I do hope the true spirit of Christmas surrounded everyone and the best for the New Year is yours at hand. These past months have passed quickly with many SRT events and activities at both the national and local level. I stress again the importance of continued involvement of members in chapter and national events and activities.

The December Victoria Executive Meeting was a great success in that some major issues were settled, one being the EC approving the new order and selection for the president/chairman for The SRT Foundation Board of Directors. Congratulations to KSJ candidates: Buddy Power; and Al McCutcheon; and new SRT Honorary Member Scott McMahon, Director, Presidio La Bahia.

The Presidio La Bahia Book Award was well attended. Dennis Giuffré, Chairman Presidio La Bahia Committee, did an excellent job of assembling this annual award. Thank you Dennis and Mary Giuffré for a wonderful afternoon at the Presido. Kevin, thanks for the music.

By press time I will have attended and installed the new chapter officers for the Moses Austin Chapter. It is an honor and privilege to be present at these events and to meet the new leadership of our organization’s chapters.

Do not miss the deadline to register for the SRT Annual Meeting, March 2,3,& 4, 2018 in Georgetown. For information and details on this and other events, see the UPCOMING EVENTS in this issue. I do hope that everyone will make plans to attend this 96th Annual Meeting for the installation the new Executive Board, President General and District Representatives and a new Knight of San Jacinto.

Past President General Robert Kendall, KSJ is the chairman of the planning committee for the 100th Annual Meeting that will held in Houston, the site of the 1st SRT Annual Meeting, place and dates TBA.

The Tomball Parade was a grand time for SRT as the SRT Entry won an award for their division of the parade. A grand reunion took place after the parade! Read more of this in this issue.

Read of the 30th year celebration of the Sam Houston Chapter #38. This would be a perfect time to look for and record the history of your particular chapter.

This will be my last President General Message for “The Texian”. I believe that our organization’s publication of “The Texian” is a vital communication link to the SRT membership that perhaps we never see or talk to and therefore it is also the link to those who are unable to attend activities or chapter meetings but still remain compatriots all. Do not fail to be an active part of SRT where ever you may be and represent to others what SRT is about and seeks to attain and accomplish. There is a new member around every corner, so do not fail to make this first contact. I have had some very unusual first contacts that have resulted in new compatriots and some that have not. Granted there are going to be some that result in totally no-interest -occurrences, but do not let these be the norm, nor keep making you from making contacts. The spirit of your ancestor/s should be the driving force to help each of us to make that initial contact. Once these new members are in, then the next step is to get them involved in whatever chapter or national events or activities you can and include them from the start. I believe that this is one of the best methods for membership retention, a battle that looms in front of any organization and not just SRT. I commend every compatriot who has taken on, or will aspire to be an advocate for membership retention. Thanks Janet for getting “The Texian” out.

My thanks to all who support me as your President General. The job is not accomplished by one alone. See you somewhere in Texas. Three cheers for the Great State of TEXAS!

Bob Steakley, KSJ
President General SRT

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**JANET’S Korner**

By: Janet Knox  
Administrative Assistant  
email: aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net  
1717 Eighth Street • Bay City, Texas 77414  
(979) 245-6644

- 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.

- Dues notices have been mailed, if you did not receive a dues notice please email me at aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net and I will send you one. Please pay your dues before March 31, 2018 and you will not have to pay the reinstatement fee which is $50.00 plus $40.00 for the current 2018 dues.

- Be thinking about submitting a nomination for Educator of the Year Award to be presented at the Annual meeting March 2018. Deadline is February 1st, 2018. Mail to the National office. The criterion for the award is available from the National office.

- Attention Chapter Presidents: Remember to send in your Annual Reports. This will determine whether your chapter will receive a rebate check. Your report must include; new officers with mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses along with your activities during the year, as well as a financial statement from the bank. Deadline for this report is January 31, 2018

- Do not forget to make your reservation for the 2018 Annual Meeting NOW! Information is on the last page of the “Texian.”

- 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.

- 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 April issue for publication; the deadline for submissions is April 27, 2018

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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.)
SAM HOUSTON, KSJ PAST PRESIDENT GENERAL’S MARKER

Plans are now confirmed for the Past President General Marker Dedication for Past President General Sam Houston, IV, KSJ.

The Dedication is February 24, 2018, 10:00AM at The Earthman Rest Haven Cemetery, 13102 North Freeway, Houston. The cemetery is located east of 45 and between Greens Road on the south and Rankin on the north.

The Sam Houston Chapter, # 38 is host with chapter president Bart Dawson as MC.

I hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,
Bob Steakley, KSJ
President General SRT

Battle of Concepcion Monument

Members of the Alamo Chapter commemorating the Battle of Concepcion and the death of Captain Richard Andrews at the monument near the battle site. Pictured are Robert Bohmfalk, Al McCutcheon, Ed Heath, Paul Vielmas, Dick Weitzel, Jason Chall, Al Davis, and John Meehan. Photographer Ken Pfeiffer.

The Presidio La Bahia Book Award

Dennis Guiffré, Chairman; Author: Bradley Folsom and Bob Steakley, KSJ, President General.
NEW SRT MEMBERS

Michael Dan Beyer, Jr.  Reuben Hornsby  Porter, TX
Geoffrey Alexander Beyer  Reuben Hornsby  Magnolia, TX
Brian Allen Beyer  Reuben Hornsby  Porter, TX
Bryan Philip Brown  John P Majors  Gainesville, TX
Burl Carr Brown  John P Majors  Brownwood, TX
Robert Thomas Brown  John P Majors  Brownwood, TX
Benjamin Richard Palmer Duncan  Benjamin Franklin Duncan, Sr  Florence, MS
Billy Joe Hollingsworth, Sr.  Joseph H. Ferguson  Lancaster, TX
Spencer Colfom McDaniel Hollingsworth  George Milam Collom  New Boston, TX
Lewis Wayne Merritt  Benjamin Michaux Clopton  Fort Worth, TX
Oliver Thomas Cochran, Sr.  Martha Ann Hooper  Houston, TX
Danny William Emmert  Henry Scott  Nederland, TX
David Brian Herbert  Joseph Hebert  Tomball, TX
Kirk Garrison Millender  William Clark, Jr.  Cypress, TX
Ryan Patrick Rice  James Marlin  Vashon, WA
Stephen Gerald Rice  George W. Morgan  Vashon, WA
Patrick Lee Thomas  Peter Cauble  La Mesa, CA
Kevin Paul Thompson  William D. Baldwin  Chelsea, AL
Reed Allen Denton  Vashti Gibbs  Belton, TX
Jason Scott Medlin  Thomas A Crockett  Salado, TX
Ronald Reagan McCulley  John Longest Hudgins  Clute, TX
Hugh Louis Caraway Jr.  Eliza R. Caraway  San Antonio, TX
Christopher Drake Martin  Joseph Schorp I  San Antonio, TX
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Jon Michael Wright  William R Caruthers  Ft. Davis, TX
Harrison Cole Gatlin  Mason Gabriel Cole  Dallas, TX
James Robert Henry  Captain James Dill  Flower Mound, TX
John Lewis Henry  Captain James Dill  Highland Village, TX
Elra Clinton Oden, III  David Crockett  Rockwall, TX
John Russel Dolliver  Thomas H Kenley  Lakeway, TX
Jason Paul Hoffman  James Tunlinson  Cedar Creek, TX
Jack Woodville London  David E. London  Austin, TX
Jerry Walton Fannin  John P. Carr  Madisonville, TX
Mark Joseph Millender  William Clark, Jr.  San Antonio, TX
John Joseph Millender  James M. Seymour  College Station, TX
Robert Taylor Moore  Robert Moore, Sr  Amarillo, TX
Robert Henry Moore  Robert Moore, Sr.  College Station, TX
Jesse Kenner Reinhardt, Jr.  Matthew H Anderson  Franklin, TX
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Thirty years ago, a group dedicated to preserving and sharing Texas History came together in Katy to form the Sam Houston Chapter of The Sons of the Republic of Texas. This group of distinguished individuals included Sam Houston IV, General George P. Munson, and several future Knights of the Order of San Jacinto. Saturday October 21, 2017, approximately forty individuals gathered to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Sam Houston Chapter and celebrate its many accomplishments. Attendees included current Chapter members and officers, past Chapter Presidents, widows and family members of Chapter members who have passed away, as well as a past President General of The Sons of the Republic of Texas. Several of the past Chapter Presidents spoke about their time leading the Chapter, the Chapter’s annual Enlisted Sailor of the Year Award to the USS San Jacinto, having brought Texas History alive to local Katy school children, as well as reminisced about friends and stories over the past thirty years. Lifetime Achievement Awards were given to past Chapter Presidents Bobby R. Smith and Dennis M. Guiffré. The evening concluded with drawings for a number of Texas history-focused gifts. The Sam Houston Chapter is ready to carry Texas History forward for Katy and the next generation of residents.

Submitted by:
Bart
First Vice President
Sam Houston Chapter
The Sons of the Republic of Texas
Katy, Texas

Chapter President Ben Warren IV (left) and Lifetime Achievement Award winner Dennis Guiffré

Dinner Attendees
2017 Tomball Holiday Parade

The Sons of the Republic of Texas participated in the 51st Annual Tomball Holiday Parade on Saturday November 19, 2017. It was a beautiful crisp Fall morning as the SRT, DRT and Texas Army participated in the Parade for the 16th consecutive year. We had the largest turnout in our history with 19 DRT and SRT members from the SRT Lone Star, Sam Houston, San Jacinto, Sidney Sherman and Jesse Chisolm Chapters, and the DRT Presidents of Texas Chapter along with 24 family members.

Everyone met at the Tomball Museum to decorate the floats with historical Texas flags and signs and then proceed down Tomball’s two-mile main street.

The Color Guard led with muskets and they waved to the large crowd and shook the hands of the Veterans as they went past. Sir Knight Bob Steakley, KSJ and his wife Carol followed in the 1966 Oldsmobile 98 driven by Denton Bryant, KSJ. The next vehicle was pulling the Rolling Thunder Cannon with 4 flags including the Come and Take It flag. Steve Manis and his wife Chaille were dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Grinch in their Grinch Mobile with three cars in tow which was a big hit with the children. Behind them were two trucks with trailers with signs reminding everyone to Observe Texas Holidays and carrying those who were riding and waving Texas Flags.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch after the parade at the Pecos Mesquite Steakhouse. One of Tomball’s best restaurants. The Sam Houston Chapter had a large contingent this year and used the opportunity to conduct their November meeting. A good time was had by all that participated and members of the SRT who did not make it this year are invited to join us next year.
There was 1 antique car, 3 trucks with trailers, 1 cannon and the Grinch Mobile with 3 cars in tow.

Ron McAnear in red along with his family (L-R) Warren, Linden & Ethan Settles, Lauren Wilson, Deanna & Donna Settles

The traditional photo of SRT & DRT members on the porch of the old log cabin in Tomball. There were 19 SRT & DRT members and another 24 family members in our largest turnout in 16 years.

2017 Tomball Holiday Parade

Color Guard with Rusty McLauglin, Shawn Hicks, Maurice Nassar, Charlie Fogarty and Barry Ellis
The Grinch has a long and colorful history in the story of Texas. Here is a picture of his 4th Great Grandfather, John Nichols Grinch (1794-1864), in December 1835, preparing for the defense of Texas. In more up to date photos, Steve Manis Grinch is pictured in the Tomball Parade where he helped the Lone Star Chapter secure the "Best Civic Group Award". He also received awards representing the Sidney Sherman Chapter for "Best Use of Lights" in the Pearland Parade and an award for "Best Original Theme" in the Friendswood Parade.
96th ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2018 WILL BE HELD IN Georgetown

Make hotel reservations by calling: Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center 1101 Woodlawn Ave, Georgetown, TX 78628 for rooms call 1-800-477-3340 reservation desk, or 737-444-2737 room Coordinator, Robert Rios, 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

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 2, 2018
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Hospitality Room; is on your own

Saturday, March 3, 2018
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting (any member is welcome to attend but may not vote)
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Knights of the Order of San Jacinto (KSJ only)
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Summerfield G. Roberts Award Luncheon (members & guests) Dress: Jacket and Tie
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Annual Meeting (Members only)
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. SRT Foundation Meeting
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet Dress: Black Tie (optional)

Sunday, March 4, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting

SRT REGISTRATION FORM
This form must be received by February 6, 2018

SRT Registration (required, for member only) $25.00 per member = $ _______
SGR Luncheon $35.00 pp X #____ = $ _______
Annual Meeting (members only) Indicate #____
Annual Awards Banquet $55.00 pp X #____ = $ _______
Grand Total: Make checks payable to SRT in the total amount of $________________

Names of those attending:_____________________________________________
Mail to: SRT Office, 1717 8th Street, Bay City, TX  77414 by February 6, 2018
SAM HOUSTON COLOR PRINT
NOW AVAILABLE

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.

The matted area includes a printed nameplate:

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**2018 Quarterly Meetings**

**June 8-9, 2018**  Hampton Inn & Suites, Bay City, TX  
It is the 25th Anniversary of the National Office has been in Bay City. More Information to come.

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**ANNUAL MEETING**

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