



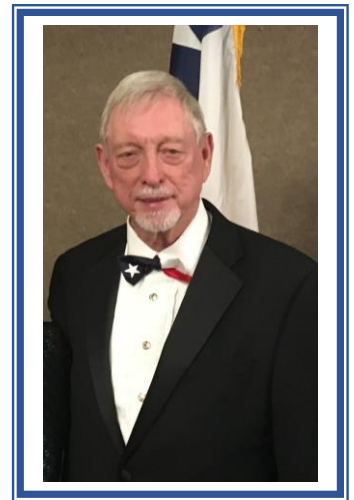
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SIDNEY SHERMAN CHAPTER, NO. 2 – GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the Fall of 1835, following the Battle of Gonzales, **The Consultation** began its first meetings at San Felipe de Austin. The Consultation grew out of a proposed meeting of Texas representatives to confer on the prerevolutionary quarrel with Mexico. This idea was first advocated by opponents of revolution in the early summer of 1835 in Mina Municipality. Moderate and radical elements endorsed the concept to present a unified front. Though originally set for October 15th, the Consultation was delayed until November 1st by the eruption of military hostilities earlier in the month, at the insistence of delegates-elect and



army officers. On October 16th, thirty-one members assembled at San Felipe and recognized the legitimacy of a Permanent Council for a two-week period. Enough of the delegates gathered on November 1st to begin deliberations, but no actual quorum existed until the fourth. They chose Branch T. Archer, who fought at the Battle of Gonzales and was the Representative from Brazoria County to preside.

Three issues dominated The Consultation deliberations—the purpose of the war, the power and structure of government, and the virtues of different leaders. **The Declaration of November 7, 1835**, adopted by The Consultation at San Felipe, was a declaration of causes for taking up arms against Mexico preliminary to the Texas Declaration of Independence. Since hostilities had already begun and troops were marching against San Antonio, The Consultation had to justify the war. The peace party in Texas, however, feared that Mexican Federalists would interpret the movement as secession and unite with other Mexicans against them. The declaration had to be a strategic document, which would justify Texas action in the eyes of the rest of the world and at the same time convince the Federalists that the Texans desired only to preserve the Mexican Constitution of 1824. The Consultation President Branch T. Archer called for a committee of twelve to draft a declaration and named John A. Wharton as chairman. Preliminary plans by Daniel Parker, Don Carlos Barrett, Robert M. Williamson, and Stephen F. Austin were used in framing the declaration.

On November 26, 1835, just south of San Antonio de Béxar in the Mexican region of Texas, the **Grass Fight** was a small battle, fought between the Mexican Army and the Texian Army. After the Texian Army rejected commander-in-chief Stephen F. Austin's call to launch an assault on Béxar on November 22nd, Austin resigned from the army. The men elected Edward Burleson as their new commander-in-chief.

October has been a very active month for our Chapter. The Burnet-Sherman Marker Ceremony held on October 17th, was a most successful event. Approximately 70 Sons and Daughters along with the schoolchildren from the David G. Burnet Elementary School gathered for this event as we honored these two Texas Patriots. I appreciate everyone's participation in this event.

I want to personally thank everyone who participated in the Road to Independence, Celebrate our Heritage event sponsored by the Children, Daughters and Sons of the Republic of Texas. Robert Schnuriger made the Chili for our Chapter's team, which was recognized as the Best Texas Trail Riders Chili. Christie Erickson, Honorary Member had a Chili Team and I had a Chili Team with my grandchildren. Our district representative, Robyn Davis also had a Chili Team. Robert Gindratt and Ron Schoolcraft hosted our historic artifact table with games from the 1830's. The Sidney Sherman Chapter was well represented as J.B Kline and Albert Seguin also attended. Eron Tynes, Honorary Member managed the event and said it was a most successful afternoon. It was a wonderful day as we gathered with other Texians, enjoyed good food, and kindred fellowship.

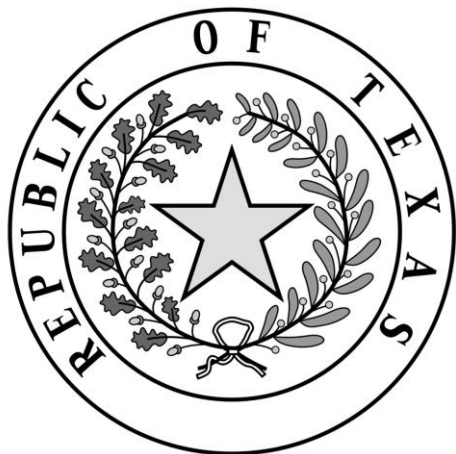
As the Holiday Season approaches, my thoughts often turn to my ancestors and their pioneer lives in this raw rough frontier. Thanksgiving is a time of celebrating the harvest and the bounty the land provides. As we gather this Thanksgiving with our families and friends, let us say special prayers for peace and be thankful for the prosperity that we all enjoy. And remember our ancestors and their struggles in the Fall of 1835 as we honor 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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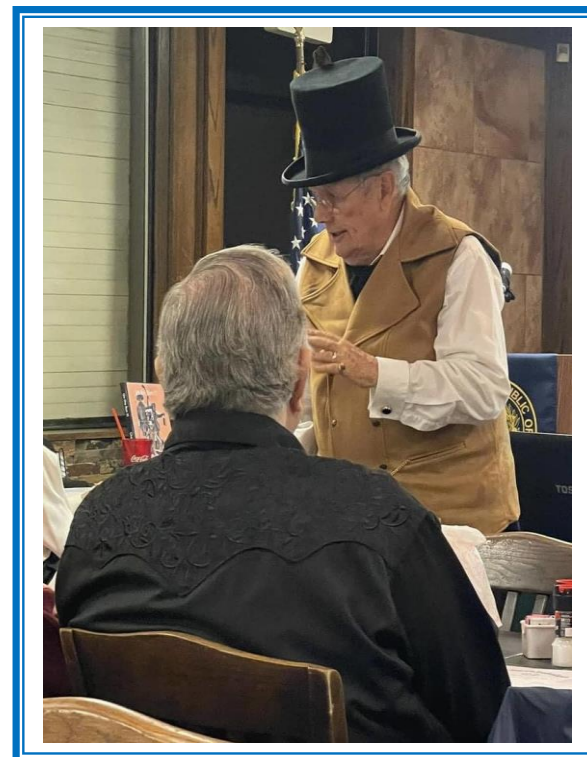
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Sidney Sherman Chapter October Meeting

Our speaker in October was Charles Hebert who came in character of the Republic time to discuss his book “On the Run”. Charles has written several books based on his research of early Texas History covering from the mid-1820s to late-1830s. His research included analyzing the journals of Alexander Horton who was an aide to General Houston and a man named Pena who was with General Santa Anna from late 1835 through mid-1836.

Charles indicated that the winter of 1835 was particularly harsh. He said the Alamo in Bexar had changed hands from Federalist to Texian several times before the assault of that Mexican Army under Santa Anna in March, that it was his choice to chase Houston, leaving the bulk of his army in several locations. Charles then literally walked us through the movements leading to the confrontation on April 21st at San Jacinto.

President Hill reported that the attendance was excellent at the dedication of the Medallions at Juan Seguin Park. The gathering at the Monument to Burnet and Sherman in Lakeview Cemetery held this very morning was also a great success with the school children from David G. Burnet Elementary School and members of the Sidney Sherman Chapter, DRT



Upcoming Event

**Sidney Sherman Chapter Meeting
November 21, 2023**

Flem Rogers, Historian
presents

Antiques Period Weapons



Flem Rogers is an avid historian. He specializes in arms development of the 18th and 19th centuries with an emphasis on the Civil War and Texana. He has worked as an advisor and consultant with several museums and has published articles regarding this field. Flem has been a member of several arms collecting organizations for more than 35 years. He often speaks to these organizations as well as fine folks like you.

He and his wife live in East Columbia, in a home built in the 1840s. East Columbia was established by Stephen F. Austin in 1824 and will be celebrating its 200th anniversary next year.

*"Never be afraid to try something new.
Remember, amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic."*



Preserving Texas History

Steve Manis, KSJ, Treasurer General, SRT and Robyn Davis, Advisor, Harris County Historical Commission
refinished the historical marker at La Porte City Hall.



Keeping Texas History Alive

Burnet - Sherman

Marker Graveside Ceremony

The annual Burnet-Sherman Grave Marking Ceremony was held on October 17, 2023 at Lakeview Cemetery. While the Daughters of the Republic of Texas was founded in 1891, the first monument to “keep their memory green” was planned by the first chapter of the Daughters – the Sidney Sherman Chapter in Galveston.

This monument was originally dedicated on March 2, 1894. Governor Lubbock came along with The Texas Veterans, the Daughters and many civic organizations. There was a procession to the cemetery with over 2000 persons. The monument was unveiled by little Sue Sherman Menard, a granddaughter of General Sherman.

This was the first step taken by any DRT chapter toward the eventual objective of marking the resting place of all Texas heroes, setting aside those places where Texas history was made and designating such with monuments.

As we honored David G. Burnet, Interim President of the Republic of Texas and General Sidney Sherman we are indebted to the Daughters and especially the Sidney Sherman Chapter for their dedication and perseverance.



*To mark the graves and forever
perpetuate the bravery and courage of
these Texas Heroes of ours.*

**“Earth has
no holier
ground,
then where
departed
Valor lies”**



Carl Hill, President,
Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2



Robert Schnuriger, Chaplain,
Sidney Sherman Chapter No. 2
giving the Invocation.



Presenting to Beatrice Rodriguez, Principal, David G. Burnet Elementary School, - *What was the Alamo?* by Pam Pollack and Meg Belvisa & *"The Alamo Tree"* by Tana Holmes.



David Martin, Lone Star Chapter, SRT
Keynote Speaker.



Carl Hill presenting to John Termini,
Caretaker, Lakeview Cemetery, a
Certificate of Appreciation.

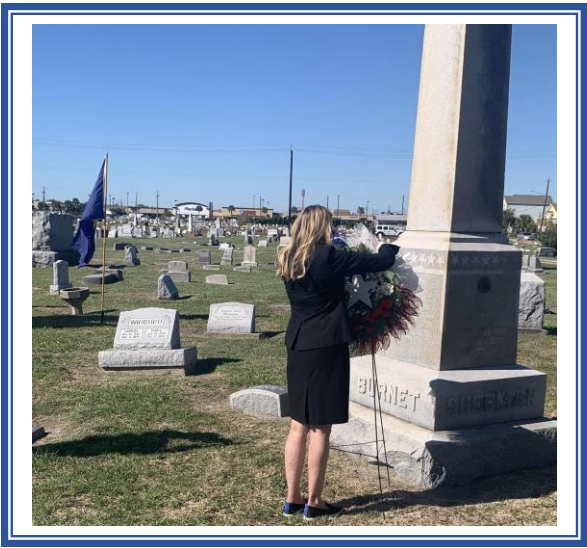


Randy Pollard, President General, SRT
and other SRT members.



Students from the David G. Burnett Elementary School joined us for the Musical Presentation. The songs that they sang were:

*The Yellow Rose of Texas,
The Eyes of Texas and
Texas our Texas.*



Diane Reynolds, President,
Sidney Sherman Chapter, DRT
Laying the Memorial Wreath



Marcy Hanson, Chaplain
Sidney Sherman Chapter, DRT
Giving the Benediction



John Loper, Bernardo de
Galvez, SAR played Taps



Left picture

Musket Salute

Right picture

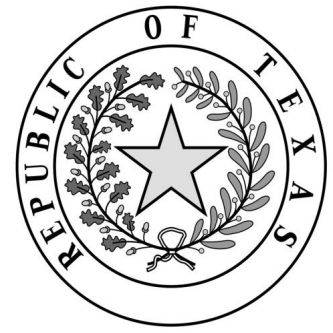
Sidney Sherman
Chapter, DRT with
Memorial Wreath.

Below

SRT Members



Texas Patriot Corner



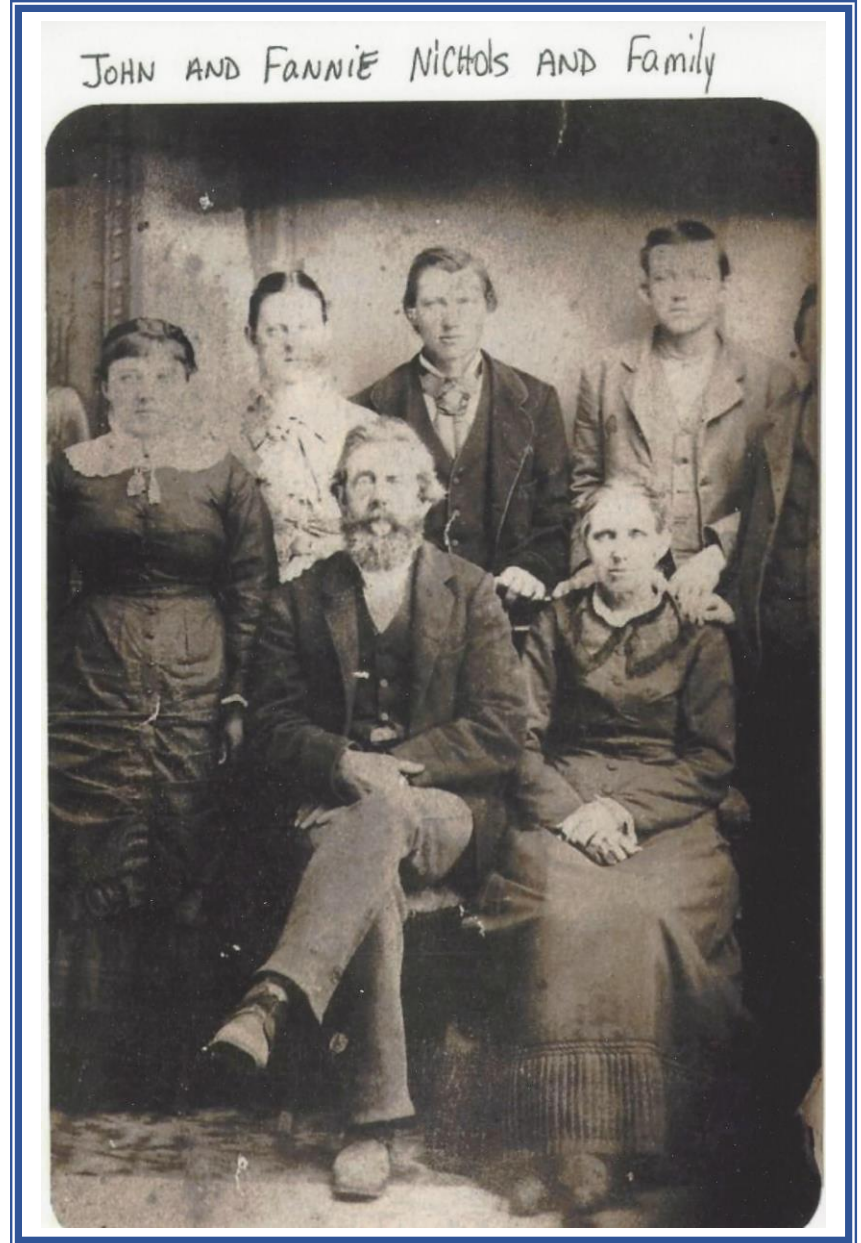
This month's Patriot Ancestor is John Nichols. His descendant is Steve Manis, KSJ, Treasurer General, SRT

Here is his story in first person.

My name is John Nichols and I was born in Lauderdale County, Mississippi in 1794. In my early years I moved to Point Coupee Parish, Louisiana, just northwest of Baton Rouge on the Mississippi River. I served in the United States Army in the war of 1812. During the war, I served as a Private in Captain John R. Goffe's Company of the Louisiana Militia as a substitute for Simon Holden for which I received a fee of \$300.

It was at this point that I made contact with Jean and Pierre Lafitte and James and Rezin Bowie. Trading slaves along the Mississippi River was a questionable trade at the time and was not conducted without the approval of the Lafitte brothers and the Bowie Brothers.

As a 23-year-old man in 1817, I had a reputation as being an honest man to conduct business with. It was that year I conducted a transaction for 30 slaves for a total sum of \$30,000 (approximately \$700,000 in today's money).



In 1827, there was a major flood along the Mississippi River, the whole town of Point Coupee was washed away and I made my way for Texas and a new life! I crossed over into Texas at Sabine Pass. It wasn't long after arriving in Texas that I met Nancy Jane "Fanny" Waldrop, and we performed a ritual called "Jumping The Broom". This was an act where a couple would jump over a broom and was considered married until the closest Alcalde would come to the nearest town and perform marriage ceremonies for the people in that area that needed a legal ceremony.

Our ceremony was performed on October 27, 1837, prior to that date, the closest Alcalde was 200 miles away in San Antonio. Our marriage was the 27th recorded in Austin County after the Texas Revolution, and the Republic had been established! As a result of our marriage, Fanny and I had 7 children of our own, Ellen, Thomas, Sarah Jane, James W., Samuel Houston, Fannie E. and Mary Caroline "Carrie".

I applied for and received a Mexican Land Grant for 1 league (4,428.3 acres) in Austin's Second Colony, dated September 20, 1832. In 1834, I sold half of my league of land to James and Thomas Bell for \$200. On part of the land purchased by the Bell brothers, the present-day township of Bellville is now located! In 1836 when Texas became a Republic, I requested and received a 1st Class Certificate (#115) for 1 Labor (177 acres) in Austin County.



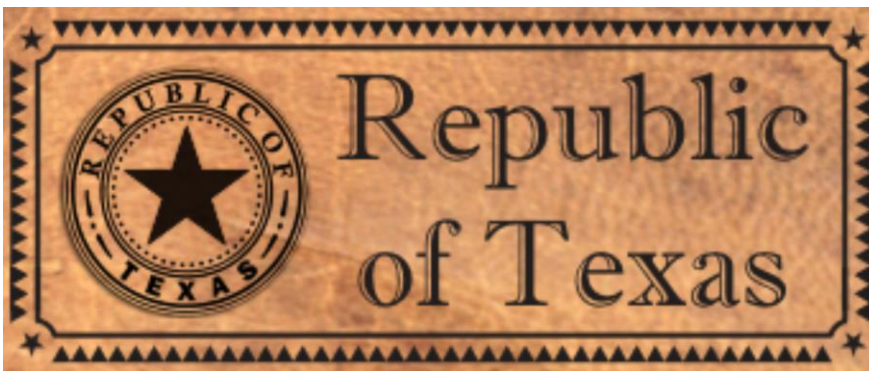
John Nichols died March 3, 1864, near Bellville. His obituary was published in the *Bellville Countryman* on March 10, 1864. "He was One of Jackson's men at the Battle of New Orleans."

The War of 1812



Texas Patriot Corner

Please honor your Texas ancestor by submitting an article. Articles need to be submitted by the first of each month in Word to be included in that month's newsletter. Please feel free to include a picture of your ancestors. Pictures need to be sent as JPG's. Please note minor corrections for grammar and punctuation may occur.



Road to Independence

Celebrate Our Heritage

On Sunday, October 22, 2023 over 100 CRT, DRT and SRT gathered at the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum to celebrate our illustrious Texas Heritage. One hundred and eighty-seven years ago, Sam Houston was sworn in as President of the new Republic of Texas.

Gwen Koch, President, San Jacinto Chapter served as master of ceremony and the Children of the Republic of Texas led us in the Pledges and the singing of Texas our Texas.

Randy Pollard, KSJ, President General, SRT gave a welcome and introduced President Houston who was portrayed by Ray Beall, President, Stephen F. Austin Chapter, SRT.

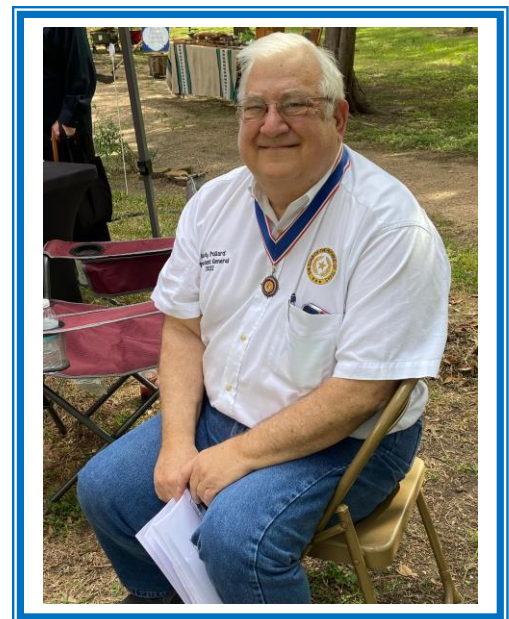
A Flag Retirement Ceremony was held conducted by the Children of the Republic of Texas and assisted by Mike Wilson, KSJ, Second Vice President, who also played Taps.



Gwen Koch, President
San Jacinto Chapter, DRT



Ray Beall, President, Stephen F. Austin Chapter,
SRT portrayed Sam Houston as he gave his
Inaugural Address.



Randy Pollard, KSJ
President General, SRT



Texas Flag Retirement Ceremony with the Children of the Republic of Texas and the Texas Honor Guard.



Mike Wilson, KSJ playing Taps.



Lone Star Volunteers and friends with Rolling Thunder.



Mike Wilson, KSJ, Jerry Patterson, former Texas Land Commissioner and Marshall Brown, Lone Star District Representative.

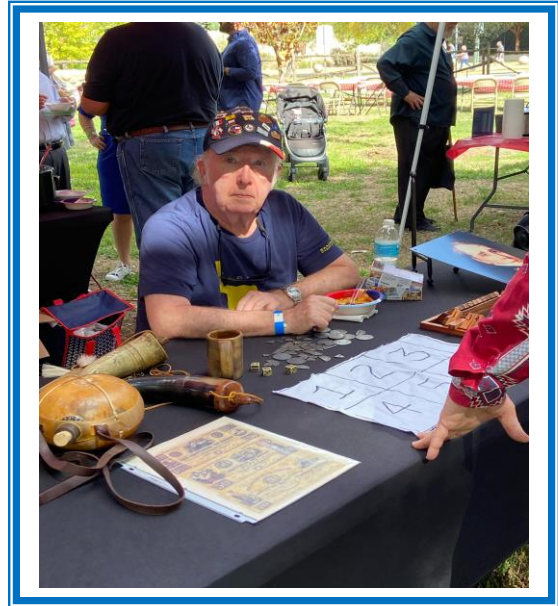


Carl Hill with his grandchildren, Adylyn and Carter Hill, prospective CRT members.



Sidney Sherman Chapter Members

Ron Schoolcraft, Robert Gindratt, Christie Erickson, Carl Hill, Robert Schnuriger and Robyn Davis



Robert Gindratt at the Sidney Sherman Chapter display table.



Left – Christie Erickson, with her *Rip Roaring', Hip Slapping, Chili Team*

Winner – Most Spicy

Right – Robert Schnuriger, *Twin Sisters Texas Best Chili Team*, serving Priscilla Hill.



Winner – Best Texas Trail Riders Chili



Best Texas Roadkill Chili

Robyn Davis
Buckskin Chili Crew



Best All Star Chili

Eron Tynes and Carl Hill with the *All Star Chili Team*



J. B. Kline visiting the Historic Display Tables

Thunder Chili Team

Sponsored by the Lone Star Chapter

*Chief Cook
Tim Hill*



*Above - Texas Navy Admirals
Below - The Sons of the Republic of Texas*

Best Cannon Chili



Promoting Texas History



On October 14, 2023 a Fandango was held at the Battleground. Promoting the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the Republic of Texas with a Genealogy Booth were members of the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT and the Sidney Sherman Chapter, SRT. Robert Schnuriger was also in attendance.



Standing, Trudi Becht and Eron Tynes, San Jacinto Chapter with Carl Hill and Steve Manis, Sidney Sherman Chapter



Carl Hill and Steve Manis



This past Saturday, November 11th, the *Our Father of Texas* event was held at San Felipe de Austin State Park, celebrating the 200-year founding. In 1823, John McFarland operated a ferry on the Brazos River near this location. In the fall of the same year, the site was chosen by Stephen F. Austin, with the help of Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, to be the main site in Texas for American colonization. Founded in 1824 as San Felipe de Austin, the town served as the capital of Stephen F. Austin's first colony and the founding site of the Texas Rangers.



Carl Hill as part of the 1823 Survey team for Austin Colony Mexican Land Grants.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2023

November 21, 2023

Chapter Meeting
Speaker – Flem Rogers, Historian
Antique Period Weapons

DECEMBER 9, 2023

SEIGE OF BEXAR

December 12, 2023

Third Annual Christmas Party
Antiques Pavilion, Galveston
Hosted by Jim Nonus

January 16, 2024

Chapter Meeting
Judge Ken Wise
“Indian Raiders tried in Civilian Courts”
& TSHA Update

JANUARY 26, 2024

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR DAY
Father of Texas Education

FEBRUARY 19, 2024

TEXAS STATEHOOD DAY

February 20, 2024

Chapter Meeting
Speaker - TBD

Upcoming Dates of Interest

November 18, 2023 Tomball Parade (58th Annual Holiday Parade)
Rolling Thunder, Lone Star Chapter and other SRT members
We gather at 8:00 a.m. to decorate.
For more information, contact Carl Hill

December 3, 2023 *A Texas Cowboy Christmas Open House*
2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.
Hosted by the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT
Pioneer Memorial Log House
1510 Cambridge
Houston, Texas 77030

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*God Bless
Texas*