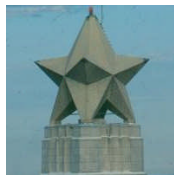




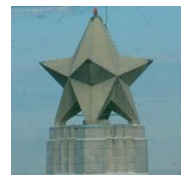
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## *San Jacinto Day Highlights*



### **2009 San Jacinto Day Commemorative Ceremony**



The official San Jacinto Day Commemorative Ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. Approximately 300 people attended to celebrate the 173rd anniversary of the most significant battle in the Western Hemisphere. This year's ceremony was held in memory of our own Marian Prestbo Beckham, a 53 year member of San Jacinto Chapter, Past President and a San Jacinto Descendant. In addition, the late Ron Stone, John Houchins and Ray Miller, KSJ, were also recognized during the ceremony.

The ceremony featured Archie P. Mc Donald, Regent's Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University, as the keynote speaker and Ron Stone, Jr., as Master of Ceremonies. Albert Sidney Johnston Canton #11, Patriarchs Militant, and Odd Fellows provided the presentation of colors, with an invocation by Nan Morris, President General, San Jacinto Descendants. Kelly Fisher, President, San Jacinto Chapter, Children of the Republic of Texas, led the pledges to the U.S. flag and the Texas flag. The Deer Park High School Orchestra played for the singing of the National Anthem and "Texas Our Texas".

Other speakers for the event were Trey Strake, Chairman, San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board and Sam Houston IV, KSJ, who read the Battle Report from San Jacinto, written by his great grandfather, General Sam Houston. The Fife and Drum Corp played "Will You Come to the Bower?" A memorial wreath was laid at the base of the San Jacinto Monument and a salute to Texas patriots was conducted by the Texas Army and SRT Texian Volunteers.



Betty Edwards, District VI Representative, State DRT, and Eron Brimberry Tynes, President, San Jacinto Chapter, recognized the Thelma Maresh scholarship winners. A total of \$6,000.00 was presented to three high school seniors, Yo Li (1st place), Andrew Petry (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and Jennifer Nguyen (3<sup>rd</sup> place). Andrew and Jennifer attended the ceremony with their families. Yo Li was unable to attend. Honorable Mentions went to Walker Young and Brenda Tran, who received \$500 each.

In closing, Eron Tynes said, "As Daughters we are proud of our 117 years of service to the people of the state of Texas. We are honored and humbled to be entrusted with the sacred duty of preserving the historic sites of the Texas Revolution so dear to every Texan's heart. We are proud to be custodians of the Alamo and proud of our heritage here at the San Jacinto Battleground".

The ceremony was organized under the auspices of the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board, with Will Haddock and Nancy Burch serving as Co-Chairs for the San Jacinto Day planning committee. Other San Jacinto Chapter members serving on the planning committee were Gina Bouchard, Jan DeVault and Eron Tynes.

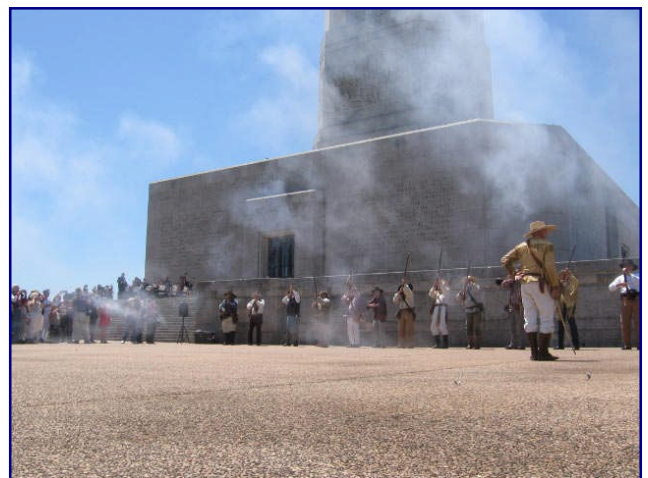
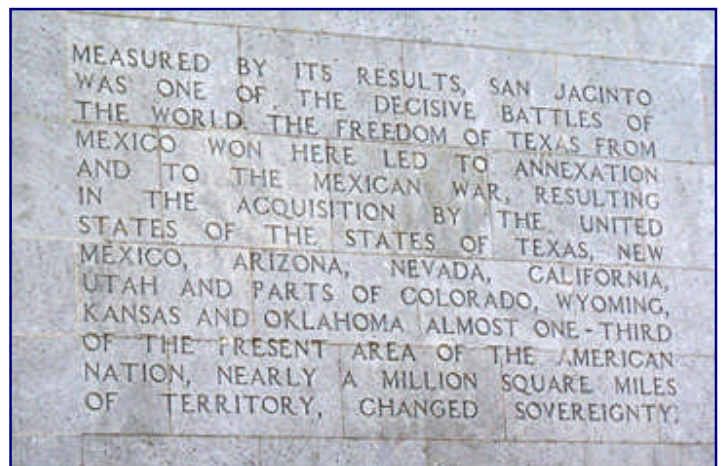
After the ceremony, many attendees went over to the Monument Inn, for a celebratory lunch. The restaurant was filled with Daughters, Sons, San Jacinto Descendants, the Texian Army and many others as we celebrated this most significant of our Honor Days.



**Ron Stone, Jr. MC, Kelly Fisher, President, San Jacinto Chapter, CRT leading the pledge to the US flag with her father, Clay Fisher, President, Sam Houston Chapter, SRT**



**Will Haddock and Nancy Burch, Co-Chairs, San Jacinto Day Planning Committee**



**Texian Army firing a salute during the playing of "Will You Come to the Bower?"**



**DRT Members with Kelly Fisher, President, San Jacinto, CRT**



**San Jacinto Chapter with Betty Edwards, District VI Representative**



**Andrew Petry, Mary Jo Brice, and Jennifer Nguyen**



**Andrew Petry, Betty Edwards, Jennifer Nguyen and Eron Tynes**



**Mary Jane Harmon at the Monument Inn**



**Charles Sterling, Anita Cooper, Sally Whittington, Phyllis Moody and Mary Jane Harmon**

### San Jacinto Symposium

The San Jacinto Symposium was held at the University of Houston on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Those signed up to attend or work the symposium arrived in a deluge of rain. There were about 300 in attendance to hear various speakers, have lunch, and shop the booths set up in the foyer.

SJC members Brenda Auld and Anita Cooper worked registration. Eron Tynes, Martha Haydel, and Phyllis Moody set up and manned the "country store" booth for our chapter. Many items were sold out of the country store. Those proceeds will continue to help keep the Log House open and repairs done in a timely manner. Other SJC members in attendance were Carolyn Lightfoot, Jan DeVault, and Loretta Williams.

After the speakers were finished, we packed up the county store, and drove home in another big rain, where we found Houston streets flooded. In all, it was a profitable day for SJC, and everyone arrived home safely.

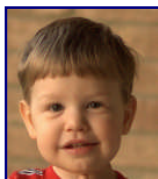
*Phyllis Moody, Corresponding Secretary*



**Eron Tynes, Anita Cooper, Phyllis Moody, and Brenda Auld**

### New SJC-CRT Member

The CRT Registrar General has approved a new member for the San Jacinto Chapter CRT. **Michael Tipton Ball**, CRT #8694, son of Allison Moody Ball and grandson of Phyllis Vaughan Moody, was approved on April 25, 2009. His ancestor is Nathaniel S. Middleton.



### San Jacinto Festival and Battle Re-enactment

On Friday evening, April 25, 2009 over 6 inches of rain fell at the San Jacinto Battleground, consequently flooding the Mexican Camp. The reflection pool overflowed as the pumps had malfunctioned.

As we arrived early Saturday morning, the Mexican Army had already conducted an orderly withdrawal from the camp and the Battle Re-enactment unfortunately had to be cancelled. There were two small re-enactments done on the dry portion of the battlefield later that day.

Despite the weather clearing, several vendors closed up their booths and left the battleground. Braving the wet, muddy and extremely windy conditions were Phyllis Moody, Luanne Zacek, Anita Cooper and Eron Tynes as we kept our booth open throughout most of the day.

*Eron Tynes, President*



**Luanne Zacek, Phyllis Moody, Eron Tynes and Anita Cooper**



**Flooding on the battleground in the Mexican Camp**



**Registrar's Report  
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**Prospective Members**

**Shelley Beroud Johnson Gottschalk**

Ancestor: Louis Jacob Korn  
Sponsors: Gina Bouchard, Becky Lee

**Carol A. Ellinger MPA, PE**

Ancestor: Lorenzo Dow Yarbrough  
Sponsors: Phyllis V. Moody, Marje Harris

**New Members**

**#27215 Brenda Joyce Stover**

Ancestor: Casper James Habermacher  
Sponsors: Marje Harris, Phyllis V. Moody

**Sharolyn Wood**

Ancestor: Zack Hassell  
Sponsors: Claire Jean Clapp  
Marje Harris

**Laura Elizabeth Wood**

Ancestor: Zack Hassell  
Sponsors: Claire Jean Clapp  
Marje Harris

**Membership Changes**

**Request for Transfer OUT OF San Jacinto Chapter**

**#14239 June Elizabeth Rives**

Ancestor: Carl F. Blumberg  
Transferred to Abishai Mercer Dixon  
Chapter, Seguin, Texas

**Death of Member of SJC-DRT**

**#16900 Margaret Mary Barnett Fitzgibbons**

Ancestor: William D. Glascock

**# 22866 Carol Lee Mobley Renaud**

Ancestor: Robert Wooding Chappell

**To Date:            Total Membership            345**

*Marje Harris, Registrar*

**May Meeting  
Memorial Service**

At the May meeting, a memorial service was held to honor SJC Daughters who have passed away during this past year. Eron Tynes and Marje Harris conducted the ceremony. A candle was lit and a white rose was placed in a crystal vase in remembrance of each member. Phyllis Moody, Luanne Zacek, Mary Jo Brice, Martha Haydel, Nancy Burch, Ann Tanner, Marilyn Chapman, and Brenda Auld assisted by reading a short bio on each member.

The Daughters who were remembered at the ceremony were: Marion Pearson, Debra Shelton, Patricia O'Tyson Forney, Anne Lackner, Beth Dabaghi, Emory Bunting, Margaret Fitzgibbons, Mary Rosier, Rosemary Thomas and Marian Beckham.



**Eron Tynes and Marje Harris**



**Eron Tynes, Marje Harris and Phyllis Moody**



**Esther Simon and Memorial Service white roses**



### Margaret Fitzgibbons

Margaret (Mrs. Kenneth) Fitzgibbons passed away on April 12, 2009. She became a member of the San Jacinto Chapter on September 30, 1989, DRT # 16900. She was an Honorary President General and a member of Fort Sumter Chapter 1901, UDC in Sacramento, California. Mrs. Fitzgibbons, who served as President of the California Division from 1978 to 1980, was a recipient of the World War II Cross of Military Service for her work as a Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal, and the Winnie Davis Medal.

She served as Recorder General of Crosses of Military Service (1982–84) and as Historian General (1986–88). She was elected Honorary President General in 2002 and at the time of her death was serving as a member of the Memorial Building Board of Trustees. She is survived by her husband Kenneth, daughter Jean, and son Michael.

Condolences may be sent to the family at 208 Trolleybell Court, Roseville, CA 95747-8614. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (4450 Granite Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677) in Rocklin, California, at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17. Interment was on Friday, May 1, in Paso Robles District Cemetery (45 Nacimiento Lake Drive, Paso Robles, CA 93446). In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (P.O. Box 824, Rocklin, CA 95677).

### Carol Mobley Renaud

CAROL MOBLEY RENAUD, 74, passed away May 5, 2009. She was born on July 21, 1934 to Ralph and Ruby Hollan Mobley in Yoakum, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, M.W. Renaud, her son John T. Renaud, and her brother J.H. Mobley. She is survived by her son Michael W. Renaud, Jr.; her granddaughter, Susan Elizabeth Renaud; her sisters, Jane DuCote of North Carolina, Kathleen Nollkamper and husband Dalton, Cynthia Kocian and husband A. Richard; and many relatives and friends.

Carol joined the San Jacinto Chapter on February 25, 2000. Her ancestor was Robert Wooding Chappell. She was a longtime member of Grace Presbyterian Church. A memorial service was held on Friday, May 8, 2009 at Grace Presbyterian Church.

### May 7th Meeting “James Bowie and the Famous Bowie Knife”

Denton Bryant’s presentation on James (Jim) Bowie provided us with a rich insight into the life and legend of this famous Texas hero. Born in Kentucky in 1796, Bowie grew up in Louisiana where he became a plantation owner and a businessman. He moved to Texas in 1828, engaged in land speculation, and became a Mexican citizen. He married the daughter of the governor of the province of Texas in 1831 and had two children.

The first Bowie knife, designed by Bowie himself, was made by James Black, a blacksmith. The knife was heat treated for durability and had a special knife guard to protect the hand when in use. The “Bowie knife” became famous because of its unique design, curved upper blade and handle guard.

Jim was an adventurer at heart, and joined the fight for the independence of Texas. He participated in the Battle of Concepcion, the Grass Fight, and was the commander of volunteers at the Alamo. He shared command with William Barrett Travis during the siege of the Alamo. He was killed during the battle on March 6, 1836.



Denton Bryant and his collection of Bowie knives





**Friends of the Log House**

Our San Jacinto Chapter is blessed with a permanent home where we can meet, educate groups, and entertain guests. The original chapter members who sacrificed to bring this house to a reality in 1936 are depending on us to continue the legacy of our heritage.

The Log House Museum functions separately from the chapter. We have a separate board, bank account, fund raisers, etc., even though we are closely aligned with the chapter.

We are all aware of the necessity of maintaining our own homes. The Log House has the same needs. It costs about \$1000 per month to keep the house open and functioning.

Where do the funds come from? We use funds from grants, the sale of Country Store items, rentals by outside groups, tax-free donations from our members and other non-member supporters. Current membership expires June 30, so it is time again to help pay our bills. Membership levels are as follows:

- \$25 Texas Star**
- \$100 Shining Star**
- \$500 Lone Star**
- \$50 Silver Star**
- \$250 Gold Star**
- \$1000 Platinum Star**

We have about 370 members. If we can get 200 of our members to donate the \$25 minimum, we would reap \$5000, enough to maintain the house for five months. If those 200 members donate \$50, then we could stay open for 10 months. Our home needs a steady supply of funds every year to continue to remain open.

When you have out-of town guests this summer, or throughout the year, bring them to tour our Log House and gardens. It's a lovely oasis in the middle of urban Houston. Call the house for a special tour, or to get the hours that it is open for the public (713-371-7845).

All those who love Texas history are eligible to become a *Friend*. Please consider this when you get ready to renew your membership dues to the chapter, and encourage your family and friends to join us. We want to see that "star quality" from all of you!

The SJC Dues Form is being sent as a separate attachment.

*Martha Haydel, Chair of FLH*

**Friends of the Log House  
2008-2009**

**Texas Star**

- Antal, Laurie
- Boykin, Susan
- Cunningham, Sharon
- Hamilton, Carolyn
- Kennett, Anne
- Montgomery, Mary Sue
- Shumake, Bette
- Tanner, Ann
- Westmoreland, Mary

**Silver Star**

- Bacot, Pat
- Beverlin, Linda
- Bivins, Frances
- Bouchard, Gina
- Brice, Mary Jo
- Cherry, Zou & Boyd
- Cockrell, Bill
- Cooper, Anita
- Hack, Cherilyn
- Haydel, Martha
- McCarty, Elizabeth
- MCG&HS, Inc.
- McGinty, Peggy
- Prince, Caroline
- Rasch, Cindy
- Rosier, Mary Dell
- Smith, Brooke & Karolyn
- Tabb, Jeanette
- Tarver, Elaine
- Woods, Sharolyn
- Young, Lynn

**Shining Star**

- Auld, Brenda
- Burch, Nancy
- Cagle, Dorothy
- Candlelighters-St Paul
- Chapman, Marilyn
- Covington, Pam
- Davis, William & Al
- Kunz, Gwen
- Martin, Kay
- Remick, Penny
- Roeder, Flora von
- Sawyer, Candice
- Tallichet, Maryanne
- Teas, Patsy
- Theilen, Kae
- Tynes, Eron
- Warner, Sharlet
- Whittington, Sally

**Gold Star**

- Moody, Phyllis
- Zacek, Luanne

**Lone Star**

- Brimberry, Maxine
- Fieldcamp, Jane
- Doleva, Mary Gayle
- Gaze, Susan

**Platinum Star**

- Lightfoot, Carolyn
- Simon, Esther



### Dedication of DRT Medallions

On Sunday, May 3, 2009 a dedication of DRT Medallion markers for Real Daughters was held at the Log House. The ceremony was originally scheduled to be held at Glenwood Cemetery, however due to the strong possibility of inclement weather, the ceremony was moved to the Log House.

Aaron Noack, President General, State CRT, had selected as his project the marking of the Real Daughters' graves with DRT Medallions. As the San Jacinto Chapter is the second oldest chapter in the state, our membership consists of quite a few Real Daughters. Anita Cooper chaired the project along with assistance from Martha Peterson, Glenwood Cemetery.

Several descendants and other members of the San Jacinto Chapter contributed to sponsor the medallions for the twenty-two graves marked. A list of the Real Daughters and the sponsors are listed in a separate attachment. Of the twenty-two Real Daughters marked, three were Chapter Founders and five were Past Presidents of the San Jacinto Chapter.

Eron Tynes, President, San Jacinto Chapter, extended a welcome to everyone. Then, Aaron Noack discussed the importance of recognizing the Real Daughters. Other CRT members participating in the ceremony were Melody Ann Townsend, Second Vice President, and Helen Williams, Parliamentarian General, State CRT, and Catarina Williams, San Jacinto Chapter, CRT. Faye Chism, Third Vice President General, (CRT) was also present. Helen and Catarina Williams placed Texas flags on the graves Sunday morning.

Descendants who participated in the ceremony were Mary Sneed, Dorothy Houghton, Nancy Craig Barton, Pat Craig, Charlotte Taylor, Madge Roberts, and Mary Milby. It was so informative to learn about these Real Daughters and all of their contributions to our organization.

Special thanks are extended to Anita Cooper for ensuring that as many medallions as possible were placed and to Martha Peterson for all her assistance. Ann Tanner and Tamara Kittleson, San Jacinto Chapter, also provided the refreshments.

### Lila Smith Memorial Rose Garden

The marker for Miss Lila is now in the Memorial Rose Garden. Special thanks to Gwen Kunz for ensuring that the marker was placed. All the roses are in bloom and the Memorial Rose Garden is lovely.



### The Country Store



The country store will be in Killeen for the state DRT Convention. This is the last call for the DRT ornament. If you have not bought one, you may not get one as they will probably sell out at convention. The new article in the store is a lined windbreaker with the Texas flag. The sizes are men's sizes and are S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X. They are \$35 and must be ordered. I am looking for new merchandise and always for children's books. Call me if you need something over the summer. 281-391-8464 or email me at [lzacek@hotmail.com](mailto:lzacek@hotmail.com)

*Luanne Zacek, Chair, Country Store*





## Texas History Essay Contest Reception

The Texas History Essay Contest Reception was held on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Log House. The winners, their families and teachers were invited to attend. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade winners, Ben Graber, Christopher Boyd, and Caroline Kelly read their essays at the reception as their teacher, Mrs. Cindy Balderach, looked on with pride. The fourth grade winner, Kelsey Vargas, also read her essay at the reception. The students were presented with a trophy, certificate, and a check. Eron Tynes and Linda Beverlin facilitated the event.

The SJC-DRT 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Texas History Teacher winners, Sherry Bowersock and Cindy Balderach, also attended the reception and were recognized. Refreshments were served after the recognition of the students and teachers.

Ann Tanner helped with refreshments and Tamara Kittleson was on hand to take pictures. The assistance of these ladies was greatly appreciated.

*Linda Beverlin, Patriotic Education Chair*



**Ben Graber, Caroline Kelly, Kelsey Vargas and Christopher Boyd**



**Eron Tynes, Cindy Balderach, and Sherry Bowersock**



## June 4<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Important Information

Due to the unexpected closing of Bells and Whistles Café, the SJC June luncheon is going to be in another location. It will be on June 4 as previously stated, our regular meeting day. What we do not know at the time of this newsletter, is the place where the luncheon will be held. A committee of members is working on finding a suitable place. You will be notified by e-mail as soon as we determine the new location.

During the business meeting, we will have our installation of officers, a ceremony for new members, and present our newest "honorary" member, Commissioner Sylvia Garcia.

Bus transportation will be provided to the restaurant from St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer. If you are planning on riding the bus, you **must** reserve your seat.

The bus will leave promptly at **10:30 a.m.** and will be parked at the back of St. Luke's parking lot, on church property, near the corner of Edloe and Alabama.

If you would like to make a reservation without knowing the place for the luncheon, please do go ahead and send your \$23.00 check made payable to SJC-DRT for your reservation to Ann Bevil.

Make checks payable to: **SJC-DRT**  
Cost: **\$23** per person.

Mail the reservation form and your check to:

**Ann Bevil**  
**1237-C Post Oak Park Drive**  
**Houston, TX 77027- 9209**

Your reservation form and check **MUST** be received no later than **May 30, 2009.**

**\* Any reservation made after May 30 will incur a \$5 late fee.**





## President's Message

The past month has been a whirlwind for the San Jacinto Chapter as we commemorated the Battle of San Jacinto and attended other San Jacinto events. In addition, we hosted the Texas History Essay Reception and the DRT Medallion ceremony for the Real Daughters at the Log House. The newsletter is full of articles and pictures describing these events. We also held the Memorial Service for our departed members during the regular May meeting.

During the San Jacinto Day ceremony, I requested that all of the Daughters present stand, and the audience was most generous in their applause, recognizing our contributions in preserving the San Jacinto Battleground. We were blessed with good weather and it was a wonderful day as we gathered together to commemorate the most significant battle of the Western Hemisphere.

Over the past two years, Kay Martin, Historian, has been busy collecting keepsakes and taking pictures of all of our activities. We are in the final stages of completing our scrapbook for State Convention and it is impressive how much our chapter has accomplished in promoting our DRT objectives. Luanne Zacek has provided invaluable assistance and I am deeply grateful to both ladies for all of their efforts to preserve our history through the chapter scrapbook.

I hope each of you will be able to join us at our June Luncheon, where we will have the chapter scrapbook on display. It is so wonderful to see how we have worked together over the past two years to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas.

### **"Texas, One and Indivisible"**



*Eron Brimberry Tynes, President*

[lbeverlin@comcast.net](mailto:lbeverlin@comcast.net)

*Linda Beverlin, Newsletter Editor*

<b>Reservation Form</b>
<b>SJC-DRT June Luncheon/Meeting</b>
<b>Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>
# attending    Member(s) _____                      Guest(s) _____
<b>Total attending:</b> _____
<b><u>Bus Reservation – Riding the bus: YES or NO</u></b>
<b># riding bus from St. Luke’s Methodist Church</b> _____
<b>Leaves promptly at 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Enclose your check with this reservation form and mail to:</b>
<b>Ann Bevil</b> <b>1237-C Post Oak Park Drive</b> <b>Houston, TX 77027- 9209</b>
<b>Reservation form must be received no later than: MAY 30, 2009</b>
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