

The Sherman Sentinel

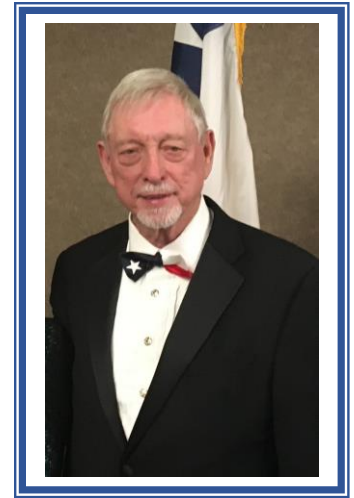
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2023

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During July 1836, Santa Anna along with some of his officers were prisoners of Captain Patton, who owned a plantation near Columbia. They were placed in the Race House, a small board house with only two rooms. During this time period they had many visitors and played dominoes, checkers and rayuela.

Mrs. Hannah A. Munson (from Life on the Brazos) recorded one of the intriguing events which follows:



On one occasion a very beautiful Spanish lady, living near Brazoria, came to visit her distinguished countryman, bringing dainty edibles and fine wine. She and the "Napoleon of the West" held a very animated conversation, which Major Patton followed as closely as possible, although he was not a very fluent Spanish scholar. As she rose to go she let her glove fall at Santa Anna's feet. Major Patton recovered it and handed it to her.

Again the glove fell. This time Major Patton discovered a small note, written on tissue paper, in one of the fingers. The lady became indignant and demanded that the note be returned to her unread. This was not done, however, and sent for Mr. Vergil Phelps, who easily read that the wine in one bottle marked a certain way was drugged for the guards, and that horses would be kept in the woods nearby, night and day. If this plan failed, another bottle marked a certain way contained poison.

In the confusion, Santa Anna secured the poisoned wine and succeeded in drinking some of it. Major Patton at once placed him in the family carriage and drove him speedily to Dr. Phelps's plantation, Orozimbo. Dr. Phelps by the use of a stomach pump succeeded in saving the patient.

In late July, the prisoners were moved by Captain Patton to the plantation of Dr. James A. E. Phelps under a guard which varied from twenty-fifty men for the next five months.

The people of Texas, our ancestors continued to rebuild their lives despite the heat of a Texas summer and making plans to plant the fall crops. President Burnet was still Interim President, and the capital was at Columbia. There was much dissension as the treasury was empty, the threat of Indians and what to do with Santa Anna.

Plans are being finalized 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.

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 by July 19, 2023.

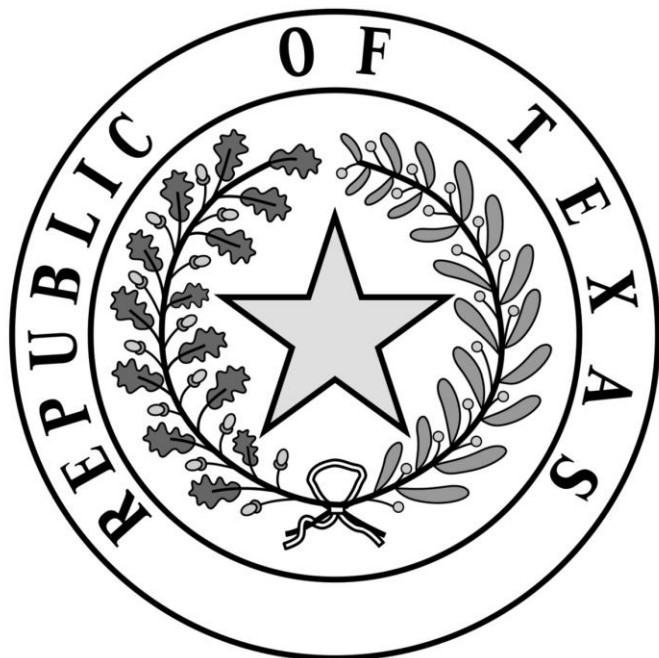
Once again, I hope to see many of you at our First Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner - Sidney Sherman, Colonel, Second Regiment, Texas Army and our Chapter’s namesake. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor Sidney Sherman as we follow our mission to

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



God Bless Texas

*Carl V. Hill, Jr.
President*



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JUNE MEETING

The June meeting began with the swearing in of new member, Joseph Anthony Weaver by Carl Hill, President. His ancestor is John Madison Farrow.

We will be participating in the July 4th Parade in Galveston celebrating 247 years of Independence.

Mike Bailey was the speaker, and he presented a most informative program on Historic Flags of the Texas Revolution. In addition, Mike indicated research says that more than 58 flags represented the various groups fighting for the Republic. In addition, he spoke on the importance of the Texas Navy during the Revolution.



Carl Hill, Joseph Weaver and Steve Nicol.



Right - Mike Bailey presenting the Jane Long Flag and Above – the Burnet Flag, First Flag of the Republic of Texas





Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner

The First Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner is fast approaching. The Dinner will be held at Pacific Seafood Restaurant, 137 21st St, Dickinson, Tx. Tickets are now \$40.00 per person. (See attached Reservation form) Randy Pollard, KSJ, President General will attend along with his wife Trisha. In addition, Robert Kendall, KSJ, Past President General, a direct descendant of Sidney Sherman will also join us.

Our featured Speaker will be Dr. Paul Spellman, Wharton County Junior College and he will speak on "The Old Three Hundred". Dr. Spellman received his B.A. from Southwestern University, his M.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and his Ph.D. from the University of Houston. He is a member of the Texas State Historical Commission and the Western Writers of America. Professor Spellman lives along the Brazos River with his wife and son.



He has published the following eight books on Texas History.

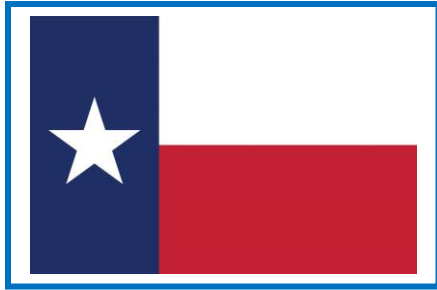


Live and Silent Auction

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.

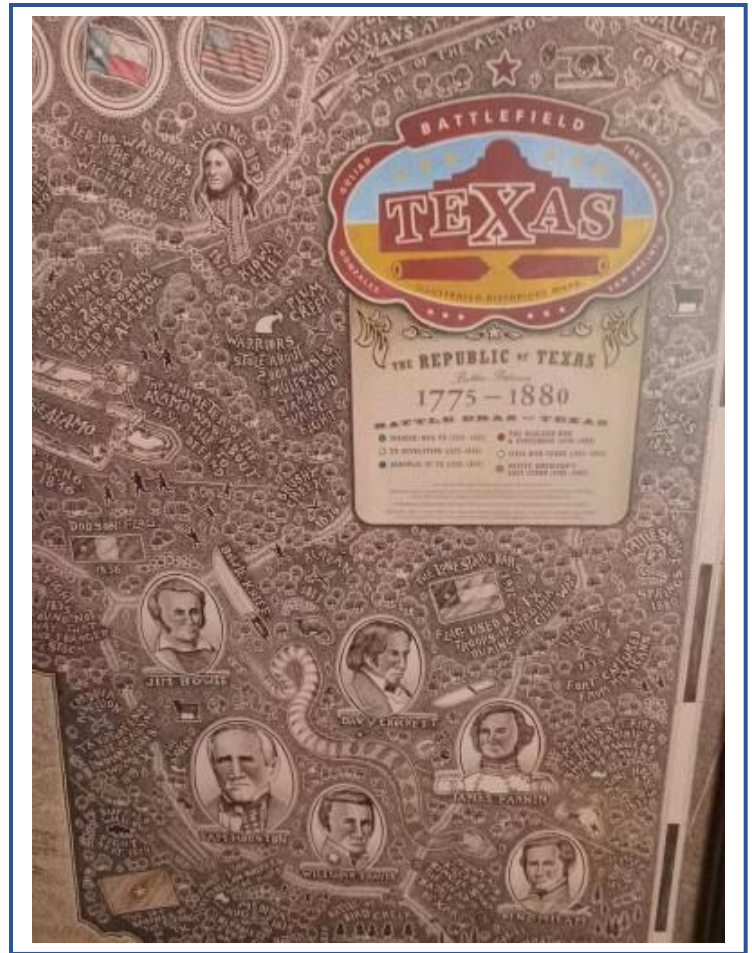
If you have anything you would like to donate to benefit to this worthwhile project please email Carl Hill at easygoal1@hotmail.com by July 19, 2023.

Silent & Live Auction Items



The items donated so far are a Texas Flag (3' x 5') that flew at the San Jacinto Battleground on April 21, 2023, which includes a Certificate and Four tickets to the San Jacinto Museum donated by Carl Hill.

A Texas Flag Pillow (see below picture) was donated by Larry Armstrong, with *"Y'all can go to hell, and I will go to Texas."* Steve Nicol has donated a Battlefield Texas Poster (see picture of poster and description on the right. Eron Tynes has donated a Texas themed Wine Basket and a Texas themed Collector's Plate.



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

Taste of Texas Gift Box Donated To The Sons of The Republic of Texas First Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner

Enjoy grilling
4 Perfectly aged, complete trim
6 ounce filets from the Taste of Texas Restaurant

Package also includes:
1 Copy of our award winning
40th Anniversary Cookbook "Perfectly Aged"
Set of 4 Taste of Texas Steak Knives
Steak Seasoning

EST. 1977
TASTE OF TEXAS

Nina Hendee, owner of Taste of Texas has donated a Taste of Texas Gift Box. Nina is an Honorary Member of the San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas and an Admiral in the Texas Navy.

Keeping Texas History Alive

L-R: Robert Schnuriger, Carl Hill, Albert Seguin Gonzales, Steve Manis, J.b. Kline, Robert Gindratt & Ron Schoolcraft.



FORT VELASCO DAY

JUNE 24, 2023

FREERPORT



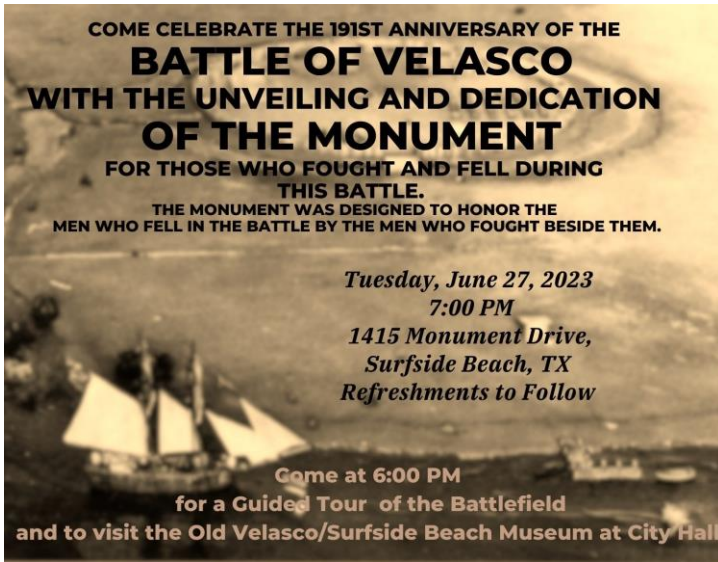
Robert Schnuriger, Steve Manis and Carl Hill

The **Battle of Velasco**, fought June 25-26, 1832, was the first true military conflict between Mexico and Texians in the Texas Revolution, colloquially referred to as the "Boston Harbor of Texas". It began when Texian Militia attacked Fort Velasco, located in what was then Velasco and what is now the city of Surfside Beach. The Mexican commander during the conflict, Domingo de Ugartechea, tried to stop the Texians, under John Austin, from transporting a cannon down the Brazos River to attack the city of Anahuac. The Texian Militia eventually prevailed over the Mexicans. Ugartechea surrendered after a two-day battle, once he realized he would not be receiving reinforcements, and his soldiers had almost run out of ammunition. On June 24, the Freeport Historical Museum and Visitor's Center sponsored the third annual Fort Velasco Day. The Sidney Sherman Chapter sponsored a booth with Texas artifacts and membership information.

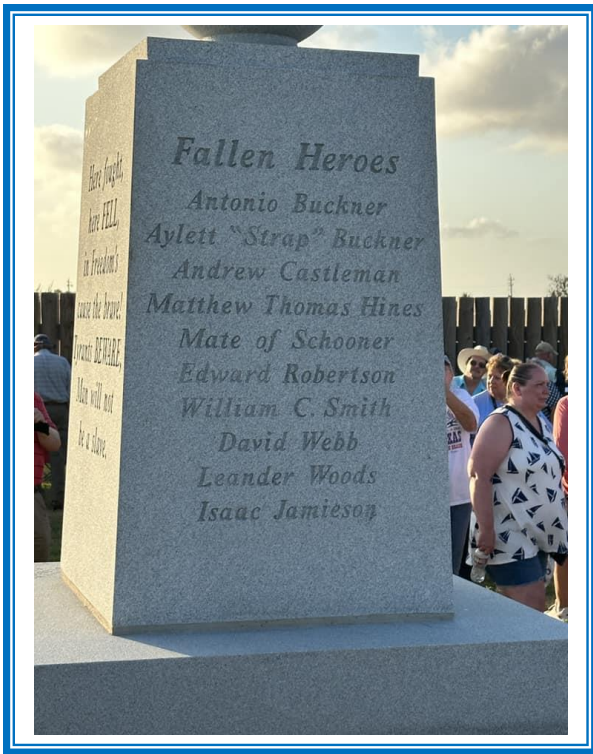


Above – Steve Manis, Ray Beall, SRT Member, Robert Schnuriger and Mike Bailey. Right – Carl Hill with his Kentucky Rifle.





**FORT
VELASCO
MARKER
DEDICATION
JUNE 27, 2023
SURFSIDE**



Steve Manis, KSJ served as Master of Ceremonies and Ray Beall, President, Stephen F. Austin Chapter made a few remarks.



Replica of Fort Velasco





Timeline mural for Fort Velasco.



Masons gathered at the Marker - Mike Bailey, Carl Hill, Robert Schnuriger, Steve Manis, Ray Beall, SRT Member, Steve Nicol and unknown.

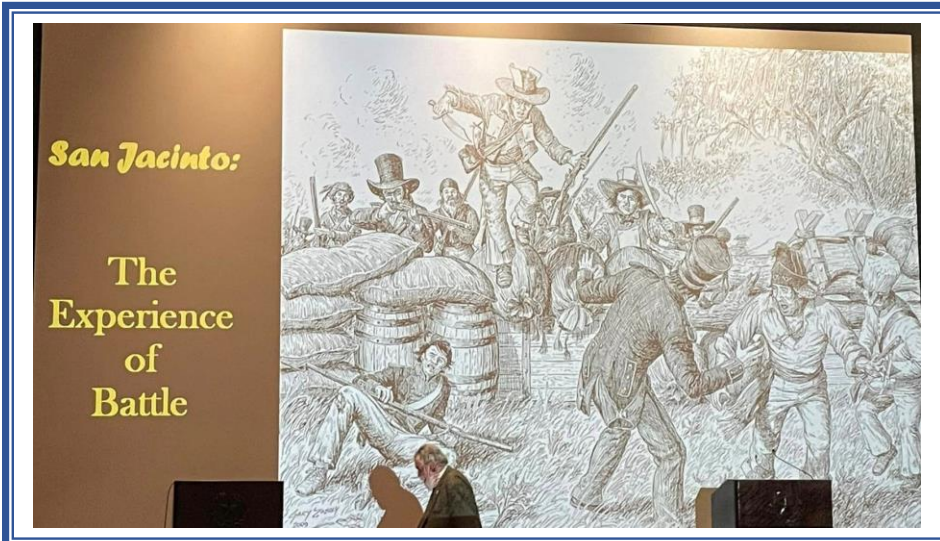
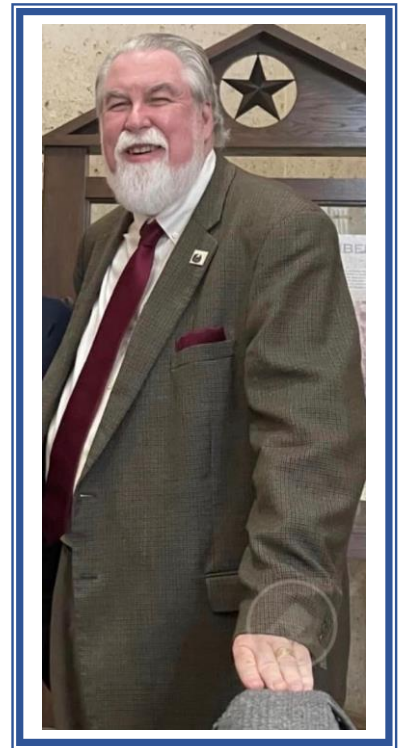


Sidney Sherman Chapter members at Marker Dedication.

Carl Hill, Robert Schnuriger, Steve Manis and Steve Nicol.

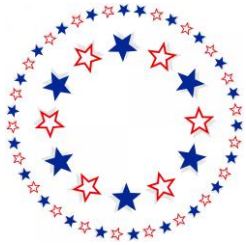


On the 27th of June, 1832, Fort Velasco was attacked on this spot and taken



Fourth of July Parade

Spirit of 1776



Nothing says "Summer on Galveston

Island" better than the 4th of July!

Sidney Sherman Chapter 4th of July Parade

The Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2, participated in the Fourth of July Parade in Galveston on Seawall Boulevard sponsored by the City of Galveston Firefighters. The parade route was from 22nd to 45th street and thousands of people lined the parade route. It was quite warm but the steady breezes from the Gulf kept the day fairly comfortable. The parade route was filled with families and children all enthusiastically celebrating 247 years of American Independence.

We tossed candy from a float flying flags from the American Revolutionary War Era and Texas Revolution. We had eight bags of candy with 300 pieces in each bag and we barely had enough to finish the parade.

As we celebrated the Fourth we are reminded of our patriot ancestors, thinking of them living in those difficult times, **"the times that tried men's souls"**. Our Nation's Independence Day is a time to remember and a time to honor those sacrifices. Our ancestors helped secure our independence that led to the founding of a new Nation.

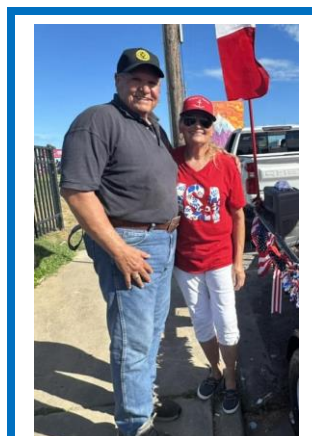
Honoring these signers and our patriotic ancestors each Fourth of July reminds us of the sacrifices endured by these brave and courageous men and women. The freedoms that we enjoy each day here in America would not have been possible without their belief in Liberty and Independence.



Steve Manis organizing the Float with the Betsy Ross Flag.



Larry Armstrong, Albert Seguin and Robert Schnuriger decorating the Float.



Special thanks to Robert and Cindy Schnuriger for providing the float.



J. B. Kline with Larry Armstrong and Albert Seguin decorating the Float.

Preserving Our History

Home of the Free, Because of the Brave

Larry Armstrong, J.B. Klein, Robert Gindratt, Albert Seguin, Carl Hill, Steve Manis and Robert Schnuriger ready to parade. Cindy Schnuriger drove the cab accompanied by Eron Tynes.



Larry Armstrong, Robert Schnuriger, J. B. Kline and Steve Manis waiting for Carl Hill to finish cooking the hotdogs.



Left picture - Larry Armstrong, Steve Manis, Robert Schnuriger, Albert Seguin, Carl Hill and Robert Gindratt.

Right picture - Cindy Schnuriger, J. R. Kline, Steve Manis and Robert Schnuriger enjoying hotdogs.





Texas Navy Admiral's Quarterly Meeting -King Ranch Kitchen.

Sidney Sherman Chapter members in attendance, Steve Manis, Robert Gindratt and Ron Schoolcraft. Ray Beall, Stephen F. Austin Chapter was also in attendance.



Welcome New Members

Shane Gay – Ancestor, Thomas Gay
Timothy Shawn Rainey – Ancestor, Hugh S. Stapp
Collin Wayne Rainey – Ancestor, Hugh S. Stapp

*Honor Your
Ancestors*

For Sidney Sherman Chapter Members that wish to list their ancestor's name next to their name on the website.

Go to our website at www.ss2srt.org and select members to see the list. Next send your ancestor's full name to our webmaster Clark Wright at cpwright2@verizon.net. Should you wish to also send your ancestor's bio, send the bio as a PDF or in Word to the webmaster. The webmaster will add your ancestor's name and if you send the bio he will also add that to the website.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2023

- 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 – Jodi Wright-Gidley
 Galveston
 “A City on Stilts”
- DECEMBER 9, 2023 SEIGE OF BEXAR**
- December 12, 2023 Third Annual Christmas Party**
 Antiques Pavilion, Galveston
 Hosted by Jim Noonus

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