**Calendar of Events**

**2018 Quarterly Meetings:**
Sept. 8-9, 2018  
Sleep Inn & Suites,  
2138 Water Street, Gonzales, TX 78629  
(830) 672-1888;  
Room Rate: Single King & Double Queen, $75. + tax;  
Cutoff date August 1, 2018,

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, 2018  
TBD

**2018 SRT Events**
March 2  
Texas Independence Day
March 6  
Fall of the Alamo
March 27  
Goliad Massacre (Palm Sunday-1836)
April 21  
San Jacinto Day
August 5  
Texas Ranger Day
September 15  
Texian Navy Day on the Battleship Texas
October 2  
Battle of Gonzales
November 3  
Stephen F. Austin’s Birthday (Father of Texas)

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**President General’s Message**

The 96th annual meeting of The Sons of the Republic of Texas was held in Georgetown, Texas.

I want to thank the Noah Smithwick Chapter #54 for their assistance and hospitality. We all want to thank our past President General, Bob Steakley, KSJ for all his work and devotion in perpetuating the goals of SRT. Thanks to all SRT members and our Administrative Assistant, Janet Knox who made our Annual Meeting a success.

I am honored to have been elected your President General for the coming year. By the end of our meeting, I was honored again by being invested as a Knight of the Order of San Jacinto.

Since taking office as SRT President, I have attended five ceremonies. On March 6th at 6:00 a.m., the ceremony of “The Fall of the Alamo” was presented by the San Antonio Living History Association. Bob Benavides, Alamo Chapter member, narrated the sad details of the event.

At 10:00 am the Alamo Chapter was the host of the SRT event “After the fall of the Alamo.” Several SRT members from various Chapters were present. The Essay Awards Ceremony sponsored by the Alamo Chapter had 2,931 students participating in writing their last letter to a friend or family member describing what men and women were going through during the final days of the Alamo defense against the Mexican army. The top ten students were recognized and awarded. The 182nd Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto was held at the San Jacinto Monument.

The 100th Annual Pilgrimage to the Alamo was held on April 23rd. The solemn procession led by the DRT followed by SRT and many other organizations laid wreaths and flowers in front of the Alamo church in honor of those who died for Texas Independence. Jason Chall, President of the Alamo Chapter and I presented the wreath on behalf of SRT.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas 2018 Convention was held in Dallas on May 17th. I attended as the representative of SRT. I want to thank each of you who have expressed your dedication to the goals of SRT and the history of our great State of Texas. Yes, we can do more and in the months to come, we will discuss some new trends and actions.

Edward A. Heath, KSJ
President General

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018 - 2019**

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES 2018 - 2019**

**2018 ANNUAL MEETING**

(JANET’S Korner)

By: Janet Knox
Administrative Assistant
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1717 Eighth Street • Bay City, Texas 77414
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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.**

**Chapters that sent in their chapter reports will be receiving rebates soon. For those who did not send your yearly reports in January 31, 2018, remember to send them out for 2019. Watch your email for a reminder.**

**Second Dues notices have been mailed. If you did not receive a dues notice or may have misplaced it, please email me at: aa-srt@son-rep-texas.net and I will be glad to send you one. The National office does not take credit card payments over the phone.**

**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 October issue for publication; the deadline for submissions September 20, 2018.**
2018 ANNUAL MEETING

NEW SRT MEMBERS

Jason Ray Callahan
William Earl Glenn
Kenneth Deane Hamblin
William Charles Hayes
Riley Ellis Sullivan
Robert Samuel Black
Robert Frederick Rhodes
Robert Boyd Bingman Smith
John Michael Hamlin
J.H. Kline
James William Rockell
Seth Benjamin French
Rob Denton French
Jared Ryan French
Aubrey Dale French
Alexander Denton French
Evan Lee French
Hayden Robert French
Jacob Alan Henry
Logan James Henry
James Robert Henry
Dylan Tyler Key
Jordan Michael Taylor Key
Samuel Philip Wheeler
Wyatt James Ferguson
Easton Wade Ferguson
William Sanders Motley
Kyle Zachary Byrd
Reagan James Brown
James Preston Cox
Douglas Eugene Whiteley
Jackson James Tanner-Johnston
Michael Glen Davis
Joe Winkelmann
Joshua Dylan Zamora
Nathan Daniel Zamora
Derek Anthony Zamora
Danny Ray Vanderburg
Paul Michael Cooper
Walter Rick Steinfeld
Andrew Dorn Walker
Russell Patrick Walker
Kenneth Glen White
Aubrey Deal Stanley
John David Hamilton
Howard Nall Jr.
Oghadial Thomas Allen
Jacky Ray Ormager Jr.
Peter White
Mary "Polly" (MCGee) Buchanan
Alfred Hamblin
Alfred Kelso, Sr
John Jackson Tumlinson
Henry Mitchell Black
William Clark Carson
Joseph Schorp I
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George Washington Barnes
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Charles Staunfield Taylor
Daniel Warfield Fuller
William Akin
John J Bowman
Sharp Whiteley
Thomas Tanner
Ludwig August Friedrich Schluter
Albert G. May
Benjamin Franklin Duncan
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William W Bell
Peter Sides
Thomas Bell
William Walter Walker
William Walter Walker
Abraham Davis White
Stephen Jefferson Stanley, Jr.
Valentine Flowers Hamilton
Nelson A Box
Hiram Allen
Charles Burkham
San Angelo, TX
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Houston, TX
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Princeton, TX
Princeton, TX
Princeton, TX
Hempstead, TX
Hempstead, TX
Princeton, TX
Princeton, TX
Humble, TX
Humble, TX
New Orleans, LA
Morgan, TX
Morgan, TX
Houston, TX
La Verne, TX
Irving, TX
Arlington, TX
Kingwood, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
Granbury, TX
Tyler, TX
Yerington, NV
Huntsville, TX
Odessa, TX
Spring, TX
Spring, TX
Little Rock, AR
Thornton, TX
The Sons of the Republic of Texas organization honors and embodies the character and values of our forebears. Their fierce independence gained loyalty, strength, and commitment to help them endure and overcome tremendous adversity. The stories of their bravery and strength live on through each of us. Those endearing qualities and values of early Texans allowed them to adapt and create a hard-fought livelihood and to forge the Republic of Texas into a symbol that stands today and is recognized world-wide.

Our Texas Rangers were an integral part of life in the Republic, formally organized in 1823 by Stephen F. Austin. First serving as volunteers, akin to minutemen who when called, Texas Rangers served with sacrifice and resolute conviction to achieve and maintain order in this frontier and to protect her inhabitants, providing a safer place for Texans to live and flourish. This same attitude carried and spread throughout the United States of America to encourage and embolden the hearts of others to continue with the expansion of the United States from ocean to ocean. Texas Rangers continue to protect Texas and Texans today as an elite group, called upon in the most difficult of circumstances.

It is with this pride and appreciation that The Sons of the Republic of Texas recently proposed a plaque in honor of our Texas Rangers, past, present and future. The plaque was approved as a memorial by the Board of the Former Texas Rangers Foundation and the Board of The Sons of the Republic of Texas in March 2018. The plaque will be installed in a place of prominence at the Texas Rangers Heritage Center in Fredericksburg, Texas, so that all who might visit that place will know of the proud traditions shared by the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Former Texas Rangers Association & Foundation. You can come see the unveiling of this new memorial, and join us in celebrating our Texas Heritage at the Texas Rangers Heritage Center in Fredericksburg, on August 4th, 2018. This event celebrates “Texas Rangers Day and History Symposium” from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An excellent lineup of speakers and educational presentations will provide a great opportunity to learn from Texas authors, historians and professors. Bring family and friends as we celebrate together. For more information and tickets, call 830-990-1192.

It is incumbent upon each of us to consider our relationships, both to Texas’ history and her future, and to establish what part we might play in making certain that the most relevant messages of Texas continue into future generations. A great way to contribute is through a membership and support of the Former Texas Rangers Foundation and The Sons of the Republic of Texas. There are numerous worthy projects in which to enlist your time, talents and treasure, so please consider a membership in both of these organizations, or donate to one of the worthy mission efforts on behalf of our Texas history.

For more information about memberships and programs at The Sons of the Republic of Texas, please visit us at www.srttexas.org/ learn more about your Texas heritage and join SRT Moses Austin Chapter in the Austin area visit: http://mosesaustinsrt.org/

For more information about the Former Texas Rangers Association, the Former Texas Rangers Foundation and their many events throughout the year, visit www.TRHC.org.
AWARD CEREMONY

On April 14th the Alamo Chapter held an awards ceremony for fifty on the almost 3000 middle school students that participated this year in the “Texas Proud” contest. About 100 friends and relatives joined the celebration. Pictured are the Alamo Chapter members in attendance. 1-r Jim Massingill, Billy Bob Highsmith, Eldon Cagle, Al McCutcheon, Robert Bohmfaulk, Ken Pfeiffer, Jason Chall, Ed Heath, KSJ, John Meehan, Ken McAnear, George Chall, Tom Jones, and Al Davis. Not pictured Bob Benavides.

DAWN AT THE ALAMO

Over sixty SRT members from all over Texas attended the “Dawn at the Alamo” event on March 6th 2018. It was followed by the champagne toast, breakfast at the Menger Hotel and the “After the Fall” SRT event also in Alamo Plaza.

40TH ANNUAL GENERAL GRANBURY BIRTHDAY BASH

The 40th Annual General Granbury Birthday Bash was held on March 17th and 18th at the historic square in Granbury, TX. This year The Sons of the Republic of Texas, David Crockett Chapter #47, participated in the event with a parade entry and also shared a booth with the local SAR chapter and SCV camp members to engage with the community, educate them about The Sons of the Republic of Texas and generate interest in our cause. The weather participated for most of the activity and the parade was highly attended by the public. Mr. Jerry Turner decorated his 1928 Ford Model A for the occasion and drove SRT member Errol Flannery, 4th Great Grandson of David Crockett, and his family, in the procession through the downtown area and around the public square. The signs for the vehicle were made by Chapter 47 Vice-President Charles Gillespie, III. Several Chapter 47 members participated in interacting with the public and handing out SRT brochures as well as handheld Texas flags to the kids. Members in attendance were Chapter President, Devin Lindsey, Historian James Veale, Tom Ward and Dan Vanderburg. The event was organized and presented by the Historic Granbury Merchants Association.

In Memoriam

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100TH ANNIVERSARY DRT PILGRIMAGE

The Alamo Chapter Sons of the Republic of Texas participated in the 100th anniversary DRT ‘Pilgrimage to the Alamo’ in downtown San Antonio celebrating the victory at San Jacinto and memorializing the fallen defenders of the Alamo on April 23rd 2018. Pictured are: front row John Meehan, Steve Lancaster, Al Davis; second row; Bob Benavides, Jason Chall, Ed Heath, KSJ, third row, Butch Cabaniss, Chris Martin, Dick Weitzel, Robert Bohnfalk, Jim Massingill, and LeRoy Salinas. Not pictured David Jauer and Ken Pfeiffer. The Travis Chapter, SRT and over a hundred from other historic, patriotic and military organizations also participated.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Right to Left is Bob Steakley, KSJ, President General and Glenn Janek, Educator of the Year.

40TH ANNUAL GENERAL GRANBURY BIRTHDAY BASH

The Sons of the Republic of Texas, David Crockett Chapter #47, participated in the Texas Independence Day Celebration in Acton, TX on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The weather was perfect for the outdoor activities, where history students and the general public got the opportunity to interact with historical interpreters and demonstrators. The event, organized by the Texas Heroes Foundation in Hood County, also includes a student history fair where local students develop and enter projects about Texas history and compete for monetary awards and scholarships. The student participation was on Thursday and Friday, concluding with an award ceremony on Friday evening. These events also included a memorial ceremony at the gravesite of David Crockett’s widow, Elizabeth Crockett, who located her husband’s land grant in the area in 1854 and is buried in the Acton Cemetery in a plot that is now a THC State Historical Site. The Independence Day Celebration events continued through Saturday and were open to the public all day.

The SRT set up a booth and several chapter members participated in sharing history lessons with the students and the public as well as speaking with them about the mission and purpose of the SRT, including James Veale, Errol Flannery, Phil Harris, Jr. and Dan Vanderburg. We handed out SRT brochures to those who visited our booth and the children were happy to receive a small Texas flag courtesy of our chapter members. This annual event is a wonderful celebration of our history and our chapter members have been participating since its inception but this is the first year we have made an official presence with a booth. Going forward, The David Crockett Chapter intends to continue this level of participation as we seek to grow our involvement and membership in the community.

WJB CHAPTER #14 SRT NEWS

We are pleased to have been recognized for 2017 for having the highest amount of new members among all The Sons of the Republic of Texas chapters! District Representative George Nelson presented our chapter with the award at last week’s meeting. We are truly honored to have received this recognition and are proud that our chapter continues to thrive and grow at a rapid pace.

Blair Fannin
President, William Joel Bryan Chapter #14
Sons of the Republic of Texas