

# The Sherman Sentinel

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

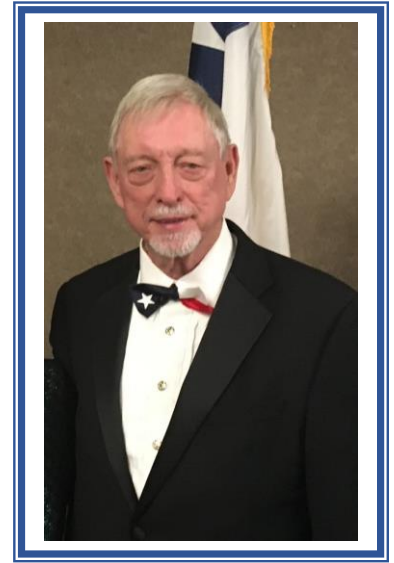
For several weeks following the Texan victory at San Jacinto both the Texan and Mexican armies worked to reorganize their scattered forces. Volunteers continued to report to General Thomas Rusk's headquarters at Victoria, eager to fight for Texas' Independence. Under the direction of General Vicente Filisola, the Mexican Army retreated southward to the Rio Grande where it planned to regroup and refit at Matamoros before resuming its campaign against Texas. On June 4, 1836, Captain Juan Seguín arrived with 22 men to reclaim Béxar. After a brief meeting, Castañeda relinquished control of the town to Seguín and he and his men departed for Matamoros.

San Antonio had been occupied by soldiers of one side or another since October 1835. Two major battles had been fought within its environs. The town had a desolate, war-torn appearance when Seguín rode in. Within a few weeks, Seguín estimated that besides the soldiers of the Texas Army, only about 50 individuals actually remained.

Also on June 4th, General Rusk had ordered Colonel James Smith to travel from Victoria to Béxar with his command. His mission was to check the upper route to make sure they were clear of Mexican troops and round up any cattle they encountered. On June 8th, Smith reported "*Agreeable to your orders I continued to Scour the country on both sides of the San Antonio River and have found the country to be in a perfect state of quietness, from information recd.*" The two Texan officers, Smith and Seguín, set about fulfilling Rusk's orders to secure both the town as well as acquiring information about the condition on the frontier.

Events were about to take a drastic change that would result in the Texans' evacuation of Béxar. Rusk had received messages by three Texan officers who were being held prisoners in Matamoros, which had been secreted in the handle of a courier's whip sent. The message (known as the Whip Handle Dispatch) came from Henry W. Karnes, Henry Teal, and William P. Miller, who warned that the Mexican Army was on the verge of returning to Texas to finish the task of crushing the revolt. Filisola was no longer in charge. They wrote, "*Urea is commander in chief of the Mexican army, and says he will not stop short of the Sabine. . . . Blow up Goliad and Bexar. You must have a sufficient force in the field at once, and we will whip them again; . . .*"

**Juan Seguín's address to the people of Bexar** " - . . . *I have in consequences to evacuate this town, but previous to doing so, I require your aid to carry off the cattle and place them where the enemy cannot make use of them . . . . Fellow citizens your conduct on this day is going to decide your fate before the general government of Texas. If you maintain your post as mere lookers-on; if you do not abandon the city and retire to the interior of Texas, that its army may protect you, you will, without fail, be treated as real enemies, and will suffer accordingly. Bexians: render every possible aid, and soon shall you enjoy your liberty and your property, which is the wish of your countryman and friend, Juan N. Seguín*"



Seguín's address made it clear: the residents of Béxar were facing a test of their loyalty to the newly established Republic of Texas. With Smith's and Seguín's departure, Béxar was virtually deserted by the end of June, 1836. Throughout the summer, Rusk kept his troops further to the east, positioned to block Urrea's advance — which failed to come. Not until late August would he feel safe enough to send any troops back to the frontier and Béxar.

At this time plans are underway for our float for the Annual Fourth of July parade to be held on Galveston Island. In addition, our Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner will be held Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Pacific Seafood. **Please note that this is 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. Please see pages 7 and 8 for more information.

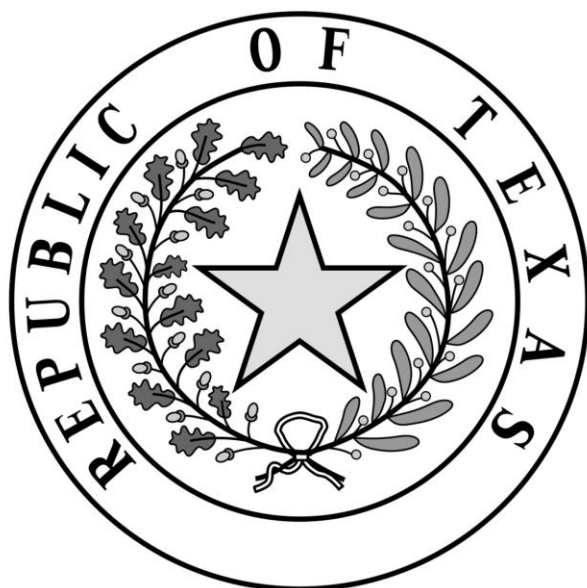
Next month is an active one with the Fourth of July Parade and the Sherman Birthday Dinner and I look forward to seeing many of you as we work together to honor our ancestors and we follow our mission to:

*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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# MAY MEETING

President Hill announced several new members. Unfortunately, one new member, Barney Rapp passed away last month. Jess Colwell, treasurer, indicated that he continues to have trouble accessing the bank. Steve Nicol, Registrar announced that one application has been forwarded for approval and several other are in the works.

President Hill announced that we will be holding the Second Annual Birthday Dinner for Sidney Sherman to be held in San Leon on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at Pacific Seafood. He is in the process of contacting the various school districts, private schools and Public Libraries to donate books on Texas History. Copies of the books that have been ordered and are available for members to review. The books should arrive sometime in mid June in order for them to be distributed.

We plan on participating in the July 4th parade in Galveston. Next President Hill discussed the necessity of changes in the payment for meals. Robert Schnuriger thanked the members who participated in the San Jacinto events.



Kameron Searle presented "Myth Busting Texas History" - A Horse of a Different Color, Austin's Forgotten Settlement, A Tale of True Love. In his presentation he gave the chapter membership a walk-through of his research regarding one aspect of Sam Houston and how he acted during the Battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836.

Evidently a number of historians, were incorrect as Houston rode several horses during the battle. The greatest controversy is in regard to a horse, which Houston apparently purchased while at Groce's Plantation prior to the battle. From primary sources Kameron determined that the horse was definitely gray, not white! The fact is that Houston rode several horses, being shot out from underneath him.

Kameron's demonstration of Houston's action was most dramatic, in which Houston was quite exposed to the action and in the thick of it. In addition, Kameron provided a handout pulling all of his evidence together.

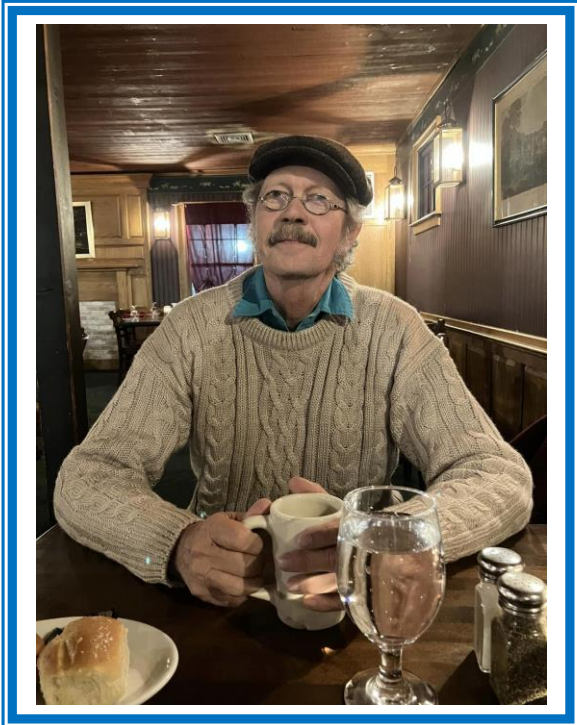


# JUNE MEETING



James Glover, Site Manager at Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park, Brazoria County Parks Department will present **Texas Frontier Trade in the early 1800's.**

James Glover was born in New Velasco, and attended Brazoria County Schools: Sweeny ISD, Brazosport College, and Southwest Texas State. He is also a member of the following Associations: Sons of the Republic of Texas, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Brazoria Historical Militia, Texian Artillery Association, U.S. Field Artillery Association (lifetime member), St. John's Masonic Lodge #5 – Past Master, and Endowed Frontier Masonic Lodge #28 – Past Master.



**Chapter Meetings are held at Kelley's Country Cooking, 4604 Gulf Freeway, La Marque, Texas. We gather at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. The meeting is gaveled to order at 6:00 p.m.**



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Please join us for the parade on the Galveston Seawall Blvd on the evening of July 4th 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 19th street and Seawall and the parade route on Seawall is from 19th street to 45th street. The line up starts at 4:30 pm and the parade begins at 6:00 pm. Please let President Carl Hill know if you will be attending so you can be advised of our set-up time and location.

Text or call him at 281-773-1739 or email [easygoal1@hotmail.com](mailto:easygoal1@hotmail.com).



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# Upcoming Events



**FREE**

**FREEPORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

## Fort Velasco DAY

*4th Annual Living History Event*  
Saturday, June 22nd, 2024  
9am-2pm



Graveside Ceremony  
July 9, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

## Col. Kenneth Lewis Anderson

Last Vice President of the Republic of Texas



Fanthorp Family Cemetery

579 S. Main Street (across from the Fanthorp Inn)  
Anderson, TX 77830

Keynote Speaker – Chandler Wahrmond

Laying of Wreath – SRT Members

Hosted by the Lone Star Chapter and the William Joel Bryan Chapter of  
The Sons of the Republic of Texas



# Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Celebration



NOTE – CHANGE OF DATE  
JULY MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 27, 2024, Saturday @ 5:30p.m.  
– We will host the Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Celebration. Sherman was born on July 23, 1805 – 219 years ago.

The regular chapter meeting date has been changed from July 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Chandler Wahrmund, Educator, Texas Historical Commission, who will present “San Jacinto through my Grandfather’s Eyes”.

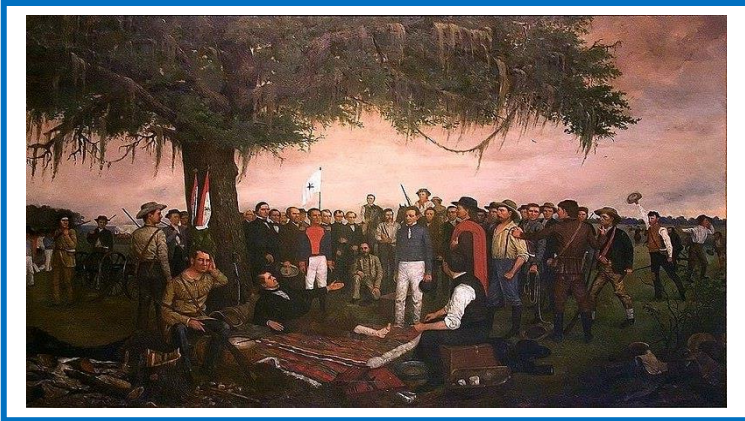
If you have not yet received an invitation and registration form, please let me know. Last year’s dinner was a real success, and we are looking forward to another one.



**TEXAS  
FOREVER!!**

# Second Annual Sidney Sherman Dinner Auction Items

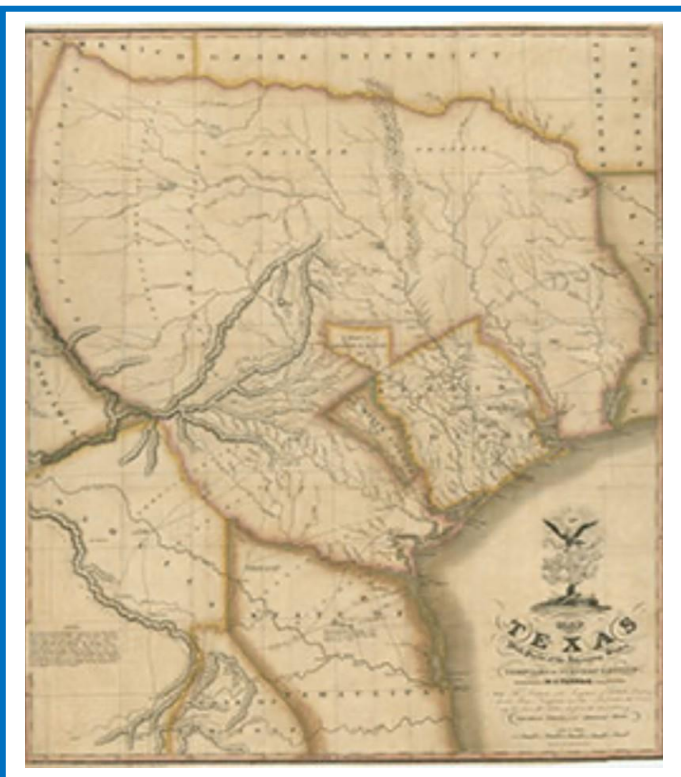
Last year we raised over \$1200.00 for the Keeping Texas History Alive Educational Project by holding a Live Auction and a Silent Auction. This year we are planning again to hold a Live and Silent Auction to continue raising funds for this worthwhile project. Below are some of the Auction items we have received so far. If you have anything you would like to donate please contact Carl Hill at [easygoal1@hotmail.com](mailto:easygoal1@hotmail.com).



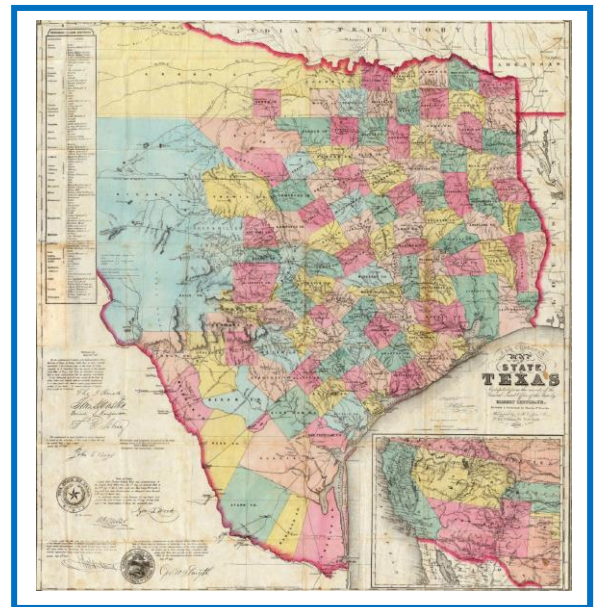
**1. Surrender of Santa Anna (10" x 7" print, framed) – donated by Tom Green, KSJ**



**2. Battle Flags of Texas – donated by Steve Nicol**



**3. Plat of Texas compiled by Stephen F. Austin (17" x 20" print, framed)  
Donated by Tom Green, KSJ**



**4. 1849 State of Texas compiled by J. B. Cordoba (16" x 17" print, framed)  
Donated by Tom Green, KSJ**

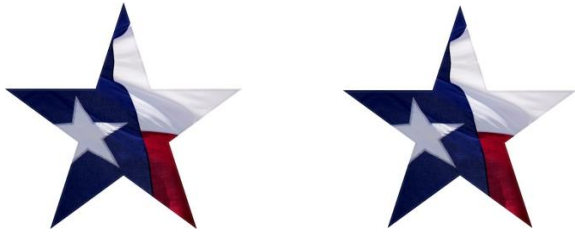
### Other items include

1. Four tickets to the Wings Over Houston Airshow donated by Jeff Corbin, KSJ.
2. Four tickets to the San Jacinto Museum donated by Robyn Davis.



# San Jacinto

# Weekend



SRT Members on Festival Day



**Above** – Albert Seguin, Robert Gindratt, Mike Mitchell, Carl Hill, Robert Schnuriger, Larry Armstrong, George Armstrong, Steve Manis and Don Gay, Jr.

**Above right** – Robert Gindratt.

**Right** - Robert Gindratt, Carl Hill, George Armstrong, Larry Armstrong, Carol Mitchell and Mike Mitchell.



# Texas Honor Day Treaty of Velasco



Upper left picture – Robert Gindratt, Steve Manis and Robert Schnuriger

Above picture – Ron Schoolcraft, Robert Gindratt and Robert Schnuriger

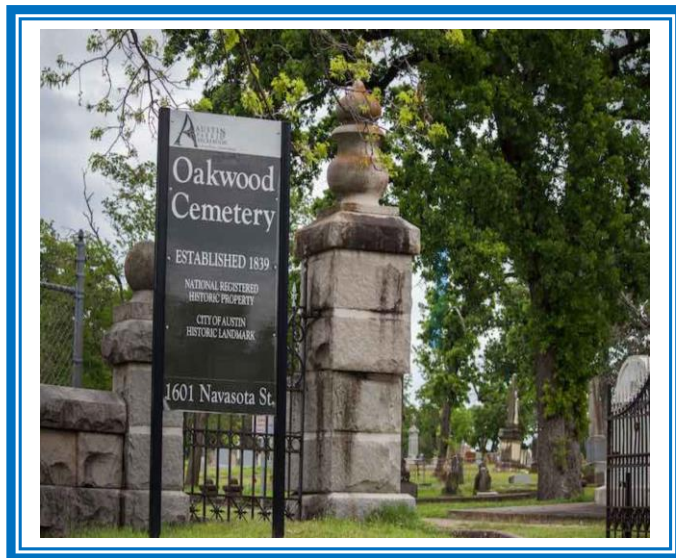


# Texas Patriot Corner

## John Madison Farrow

By Steve Nicol

1811-1877



I was born January 5th, 1811, in Culpeper County, Virginia to William Farrow and Lydia Wiley. I had four brothers and sisters, and we were all educated on my father's tobacco plantation.

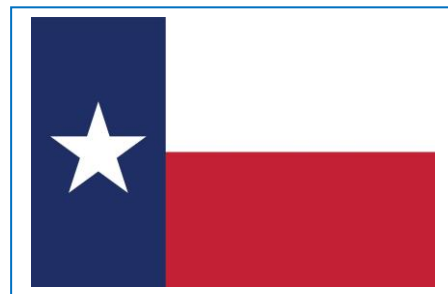
My mother and father had passed away by 1833 and my parent's estate was divided between us. We all left Virginia for the St. Louis area in Illinois. I eventually decided to go to Texas and start a business venture in Galveston. One of my brothers, Steven W Farrow, came with me. Steven and I took a riverboat down to New Orleans, and then we took The Columbia, a steam packet, to Galveston in late 1838. My brother, Steven, made his way to Victoria and bought property there. He and a man named Phillip Dimmitt, amongst others, ended up being captured at Padre Island by a Mexican general, Ampudia, and probably died in a Mexican prison. This took place July 4th, 1841.

I applied for a land grant as a single man in 1839. I received my land grant for 320 acres in Milam County on December 7th, 1846. I started a business on Tremont St. in Galveston and ran an ad in the Texas Times newspaper teaching stenography dated November 2nd, 1842. I bought 500 acres on Dickinson Bayou July 27th, 1842, from John Sellers for \$500. I bought and sold several properties in downtown Galveston and wound up with the Bowling Saloon in 1845.

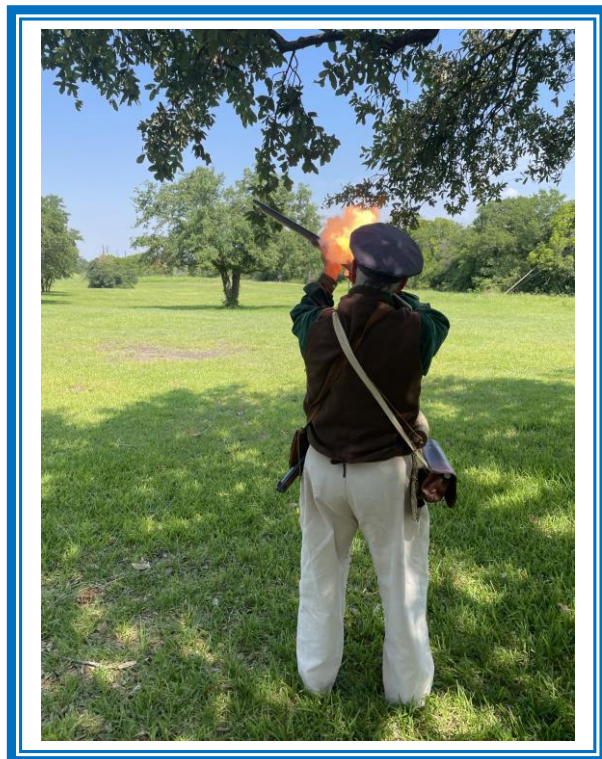
I joined Captain Highsmiths Mounted Rangers in Austin, Tx., May 25, 1846, during the Mexican-American War. For six months I was in Company K, Third Texas Mounted Volunteers.

I returned back to Galveston and married Tabitha Knight. We then had a son, John Stephen Farrow, born February 20th, 1847, in Galveston. We stayed in Galveston until 1860 and then moved to the Houston area. After the Civil War ended, we moved to the Austin area. I passed away October 3rd, 1877, in Austin, TX and was interred in Oakwood Cemetery. There is a marker on my headstone which my great, great granddaughter, Dolly Nicol Farrow, had placed there acknowledging me as a citizen of the Republic of Texas.

# Promoting Texas History



Howard Rose, Carl Hill and Mark Hegman firing Salutes at the Memorial Day Atascocita Golf Tournament.

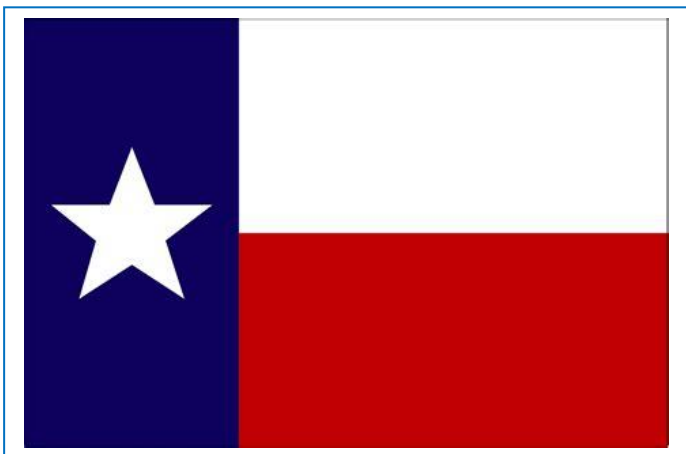


Carl Hill at the Firearms Demonstration. San Jacinto Battleground.



Carl Hill was presented the Hannah White Arnett, Bronze Medal of Distinction for Outstanding Service to the NSDAR by the Alexander Hodge Chapter, DAR.





The flag of Texas is the official flag of the state of Texas. It is well known for its prominent single white star which gives the flag its commonly used name: "Lone Star Flag".

The Texas Flag Code assigns the following symbolism to the colors of the Texas flag: blue stands for loyalty, white for purity, and red for bravery. The code also states that the single (*lone*) star "represents ALL of Texas and stands for our unity as one for God, State, and Country".

The idea of the "lone star" is, in fact, an older symbol predating the flag which was used to symbolize Texans' solidarity in declaring independence from Mexico. A similar lone star was on the "Burnet Flag", which resembled the flag of the short-lived Republic of West Florida. The "Lone Star" is still seen today as a symbol of Texas' independent spirit and gave rise to the state's official nickname "The Lone Star State".



*Honor Your  
Ancestors*

## Texas Patriot Corner

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

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 will occur.

# ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2024

June 18, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – James Glover
July 4, 2024	Fourth of July Parade Seawall, Galveston	
July 27, 2024 (Saturday)	<b>Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner</b>	<b>Speaker - Chandler Wahrmond</b>
August 20, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – TBD
September 17, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – Jim Bevill
<b>SEPTEMBER 18, 2024</b>	<b>TEXAS HEROES DAY</b>	
<b>SEPTEMBER 21, 2024</b>	<b>TEXIAN NAVY DAY</b> San Jacinto Battleground	
<b>OCTOBER 2, 2024</b>	<b>GONZALES DAY</b>	
October 15, 2024	Burnet-Sherman Marker Ceremony	Speaker – David Martin
October 15, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – TBD
<b>NOVEMBER 3, 2024</b>	<b>STEPHEN F. AUSTIN'S BIRTHDAY</b>	
November 19, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – TBD
<b>DECEMBER 9, 2024</b>	<b>SEIGE OF BEXAR</b>	
December 10, 2024	Fourth Annual Christmas Party Antiques Pavilion, Galveston Hosted by Jim Nonus	



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