

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



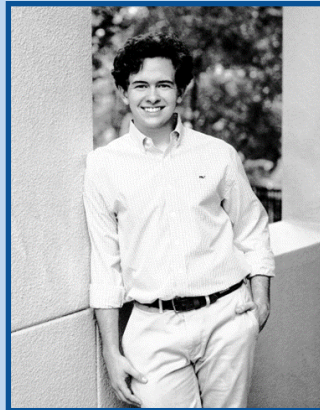
April 2023

2023 Thelma Maresh Scholarship Winners!!

The Scholarship Committee is please to announce the 2023 Thelma Maresh Scholarship Winners!



Margaret Davis
Attends The Village School
Will attend the University of Texas
DRT relatives: Hope Davis, Carol Theilen, Kay Theilen



Clark "Stockton" Lord
Attends The Kinkaid School
Will attend Trinity University
DRT relatives: Luisa Milby Feagin, Mary Milby



Reid Richter
Attends Foster High School
Will attend Texas A&M University
DRT relatives: Kay Kimball Martin



John Williamson
Attends St. Thomas HS
Will attend Texas A&M Univ.
DRT relatives: Jacqueline Mattingly Williamson, Jacqueline Williamson, Mary Margaret

A huge thank you to the Scholarship Committee Members: Vanessa Flores, Beth McCarty, Stacie Osborn, Susan Stormer and Luanne Zacek.

Laura Kaplan
Scholarship Committee Chair

From the President:

The San Jacinto Chapter DRT has had a busy month! We completed our 4th and 7th grade Essay Contests and our Education Committee chose our winners. Congratulations to all! See Tish Wolter's article on page 2. Our Scholarship Committee also received numerous applications for our Thelma Maresh College Scholarships. Congratulations to the student winners who will be honored at the ceremony at San Jacinto Monument on April 21st. See their names in the left column. As a chapter, we will host all of our student winners and their families at a reception at the Pioneer Memorial Log House on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Please join us to hear the essays read by their authors and to hear the plans of our scholarship winners. This is always a special time honoring our goal of supporting Texas Education!

On March 25, several of our members attended the Opening Dedication Ceremony for the Republic of Texas History Center in Austin. Our History Center is open!! We have several events coming up: San Jacinto Day and Family Day on April 21st and 22nd at the Monument and Battlefield; The San Jacinto Symposium in Pasadena from April 28th – 30th; our Education Reception on April 30th at the Log House; the National DRT Convention at Moody Gardens in Galveston from May 4th – 6th; our Chapter meeting and Memorial Service for the members we have lost this year on May 11th at 10:30 a.m.; and our Luncheon on June 1st at Braeburn Country Club. The luncheon will be special as we initiate our new members and install our new officers for 2023 – 2025. Information and reservation forms are attached to this newsletter.

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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CRT News!

Essay Contest Winners!

Congratulations to our 4th and 7th grade Texas History essay winners! Our 4th grade winner is Annie Wallace with her essay, "Ben Milam, Inspiration for all Texans". Annie attends Katy Elementary School. Her mother, Nancy Wallace, is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter DRT. We have two 7th grade winners, with Lillie Williamson placing 2nd for her essay, "William Menefee: A Man of Courage", and Morgan Wolter placing 1st with "George Campbell Childress: A Texas Legacy". Lillie attends Telluride Mountain School in Telluride, CO and her mother Ashley is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter DRT. The subject of Lillie's essay, William Menefee, is her own ancestor! Morgan Wolter is a student at Memorial Private School and her mother, Tish, is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter DRT. Morgan is currently serving as the San Jacinto Chapter CRT Historian. We are also very pleased to share that Morgan's essay placed first at District VI level as well! We will meet our winners at our Log House reception on April 30th. Please plan to attend!

CRT Convention News!!

Information is now available to register for the 62nd Children of the Republic of Texas Convention. The Convention will be in Center, TX June 23-24. Attached is the registration form. You must call the hotel and speak to Heather Matlock to lock in the CRT rate for hotel rooms.

Did you know?



Diane Martin, long-time Member of our San Jacinto Chapter pictured above with a portrait of Rebecca Fisher, the wife of her ancestor, Orceneth Fisher. This portrait hangs in the stairwell of the new History Center Building as a citizen of the Republic..

Diane's ancestor, Orceneth Fisher was the chaplain of the congress before we became a state.

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New Raffle Information!



Raffle to Raise Funds for our Pioneer Memorial Log House Restoration

A beautifully designed **Texas Our Texas** quilt featuring all things Texas is being raffled this year: 1 ticket for \$10, 3 tickets for \$25. This artful quilt can be used as a wall hanging, bed coverlet or throw!

San Jacinto DRT member, Debra Grigsby, adapted the design to include the San Jacinto Monument, Bluebonnets, Indian Paintbrush, the Alamo, Mockingbird, Spindletop, boots and more!!! Debra's craftsmanship and attention to detail AND quality make this a one-of-a-kind treasure. The quilt measures 52" x 64" and is definitely a labor of love for Texas!

Proceeds of this raffle will benefit our Pioneer Memorial Log House. Tickets will be for sale at San Jacinto Chapter meetings and activities, DRT State Convention in May, and DRT District Workshops this summer and fall. The drawing for this quilt will be December 7, 2023 at our chapter's Christmas Luncheon. The Winner need not be present to win.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Gwen Koch at 713/826-9061 or jkoch11949@att.net.

San Jacinto Weekend



San Jacinto Weekend will be here next weekend. Come join us at the San Jacinto Battleground as we celebrate the most significant Battle of the Western Hemisphere. In addition, we will be promoting Texas history to our school children and the community at large. The San Jacinto Chapter will be there sponsoring a booth on both Friday, April 21 (School Day) and again on Saturday, April 22 (Festival & Family Day - Battle re-enactment is held this day)

Some of you already have plans to be there - any of you are welcome to join us.

The official San Jacinto Day Ceremony will be at 2:00p.m. on April 21, 2023. All volunteers will be able to attend the ceremony-there will not be a conflict. We are looking for volunteers to join us for either day or both days. At our booth we will have about 15 of our Texas flags including the Six Flags of Texas and the various Battle Flags. We will also have to give to the school children Texas Flag cards with the Texas Pledge and Texas themed coloring pages. The Battleground will be providing colors so the children can color on site. I will also have a copy of the William Huddle painting (Surrender at San Jacinto) for display. If you have an ancestor who was in the Runaway Scrape or San Jacinto, please feel free to represent your ancestor. Don't worry about period dress - just talking about your ancestor will be great.

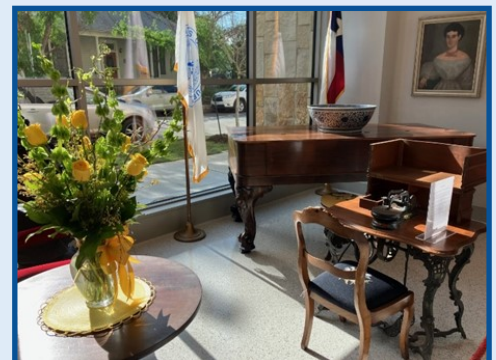
I will provide information on the flags, Texas Revolution and the Battle of San Jacinto so everyone will have a basic working knowledge. The hours on Friday are from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday will be from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. If you plan to volunteer please email Eron Tynes (texan54@att.net). Thanks again to all those who have signed up so far.

-Eron Tynes



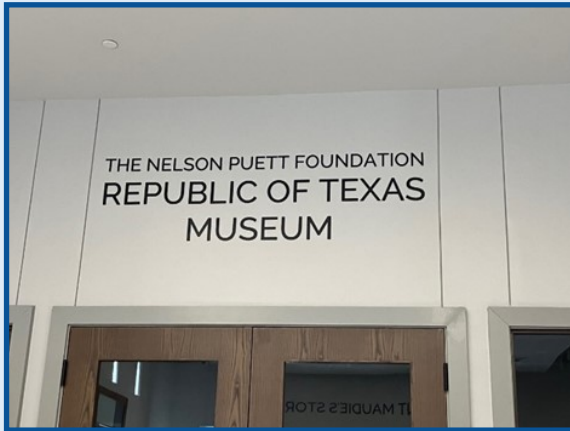
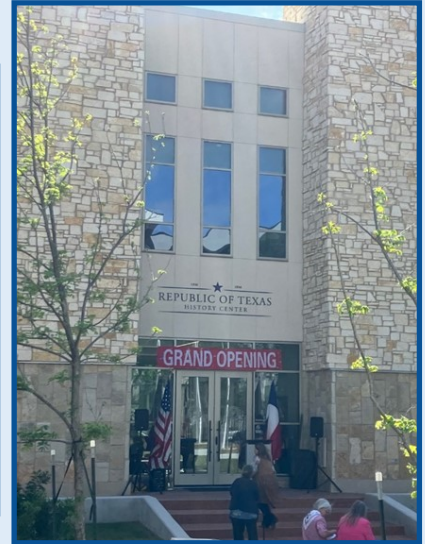
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Dedication Ceremony for the Republic of Texas History Center in Austin



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Dedication Ceremony for the Republic of Texas History Center in Austin - continued



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TIME CAPSULE PLANTED BY CRT MEMBERS



Devin Linville, Cne' Oliver, Terrance, Nathaniel Corbett, Miss Williams, and Jack Washington, Samantha Shelton, Roseann Shelton, Sage Smith, Colin Keel

Our historical records uncover some surprising history in the life of the chapter.

A CRT Scrapbook in our archives reveals that in 2000, our CRT members, with the Ima Hogg CRT chapter, put together “The Best Time Capsule” and planted it in front of the Log House. It is to be opened in 2036 for the 200-year anniversary of the victory at San Jacinto. Children participating were William Killebrew, David Killebrew, Jack Washington, Philip Washington, Sage Smith, Nathaniel Corbett, Samantha Shelton, Roseann Shelton, Cné Oliver, and others. Items placed in the time capsule were: a Houston Chronicle newspaper, People magazine, Life magazine, SJC SRT mug, some SJCDRT memorabilia from the country store, and anything the CRT children wanted to put in it.

If you know any of these children and have a contact number, please let the President know so she can ask them where the exact location is for the capsule.

Put the date on your calendar for the big “reveal.”

-Gwen Kunz

Information on the San Jacinto Symposium

**The San Jacinto Symposium
will be held
the weekend after our
San Jacinto Ceremony.**

**There is a dinner Friday night
and four excellent speakers at
the workshops
on Saturday, April 29th.**

**There will be a tour of the
Battlefield on Sunday!
Sign up soon!**

Go To:
www.sanjacintosymposium.com

**Please sign up
now for our
June Luncheon!
Information
attached to this
newsletter!
Hope to see you
there!**

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2023-2025 Officers

Congratulations to the following elected Executive Board Officers!

President Gwen Koch
1st Vice President Roni Thelen
2nd Vice President Jamie Moran
3rd Vice President Tish Wolter
4th Vice President Debra Grigsby
5th Vice President Sharolyn Wood
Treasurer Carla Brown
Registrar Trudi Becht
Chaplain Luanne Zacek
Recording Secretary Susan Caraway
Corresponding Secretary Susan Stormer
Historian Gwen Kunz
CRT Registrar Patti Randolph
Director Lisa Braly
Director Martha Jorgensen
Immediate Past President Beth McCarty

Bylaws - Proposed Changes

Please review the attached proposed amendments to our Bylaws. The Chapter will need to vote on the Proposed Changes this Spring

In Memoriam



Camille Dockery Simpson joined our chapter in 1992. Her ancestor was Sterling Smith. She passed away March 4 at the age of 96. A memorial service was held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Monday, Apr. 3. Camille was very active throughout her school career attending Lamar High School and Rice University. She and her husband, Ray, had 3 daughters and 1 son. Camille was also active in DAR.

Sue Evelyn Ledbetter Bell was a member of our Chapter. She passed away on March Mrach 27 at the age of 91. Sue attended River Oaks Elementary and The Kinkaid School before attending Boarding School. She later attended the University of Texas. Sue's husband, Paul Gervais Bell, Jr. was a San Jacinto descendant and a Past President of the Texas State Historical Association.



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San Jacinto Chapter - 2022~2023 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2023

San Jacinto Day Ceremony	April 21
No Open House	April 22
Reception for Essay Contest winners and Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m.	April 30
DRT Annual Convention, San Antonio ~Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas	May 4 – May 6
Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	May 11
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	May 18
Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m.	May 20
June Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.	June 1
CRT Annual Convention, Center, Texas	June 23-24



A BIG thank you to our April meeting hostesses who provided delicious homemade refreshments including fresh hot cross buns- left to rightt - Gwen Koch, Lisa Braly, Martha Jorgensen, and Patty Randolph.

**Next Month's
Chapter Meeting
will take place on
May 11**

**Hope to see you
there!**



Kroger Community Rewards and Randalls grocery stores have given Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Pioneer Memorial Log House new numbers. Please check with your local Kroger to have your Kroger Plus Card updated for our new **#RF149**. Randalls donation card number is **#14197** for the Pioneer Memorial Log House. You can request this number to be programmed onto your Randalls shopping card. Remember, you shop anyway, so this is a painless way for our chapter to receive a donation from Kroger and Randalls just because we shop. Every little bit helps!



Pioneer Memorial Log House

Become a "Friend of the Log House" for 2022-2023

To help preserve the house and grounds

- Texas Star.....\$ 25
- Silver Star.....\$ 50
- Shining Star.....\$ 100
- Gold Star.....\$ 250
- Lone Star.....\$ 500
- Platinum Star \$1,000 and higher

A gift of any amount is appreciated, and you will be recognized as a *Friend of the Log House*

Name _____
(as you wish to be printed)

Address _____
Street City, State, Zip

Phone _____ Email _____

General Contribution \$ _____

Contribution in Memory / Honor of _____ \$ _____

Send card to: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Total Gift \$ _____

Make check payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT

Or pay by credit card/Venmo (use QR code to donate online):

Name on credit card or VENMO User ID _____

Card Type and Number _____

Expiration _____ Code _____

Mail donations to:
Pioneer Memorial Log House
1510 Cambridge Street
Houston, Texas 77030-1732



All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. San Jacinto Chapter DRT is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Children of the Republic of Texas 62nd Annual Convention

June 23-24, 2023

Best Western Plus Center, Texas * 936-591-0002

Hotel Reservations, Rooms Rate varies by size.

MUST TALK TO HEATHER MATLOCK - MENTION CRT CONVENTION

Reserve before June 1 for CRT Rate

Complete one form per person. Mail registration form and check payable to William Carroll Crawford Chapter
420 King St, Center, Texas 75935

Name _____ Age as of 6/24/2023 or Adult _____

Address _____ City _____ Tx _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Contact Email _____

Chapter Name/City _____ District _____

Special Meal Needs: _____ Allergies _____

DRT/SRT BOM _____ Yes _____ No _____ DRT/SRT/Chapter _____

Office _____

Registration \$20.00 _____

Friday Dinner \$15.00 _____

Saturday Lunch \$25.00 _____

Adult T Shirt \$25.00 _____

Child T Shirt \$20.00 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Size(circle) SM MD LG XL 2X 3X

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President General CRT Vest *FREE* Adult S M L _____ Child S M L _____

Friday Events

9:00 am BOM meeting Historic Courthouse
11-4:00 Registration at Historic Courthouse
11:00-2:00 pm Scrapbook
Drop Off- Historic Courthouse
11:00-12:00 Silent Auction Begins
2:00-4:00 Courthouse Lawn Republic Days of Yore
3:30-Nominating Committee & Scrapbook Judging
4:00 Silent Auction End
5:30 Republic of Texas "1830s" style attire – option
6:00 Dinner at Community House
7:30 Swimming at hotel – Free Time

Saturday Events – Center High S

8:00-9:30 am Registration
9:30 am First Business Session
10:00 am Special Presentation TBA
12:00-1:30 pm Lunch and Awards
1:30 pm Second Business Session
2:30 pm New Officers Installed
3:15 pm Convention Adjourns
Photos – New Board of Management etc.

Please join us for
San Jacinto Chapter,
Daughters of the Republic of Texas

Annual Luncheon and
New Member Initiation Ceremony

June 1, 2023

11:30 am

BraeBurn Country Club
8101 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas 77074

\$50 per person

Complimentary Valet Parking

Reservations must be received by May 20, 2023

_ To Register Online, please scan the QR Code or click here
[Online Registration and/or Payment Options](#)

_ To Register by Mail, please print form and mail with your check.

Check for \$50 each Payable to and Mail to: San Jacinto Chapter DRT
1510 Cambridge Street
Houston, Texas 77030



Reservation for _____

Phone/email _____

My Guest (s) _____

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

132nd Annual Convention

May 4-6, 2023

Galveston, Texas

Call to Convention

Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa, & Convention Center

7 Hope Boulevard

Galveston, TX 77554

The Registration Form is on the DRT members website

<https://www.drinfo.org>



GUEST SPEAKER

*Honorable Judge Ken Wise,
14th District Court of Appeals*

STORIES FROM GALVESTON

Parking: Valet Parking - \$22.00

\$10.00 per Day Hotel Garage

Parking Lots & Convention Center Garage
- FREE

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS
SAN JACINTO CHAPTER

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I—NAME

Section 1. The name of the Organization will be San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Section 2. It is a chapter of the State organization of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and is organized subject to the laws of that organization.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTIVES

Section 1. To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas.

Section 2. To encourage historical research into the earliest records of Texas, especially those relating to the Revolution of 1835 and the events which followed; to foster the preservation of documents and relics; to encourage the publication of records of the individual service of the soldiers, sailors and patriots of the Republic and other source material for the History of Texas.

Section 3. To promote the celebration of Texas Honor Days:

- Lamar Day January 26
- Texas Statehood Day February 19
- Texas Independence Day & Flag Day March 2
- Alamo Heroes Day March 6
- Goliad Heroes Day March 27
- San Jacinto Day April 21
- Treaty of Velasco Day May 14
- Texian Navy Day 3rd Saturday in September
- Texas Heroes Day September 18, 2017
- Gonzales Day October 2
- Stephen F. Austin's Birthday November 3
- Founders Day November 6
- Siege of Bexar Day December 9

Section 4. To promote the teaching of Texas history.

Section 5. The special objective of San Jacinto Chapter will be to further interest in the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, San Jacinto Museum of History, and the Pioneer Memorial Log House.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Membership

The classes of membership in the San Jacinto Chapter of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas are: Chapter Member, Chapter Life Member, Emeritus Member, Associate Member, Affiliate Member, Honorary Member, and Posthumous Member. Associate members are members of the chapters only and do not have the rights in the parent organization by right of this chapter membership.

A. Chapter Member. A San Jacinto Chapter Member is a dues paying member of San Jacinto Chapter. She has the right to attend chapter, district and annual meetings, make motions, debate, and vote.

B. Chapter Life Member. Life Memberships-in San Jacinto Chapter are no longer available. State dues for Life members enrolled as of May 2022 will be paid from the general funds until the member is deceased.

C. Emerita: A member of 15 years or more is eligible to become an emerita member if she is placed in long-term care, is permanently incapacitated, or finances make it difficult for her to continue to pay dues. Emerita members have all the rights and privileges of Chapter Members in their chapter. No Emerita member may serve in an office as defined in Article V.

D. Associate Member. A woman who is ineligible for membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, yet who has a deep interest in furthering the objectives of DRT, may become an associate member.

A prospective associate member must have her name presented and voted upon, conforming to the rules governing new applicants. An associate member may not make a motion or vote at the DRT Annual

Convention or serve as a general officer or at the district level. An associate member does not have the privilege of voting or holding office in the chapter. An associate member may serve on chapter committees but may not chair the committee. An associate member pays only chapter dues. Associate membership is applicable to San Jacinto Chapter DRT only and is not transferable.

E. Affiliate Member. A member of a DRT chapter other than San Jacinto Chapter who wishes to have a secondary chapter membership in San Jacinto Chapter as an affiliate must have her name presented and voted upon, conforming to the rules governing new applicants. An Affiliate pays chapter dues only and may vote, hold office, and participate in San Jacinto Chapter.

F. Honorary-Member. San Jacinto Chapter may designate an individual, male or female, who has rendered extraordinary service to the San Jacinto Chapter as an honorary member by presenting his or her name to the executive board for consideration as an honorary member. If the board deems the person is acceptable, his or her name must be read at the two regular San Jacinto Chapter DRT meetings before being awarded honorary membership. An honorary member does not have the privilege of voting or holding office in the chapter. An honorary member may serve on committees but may not chair the committee. An honorary member pays no chapter dues. Honorary membership is applicable to San Jacinto Chapter DRT only and is not transferable. No member or former member of the DRT is eligible.

G. Posthumous Member. A posthumous membership is granted to a woman who would have been eligible for membership in DRT. A posthumous member will not be eligible for supplemental ancestors. There will be a "P" affixed to the membership number. A posthumous member will be eligible to have a member medallion affixed to her tombstone.

Section 2. Eligibility for Membership

A. Eligibility. Any woman having attained her 16th birthday is eligible for membership, provided she is a lineal descendant of a man or woman meets the proof of eligibility in Section 3.

B. Transfer from CRT. Any girl who is a member of the Children of The Republic of Texas (hereinafter referred to as "CRT") is eligible for transfer to the chapter any time after the 16th birthday but before her 21st birthday without payment of initiation fees, subject to being accepted by a chapter. Such a member has the option of becoming a dual CR-DRT member until her 21st birthday.

Section 3. Proof of Eligibility

A. Proof. Proof submitted by an applicant will include documentation of her lineal descent from her male or female Republic of Texas ancestor who served in the cause of independence before Statehood. All information on the application will be documented. The applicant must furnish acceptable proof of her descent from an ancestor who served in the following capacities:

B. Resident or Colonist. As a loyal resident or colonist, male or female, regardless of age, who established residence in The Republic of Texas prior to February 19, 1846. The time period for "residence" will be the beginning of the Spanish Colonial Period in 1820 and will include both colonists and native residents during this period. "Loyal" will be interpreted to mean that he or she has not been proved disloyal

Section 4. Application for Membership

A. Application to the Chapter

1. Prospective member. The prospective member will submit a letter or email to the chapter, by sending it to the registrar, stating why she wishes to join Daughters of the Republic of Texas and San Jacinto Chapter. When the prospective member has two chapter member sponsors, the chapter registrar will submit the applicant's name to the executive board for consideration. ~~The board shall will pass upon the prospective member and, if favorable, refer her to the chapter.~~ **The prospective member will be elected to become an applicant of San Jacinto Chapter by a 2/3 vote on a written ballot at a regular chapter meeting of the executive board at a regular or called special meeting and will be submitted to the chapter for vote of approval.**

2. Application time limit: After an application for membership has been submitted, there may be additional documentation required to prove lineage or service. The applicant will have two years from the date of original submission to respond to the documentation requests. After the expiration of the two years, the dues payment will be returned.

3. Application. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas application is to be completed by the chapter registrar. The application must be printed on official DRT paper according to the DRT application preparation instructions. The completed application papers upon the registrar's approval will be signed by the chapter president and the chapter registrar and sent by the chapter registrar to the registrar general for final action.

B. Approval. All applications must be approved by the registrar general. When eligibility of an applicant is questioned, the applicant may request a review and decision by the Membership Committee. The eligibility of the member will be determined by a majority vote of the Membership Committee. If the application is rejected, the applicant's papers, including proofs and dues will be returned. The examination fee will be retained by DRT.

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C. Ownership of Application Papers. All approved application papers and the proof of lineage submitted with them become the property of DRT and will not be taken from the permanent membership file.

Section 5. Transfers, resignation & Reinstatement

A. Chapter Procedure. A former member, transferee, or member-at-large who wishes to become a member of San Jacinto Chapter must have her name presented and voted upon, conforming to the rules governing new applicants.

B. Transfers. A transferee or member-at-large, upon payment of her dues for the current year and the DRT's transfer fee, will become a member of San Jacinto Chapter. A chapter member in good standing who wishes to become a member-at-large must pay her transfer fee to the chapter treasurer who will send the fee to the treasurer general requesting the transfer.

C. Resignation. Resignation of a chapter member will be submitted to the chapter treasurer. If a member resigns, she becomes a former member as of the resignation date.

D. Reinstatement. A former member who desires reinstatement and whose written request is **approved by the executive board** ~~accepted by vote of the chapter~~ will be restored to full membership upon the payment of her dues for the current year and payment of the DRT reinstatement fee.

E. Supplementals. Supplemental ancestral lines may be established by completing application papers for each ancestor.

ARTICLE IV—DUES AND FEES

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the San Jacinto Chapter will be from June 1 to May 31, inclusive.

Section 2. Dues and Fees

A. Annual Dues. The annual dues of chapter members are \$75 [state dues \$50; chapter dues \$25]. Dues are payable in advance and are nonrefundable. Associate and affiliate dues are the same amount as chapter dues.

B. Payment of Annual Dues. Dues are due each year on June 1st. Dues must be received by the chapter treasurer by July 1st.

C. Deadline. A member whose dues are unpaid by the deadline will be dropped from membership and will be required to reinstate her membership.

D. First Dues for New Members. DRT annual dues for new members shall be paid with their examination fee for the current fiscal year. New members whose applications are approved in the months of March, April, and May are not liable for annual dues until the following fiscal year.

E. Fees. State DRT fees are as follows: examination fee for new members of \$70, one-time nonrefundable posthumous fee of \$150, reinstatement fee of \$25, transfer fee of \$25, and examination fee for each supplemental application fee of \$50. -The examination fee is waived for members of CRT who join DRT before their 21st birthday. A chapter processing fee of \$25 will be charged for processing DRT application forms. A chapter processing fee of \$15 will be charged for each supplemental form, chapter transfer, affiliate member, associate member, CRT application form, and CRT to DRT transfer.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Chapter Officers. The elected chapter officers will be president, five vice presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, registrar, historian, chaplain, CRT registrar, and two directors.

Section 2. Appointed Position. The parliamentarian will be appointed by the president and, as required by "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised," is not allowed to vote or make motions.

Section 3. Executive Board. The executive board will be composed of the elected chapter officers, the immediate past president, and the parliamentarian. The executive board will have general charge of affairs of the chapter between meetings, any action taken being endorsed at the next regular chapter meeting.

Section 4. Absence. Should any member of the executive board be absent from three board meetings during any fiscal year or three chapter meetings during any fiscal year, without first notifying the President with a valid excuse, the office will be automatically vacated.

Section 5. Removal.

A. Ethical, honest, and legal behavior is expected from all members. Failure to conform to behavioral standards may result in disciplinary proceedings as defined in the Parliamentary Authority of "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" and, if appropriate, may result in filing civil or criminal proceedings.

B. **Removal of an Officer.** The executive board will have authority to determine what action, if any, should be taken. The executive board by a 2/3 vote may censure or remove a chapter officer. If the officer is being disciplined over a financial matter, she may be ordered to pay restitution.

C. **Removal from Membership.** The Board of Administrative of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas will have the authority to determine what action, if any, should be taken according to Article I, Section 10 styled "Discipline or Termination for Cause," Bylaws of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Board. The executive board will attend to all business of the chapter and will be called together by the president. The board will hold one stated meeting each month ~~previous~~ prior to the regular meeting of the chapter and will present its recommendations to the chapter for action. ~~The executive board will elect two chapter members with financial experience at the May executive board meeting to be members of the Audit Committee.~~ The executive board will elect by 2/3 majority a qualified chapter member to fill an officer vacancy. She will serve the unexpired term of her predecessor and will be eligible for election to the same office for a two-year term.

Section 2. President.

A. **General.** The duties of the president will be to preside at all meetings, ~~to enforce all rules as adopted by the chapter,~~ and to call special meetings when necessary. ~~She will~~ enforce all rules as adopted by the chapter. ~~She will sign all contracts, leases, grant applications, and other legal documents. She will be the chapter's official spokesperson, to read all chapter communications intended for public dissemination prior to its release.~~

B. **Committee Appointments and Memberships.** ~~The president~~ She will appoint all committees, except those appointed by the fifth vice president, those elected by the executive board, or those elected by chapter. She will be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee. ~~She~~ The president of the chapter serves on the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee, serving a third year on the committee as immediate past president. ~~She~~ The president may appoint a President of the Friends of the Log House and serves on any Friends of the Log House Committee.

C. **DRT Reports.** The president She will send to DRT Headquarters and ~~her~~ the District VI Representative the list of new officers as required in the MOP and submit reports and forms as required by the MOP. She will sign all applications for membership, and, ~~co-sign~~ with the chapter recording secretary, ~~co-sign~~ chapter endorsement of members for election at a District Meeting or for nomination for officer general sent to the DRT Nominating Committee.

Section 3. Immediate Past President. The immediate past president will provide general guidance for the affairs of the chapter, assist the president as needed, and serve for a term of two years on the executive board, having the right to make motions and vote. She serves one year on the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee as immediate past president.

Section 4. Vice Presidents. The vice presidents will assist the president when requested and, in the absence or inability of the president, will preside in their numerical order.

A. **First vice president** ~~will be the chair of the Audit Committee and~~ will be responsible for preparation and distribution of the chapter yearbook. She will serve as chair of the Yearbook Committee ~~and as a member of the Finance Committee.~~

B. **Second vice president** will be responsible for programs for chapter meetings.

C. **Third vice president** will be responsible for San Jacinto Chapter of the Children of the Republic of Texas and serve as chair of the Children of the Republic of Texas Committee.

D. **Fourth vice president** will be in charge of fund-raising projects and ~~act as chair of the Ways and Means Committee is authorized to prepare and submit grant applications co-signed with the President.~~ She serves as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee and on any Friends of Log House Committee. ~~She serves~~ as chair of the Ways and Means committee.

E. **Fifth vice president** serves as the chair of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee and its sub-committees and serves a third year on the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee as immediate past fifth vice president.

Section 5. Recording Secretary. The recording secretary will keep the minutes of the chapter meetings and executive board meetings ~~and will distribute the minutes to the executive board by the Monday prior to the meeting at which the minutes are to be approved.~~ She will co-sign, with the chapter president, chapter

endorsements of members for election at a District Meeting or for nomination for Officer General sent to the DRT Nominating Committee.

Section 6. Corresponding Secretary. The corresponding secretary will conduct all correspondence and convey all official decisions of the chapter. She will extend appropriate courtesies to members who are ill.

Section 7. Treasurer.

A. General. Duties. The treasurer will maintain the financial records of the chapter and report to the executive board at each regular board meeting and to the members at each chapter meeting. She will keep a strict account of all receipts and disbursements. The treasurer will serve as chair of the Finance Committee and consult as needed with the Audit Committee. She will serve as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee and on any Friends of Log House Committee.

B. Dues. The treasurer will collect all dues in accordance with provisions found in the MOP, sending notices to members by May 1st, a second notice to those unpaid by June 1 (the due date), and if necessary, a third notice on June 15 (15 days before the deadline). She will submit the dues report and payment by July 10th. In March of each year, she will work with DRT Headquarters to verify payments of dues as found in the MOP. She will order the past president's pin and have it at the June Installation service. She will provide members with information and forms to obtain their DRT membership pin and ancestor bars.

C. Disbursements. Only budgeted expenditures are allowed; non-budgeted expenditures must be approved by the executive board before payment. All payments must be approved by the president prior to payment. All checks must be signed by the president and treasurer. Alternatively, the Treasurer may issue electronic payments for bill, provided that there is an auditable trail of the President's approval prior to payment being made.

D. Investments. The treasurer, with the Finance Committee, will monitor and evaluate the investment portfolios, in accordance with the Investment Policy Statement ("IPS"), and prepare a Management Investment Report for the executive board. In October, the treasurer will present a recommendation to the executive board for the annual scholarships to be awarded, using the Appropriation for Expenditure Calculation guideline in the IPS.

E. Compliance. The treasurer will file the appropriate IRS Form 990 each year on or before October 15 and file the chapter's Texas Sales and Use Tax Return as set up with the state comptroller's office on a timely basis. She will file the Related Entity Report each year with DRT Headquarters on or before June 30.

Section 8. Historian. The historian will preserve papers and records of the early history of Texas which will come into her possession through the chapter. She will secure and preserve all chapter historic documents and permanent files, maintain the chapter library collections in accordance with Library Collections Policy and administer the Chapter Record Retention Policy. She will assist the Curatorial Committee with preservation of paper artifacts. She will prepare a photo history book to be presented to the president at the close of her term. She will serve as chair of the Historic Preservation Committee. ~~and as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee.~~

Section 9. Chaplain.

A. General. The chaplain will open all business meetings with prayer and will preside over memorial programs and such other meetings as may require her services.

B. Notification. The chaplain ~~She~~ will receive notification of the death of a member and forward that information to the chaplain general ~~and to the chapter president, treasurer, and database manager.~~ The chaplain general is to be sent ~~sending~~ a copy of the Deceased Member Report Form to notify the chaplain general of the death of a chapter member, name of the chapter member's next of kin, and any available newspaper obituary clippings, and a photo, if available, as soon as possible after the member's death.

C. Condolences. The chaplain ~~She~~ will send notices of condolence to the bereaved family members ~~of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and recommend an annual donation to Clayton Library in memory of recently deceased members.~~

D. Resigned member. A woman who has been a member of San Jacinto Chapter for many years and has served the DRT actively, and resigns because of age or illness will, on the occasion of her death, be reported to the chaplain general to be mentioned at the following convention as any deceased paid-up member would be and will be honored at the funeral with the Texas flag.

Section 10. Registrar. The registrar will keep a correct list of all members of the chapter, a list of all dismissals, removals, transfers and marriages. She will receive requests for membership and report to the executive board. The registrar will assist applicants in procuring data for applicants and in the preparation of their membership applications. She will review the applications and send valid applications to the registrar general for review and approval. She will notify new members of their acceptance into the chapter. She will maintain the chapter archive of membership applications, these files to be secured from flood, fire, and other natural

disasters. She will serve as chair of the Membership Committee. The chapter registrar may hold local workshops to promote membership.

Section 11. CRT Registrar. The CRT registrar will keep a correct list of all members of the San Jacinto Chapter of the Children of the Republic of Texas. She will receive requests for membership and report to the executive board. The CRT registrar will assist in the preparation of membership applications. She will review the applications and send valid applications to the CRT registrar general. She will notify new members of their acceptance into the San Jacinto Chapter CRT. She will assist the third vice-president with the CRT Committee and CRT functions.

Section 12. Parliamentarian. The parliamentarian will, at the request of the president, direct the chapter in parliamentary usage and be a member of the Bylaws Committee.

Section 13. Directors. Directors will provide general guidance, advice, oversight, and support for the affairs of the chapter and assist the President as needed.

Section 14. Retiring Officers. The retiring officers will give to their successors, after installation of new officers in June, records and information necessary to facilitate the work of each office. They shall deliver archival items to the Historian for storage.

ARTICLE VII—STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Membership Committee will assist the Registrar with the application process and recruiting of new members. The registrar will chair the committee.

Section 2. Finance Committee will be composed of the treasurer **as chair**, assistant treasurer, retiring treasurer for the two years succeeding her term of office, first vice president, and, by appointment of the president, **two** chapter members with financial **or investment** experience. The committee will **perform the following duties:**

- (a) Review all financial reports.
- (b) **Review investment portfolios and the semi-annual Investment Management Reports for compliance with the Investment Policy Statement.**
- (c) Prepare a proposed chapter budget for the next fiscal year and submit it to the executive board for consideration in April and then to the members for adoption in May.
- (d) **Perform two audits each fiscal year in accordance with the established Audit Policy. An interim audit will be performed mid-year with the final audit completed after year-end close. The interim audit report and final audit report (along with the financial statements) will be submitted to the executive board and then to the chapter for vote of approval.**
- (e) Review the IRS Form 990 prior to filing.
- (f) Conduct annual reviews **of the following** chapter policies: Audit, Conflict of Interest, Donation, and Investment. **Recommend changes to the executive board when needed.**

~~**Section 3. Audit Committee** will submit the Audit Committee's report, along with the financial statements, to the executive board and then to the chapter for vote of approval. The first vice president will chair the committee.~~

Section 3. 4. Yearbook Committee will prepare and distribute a printed yearbook. The first vice president will chair the committee.

Section 4. 5. Children of the Republic of Texas Committee will assist the CRT in electing officers, holding meetings, and fulfilling objectives as outlined in the bylaws of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. The third vice president will chair the committee.

Section 5. 6. Ways and Means Committee will suggest and direct means of raising funds. The committee will have oversight of the Country Store and assist the treasurer with an annual inventory at the end of the fiscal year. The fourth vice president will chair the committee.

Section 6. 7. Historic Preservation Committee will be in charge of preserving the papers and records of the chapter, including managing the portion of the storage locations where many of these records are kept. This committee will keep the chapter library updated as to important publications such as the Annual Proceedings and Yearbooks and will recommend annual donations to the San Jacinto Museum of History. ~~Clayton Library.~~

~~and Texas Room at the Houston Public Library. The historian will chair the committee.~~ The historian will chair the committee.

Section 7. 8. Bylaws Committee will update the San Jacinto Chapter bylaws to agree with any revisions, changes, or amendments to ~~the Bylaws of DRT State DRT bylaws~~ approved ~~at the DRT Annual Convention by the state convention.~~ The committee will review, study and present ~~bylaws~~ amendments ~~of the bylaws~~ to the chapter ~~in accordance with Article XII—Amendments. for its approval. After the DRT Parliamentarian has approved the amended bylaws, the Bylaws chair will provide the amended bylaws to the first vice president for the Yearbook. The chair will maintain the Chapter Policies Manual, ensuring that all policies do not conflict with chapter bylaws or other chapter policies and distribute the policies to each new executive board member.~~ The parliamentarian will be a member of the committee.

Section 8. 9. Education Committee will promote the study of early Texas history. The committee will encourage the participation of 4th and 7th grade students in the annual State DRT Essay and Art Contests, with any chapter award ceremony to be held the first weekend in May. The committee will recommend nominees to the executive board for the chapter's annual Outstanding Texas History Teacher Award, with the winner selected by a vote of the board. The award will be presented at the chapter's June luncheon

Section 9. 10. Historic Sites Committee will report at least once every two years on markers placed by the San Jacinto Chapter at the San Jacinto Battleground and other sites. They will encourage the chapter to appropriately designate places of historic significance including ancestral graves.

Section 10. 11. Houston Memorial Park Committee will be responsible for informing the general membership of matters concerning Memorial Park.

Section 11. 12. Membership Database Administrative Committee will consist of the membership database administrator, the chapter registrar, and the chapter treasurer. This committee will keep accurate records of the current and past members of the chapter.

Section 12. 13. Music Committee will provide music whenever needed.

Section 13. 14. Newsletter Committee will be responsible for the publication of the San Jacinto Chapter newsletter. A photographer will be a part of this committee.

Section 14. 15. San Jacinto Battleground Committee will promote interest in the San Jacinto Battleground, and the San Jacinto Museum of History.

Section 15. 16. Scholarship Committee will oversee the selection and presentation of the annual Thelma Maresh Scholarship Awards to graduating students according to the criteria approved by the chapter. Unless not possible, presentation is made at the San Jacinto Day Ceremony on April 21st.

Section 16. 17. Social Committee will have charge of all social affairs. The chair of the social committee serves as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee.

Section 17. 18. Telephone Committee will function when called upon by the president.

Section 18. 19. Tellers Committee will be ready at any chapter meeting to count the ballots and report results to the chapter.

Section 19. 20. Website Committee will consist of the website administrator and committee members as needed to assist her. The committee will manage and maintain the official San Jacinto Chapter website as directed by the executive board. The website administrator will act as chair of the committee.

ARTICLE VIII—PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Purpose. The Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee has responsibility for the preservation, care, and management of the Pioneer Memorial Log House, Brooks Cottage, the gardens and associated grounds, and the chapter's early Texas history collection.

A. Committee. The fifth vice president will serve as chair of the committee. In addition to the chair, the members of the committee will be:

i) president, fourth vice president, ~~and~~ treasurer ~~and historian~~ of the San Jacinto Chapter;

- ii) any retiring president and retiring fifth vice president of the San Jacinto Chapter, who serve one year as an immediate past officer;
- iii) the chair of the social committee;
- iv) ~~three~~ **two** additional chapter members appointed by the chair; and
- v) any president of the Friends of the Log House, as an ex officio member.

B. Meetings. The committee will hold one stated meeting each month previous to the executive board meeting of the chapter, on the last Thursday of the month or such other time as approved by the committee due to the holiday calendar. The chair may call a special meeting as may be necessary.

C. Reports. The committee will provide a written report of its activities and actions to the executive board at each board meeting, any action taken being endorsed by the board at that committee meeting.

D. Sub-Committees. The chair of the committee will establish sub-committees to accomplish the objectives of the committee, to include the Curatorial Committee, Docents Committee and a Log House Volunteer Committee, will serve as chair of the standing committees, and appoint all committee members.

1. Courtesy Committee will welcome members and visitors at the Pioneer Memorial Log House and be responsible for registration at chapter meetings and events.

2. Curatorial Committee will curate and conserve artifacts in the early Texas history collection, will manage the acquisition and deaccession of artifacts, will refer to the executive board all proposed gifts and deaccessions for approval, and will be responsible for their installation. **The historian will assist the committee as needed.**

3. Docents Committee will be responsible for conveying to visitors the history of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Jacinto Chapter, Pioneer Memorial Log House and the chapter's early Texas history collection.

4. Log House Volunteers Committee will advise and assist the chair with activities and projects supporting the operation of the Log House.

Section 2. Advisory Board. Members of an Advisory Board may be nominated by the Committee and approved by the executive board of the chapter. A prerequisite to such membership will be the ability and insight to make a specific contribution to the Pioneer Memorial Log House and its activities. Members of the Advisory Board are not voting members.

Section 3. Friends of the Log House. Friends of the Log House has the goal of raising funds to support the preservation, care and maintenance of the Pioneer Memorial Log House, the chapter early Texas history collection, Brooks Cottage, the grounds, and the associated grounds.

A. Eligibility. Membership is open to anyone who loves Texas history and wishes to help foster our mission to preserve and protect our state's history at the Pioneer Memorial Log House.

B. Membership. Membership begins on June 1 each year. Annual contributions will help maintain and preserve the house and grounds. Monetary contributions are accepted, along with donations of furniture, equipment, landscape services, etc. Membership levels are as follows:

Texas Star	\$ 25
Silver Star	\$ 50
Shining Star	\$ 100
Gold Star	\$ 250
Lone Star	\$ 500
Platinum Star	\$1000 and higher

C. Friends of the Log House Committee. A President of the Friends of the Log House may be appointed by the president of the San Jacinto Chapter for a term ending May 31st of odd numbered years. She will serve as chair of a Friends of the Log House Committee and may organize events and appoint sub-committees as needed to promote the goals of the Friends of the Log House. If a President is appointed to activate this committee, in addition to the President, the members of the committee will be president, fourth vice president, and treasurer of the San Jacinto Chapter; other committee members as appointed by the chair of the committee. The fourth vice president will preside at any meeting in the absence of the President. A committee member will be elected by the committee to serve as secretary for the committee.

D. Meetings. The Friends of the Log House Committee may hold such meetings called by the President of the Friends of the Log House

ARTICLE IX —MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month, October through June except for January and December when the executive board may authorize a date change due to the holiday calendar. Meetings will be held in person at the Pioneer Memorial Log House and may use teleconference technology, unless otherwise authorized by the executive board. Field trip meeting dates will be set by the executive board.

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Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the president for the chapter or the executive board. At the discretion of the president, such meetings may be held in person or via teleconference. A notice for the meeting shall be sent to all members at least three days before the meeting. The notice shall include ~~(a)~~ the purpose of the meeting and only that business may be considered.

Section 3. Teleconferences. All participants must be able to communicate concurrently. The notice shall include instructions for participating in the meeting. Electronic meeting votes may be taken electronically. Reasonable methods will be taken to identify every person voting.

ARTICLE X—QUORUM

Twenty members, including five voting members of the executive board will constitute a quorum to transact business at a chapter meeting. Eight of the voting members will constitute a quorum for a meeting of the executive board. If two or more executive board positions are vacant, seven voting members will constitute a quorum for a meeting of the executive board.

ARTICLE XI—PARLIAMENTARY RULES

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised will be the authority on all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by these bylaws and standing rules or the DRT bylaws.

ARTICLE XII—AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended no more than twice per year by the vote of the chapter as follows. Proposed bylaws amendments will be (i) published in a newsletter in September and March, (ii) read or distributed at the October or April chapter meetings, and (iii) read, or distributed, and voted on by the chapter at the November or May chapter meetings, or voted on at the next chapter meeting where a quorum is present. The proposed amendments to the bylaws will be reviewed by the executive board at the September or ~~March~~ **April** executive board meetings. Chapter bylaws will be sent to the **DRT** Parliamentarian ~~General~~ **for review** each time the chapter bylaws are amended.

ARTICLE XIII—ELECTION PROCESS

Section 1. Nominating Committee. In even-numbered years, a Nominating Committee of five members, each of whom has been a member of San Jacinto Chapter for at least one full year, will be elected by written ballot at the November meeting of the chapter. Candidates may be nominated from the floor. The senior member by length of membership in the San Jacinto Chapter will serve as chair. Members may not serve on this committee two consecutive terms. The chair will present the proposed slate of officers at the meeting of the executive board prior to the March chapter meeting in odd-numbered years. The chair will insure the proposed slate of officers is distributed to the chapter members no later than March 20 via newsletter, email or US Postal Service. The slate will be presented to the members at the April chapter meeting.

Section 2. Election of Officers. Elections are held in odd-numbered years. A chapter member must have been a member of the chapter for one year before being eligible for election to an office. A qualified member may be nominated from the floor. When two or more members are nominated for any office, the election will be by written ballot. All officers will be elected for a two—year term with the exception of the treasurer whose term will expire when her successor is elected. Officers will be elected at the regular meeting in April and installed at the regular meeting in June. No election will be conducted on a field trip.

ARTICLE XIV—DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the San Jacinto Chapter (after payment of all liability of said organization), residual assets will be distributed to The Daughters of The Republic of Texas, if in existence, and if not, then to another organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) and to which contributions are deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, as determined by the Executive Board.

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