

## The Sherman Sentinel

SEPTEMBER  
2024

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

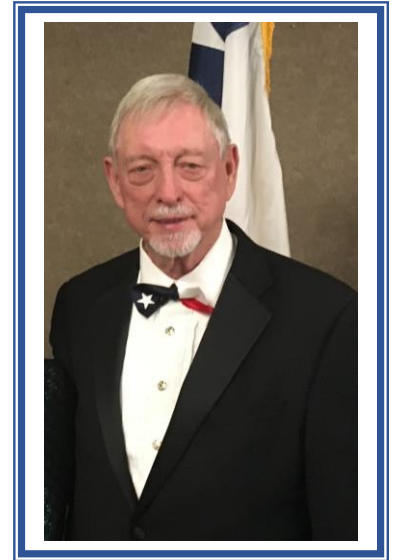
### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Labor Day weekend found me at North Padre Island. As I relaxed on the beach and looked out over the sparkling blue and green Gulf of Mexico, my thoughts turned towards the time of the Texas Revolution and the Texian Navy. With 367 miles of coastline to protect it was a challenging task for the small fledging Texian Navy.

On November 24, 1835, the Texan government agreed to authorize the purchase of four schooners, for use in defending territorial waters. The first of the ships acquired was the former revenue service ship USRC *Ingham*, a small six-gun ship of 112 tons which was renamed *Independence*. The *Independence* became the flagship of the First Texian Navy and was placed under the command of Captain Charles E. Hawkins. The second schooner was *Brutus*; she was nearly twice as large as the *Independence* and was placed under Captain William A. Hurd, the former commander of the privateer *William Robbins*, which was also acquired for duty in the regular navy. The *William Robbins* was renamed *Liberty* and was commanded by Captain William S. Brown, whose brother, Captain Jeremiah Brown, commanded the fourth schooner, named *Invincible*.

The three objectives of the Texian Navy were to defend their coastline from a naval Mexican invasion, and the second was to escort rebel ships back and forth between Texas and the United States, from where the main source of volunteer soldiers and supplies was coming. The third objective was to inflict serious casualties on the Mexico in the hopes of forcing them to recognize the Independence of Texas.

The third Saturday in September is Texian Navy Day, a Texas Honor Day. This day honors the brave men of the Texian Navy and their courage in defending the Texas Coastline and protecting the vital supply lines during the Texas Revolution. As is tradition, the SRT sponsors Texian Navy Day at the San Jacinto Battleground. Please join us for the Annual Commemorative Ceremony and lunch afterwards at the Monument Inn on September 21, 2024.



**Texian Navy Day - Fly Your Texas Flag**

The next few weeks promises to be a busy time as there are several events. First is **Texian Navy Day** sponsored by The Sons of the Republic of Texas, Saturday, September 21st. The ceremony will be held at the Monument at 10:00 a.m. The next Texas Honor Day will be **Gonzales Day**, October 2nd. In addition, there will be the Come and Take It Celebration, October 4th, 5th and 6th. For more info go to <https://gonzalestexas.com/come-and-take-it/>.

The San Jacinto Museum will be sponsoring its Lecture Series, *History under the Star* on September 21, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Andy Hall and his topic is *The Texas Navy and San Jacinto*.

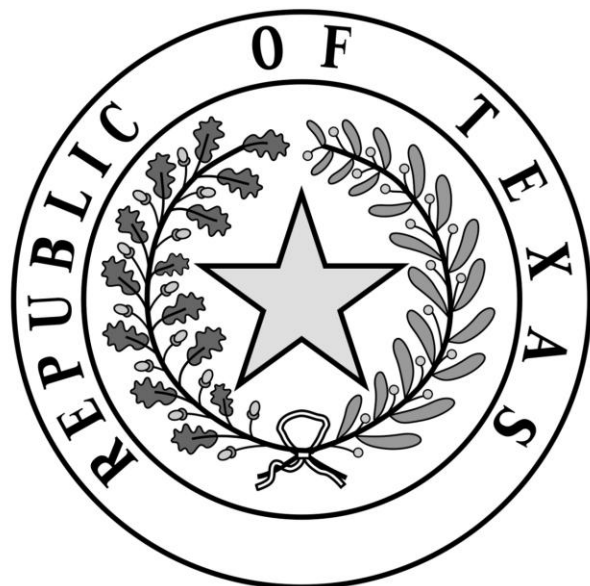
Please mark your calendars for the **Burnet-Sherman Commemorative Ceremony** which will be October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., Lakeview Cemetery, Galveston, Tx. This Ceremony is sponsored by our chapter and honors David G. Burnett, First President of the Republic of Texas and our chapter's namesake, General Sidney Sherman. I hope many of you can join us as we work together 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*



### Elsewhere in the newsletter

August Meeting	Page 3
Upcoming Events	
September Meeting	Page 4
Texian Navy Day	Page 5
Burnet-Sherman Ceremony	Pages 6
Chili Cook-off & Registration Form	Page 7 & 8
New Members	Page 9
History Under the Star	Page 10
Annual Calendar of Events	Page 11
Officers	Page 12

# AUGUST MEETING

*“What San Jacinto means to me,”*

**Presented by David Avila,  
Director of Operations**

**San Jacinto Museum  
and Battlefield Association**

Carl Hill, President called the meeting to order and announced that we have 5 new members this month. Jess Colwell, Treasurer is recovering from surgery. The Sidney Sherman Birthday Celebration was well attended and was quite a success. We raised approximately \$800.00 for the Keeping Texas History Alive Educational Project. In addition, there was a \$250.00 donation at the Birthday Dinner by Dianne Reynolds, President, Sidney Sherman Chapter, DRT for the fund.

Jim Nonus, Chapter member has been Commissioned an Admiral in The Texian Navy. Thomas Bruce Green III (KSJ) passed away and funeral services were held July 27, 2024. Steve Nicol, Registrar reported that five more applications for new members have been submitted.

Upcoming dates are - Texian Navy Day will be September 21st at the San Jacinto Monument and Gregg J. Dimmick will be the speaker. The Burnett-Sherman Graveside Ceremony will be held Tuesday Oct 15th at Lakewood Cemetery, Galveston. San Jacinto Fall Fandango will be Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Battleground. The Chili Cook-off will be held Nov 3rd at the Pioneer Memorial Log House owned by the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT. More information regarding these events are in the newsletter.

The Lone Star Chapter, SRT is selling Challenge Medallions as a fundraiser for \$30 each. Kevin Claus (Texas Land Office) will be commissioned an Admiral at The Texian Navy Day Celebration in Galveston.



# Upcoming Events

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

### "BRINGING TEXAS NUMISMATIC HISTORY INTO THE MAINSTREAM"

James P. Bevill is an independent historian and award-winning author. His previous works focused on economic, financial, political and naval history. He guest curated several educational exhibits on the Republic of Texas at major museums in his home state. His previous book is *The Paper Republic, The Struggle for Money, Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas*, a non-fiction work on the social and economic history of Texas from the colonial period through the annexation by the United States in 1846.

He was elected as an honorary member of The Sons of the Republic of Texas for his preservation of the history of the money and the economy of the Republic of Texas. Bevill received four literary awards for this work on this early economic history of Texas and its ultimate role in the annexation of Texas by the U.S. in 1846. He is a prolific public speaker on historical topics.

He served as guest curator for the TNA sponsored exhibit "Broad sides in the Gulf" at the Texas Seaport Museum and "On the Run" at the Rosenberg Library in Galveston. His book was named as the 2010 winner of the Summerfield G. Roberts literary award by The Sons of the Republic of Texas, and as the Best Specialized book on U.S. Paper Money by the Numismatic Literary Guild at the ANA World's Fair on Money in Boston.

Professionally, Bevill is a Senior Vice President – Wealth Management in the River Oaks office of UBS Financial Services in Houston. He lives in Houston with his wife, Jodie Springer Bevill.

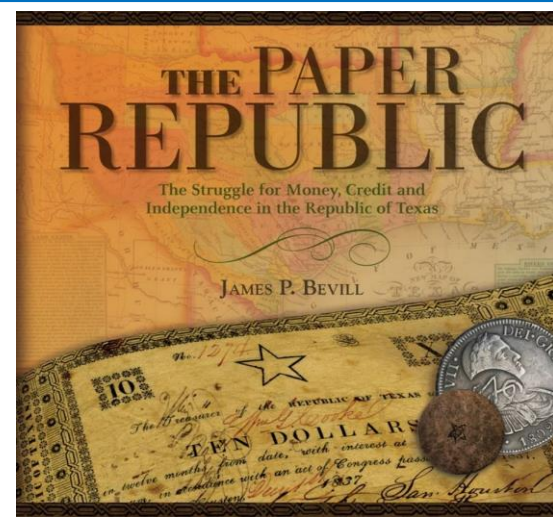


Fig 8.16, \$3  
Government of  
Texas "Engraved  
Note," c. 1838.  
Private Collection.  
Cr. H-15A, 0-535.

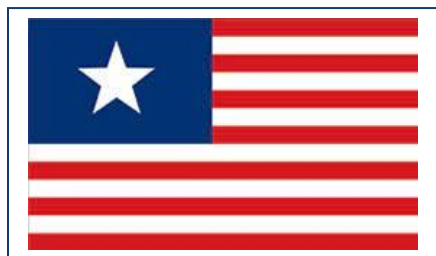
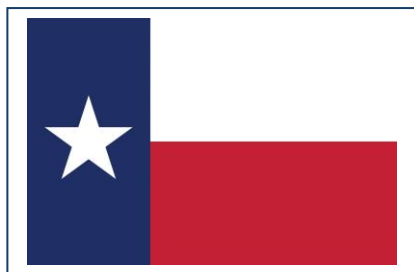


Fig 8.17, \$5  
Government of  
Texas "Engraved  
Note," c. 1838.  
Private Collection.  
Cr. H-16, 0-545.



Fig 8.18, \$10  
Government of  
Texas "Engraved  
Note," c. 1838.  
Private Collection.  
Cr. H-17, 0-550.

From *"The Paper Republic"*



# 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

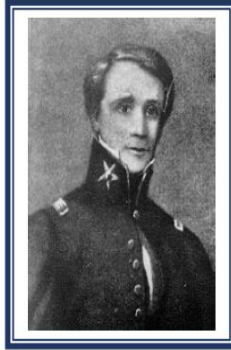
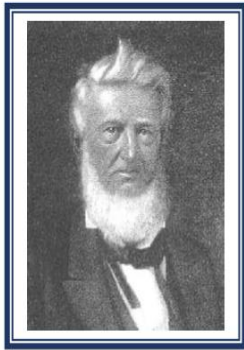
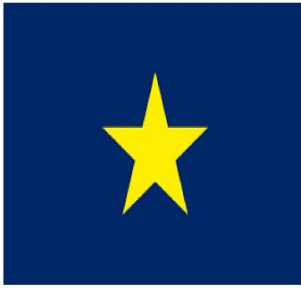


## TEXIAN NAVY DAY

September 21, 2024  
10:00 AM

San Jacinto Battle Ground Monument

3523 Independence Parkway South  
La Porte, Texas



# David G. Burnet, First President, Republic of Texas

## & General Sidney Sherman

Graveside Ceremony  
October 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

**Lakeview Cemetery**  
**3015 57<sup>th</sup> St., Galveston, Texas**

**Note-Gravesite is located on Avenue T 1/2 between  
Avenue 57<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup>.**

*Keynote Speaker – David Martin, SRT*  
*Musical Presentation – David G. Burnet Elementary School*  
*Laying of the Wreath – Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 1, DRT*

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

***Save the Date***



# Road to Independence

*Join the Sons of the Republic of Texas  
Daughters of the Republic of Texas  
& Children of the Republic of Texas*

## Celebrate our Heritage

# Stephen F. Austin's Birthday "Father of Texas"

**November 3, 2024, Sunday  
2:00 p. m. – 5:00 p. m.  
Pioneer Memorial Log House  
Owned by the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT  
1510 Cambridge, Houston, Tx**

*There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony, Rolling Thunder,  
Texas Music, Re-enactors, Silent Auction and a Chili Cook-Off.  
If you are interested in having a Chili Team,  
please contact Eron Tynes – [texan54@att.net](mailto:texan54@att.net)*



# Road to Independence - Celebrating our Heritage



## November 3, 2024

### Registration and Donation Form

As with many events it takes all of us working together to help defray expenses. There are several areas where you may make a contribution or donation. Please mail completed form with payment to Carla Brown, 5220 Wesleyan C103, Houston, 77005-1079, email form to Carla Brown: [treasurer@sjcdrt.org](mailto:treasurer@sjcdrt.org), or complete the online form.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Guest Fees:

**No. of Adults** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00/adult \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**No. of Children** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 5.00/child \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contribution(s):

**Dessert(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please only cookies, brownies or wrapped candy)

#### Silent Auction:

Item(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment can be made by (please denote 03Nov24 in memo):

1. Cash or check payable to San Jacinto Chapter, DRT
2. Venmo to @San-Jacinto
3. Credit Card – click [here](#) or scan OR code for online registration

If you are interested in having a Chili Team,  
please contact Eron Tynes at [texan54@att.net](mailto:texan54@att.net).





# Welcome New Members

**Justin Heath Sinquefield**

Patriot: Abednigo Bidy

**Don Carl Gay, Jr**

Patriot: Thomas Gay

**Caleb Sebastian Gay**

**Eli Addiston Gay**

**Jonah Roane Gay**



*Honor Your  
Ancestors*

## Texas Patriot Corner

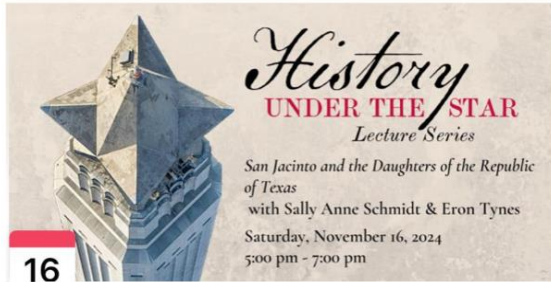
**For Sidney Sherman Chapter Members that wish to list their ancestor's name next to their name on the website.**

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.

One of our Honorary Members, Eron Brimberry Tynes, will be one of the Speakers at the San Jacinto Battleground, *History Under the Star*, Lecture Series. This event will take place on November 16, 2024.

The cost is \$5.00 per person/\$3.00 per museum member, students are free.



## FROM MARSHY SWAMP TO SHINING STAR

An early history of the San Jacinto Battleground and Monument and the Role of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

### SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND

Come hear Sally Anne Schmidt and Eron Tynes present on the early history of the **San Jacinto Battleground**, the site of the most significant Battle of the Western Hemisphere. The movement to set apart San Jacinto Battleground as a patriotic shrine began in 1856 when a group of Texas veterans assembled at the Battleground and started a fund for a memorial monument. The San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic, organized in 1891 with the immediate objective to *“acquire and mark the Battlegrounds of San Jacinto where our Republic was born”*. For years members of the San Jacinto chapter worked with the State Legislature to purchase the necessary acreage and in 1907 the first State Park in Texas was established. During this time San Jacinto Chapter members worked with the Texas Veterans to mark key historic sites of the battle with granite markers.

As the 100-year anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto approached, plans to build a Monument to honor all Texas heroes rapidly intensified. Under the direction of Jesse Jones, other significant improvements to the Park for the Texas Centennial occurred and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas continued to assert influence at the site.

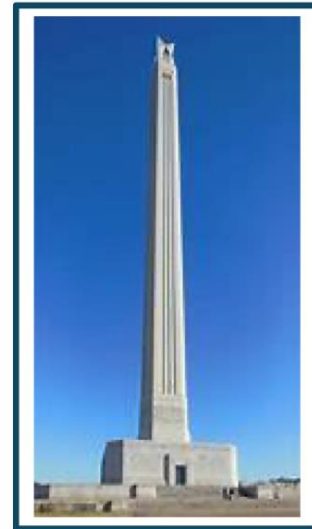


**Sally Anne Schmidt** is the Curator of the Nau Civil War Collection. For over fifteen years Sally Anne has been responsible for the care, organization, and exhibition of one of the largest private Civil War collections in the country. She received her bachelor’s degree from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and her master’s degree and PhD from Rice University. While at Rice, she held the Jameson Fellowship at Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens in 2003 – 2004.

A seventh generation Texan raised in Austin and Dallas, Sally Anne lives in Houston with her husband, Marc Tabolsky, and two young daughters. She is a current board member of Preservation Houston and Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS). Sally Anne is also a proud member of the Junior League of Houston, having served in a number of leadership positions including the board of directors, and she was the 2021 recipient of the League’s Sara Houston Lindsey Award.



**Eron Brimberry Tynes** is a Past President of the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT having served two terms from 2007-2011. As a seventh generation Texan, she has a deep passion for Texas history and has given several presentations about Texas and its illustrious heritage to various historical groups. Some of her presentations include *“The Treacherous Road to Victory; So, you think you know San Jacinto and the Treaty and (Secret) Treaty of Velasco*. Currently for the San Jacinto Chapter she chairs the San Jacinto Battleground Committee and the Historic Sites Committee. In addition, she serves on the San Jacinto Planning Day Committee and is a member of the America250/Texas200 Focus Group.



# ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2024

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 – Mike Bailey
<b>NOVEMBER 3, 2024</b>	<b>STEPHEN F. AUSTIN'S BIRTHDAY</b>	
November 19, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – Trisha Pollard
<b>DECEMBER 9, 2024</b>	<b>SEIGE OF BEXAR</b>	
December 10, 2024	Fourth Annual Christmas Party Antiques Pavilion, Galveston Hosted by Jim Nonus	

### Dates of interest

October 19, 2024	Fall Fandango San Jacinto Battleground
November 3, 2024	Chili Cook – Off Pioneer Memorial Log House Houston, Texas



# *Sidney Sherman Chapter Executive Committee*

President: Carl V. Hill, Jr.  
easygoal1@hotmail.com

Secretary: Clark Wright  
cpwright2@verizon.net

First Vice President: Robert  
Schnuriger rsschnuriger@gmail.com

Registrar: Steve Nicol  
stevenicol48@yahoo.com

Second Vice President: Robert Gindratt  
rgindratt@comcast.net

Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Armstrong  
8325948259@vzwpx.com

Treasurer: Jess Colwell  
machinegunsales@msn.com

Chaplain: Robert Schnuriger  
rschnuriger@gmail.com



Past President: Ron Schoolcraft  
rettcpdcaptrws@aol.com



**Sons of the Republic of  
Texas – National Office**

**[www.srttexas.org](http://www.srttexas.org)**



**Sidney Sherman  
Chapter, No. 2**

**[www.ss2srt.org](http://www.ss2srt.org)**

## **Office Manager - Janet Knox**

Phone: 979 245-6644  
FAX: (979) 244-3819  
OR Regular Mail  
1717 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bay City, Texas 77414

To contact Janet by email, go to the SRT Website,  
then Contacts and click on the email link.

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please submit newsletter articles  
by the **First of each month** to  
Carl Hill, President

[Easygoal1@hotmail.com](mailto:Easygoal1@hotmail.com)



*God Bless  
Texas*