



The Sherman Sentinel

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SIDNEY SHERMAN CHAPTER, NO. 2 – GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On February 12, 1836, Santa Anna crosses the Rio Grande and heads north into Texas to reclaim the Alamo and end the rebellion. In Texas, revolution is in the air, our pioneer ancestors are preparing to defend Texas and fight for Liberty and Independence. A Convention has been called at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Delegates are planning to travel there, and other men are contemplating whether to go to the Alamo, Goliad, or to join the Texian Army. The Texian Army will need arms, supplies and munitions.

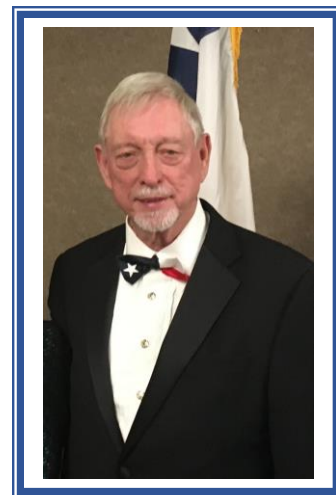
Militia Groups from several U.S. states have formed and have arrived in Texas to assist in the Revolution. Two Companies of the New Orleans

Greys have arrived in San Antonio. The Mobile Grays, a company of about thirty volunteers organized by James Butler Bonham were also in San Antonio. Davy Crockett with his Tennessee Volunteers have arrived at the Alamo on February 8. The Alabama Red Rovers under Captain Jack Shackelford were at La Bahia under the command of Colonel James Fannin.

The siege of the Alamo begins February 23 and Colonel William Travis will pen his famous letter on February 24, “. . . To the people of Texas and all Americans in the world . . .” Travis writes, “. . . Then I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism and everything dear to the American character to come to our aid, with all dispatch, . . .” In response to this plea, thirty - two men from Gonzales led by George Kimbell slipped over the Alamo walls on March 1. THE IMMORTAL THIRTY-TWO.

During this time of the Texas Revolution, 187 years ago, we reflect not only on the bravery and courage of our pioneer ancestors, but also on the sacrifices and the struggles. Where would we be today, were it not for these men and women? As descendants of these men and women, we, **The Sons of the Republic of Texas** have as our heritage the unique responsibility to preserve and promote our Texas History.

It has been a whirlwind since I have become President. First was the Lamar Day Ceremony (A Texas Honor Day) and then the Texas City Mardi Gras Parade. Soon it will be the Anson Jones Ceremony (Texas Statehood Day – another Texas Honor Day). And in early March, Texas Independence Day and then Alamo Heroes Day – All Texas Honor Days. There is no doubt that this time of year is a very busy one as we honor and remember these Texas Heroes of ours.



The next several weeks will be a very active time for our chapter. Along with our own chapter meeting on February 21, there are three Texas Honor Days, and then our State Convention in mid-March. You will receive reminders regarding all these events and if you plan to attend, please notify me as we will always take a group picture and there may be special seating arrangements.

As President, it is my honor and privilege to have such an experienced Executive Board for the chapter. I am deeply grateful that Gene Wueste, Robert Gindratt, Billy Mayo, Clark Wright, Steve Nicol and Larry Armstrong have all agreed to continue to serve in their offices. In addition, Robert Schnuriger has agreed to fill the Chaplain position.

I look forward to seeing many of you as we work together to observe these various Texas Honor Days. Please make a special effort to join us this year, as we follow our mission to

perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the Independence of Texas.

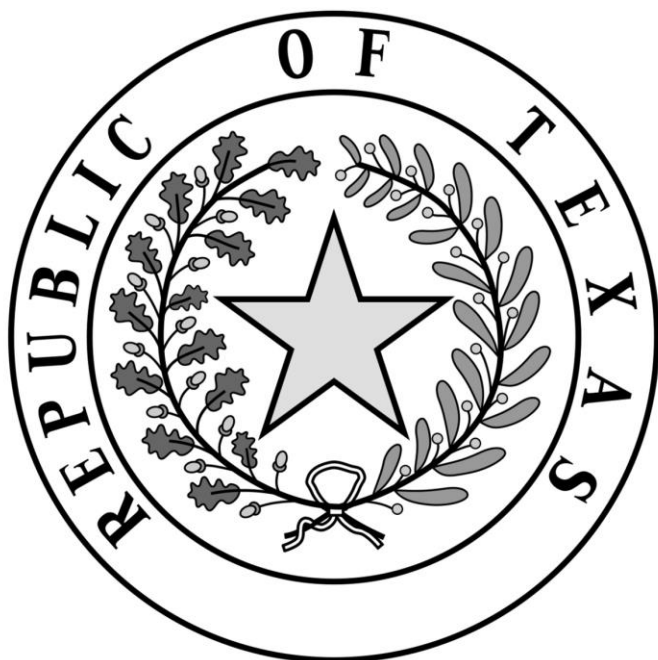
Our ancestors truly lived by the principle “Not for self, but for Texas.”

In the immortal words of Colonel William Barrett Travis,

**“I shall never surrender or retreat”
“Victory or Death”**



*Carl V. Hill,
President*



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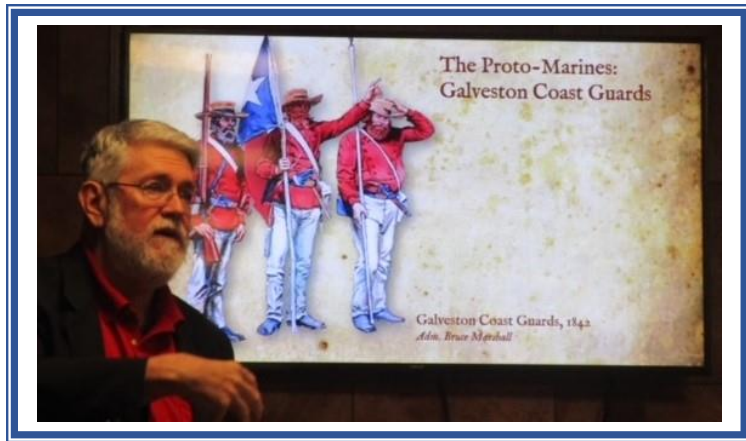
JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting began with the swearing in of a new President, Carl Hill by outgoing President, Ron Schoolcraft along with the following Board members: Robert Gindratt, 2nd Vice President; Billy Mayo, Treasurer; Clark Wright, Secretary/Webmaster; Steve Nicol, Registrar, and Larry Armstrong, Sergeant-at-Arms. Gene Wueste, 1st Vice President was unable to attend.

Andy Hall was the speaker, and he presented a most informative program on the *Marines of the Texian Republic*. Andy is an Admiral in the Texas Navy and a member of the Charles E. Hawkins Squadron. He is also a Faculty Associate at UTMB. He is the author of two books, *The Galveston-Houston Packet: Steamboats on Buffalo Bayou and Civil War Blockade Running on the Texas Coast*.



Left to right - Ron Schoolcraft, Outgoing President; Carl Hill, New President; Robert Gindratt, 2nd Vice President; Clark Wright, Secretary/Webmaster; Billy Mayo, Treasurer; Steve Nicol, Registrar; and Larry Armstrong, Sergeant-at-Arms. Gene Wueste, 1st Vice President was unable to attend.



Left and Above – Andy Hall presenting *Marines of the Texian Republic*.
Below – Sidney Sherman Chapter Meeting





Sidney Sherman Chapter in the Galveston Daily News

The second annual Christmas Party was hosted by Jim Noonan at the Antiques Pavilion on Post Office in Galveston. Members from the Charles E. Hawkins squadron, the Texas Navy and other historical groups joined us for this Holiday Party. In addition, Carla Peoples with the Galveston Daily News was also at the party and two pictures were published in the Seaside Scenes, Galveston Daily News.



GALVESTON COUNTY
The Daily News.
TEXAS' OLDEST NEWSPAPER • PUBLISHING SINCE 1842 • CELEBRATING 180 YEARS
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022-JANUARY 1, 2023 CELEBRATING 180 YEARS GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS
SEASIDE SCENES | CARLA PEOPLES
Island social scene bustled during the holidays



CARLA PEOPLES/For The Daily News
Various historical clubs gathered for a Christmas Party at Jim Nonus's Antique Pavilion in Galveston's downtown. Ronald Schoolcraft, Jim Nonus and Steve Manis shared historical data and legendary folklore of times past with the many guests.



CARLA PEOPLES/For The Daily News
Being honored at Jim Nonus' Christmas Party was Honorary Sidney Sherman Society members, Carol Mitchell, Christie Erickson and Eron Tynes.



Jeff Corbin visiting with Kim Schoolcraft.



Larry Armstrong with his grandson George seated on the couch with other guests.

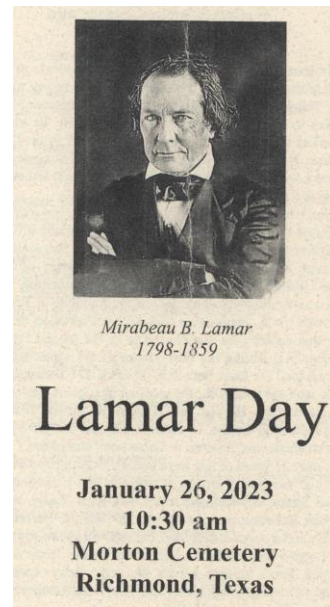


Texas Honor Day

Mirabeau B. Lamar Day “Father of Texas Education”

The Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2 was well represented at the Lamar Day Ceremony sponsored by the Mirabeau B. Lamar Chapter, No. 5. Jess Stuart, President, was the Master of Ceremonies with presentation of the Colors and the musket salutes by the Texian Army and the Brazoria Historical Militia. The school children of Shady Oaks Christian School performed “America the Beautiful” and “Texas our Texas”.

Michael Moore, Texas Historical Commission, was the speaker with other talks given by Mike Young, Texas Rangers Association and Mark Eastwood, Morton Masonic Lodge, #72. Randy Billingsley, a San Jacinto Descendant, brought “Little Sister” and delighted everyone especially the schoolchildren with numerous cannon salutes.



Sidney Sherman Chapter members at the Grave site after the ceremony - Robert Gindratt, Larry Armstrong, Steve Manis, Robyn Davis, Ron Schoolcraft and Mike Mitchell.



Before the ceremony – Sidney Sherman Chapter members - J. B. Kline, Albert Seguin, Ron Schoolcraft, Robert Gindratt, Larry Armstrong, Steve Manis and Mike Mitchell.



Sons of the Republic of Texas members.





Texas City Mardi Parade

It's Mardi Gras Time

Ready to Ride - Larry Armstrong, Jim Mitchell, Robert Gindratt, Robert Schnuriger, Albert Seguin, Steve Manis, Carl Hill, Steve Nicol and Ron Schoolcraft.



Tony Cerda with his best girl Olivia and other SRT members.



Right Picture - Sidney Sherman & Deaf Smith Members enjoying hotdogs.



Left Picture - Steve Manis, Steve Nicol, Larry Armstrong & Deaf Smith Chapter Member.



Sidney Sherman & Deaf Smith Chapter Members ready to Parade.

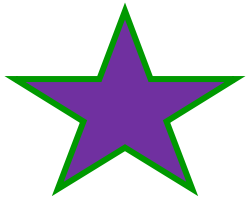


And the Parade begins



Left to right - Robert Gindratt, Larry Armstrong, Robert Schnuriger and Steve Nicol.

Clockwise - Albert Seguin, Robert Schnuriger, Larry Armstrong, Ron Schoolcraft & Mike Mitchell.



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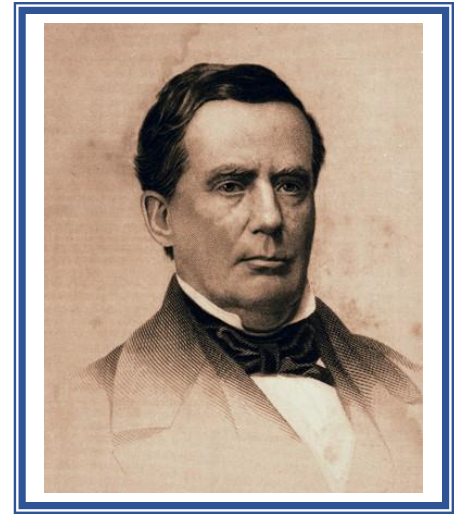


Upcoming Events



Texas Honor Day - Texas Statehood Day

This **Texas Honor Day Event** will be held at the Anson Jones grave marker in Glenwood Cemetery, 2525 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 on February 19, 2023. The time of the ceremony will be 2:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the Sam Houston Chapter, SRT. Dr. Anson Jones served as the last President of the Texas Republic before it became a part of the United States. During the Texas Revolution, Dr. Jones served as a judge advocate and surgeon to the Texas Army, though he insisted on holding the rank of private throughout the Revolution. After the war, Dr. Jones returned to Brazoria and resumed his medical practice.



Sidney Sherman Chapter Meeting February 21, 2023

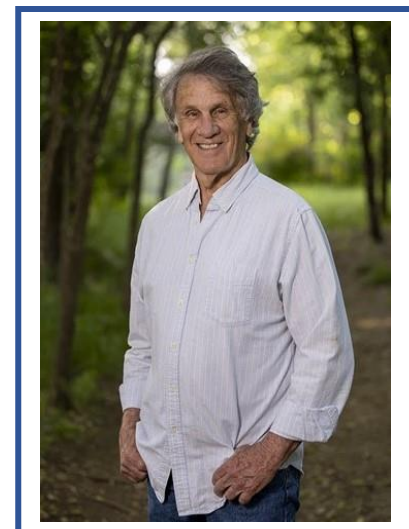
Joe Holley, the “Native Texan” columnist for the Houston Chronicle will speak on “Two Survivors of The Mier Expedition – “Big Foot” Wallace and John C. C. Hill.

William Alexander Anderson "Big Foot" Wallace 1817-1899, was a famous Texas Ranger and John Christopher Columbus Hill, 1828-1904, who at the age of 13 was captured and adopted by Santa Anna.

Joe, a native Texan himself – from Waco, has been with the Houston Chronicle since 2013. Some of his columns include *Early Texans knew what it was like to be a people in peril*, *Yams are big in Gilmer, but they are not the only item on the local menu*, *Searching for history in the Trans-Pecos town of Marathon*, and *The stars came to Marfa years ago and so have Houstonians*.

An alumnus of Abilene Christian University, UT-Austin and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, he’s the author of six books, including *Hometown Texas*, a collection of his weekly “Native Texan” columns; *Hurricane Season: The Unforgettable Story of the Houston Astros and the Resilience of a City*; and *Sutherland Springs: God, Guns and a Small Texas Town*, published in 2020.

He was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2017 for a series of editorials on gun control and the Texas gun culture. In addition, he was a **Pulitzer Prize winner in 2022**, as part of the Houston Chronicle editorial team that produced a series of editorials on voting rights.



Texas Independence Day



Sam Houston Statute,
Hermann Park Drive,
Hermann Park, Houston.

This ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. and is sponsored by the San Jacinto Chapter, No. 1. After the ceremony some members may attend the ceremony at Washington on the Brazos in the afternoon. (See below)



DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,
DELEGATES OF THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS,
IN GENERAL CONVENTION,
AT THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON.

The Sons of the Republic of Texas

Cordially Invites You to the
2023 Texas Independence Day

Honoring
The Birth of the Republic of Texas
Thursday, March 2, 2023
1:00 PM
Keynote Speaker
Dr. Bill O'Neal
Texas State Historian 2012-2018
Washington-on-the-Brazos
State Historic Site
Washington, Texas
[Link to Map](#)
Ceremony organized and hosted by
The Sons of the Republic of Texas

SRT Support from
The Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site, THC
The Descendants of the Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence
Contact: Michael D. Wilson / 281-660-6640 / 832-624-8491 / m.d.wilson@charter.net

Alamo Day



Dawn at the Alamo Commemorative Ceremony will begin at 6:00 a.m. in Alamo Plaza. The Sons of the Republic generally gather on the North side. Our chapter will be presenting a wreath to honor the sacrifices of the Alamo Defenders at dawn. The ceremony describes the events leading up to the morning hour of the Alamo Battle and includes readings, vignettes, music, wreath-laying and a musket volley.

Ron Schoolcraft, Steve Nicols and Robert Gindratt with the Sidney Sherman Chapter Wreath – Alamo Day, March 6,



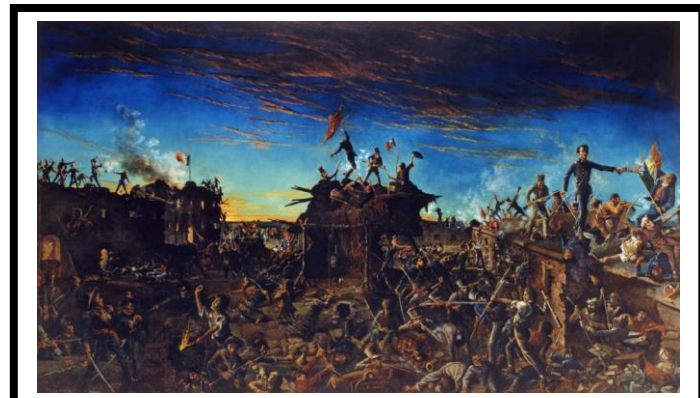
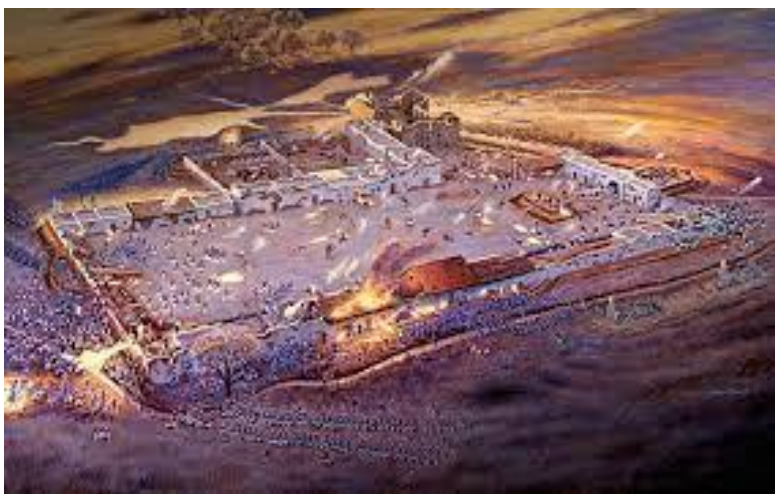
Following the Dawn Ceremony there is a **Buffet Breakfast at the Menger Hotel** sponsored by the Alamo Heroes Chapter, SRT.

At 10:00 a.m. at the Centopath the Alamo Heroes Chapter will also hold a ceremony, **“After the Fall”**.

March 5 - Alamo Dinner

A group of us gather the evening before Alamo Day for dinner at the Salt Grass Steak House, Riverwalk. We meet in the Menger Lobby around 6:15 p.m. and walk over for dinner at 6:30 p.m. We have gathered as a group for the past 10 years. More information will be provided as we get closer to early March.

*“I shall never
surrender or retreat”
“Victory or Death”*





Annual Meeting

Make hotel reservations by calling: San Antonio, Menger Hotel Menger Hotel; 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio Phone: (210) 223-4361; Room Rate: \$179. + tax; Cutoff Date: February 20, 2023. Please state you're with The Son of the Republic of Texas.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.

Executive Committee (Any member is welcome to attend but may not vote)

9:00 am- 10:00 a.m. Guided tour of the Alamo Exhibit Hall

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Knights of the Order of San Jacinto (KSJ) only)

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Summerfield G. Roberts Award Luncheon (Dress: Jacket and Tie)

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SRT Foundation Meeting

7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. Awards Banquet (Dress: Black Tie (optional)

Sunday, March 19, 2023 - 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting SRT

REGISTRATION FORM

This form must be received by February 15, 2023

NO LATE REGESTATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED SRT

Registration (required, for member only) \$25.00 per members = \$ _____

SGR Luncheon \$55.00 pp. X # _____ = \$ _____

Annual Meeting (members only) Indicate # _____

Annual Awards Banquet 80.00 pp. X # _____ = \$ _____

Grand Total: Make checks payable to SRT in the total amount of \$ _____

Names of those attending: _____

Mail to: SRT Office, 1717 8th Street, Bay City, TX 77414 by February 15, 2023

Reminder

If you are planning on attending The Sons of the Republic of Texas Annual Meeting, there is a deadline of February 15, 2023 to submit your reservations and payment

Menger Hotel deadline is February 20, 2023

If you are planning to attend the State Convention, please let me know. See **deadlines of February 15, 2023 for Registration with the National SRT office.**

Thanks, Carl V. Hill

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2023

February 21, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker – Joe Holley,
 “Big Foot” Wallace and John C. C. Hill.
 Two Survivors of the Mier Expedition

MARCH 2, 2023 TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY (Flag Day)
Sam Houston Statute – 10:00 a.m.
 Hermann Park, Houston

Washington on the Brazos – 1:00 p.m.

MARCH 6, 2023 ALAMO HEROES DAY
Dawn At Alamo – 6:00 a.m.

March 17-19, 2023 **SRT State Convention** – Menger Hotel, San Antonio

March 21, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker - Edward Cotham
 “Battle of the Bay”

April 18, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker – Randy Pollard,
 President General, SRT

APRIL 21, 2023 SAN JACINTO DAY
Commemorative Ceremony - 2:00 p.m.

April 22, 2023 San Jacinto Festival – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

April 29, 2023 San Jacinto Symposium at San Jacinto College

MAY 14, 2023 TREATY OF VELASCO

May 16, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker – Carolina Castillo Crimm, Phd.

June 20, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker – Mike Bailey, Curator
 Brazoria County Historical Museum

July 18, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker - TBD

August 15, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker - TBD

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Continued

September 19, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker - TBD

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 TEXIAN NAVY DAY
San Jacinto Battleground

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 TEXAS HEROES DAY

OCTOBER 2, 2023 GONZALES DAY

October 17, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker - TBD

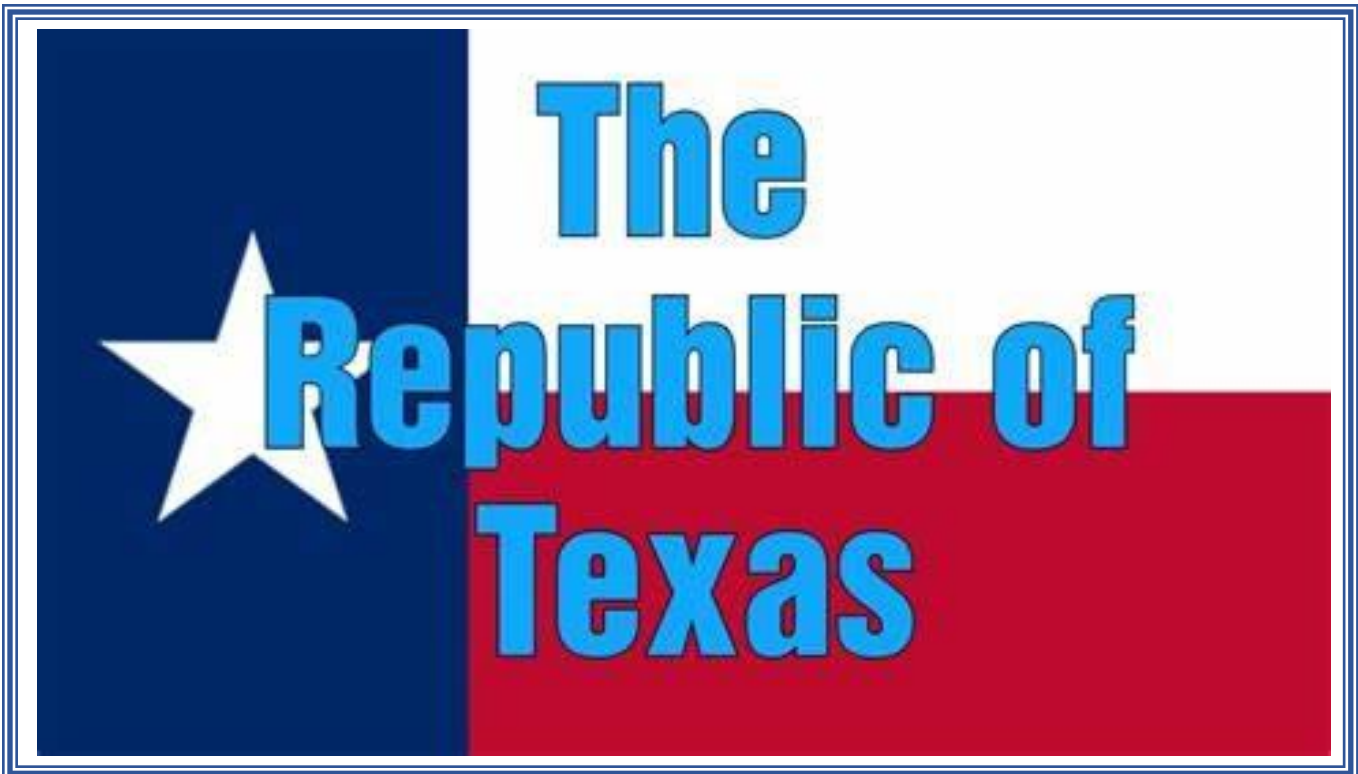
October, 2023 Burnet-Sherman Marker Ceremony - TBD

NOVEMBER 3, 2023 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN'S BIRTHDAY

November 21, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker - TBD

DECEMBER 9, 2023 SEIGE OF BEXAR

December, 2023 Third Annual Christmas Party - TBD



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*God Bless
Texas*