

Daughters of the Republic of Texas  
San Jacinto Chapter, Houston

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

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## May Meeting

We look forward to seeing you at the Log House at 10:00 am for our last scheduled program of this season. Our speaker for the **May 3rd** chapter meeting will be Steve Harding, Houston museum designer, whose projects include the Visitors Center at the Texas Capitol, Museum of the Coastal Bend in Victoria, the Kennedy Ranch Museum in Sarita and the Nolan Ryan Museum in Alvin. His program will be "The Texas Capitol and the XIT Ranch."

There also will be a memorial service for San Jacinto Chapter members who we have lost in the past year.

Our End-Of-Year Luncheon will be held on **June 7, 2007** at the Steamboat House Restaurant.

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## From District VI Representative

DRT DISTRICT VI **GLENWOOD CEREMONY** - MARCH 24, 2007

What a great day! The ceremony was a success - thanks to a great group of enthusiastic ladies. Over 170 were in attendance, 53 of these were descendants of the honorees. We marked 91 graves at historic Glenwood Cemetery in Houston.

Descendants and DRT members read short biographical sketches of ten of our honorees. The information was well written, informative and interesting. Sandra Meier, Seth Hurin Bates Chapter, wrote the program and biographical sketches and Janet Schachtner, Bluebonnet Branch Chapter, proofed them. They did an excellent job! There was dedicated crew of researchers that had a lot of enthusiasm for this project. They spent many hours researching proof of citizenship and finding living descendants of our honorees.

Programs and biographical sketchbooks were given to each family of our honorees. Those unable to attend were mailed one. The biographical sketch book contains a short biography and photo (if available) of each of the ceremony's honorees. A notebook was compiled and presented to Glenwood Cemetery containing the biographies and copies of proofs that the researchers

had accumulated. This ceremony was partially made possible from a grant from our Native Texan License Plate funds.

Guests were encouraged to drive the cemetery at their leisure. CRT members, with guidance from Sheran McCants and Mollie Weber, Judge Nathaniel Hart Davis Chapter, placed Texas flags at the honoree's tombstones that morning. This made it easy for descendants and others to find. Even though the ceremony didn't start until 2 pm, some descendants were at the cemetery as early as 10 am.

Twenty DRT members from San Antonio attended and were taken on a tour of the cemetery by two DRT Husbands, Charles Sterling and Jim Meier, in vans donated by Knapp Chevrolet (across the street from the church). I was proud to have FIVE San Jacinto Chapter members in attendance. We were honored to have Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1915, Junior Troop 1186 and Senior Troop 11480 serve as our color guards. They posted and retired the flags for us. Sallie Hermann, Dr. Richard Fox Brenham Chapter, helped organize the color guard.

Refreshments were provided by New Kentucky Chapter, Patsy Patterson, chapter president. Chapter Registrars from Seth Hurin Bates and Bluebonnet Branch Chapters manned a table with DRT membership information. Many of our guests were interested in becoming members.

Laura Dahlberg, New Kentucky Chapter, spent many hours taking photos at the cemetery of the tombstones and medallions. Renee Solis, Seth Hurin Bates Chapter, is compiling all photos into a movie for us.

We are indebted to Glenwood Cemetery Historic Preservation Foundation for installing all the medallions at their cost. Martha Peterson was a tremendous help to us in organizing and planning this ceremony. She oversaw all the installations. Glenwood Cemetery is well worth visiting when you're in the area. It is a beautiful spot full of Texas and Houston history.  
Anita Cooper, District VI Representative

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### **SJC Registrar Report**

The San Jacinto Chapter welcomed six guests at the April meeting. Of those ladies, four are prospective members. It is nice to see interest in the DRT. Margaret Standard, Vera Palmer, Lin Johnson, and Ann Major are actively working on their applications. Two recently approved members, who live out of state, attended the meeting. They were Sally Whittington's sister, DRT # 25748 Margaret Clare Deaver, and her niece DRT # 26749 Margaret Fae Deaver from Georgia and Tennessee, respectively.

A vote was taken on three prospective members under the ancestor Benjamin Stockstill. These ladies are transferring into our chapter from the Co-Lon-Neh

Chapter, which recently disbanded. Please welcome **Amy Lynne Alford-Cote, Julia Rebecca Stockstill Cobb, and Mary Dell Palmer Rosier.**

San Jacinto Chapter has **five new members**: **DRT # 26269, Luann Livingston Zacek** was approved on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, 2007. Also, joining with Luann is her daughter, **DRT # 26270 Mrs. Jennifer Zacek Pesek**, and two nieces, **DRT # 26271 Miss Rebecca Livingston**, and **DRT # 26272 Miss Elizabeth Livingston**. Their ancestor is **Aaron Burleson**, a member of the Billingsley Co. C at the Battle of San Jacinto. He settled and farmed in Webberville, Travis Co. He and his brother, Edward, plotted the city of Waterloo which later became Austin.

**DRT # 26284 Stephanie Loomis-Price** was approved on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 2007. Stephanie is an attorney and is married to Lawrence Davis Loomis. Her ancestor is Mrs. Martha A. Bridges, a resident of Upshur Co., TX and was born in 1842 during the Republic.

One member transferred to a Kerrville Chapter where she resides. **DRT # 25930, Barbara Loveland Curtin Pace**, officially transferred on March 31, 2007.

**DRT # 24845 Earline Annette Killebrew Goynes** passed away the 21<sup>st</sup> of March in Victoria. She joined SJC in July 2004. Her ancestor was George Grimes.

Five applications and two supplemental applications are pending approval with the Registrar General.

Total membership as of 09 April 2007 is **357** for San Jacinto Chapter. Respectively submitted, Phyllis Vaughan Moody, Chapter Registrar

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The SJC Nominating Committee has selected its slate of Chapter officers for 2007-2009 to be voted on by the chapter members. The candidates are:

President	Eron Tynes
First Vice President	Sara Parr
Second Vice President	Ann Bevil
Third Vice President	Loretta Williams
Fourth Vice President	To be decided
Fifth Vice President	Ester Simon
Recording Secretary	Martha Haydel
Corresponding Secretary	Phyllis Moody
Treasurer	Pat Craig
Registrar	Harje Harris
Chaplain	Mary Jane Harmon
Historian	To be decided
Retiring President	Carolyn Lightfoot

If you are interested in serving your chapter as Fourth Vice President or Historian, and have been a member for at least one full year, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman: Marian Beckham at 281-495-1350.

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### Bits and Pieces

Our SJC-DRT Scholarship winners have been chosen and will be awarded on San Jacinto Day 2007. These students were selected by a panel of six former teachers. It was a very difficult decision, as many worthy students entered this year. Shirley Lightfoot has been chairman for several years and does an excellent job of recruiting entries. Thanks to Mrs. Thelma Maresh's generosity, the scholarship awards will be able to continue for quite a while. They will receive certificates from President General Nelma Wilkinson at the San Jacinto Day Commemorative Ceremony. Their checks will be presented before they leave for school.

Thanks to all of those on the panel who helped to pick such outstanding young people to honor. Gina Bouchard

The names of the winners are as follows:

\$3000. Ben J. Vial  
2407 Cinco Park Place  
Katy, Texas 77494                      Cinco Ranch High School in Katy ISD

\$2000. Alyssa Madeline Granacki  
15619 Applewind  
Houston, Texas 77068                      Westfield High School in Spring ISD

\$1000. Tu Ngoc Pham  
7854 Split Oak Drive  
Houston, Texas 77040                      Jersey Village High School in Cy-Fair ISD

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Please note the following corrections to our March Newsletter:

First, John Heisman was not Rice's first full-time coach. Phil Arbuckle hold that honor, coaching the Owls from 1912-23, with the exception of 1918 when he left temporarily to fight in WWI. Heisman coached from 1924-27. Also, Houston was left off of the list of cities that served as the capital of Texas.

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If you have not received your Daughters Reflection, please notify Headquarters at [drt-busoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drt-busoffice@sbcglobal.net). Apparently the printer messed up on the mailing labels. Hopefully, headquarters will be able to straighten this out.

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THE REAL DAUGHTER BOOK will be available at the 2007 Convention for \$35.00. Look for the Real Daughter Book banner and table at the Convention in Dallas.

After Convention, the book will be available from DRT Headquarters for \$40.00 thru August 31, 2007. It will be mailed directly to you. Beginning September 1, price goes up to \$45.

Real Daughters Book Order form:

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District III and Big D welcome you to the 2007 Daughters of the Republic of Texas convention. Registration information is below along with the link to the DRT website which has the same registration information.

The state convention information is on the Members Only website.

**Members only:** <http://drt-inc.org/members>

The following are case sensitive:

***LADIES OF TEXAS—DESCENDANTS OF FIRST PIONEERS***  
**116th Annual DRT Convention, May 17-20, 2007**

Nelma Wilkinson, President General  
 Marjorie Moore, District III Representative and Convention Chairman (903-455-9747); moore.marjorie@worldnet.att.net)  
**HOTEL:** Hilton Hotel, Lincoln Centre, 5410 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75240 (1-800-445-8667 or 972-934-8400); map

on reverse side. Convention rates \$77/night for 1-4 persons. Make your room reservations directly with the hotel by

April 25. Garage parking: Self (\$3/day); valet (\$5/day; \$10/overnight). Limited free parking. There is an underground

tunnel between the parking garage and the hotel accessed by the garage elevator.

**SHOPPING:** Come early or stay late and shop at the Galleria. Free shuttle service from hotel. Sign up with Concierge.

**AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:** No hotel airport shuttle service. Use taxi or Super Shuttle (call 817-329-2000).

**REGISTRATION:** Guests and associate members do not pay registration fee, and they do not attend business meetings.

No refunds after April 17. Please mail completed form below and check payable to "DRT 2007 Convention" to Mrs.

Diana White, Convention Registrar, 528 Mimosa Drive, Denton, TX 76201-0857 (940-387-4741) by April 17.

**EVENT  
NO. OF  
PERSONS  
COST  
TOTAL  
AMOUNT**

Registration postmarked on or before April 17 x \$12.00 = \$

Registration postmarked after April 17 x \$17.00 = \$

Board of Management Breakfast (followed by meeting), Thursday, May 17 x \$8.00 = \$

Board of Management Luncheon, Thursday, May 17 x \$22.00 = \$

Board of Management Dinner, Thursday, May 17, at Eleanor Garrett's (ride bus) No charge \$0.00

Board of Management Breakfast (followed by meeting), Friday, May 18 x \$8.00 = \$

Hall of State Tour, Friday, May 18, 1:45-4:30 p.m. (Board bus at ballroom entrance.) x \$25.00 \$

BOM and State Committee Chairmen Luncheon, Friday, May 18 x \$22.00 = \$

President General's Reception, Friday, May 18 no charge \$0.00

Ladies of Texas Hat Luncheon, Saturday, May 19 x \$22.00 = \$

Historical Dinner, Saturday, May 19 x \$33.00 = \$

Officers General Club Breakfast (including past BOM), Sunday, May 20 x \$13.50 = \$

Awards Luncheon, Sunday, May 20 x \$22.00 = \$

**TOTAL \$**

**SPECIAL MEALS:** (please circle): (1) Vegetarian; (2) Low Sodium; (3) Diabetic; (4)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**SALES/DISPLAY TABLES:** There are 44 sales tables available. \$20 for each table. Please mail separate check payable to "DRT

Convention—Tables" to Mrs. Ina Morgan, 2802 Dover, Sherman, TX 75092-2418. First come, first served on table location.

**YEARBOOKS/HISTORY BOOKS:** Judging will be in the Hamilton Room. Details will come from Historian General.

**DRESS:** Pants suit acceptable

**CRT PAGES:** Coordinate registration and meals with Mrs. Lanelle Killebrew, Third Vice President General, lanelle@swbell.net.

**Please print clearly:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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code: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_; City \_\_\_\_\_; State \_\_\_\_\_;

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

DRT Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_; Chapter Office \_\_\_\_\_; Name of Spouse/Guest attending \_\_\_\_\_

Your Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_;

City \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle if applicable:** BOM and/or Committee Member. Position

Held: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Note: If you need to make reservations for the DRT Convention and need a \$77 rate that you cannot get at the Hilton, Lincoln Centre, please call the Doubletree, information listed below. They are holding only 20 rooms, first-come, first served. This hotel is only a mile or so west of the Hilton. This hotel has recently been remodeled and is very nice. There's also free parking at this hotel. Please be sure to ask for the "DRT-Daughters of the Republic of Texas" rate.**

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*Hall of State at Fair Park*

**TOUR and REFRESHMENTS**

**Friday, May 18, 2007, 1:45 pm to 4:30 pm**

**Board busses at Hotel's Ballroom Entrance**

**Cost: \$25**

**Hall of State at Fair Park, Dallas, Texas**

The Hall of State was built in 1936. It was built as part of the Texas Centennial Exposition. Donald Bartheleme designed the building. The Hall of State cost \$1.25 million to construct. The Hall of State is owned by the City of Dallas. The Dallas Historical Society manages it. The figures are symbols of industry and agriculture of the state. The statues are of men who shaped the Republic of Texas. The marble in the Hall of Heroes comes from a variety of sources in the United States and Europe. Eugene Savage of New York painted the murals to represent Texas history from early exploration to 1936. The Great Hall murals are 30-feet tall by 80-feet long.

**G. B. Dealey Library (West Texas Room, Hall of State)**

The library is closed during the State Fair of Texas, but it is open by appointment for those interested in researching some aspect of Texas or Dallas history. Library hours are Wednesday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Due to limited staff, the library is open during these hours by appointment only. To make an appointment, contact the Archives Director, Rachel Roberts, phone 214-421-4500, ext. 110, or the Archives Assistant Damon Wright, phone 214-421-4500, ext. 115.

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**Daughters of the Republic of Texas  
Official DRT Seal Ring**



**Size**  
**Magnified**



**Actual**

The Official DRT Seal Ring is available from the French Legation Museum in 10 karat gold for \$450 or 14 karat gold for \$550. Order by size or ring can be sized by a local jeweler after receiving. The ring order takes about 6 weeks to fill. Full payment must accompany the order. **Please check or cash only; credit cards NOT accepted.**

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**Order Form**

Mail order form along with check to:  
French Legation Museum, 802 San Marcos Street, Austin, Texas 78702

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One of my friends sent this article to me a couple of hours after our March newsletter went out, but it is appropriate year round and definitely worth reading. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Sara Parr

*Texas Independence Day was March 3.*

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TEXAS -- FROM BUM PHILLIPS**

### **Being Texan by Bum Phillips**

Dear Friends,

Last year, I wrote a small piece about what it means to me to be a Texan. My friends know it means about damned near everything. Anyway, this fella asked me to reprint what I'd wrote and I didn't have it. So I set out to think about rewriting something. I considered writing about all the great things I love about Texas. There are way too many things to list. I can't even begin to do it justice. Lemme let you in on my short list.

It starts with The Window at Big Bend, which in and of itself is proof of God. It goes to Lake Sam Rayburn where my Granddad taught me more about life than fishin, and enough about fishin to last a lifetime. I can talk about Tyler, and Longview, and Odessa and Cisco, and Abilene and Poteet and every place in between. Every little part of Texas feels special. Every person who ever flew over the Lone Star thinks of Bandera or Victoria or Manor or wherever they call "home" as the best little part of the best state.

So I got to thinkin about it, and here's what I really want to say. Last year, I talked about all the great places and great heroes who make Texas what it is. I talked about Willie and Waylon and Michael Dell and Michael DeBakey and my Dad and LBJ and Denton Cooley. I talked about everybody that came to mind. It took me sitting here tonight reading this stack of emails and thinkin' about where I've been and what I've done since the last time I wrote on this occasion to remind me what it is about Texas that is really great.

You see, this last month or so I finally went to Europe for the first time. I hadn't ever been, and didn't too much want to. But you know all my darn friends are always talking about "the time they went to Europe." So, I finally went. It was a heck of a trip to be sure. All they did when they saw me was say the same thing, before they'd ever met me. "Hey cowboy, we love Texas." I guess the hat tipped em off. But let me tell you what, they all came up with a smile on their faces. You know why? They knew for darn sure that I was gonna be nice to em. They knew it cause they knew I was from Texas. They knew something that hadn't even hit me. They knew Texans, even though they'd never met one.

That's when it occurred to me. Do you know what is great about Texas? Do you know why when my friend Beverly and I were trekking across country to see 15 baseball games we got sick and had to come home after 8? Do you know why every time I cross the border I say, "Lord, please don't let me die in \_\_\_\_\_"?

Do you know why children in Japan can look at a picture of the great State and know

exactly what it is about the same time they can tell a rhombus from a trapezoid? I can tell you that right quick. You. The same spirit that made 186 men cross that line in the sand in San Antonio darn near 165 years ago is still in you today. Why else would my friend send me William Barrett Travis' plea for help in an email just a week ago, or why would Charles Stenciled ask me to reprint a Texas Independence column from a year ago?

What would make my friend Elizabeth say, "I don't know if I can marry a man who doesn't love Texas like I do?" Why in the heck are 1,000 people coming to my house this weekend to celebrate a holiday for what used to be a nation that is now a state? Because the spirit that made that nation is the spirit that burned in every person who founded this great place we call Texas, and they passed it on through blood or sweat to every one of us.

You see, that spirit that made Texas what it is, is alive in all of us, even if we can't stand next to a cannon to prove it, and it's our responsibility to keep that fire burning. Every person who ever put a "Native Texan" or an "I wasn't born in Texas but I got here as fast a could" sticker on his car understands. Anyone who ever hung a map of Texas on their wall or flew a Lone Star flag on their porch knows what I mean.

My Dad's buddy Bill has an old saying. He says that some people were forged of a hotter fire. Well, that's what it is to be Texan. To be forged of a hotter fire.

To know that part of Colorado was Texas. That part of New Mexico was Texas. That part of Oklahoma was Texas. Yep. Talk all you want. Part of what you got was what we gave you. To look at a picture of Idaho or Istanbul and say, "what the Heck is that?" when you know that anyone in Idaho or Istanbul who sees a picture of Texas knows good and well what it is. It isn't the shape, it isn't the state, it's the state of mind. You're what makes Texas.

The fact that you would take 15 minutes out of your day to read this, because that's what Texas means to you, that's what makes Texas what it is. The fact that when you see the guy in front of you litter you honk and think, "that Son of a biscuit eater is Littering on MY highway."

When was the last time you went to a person's house in New York and you saw a big map of New York on their wall? That was never. When did you ever drive through Oklahoma and see their flag waving on four businesses in a row? Can you even tell me what the flag in Louisiana looks like? I darn sure can't.

But I bet my last dollar you can't drive 20 minutes from your house and not see a business that has a big Texas flag as part of its logo. If you haven't done business with someone called All Tex something or Lone Star somebody or other, or Texas such and such, you hadn't lived here for too long.

When you ask a man from New York what he is, he'll say a stockbroker, or an accountant, or an ad exec. When you ask a woman from California what she is, she'll tell you her last name or her major. Heck either of em might say "I'm a republican," or they

might be a democrat. When you ask a Texan what they are, before they say, "I'm a Methodist," or "I'm a lawyer," or "I'm a Smith," they tell you they're a Texan. I got nothin' against all those other places, and Lord knows they've probably got some fine folks, but in your gut you know it just like I do, Texas is just a little different.

So tomorrow when you drive down the road and you see a person broken down on the side of the road, stop and help. When you are in a bar in California, buy a Californian a glass of milk and tell him it's for Texas Independence Day. Remind the person in the cube next to you that he wouldn't be here enjoying this if it weren't for Sam Houston, and if he or she doesn't know the story, tell them.

When William Barrett Travis wrote in 1836 that he would never surrender and he would have Victory or Death, what he was really saying was that he and his men were forged of a hotter fire. They weren't your average every day men.

Well, that is what it means to be a Texan. It meant it then, and that's why it means it today. It means just what all those people North of the Red River accuse us of thinking it means. It means there's no mountain that we can't climb. It means that we can swim the Gulf in the winter. It means that Earl Campbell ran harder and Houston is bigger and Dallas is richer and Alpine is hotter and Stevie Ray was smoother and God vacations in Texas.

It means that come Hell or high water, when the chips are down and the Good Lord is watching, we're Texans for sure, and just like in 1836, that counts for something. So for today at least, when your chance comes around, go out and prove it. It's true because we believe it's true. If you are sitting wondering what the Heck I'm talking about, this ain't for you.

But if the first thing you are going to do when the Good Lord calls your number is find the men who sat in that tiny mission in San Antonio and shake their hands, then you're the reason I wrote this tonight, and this is for you. So until next time you hear from me, God Bless and Happy Texas Independence Day.

May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make enemies and quick to make friends. But, rich or poor, quick or slow, may you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.

Regards From Texas

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### **Planned Events and Activities**

**APRIL 14 - San Jacinto Symposium** promises to be a contentious affair with speakers facing off on the bones of contention within the Texas Revolution – the Texan/Indian relationship, land speculation and slavery, the Texas Rangers, women ... even the location of a bridge both armies traversed. Saturday, April 14, 2007, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, University of

Houston. On-site registration is \$50, on a space available basis. For more information, visit their website at [www.friendsofsanjacinto.org](http://www.friendsofsanjacinto.org) or call 281-496-1488.

**APRIL 21 – San Jacinto Day Ceremony and re-enactment** - The Ceremony starts at 10:00 am and Ron Stone will be the master of Ceremony. It would be great to have MANY District VI members there!

**MAY 18-20 – DRT Convention** in Dallas. Make your hotel reservations now! We will elect new officers on Sunday morning. Forms are on the members only website: <http://drt-inc.org/members/>. User name is Alamo and password is 100YearS (case sensitive).

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## TEXAS HONOR DAYS~~~~FLY YOUR TEXAS FLAG

### APRIL 21~~~~SAN JACINTO DAY

General Sam Houston and the Texian Army won one of the most decisive battles in history, when they routed Santa Anna and the Mexican Army at the San Jacinto River and Buffalo Bayou.

The Texian forces attacked Santa Anna and his men at 3:00 in the afternoon advancing to the tune of "Will you come to the Bower?"

#### Historical Dates

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| April 12 and 13 | Using the steamship "Yellowstone", Gen. Houston ferried his troops across the swollen Brazos River and marched to the site of present day Hempstead. Two cannons awaited them. The cannons would become known as the "Twin Sisters" which were donated by the people of Cincinnati. |
| April 15        | General Houston turns his army towards San Jacinto.   |
| May 1           | In 1718, the Mission San Antonio de Valero, the Alamo, was founded by the Spanish Government of Texas.  |

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## CRT

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual CRT Convention, sponsored by Laura Travis District VIII Representative, will be held in New Braunfels on June 22-23, 2007, at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch. If you would like more information about the CRT Convention, please email CRT Sponsor Loretta Williams at [latejana@houston.rr.com](mailto:latejana@houston.rr.com)

The CRT Third V.P. General's responsibility is "Ways and Means." Children 10 and under can draw a picture of the many ways Texans made a living or lived while Texas was a Republic.

Children ages 11 and above can take pictures of what a place might have looked like when Texas was a Republic, or even take pictures of items and/or artifacts that were used when Texas was a Republic. Write a brief description of the item in the picture. Example: Visit a historical site from the time period of when Texas was a Republic and take pictures and submit a brief description. Please mail projects by May 12, 2007 to Loretta Williams, CRT Sponsor, 947 Gazin Houston, TX 77020 and they will be forwarded on to Ashley Graham, CRT 3<sup>rd</sup> V.P. General. Parents, please encourage your CRT members to participate.

Thank you to the CRT members for the laying of Texas flags and participating in commemorating the Citizens of the Republic of Texas at Glenwood Cemetery. Special thanks goes to Anita Cooper District VI Representative for her vision, leadership and hard work in organizing the ceremony. Those members that laid flags were Loretta Williams, CRT San Jacinto Sponsor, CRT members: Sarah Ward Chapter, Alexis Wallace, Ambyr Wallace CRT 5<sup>th</sup> V.P. General, Jessyka Baria, Chrystl Baria, Driston Baria, their mother Debbie Baria of Miss Ima Hogg Chapter and Nita Wilkinson, Recording Secretary of Miss Ima Hogg Chapter. Helen Williams, CRT Custodian General and Catarina Williams, CRT Recording Secretary General, from the CRT San Jacinto Chapter also laid TX flags on the markers of the Citizens of the Republic of Texas. It was a memorable day for all, and the CRT was proud to participate.

The CRT end of the year luncheon will be held June 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum. Please RSVP with Loretta Williams, CRT sponsor by calling 713-673-1418. This year all new members from the past two years will be sworn in. Our youngest member to be sworn in will be Reid Michael Richter who was born May 3, 2005, CRT # 8292 to the proud parents of Mrs. Kristin Lee Griffith Richter and Mr. Chad Michael Richter. He is the proud descendant of Thomas Jefferson Sweeney and the grandchild of San Jacinto Chapter DRT member Kay Martin.