



The Sons of the Republic of Texas



The Sherman Sentinel

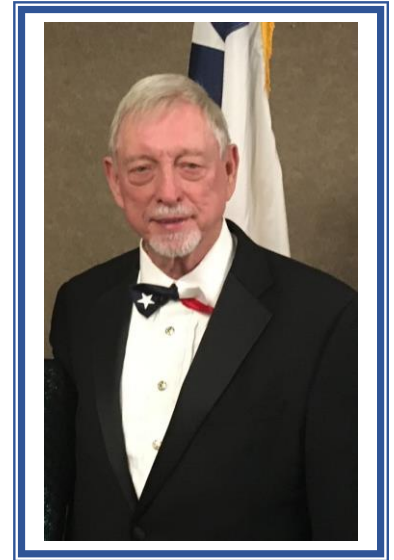
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SIDNEY SHERMAN CHAPTER, NO. 2 - GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The dog days of August are as familiar to Texans as Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is a part of being a Texan and living in this land of opportunity. During the days of the Republic, despite the heat, August was a busy month. On August 15, 1836, Philip Sublet nominated **Sam Houston for President of the new Republic**. He was subsequently elected on September 5, 1836.

On August 13, 1836, Henry Mason Morfit wrote the first of a series of ten letters about Texas to President Andrew Jackson. The letters were written from August 13th to September 14th, 1836.



Mr. Morfit, a State Department employee, had been sent to Texas to report on the strengths and weaknesses of the new Republic. Texas officials knew that U.S. recognition of Texas independence was vital to the Republic's survival. That recognition hinged, however, upon the new country's ability to stave off possible Mexican efforts at reconquest. Mr. Morfit was doubtful that Texas would be able to do this, and he reported to Jackson accordingly. He stated that the Texas population was small, that the new republic was in serious debt, that there was a vast area of disputed jurisdiction, and that independence was far from secure.

The Battle of Medina was fought 23 years before 1836 on August 18th, 1813, near the town of Leming, Tx. This was the largest, bloodiest, deadliest battle fought in Texas and was one of the most one-sided battles in North American History. The Republican Army of the North was defeated by the Spanish Royalists troops. Approximately 1300 of the 1400 soldiers from the Republican Army died in the Battle or the aftermath while the Spanish Loyalist suffered only 55 dead. The royalist victory helped suppress the three-year-long revolution against the Spanish colonial government that had raged across northeastern New Spain. It put on hold hopes that Texas would be independent or become a part of the United States.

Texas has had a long history of many years seeking independence, in addition to wanting to be a part of the United States. That Texas spirit lives with us today as we remember the struggles for **Liberty and Independence**.

I am happy to report that our Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner was quite a success. Approximately 60 people attended, and we were honored to have our President General, Devin Lindsey and his wife Diane attend, in addition to other State Executive Board members, District Representatives, SRT Chapter Presidents, other SRT members and the ladies from the Sidney Sherman Chapter and San Jacinto Chapter, DRT.

We made over \$1000.00 for our Keeping Texas History Alive Educational Project through our Auctions. Successful events happen because of the efforts of numerous people who assist with the planning and preparation. As President, I am honored to work with so many dedicated Chapter members who worked to make the Dinner a success. Members who provided valuable assistance in setting up and cleaning up were Robert and Cindy Schnuriger, Cody Schnuriger, Larry Armstrong, Steve and Vicki Nicol, Steve Manis, Ron Schoolcraft and Eron Tynes.

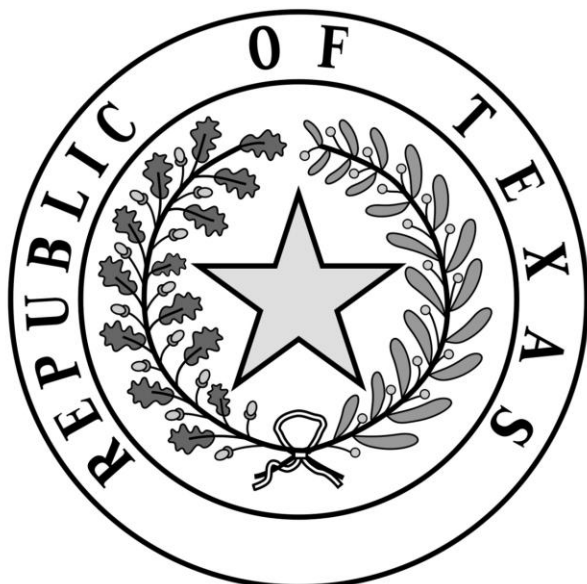
What a great evening it was as we honored our namesake, Sidney Sherman with our fellow SRT members and continued our mission to

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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Upcoming Events

AUGUST MEETING

At our August Chapter meeting, **David Avila**, Director of Operations at the San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association will present **“What San Jacinto means to me?”** In addition, he will discuss a summary of our year so far, upcoming events, and the future of the site.



Mr. Avila started at the San Jacinto Museum in 1998 as a Public Service Staff member and was quickly promoted to Public Service Staff Supervisor, serving in that position from 1998 to 2013. He was promoted again to the Director of Public Services where he managed the Public Service Staff from 2013 to 2020, before becoming the Director of Museum Operations in 2020. During his twenty-six-year tenure with the San Jacinto Museum, Mr. Avila’s operation management, customer service, and collections management skills have assisted the Museum with many successful endeavors.



A proud Texan born and raised, Mr. Avila is part of organizational groups within the community such as the Texas Association of Museums (TAM), Southeast Texas Museum Association (SETMA), and various local Chambers of Commerce.

Victory at San Jacinto A New Republic is born



Texian Navy Day

Come hear Dr. Greg Dimmick, present "*Santa Anna and the Texian Navy*". Dr. Dimmick has recently written a three-volume book entitled *Santa Anna's Army in the Texas Revolution*. Volume I is soon to be published. He has also written: *Sea of Mud*, *The Retreat of the Mexican Army after San Jacinto*, *An Archaeological Investigation*.

He is a Honorary Member of The Sons of the Republic of Texas.

The Sons of the Republic of Texas



TEXIAN NAVY DAY

September 21, 2024
10:00 AM

San Jacinto Battle Ground Monument

3523 Independence Parkway South
La Porte, Texas

Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner



July 27, 2024 @5:30 p. m.

Pacific Seafood Restaurant
Dickinson, Texas

★★★★★★

Hosted by the Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2
The Sons of the Republic of Texas



Approximately 60 SRT members, family and friends gathered to celebrate the Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner at Pacific Seafood in Dickinson, Texas. During the dinner three presentations were made by Carl Hill, President. The first was to Billy Mayo for his service as Treasurer of the Chapter. The second was to Albert Seguin Gonzales for all his contributions to Texas History.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

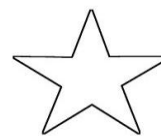
*Certificate of Appreciation to **Billy Mayo** in recognition of outstanding support, resulting in the furthering of the Mission and Purpose of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Furthermore, this individual has distinguished himself and positively added to the reputation of the SRT and the Sidney Sherman Chapter.*

Billy Mayo is a retired Colonel, U. S. Airforce. Billy served as our Treasurer for 7 years and performed an outstanding job. In addition, while he served as our Treasurer, he was also the President of the Bernardo de Galvez, SAR chapter for a term and is currently serving another term as President.



Carl Hill presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Albert Seguin Gonzales.

As a descendant of Juan Seguin, Albert Seguin is a member of numerous historical associations. He has been a member of the SRT since 1995 and has worked tirelessly to promote Texas history and preserve our illustrious heritage.





Carl Hill presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to **Beatriz Rodriguez**, now a retired principal at David G. Burnett Elementary School in Galveston. Beatriz has worked with the Chapter for many years to promote the Burnet-Sherman Marker Ceremony, that takes place in October. She brings the children, and they perform three songs, **Texas our Texas**, **The Yellow Rose of Texas** and **The Eyes of Texas**. We are certainly going to miss her but wish her well in her retirement.

Keeping Texas History Alive Educational Project

Thanks to all our Silent and Live Auction Donors:

Larry Armstrong, Jeff Corbin, Robyn Davis, Tom Green, Carl Hill, Mike and Carol Mitchell, Eron Tynes, Steve Nicol, Christie Erickson, Albert Seguin and Ron Schoolcraft. Special thanks to Dianne Reynolds, President, Sidney Sherman Chapter, DRT for her generous donation.



This year we raised a little more than a \$1000 for our Keeping Texas History Alive Educational Project. Last year we raised over \$1200.00 and donated Texas History Books to David G. Burnett Elementary School, Dickinson Public Library and La Marque Public Library. We are in the process of awaiting approval from different private schools and school districts before we can continue our donations. Overall, we hope to have donated approximately \$2000.00 of Texas History books to our schools and libraries this fall.



Seated – Robyn Davis, Steve Nicol, Carl Hill, Albert Seguin Gonzales, Steve Manis, KSJ; Ron Schoolcraft, and Chandler Wahrmund. Standing – Kyle Ehrlich, Mike Mitchell, J. B. Kline, George and Larry Armstrong, Robert Schnuriger and Robert Gindratt.



Jeff Corbin, KSJ and Ron Schoolcraft



Devin Lindsey, KSJ, President General and Diane Lindsey



Ron Brown, KSJ and Pam Brown



Cindy Schnuriger and J. B. Kline



Steve Manis, KSJ; Randy Pollard, KSJ; and Mike Wilson, KSJ.



Molly and Tim Rainey

TOLLING OF THE BELL



In honor and recognition of our departed members, a *Tolling of the Bell* ceremony was conducted by Carl Hill and assisted by Mike Wilson, KSJ and Mike Mitchell.

The expression “Tolling” has origins in the ancient English custom of “Telling” of a death by signaling with a church bell. Three Bells would be rung alerting the village of a passing. Over time, the Bell Tolling ceremony largely fell away. However, the U. S. Military and First Responders have revived the “Tolling of the Bell” Ceremony.

ALL HONOR TO HIS NAME

CHARLES EUGENE WUESTE
BERNARD JAMES RAPP
THOMAS BRUCE GREEN III, KSJ



Kim & Ron Schoolcraft

George, Larry and Marsha
Armstrong

Robert Gindratt

Chandler Warhmund

Presented

“SAN JACINTO THROUGH MY GRANDFATHER’S EYES”

An account of his 5th great-grandfather, George Washington Robinson, who was a San Jacinto Veteran.



Chandler as George Washington Robinson



Chandler and David Martin



Cora and Clark Wright



Cindy and Robert Schnuriger



Steve and Vicki Nicol

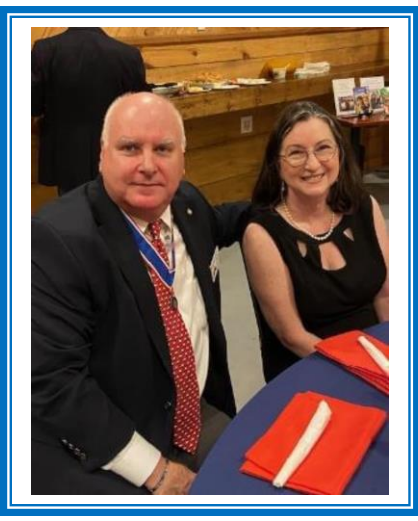


Cutting the Cake

Devin Lindsey, KSJ, President General cutting the cake with Randy Pollard, KSJ, Past President General. Albert Seguin Gonzales is in the Background.



Marcy Hanson and her brother, Paul Jones



Rusty and Debby McLaughlin



Kyle and Danielle Ehrlich



Mike and Carol Mitchell



Jennifer and John Lucas



Lee and Christie Erickson



Mike and Cheryl Wilson



Albert Seguin and Robert Schnuriger



Destiny and Robyn Davis



Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 1 – Standing, Cindy Schnuriger, Denise Jones, Susan Polk and Marcy Hanson. Seated - Catherine Polk, Gwen Lejsal and Cora Wright.

San Jacinto Chapter, No. 2 – Beth Fisher, Sharolyn Wood, Eron Tynes and Gwen Koch.



Denise Jones, Albert Seguin Gonzales and Susan Polk.

Beth Fisher and Billy Mayo



Special thanks to Eron Tynes and Cindy Schnuriger for the decorations and to Cindy for the centerpieces.



Kenneth L. Anderson Day

Last Vice President of the Republic of Texas



PROCLAMATION

Kenneth Lewis Anderson, a true hero of the Texas Republic was born September 11, 1805, in Hillsboro, North Carolina. He later moved to Texas in the early 1830s where he established himself as a lawyer and politician. He served as a district judge prior to entering politics in the Republic of Texas. His untimely death occurred on July 3, 1845, during a stayover at the Fanthorp Inn. His presence and leadership during this turbulent time in Texas made an indelible mark on our history.

WHEREAS, Kenneth Anderson, a distinguished figure in Texas history, served as the last Vice President of the Republic of Texas, exemplifying leadership, dedication, and commitment during the pivotal transition period leading up to Texas's annexation to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Anderson's contributions to our community and the state of Texas have left an indelible mark on our history, embodying the spirit of perseverance and integrity that continues to inspire our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the town of Anderson, Texas, proudly bears his name in recognition of his significant role and lasting legacy, serving as a constant reminder of the values and principles he upheld; and


WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor Kenneth Lewis Anderson for his exemplary service and to celebrate his enduring impact on our town and state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marc D. Benton, Mayor of the Town of Anderson, Texas, do hereby proclaim July 20, 2024, as

Kenneth Lewis Anderson Day

in the Town of Anderson, Texas, and encourage all citizens to join in commemorating his remarkable contributions to our history and heritage.

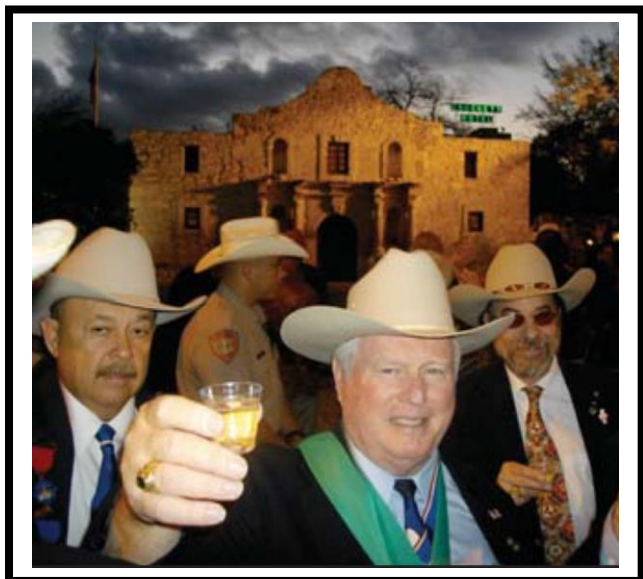
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Anderson to be affixed this 20th of July 2024.


Marc Benton, Mayor
Town of Anderson, Texas



The Kenneth Anderson Ceremony was held on July 20, 2024 at the Fanthorp Family Cemetery in Anderson, Tx. Chandler Wahrmond, THC was the Keynote Speaker and the SRT laid a wreath. The ceremony was hosted by the Lone Star Chapter and the William Joel Bryan Chapter of The Sons of the Republic of Texas.

IN MEMORIAM



On July 27, 2024, funeral services were held for Thomas Bruce Green, III, KSJ at First United Methodist Church in Pearland, Tx. During the service a military honor ceremony was also conducted with the U. S. Flag being presented to Margo Green. Members of the Sidney Sherman Chapter attending were Carl Hill, Robert Schnuriger, Ron Schoolcraft, Robert Gindratt, Steve Manis along with Honorary Members, Christie Erickson and Eron Tynes. Burial services were held on Monday, July 29th in New Braunfels.



*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 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.

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

August 20, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – David Avila, Director, San Jacinto Museum
September 17, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – Jim Bevill
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024	TEXAS HEROES DAY	
SEPTEMBER 21, 2024	TEXIAN NAVY DAY San Jacinto Battleground	
OCTOBER 2, 2024	GONZALES DAY	
October 15, 2024	Burnet-Sherman Marker Ceremony	Speaker – David Martin
October 15, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – Mike Bailey
NOVEMBER 3, 2024	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN'S BIRTHDAY	
November 19, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – TBD
DECEMBER 9, 2024	SEIGE OF BEXAR	
December 10, 2024	Fourth Annual Christmas Party Antiques Pavilion, Galveston Hosted by Jim Nonus	

Dates of interest

November 3, 2024	Chili Cook – Off Pioneer Memorial Log House Houston, Texas
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*God Bless
Texas*