

\_\_\_\_\_ Capt. Blas de la Garza Falcon \_\_\_\_\_



**Capt. Falcon Park Dedication  
January 11, 1987**

Welcome	Mayor Luther Jones
Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Invocation	Sister Milagros Tormo, M.J.M.J.
Opening Remarks	Mayor Jones
Special Recognitions	Mayor Jones
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Mayor Jones
History of Capt. Blas de la Garza Falcon	Dr. Clotilde P. Garcia, Historian & Director, Westside Business Association
Unveiling of Dedication Plaque	Mayor Luther Jones Members of the City Council Charles Blum, Chairman, Park & Recreation Board Dr. Clotilde P. Garcia Oscar Flores, President, WBA Vidal Falcon, Director, WBA



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Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

**Captain Falcon Park Memorial Plaque Text**

**Texas Sesquicentennial Project  
Captain Blas Maria de la Garza Falcon  
Memorial Plaque**

Captain Blas Maria de la Garza Falcon (1712-1776) was appointed in 1764 by the Governor of Nuevo Santander, Jose de Escandon, County of Sierra Gorda, to establish an outpost and way station settlement named Santa Petronilla, five leagues from the Nueces River in present Nueces County, Texas. He was commissioned to establish a garrison, to explore the coast and the islands, Padre Island, Mustang Island and St. Joseph's Island, and to establish a mission for Christianizing the Indians. Soldiers from the garrison patrolled the region against the fierce Karankawa Indians and foreign invasion. By 1776 he had moved his family, friends and herds of livestock, longhorn cattle, mules, goats and sheep. Other settlers from the Rio Grande settlements followed and were granted by the King of Spain and, later, the Mexican Government Land Grants to settle the present Nueces County, Texas. By 1836, the whole county was settled by the Spanish land grantees.

Plaque presented as a gift by the Westside Business Association as a Sesquicentennial gift to the City of Corpus Christi, Texas.

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