



TEXIAN NAVY DAY



Texian Navy Day was held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Battleship Texas at 11:00 A. M. The weather turned out great for the day - cool, slightly windy, partly cloudy and a low humidity level.

Mr. Ronald Brown, Chairman of the Texian Navy Day Committee, welcomed everyone to the ceremony and introduced several guests. The Sons of the Republic of Texas President General Robert Kendall, KSJ, did a fine job as Master of Ceremony. The Invocation and Benediction was delivered by

SRT Committeeman and San Jacinto Chapter Chaplain Joe R. Davidson, KSJ. We had Past President Generals David Hanover, KSJ and Sam F. Clark, KSJ in attendance. Other SRT Executive Officers attending were First Vice President Bob Steakley, Second Vice President Edward A. Heath and Treasurer General Kenneth W. Pfeiffer. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas was represented by Ms. Ellen McCaffrey, Past President General and Patsy Teas. Other dignitaries present were Houston Councilman, Mr. Jack Christie, Mr. Travis LaGrone, from the US Navy League and Mrs. Joan Alford from the USS Cavala Foundation. Texas Parks and *cont. pg. 3*

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE



Robert Kendall, KSJ

The third quarter has been a busy one. It started with a visit to the San Jacinto chapter's monthly lunch. The guest speaker was

Charles Kubin, who was an engineer with Bellows Construction. Bellows was the firm that built the San Jacinto Monument.

Mr. Kubin talked about the construction of the monument. His father was one of the carpen-

ters on the project. Along with other project's, his father built the prototypes for the star on top of the monument. Mr. Kubin said that they had one of the prototypes on top of the family's garage. All the neighbors asked if they could get a *cont. pg. 3*

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JANET'S Korner

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- The next Quarterly Meeting will be December 5-6, 2014, Hampton Inn & Suites, 7006 N. Navarro, Victoria, TX 77904; (361) 573-9911; Cut-off date: November 18, 2014 Rates: \$110. +tax, 1 King or 2 Queen; Parking is free. Please identify yourself as SRT. Presidio La Bahia to follow in Goliad at 2:00 p.m.
- Be thinking about submitting a nomination for the **Educator of the Year Award** to be presented at the Annual Meeting in 2015. Deadline is **February 13, 2015**. Please mail to the National office. The criteria for the award is available from the National office or on the website on the "Members Only" tab under SRT Policies.
- The Topic for the Texas History Essay Contest is: "The Battle of Coleto and Goliad Massacre." Brochures are available at the National office and on our website; go to "Community" tab then under High School Contest.
- Dues notices will be in the mail soon. Be sure and mail your payment, or go to our website to pay with PayPal. Your dues are late after December 31, 2014. I know your chapter is looking forward to getting their rebate this year. So, look for your dues notice soon and pay now!
- Nominations from the chapters for **Honorary Membership** and **The Knights of the Order of San Jacinto** are due November 7, 2014
- Do not forget to make your reservations for the 2015 Annual Meeting NOW ! Information is on the last page of this *Texian*.
- 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: srttexas@srttexas.org. I will be submitting the January issue for publication; the deadline for submissions is December 13, 2014.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2014 - 2015



Left to right front row:

David Stone, Chaplain General; Bob Steakley, First Vice President General; Robert Kendall, KSJ, President General, Edward A. Heath, Second Vice President General; and Janet Knox, Administrative Assistant.

Left to right back row:

Kenneth W. Pfeiffer, Treasurer General; David Hanover, KSJ, PPG, Executive Committeeman; Joe R. Davidson, KSJ, Executive Committeeman; William D. Power, Secretary General; Randy Pollard, Historian General.

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Arthur O. Evans, Gulf Coast District; Bob Steakley, Frontier District; William D. (Buddy) Power, North East District; and Ronald W. Brown, San Jacinto District.

Left to right back row:

Tom Gann, Piney Woods District; Tim Gibson, North Central District, John W. Knox Post Oak District, and John Meredith, Lone Star District Representative. (Not shown, Jim Massingill, Heart Of Texas District; and George Nelson, Brazos Valley District.)

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Wildlife had representatives present and assisted with the ceremony.

Music was provided by the Deer Park High School Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Megan Gomen and Mr. John Law.

Dennis Giuffré, President of the Sam Houston Chapter 38, awarded the Enlisted Sailor of the Year award from the *USS San Jacinto* to QM1 Brian D. Drenning. The runner up was MM2 Anthony Chrispen.

The SRT Color Guard, Tom Green, KSJ, John Thompson and John Meredith, presented the Colors. Curt Osborne, President of the San

Jacinto Chapter 1 and Tom Toby Squadron of the Texas Navy led the pledges to the flags. The pipe band from St. Thomas' Episcopal School also added the sound of bagpipes to the occasion.

We had Proclamations from Governor Rick Perry, Houston Mayor Annise Parker and Deer Park Mayor Jerry Mouton, Jr.

Our main speaker was Mr. Edward Cotham, Jr., President of the Terry Foundation, who spoke on the contributions of the Texas Navy and its effect on the Civil War. Mr. Kendall presented him with the book "*Love Is a Wild Assault*" by Elithe Hamilton Kirkland.

The symbolic laying of the wreath of honor was performed by President General Robert Kendall, KSJ.

The program concluded with Ben Brooks from Buglers Across America and Mike Wilson from the Lone Star Chapter playing a somber rendition of TAPS. The Lone Star Volunteers and The Texas Army manned the cannons and muskets for a final salute and the SRT Color Guard retiring the Colors.

Afterwards the attendees adjourned to the Monument Inn for lunch. It was a great event and was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank the Texian Navy Committee for a job well done this year. We are already looking forward to next year.

Respectfully submitted:

Ronald W. Brown, Chairman of the Texian Navy Committee

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE

birdhouse like that one.

Also in early August I went to an award ceremony at the Presidio La Bahia honoring Sir Knight Newton Warzecha. He was awarded the John Nau III Excellence in Museums. It was an award richly deserved. In early September we found out that Newton had passed away. He will be sorely missed.

On the 9th of August, I was at a ceremony honoring John Salmon "RIP" Ford at the Confederate Cemetery in San Antonio. Mr. Ford was a Texas Ranger and a member of The Sons of the Republic of Texas. I want to thank John Knox of the Texas Ranger Committee for the invitation. Also would like to thank members of the Alamo Chapter for being there.

The weekend of September 12th and 13th, we had our quarterly meeting in Salado at the Stagecoach Inn. On Friday evening, Ron Brown and the Hospitality Committee had a wonderful Hospitality room. The members

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there had a nice surprise with Sir Knight Dick Reese and his wife Teena attending. The Executive Committee meeting was held Saturday morning. Everything went well. Reports were given, items were discussed. I went to Ft. Worth on the 19th of September. The members of the Ephraim M. Daggett Chapter No. 36 were honoring the sailor of the year from the *U.S.S. Fort Worth*. I had the pleasure of meeting FC1 Jeremiah L. Stellpflug, who was the recipient of the award. I also met his commanding officer, Commander Michael Kawas. Both of these men are very proud to be on a naval vessel representing a great city and the great state of Texas. The chapter members did a fantastic job of showing these two men a great time while they were in Ft. Worth.

I traveled from Ft. Worth to San Jacinto to be at Texian Navy Day. Once again the chairman of the Texian Navy Day, Ron Brown, did a wonderful job. The ceremony went well. Everyone enjoyed the music from the Deer Park High School Orchestra and the St. Thomas Episcopal School Pipe Band. They also enjoyed the guest speaker, Mr. Edward Cotham Jr., who spoke about the "Steamboat Navy of Galveston Bay".

This past quarter has shown me that The Sons of the Republic of Texas is still building and still going strong. I want to thank all the members of The Sons of the Republic of Texas for all the things they are doing to keep the history of the Republic of Texas alive.

God Bless Texas

COMMEMORATING 191 YEARS OF TEXAS RANGERS

On August 5, 1823, Stephen F. Austin, formally ordered the organization of Texas Ranger Units. As you would imagine, many of these early Rangers were "Old 300" colonists. Most did survive and their families are still with us today.

August 9, 2014, we honored the 191 years of Rangers in Texas with a memorial service and cross dedication for one of the best, John S. "Rip" Ford. Along with the Texas Ranger cross, The Sons of the Republic of Texas laid their medallion, The Masons of Texas theirs, and The Descendants of the Mexican War Veterans theirs. Officials attending were: Joe Davis-Texas Ranger Foundation President, Milton Wright- Texas Ranger Association, President, Robert Kendall- President General, The Sons of the Republic of Texas, Edward A. Heath- Second Vice President General, The Sons of the Republic of Texas, Kenneth Pfeiffer- Treasurer General, The Sons of the Republic of Texas, and Mike Gower Past Grand Master of the Masons. Capt. Carl Weathers- Past President of The Texas Rangers Association led us in prayer at the conclusion of the service. Numerous members of the Alamo Chapter and the Moses Austin Chapter of The Sons of the Republic were in attendance along with Art Zepeda of the Lone Star Chapter and Albert Sequin Gonzales of Texas City.

Special thanks goes out to Bubba Cheek and his musket men for the musket volleys offered and the Moses Austin Rangers for the canon volleys. Thanks to all.

172ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE SALADO

Members of the Alamo Chapter commemorated the 172nd Anniversary of the Battle of the Salado which took place September 18th 1842. The Republic of Texas forces under “Old Paint” Caldwell defeated a much larger Mexican Army under Gen. Adrian Woll. Their defeat precipitated the retreat of the Mexicans to south of the Rio Grande. This was the last incursion of a large Mexican Army into Texas. In attendance, left to right (front row) George Harcourt, Jeff Payne, Tommie Wood, (back row) Ken Pfeiffer, Ed Heath, Johnny Brannan, Marvin Roemer, Dick Weitzel, Norm Cooper and his grandson Reed, Al Davis, Eldon Cagle, and Jim Massingill. Johnny Brannan gave a reading from his 3rd great grandfather’s memoir of the battle. The group then made their way to the markers for the Dawson Massacre that took place a mile or so away on the same day in 1842.



HOSPITALITY UPDATE

For some years, there has been concern about the liability of SRT providing liquor at the Hospitality Room. The transportation of open bottles and the conflicts with hotel contracts is also a concern. Therefore, at the Bastrop quarterly meeting, with the agreement of the members in attendance, the Executive Committee decided that until further notice, for all “Hospitality Rooms” members will bring their own alcoholic beverages. The Hospitality Committee will continue to provide the set-ups, beverages, and appetizers.

In Memoriam

Name	Chapter	Hometown
Warren Alvord Criswell, DVM	35	Bay City, TX
Anthony Gentry Riddlesperger	8	Dallas, TX
David Loren Thompson	37	Leander, TX
Newton M. Warzecha	16	Goliad, TX
Trenton O’Neil Bosley	13	Wortham, TX
Ricardo Antonio Ramirez	40	Laredo, TX



NEW SRT MEMBERS

Name	Chapter	Ancestor	Hometown
Klinton Joshua Kullin		Archibald E. McPhail	Corpus Christi, TX
Kristopher Robert Kullin		Archibald McPhail	Corpus Christi, TX
Kyle Charles Kullin		Archibald E. McPhail	Corpus Christi, TX
Glenn Wayne Toal		Frank Hagle	Ferris, TX
Trevor Josiah Gotcher	1	Shubael Marshal	Leander, TX
Patrick Norbert Clay	1	Catherine Fenger Ojemann Vollmer	Houston, TX
Edward Lee Foster	1	Isaac Coleman Hoskins	Friendswood, TX
Michael Leon Gotcher, Jr.	1	Shubael Marshal	Leander, TX
Michael Elijah Gotcher	1	Shubsel Marshal	Leander, TX
Daniel Eloy Hernandez	1	Mariano Cabrera	The Woodlands, TX
Curtis Emmett Hewitt II	1	Henry Granau	Rosharon, TX
Stephen Brooks Kirby	1	Charles Erambert	Missouri City, TX
Morgan Jesse Laird, Jr.	1	William Keys	Fabens, TX
Clyde Bethel Loan, Jr.	1	William Delany	Cypress, TX
Iris Herbert McGee, Jr.	1	David Lane	Leonard, TX
Donald Keith Minear	1	Joseph Owens	Hallettsville, TX
Wiley Garrett Sandlin IV	1	Griffith H. Jones	Richmond, TX
Darrell James Schumann	1	August Wilhelm Schumann	Flowery, GA
Robert Todd Giffin	7	Warren Davis	Newburgh, IN
Eugene Holmes	7	Bryant Holmes	San Antonio, TX
Douglas Edwin Krawczynski	7	Col. Juan Seguin	Bayview TX
Todd Spencer Clampitt	8	James E. McFarland	Fayetteville, TX
Stephen Kenneth Jones	8	Trye Elias Narramore	Richardson, TX
Larry Dean McKown	8	Mary Adeline Kirkendall	Plano, TX
Nathan Dean Knox	11	James Thomas Wood	Lawton, TX
E. C. McLoy Chambers	12	Gordon C. Jennings	Austin, TX
William Glenn Gamel	12	James Lewis Rountree	Austin, TX
Wallace Preston Hutchinson	12	Rev. William B. Stevenson	Dripping Spring, TX
William Curtis Laughlin, Jr.	12	Benjamin Franklin Sills	Austin, TX
Albert Edward Meisenbach III	12	Elijah Collard	Austin, TX
Steven Mark Moses	12	Samuel Rhoades Fisher	Austin, TX
Jerome Paul Tillotson	12	Jose Antonio Navarro	Dallas, TX
Callum Joseph Tillotson	12	Jose Antonio Navarro	Dallas, TX
Jerry Wayne Koch	13	Daniel Martin	Gateville, TX
Garland Ray Lively	13	Isham Tyler Patrick	Aquilla, TX
Edward Vergne Adams III	14	Geroge Walter	College Station, TX
Erik Shawn Scott	14	Webb Wofford	College Station, TX

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Name	Chapter	Ancestor	Hometown
Christopher Kyle Hutchins	16	Henry Barlow Hutchins	Victoria, TX
Joe Hugh Hutchins	16	Henry Barlow Hutchins	Victoria, TX
Mark Lawrence Nichols	16	Margaret Theresa Robertson Wright	Fredericksburg, TX
Charles Wayne Swift	16	William Henry Swift	Victoria, TX
Finn Lucas Mitchell	27	William Ashmore	Lubbock, TX
Richard Thomas Mitchell	27	William Ashmore	Lubbock, TX
Merrick Michael Mitchell	27	William Ashmore	Lubbock, TX
Joseph Leonard Bock	35	Charles David Bock	Sparks, NV
John Henry Dean III	36	George Webb Slaughter	Benbrook, TX
Oscar Alexander Pruitt	36	William Pruitt	Fort Worth, TX
Oscar Knox Pruitt	36	William Pruitt	Fort Worth, TX
Jeffery Lynn McCorcle	37	Martin Allen	Johnson City, TX
Connor Michael White	40	Archibald E. McPhail	San Antonio, TX
Tracy Adam Duncan	40	Benjamin Franklin Ducan, Sr	Florence, MS
Robert Lynn Fletcher	40	John R Lunsford	Plano, TX
Patrick Robert McCloskey	40	John R. Lunsford	San Antonio, TX
James Sean O'Neill	40	Newton Eli Atkinson	Plano, TX
Omar William Pitman, Jr.	40	Frederick Grimes	San Antonio, TX
Matthew William Pitman	40	Frederick Grimes	Rockville, MD
David William Pitman	40	Frederick Grimes	Rockville, MD
Michael Charles White	40	Archibald E. McPhail	San Antonio, TX
Jerrel D. Inman, Sr.	45	John "Jack" Crier/Cryer	Burnet, TX
Jerrel D. Inman, Sr.	45	Adrew "Andy" Crier/Cryer	Burnet, TX
John Presley Robertson	45	John Kelly	Terrell, TX
Harold Andrew Krueger	50	Heinrich Voges	APO, AE
Johnny Paul Schriewer	50	Ludwig Jauer	Geronimo, TX
Ronald Gene Ray	54	William Harrison Magill	Millington, TN
George Donivan Conaway, Jr.	58	Cpt. John English	Crockett, TX
Glenn Gregory Frank	58	Stephen Townsend	Houston, TX
Christian Colson Johnson	58	Stephen Townsend	Houston, TX
Steven Joseph Manis, Jr.	58	John Nichols	Pearland, TX
Steven Joseph Manis III	58	John Nichols	Pearland, TX
Hunter Lee Manis	58	John Nichols	Pearland, TX
Gustave Mikel Manis	58	John Nichols	League City, TX
Stephen Christopher McCreery, Jr.	58	John Nichols	Dickinson, TX
Ronald Brooks Norwood	58	Thomas Pratt Washington	Liberty Hill, TX
Stanley Ray Starr	59	James Nelson Naudian	Spring, TX
Jonathan Clayton Starr	59	James Nelson Naudain	Katy, TX

Calendar of Events

2014 Quarterly Meetings

Dec. 5-6, 2014 Hampton Inn & Suites, 7006 N. Navarro, Victoria, TX 77904; (361) 573-9911; November 18, 2014, cutoff date. Rate: \$110+tax, 1 king or 2 queen size beds; free parking

2015 Quarterly Meetings

June, 2015 TBD

Sept., 2015 TBD

2014 SRT Events

March 2 Texas Independence Day
March 6 Fall of the Alamo
March 27 Goliad Massacre
April 21 San Jacinto Day
September 20 Texian Navy Day on the Battleship *Texas*
October 2 Battle of Gonzales
November 3 Stephen F. Austin's Birthday (Father of Texas)

2015 Annual Meeting

April 10-12, 2015 Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa, 1701 Commerce St., Fort Worth, TX, 76102, (817) 335-7000, Rates: \$119 + tax, cut off date March 24, 2015.

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