collect is earmarked for awards at the state level for youth programs, such as the orations competition, the essay contest, the poster and brochure contests, and for Eagle Scouts, JROTC and ROTC. The youth of today are the future of our country. We are proud to support these programs.

The Ladies Auxiliary Pin is available for \$10.



For Membership Application or any additional information, please contact:

Cheryl G. Morock
3915 Maywood St.
Alexandria, LA 71302
318-442-5776
cgmrock@aol.com



Ladies Auxiliary
of the Louisiana Society
of the Sons of the American Revolu-



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



*Ladies Auxiliary, Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution
met in Monroe, January 20, 2016*

Pictured from left to right, front row: Mary Umholtz (George Washington), Cheryl Morock (Enemund Meullion), Freida Hamilton (James Huey), Martha Riley (General Philemon Thomas), Karen Vets (Natchitoches) Back row: Charlotte Romero (Attakapas), Katherine Hess (Attakapas), Lynda Normand (General Philemon Thomas). Not pictured: Rita Grant (General Philemon Thomas) and Marlene Sawrie (Enemund Meullion).



Luke Mercer, a senior at Ruston High School, received the James Huey Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Scout Award at a recent meeting in West Monroe. Luke is the son of Paula W. Mercer and the late Thomas Mercer, of Ruston. Pictured, left to right, are Fred Hamilton, Luke Mercer, President Ted Brode, Steve Ray and Jim Miller.

*Photos from the
January Board of Directors Meeting
Chennault Museum
Monroe, Louisiana
January 27, 2016*





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

W/REGISTRATION MARKS ©



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

W/REGISTRATION MARKS ®



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.



Louisiana Society

Sons of the American Revolution

National and State Fees and Dues for Applications
Effective 01 September 2015 until changed*

Application Type	NSSAR Fee	NSSAR Dues*	LASSAR Fee	LASSAR Dues	Total
New Member Regular Application - age 25 and older (1st Application)	\$80.00	\$35.00	\$7.00	\$12.00	\$134.00
Family Plan - age 25 and older (Additional Family Member Application within three generations filed with 1st Application using same Ancestor)	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$7.00	\$12.00	\$84.00
New Member Regular Application - age 18 to 25 for sons, grandsons, brothers, nephews, and grand-nephews of SAR, DAR, or CAR (established lineage)	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	waived	\$65.00
New Member Regular Application - age 18 to 25 (NEW LINEAGE) - No established SAR, DAR, or CAR	\$80.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	waived	\$115.00
Junior Member Application - age 0 to 18 (established lineage - three generation rule) Can file Supplemental Applications, MUST pay dues	\$30.00	\$5.00	waived	waived	\$35.00
Junior Member Application - age 0 to 18 (NEW LINEAGE) Can file Supplemental, MUST pay dues	\$80.00	\$5.00	waived	waived	\$85.00
Youth Registrant - No longer available as of July 13, 2011	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Youth Registrant Converting to Junior Member age 0 to 18 - Can file Supplemental Applications, MUST pay dues	N/A	\$10.00	waived	waived	\$10.00
Youth Registrant Converting to SAR Member- age 18 to 25; No additional SAR Application required	N/A	\$35.00	waived	waived	\$35.00
Youth Registrant Converting to SAR Member- age 25 to age 29; No additional SAR Application required; Youth Registrants over 29 must start all over again.	N/A	\$35.00	N/A	\$12.00	\$47.00
CAR to SAR - age 18 to 22. For Current or Former CAR - Requires SAR Application <u>with</u> valid CAR Certificate of good Standing	N/A	\$35.00	waived	waived	\$35.00
CAR to SAR Junior Membership - age 0 to 18 For Current CAR - Requires SAR Application <u>with</u> valid CAR Certificate of Good Standing	N/A	\$10.00	waived	waived	\$10.00
Memorial Application	\$80.00	\$300.00	\$7.00	N/A	\$387.00
Supplemental Application - all ages	\$60.00	N/A	\$7.00	N/A	\$67.00
Family Plan Supplemental Application - additional Family Member Application within three generations filed with 1st Application using same Ancestor	\$30.00	N/A	\$7.00	N/A	\$37.00
Reinstatement	N/A	\$35.00	N/A	\$12.00	\$47.00
Transfer of Membership to LASSAR from other state Society	\$10.00	N/A	N/A	\$12.00	\$22.00
NSSAR Life Membership Dues - age 18 to 40 \$900.00 Plus Annual State Dues NSSAR Dues decrease \$15.00 per year for each year over age 40					
LASSAR Fees and Dues are not assessed for the <u>first year</u> of membership to any new member under age 25					
Annual Dues (Primary LASSAR Members) August 27, 2015		\$25.00		\$12.00	\$37.00

*NASSAR dues effective for year 2016.

#N/A



Louisiana Society Sons of the American Revolution

Celebrating the 126th Anniversary 1890 – 2016
Annual Meeting at the Springhill Suites – Lake Charles, Louisiana
1551 West Prien lake Road, Lake Charles, LA 70605

Local Phone: 337-474-1112

Special Room Rate Code LASSAR.

Deadline to reserve a room **March 22, 2016**

Limited Rooms \$139.00 Group rate plus taxes, attendees must made their own hotel reservations

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday April 22, 2016

Conference Check-In @ Springhill Suites Lobby

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Reception / Check-In – Crawfish Boil/Gumbo

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Directions on webside LASSAR.ORG

@ Country Club Acres Playground at rear of subdivision @ East Quail Hollow Lane Lake, Lake Charles, LA

Saturday, April 23, 2015

Check-In at Springhill Suites Lobby (continues)

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

LASSAR Annual Meeting (refreshments provided)

9:00 - 12:30 p.m.

President's Reception (cash bar)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

President's Banquet & Officer Installation (Black-Tie preferred)

7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Cut along dotted lines and mail this form with check

Annual Meeting Registration: Please complete, detach and return this registration form with check payable to Oliver Pollock Chapter, SAR.

Mail this form and your check to: Steven Carnahan, 11418 Currie Dr., Sulphur, LA 70665 by **Apri153, 2016**

NAME _____ SPOUSE OR GUEST _____

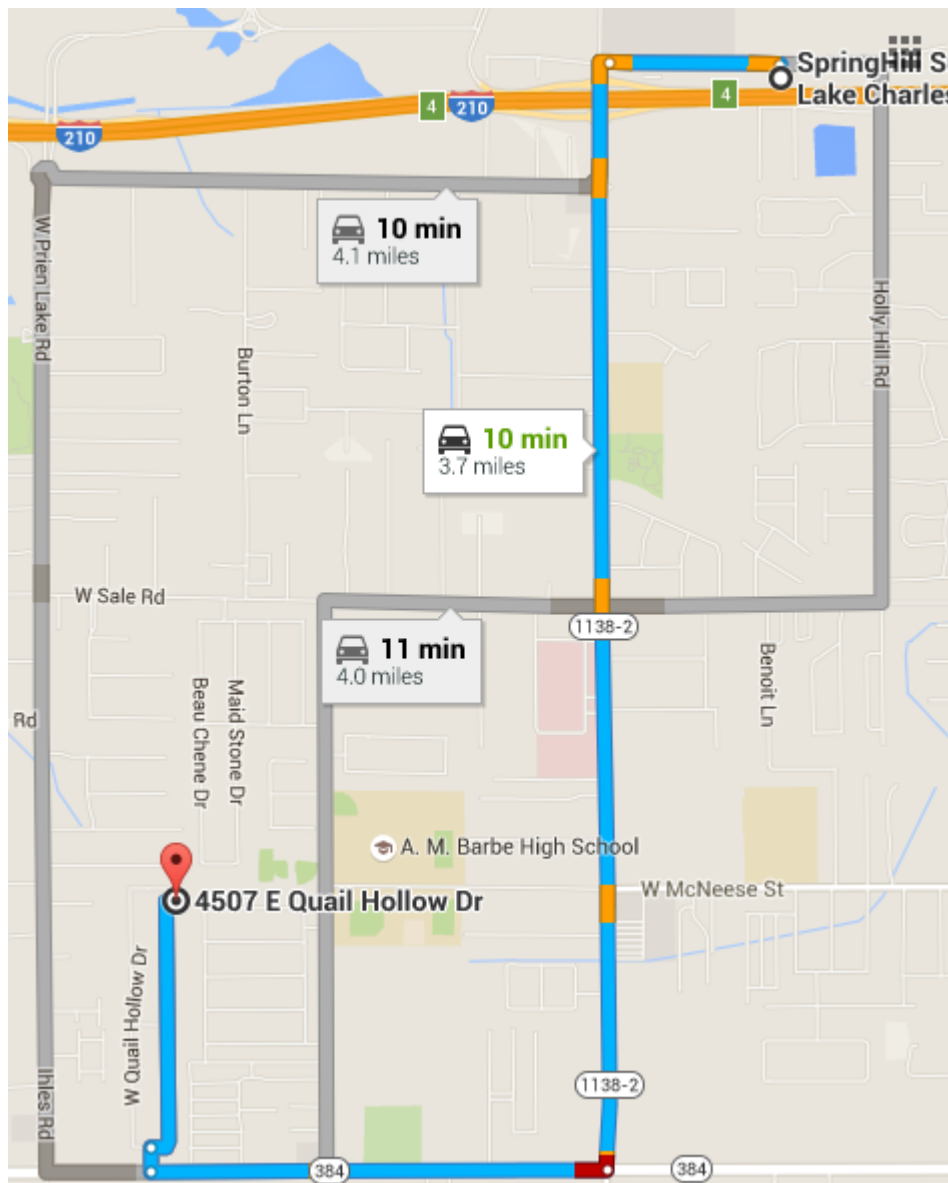
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____ CHAPTER/SOCIETY (& officer is any _____)

EVENTS:	FEE:	NO. ATTENDING	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
Registration (SAR Members only)	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
Reception – Crawfish Boil (Must Register by 4//15/16 No Walk Ups) or Chicken-Sausage Gumbo	\$25.00 \$ 5.00	_____ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
President's Banquet** Select one: Roast Beef _____ or Stuffed Pork Chop _____	\$45.00	_____	\$ _____
TOTALS			\$ _____

Let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of free men!

** Banquet Menu: House Salad, Roast Beef or Sausage Stuffed Pork Chop, Loaded Mashed potato, Bacon wrapped Asparagus, Strawberry Cheesecake, Tea and Coffee. Please advise if special diet is required.



SpringHill Suites Lake Charles

1551 West Prien Lake Road, Lake Charles, LA 70601

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- ↶ 2. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Nelson Rd 2.0
- ↷ 3. Turn right onto Country Club Rd 0.8
- ↷ 4. Turn right onto Quail Hollow 2.3
- ↷ 5. Turn right onto E Quail Hollow Dr 0.1
i Destination will be on the right

4507 E Quail Hollow Dr

Lake Charles, LA 70605

