





The Sherman Sentinel

MARCH 2024

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 1836 – It is a dark, dark time for Texas. The Alamo has fallen. And at other battles at Refugio, San Patricio and Agua Dolce Creek, the Texian Army has been defeated. Over 600 men have been killed in the struggle for Liberty and Independence. Most denied a Christian burial.

General Sam Houston arrives in Gonzales on March 11th and learns about the Fall of the Alamo from Susana Dickinson who had been sent by Santa Anna to spread the news of the Alamo. Houston sends orders to Fannin to abandon La Bahia and to join him. General Houston sends this report on March 15th, **to James Collinsworth, Chairman of the Military Committee:**

"Since I had the honor to address you from Gonzales, the lady of Lieutenant Dickenson, who fell at the Alamo, has arrived and confirms the fall of that place, and the circumstances, pretty much as my express detailed them. She retuned in company with two negroes - one the servant of Colonel Travis, the other a servant of Colonel Almonte. They both corroborate the statement first made and forwarded to you. Other important intelligence arrived at Gonzales - that the army of Santa Anna had encamped at the Cibolo on the night of the Ilth inst., after a march of twenty-four miles that day. The army was to encamp on the 12th at Sandy, and proceed direct to Gonzales. The number of the enemy could not be ascertained, but was represented as exceeding two thousand infantry. Upon this statement of facts, I deemed it proper to fall back and take post on the Colorado, near Burnhams's which is fifteen miles distant from this point. My morning report, on my arrival in camp, showed three hundred and seventy-four effective men, without two days' provisions, many without arms, and others without any ammunition. We could have met the enemy, and avenged some of the wrongs; but, detached as we were, without supplies for the men in camp, of either provisions, ammunitions, or artillery, and remote from the succor, it would have been madness to hazard a contest. I had been in camp two days only, and had succeeded in organizing the troops. But they had not been taught the first principles of the drill. If starved out, and the camp once broken up, there was no hope for the future. By falling back, Texas can rally, and defeat any force that can come against her "



It was my honor and privilege to lay our Memorial Wreath along with Robert Schnuriger for the Dawn at Alamo Ceremony. We also had several Sidney Sherman Chapter members participate in the Alamo events.

I know this month's newsletter is a bit long but with 3 Texas Honor Days and the SRT Convention it makes for a lengthy newsletter, especially because so many of you participate in these important Texas History events. Our Chapter's Scrapbook took first place in its category at the SRT State Convention. I want to personally thank each of you for all your participation in our Chapter meetings and Chapter events that promote Texas History. It made for a great Scrapbook and we received many compliments at Convention.

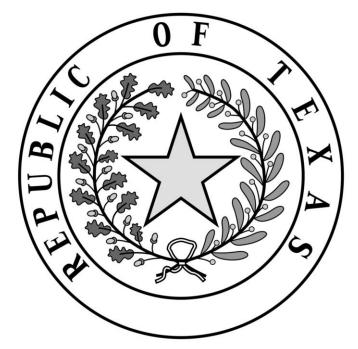
As descendants of our brave and courageous pioneer ancestors, we, **The Sons of the Republic of Texas** have as our heritage the unique responsibility to preserve and promote our illustrious Texas history. Please make a special effort to join us at San Jacinto, as we follow our mission to

perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the Independence of Texas.



God Bless Texas

Carl V. Híll, Jr. Presídent



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FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting began with President Hill announcing that one of our members, Gene Wueste, had passed away in October. Two new members, Jess Colwell and Cody Rainey were sworn into the SRT. President Hill then announced that Jess had agreed to be our new Treasurer to replace Billy Mayo who has served for seven years. Ron Schoolcraft moved to nominate Jess Colwell for the position of Treasurer and Robert Gindratt seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation and Jess Colwell is now our Treasurer. President Hill proceeded to install Jess to that position.

Steve Nicol announced that two (2) applications had been forwarded to the SRT and several more are in the works. The project to clean one of the monuments has reached a favorable conclusion in that another group had cleaned it. President Hill reported that the chapter had an excellent turnout for the Lamar Day Ceremony. President Hill served as color guard, and Robert Schnuriger provided the benediction for the ceremony. Seven (7) of our members attended the Anson Jones Ceremony. The next two (2) months will be busy, beginning with 3 activities on Texas Independence Day (March 2). First, the San Jacinto Chapter will gather at the Sam Houston Statute in Houston in the morning.

Some of our member expect to attend and then proceed to Washington on the Brazos for the ceremony in the afternoon. Third, the Sidney Sherman Chapter Number 1, of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) will be meeting at Fisherman's Wharf in Galveston beginning at 11 in the morning. On March 5-6 some of our members will attend Dawn at the Alamo in San Antonio. The chapter will sponsor a wreath presentation during the ceremonies. Next, the Annual Meeting of the SRT will be held in Granbury outside of Fort Worth on March 8 - 10.

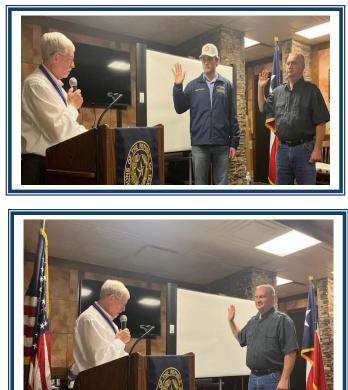
Right picture – President Carl Hill swearing in new members, Cody Rainey and Jess Colwell.

Lower Right picture – President Carl Hill swearing in Jess Colwell as the new Treasurer.





Dave Dyer provided the chapter with a review of his book "The Road to San Jacinto: Retracing the Route of Sam Houston's Army". He researched the 42 campsites that Houston used marching from Gonzales to San Jacinto. He gave the members a flavor of his book by talking in detail about four (4) sites. The first was a site east of Columbus, opposite to Santa Anna camped south of the town. Houston was at this location for only a day, whereas he spent several days at the site near San Felipe. Dave discussed Vince's Bridge in detail, and is convinced that the bridge was chopped, rather than burned, because of the conditions. It was a messy wet spring in east Texas, and Houston used that to his advantage.



Upcoming Events

March Meeting

Nancy E. Potter, Bestselling author of "Barbours Cut", was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. At the age of nine, she moved with her family to Europe. While spending five wonderful years abroad, Potter learned French and gained an appreciation for people from very different cultures.

After graduating from college, Potter moved to Washington, D.C. to work on Capitol Hill and at the White House in the Office of Communications where she helped formulate ways to explain to the American public the intricacies of a new expansive project. Her entrepreneurial mindset led her to try her hand in several areas before settling into the garment industry, where she designed fashionable maternity clothes in a market with few choices.

One of Potter's sons was born with a rare genetic skin disease called Epidermolysis Bullosa (often referred to as E.B.). Out of her son's many years of pain, she learned to marvel at the little thing he could accomplish and gained great compassion for those with special needs and their caregivers. Her son is now 30 and doing well. To raise awareness and funds for much-needed research, she put on the first-ever major fundraisers for E.B. in the 1990s, and continues to work to bring awareness to the disease.

Potter now lives with her other son in Houston, Texas.



Nancy Potter will discuss her novel "Barbour's Cut: Beyond the Rivers Reach" which encompasses the life of Captain Clyde Barbour who had the idea and began dredging Barbour's Cut in 1928.



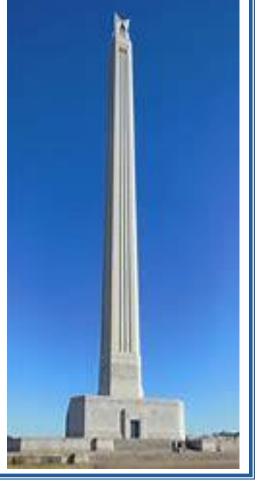
The 188th Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto is fast approaching. This year the ceremony will be Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. Prior to that the San Jacinto School Days will be on Friday, April 19th and the San Jacinto Festival will be April 20th. Please see Pages 16–17 for more information about all the upcoming activities on San Jacinto Weekend and the San Jacinto Symposium to be held April 26th & 27th. Please make every effort to join us as we celebrate the most significant Battle of the Western Hemisphere.



Remember the Alamo Remember La Bahia

Victory at San Jacinto

A New Republic is Born





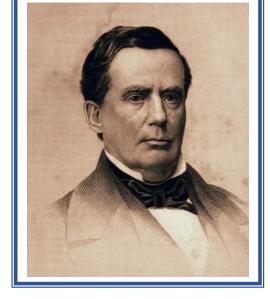
Texas Statehood Day

The Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2 was well represented at the Texas Statehood Ceremony on February 19, 2024. The ceremony was sponsored by the Sam Houston Chapter, SRT. Bart Dawson, Past President, was the Master of Ceremonies with presentation of the Colors and musket salutes by the Texian Army.

Kameron Searle was the Keynote Speaker who spoke on Anson Jones as the last President of the Republic of Texas who lowered the Texas Flag and stated "*The Republic of Texas is no more*". Anson was married to Mary Smith Jones who was the first President of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Gwen Koch, President, San Jacinto Chapter, spoke on Mrs. Jones. Lauren Wolter, representing the Children of the Republic of Texas laid a wreath in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Jones.





Dr. Anson Jones Last President of the Republic of Texas



Presenting the Colors

Sidney Sherman Chapter Members Robert Schnuriger, Carl Hill, Robert Gindratt, Steve Manis, Albert Seguin and Ron Schoolcraft.



The Sons of the Republic of Texas



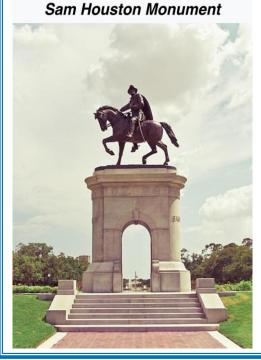
Texas Militia firing Salutes



Sam Houston Statute Hermann Park

Texas Independence Day began with a ceremony at the Sam Houston Statute in Hermann Park, sponsored by the San Jacinto Chapter, SRT. Rick Powell, President was Master of Ceremonies and read Travis's letter. Numerous toasts were made to Texas, Heroes of the Revolution, the Sons and last but not least to Tom Green, KSJ and Sam Clark, KSJ. Sidney Sherman chapter members attending were Ron Schoolcraft, Robert Gindratt, Steve Manis, Robert Schnuriger, and Carl Hill.





Left picture – Robert Schnuriger, Steve Manis, KSJ, Carl Hill, Robert Gindratt and Ron Schoolcraft.

Lower left picture – SRT members at the Statute.





Texas Independence Day Washington on the Brazos





2024 Texas Independence Day Honoring The Birth of the Republic of Texas

Michael R. Moore, B.A., M.A. Early Texas Settlement & Republic Historian Washington-on-the-Brazos Townsite Project Manager

> Saturday, March 2, 2024 1:30 PM

Washington-on-the-Brazos THC State Historic Site Washington, Texas

A Tribute to the Texians Who Defied Tyranny, Declared Their Independence, and Laid the Foundations for The Republic of Texas



This ceremony was organized and hosted by the Lone Star Chapter, SRT with support from the Washington-on-the Brazos State Historic Site, Texas Historical Commission. Mike Wilson, KSJ, Second VP General, was Master of Ceremonies with Rifle and Cannon Salutes by the Texas Militia and Lone Star Volunteers.



Carl Hill, leading the Color Guard with David Martin, Rifleman; Ken Raney, American Flag; Devin Lindsey, Texas Flag; Steve Manis, KSJ, the SRT Flag; Randal Hankla, Rifleman and Kameron Searle, Rifleman.



Sons of the Republic of Texas Texas Independence Day Celebration at Washington on the Brazos



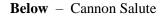


- Above The Color Guard "Present Arms". Carl Hill, David Martin, Randle Hankla and Kameron Searle.
- Below SRT members being recognized during the ceremony.





Above – Sidney Sherman Chapter Members Henry Hall, Steve Manis, KSJ, Robert Schnuriger, Carl Hill and Robyn Davis





1824

Aamo Week

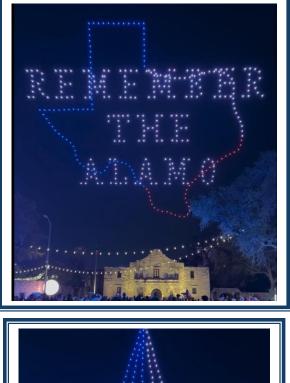


"I shall never surrender or retreat" "Victory or Death"



Above picture – Lois Gibson, Norma Langwell, Eron Tynes, Carl Hill, Albert Seguin and J.B. Kline at the Crockett Tavern during the Alamo Historical Society gathering. Lois Gibson is recorded in the Guiness Book of World Records as "The World's Most Successful Forensic Artist." Lois has several portraits of Texas Patriots hanging in the Ralston Family Collection Center at the Alamo.

Right pictures – From the Laser Light Show at the Alamo on March 2, 2024.









One of the traditions of the Dawn at Alamo ceremony is the laying of the Memorial Wreaths. On March 5th, the Memorial Wreaths from the Alamo Descendants, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the Republic of Texas are placed in front of the Concierge Desk in the Lobby of the Menger Hotel.

On the morning of March 6th, the Memorial Wreaths are moved by the Long Barracks in preparation for the Dawn Ceremony.





MEMORIAL WREATH

Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2

March 5 - Alamo Dinner

A group of us gather the evening before Alamo Day for dinner at the Salt Grass Steak House, Riverwalk. We met in the Menger Lobby around 4:45 p.m. and walked over for dinner at 5:00 p.m. We have gathered as a group for over 10 years and enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of our fellow DRT and SRT members.



Left side - Jess Stuart, Deidre Vick behind Jess with her husband Wes. Marshall Brown across the table with Lizette Garner (Jess' mother-in-law) and her friend Carol Lambert.



Left side - Robert Schnuriger, with Steve Nicol and Vickie Nicol behind Steve. Across the table, Steve Manis and Jeff Corbin with Eron Tynes standing. Devin Lindsey and his wife Diane are on the right.



Dawn at the Alamo Commemorative Ceremony began at 6:00 a.m. in Alamo Plaza. The Sons of the Republic of Texas gathered on the South side. Our chapter presented a wreath to honor the sacrifices of the Alamo Defenders at dawn. The ceremony included readings, vignettes, music, the traditional wreath-laying and a musket volley.



Left picture

Robert Schnuriger and Carl Hill with the Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2 Wreath in front of the Long Barracks, prior to the Ceremony.







Right Picture

SRT members gathered during the Ceremony.





Left picture – SRT members during the Invocation.

Right picture – Carl Hill and Robert Schnuriger placing the Chapter's Wreath at sunrise during the Dawn Ceremony.

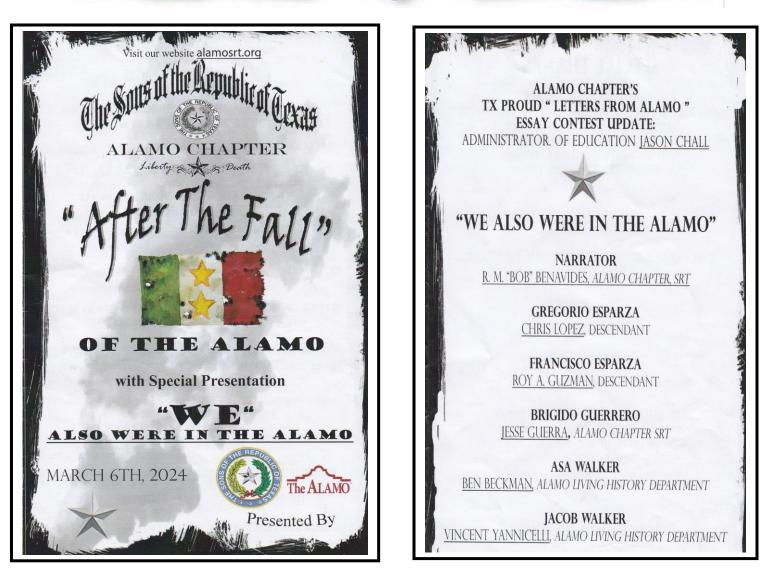




Following the Dawn Ceremony a **Buffet Breakfast at the Menger Hotel** sponsored by the Alamo Heroes Chapter, SRT was held.

Right picture - Steve Nicol, Robert Schnuriger, Carl Hill, and Steve Manis, KSJ, with the Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2, Wreath.

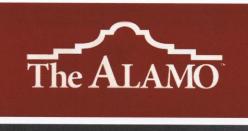




This ceremony is held in Alamo Plaza and is sponsored by the Alamo Chapter, SRT. Tom Jones, President, gave the Welcome and John Meehan, Administrator of Historical Events, was the Master of Ceremonies. In addition, Ken Pfeiffer, KSJ and Past President, The Sons of the Republic of Texas spoke about the importance of preserving Texas History.

The presentation, **"WE ALSO WERE IN THE ALAMO"** was narrated by Bob Benavides. Several personal accounts of those men who were in the Alamo were told in first person.

The Alamo Defenders Descendants Association in partnership with





ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY HONORING THE ALAMO GARRISON

> Monday, March 6, 2024 Alamo Plaza and Church 6:00 P.M.





Carl Hill, Eron Tynes, Red Steagall, Janet Russell and Ray Beall.

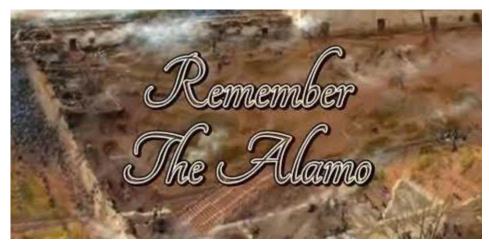


"If they overpower us, we fall a sacrifice at the shrine of our country, and we hope posterity and our country will do our memory justice."

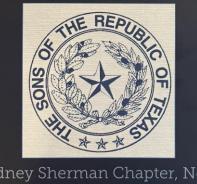
> William B. Travis The Alamo February 25, 1836

The Alamo Defender Descendants Memorial Ceremony began outside on the Plaza with the reading of Travis' letter by Red Steagall and other letters. Lee Spencer White, President of the Alamo Defender Descendants Association, invited everyone to lay yellow roses on the green prior to entering the chapel.

Inside the Chapel all the names of the Defenders were read by the state or the country from which they came. As each name is read, descendants stand to honor their ancestor. This ceremony is a very moving one as each Defender is recognized for their sacrifice to win Liberty and Independence for Texas.



The Sons of the Republic of Texas State Convention



Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2 Galveston County, Texas 2023



Our Chapter's Scrapbook took First Place in its category. Thanks to all of you who attended Chapter events, took pictures and posted for all to see. It made for a great Scrapbook.

Left picture – Mike Wilson, KSJ, 2nd Vice President with Carl Hill and the Scrapbook.



Summerfield G. Roberts Award Luncheon "Toasting Texas" Robert Schnuriger, Steve Manis, Carl Hill, John Meehan, Ray Beall, Jess Stuart and Robyn Davis.





SRT Executive Committee 2024-2025

Randy Pollard, KSJ, Past President Robyn Davis, Executive Committeeman Mike Young, Chaplain General Jason Chall, Historian General Ken Raney, Treasurer General Richard Weitzel, Secretary General Jeff Corbin, 2nd Vice President General Mike Wilson, 1st Vice President General

Devin Lindsey, President General

The Sons of the Republic of Texas Granbury TEXAS 102nd ANNUAL MEETING -Awards Banquet-Saturday, March 9, 2024



KNIGHTED

JEFF CORBIN DEVIN LINDSEY



Sir Knights of San Jacinto – David Hanover, Steve Manis, Richard Weitzel, Dennis Giuffre, Vaughn Oliver, Devin Lindsey, Joe Davidson, Knight Commander, Jeff Corbin, Ken Pfeiffer, Mike Wilson, Randy Pollard, Scott Dunbar, Mike Young and Robert Kendall,



San Jacinto District – Robert Schnuriger, 1st Vice President, Sidney Sherman Chapter; Ryan Taylor, San Jacinto Chapter; Carl Hill, President, Sidney Sherman Chapter; Jess Stuart, President, Mirabeau B. Lamar Chapter; Robyn Davis, Executive Committeeman, Executive Committee; Steve Manis, KSJ, Sidney Sherman Chapter; Bobby Moore, President, San Jacinto Chapter.



Sidney Sherman Chapter Robert Schnuiger, 1st Vice President Carl Hill, President Steve Manis, KSJ Robyn Davis, Executive Committeeman, Executive Committee.





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On Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the 2024 San Jacinto Dav Celebration, presented by the San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association and the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, will be a day of fun, reenactments, and living celebrating activities the 188th history anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto.

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Friday, April 19, 2024 will be School days at the Battleground. The Sidney Sherman Chapter will be sponsoring a booth both on School Day and Festival Day. There will also be historic flags. If you are interested in joining us, please email Carl Hill at easygoal1@hotmail.com.





From 2023

Above picture – The Texas Army advancing during the Re-enactment.

Below picture – The Sidney Sherman Chapter with their booth during Festival Day.



23rd Annual San Jacinto symposium

"The Battle of San Jacinto: Before, During and After" April 26-27, 2024, Houston, TX



SAN JACINTO Legacy Of Liberty

2024 THEME

The Battle of San Jacinto: Before, During, and After Presented by <u>Texas State Historical Association</u> and the <u>San Jacinto Battleground Association</u>. The annual Battle of San Jacinto Symposium is the preeminent conference on the Texas Revolution era. The objective is to promote public awareness and scholarship on the Mexican national era in Texas (1821-1835), the Texas Revolution (1835-1836), the Battle of San Jacinto (1836), and the Republic of Texas (1836-1845). These pivotal years mark the transition from Spanish and Mexican sovereignty to independent Texas and annexation to the United States.



Dr. Gregg Dimmick



<u>Dr. Donald Frazier</u>



Dr. Caroline Castillo Crimm



<u>Jeff Dunn</u>



Location

Friday, April 26th Patron's Dinner To be held at the famous <u>Coronado Club</u> in Houston, TX

Saturday, April 27th San Jacinto Symposium To be held at the San Jacinto Battleground in the <u>Jesse H. Jones Theatre</u>



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The Chapter is fortunate to have Honorary Members who not only support the Chapter but support the Community and Texas Historical projects as well. These ladies are a valuable asset to our chapter, and we are appreciative of their efforts to join with us in promoting Texas History.



Christie Erickson serves on the Speakers Committee for the Rodeo and portrays the *Yellow Rose* as she promotes Texas History.



Carol Mitchell is a member of the Sante Fe Lions Club and assists at Chapter events.





Eron Tynes was presented with Yellow Roses at the Annual SRT Convention by Randy Pollard, President General. Randy said "She attends all the meetings I attend"

Honor Your Ancestors

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 <u>www.ss2srt.org</u> and select members to see the list. Next send your ancestor's full name to our webmaster Clark Wright at <u>cpwright2@verizon.net</u>. 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.

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. 19

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

March 19, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – Nancy Potter "Barbour's Cut"	
MARCH 27, 2024	GOLIAD HEROES DAY		
April 16, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – Jess Stuart "The Old Three Hundred"	
April 19, 2024	San Jacinto Battleground School Days 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.		
April 20, 2024	San Jacinto Battleground San Jacinto Festival 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.		
APRIL 21, 2024	SAN JACINTO DAY Commemorative Ceremony 2:00 p.m.		
April 26-27, 2024	San Jacinto Symposium		
MAY 14, 2024	TREATY OF VELASCO		
May 21, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – Kameron Searle "Myths busting Texas History"	
June 18, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker - TBD	



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.



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Sidney Sherman Chapter Executive Committee



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

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