

# The Sherman Sentinel

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

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

After the Battle of San Jacinto, Santa Anna had sent orders to his second in command, General Vicente Filisola to retreat back across the Rio Grande. General Jose de Urrea had linked with General Filisola's forces and he wanted to continue the war against the Texans since the Mexicans still had over 2,500 troops against less than 900 of the Texian Army.

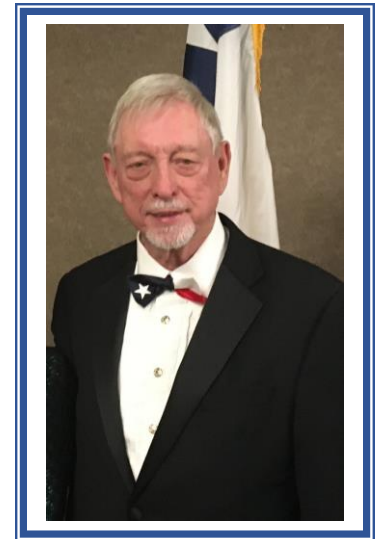
However, Filisola and Urrea had no choice but to follow Santa Anna's orders. The Mexican Army began their retreat through heavy rains and muddy roads. They also faced dwindling food and supplies.

On June 4, the Mexican Army at the Alamo fort formally surrenders to Juan Seguin who had been sent by Sam Houston. In its retreat, the Mexican Army camps at Rancho Chiltipiquin in San Patricio County, however extreme heat forced the army to move further on. On June 15, Filisola leading the defeated and demoralized Mexican Army crosses the Rio Grande.

The people of Texas returning to their homes and land that had been burned or destroyed, began to rebuild. They worked hard to prosper in this land of opportunity and build a future for themselves and their descendants.

Unfortunately this past month our chapter has been faced with two sad events. First on the day of our last meeting May 16, Clark Wright and his wife Cora's home burned to the ground after possibly being struck by lightning. The Nicholstone home was an historic home that had been built in the 1850's. Steve Manis is coordinating our Chapter's assistance for Clark and Cora. (please see page 7 for more information.) Also, Clark is our Secretary and Website Master and is now back posting on the Website.

In addition, Thomas Harold Houston, KSJ, a 51-year member of the San Jacinto Chapter, SRT passed away on May 22, 2023 and a graveside service was held on June 3, 2023 at Memorial Oaks Cemetery. (Please see page 10 for more information)



On a more positive note, plans are underway for the **First Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner** to be held on July 22, 2023 at Pacific Seafood, 137 21st St, Dickinson, Tx. Dr. Paul Spellman, Wharton County Junior College will be the featured speaker and he will speak on “The Old Three Hundred”. This will be our July meeting. The invitation and registration form are included with this newsletter.

Also during the Dinner we will be having a Live and Silent Auction. The proceeds will benefit the Keeping Texas History Alive project. Robert Schnuriger is heading the Committee to develop a Texas History activity booklet for our Texas schoolchildren.

If you have anything you would like to donate to benefit this worthwhile project please email Carl Hill at easygoal1@hotmail.com.

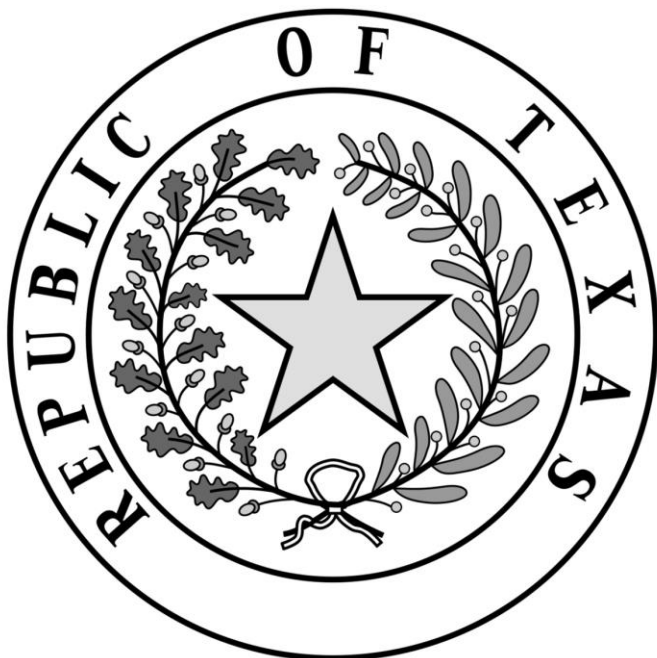
Once again, I look forward to seeing many of you this summer, especially at our First Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner as we honor him. Please make a special effort to join us as we follow our mission to

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



*God Bless Texas*

*Carl V. Hill,  
President*



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# MAY MEETING

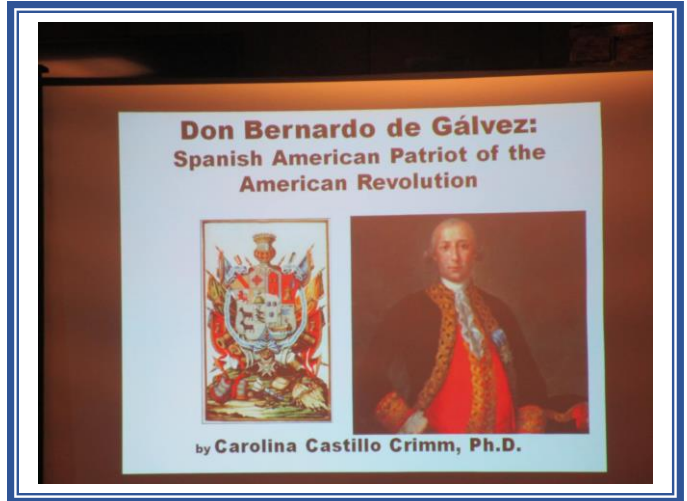


The May meeting began with the swearing in of a new Texas Navy Admiral, Robert Gindratt by Admirals Beth Fisher and Ron Brown.

Carolina Crimm, Ph.D. was the speaker, and she presented a most informative program on the *Don Bernardo de Galvez, Spanish American Patriot of the American Revolution*.

The Chapter voted to support the Velasco Memorial with the purchase of a Stone Marker for \$150.00

President Hill addressed the Sidney Sherman statute repair project. Steve Manis was going to make some contacts regarding this project.



Carl Hill and Carolina Crimm



# A new Admiral for the Texas Navy



## Robert Gindratt

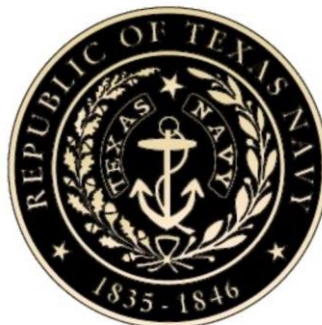
This award is based on exceptional community service and is an honorary status commissioned by the Governor of the State of Texas.

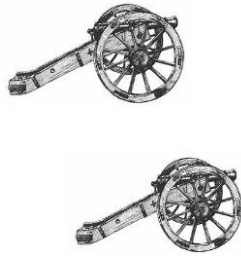


Robert Gindratt being sworn in by Admiral Brown.



Admirals, Schoolcraft, Fisher, Gindratt & Brown.

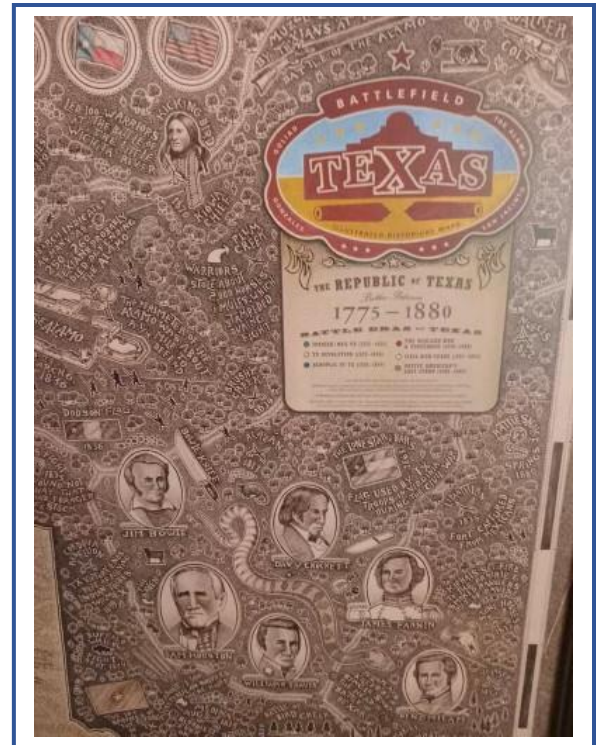
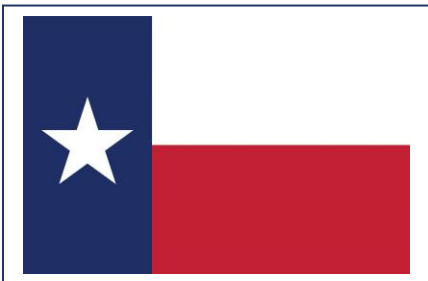




# Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner

Make plans now to join us on July 22, 2023 for the First Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner. The Dinner will be held at Pacific Seafood Restaurant, 137 21st St, Dickinson, Tx. Dr. Paul Spellman, Wharton County Junior College will be the featured speaker and he will speak on "The Old Three Hundred". Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Tickets are \$35.00 per person if received by July 15, 2023. After July 15, 2023 the price will be \$40.00 per person. (See attached Reservation form)

## Live and Silent Auction



In addition, we will be having a Live Auction and Silent Auction to raise money for the Keeping Texas History Alive Educational Project. Plans are underway to develop a Texas History activity booklet for our Texas schoolchildren.

The items donated so far are a Texas Flag (3' x 5') that flew at the San Jacinto Battleground on April 21, 2023, includes Certificate; Four tickets to the San Jacinto Museum; a Texas Pillow donated by Larry Armstrong and a Battlefield Texas Poster donated by Steve Nicol.

If you have anything you would like to donate to benefit this worthwhile project please email Carl Hill at [easygoal1@hotmail.com](mailto:easygoal1@hotmail.com).

Above Framed Poster is 28" x 40". It depicts The Republic of Texas in 1838 with each battle that occurred between 1775 and 1880.

# Sidney Sherman Chapter Meeting

**June 20, 2023 @6:00 p. m.**

## Historic Flags of the Texas Revolution

Mike Bailey holds two degrees (Anthropology/Archaeology) from Indiana State University as well as graduate studies at George Washington University. He has extensive experience in curation and management of collection at a variety of museums and libraries as well as hands-on field experience. Mike participates in most Texas historical events including re-enactments with the Texas Army.



Ron Brown, Mike Bailey, Eron Tynes and Carl Hill at the Pioneer Memorial Log House owned by the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT.



# Historic Nicholstone Home



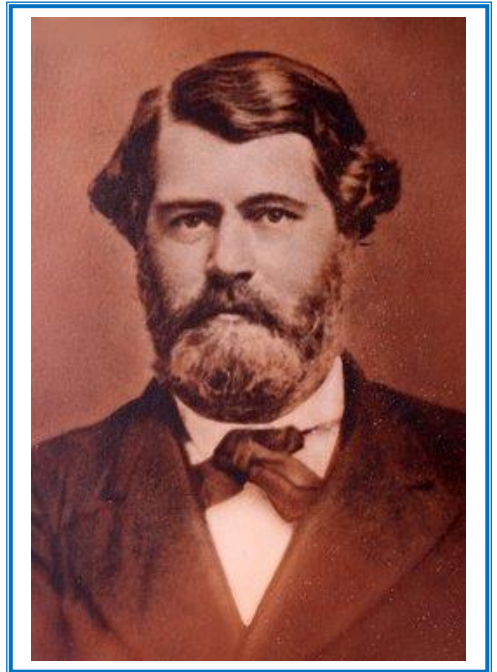
The historic Nicholstone Home is located off Park Avenue in Dickinson and faced Dickinson Bayou. The original home was constructed in the mid-1850's by Ebenezer B. Nichols, a very successful Galveston businessman, as a summer home. Nichols consulted with local Native Americans, at the time to determine the highest point on the Bayou. Nichols served as a Captain in the Army of the Republic of Texas and General in the Civil War. He was the first President of the G.H.&H Railroad, first President of the Bank of Galveston, and served in the Texas State Legislature. Upon his death in 1872, his estate was divided among his seven sons. One of the sons, Fred McCraven Nichols, bought the home and surrounding property from his brother in 1890. Since then, it has been remodeled and modified to include a second story. The home has remained in the Nichols family for over 150 year and is presently owned by Mrs. Cora Schelling Wright, the Great Great-Granddaughter of E.B. Nichols.

Clark Wright, a member of Sidney Sherman Chapter, SRT and his wife Cora a member of the Sidney Sherman Chapter, DRT suffered the total loss of their home on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Sidney Sherman Chapter of The Republic of Texas is organizing help for them. Donations and gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart or any area grocery stores are appreciated for their immediate needs.

If you would like to donate please contact: Steve Manis, 281-222-0119, [stevemanissrt2@aol.com](mailto:stevemanissrt2@aol.com) or Mail donations and gift cards to:

Steve Manis  
2309 Prestwick Drive  
League City, Texas 77573

Cora and Clark will be moving into a trailer this week on their property. Hopefully sometime in the near future they plan to rebuild.



## Ebenezer B. Nichols (1815-1872)

He was the Grand Master of Masons in Texas from January 1855 – January 1856. In addition, he was a founding member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Galveston and is buried at the Trinity Episcopal Cemetery, Galveston.

# Fourth of July Parade

# Spirit of 1776



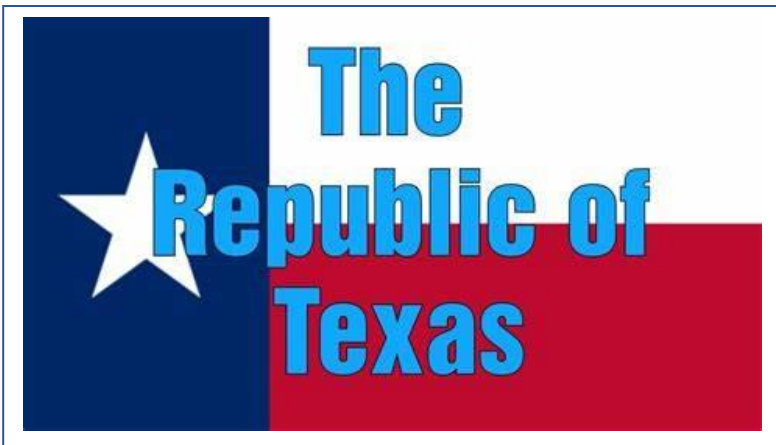
*Nothing says "Summer on Galveston Island" better than the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!*

*Sidney Sherman Chapter  
Signed up for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade*

Please join us for the parade on the Galveston Seawall Blvd on the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our annual independence. We will have our trailer ready with Flags and candy to toss. There is always a great turnout of people to see the parade and we will be in it!

The parade lineup enters at 22<sup>nd</sup> street and Ave P and the parade route on Seawall is from 22<sup>nd</sup> street to 45<sup>th</sup> street. The line up starts at 4:30 pm and the parade begins at 6:00 pm.

Please let President Carl Hill know how many you will be bringing to the parade. Text or call him on 281-773-1739. Email – [easygoal1@hotmail.com](mailto:easygoal1@hotmail.com)



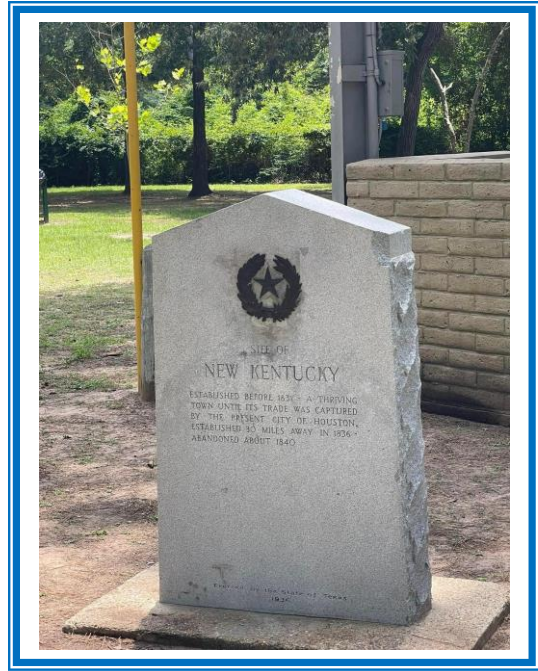
## Welcome New Member

**Joseph Anthony Weaver**



# Preserving Texas History

Lone Star and Sidney Sherman Chapter Members began working to repair the New Kentucky Historical Commission Marker on May 22, 2023. The repair work was a two-step process and was completed on June 1st by replacing the Wreath and Star. Pictured below, Marshall Brown, Rusty Mclaughlin, Robert Schnuriger and Steve Manis.



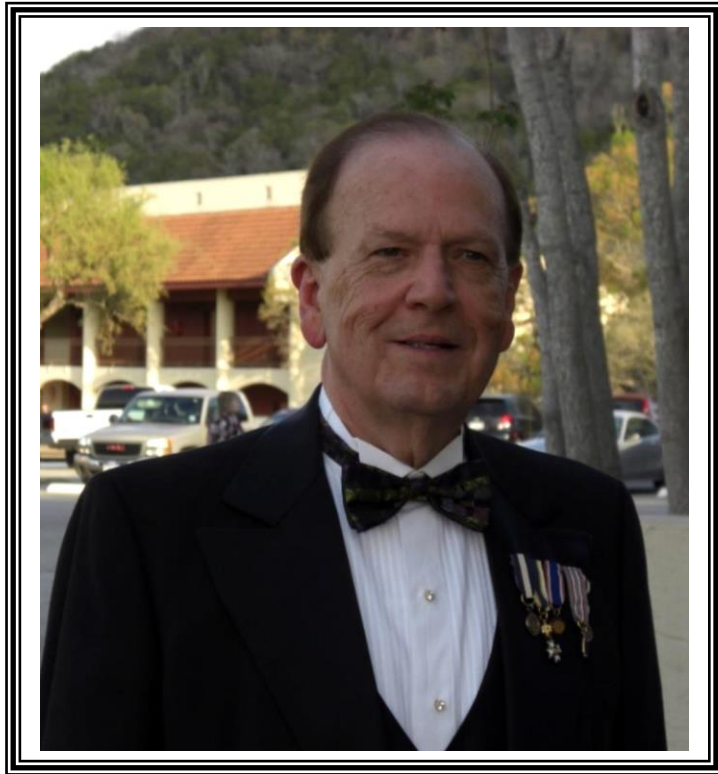
Robert Schnuriger



Marshall Brown, Rusty Mclaughlin, Steve Manis, Robert Schnuriger and Mike Wilson.

# *In Memoriam*

*Thomas Harold Houston, KSI*



## *Graveside Service*

Billy Mayo

Carl Hill

Sir Knight Thomas Harold (Tom) Houston, KSJ, passed away May 22, 2023, at 86, a 5th generation Texan, born in Crockett, Texas, son of Paul A. Houston and Elizabeth Honeycutt Houston. Tom is survived by his wife, Shirley, married 65 years. He was a member of the San Jacinto Chapter #1 for 51 years and was a Life member. Tom had also served as President of the Chapter and held numerous offices. Tom was honored with Knighthood by the Sons of the Republic of Texas in 2014 in the Order of the Knights of San Jacinto. A graveside service to honor Tom was held on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Memorial Oaks Cemetery. Sidney Sherman Chapter members in attendance were Steve Manis, Hugh Ferguson and Billy Mayo along with Carl Hill who participated in the Color Guard.





# Fort Velasco DAY

## *3rd Annual Living History Event*

**Saturday, June 24th, 2023**  
**10am-4pm**



**979-233-0066**  
**311 East Park Ave.**  
**Freeport, TX 77541**

Mark your calendars for the return of [Freeport's Fort Velasco Day](#) on Saturday, June 24th! Our award-winning program returns for its' 3rd annual year, commemorating the 1832 Battle of Fort Velasco.

Living historians and heritage organizations from across the state will show visitors what life was like during the tumultuous years leading up to the Texas Revolution. Staff from [The Alamo](#), [San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site](#), [San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site](#), and the [Stephen F. Austin Statute](#) will be here providing period demonstrations.

Admission to the museum includes admission to [Freeport's Fort Velasco Day](#). \$3 for children, military, and seniors. \$5 for adults.

# ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2023

June 20, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker – Mike Bailey, Curator

July 22, 2023 **SIDNEY SHERMAN BIRTHDAY DINNER**  
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  
14th Court of Appeals

**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 – Charles Herbert,  
Author “On The Run”

**October 17, 2023 Burnet-Sherman Marker Ceremony**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2023 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN’S BIRTHDAY**

November 21, 2023 Chapter Meeting Speaker - TBD

**DECEMBER 9, 2023 SEIGE OF BEXAR**

**December 12, 2023 Third Annual Christmas Party**



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Texas*