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PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen: your energy, hard work, and dedication have contributed greatly to our organization's continued success in promoting and preserving Texas history. Membership has grown and several chapters are active again. I truly appreciate the members who have been supportive of County Judges in regard to placing plaques of the Travis Letter at every courthouse in Texas, organized and participated in Texas history related events, and encouraged fund raisers. Please keep me informed of meetings and events in your areas.

Our Quarterly meeting in Victoria was productive. Congratulations to the newly nominated candidates for the Knights of the Order of San Jacinto, Ron McAnear and Carl Hill. The EC approved some small changes to our Constitution and Bylaws, which will be voted on at our annual meeting in College Station this March. Establishment of a new fundraiser for the East Texas Research Center at SFA in Nacogdoches was announced, as well as a raffle for a beautifully engraved Sam Houston pistol, with all raffle proceeds going to the SRT General Fund. The winner will be drawn at the annual meeting. Ron McAnear will also announce the winners of the Texas History Essay Awards then. In Goliad, Dennis Guiffre, KSJ, presented James Aalan Bernsen, Fr. Robert Wright, and Art Martinez De Vara with the Presidio La Bahia Awards.

My sincerest thanks to all the members for your selfless service. 2025 has the potential to be an outstanding year for the SRT.

God Bless Texas!

Devin C. Lindsey, KSJ

President General 2025

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JANET's Korner

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The Sons of the Republic of Texas

Annual Meeting 2025

March 28th-30th, 2025

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Cutoff date: March 7, 2025.

Please use this code 94E or state you are with The Sons of The Republic of Texas.

- Dues notices were mailed out in November. The National office does not take credit cards over the phone. If you do not receive a dues notice or may have misplaced it, please email Janet at: aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net and she will be glad to send you one. Don't forget you can use the Store to pay your dues.
- Chapter Annual Reports are due to the National Office. *Please note the fees have changed on the applications. Please use the new forms out on the website at srttexas.org under the Membership tab. Please make sure you do the notary on fourth page and get three signatures of SRT members before you mail the application to National Office. Regular membership is now \$75.00; Junior membership is \$50.00 and Posthumous is \$150.00. If you have older applications, please discard. Please see and use the new guidelines for applications.

I would like to thank you for the articles and pictures you are sending for your newsletter; they have been GREAT. I need YOUR help with articles and pictures. If your chapter has or will be celebrating any events, PLEASE email me at: aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net. The next deadline for submissions is April 7, 2025.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024-2025



Standing Left to Right:

Randy Pollard, KSJ, Executive Committeeman

Robyn Davis, Executive Committeeman

Michael Young, KSJ, Chaplain General

Jason Chall, Historian General

Kenneth Raney, Treasurer General

Richard, Weitzel, KSJ, Secretary General

Jeff Corbin, KSJ, Second Vice President General

Michael Wilson KSJ, First Vice President

Devin Lindsey, KSJ, President General.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES 2024-2025

John Hicks- Brazos Valley District

Bob Steakley, KSJ- Frontier District

Eric Paul- Gulf Coast District

John Meehan- Heart of Texas District

Marshall Brown- Lone Star District

David Rediger- North Central District

Jeffrey Owens- North East District

Larry Lucas- Piney Woods District

Bart Hornsby- Post Oak District

Robert Schnuriger- San Jacinto District

NEW SRT MEMBERS

Christopher John Cochran		Joseph Sidney Cochran	Abilene	TX
David Erwin Hall		Levy G Speer	Port Lavaca	TX
Isaac Aaron Neel		William Stiles	Lubbock	TX
James Norman Neel		William Stiles	Lubbock	TX
Norman Lee Winter		David Baugh	Midland	GA
Mark Johnson Hemphill	1	Samuel Johnson Hemphill	Houston	TX
Robert Wayne Janczak	1	Henry Granau	Sealy	TX
Ronald Blake Redd	1	Ansel Marion Redd	Montgomery	TX
Ryan Michael Watson	1	Willis Avery	Kingwood	TX
Edgar Alfred Basse III	7	George Webb Slaughter	McQueeney	TX
Anthony J Delgado	7	Jose Agapitio Cervantes	Adkins	TX
Christopher Lawrence Calhoun	8	Thomas Lagow	Minden	NV
David Anthony DeLaughter	8	William Akin	Doddridge	AR
Micheal Rene LaRocque	12	Jose Antonio Navarro	Austin	TX
Jason Michael LaRocque	12	Jose Antonio Navarro	Austin	TX
Colton Waymon Roberts	12	Jesse Russell	Austin	TX
Charles Rex Zaludek	12	Jose Antonio Navarro	Corpus Christi	TX
Josh Ryan Ferguson	13	Horace N Baker	Sanger	TX
Garrett Alan Ferguson	13	Horace N Baker	Sulpher Springs	TX
Jon Richard Gimble	13	John Winstead Paine	Waco	TX
Donald Wesley High	13	Elder John Parker	Oakwood	TX
Carl Lynn Massingill	13	George Washington Massingill	Gatesville	TX
Brandon Cody Newman	13	John Henry Jones	Hubbard	TX
Ronnie Andrew Spence	13	George W. Dillard	Corsicana	TX
Patrick Delton Wardlaw	13	Elder John Parker	Lorena	TX
Walter David Cunningham	14	Jose Luis Carvajal	Bryan	TX
Roger Douglas Reed	14	Wilson Reed	Bryan	TX
Norman Ray Caraway Jr	16	Martin Palmer	Victoria	TX
James Benton Pittman	17	James William George	Corpus Christi	TX
William Bryon Green	21	John Balch	Huntsville	TX
Doyle Wayne Scott	21	Thomas Scott	Huntsville	TX
John Ross Tatum	21	Caleb Wood	Little Rock	AR

NEW SRT MEMBERS

John Raymond Ruberkoenig	36	Andrew Jackson Sowell	Aledo	TX
Larry James Hawkins	49	Phoebe May	Haughton	LA
Dalton Wayne Snider	49	Clairborne Terrell Hilliard	Little Elm	TX
Clarence Howard Jr	52	Nathan Howell	Prairville	LA
Donnie Ray Howard	52	Nathan Howell	Baton Rouge	LA
Albert Howard	52	Nathan Howell	South Baton Rouge	LA
Thurman Mason Lee McDaniel	52	Richard Moore	Tyler	TX
Roosevelt Mumphrey Jr	52	Nathan Howell	Dallas	TX
Johnny Ray Mumphrey	52	Nathan Howell	Forney	TX
Tony Lamar Mumphrey	52	Nathan Howell	DeSoto	TX
Shelton Harper Riggins	52	Nathan Howell	Bryan	TX
Rodney Tate	52	Nathan Howell	Lithonia	GA
William Gerald Tate	52	Nathan Howell	Bay Town	TX
Glenn Isaac Barton	57	Capt James Burleson	Odessa	TX
Jeff Lloyd Jackson	58	Luis Castanon	Cypress	TX
Matthew Aaron Neuman	58	Henry Mouser	The Woodlands	TX
Daryl Gene Lott	60	Elisha Price	Houston	TX
Jerry Don Ramsey	54	James Howard Box	Tow	TX
Michael Nelson Becker	58	Frederick Schulz	Conroe	TX

MEMBERS TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO SRT BYLAWS AND CONSTRUCTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Bylaw

CURRENT:

Article 1 Chapter

PROPOSED:

Article 1 Chapter Charters

CURRENT:

Section 5.4 Senior

Be granted Senior Members are not required to pay annual dues.

PROPOSED:

Section 5.4 Senior

Pay a 50% (percent) discount on their current annual dues.

Section 1.3 Reactivation

a.) Names, Address, Telephone numbers and Signatures of ten (10) Members wishing to reactivate the Chapter.

PROPOSED:

Section 1.3 Reactivation

a.) Names, Address, Telephone numbers and Signatures of seven (7) Members wishing to reactivate the Chapter.

CURRENT:

ARTICLE XI- OFFICE MANAGER

Section 11.1 Employment

The Executive Committee may employ an individual as Office Manager at the SRT corporate office.

PROPOSED:

Section 11.1 Employment

The Executive Committee may employ an individual as Office Manager at the SRT corporate office. The condition of employment is the assurance by the Office Manager of no conflict of interest with the SRT and the agreement to maintain the confidentiality of SRT information and verification of same by signing a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement.

Section 11.1 Office Manager Selection

All applications for Office Manager shall be reviewed by the President General for an initial selection. An Initial interview of selected applicant(s) may be conducted virtually or in-person with the President General, First Vice President General, Immediate Past President General and any other persons deemed necessary or helpful in reviewing an applicant's application. If a subsequent interview is deemed necessary, the President General, First Vice President General and Immediate Past President General shall arrange for such virtual or in-person interview. If one or more applicants are selected for final review, the Executive Committee shall make the final selection, either virtually or in-person.

CURRENT:

Section 11.2 Duties and Responsibilities

Duties and responsibilities include.

(d) Maintain and manage membership records.

PROPOSED:

Section 11.2 Duties and Responsibilities

Duties and responsibilities include.

(d) Maintain, digitize and manage membership records.

CONSTITUTION

CURRENT:

Articled IV- PURPOSE, Mission and Goals

Section 4.2 Mission

PROPOSED:

Section 4.5 – Added four new Historcal Dates

Texas Statehood Day	February 9
Battle of Nacogdoches	August 2
Battle of Concepcion	October 28
Siege of Bexar	December 9

CURRENT:

Articles VI- Officers

Section 6.1 Officers

PROPOSED:

Section 6.1 Officers

(c) The President General, First Vice President General, Second Vice President General, Secretary General, Treasurer General, Historian General and Chaplain General shall also concurrently serve as Directors of the organization, as provided in the Articles of Incorporation, during their respective terms of office.

TOMBALL CHRISTMAS PARADE



Several SRT Chapters participated in the Tomball Christmas Parade on November 23, 2024. Leading The Sons of the Republic entry was Warren Settles carrying the Texas Flag, Ethan Settles with the SRT Flag, Ron McAnear and his Brown Bess, Rusty McLaughlin with his musket shotgun. President General Devin Lindsey, KSJ riding in a model A owned by George W. Williamson and Rolling Thunder, a replica cannon with Mike Wilson, KSJ. Thanks to the families who came and rode along with us.

THE GEORGE B. ERATH CHAPTER IN WACO HELD THEIR ANNUAL DINNER AT THE BAYLOR CLUB IN MCLANE STADIUM DECEMBER 10, 2024.



Seated L-R: Tony Ferguson (Chapter Treasurer), Devin C. Lindsey, KSJ (President General), Trevor P. Wardlaw (Chapter President), and Richard Norton (Chapter Secretary).
 Standing L-R: George B. Erath Chapter Members Bob Davis, Clement Milam, Cody Newman, Don High, Jon Gimble, Patrick Wardlaw, John Cathey, Brett Wardlaw, and Ronnie Spence.

TEXAS REVOLUTION EDUCATION

Historian General
Jason Chall, Alamo Chapter
member Joe Weathersby and
author Jose Gonzales were
guest speakers at Boerne
Middle School South near
San Antonio on December

5th and 6th. Jason Chall covered the reasons for the revolution and why it was a success. Joe Weathersby demonstrated the weapons used and Jose Gonzales discussed the importance of the Tejanos in Texas's ultimate victory.



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2025 SRT Events

March 29

8:30 a.m. Executive Committee

(Any is welcome to attend but may not vote)

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Knights of the Order of San Jacinto (KSJ only)

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Summerfield G. Roberts Award Luncheon

(Dress: Jacket and Tie)

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. SRT Foundation Meeting

7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. Awards Banquet

(Dress: Black Tie optional)

March 30

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting

SRT REGISTRATION FORM

This form must be received by February 28, 2025

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

SRT Registration (required, for member only) \$25.00 per members = \$ _____

SGR Luncheon \$45.00 pp. X # _____ = \$ _____

Annual Meeting (member only) Indicate # _____

Annual Awards Banquet \$90.00 pp. X # _____ = \$ _____

Grand Total: Make checks payable to SRT in the total amount of
\$ _____

Names of those attending: _____

Mail to: SRT Office, 1717 8th Street, Bay City, TX 77414 by February 28, 2025



In Memoriam

Name	Hometown
Thomas N. Kendall	Dripping Springs, Tx
Donald Edwin Lee	Spring, Tx
Roland Emerson Beard II	Conroe, Tx
Fr. James Thomas Ramsey Jr.	Blessing, Tx

A Memorial Based in Love and the Texas Republic

The stone marking the gravesite of a married couple who are SRT and DRT members is located in the piney woods of southern Panola County, deep in East Texas. The surviving spouse and SRT member, Duane Hooper, buried the love of his life, Reene' Belsha Hooper, in April, 2023. They considered it so special that both had direct lineage to Citizens of the Republic of Texas, and from the same East Texas county, that he wanted to highlight this aspect of their special divinely planned connection. He is a member of the "Gateway to Texas" SRT chapter in Center, Shelby County, Texas, and Reene' Belsha Hooper was a member of the "William Carroll Crawford" DRT chapter, also in Center, Shelby County. The front of their marker, having both their individual and marriage information, like names and dates, faces toward the East and away from the front of the cemetery, but the back of the gravestone faces the highway and to the front of the cemetery. In full view of approaching visitors, the first thing they will see under the name "HOOPER" is the declaration "DAUGHTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS" on her side of the stone. Naturally, on his side of the stone are the words "SON OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS". The stone is not only a tribute to their love, but to the Cause of the Texas Republic and independence as well.

A Salute to our Brave Ancestors, both Men and Women of our Republic, whose Commitment and Sacrifices Paved the way for our Unique Liberty - Texas, Our Texas!



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Quarterly Meeting June and Sept. TBD

March 2	Texas Independence Day
March 6	Fall of the Alamo
March 27	Goliad Massacre (Palm Sunday-1836)
April 21	San Jacinto Day
August 5	Texas Ranger Day
September 21	Texian Navy Day (3rd Saturday in September)
October 2	Battle of Gonzales
November 3	Stephen F. Austin's Birthday (Father of Texas)



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