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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past Saturday evening, I was at the Battleground for a presentation on the development of the Battleground entitled “*From Marshy Swamp to Shining Star*”. As I sat there and listened to the presentation, I thought how lucky I was to live in this general area and be within 20 or 25 miles of the Battleground like so many of us. This Battleground – the site of the **most significant Battle of the Western Hemisphere**.

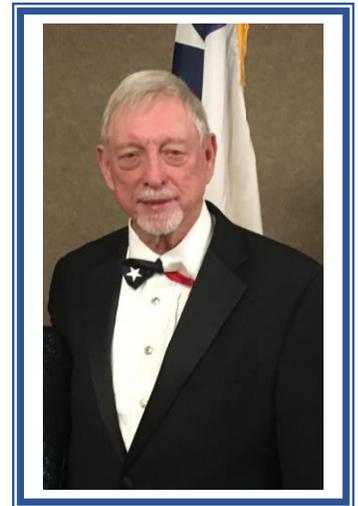
I have lived in the general Houston area most of my life as many of you do and the Battleground has been a part of my life. We were always taken as children and then as I grew older, I have participated in Battle re-enactments and volunteered at the Park.

Saturday night was a beautiful fall evening with a full moon and the Monument was magnificent in the evening with the illumination around her. Sitting in the theater inside the Monument on top of the heart of the Battle, I was again reminded of those brave and courageous men who fought here 188 years ago and were willing to give their lives for Liberty and Independence. As I listened to the presentation, I learned about the early history to acquire the acreage at the Battleground and the dream to build a Monument. The Texas Veterans began in the 1850's and it wasn't until the 1880's that the State purchased the first 10 acres along the Bayou. In 1881, The Texas Veterans erected the Brigham Monument, at the site of Texian Army Camp, where the men who had died in the Battle were buried.

The Texas Veterans continued to pursue their dream and unfortunately as many were aging in the late 1890's and 1900's it became necessary to prepare for the dissolution of their organization. On April 21, 1907, the Texas Veterans voted to dissolve and *passed their deeds and their memories* to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. The Daughters had organized in 1891 and had always held their annual meetings in conjunction with the Texas Veterans.

As I sat there, I learned how hard the Texas Veterans and the Daughters worked to have the State purchase this sacred site for posterity. We are truly blessed that due to their efforts and their perseverance this Marshy Swamp is now the magnificent Battleground Park that we enjoy today.

I had been unaware of all the efforts of the Texas Veterans and Daughters to save the Battlefield and mark the key historic sites of the battle for future generations. **As Texans we know that no other state has a San Jacinto and it is unique to the world.**



October has been a very active month for our Chapter. The Burnet-Sherman Ceremony held on October 15th, was a most successful event. Approximately 60 Sons and Daughters along with the schoolchildren from the David G. Elementary School gathered for this event.

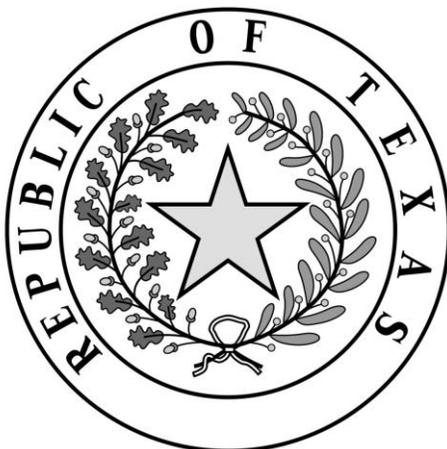
I want to personally thank everyone who participated in the Road to Independence, Celebrate our Heritage, Chili Cook Off event sponsored by the Children, Daughters and Sons of the Republic of Texas at the Pioneer Memorial Log House. Robert Schnuriger made the Chili for our Chapter's team which was recognized as the Best Texas Trailriders Chili. I also had a Chili Team and was recognized for the best All-Star Chili. Robert Gindratt hosted our historic artifact table with games from the 1830's. Eron Tynes, Honorary Member managed the event and said it was a most successful afternoon. It was a wonderful day as we gathered with other Texians, enjoyed good food and kindred fellowship.

As we gather this Thanksgiving with our families and friends, let us say special prayers for peace and be thankful for the prosperity that we all enjoy. And remember our ancestors and their struggles in the Fall of 1835 as we honor our mission

***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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Sidney Sherman Chapter

October Meeting

President Hill reported that the Burnet-Sherman Marker Ceremony was very well attended this morning and thanked everyone for coming. The chapter plans on having three chili teams at the Chili Cook Off to be held at the Pioneer Memorial Log House in Houston on November 3rd. Robert Schnuriger will have the Twin Sister's Chili Team, Carl Hill – the All Star Chili Team and Christie Erickson with her Rip Roaring, Hip Slapping Chili Team.

Also, during the meeting Marshall Brown, Lone Star District Representative talked about the effort the Lone Star Chapter to produce and sell a number of Challenge Coins. The first set depicting the five Presidents of the Republic of Texas is now ready to be sold. These Challenge Coins sell for \$30.00. Betty Edwards, Past President General, Daughters of the Republic of Texas provided a presentation of the Republic of Texas History Center located in Austin.

Our Speaker, John Walker, Fort Bend County Historical Commission gave a presentation on the Website he has built with the history of Fort Bend County and Cemetery Preservation. Mr. Walker's Website; LifeOnTheBrazosRiver.com has an incredible amount of historical information and websites to access regarding Texas History.



John Walker - Speaker



Marshall Brown



Dr. Betty Edwards



Upcoming Event

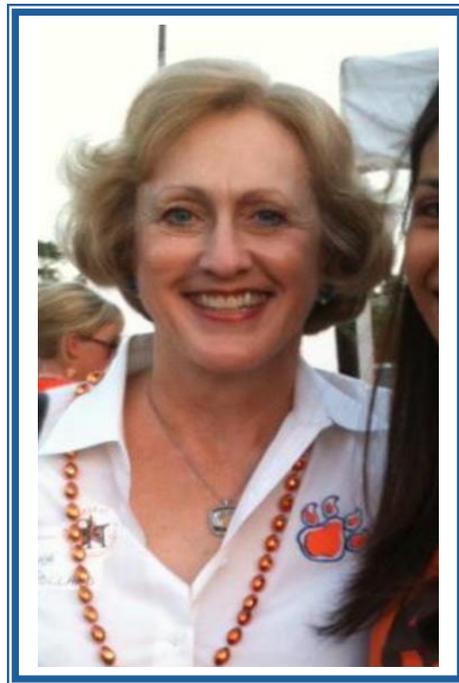
Sidney Sherman Chapter Meeting



November 19, 2024

Trisha Pollard
Presents

**The Sam Houston
Trail**



Trisha Pollard graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1974 with a BBA in Business Education. She began her career at Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, was the natural gas industry's first female "gas buyer" and later became Manager of the Gas Supply Department.

Trisha received her law degree from South Texas College of Law while working full-time and finished her 20 years at Transco as the Gas Supply Department's attorney. She worked for PennUnion Energy Services as Vice President of Legal and Human Resources for two years, then at Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline for five years as Assistant General Counsel. Since retiring in 2003, Trisha has been the Managing Partner of Pollard Development, L.P.

Trisha and her husband Randy live in Bellaire. Their older son Matt is a graduate of Texas A&M University; daughter Jenny is a graduate of SFA, and their son Jonathan is a sophomore at SHSU.

Trisha has served as Chairman of the Building & Standards Commission for the City of Bellaire and as Foreman of the Harris County Grand Jury for five terms. In 2003, Governor Perry appointed Trisha to the One-Call Board of Texas. The President of Sam Houston State University appointed Trisha to the Sam Houston State Alumni Board in 2006. Trisha served until March 2007, when Gov. Perry appointed her to a 6-year term on the Board of Regents for the Texas State University System.

KEEPING TEXAS HISTORY ALIVE

Burnet - Sherman

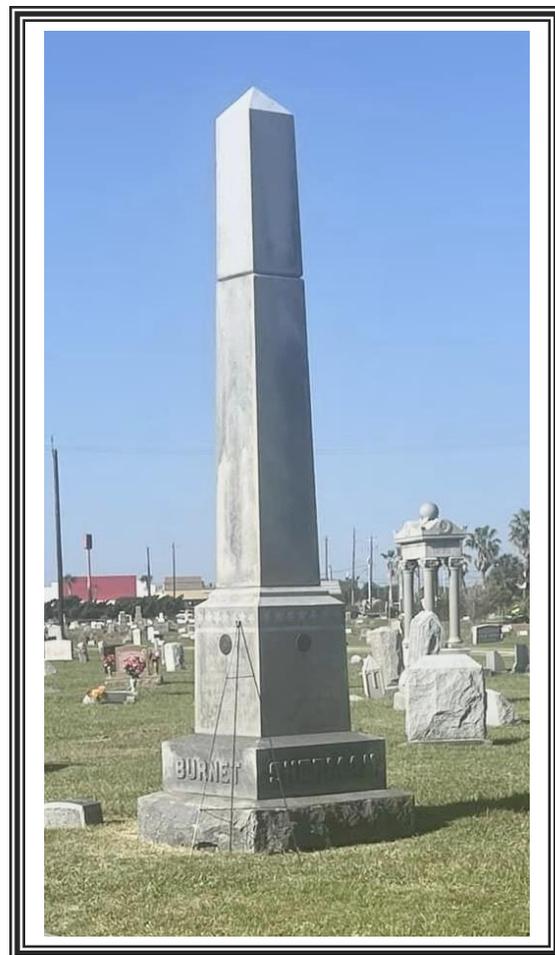
Marker Graveside Ceremony

The annual Burnet-Sherman Grave marking Ceremony was held on October 15, 2024 at Lakeview Cemetery. While the Daughters of the Republic of Texas was founded in 1891, the first monument to “keep their memory green” was planned by the first chapter of the Daughters – the Sidney Sherman Chapter in Galveston.

This monument was originally dedicated on March 2, 1894. Governor Lubbock came, along with The Texas Veterans, the Daughters and many civic organizations. There was a procession to the cemetery with over 2000 persons. The monument was unveiled by little Sue Sherman Menard, a granddaughter of General Sidney Sherman.

This was the first step taken by any DRT chapter toward the eventual objective of marking the resting place of all Texas heroes, setting aside those places where Texas history was made and designating such with monuments.

As we honored David G. Burnet, Interim President of the Republic of Texas and General Sidney Sherman we are indebted to the Daughters and especially the Sidney Sherman Chapter for their dedication and perseverance.



*To mark the graves and forever
perpetuate the bravery and courage of
these Texas Heroes of ours.*

**“Earth has
No holier
Ground,
then where
departed
Valor lies”**



Left Picture

Carl Hill at the Podium introducing, Robert Schnuriger to give the Invocation.

Right Picture

Texas Army Color Guard Rusty McLaughlin and Robert Gindratt



Left Picture - Carl Hill presenting to Frank Brown, Principal, David G. Burnet Elementary a biography on Juan Seguin and the Lone Star Monument & Flag Park Activity Book.



Emily Bagley, Music Teacher and students from the David G. Burnet Elementary School joined us for the Musical Presentation. The songs that they sang were:

**The Yellow Rose of Texas
The Eyes of Texas and
Texas our Texas**



Speaker - David Martin



Marcy Hanson giving the Benediction



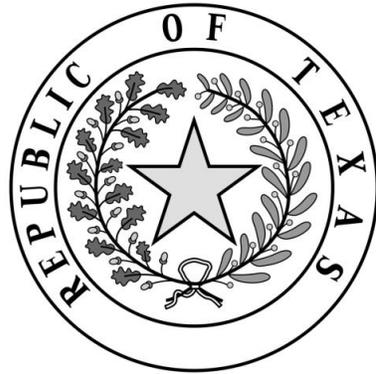
Rusty McLaughlin and David Martin firing the Salutes



Mike Wilson, KSJ playing Taps



Mike Mitchel, Robert Gindratt and Billy Mayo



Steve Manis, KSJ, Steve Nicol and Joanna Wilson



Marshall Brown, Rusty McLaughlin and David Martin



Denise Jones, Gwen Lejsal, Chapter Member, Marcy Hanson and Cindy Schnuriger



Debby McLaughlin, Chandler Wharmund & Robert Schnuriger



Randy Pollard, KSJ and Eron Tynes



Randy Pollard, KSJ, David Martin, Carl Hill and Ron Schoolcraft



Jeff Corbin, KSJ and Robyn Davis





Laying the Wreath – Sidney Sherman Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas
Gwen Lejsal, Marcy Hanson, Cindy Schnuriger,
Joanna Wilson, Chapter member and Denise Jones



SRT members gathered after the Ceremony

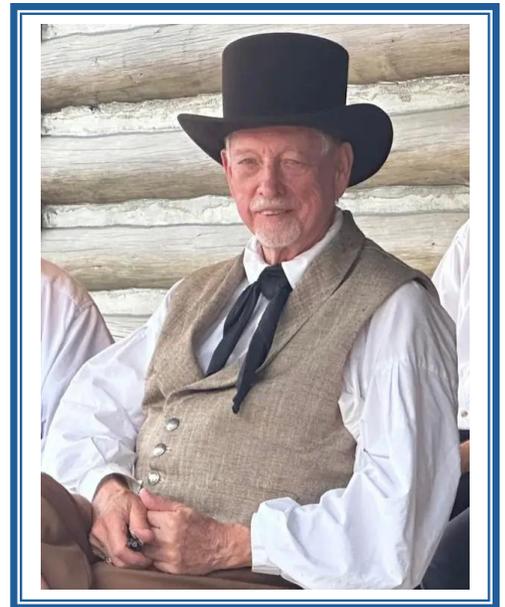
Road to Independence

Celebrating our Heritage

Chili Cook Off



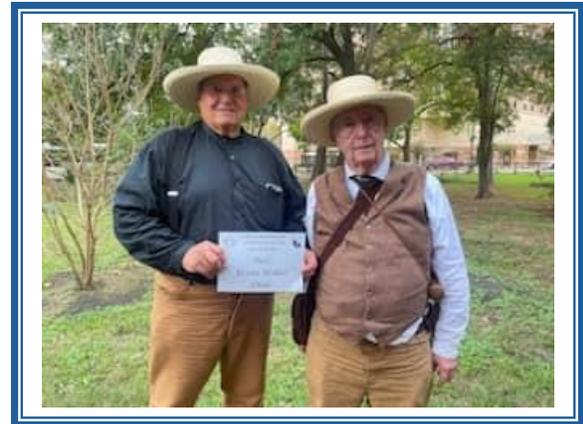
Robyn Davis, Carl Hill, Robert Schnuriger, Robert Gindratt,
Jennifer Meier, Cindy Schuniger and Steve Manis



Carl Hill portrayed Stephen F.
Austin during the Program

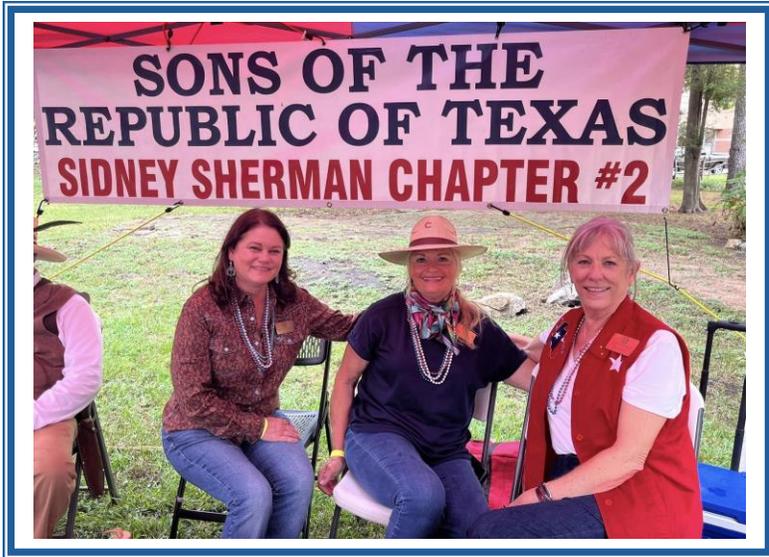
On November 3rd, over 100 Texans - Daughters, Sons and Children of the Republic of Texas gathered to Celebrate a Texas Honor Day – Stephen F. Austin’s birthday. He was the *Father of Texas* and the leader of the Old Three Hundred.

This celebration was held at the Pioneer Memorial Log House and included a Chili Cook off. The Sidney Sherman Chapter, SRT was joined by the Sidney Sherman Chapter, DRT. Sidney Sherman Chapter members who made Chili were Robert Schnuriger with his Twin Sisters Best and he won Best Texas Trailriders Chili. Carl Hill with his All-Star Chili Team who won for best All-Star Chili. Robyn Davis also joined the group and his team was The Founders, The General and I. Robert Gindratt assisted with the artifacts and children’s games from the 1830’s.



Robert Schnuriger and Robert
Gindratt with the Best Texas
Trailriders Chili





Sidney Sherman Chapter, DRT – Chili Team
Jennifer Meier, Cindy Schnuriger and Denise Jones



Mike Wilson, KSJ, with Rolling Thunder

A Program was held on the porch of the Log House with Gwen Koch, President, San Jacinto Chapter, DRT and Randy Pollard, KSJ, giving the Welcome. Carl Hill portrayed Stephen F. Austin during the Program.

The conclusion of the Program was a Flag Retirement Ceremony conducted by the Texas Army Color Guard and the Children of the Republic of Texas. In addition, Boy Scout Troop 1511 joined us in the Flag Retirement Ceremony by carrying several of the Historic Flags



Rusty McLaughlin, Robert Gindratt, and Robert Schnuriger, Texas Army Color Guard



Flag Retirement Ceremony with Texas Army Color Guard and Boy Scout Troop 1511

Keeping Texas History Alive At the Battleground



Genealogy Booth at the Fandango
Seated - Robert Schnuriger and Albert Seguin
Standing – Robert Gindratt

Member Appreciation Night
Robert Gindratt, Carl Hill, Eron Tynes
and Ron Schoolcraft



History
Under the Star

Eron Tynes – pictured in the center was one of the speakers for the Lecture Series. The title of the Presentation was *From Marshy Swamp to Shining Star*. She was joined by Robert Gindratt, Ron Schoolcraft, Albert Seguin and Carl Hill.

This upcoming Holiday Season promises to be a busy one. Aside from our own Chapter's Fourth Annual Christmas Party, we have been invited to two more – The Sidney Sherman Chapter DRT Christmas Luncheon and the Christmas Open House sponsored by the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT at the Pioneer Memorial Log House. In addition, the Texas City Christmas Parade will be held December 5th. Please see the following pages for the invitations with the information for these upcoming events.



Please join us

*Sidney Sherman Chapter, No. 2
Fourth Annual
Christmas Party*



*December 10, 2024
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*



*2227 Post Office
Galveston, Tx*

*Hosted by Jim Nonus
ENTRANCE is
502 23rd Street
(next to Star Drug Store)*



*RSVP by December 5, 2024
To Carl Hill, President
Easygoal1@hotmail.com
or text to 281-773-1739*

*\$25.00 per person
Payable at the door
includes Champagne, Wine,
Shrimp and Hors D'oeuvres.*

Categories:

Best of Theme:	\$500
Mayor's Choice:	\$400
Church Entry:	\$300
Band:	\$300
Business:	\$300
Individual:	\$300

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS

Safety is a top priority during the parade. For this reason:
THERE WILL BE NO CANDY ALLOWED AT THIS YEAR'S PARADE.



Texas City Christmas Parade
First Place
Individual Entry
2023

Please join us for the Texas City Christmas Parade on December 5, 2024. Last year the Chapter won First Place as an Individual Entry in the Parade. We received the Trophy and a check for \$300.00.

This year's the theme is a *Texas Christmas Parade*. If you plan to participate, please contact Carl Hill easygoal1@hotmail.com. These Parades provide us with an opportunity to reach out to the community and promote our Texas Heritage.




A TEXAS CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024
LINE-UP 4:00-5:30 PM

PARADE ROUTE:
BEGIN AT THE CORNER OF PALMER HWY AND PHOENIX LANE (NESSLER PARK COMPLEX). TRAVEL EAST DOWN PALMER HWY TO 6TH ST. TURN RIGHT ON 6TH ST. AND END ON 5TH AVE NORTH.

RESTRICTIONS:
SAFETY FIRST! SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY DURING THE PARADE. FOR THIS REASON:
THERE WILL BE NO CANDY ALLOWED AT THIS YEARS PARADE.

DONT MISS THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS PARADE AND SHOWCASE YOUR FLOAT TO THE COMMUNITY. LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE, SPREAD JOY AND MERRIMENT, AND YOU MIGHT JUST WALK AWAY WITH A TROPHY AND A GIFT CARD TO MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON EVEN MORE SPECIAL!

AWARDS:

PARADE THEME:
A TEXAS CHRISTMAS PARADE

JUDGING:
ALL FLOATS WILL BE JUDGED DURING THE PARADE BY A PANEL OF EXPERIENCED JUDGES. THEY WILL ASSESS VARIOUS ASPECTS, INCLUDING CREATIVITY, ADHERENCE TO THE THEME AND OVERALL APPEARANCE.

CATEGORIES: AWARD: (TROPHIES & GIFT CARD)

BEST OF THEME: \$500
MAYOR'S CHOICE: \$400
CHURCH ENTRY: \$300
BAND: \$300
BUSINESS: \$300
INDIVIDUAL ENTRY: \$300




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Sidney Sherman Chapter #1, DRT

Annual
 Christmas
 Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 7, 2024, 11:30-1:30
 at the Grotto in the San Luis Hotel

"A Christmas Story" & Melodies of Christmastime
 by Pastor Chris Bower

\$40 per person
 prepay only

RSVP to Gwen Lejsal
 713-582-1914

Dress: Christmas finery of today or days gone by

**Hand-Me-Down a Texas Trinket: do not spend a dime...wrap it up with a bow and paper to be gifted to a Daughter and loved because it is thine. Add a card and sign it so you will get a hug...share the Christmas Spirit and know that You are loved.*

Valet parking at 5222 Seawall Blvd, Hotel Entrance; Self-park behind the Hotel

Save the Date for

*A Christmas
Open House*

December 8th, 2024

2:00-4:00p.m.

Pioneer Memorial Log House

1510 Cambridge Street

Houston, Texas 77030

Hosted by the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT



ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2024

November 19, 2024 Chapter Meeting
Speaker – Trisha Pollard
“The Sam Houston Trail”

DECEMBER 9, 2024 SEIGE OF BEXAR

December 10, 2024 Fourth Annual Christmas Party
Hosted by Jim Nonus

January 21, 2025 Chapter Meeting
Speaker – TBD

January 26, 2025 MIRABEAU B. LAMAR DAY

Upcoming Dates of Interest

November 23, 2024 Tomball Parade (59th Annual Holiday Parade)
Rolling Thunder, Lone Star Chapter and other SRT members
We gather at 8:00a.m. to decorate
For more information, contact Carl Hill

December 5, 2024 Texas City Christmas Parade
(See flyer for more information)

December 7, 2024 Annual Christmas Luncheon
The Grotto – San Luis Hotel
Sidney Sherman Chapter, DRT
(See flyer for more information)

December 8, 2024 Christmas Open House
Pioneer Memorial Log House
San Jacinto Chapter, DRT
(See flyer for more information)

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*God Bless
Texas*