



## The Sherman Sentinel

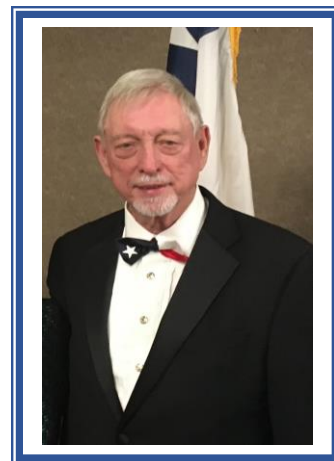
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SIDNEY SHERMAN CHAPTER, NO. 2 – GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

### *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

The Alamo has fallen. Approximately 187 defenders are dead and **All** the bodies with the exception of one were burned on the afternoon of March 6.

As we reflect back **187 years ago** on the struggles of our pioneer ancestors and their courage, we are also reminded of the men who were meeting at Washington-on-the Brazos. They not only declared Independence for Texas on March 2nd, but continued to meet, to form a new government for the Republic of Texas.



It has been a hectic time over the past two weeks, with **three Texas Honor Days** and other events. I am proud to say the Sidney Sherman Chapter has been well represented at all these events. I have enjoyed being with each of you as we have worked together to promote Texas History during the “High Holy Days” of the Texas Revolution.

As I stood in Alamo Plaza before dawn on this past March 6th, on the sacred ground where our Texian men fought and died **187 years ago** - I closed my eyes and tried to imagine what it must have been like. These men who had the opportunity to leave the Alamo during the siege, stayed and gave their lives in the struggle for Liberty and Independence. Their courage and sacrifice bought valuable time for Texas.

After the Alamo fell, Santa Anna began moving his troops toward Washington-on-the Brazos and Goliad. He also wanted to find General Houston and end the rebellion once and for all. The Texian Army retreated and the people began fleeing east, burning their houses and taking their few possessions with them. It is a cold, wet, spring with muddy roads and swollen rivers. Where will it all end?

While the sky was overcast on this past March 6th, it was also a misty morning. Hundreds of people had gathered in Alamo Plaza for the Dawn at Alamo ceremony. Members of the DRT and SRT were standing to the left of the chapel. The Alamo Defender descendants, Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the Republic of Texas laid flowers in memory of those who died during the battle. It was an honor and privilege to lay the wreath along with our Chaplain, Robert Schnuriger on behalf of our chapter during the Dawn Ceremony.

After the Dawn ceremony, several of us joined the Alamo Heroes chapter and other SRT members for Breakfast at the Menger. At 10:00 a. m., the Alamo Heroes chapter hosted “After the Fall”.

That evening, the Alamo Defenders ceremony was held. The names of all the defenders were read, under the flag of the state or country where they were born. As each defender’s name was read, their descendants stood. In honor of these men and their sacrifice some of the children sang “Always Cross the Line” with the chorus . . .

*. . . Always cross the line,  
We'll always cross the line.  
Just like our fathers long ago,  
We want our watching world to know,  
We're children of the Alamo. We'll always cross the line!*

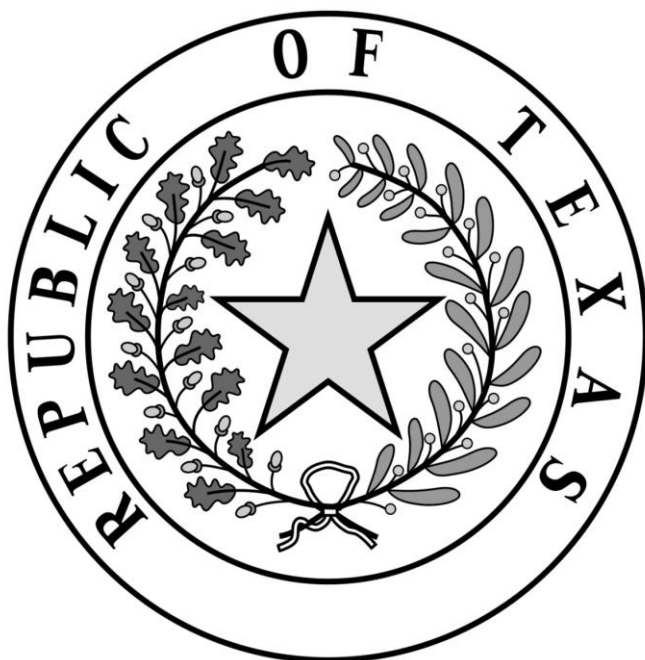
I look forward to seeing many of you as we work together to promote and observe various upcoming Texas Honor Days. Please make a special effort to join us this year, as we follow our mission to

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



*As Texans, we'll always cross the line.*

*Carl V. Hill,  
President*



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# FEBRUARY MEETING

Joe Holley, Native Texan columnist, for the Houston Chronicle and Pulitzer Prize Winner was our featured speaker. He gave a fascinating and very informative presentation on Bigfoot Wallace and John C. C. Hill, who were in the Mier Expedition. During his talk, Joe also focused on the importance of recognizing those men who were in the Texas Revolution that are not as well known.

During the meeting Robert Schnuriger was sworn in as Chaplain.

One of our Honorary Members, Christy Erickson graciously donated 4 Rodeo tickets to our chapter as a fundraiser raffle. The Raffle was most successful and over \$400.00 was raised. A big Texas thank you to Christy for her donation and to all who participated in the Raffle. Robert Schnuriger won the Raffle and he selected Walker Hayes for his Rodeo Performance.



Above – Joe Holley  
Below – Big Foot Wallace & John C. C. Hill



Carl Hill swearing in Robert Schnuriger as the new Chaplain.





# Upcoming Event

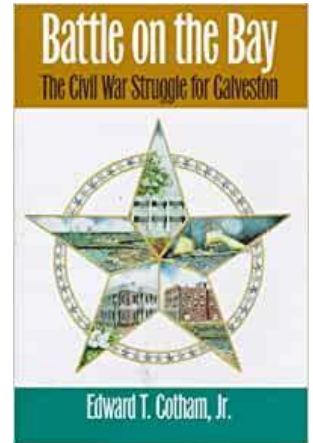


## Sidney Sherman Chapter Meeting March 21, 2023

Ed Cotham, Honorary Admiral, Texas Navy Association will speak on “Battle of the Bay” (including the Sidney Sherman connection)

Ed Cotham is the prize-winning author of many books and articles on Civil War history, emphasizing the battles and skirmishes in Texas. He is also very interested in nautical history and has served as project historian for several important Civil War shipwreck projects. A frequent lecturer on these subjects, Ed also leads occasional tours of Texas battlefields and state historic sites.

Ed's research interests also include a wide variety of historical events that took place in and around Texas. One of the most important of these events was the issuance of General Orders No. 3 (the "Juneteenth Order") in Galveston on June 19, 1865. In addition to a book on Juneteenth, Ed released a book relating to Ulysses S. Grant's visit to Texas in March 1880.



## Welcome New Member

**A big Texas welcome  
to New Member**

**Timothy Rainey**

**Who lives in the  
Village of Tiki Island**

### Sidney Sherman Chapter Meeting

Third Tuesday  
of the Month

Kelley's Restaurant  
4604 Gulf Freeway  
LaMarque, Tx  
(intersection of FM-765 and I-45)

Meet and greet at 6:00 p.m.  
Meal and Meeting begins  
at 6:30 p.m.

# Texas Statehood Day

## Anson Jones Grave Marker Glenwood Cemetery



Carl Hill, Robert Schnuriger, Mike Mitchell, Robert Grindratt,  
Billy Mayo, Steve Nicol and Ron Schoolcraft.

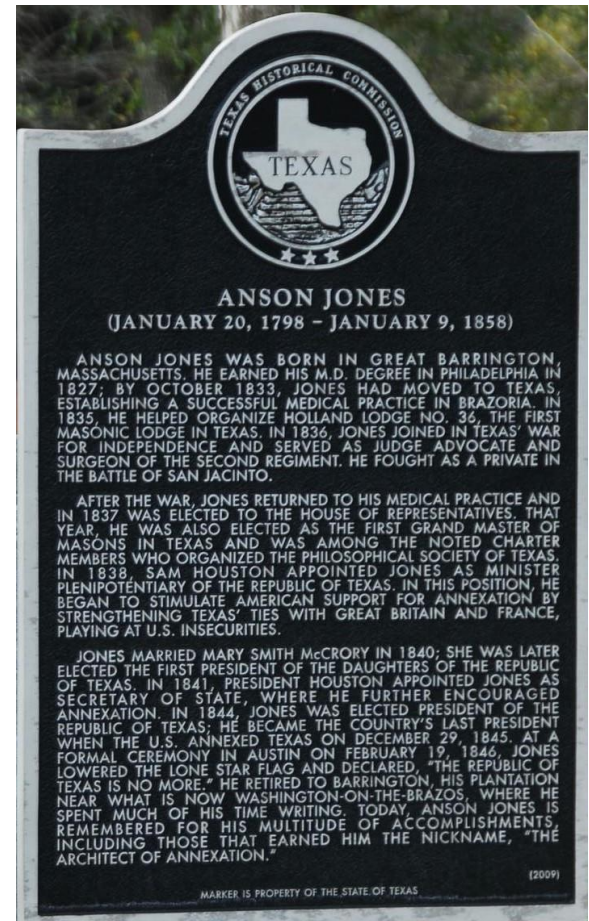


Carl Hill, Robert Schnuriger, Mike Mitchell, Robert Grindratt,  
Randy Pollard, Billy Mayo, Steve Nicol and Steve Manis.

The Texas Statehood Day Ceremony was held on February 19, 2023 at the Anson Jones Grave Marker in Glenwood Cemetery. This ceremony was sponsored by the Sam Houston Chapter, SRT with Bart Dawson, Past President as Master of Ceremonies.

Kameron Searle was the Keynote Speaker who spoke on Anson Jones as the last President of the Republic of Texas who lowered the Texas Flag and stated "The Republic of Texas is no more". Anson Jones was married to Mary Smith Jones who was the first President of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Beth McCarty, President, San Jacinto Chapter, spoke on Mrs. Jones. The Children of the Republic of Texas laid a wreath in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Jones.

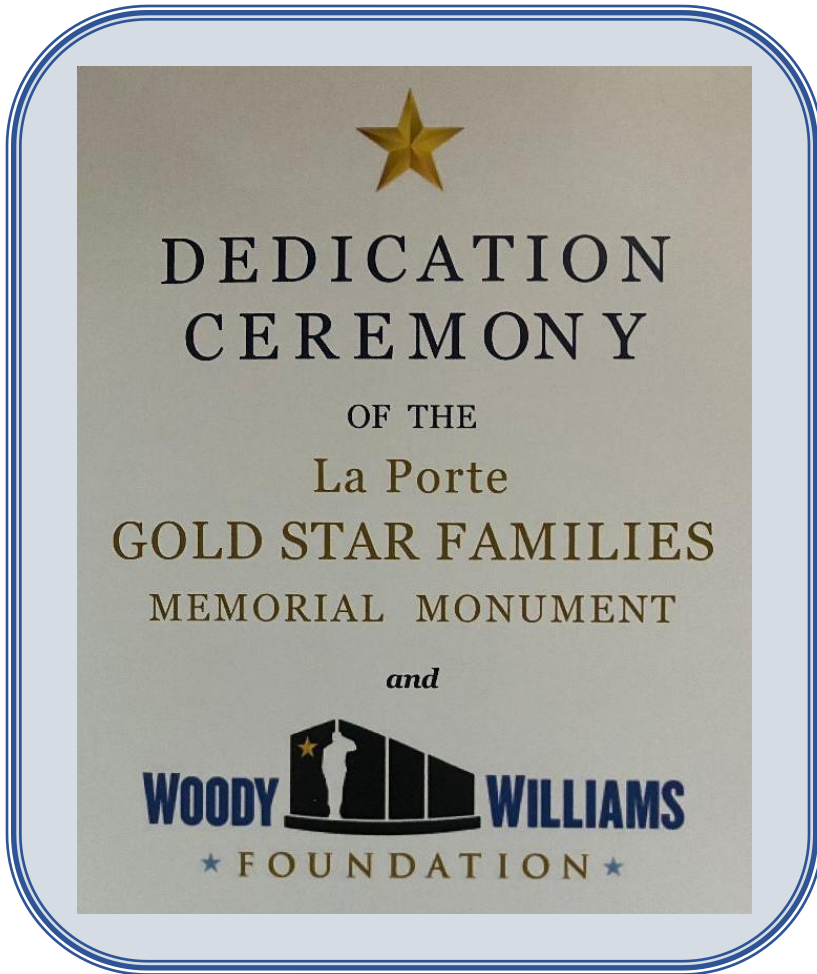




# Gold Star Families



Tony Cerda, President, Deaf Smith Chapter extended an invitation to the Sidney Sherman Chapter to join in the Dedication Ceremony for the Gold Star Families. During the ceremony the Gold Star Families were presented with flowers and the Memorial Monument was unveiled. During the Monument unveiling a 3-round volley was fired with the Sounding of Taps.



Robyn Davis, Steve Manis, Carl Hill and Tony Cerda.

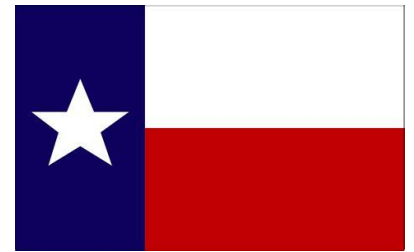


Deaf Smith and Sidney Sherman Chapter members in front of the Gold Star Memorial



Deaf Smith and Sidney Sherman chapter members participating in the Flag Color Guard.

# Texas Independence Day



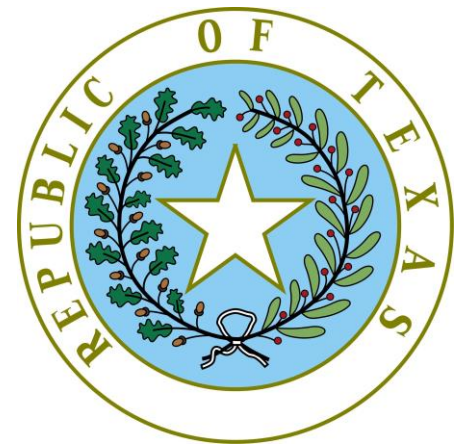
## Sam Houston Statute Hermann Park Drive Hermann Park, Houston

Texas Independence Day began with a ceremony at the Sam Houston Statute in Hermann Park, sponsored by the San Jacinto Chapter, SRT. Rick Powell, President was Master of Ceremonies and Jeff Corbin, Historian General read excerpts from the Texas Declaration of Independence. Numerous toasts were made to Texas, Heroes of the Revolution, the Sons, the Daughters and last but not least to Tom Green. Sidney Sherman chapter members attending were Ron Schoolcraft, Robert Gindratt, Steve Manis, Robert Schnuriger, Carl Hill and Robyn Davis.



Front Row – Ron Schoolcraft, Carl Hill, Steve Manis and Robert Gindratt. Back Row- Robyn Davis and Robert Schnuriger

Left picture - SRT Members gathered at the Sam Houston Statute



And then it was off to Washington on the Brazos for the Texas Independence Day Celebration that began at 1:00 p.m. Robyn Davis and Carl Hill traveled to Washington on the Brazos where they were met by Mike Mitchell.




# Texas Independence Day

## Washington on the Brazos



*The Sons of the Republic of Texas*



**2023 Texas Independence Day**

*Honoring*

**The Birth of the Republic of Texas**

**Dr. Bill O'Neal**  
Texas State Historian 2012 – 2018  
Author & History Educator

Thursday, March 2, 2023  
1:00 PM

**Washington-on-the-Brazos**  
**THC State Historic Site**  
Washington, Texas

*A Tribute to the Texians Who Defied Tyranny, Declared Their Independence, and Laid the Foundations for The Republic of Texas*

This ceremony was organized and hosted by the Lone Star Chapter, SRT with support from the Washington-on-the Brazos State Historic Site, Texas Historical Commission. Mike Wilson, Second VP General, KSJ was Master of Ceremonies with Rifle and Cannon Salutes by the Texas Army and Lone Star Volunteers.



Near the back, Robyn Davis, left and Mike Mitchell, right



Randy Pollard, President General, SRT



The Color Guard—Ron McAnear, Bart Dawson, Bob Benavides and John Meehan was led by Carl Hill, far right.



# Alamo Events

## March 5

On Sunday afternoon, March 5, the Alamo Symposium was held. Featured speakers were Gary Foreman who spoke on Undaunted Treason: The Rise and Fall of General James Wilkerson and Martin Gonzales – The First Texas Revolution: Battle of Medina.

Sidney Sherman Chapter members in attendance were Albert Seguin, J. B. Kline and Carl Hill.



### Dinner at the Salt Grass Steakhouse, Riverwalk



Over 40 SRT members, DRT and historical friends gathered for Dinner – A tradition for the past 11 years. During the dinner a toast was made to the **“The Men of the Alamo”** for their bravery, courage and willingness to stay and fight for Liberty and Independence knowing they were facing certain death. This sacrifice bought precious time for Texas and led to Victory at San Jacinto.

Left – Carl Hill, Daniel and Cheri Cowan (SRT members from Missouri) Steve and Vickie Nicol.



### Sidney Sherman Chapter Members & Guests

Left side:  
Robert Schnuriger  
Cindy Schnuriger  
Ron Schoolcraft

Right side:  
Robert Gindratt  
Vickie Nicol  
Steve Nicol



# Alamo Heroes Day



## Dawn at the Alamo

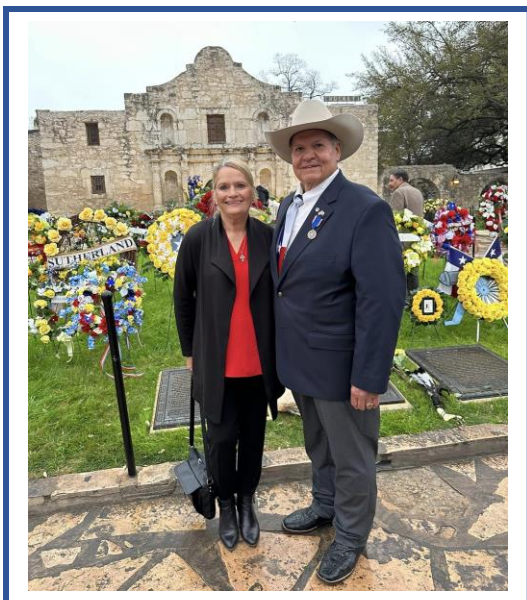


The Dawn at the Alamo Commemorative Ceremony began at 6:00 a.m. in Alamo Plaza on a misty Monday morning. As is tradition, The Sons of the Republic of Texas gathered on the North side. Carl Hill, President and Robert Schnuriger, Chaplain presented the wreath for the Sidney Sherman chapter during the ceremony to honor the sacrifices of the Alamo Defenders at dawn.



*I shall never  
surrender or retreat*

Left to Right, Robert Schnuriger, Carl Hill, Steve Manis, Ron Schoolcraft, Robert Gindratt and Steve Nicols with the Sidney Sherman Chapter Wreath – Alamo Day, March 6, 2023

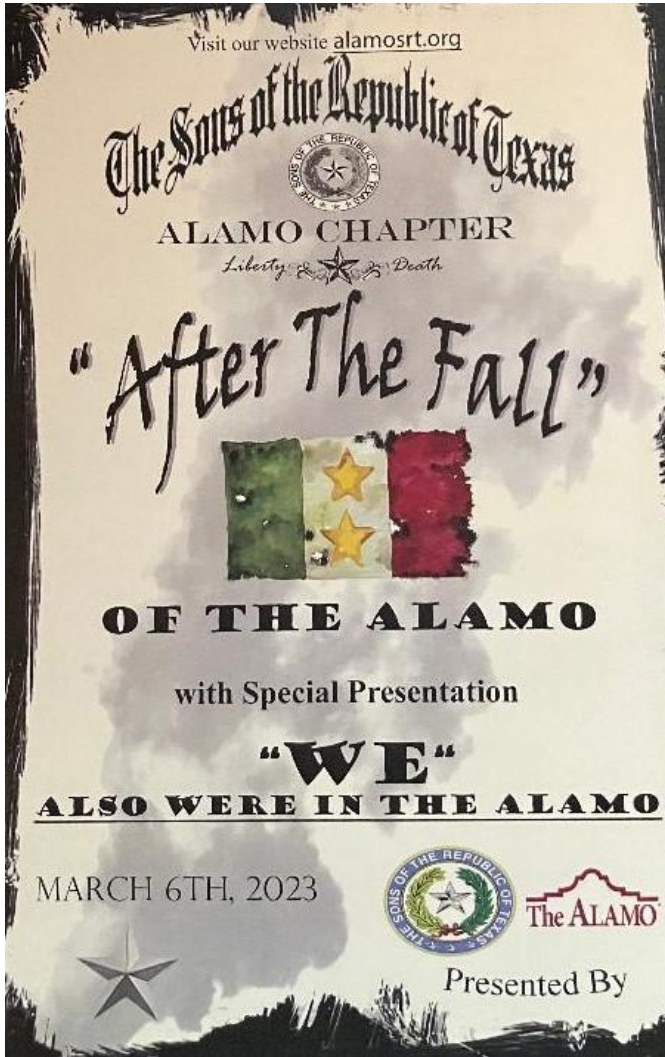
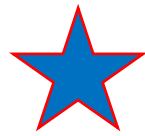


Special thanks to  
Cindy and Robert  
Schnuriger for donating  
the Sidney Sherman  
Wreath.

Remember  
the  
Alamo



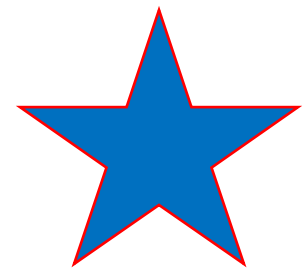




This ceremony was sponsored by the Alamo Chapter, SRT with Tom Jones, President as Master of Ceremonies. The Special Presentation “*WE* also were in the Alamo” was narrated by Bob Benavides. Those men who were in the Alamo were Captain William B. Harrison, Tennessee Mounted Volunteers; Captain William R. Carey, Commander of the Artillery; Albert Grimes, Sergeant of the Artillery; John W. Smith, Scout and Major Robert Evans, Master of the Alamo Ordnance.



Steve Nicol, Robert Schnuriger, Carl Hill, Daniel Cowin, Ron Schoolcraft and Robert Gindratt.



**At the Centopath**  
 Robyn Davis, Vickie Nicol, Steve Nicol, Eron Tynes, Carl Hill, Steve Manis, Ron Schoolcraft, Robert Gindratt, Robert Schnuriger and Cindy Schnuriger



## 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

**For those of you planning to attend the Convention, there will be a special tour of the Ralston Family Collection Center which houses the Phil Collins collection at the Alamo. The tour will begin at 9:00 a. m. on March 18, 2023.**



# ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2023

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    SRT Convention Update  
Randy Pollard,  
President General, SRT  
Speaker – TBD

**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 – Paul N. Spellman, Phd.  
Texas History Professor  
Wharton Junior College

August 15, 2023    Chapter Meeting    Speaker – Amy Rogers, Executive Director  
San Jacinto Battleground  
State Historic Site

September 19, 2023    Chapter Meeting    Speaker - Justice Ken Wise  
14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals

# ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Continued

**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

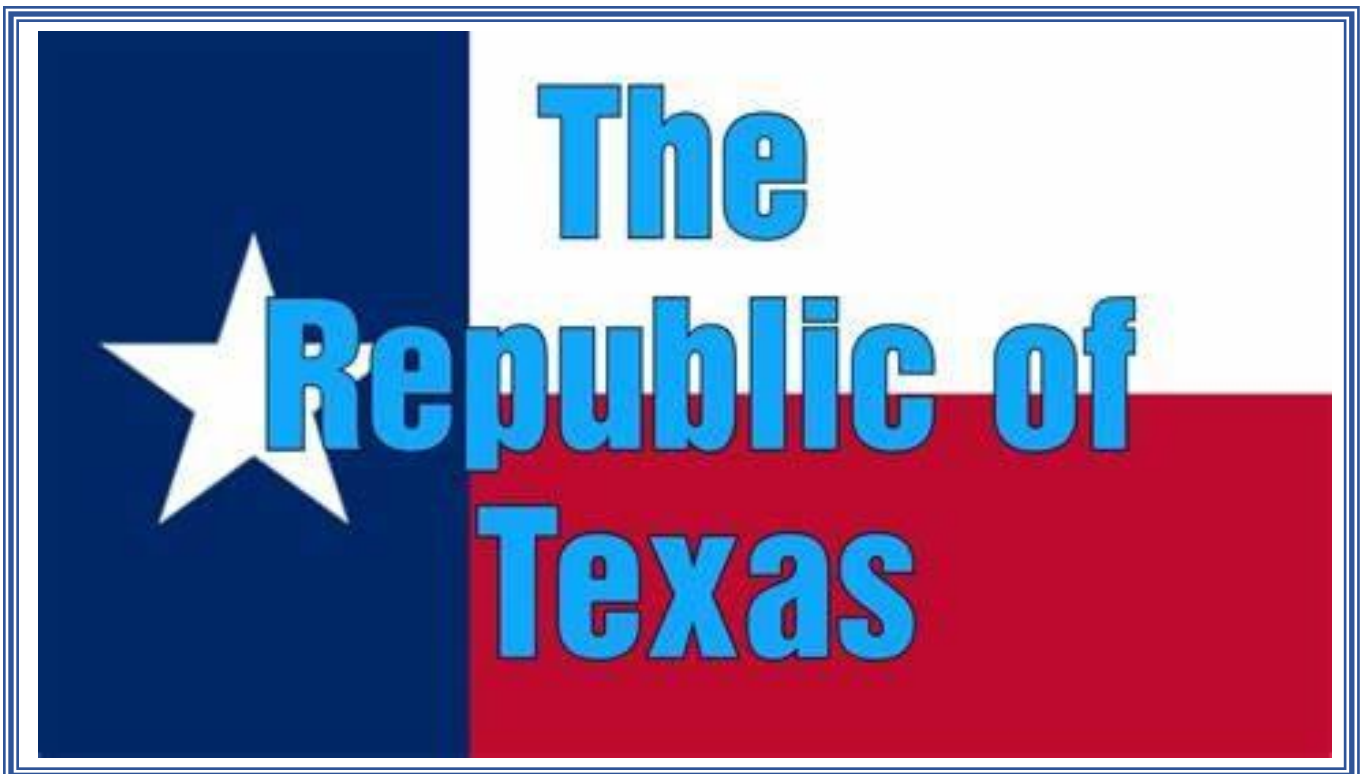
**October, 2023      Burnet-Sherman Marker Ceremony - TBD**

**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*