Daughters of the Republic of Texas



March 2024

From the President

As I write this, it is cold again and the oak tree leaves are falling crazily which means the yellow crud, squiggles and spring allergies are VERY near!

The Anson and Mary Jones Ceremony on Texas Statehood Day was an inspiring event. SRT plans the ceremony and invites SJC and our CRT to participate. Try to attend next year - it makes you proud to be a Texan.

Last week on my way to College Station, for the Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, I saw my first bluebonnets of the season. And on our field trip to the Varner - Hogg Plantation, we saw lots more. If you missed the field trip, you missed a fun time with DRT sisters - young & old, long-time members and brand-new members!

The Battle of Gonzales, Siege of Bexar, signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence, Fall of the Alamo, Runaway Scrape, Battle of Coleto Creek, and the Goliad Massacre all led up to our successful Battle at San Jacinto. Please put April 19-21 on your calendar to enjoy activities at the San Jacinto Battleground. We have had several members attend ceremonies and events for the Alamo and to view the Travis letter. Spring is a beautiful time to visit these sites to learn why and how the settlers and army fought to create The Republic of Texas, and ultimately our state.

Our April 4 chapter meeting will feature Chandler Wahrmund, an educator at Fanthorp Inn in Anderson, Texas. He is a fabulous interpreter, try to attend.

Our chapter is hosting DRT, Citizen, and Defender Medallion Ceremonies on April 5. Details later in this newsletter. Anita Cooper, DRT Historic Sites Committee Chair, and former SJC member, is encouraging all chapters to host these ceremonies to honor our ancestors with a beautiful service and medallion.

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May you, your family and friends enjoy spring break and Easter together. And be proud that you are a Texan!

God Bless Texas and You!

Gwen Sorsby Koch President, San Jacinto Chapter DRT

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Calendar March 16th - April 15th

March March 16 Pioneer Memorial Log House Open House 1-3 pm March 21 Chapter Workday 9:30 am March 27 Goliad Heroes Day 1836 Texas Honor Day April April 4 Chapter Meeting 10 am social, 10:30 am program April 19 San Jacinto Battleground School Day COME AND TAKE IT April 20 San Jacinto Battleground Festival April 21 San Jacinto Day 1836, Texas Honor Day San Jacinto Day Ceremony at Monument 2 pm Mark Your Calendars! Mav May 5 Reception for Essay, Teacher, and Scholarship Winners at Log House 2 pm DRT Convention "Winds of Change", Lubbock May 23-25

Condolences

Mimi Vossler, mother of SJCDRT members Kathy Vossler and Susan Caraway, passed away on February 15, 2024, at the age of 88 in Bellaire, Texas. Mimi often visited the Log House and was always a welcome guest. She was the mother of 7 sons and 3 daughters. Mimi was known for her outgoing and sociable nature and was quite the storyteller.

In her career, she had administrative roles at Our Lady of St. John's church and Riviana Foods. She even attended Clown College. She had a number of hobbies and enjoyed gardening, the Astros, fishing, cooking, entertaining, art, and crochet. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her and her memory will live on.

Luanne Zacek, SJC Chaplain

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Annual Chapter Field Trip

Annual Chapter Field Trip Varner-Hogg Plantatioin, West Columbia

A special 'thank you" to the twenty members of our Chapter, who joined us on the Field Trip! We had a wonderful guided tour of the Varner - Hogg Plantation in West Columbia. There is certainly lots of Texas history to be learned there and our docents made sure they shared their wealth of information with us.







Antique furniture in storage while the Big House undergoes restoration

The Chapter members gained a vast amount of knowledge about the Plantation owners and the enslaved residents, all of whom made this sugar plantation the success it was. The grounds are lovely and beautiful bluebonnets were just starting to bloom near the old sugar mill.



Annual Chapter Field Trip (cont'd)





Lunch was a special Tex-Mex treat at Margarita Jones Mexican Restaurant in West Columbia. The staff was attentive and the Tex-Mex was delicious! We all enjoyed the visit over lunch. Our annual field trip is a great day to meet new members and visit with each other. I hope to see you next year!

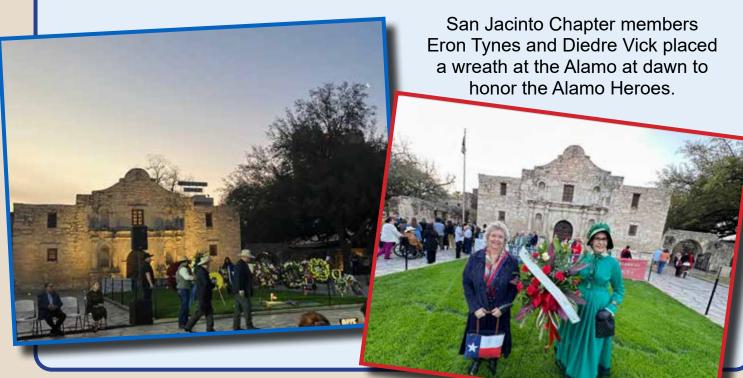
Jamie Moran Second Vice President





Special Notations

Honoring Alamo Heroes



Special Thank You

Thanks to a generous donation from Debra Grigsby, the kitchen and ladies bathroom have new blinds that match other blinds in the log house.

Thank you Debra!!!



Texas State Historical Assn. Annual Meeting

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Carla Brown, Gwen Koch, Luanne Zacek and Susan Stormer took The Country Store for the Texas State Historical Association's Annual Meeting held this year in College Station. DRT sisters enjoying time together.



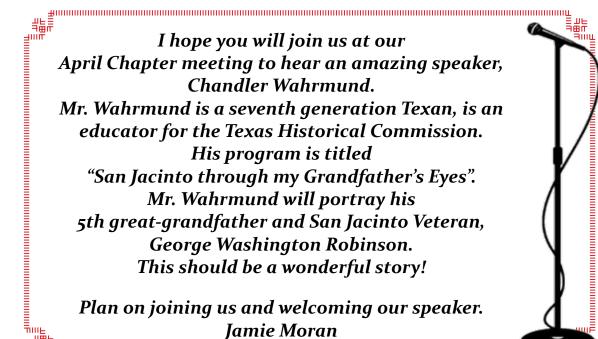
Carla Brown, Gwen Koch, Luanne Zacek and Susan Stormer



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April's Guest Speaker & San Jacinto Luncheon



San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Luncheon



San Jacinto Chapter DRT was well represented at Taste of Texas for the Museum's annual Luncheon. Judge Ken Wise entertained us with his speech about the 18 minute battle at San Jacinto.



Tidbits

James Walker Fannin and his men lost the Battle of Coleto Creek. And on March 27, these prisoners were massacred at Goliad.

Remember to link your Randall's and Kroger cards to the Pioneer Memorial Log House for our chapter to receive donations from your purchases.

San Jacinto Chapter pins and Sundial pins are for sale in The Country Store, as well as many books and Texas related gifts. Purchases from The Country Store contribute to the support of the Pioneer Memorial Log House. We appreciate your purchases.

Show your Texas pride by purchasing a Native Texan License Plate - we would love to see all cars in our parking lot with one! Would you like to be part of history at the Log House? Become a Docent. The Docent Committee is 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. Join our Log House committee to preserve history. The Pioneer Memorial Log House & Garden Committee has the responsibility to preserve, care for, and chapter early Texas history collection, Brooks Cottage, the gardens, and associated grounds. If Log House Committee, please contact Sharolyn Wood, woodsharolyn@aol.com or (713) 305-2750.

If you would like to help with refreshments at a future chapter meeting, contact Gwen Koch.

For DRT information or forms not included in the SJC Yearbook, go to drtinfo.org/members. Sign in. Your username is your member #, and the password is your choice. You can also find the form for ordering insignia, ancestor bars, etc. These items require signatures from the chapter treasurer and chapter president as confirming the person's chapter membership. Show us your colors fly your Texas flag and send us a picture. You could have it in our newsletter.



Texas Statehood Day

The Anson Jones Ceremony

The Anson Jones Ceremony on Texas Statehood Day was held at historic Glenwood Cemetery on February 19, 2024.

Bart Dawson, SRT, was the master of ceremonies at the gravesites of Anson Jones and his wife Mary. Program speakers were Gwen Koch, representing San Jacinto Chapter DRT telling the story of Mrs. Mary Smith Jones, widow of Anson Jones, elected as first president of Daughters of the Republic of Texas in 1891 and serving until her death on December 31, 1907; Jerrick Juliette, Past Master, Anson Jones Lodge #1416 AF & AM; with Keynote Speaker, Kameron Searle speaking about Anson Jones: Doctor, Soldier, and Architect of Annexation. Anson Jones arrived in Brazoria in 1833 where he established a medical practice. He served as a surgeon at the Battle of San Jacinto and would later serve the Republic of Texas as Senator, Secretary of State, and eventually President in 1844.

Mary Jones heard the canons at San Jacinto and saw its flag raised in victory. As president of DRT, with the Alamo in disrepair and the Long Barracks a mercantile store, the buildings were saved and over 300 acres was purchased at the San Jacinto Battleground. The objective to "perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas" was established.

San Jacinto Chapter CRT Chaplain, Lorien placed a wreath for Anson and Mary Jones. The Texas Militia presented a Black-powder Salute.

On this solemn day 133 years ago, as he lowered the flag, Anson Jones said, "the Republic of Texas is no more".













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Historic Site Dedication

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas *William Barret Travis Chapter, No. 3*

Invites You to Attend the

Historic Site Dedication for

810 San Marcos Street *Property* Austin, Texas 78702



Saturday, March 30, 2024 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

1:00 pm......VISITING/RTHC Courtyard

1:30 pm......Historic Site PROGRAM/RTHC Courtyard

2:00 pm......Visit Building A (Steakley Family Research Center) Visit Building B (Republic of Texas MUSEUM)

Thank YOU to: The Republic of Texas History Center (RTHC) Committee 2007-2022

Children of the Republic of Tenas

The San Jacinto Dispatch

CRT Reminders

CRT Reminders

Plan on being at the San Jacinto Festival on April 20 – come in your pioneer clothes and be a part of the Run Away Scrape!

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Please take a look at the State Project Book at crttexas.com. Let Tish Wolter know if you are participating in or have completed any projects. We will have several group submissions from our chapter. We want to retain our 4 Star chapter status. Lots of activities for all ages.





San Jacinto Day Ceremony

SAVE THE DATE

STATE OF TEXAS CEREMONY COMMEMORATING 188th ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO



On April 21, 1836 the Battle of San Jacinto was fought and Texas secured its independence from Mexico. This year the ceremony will be on

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the MONUMENT.

This letter is to ask you to participate and donate to the underwriting of this event. Please use the bottom of this letter for your donation.

Thanks for your support. We will see you on San Jacinto Day!

2024 San Jacinto Day Ceremony Planning Committee

Contact -- SanJacintoDay1836@gmail.com

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DRT Medallion Ceremony – Fields Store Cemetery

Descendants of Micajah Byrd Members of Daughters of The Republic of Texas invite you to a Citizen of The Republic of Texas and Defender Medallion Ceremony Friday April 5th 2pm

Fields Store Cemetery



FM 1488 at FM 362 Fields Store Community, Waller County

Citizens George Allen and Elba Byrd Allen Sorsby, Defender Wm A Sorsby





DRT Medallion Ceremony – Oakland Cemetery

Descendants of Micajah Byrd Members of Daughters of The Republic of Texas invite you to a Citizen of The Republic of Texas and DRT Member Medallion Ceremony Friday April 5th 10:30am Oakland Cemetery



801 6th St Navasota, Texas

Citizen Nancy Byrd Wesson and DRT Member Emma Wesson Jacoby





DRT Convention in May

YOU'RE INVITED

133rd DRT Convention.... The Winds of Change From Windmills to Wind Turbines



May 23-25, 2024

Overton Hotel & Conference Center Lubbock, Texas

Visit drtinfo.org for more information

Upholding Our Texas Legacy

Since the massacre at Goliad on a Palm Sunday, March 27, where 350 men, after surrendering, were taken out and shot, the Texian Army continued its retreat east. On April 12 and 13, General Sam Houston Ferried his troops across the swollen Brazos River using the steamship "Yellowstone." He then marched to the site of present day Hempstead, where two cannons awaited them. The two cannons were donated by the people of Cincinnati and would become known as the "Twin Sisters."

On April 15, General Houston and the Texian Army came to a form in the road where they could either go to Nacogdoches or move south towards Harrisburg. They turned south and marched towards that swampy prairie where the San Jacinto River and Buffalo Bayou converge.

BERTY OR DEATH



The steamboat Yellowstone



San Jacinto Monument and Museum.

As descendants of these men and women of the Texas Revolution, we as Daughters must always remember that our heritage is a sacred honor to be cherished. The Texas Veterans "bequeathed their memories and their deeds with an 'Undivided Texas' as a precious legacy to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, by them to be held in trust forever."

I hope each of you will make a special effort to join us on San Jacinto Day as we celebrate the most significant battle in the Western Hemisphere and pay tribute to the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas.

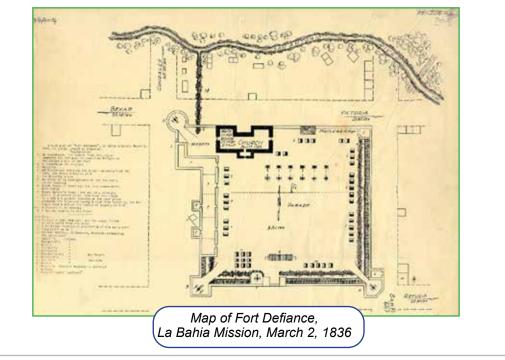
"TEXAS, ONE and INDIVISIBLE"



Texas Honor Days



Following the fall of the Alamo, the Mexican Army, under command of General Santa Anna, attacked Colonel James W. Fannin's men at Goliad.







Reinactment of the Goliad Massacre, March 27, 2022 Victoria Advocate



Texas Honor Days (cont'd)



Fannin was forced to surrender. He and his men were promised fair treatment and parole, but General Santa Anna ordered that all of the men should be shot.



On March 27, 1836, 320 Texian prisoners were executed, the largest loss of life in the cause for Texas independence.



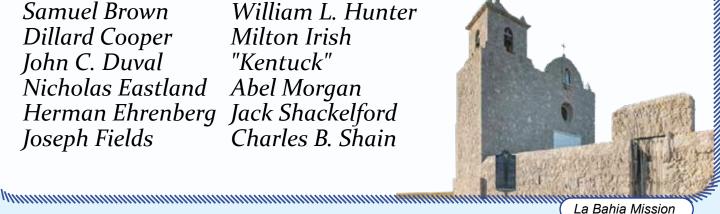
"Remember Goliad!" became one of the great battle cries at San Jacinto.



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Joseph Barnard Andrew Boyle Samuel Brown Dillard Cooper John C. Duval Nicholas Eastland Herman Ehrenberg Jack Shackelford Joseph Fields

Charles B. Shain



Santa Ana





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Show Us Your Colors

SHOW US YOUR COLORS!!!



Member Martha Jorgensen Flying our Flag!

We want to encourage everyone to proudly display the Texas flag. Send us a picture of your home with the Texas flag on display and your home may be the next to appear in our newsletter! All interested may send their photographs to: sjcdrtpres@gmail.com

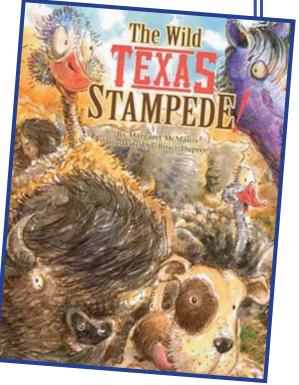
Book Corner

Having just enjoyed a wonderful Chapter Field Trip to the Varner-Hogg Plantation in West Columbia, Texas, this book is a perfect one to review. The Hogg Family bought the plantation in 1901, just after many buildings there were damaged by the 1900 Hurricane. James Hogg was famous, not only for being the first Texas-born governor of the state, but also for his menagerie of wild animals. He had elephants imported from India, ostriches from Africa, and two buffaloes from Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

The Wild Texas Stampede! is a fictional story which could have taken place at the Varner-Hogg Plantation. James Hogg's wife died when his famous daughter, Ima Hogg, was just 13, so she was frequently left

in charge of her younger brothers as her dad had to travel to Austin for elections and meetings. The youngest brother, Tom, was especially mischievous! This is the story of one of his adventures with the buffaloes!

The author, Margaret McManis, spent her childhood only a short ride away from the Varner-Hogg Plantation. She has also written a book on the gardens at Bayou Bend and how they were influenced by the gardens at Versailles, France.





Double Your Donation

Double Your Donation (at no cost to you)

Ladies, does your employer have a matching gift program? You can double your donation to our Chapter or the Friends of the Log House through Employer's Matching Gifts. And retirees can often do the same through their previous Employer's Matching Gifts. Help our chapter and the loghouse increase our donations through this free program. Please contact Carla Brown, Treasurer at treasurer.sjcdrt@gmail.com for assistance in setting up your matching gift.

Did You Know???

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If you are aware of other stores that offer rebates to non-profits please let me know so that we can apply. My email is dgrig1@comcast.net.

Thanks, Debra Grigsby, 4th VP Ways and Means





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Friends of the Log House & San Jacinto Chapter June 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024

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Bylaws

Spring 2024 - Report of the Bylaws Committee

Proposed changes involve Article VIII – Pioneer Memorial

Log House Committee and Article VI – Duties of Officers.

2024.01: Proposed Amendments to Article VIII 2024.02: Proposed Amendment to Article VI

The chapter will be asked to vote at the May Chapter Meeting on a request by the treasurer to be removed from the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee in Article VIII -- Section 1 (A)(i) and from the Friends of the Log House in Article VIII -- Section 3 (C)

Text of Bylaws Amendment Proposals: Spring 2024

AMENDMENT 2024.01

ARTICLE VIII—PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE COMMITTEE Section 1. Purpose.

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 [,] and fourth vice president, and treasurer 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 four additional chapmembers appointed by the chair, and

v) any president of the Friends of the Log House, as an ex officio members.

Section 3. Friends of the Log House Committee. President of the Friends of the Log House may be appointed by the president of the San Jacinto Chapter ...the members of the committee will be president [,] and fourth vice president [,] and treasurer of the San Jacinto Chapter; other committee members as appointed by the chair of the committee.

Section 1.Subsection A "I" & and Section 3. RATIONAL -- to reove the Treasurer's membership on the Log House and Friends committee. (Requested by the Treasurer) Section 1.Subsection "iv". RATIONAL – to increase the number of appointed members to from three to four in order to maintain the minimum membership on Log House

Committee. (Requested by the LH Committee)

AMENDMENT 2024.02

ARTICLE VI—DUT)IES OF OFFICERS

Section 7. Treasurer.

A. General. The treasurer will maintain the financial records 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. She will serve as a member of the Pioneer Memorial Log House Committee and on any Friends of Log House Committee

Section A. Alternative Two. RATIONAL – to remove the treasurer as a member of the committees.