PRESIDENT GENERAL’S MESSAGE

My fellow compatriots, I send to each of you the best of wishes during these coming seasons that offer an opportunity to gather family, friends and loved ones about and let them know that they are loved, they are special, needed and appreciated. Failure to do so may haunt one the rest of their life. Seize the moment and you and they will remember this flicker of time for they pass oh so quickly.

Some of our membership are still displaced and working to rebuild their homes and lives as a result of the Harvey disaster. Keep them in daily thoughts and prayers.

Plans to rebuild the SRT Website, which will provide information and news to the organization’s membership and prospective new members, is in the works. This is a challenge to get all this in one place with availability to all interested persons with the click of some keys. Amazing progress happens nearly every second in the IT world but this only gets done with dedication and patience for the final but continually growing needed availability. Websites are never complete as more information is needed for a growing and active organization like ours.

There was an historic Executive Meeting in Huntsville and I failed to make note of it. Present were Sir Knights and Past Presidents General, Charlie Briggs, Dick Reese, Sam Clark, David Hanover and Robert Kendall. These are 5 of the 8 living SRT Past Presidents General but also includes KSJ’s and PPG’s Vaughn Oliver, Billy Johnson and Joe Ginn. I missed an opportunity to call attention to this and have these gentlemen stand and be recognized for their years of guidance and direction to SRT. I salute them now. Thank you compatriots.

The December Executive Meeting will be in Victoria with Presidio La Bahia Book Award Ceremony in Goliad at the Presidio. There has been some storm related damage at the Presidio but efforts there are progressing. Update on this SRT event will be announced as determined. Check this issue for meetings and events. Finalize your plans for the 96th Annual Meeting in Georgetown, March 2 – 5, 2018. This will mark the beginning of a new SRT Executive Board and other officers along with The SGR Book Award Luncheon and other activities.

District Representatives’ reports at the Huntsville EC Meeting were filled with chapter activities. I believe that this is a key to growth of SRT and to eliminate and win the battle in membership retention. To all chapter leadership, keep up this effort and get news of these activities to HQ to be published in the “Texian”. New and different ways of involving members is an ever changing challenge. The Piney Woods Chapter, Tyler, has developed a way to utilizing the SGR Books as a means to recognize persons and other organizations and at the same time relay the history of The Republic by using these award winning factual historical publications.

Chapter leadership change in most if not in all cases does not occur at the same time as national leadership change. The continuation of one or two workshops for chapter presidents and district representatives would be helpful and benefit the operation of SRT as a whole. Following proper procedures eliminates problems that arise and can be resolved in a proper and prompt manner.

Traveling across this Great State of Texas allows me time to see and marvel at the vastness of what our ancestors wanted, planned for, executed that plan, fought and died for and then completed it all and decided that The Republic should become part of a greater whole, The United States of American. From Statehood to present day that spirit lives in the souls of “Texans” as they protect and defend liberty and freedom not only here at home but all over the face of this earth.

See you somewhere in Texas!

Bob Steakley, KSJ
President General SRT

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- The website is under construction. We hope to have it up and running soon. We know the store is not working correctly, so if you cannot get on the store, please just send a check for your dues. Please be patient and if you need any information please call the National office or email Janet: aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net. She will be glad to assist you.

- Nominations from the chapters for Honorary Membership and The Knight of the Order of San Jacinto are due November 6th, to the National office.

- Dues notices will be mailed soon, in late October or early November. If you can get to the shop on the website you can pay your dues and make donations by PayPal. The National office does not take credit card payments.

- The topic for the Texas History Essay Contest is “Sam Houston and Texas Independence.” Brochures will be available at the National Office or email: aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net for more information. The due date is January 31, 2018.

- Start thinking about submitting a nomination for the Educator of the Year Award to be presented at the annual meeting in 2018. Deadline for nominations is February 1st, 2018. The criteria are available from the National offices or in your Manuals.

- You can view “The Texian” newsletter on the website for free. You may also purchase “The Texian” and it will be mailed to you for a fee of $20.00 a year. Please contact the National office.

- I would like to thank you for the articles and pictures you are sending for your newsletter; they have been GREAT. I need YOUR help with articles and pictures. If your chapter has or will be celebrating any events PLEASE email me at: aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net. I will be submitting the January issue for publication; the deadline for submissions December 11, 2017.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**2017 - 2018**

Left to Right front row: Randy Pollard, Treasurer General; Edward A. Heath, First Vice President General; Bob Steakley, KSJ, President General; William D. Power, Second Vice President; David Stone, Chaplain General.

Left to Right back row: Robert Kendall, KSJ, PPG, Executive Committeeman; John W. Knox, Executive Committeeman, Kenneth W. Pfeiffer, Secretary General, L. Clay Fisher, Historian General and Janet Knox, Administrative Assistant.

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**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**  
**2017 - 2018**

Left to Right: Ron Brown, KSJ, San Jacinto District; Mike Wilson, Lone Star District; Bob Steakley, KSJ, Frontier District; William Power, North East District; Richard Weitzel, Heart of Texas District.

(Not pictured: Devin Lindsey, North Central District and Mike Young, Post Oak District.)
GONZALES TEXAS

The Gonzales Chapter of The Sons of the Republic of Texas is alive and well! The Chapter’s members recently participated in the annual “Come and Take It” days’ celebration in Gonzales—an annual celebration commemorating the events in October 1835 when the Mexican government tried to take the small cannon used to defend the town against hostile Indians. This event would later be called, “The Lexington of Texas” and marked the beginnings of the Texas Revolution. Seven months later, the Republic of Texas would be born on the Battlefield of San Jacinto.

The Gonzales Chapter began to renew its presence earlier this year. Meetings are held at the Gonzales County Courthouse every two months on the first Saturday. Officers have been elected and the Honorable Judge David Bird of Gonzales County is the Chapter President. Richard Weitzel, the District Representative, along with First Vice President General Edward Heath has been helpful in getting the chapter reorganized.

The “Come and Take It” 2017 event was used to promote the chapter, The Sons of The Republic of Texas, and recruit potential members. In addition to the booth, the chapter also participated in the annual parade, and accepted donations—allowing those who donated, a chance to win a replica of the Gonzales “Come and Take It” cannon. Bart Priest, whose membership is pending, built the cannon by taking measurements of the original cannon currently on display in the Gonzales Museum.

Jeff Dolezar, a resident of Gonzales won the cannon. While visiting with Jeff, it was discovered he has a long ancestral history with the Republic of Texas and is now a prospective member of SRT. Judy Lynn Turner, President of the Barron De Bastrop DRT Chapter, was also present. President Turner assisted in promoting the SRT, offering genealogical research for prospective members, and advice in obtaining documentation to help potential members of not only The Sons of the Republic, but for The Daughters and Children of the Republic of Texas as well.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION

I was able to do a presentation today at my son’s school in Midlothian, Texas. The kids loved hearing about the Alamo. I know you keep track of the school presentations throughout the year. It was a wonderful experience.

Lance Weast
President
Thomas J. Rusk Chapter 8
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Trevor Aaron Dobbs  38  Morgan Berry
David Ray George  38  Freeman George
Gary Lynn Gillen  38  Michael Gillen
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Jose Alberto Ramirez  40  Victorino Juarez
Chris Eugene White  40  Abraham Davis White
Michael Dylan Pena  41  Jesse Parker
Ted Wesley Merritt  48  Benjamin Michaux Clopton
Timothy Burl Reed  48  Thomas Jefferson Keese
Reagan Scott Stehling  48  George Franz Stehling
Travis Dewayne Smith  51  John Sadler
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DEDICATION OF REPLACEMENT TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

After a two-year approval, ordering and placement process, including working with TxDOT to prepare a new pullout for the marker’s placement, a 1975 replacement Texas historical marker was dedicated on February 3, 2016, on CR 431 (Old Mineola Highway) at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 69, just south of the Sabine River in northern Smith County. Through combined efforts, the Smith County Historical Commission, led by Chairman Rob Jones (and SRT member), the Smith County Historical Society, the Piney Woods Chapter, Tyler, The Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) and the Charles G. Davenport Chapter, Tyler, Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) have worked diligently to keep Texas history alive.

In the July 2015, issue of The Texian, a progress report was published about a 1975 historical marker that had been stolen multiple times from the shoulder of U.S. Hwy. 69 in northern Smith County. The marker recognized that 3.5 miles west of the marker location was the Last Cherokee War Camp of the Republic of Texas Army after the Battle of the Neches in July 1839. The Battle of the Neches, the principal engagement of the Cherokee War, had occurred on July 15 and 16, 1839, in Henderson and Van Zandt Counties, 15 miles west of present-day Tyler and approximately 15-20 miles due south of the historical marker location; the battle ended with the death of Chief Bowles, leader of the Cherokees, and the exodus of the Cherokees from Texas. The last camp of the Republic of Texas Army was located on Burleson Lake, immediately south of the Sabine River; the camp was used to muster out the troops, prior to returning to their homes on July 25, 1839.

Over the past 40 years, the 1975 marker has been stolen three times, and through the combined efforts of the interested historical organizations, a plan was devised to make this fourth marker at that location more difficult to steal. The replacement marker has been inset into a granite slab instead of being mounted on the traditional historical marker pole; funding of the granite slab was made possible by donations from the SRT Piney Woods and DRT Charles G. Davenport chapters. Since the date of the last theft of the historical marker, U.S. Hwy. 69 has been widened from two to four lanes, completely eliminating the pullout location of the original 1975 historical marker site. TxDOT successfully handled creating a new pullout for motorist at a safe location off of the busy highway, on CR 431. The new location is easily accessible to north and southbound U.S. Hwy. 69 traffic.

Thanks to KETK 56, the local NBC affiliate in Tyler, the dedication ceremony was broadcast on the evening’s news. Neal Barton, News Director, is a proud member of SRT!

ROSEHILL ACADEMY

The photos John Thompson took at the Rosehill Academy on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

The other man in the photos is Glenn Camp, who attends many of the events I give. This was the 7th grade class I gave the Texas Flag Program to, and they have a great teacher. This is the 4th or 5th year I have gone to her school to give the Texas Flag Program.

Tom Green
MONUMENT HILL CHAPTER #53

On Saturday June 24, the Monument Hill Chapter # 53 of The Sons of the Republic of Texas met at Fayette Heritage Library. Our program was given by SRT Member George L. Morovich, of O’Quinn, who spoke on “A Review of Heritage by One Texan”, regarding his family in Texas, including stories of his family during the Galveston Storm. During the interaction, one guest, Debbie Copeland Luhn, found out that one of her ancestors was likely saved in the 1900 storm by one of the Sisters at the Ursiline Convent in Galveston, who was related to another SRT member, J T Koenig. The new President of Monument Hill Chapter, Rodney C. Koenig of O’Quinn and Houston, was installed, as was Treasurer Leon Humphrey, of Muldoon. The Installation of Officers was handled by SRT District Representative George L. Nelson from Bryan. Also assisting was SRT District Representative from Houston, Ron Brown, whose roots hail from Plum, outside La Grange.

PINEY WOODS SRT

The Piney Woods SRT chapter has begun a Summerfield G. Roberts Texas history books donation project in Tyler, Texas. Henceforth, each year the chapter will donate copies of the winner of the SRT’s Summerfield G. Roberts Texas history book writing contest to the Tyler City Library, the Tyler Junior College Library, the Texas College, and the U. of Texas at Tyler Library. In addition, copies of this Texas history book will be given to each of the speakers who present programs at our chapter meetings. Chapter Secretary and Historian Mike Johnson began the project by presenting a copy of this year’s winning book, Faces of San Antonio: Early San Antonio and Texas by Jesus F. De La Teja to the Tyler City Library. Ms. Barbara Galbreath, Access Librarian, Local & Family History Section thanked the SRT for adding this valuable addition to the City Library. Mike Johnson has delivered the other book copies to the three local colleges that also expressed the great appreciation for these book donations that will become an annual practice.

In Memoriam

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Calendar of Events

2017 Quarterly Meetings

Dec. 1-2, 2017  Hampton Inn & Suites, 7006 North Navarro St. Victoria, TX.; (361) 573-9991; King or Double Rate $89. + tax; Cutoff date is November 7, 2017. Please ask for the SRT Group or you may use this link to book your room; http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groupspersonalized/V/VCTTXHX-SRT-20171201/index.jhtml SOR.

Mar. 2-4, 2017  Annual Meeting; Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center; 1101 Woodlawn Ave. Georgetown, TX 78628; rate $ Single $129, Double $129, Triple $149 and Quad $169+ tax on all rooms; Cutoff Date is February 7, 2018. Please ask for SRT Group. You may use this link to book your room: http://georgetowntexas.sheratonemenus.com/index.asp

2017 SRT Events

March 2  Texas Independence Day
March 6  Fall of the Alamo
March 27  Goliad Massacre
April 21  San Jacinto Day
August 5  Texas Ranger Day
September 17  Texian Navy Day on the Battleship Texas
October 2  Battle of Gonzales
November 3  Stephen F. Austin’s Birthday (Father of Texas)

Order your unframed, 18” x 24” color print for $30, including shipping. This beautiful print is a reproduction of the '856 photograph by Fredrick of New York City when Houston was a member of the United States Senate. A Pre-printed 2” purple border gives the appearance of a real mat, thereby eliminating the need for expensive matting; the mat accentuates Senator Houston’s purple velvet coat. Please call the national office. The matted area includes a printed nameplate:

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