



DAVID CROCKETT CHAPTER #47



On November 7-8, 2020, the David Crockett Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas was honored to be invited to participate in this year's North Texas Vet Fest in Granbury.

Pictured are (back row) Phil Harris, Errol Flannery, and Dan Vanderburg, (front row) Devin Lindsey and Jim Scott.

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen:

I hope all of you are well and being safe as the virus continues to wreak havoc on our ability to conduct the SRT events we all enjoy. As it stands now the Texas Independence Day and Dawn at the Alamo events are cancelled and San Jacinto Day event is questionable.

We were able to conduct our December 5th Executive Committee meeting in Goliad. The EC voted to send to the Annual Meeting for general membership vote, measures to increase SRT fees and dues found in Article V of the Bylaws. The application fee will increase from \$50 to \$75. The Junior Member fee will increase from \$30 to \$50. The annual dues will increase from \$40 to \$50. The posthumous processing fee will increase from \$100 to \$150.

All other categories of membership remain unchanged. All changes will become effective upon approval of the general membership at the Annual Meeting.

The EC also voted for Dick Weitzel's name to be forwarded to the Knights and general membership for Knighthood votes. The Reverend Bishop Cahill's name was voted to be forwarded to the general membership for Honorary Membership vote also at the Annual Meeting.

As of now the March 6th, 1:00 PM Annual Membership meeting will be a virtual meeting. We hope to conduct

all the other events (S. G. Roberts Luncheon, Awards Banquet, etc.) on July 31st in San Antonio. Details will be forthcoming as they firm up.

Please continue to follow the governmental guidelines regarding meetings, practice individual safety precautions and get the vaccine when you can. We will return to normal activities as soon as we can.

Thanks again to all.
Kenneth W. Pfeiffer,
President General

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JANET's Korner

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- Regarding your SRT dues payments, I was out of the office for three weeks due to health reasons. Your payments are waiting to be processed and we hope to have the backlog cleared as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience.
- The website is up and running at srttexas.org. If you have any problems please let the National Office know or email Janet at: aa-srt-@son-rep-texas.net. I will be glad to assist you.
- Be thinking about submitting a nomination for Educator of the Year Award. Deadline is February 12, 2021. Please send to the National Office or email to Janet.
- The Topic for the Texas History Essay is "The Battle of Gonzales, The Lexington of Texas." Brochures will be available on the website at srttexas.org or at the National office or email Janet. The due date is January 31, 2021.
- 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 be glad to send you one. Please pay your dues before March 31, 2021 and you will not have to pay a reinstatement fee, which is \$50.00 plus \$40.00 for the current 2021.
- 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 or fill the space out on your dues notice.
- 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 May issue for publication; the deadline for submissions March 25 , 2021.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2020 - 2021

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2020 - 2021

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Richard Weitzel, Heart of Texas

Mike Wilson, Lone Star

Devin Lindsey, North Central

Johnnie Holley, North East

Jim Tountgate, Post Oak

Steve Manis, San Jacinto

NEW SRT MEMBERS

Alec Robert Bradley		James Buchanan Willis	Plano, TX
James Glover		James Buchanan Wills	Paradise, TX
Charles Ronald Green		William Cox	New Braunfels, TX
Gerald Edward Green		William Cox	Longview, TX
James Thomas Marlow		Jesse Allen, Sr.	Big Spring, TX
Thomas Ford Marlow Jr.		Jesse Allen, Sr.	Spring, TX
Craig Morgan Seekamp Sr.		Archelaus B Dodson	Yoakum, TX
George Celest Tondre		Nicholas Tondre	Conroe, TX
Richard Clay Bluntzer	1	Peter Bluntzer	Houston, TX
Dean Bradley McNeely	1	Richard Andrew Holden	Houston, TX
Craig William Hardy	2	Jesse Devore	Santa Fe, TX
Edwin Davidson Hemme	7	Amalie Dorothee Hemme	Fair Oaks Ranch, TX
Paul Allen Hemme	7	Amalie Dorothee Hemme	Fair Oaks Ranch, TX
Davis Robinson Stewart	7	Matthew Caldwell	Peachtree Corners, GA
Timothy Christopher Cummings	8	William Cummings	Plano, TX
Evan Michael Dion	8	Henry Hensley	Frisco, TX
Beau Daniel Kyrk	8	Henry Basil King	Celina, TX
Jeffrey Earl Mann	8	Zachariah Landrum	Dallas, TX
Travis Matthew Mann	8	Zachariah Landrun	San Clemente, CA
Matthew Kirk Biersmith	12	Robert Franklin Whiteaker	Austin, TX
Thomas Kaspar Biersmith	12	Robert Franklin Whiteaker	Austin, TX
William David Craig III	12	John W Wood	New Smyrna Beach, FL
Dylan John Meinberg	12	Musgrove Evans	Murrieta, CA
Alexander Samuel Meinberg	12	Musgrove Evans	Murrieta, CA
Jeffrey Lynn Fortenberry	13	Franville Harmon Fraier/Frazer	Waco, TX
Mark Travor Byers	14	John McAdams	Greenwood, AR
Thomas George Schneider	14	Bernard Heinrich Schneider	Bellville, TX
Gary Max Goeppinger	36	George Washington Hallmark	Azle, TX
Ronnie Glen Rencher	36	Martin Gambill Nall	Roanoke, TX
Gene C. Steele III	36	Alphonso P. Steele	Benbrook, TX
Richard Craig Walker	36	Lewis (Louis) Reuter	Fort Worth, TX
Lawrence Alan Parker	38	Daniel Boone Guerrant	Hobbs, NM
Jacob Adam Hall	40	John Reed Robbins	San Antonio, TX
Barclay Houston	40	Capt. William Ware	San Antonio, TX

NEW SRT MEMBERS

Kyle C Kempton	40	William Crestfield Moody	Safford, AZ
Mark Eldon Stone	40	Moses Crowsen Tracy	San Antonio, TX
Bradley Jay Wallace	40	Seth Cary	Boerne, TX
Rodney Gene Wallace	40	Seth Cary	Alto, TX
Ronald Edward Massingill	47	George Washington Massingill	Granbury, TX
Stephen Wesley Luck	53	Johann Philipp Luck	Houston, TX
Colin Clarke Luck	53	Johann Philipp Luck	Houston, TX
Noah Graeme Luck	53	Johann Philipp Luck	Houston, TX
John Michael Luck	53	Johann Philipp Luck	Houston, TX
Austin Dean DuBose	56	Thomas Watts	Diboll, TX
William Wayne DuBose	56	Thomas Watts	Diboll, TX
William Wayne DuBose	56	Anderson Edward Barclay	Diboll, TX
Austin Dean DuBose	56	Anderson Edward Barclay	Diboll, TX
Tyler Wayne DuBose	56	Anderson Edward Barclay	Diboll, TX
William Wayne DuBose	56	Hiram Watts	Diboll, TX
Austin Dean DuBose	56	Hiram Watts	Diboll, TX
Tyler Wayne DuBose	56	Thomas Watts	Diboll, TX
Tyler Wayne DuBose	56	Hiram Watts	Diboll, TX
Walter William Luck	56	Johann Philipp Luck	Spring, TX
Milton Anthony Fisk	59	Greenleif Fisk, Sr	Trinidad, TX

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At the November 17, 2020 Granbury City Council meeting, the David Crockett Chapter 47 was recognized by Mayor Nin Hulett of Granbury for receiving the Award of Merit in Historical Preservation from the Texas State Historical Commission and their contributions to Texas

Pictured are Jerry Turner, James Veale, Dan Vanderburg, Devin Lindsey, Mayor Nin Hulett, Charlie Gillespie, Robert Hollmann, Errol Flannery, Judge Ron Massingill, and Jim Scott. cultural and historical resources.

DEAF SMITH CHAPTER #60



Deaf Smith SRT member Caleb Miller replacing the Flags at the Vince Bridge monument in Pasadena.





Members of the Deaf Smith chapter (L-R: Hal Vaughan, Tracy Phelan, and Joseph Thomas) participating in the "Wreaths Across America" ceremony at historic Crown Hill Cemetery in Pasadena.

SAM HOUSTON CHAPTER #38

Since soon after it's commissioning in 1988, the Sam Houston Chapter began honoring sailors annually onboard the USS San Jacinto (CG-56), a U.S. Navy Ticonderoga Class missile cruiser. In 2019, we renamed the annual award the Bobby R. Smith USS San Jacinto Enlisted Sailor of the Year Award to acknowledge our two-time past Chapter President, Bobby R. Smith, who was one of the original Chapter members who created this award. A winner and runner-up, selected by their shipmates, are awarded both a certificate and monetary award to demonstrate our appreciation for their sacrifices and dedication to both our country and Texas. In this challenging year known as 2020, we take pause to acknowledge the winner, Logistics Specialist First-Class (LS1) Fredrick S. Fortin and the runner-up Gunner's Mate Second-Class (GM2) Rodolfo H. Urquizu.



2020 Bobby R. Smith USS San Jacinto Enlisted Sailor of the Year Award

Winner	Runner-up
	
<p style="text-align: center;">Fredrick S. Fortin Logistics Specialist 1st Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rodolfo H. Urquizu Gunner's Mate 2nd Class</p>
<p>BIOGRAPHY: LS1 Fortin is a native of Virginia and enlisted in the Navy in 2009. In 2019, Fortin reported to the <i>USS San Jacinto</i> and has since become a leader in the ship's logistics operations. Upon his transfer to the <i>USS San Jacinto</i>, he quickly ascended to the role of the Leading Logistic Specialist due to the departure of the ship's LSCS. That billet remained gapped through an entire 5th fleet deployment leaving LS1 Fortin responsible for the entire ship's logistics operation. Upon return to homeport, he was selected for FY-20 Sailor of the year. In his prior assignment to joining the <i>USS San Jacinto</i>, LS1 Fortin was also awarded four Navy and Marine Corps achievement medals and FY-18 Junior Sailor of the Year for his accomplishments throughout his tour onboard the <i>USS Forrest Sherman</i>. His professional goals include being selected as an LDO and becoming a Supply Corps Officer, while his personal goal is to finish his bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics at Embry Riddle University. LS1 Fortin has been married since 2018 to Ashley with two children Reyna and Noah.</p>	<p>BIOGRAPHY: GM2 Urquizu is a native of California and became the first member of his family to serve in the US Armed Forces by enlisting in the Navy through the Delayed Entry Program in 2015. SN Urquizu graduated in 2016 as the Recruit Chief Petty Officer of his division and selected as the #1 recruit in his training group. For his performance, military bearing, physical fitness, and leadership, he was selected for the Military Excellence Award along with the Honor Recruit Ribbon and presented with a Flag Letter of Commendation. GM2 Urquizu joined the <i>USS San Jacinto</i> in 2019 and quickly became an asset to the command when he graduated from the prestigious Surface Rescue Swimmer School in Jacksonville, FL and augmented the ship's SAR program, meeting a red line requirement. He would later become the Work Center Supervisor of CG01, responsible for the maintenance and operation of two MK 45 Light Weight Guns, the ship's primary surface batteries. Rodolfo is currently taking online classes through Arizona State University's Earned Admission program in order to gain his admission and further his education. GM2 Urquizu has been married to Angelina since 2018 and they have two sons.</p>

Congratulations to these two young sailors as the members of The Sons of the Republic of Texas' Sam Houston Chapter, located in Katy, Texas, salute you for your service and courage. We hope that this acknowledgement will serve as a reminder of your roots and commitment to Texas wherein that victory in 1836, at a small, inconspicuous location soon to become known as San Jacinto, was as certain then as is the certainty that the USS San Jacinto and her crew will overcome any challenges they may face today.

In Memoriam

Name

Chapter

Hometown

James Cage Cantrell II
 Michael Lionel Chapman
 Roger Kenneth Coppage
 Phillips C. Huck
 David William Jauer
 Olen Fred Powell
 David Ward Pruitt
 Duryl Middleton Bailey
 Richard William Burks
 Milton Ray Lentz
 Charles Edward Luna
 Larry Spasic
 George Celest Tondre

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 Burnhart, MO
 Pine River, MN
 San Antonio, TX
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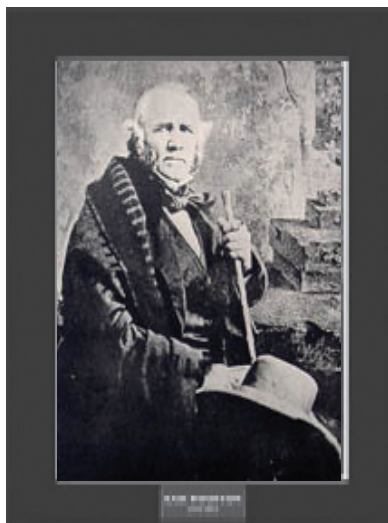
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Calendar of Events

2021 Annual Meeting:

March 6, 2021

As a result of the surge in COVID 19 infections, our concerns for everyones safety and the unknowns of government restrictions for early March the SRT Annual Meeting will be conducted on March 6th at 1:00 PM as a virtual meeting. Details on ZOOM access will be distributed in a future communication. We are working with the Marriott Plaza hotel in San Antonio to hold all the other events that we do on annual meeting weekend on the 31st of July. We hope the virus will be under control by then.

TBD

July 31, 2021

Marriott Plaza San Antonio

555 South Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

2021 Quarterly Meetings

2020 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 19	Texian Navy Day (San Jacinto Ground Monument)
October 2	Battle of Gonzales
November 3	Stephen F. Austin's Birthday (Father of Texas)

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