



# 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

As we gathered at the San Jacinto Battleground on April 21, 2024 to honor our ancestors and the men who fought at San Jacinto, we are reminded of our unique Texas Heritage and what it means to be a Texan. We are familiar with the facts of the Battle:

*At half-past three o'clock in the evening, General Houston ordered the officers of the Texan army to parade their commands. The cavalry was first dispatched to the front of the enemy's left, for the purpose of attracting their notice, while an extensive island of timber afforded an opportunity of concentrating our forces. The artillery advanced and took station within two hundred yards of the enemy's breastwork and commenced an effective fire with grape and cannister.*

*Col. Sherman, with his regiment, having commenced the action upon the left wing, quick time, raised the war-cry, "**Remember the Alamo and Remember La Bahia**" received the enemy's fire, and advanced within pointblank shot, before a piece was discharged from the Texian lines. The line advanced without a halt, until they were in possession of the woodland and the enemy's breastwork. The*

*conflict lasted about eighteen minutes from the time of close action until the Texian Army was in possession of the enemy's encampment. The conflict in the breastwork lasted but a few moments as many of the troops encountered hand to hand, and, not having the advantage of bayonets the riflemen used their pieces as war-clubs, breaking many of them. The pursuit by the main army continued until twilight. A guard was then left in charge of the enemy's encampment.*

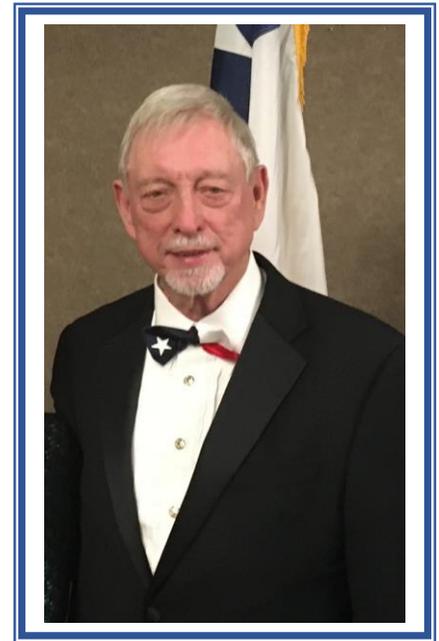
During the ceremony, a shortened version of the Battle Report is read and we honor the bravery and courage of the Texian Army. The following is the closing from General Houston's Battle Report.

***Every officer and man proved himself worthy of the cause in which he battled, while the triumph received a lustre, from the humanity which characterised their conduct after victory, and richly entitles them to the admiration and gratitude of their General. Nor should we withhold the tribute of our grateful thanks from that Being who rules the destinies of nations, and has, in the time of greatest need, enabled us to arrest a powerful invader whilst devastating our country.***

***I have the honor to be, with high consideration,***

***Your obedient servant,***

**SAMUEL HOUSTON,  
Commander-in-Chief.**



Once again it was my honor and privilege to serve as Color Guard Commander at the 188<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemoration Ceremony of the Battle of San Jacinto. Special thanks to Robert Schnuriger for his Invocation honoring those brave and courageous men who fought at the Battle of San Jacinto. And to those members who assisted with our booth on Festival Day, Steve Manis, Robert Schnuriger, Albert Seguin, Robert Gindratt, Mike and Carol Mitchell.

We are beginning to organize our Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Dinner that will be held on July 27, 2024. Please see page 8 for more information. Also our chapter is making plans to participate in the Fourth of July parade on Seawall Boulevard. Last year we had a great time, so please join us again.

In addition, 10 chapter members have purchased our Award winning scrapbook that is a compilation of our newsletters, along with pictures from various Texas Honor Days and other events. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please let me know.

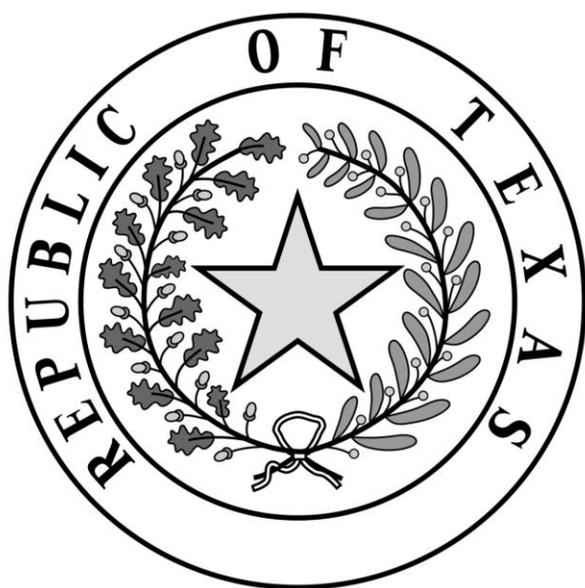
This summer promises to be a busy one and I look forward to seeing many of you as we work together to honor our ancestors and we follow our mission to:

***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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# APRIL MEETING

President Hill stated that the Chapter Executive Committee had approved spending approximately \$500.00 from the Keeping Texas History Alive project to purchase Children's Books. These Texas History Books will be distributed to various elementary schools including private schools. In addition, Galveston County public libraries will be contacted regarding these donations. A book will cost approximately 20 dollars. He reviewed the books and chapter members discussed how they would be delivered to the schools and libraries.

President Hill further stated that the award-winning chapter scrapbook from 2023 would be able for purchase. The cost has yet to be determined. He already has four sold. The activities around the annual commemoration of the Battle at San Jacinto will be a busy weekend. Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. is school day at the Battleground. On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, President Hill announced that the chapter will set up a booth to advertise the chapter. This should include a portrait of Sidney Sherman. Robert Gindratt inquired about parking and an email with the Vendor Pass will be sent to those who request it through Carl.

We plan on attending the July 4th parade in Galveston. Next President Hill discussed the necessity of changes in the payment for meals. Beginning next month, participants will be billed individually and will include tax and tip.



Jess Stuart provided us with an exhilarating discussion of the History of Fort Bend County and his own family which has been in that area for 200 years. During his own genealogical research, he obtained a facsimile of the Spanish Grant granted his Foster ancestors.

His Family's ranch, Stuart Ranch, will be honored at the State Capitol in October 2024 during the Family Land Heritage Ceremony for 200 years of continuous agricultural operation. The family ranch had also received the Family Land Heritage Award for 150 years and 100 years.

**Family Land Heritage is a recognition program that honors families who have owned and run a continuous agricultural operation for 100 years or more and includes the following criteria.**

**Your family has maintained at least 10 acres of the land in continuous agricultural production for at least 100 years. "Family" can include relatives by blood, marriage, or adoption. You are able to trace ownership from the founder to the present generation. The land fits the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year. Owners must be actively managing the everyday operation of the property.**



# Upcoming Events

## May Meeting

Kameron Searle graduated Summa Cum Laude from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas with a B. A. in Political Science and a minor in History in 1983. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas in 1987 and was licensed to practice law that same year. He is a Former Prosecutor with the City Office of Houston and a Former Municipal Court Judge, Missouri City.



In addition to having served on the Washington-on-the Brazos State Park Association Board, he is also a founding member of the Descendants of the Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Searle has been the marker historian for two Texas Historical Commission markers: Anson Jones (2009) and Lake Creek Settlement (2016). In 2022 Searle was appointed to the Montgomery County Historical Commission.

He is a member of the Lone Star Chapter, The Sons of the Republic of Texas and frequently gives talks on Texas history. He was the recipient of the San Jacinto Award, for promoting Texas History, from the San Jacinto Descendants, in 2014. Having been the marker historian for Anson Jones, Kameron continues to speak about Anson Jones, on Texas Statehood Day in Glenwood Cemetery.

His topic will be *"Myth Busting Texas History" - A Horse of a Different Color, Austin's Forgotten Settlement, A Tale of True Love.*



**Above** – John Homman and Kameron Searle with Rolling Thunder

**Left** – Kameron Searle and Vernon Burke at the unveiling of the Anson Jones Marker.

# San Jacinto Festival Day



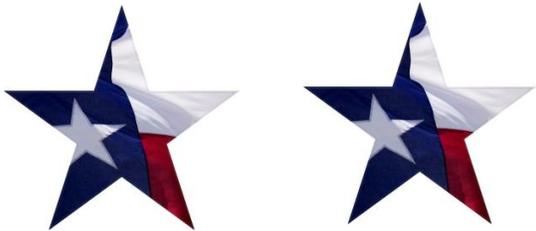
Despite threatening rain, San Jacinto weekend was filled with events to mark the 188<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the most significant Battle of the Western Hemisphere. Festival Day was a huge success with several thousand people attending.

**Left picture** – Steve Manis and Albert Seguin, Sidney Sherman Chapter members with Jess Stuart, at the Mirabeau B. Lamar Chapter booth.

## Sidney Sherman Chapter Booth

Carl Hill with his cousin Karen Hill Netzel along with her grandchildren Hudson, Brooklyn and Cayden Kutch all future CRT members.

Mike Mitchell is in the background.



# San Jacinto Day

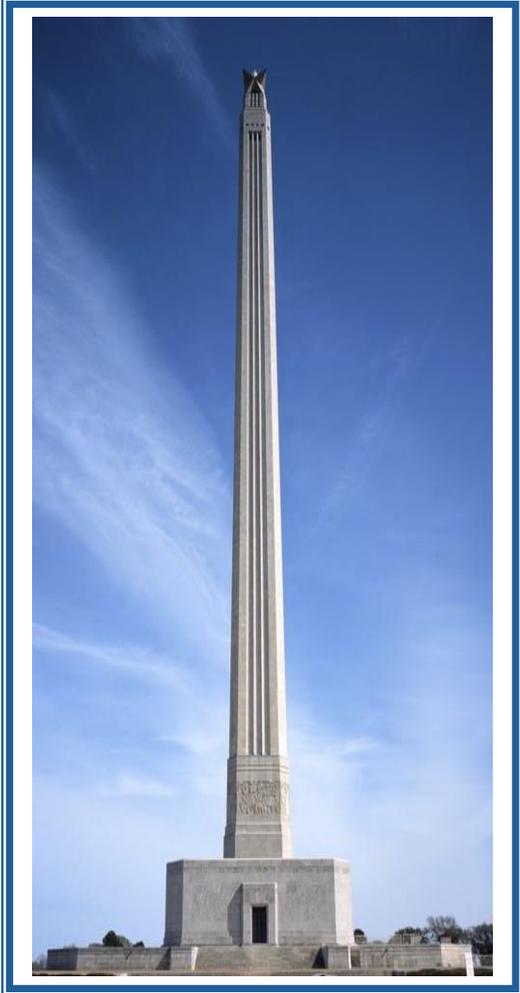



OFFICIAL STATE OF TEXAS CEREMONY

*Commemorating the*  
**188<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
 of the  
**BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO**

APRIL 21, 2024  
 2:00 P.M.

SAN JACINTO MONUMENT  
 SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE



Texian Color Guard



Joe Tennant, President General, San Jacinto Descendants; Devin Lindsey, President General, SRT and Carole Steakley, President General, DRT with the Memorial Wreath.



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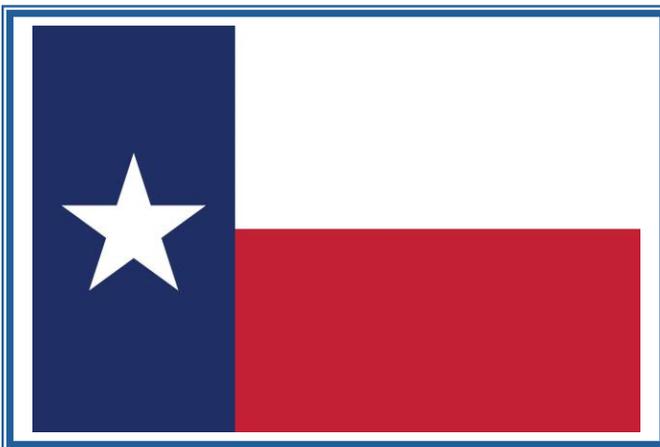
### 2024 PLANNING COMMITTEE

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#### Texian Color Guard

Carl Hill, Randal Hankla, Joe Weathersby, Howard Rose  
 Ray Cox, fife, Christine Gonzales, fife, Bill Byers, drum  
 Frank McLane, San Jacinto Battle Flag  
 Wreath escorted by Joslynn & Ji'anna Esquivel, CRT

*The San Jacinto Day Ceremony is organized under the auspices of the Texas Historical Commission, San Jacinto Battleground Historic Site.*



Robert Schnuriger, First Vice President, Sidney Sherman Chapter gave the Benediction.



The Sons of the Republic of Texas gathered on the steps of the Monument after the Ceremony.



# Save the Date

## Second Annual Sidney Sherman Birthday Celebration

NOTE – CHANGE OF DATE  
JULY MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 27, 2024, Saturday @ 6:00 p.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, Fanthorp Inn.



# Welcome New Members

Charles Howard Reynolds - Patriot: Henry P. Stephenson

Corey Harrison Reynolds - Patriot: Henry P. Stephenson

Brian Joseph Rapp - Patriot: Constantine W. Buckley

Kyle Michael Ehrlich - Patriot: William Miller Bailey



*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

May 21, 2024	Chapter Meeting	Speaker – Kameron Searle “Myths busting Texas History”
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	

**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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Texas*