

Sam Houston Chapter Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	Saturday, July 15, 2023	Meeting Start Time:	11:30 am
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Attendee Name	SRT Chapter Member	Guest
1. Rick Giuffré	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Randall Hankla	San Jacinto Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Mark Morgan	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Bart Dawson	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Mike Covington	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Bill Patterson	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Phil Whitley	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Larry Arnold	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Russell Young	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Joe Moya, Jr.	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Dennis Giuffré, KSJ	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Ron Brown, KSJ	Executive Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Mark Landt	Sam Houston Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Rodney Koenig	Monument Hill Chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Mary Koenig	Choose an item.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16. Pamela Brown	Choose an item.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17. Sharon Giuffré	Choose an item.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18. Andrew Keith	Choose an item.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19. Ben Moya Jr.	Choose an item.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20.	Choose an item.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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TOPICS

1. Old Business (*Existing topics of business from preceding meeting*)

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Treasurer Report	<p>2022/11/19 Update: Treasurer Phil Whitley reported that the Capital One Checking account balance was \$8,228.49. The quarterly First Community Credit Union statement was not available at this time.</p> <p>2023/01/21 Update: Treasurer Phil Whitley reported that the Capital One checking account balance was \$8,028.86 on 12/31/22. A \$1.14 dividend was credited to our account. December expenditure were \$246.50, \$107.70, and \$101.43, all expense reimbursements to President Dawson. The checks written to the sailors aboard the USS San Jacinto have cleared. The balances in the First Community Credit Union are \$3,007.44 in savings and \$503.26 in checking.</p> <p>2023/02/15 Update: Treasure Phil Whitley reported that the Capital One checking account balance was \$8,972.96. The balances in the First Community Credit Union were \$3,007.44 in savings and \$503.26 in checking. Awaiting the \$2000.00 matching check from Shell Oil Co.</p> <p>2023/04/15 Update: Treasurer Phil Whitley reported that the Capital One checking account balance was \$8,304.95 as of 2023/03/31. The balances in the First Community Credit Union were \$3,008.55 in savings and \$503.26 in checking.</p> <p>2023/05/20 Update: Treasurer Phil Whitley reported that the Capital One checking account balance was \$9,934.90 as of 2023/04/30. The balances in the First Community Credit Union were \$3,008.55 in savings and \$503.26 in checking as of 2023/03/31.</p> <p>2023/06/24 Update: Treasurer Phil Whitley reported that the Capital One checking account balance was \$10,339.22 as of 2023/05/30. The balances in the First Community Credit Union were \$3,008.55 in savings and \$503.26 in checking as of 2023/03/31.</p> <p>2023/07/15 Update: No change in the value of all accounts.</p>	Phil Whitley	In Progress

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<p>Ancestor Biographies Project</p>	<p>Vice President discussed the project of obtaining ancestor biographies from all Chapter members to create a Chapter Ancestor Archive Book. He has emailed all members with the appropriate biography form to complete and requested they complete/return it to him.</p> <p>2022/11/19 Update: No update available. 2023/01/21 Update: No update provided. 2023/02/15 Update: This project will transition from the incoming Chapter President to the newly installed First VP, Rick Guiffre. 2023/04/15 Update: Jim Miller reported that he will get with Rick Guiffre to transfer the electronic files on the biographies so that continuing work can be done to encourage members to supply biographical profiles of their ancestors. 2023/05/20 Update: President Jim Muller passed on all of his files related to ancestor biographical profiles to First Vice President Rick Guiffre. 2023/06/24 Update: No update provided. 2023/07/15 Update: No update provided.</p>	<p>Jim Muller/ Rick Guiffre</p>	<p>In Progress</p>
<p>Increasing Membership</p>	<p>Chapter President announced he was working on 6+ new SRT member applications. Dennis Guiffre will accelerate his outreach to the existing membership with a focus on reengaging recent attendees to improve overall attendance. Chapter President provided Dennis with graphics and data showing the average member attendance going back to 2018 was 8 and total attendance was 13.</p> <p>2022/11/19 Update: No update provided. 2023/01/21 Update: No update provided. 2023/02/15 Update: Dennis indicated he had begun reaching out to members by phone in order to ascertain their status and to invite them to once again participate in Chapter activities. 2023/04/15 Update: Chapter Historian, Pat Burell, reported that he has two finalized applications and one application is still in progress. 2023/05/20 Update: No update provided. 2023/06/24 Update: No update provided. 2023/07/15 Update: Russell Young's application was approved, while Caden and Camen Garrett's applications were with the historian general. Mr. Kitzman has yet to submit his to Bay City.</p>	<p>Bart Dawson Dennis Guiffre, KSJ Pat Burell</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p><i>Yellowstone</i></p>	<p>Honorary Chapter Member and maritime artist, Pete Rindlisbacher, unveiled a framed print of his painting, <i>Yellowstone</i>. Recently, Pete presented the</p>	<p>Bart Dawson/ Jim Muller</p>	<p>In Progress</p>

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	<p>original to San Felipe de Austin. Pete generously offered his framed print to be used as a fundraising raffle item for the Friends of San Felipe de Austin SHS; however, a number of issues must be resolved before that can occur. Pete only asked to be reimbursed for his out-of-pocket cost of \$200.00. Randal Hankla Jr. Purchased the painting for \$200.00 at the meeting and donated it to the Chapter. The Chapter asked Pete to retain the painting until further notice. The project was tabled until a future meeting pending resolution of the above issues.</p> <p>2023/02/15 Update: No update provided. 2023/04/15 Update: No update provided. 2023/05/20 Update: No update provided. 2023/06/24 Update: No update provided. 2023/07/15 Update: No update provided.</p>		
<p>Recognition of Lamar Denby, Jr.</p>	<p>Chapter member, Lamar Denby, Jr, has published his book, <i>Blood and Courage – The Story of Colonel Moses Fisk Roberts</i>, detailing the story of his ancestor. Mr. Denby is submitting his book to be considered for the 2024 Summerfield G. Roberts Award at the SRT annual meeting. Jesse Pantalion made a motion to recognize Mr. Denby with a chapter Certificate of Appreciation for this accomplishment. Bart Dawson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.</p> <p>2023/06/24 Update: No update provided. 2023/07/15 Update: Lamar received the Certificate of Appreciation and wrote a letter back to the Chapter thanking them for their recognition.</p>	<p>Jim Muller</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>San Jacinto Decommissioning</p>	<p>Rick Giuffré announced that the USS San Jacinto will be decommissioned September 15, 2023. The Navy has invited the Chapter to the ceremony. The USS San Jacinto would like to give the Blunderbuss back to the Chapter as well as a framed Texas Flag and proclamation signed by Governor Abbott. Two action items arose from this occurrence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was estimated a small group of five max will most likely go. It was discussed and proposed that the Chapter pay for one night of their hotel. Mike Covington motioned that the Chapter would pay for one night hotel for each attending member. The motion was seconded by Jesse Pantalion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. <p>Now with the decommissioning of the USS San Jacinto it ends the Sailor of the Year program with</p>	<p>Jim Muller Rick Giuffré Randall Hankla Bart Dawson</p>	<p>In Progress</p>

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	<p>the need to reallocate those funds. Preliminary discussions included: Randall Hankla suggested placing markers in Washington DC where the Republic of Texas Delegates maintained official offices, while Bart Dawson suggested a scholarship for a KISD JROTC member. Both Randall and Bart will report back with further information.</p> <p>2023/07/15 Update: Bart Dawson contacted CDR (Ret.) Elvis Mikel who commands the Navy JROTC at Mayde Creek HS about transferring our annual USS San Jacinto scholarship to them. Further discussions will follow with a recommendation to formally adopt this change in scholarship recipients. No update was provided by Mr. Hankla re: his suggestion.</p>		
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2. New Business (<i>Brought forward during the current meeting</i>)			
Topic/Title	Discussion/Action Item	Owner	Status
Meeting Minutes approval	A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 2023/06/24 meeting as written. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.	Rick Giuffré	Closed
Guest speaker	Rodney Koenig presented on Texas Heroes Day including details surrounding both the Dawson Massacre and Mier Expedition. Members from both events were buried in the tomb at Monument Hill in LaGrange.	Rick Giuffré	Closed
New member swearing in	Dennis Giuffré, KSJ swore in a new member, Russell Young.	Rick Giuffré	Closed
City of Katy Rice Festival	A motion was made to authorize the Chapter to spend up to \$150.00 for the 2023 City of Katy Rice Festival registration fee. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote. Registration deadline is 8/4/2023, while the festival is 10/14-15/2023.	Jim Muller	In Progress
Upcoming events	The Sidney Sherman Chapter was hosting a first annual birthday ceremony for General Sidney Sherman on July 22; the next quarterly SRT meeting will be in Angleton, TX on Sept 9; Texas Heroes Day will be Sept 16 at Monument Hill in LaGrange; and Texian Navy Day will be Sept 16 at the SJ Monument.	Rick Giuffré	Closed
Alternate speaker at Texian Navy Day	If Jim Muller is unable to attend Texian Navy day due to his participation in the USS San Jacinto decommissioning the day before, then Bart Dawson volunteered to speak and represent our Chapter at Texian Navy Day on Sept 16.	Jim Muller	Closed

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3. Next Meeting and Guest Speakers		
Date	Time	Guest Speaker
01/21/2023	11:30 am	Curt Locklear, <i>"Texas in the Civil War"</i>
01/26/2023	10:30 am	Lamar Day, Morton Cemetery, Richmond, Texas
2/18/2023	9:30 am 11:30 am	Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show & Rodeo Parade President General Randy Pollard, KSJ, <i>"State of the SRT"</i>
02/19/2023	2:00 pm	Anson Jones Ceremony, Glenwood Cemetery, Houston, Texas
3/2/2023	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Lamar Flag Ceremony, Morton Cemetery, Richmond, Texas SRT event, WOTB, Washington, Texas
3/6/2023	5:30 am	Dawn at The Alamo
3/17-19/2023	8:00 am	101st Annual SRT Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
4/1/2023	9:00 am	Katy ISD Folklife Festival
04/15/2023	11:30 am	Allison Harrell, Fort Bend Museum
4/21/2023	10:00 am	San Jacinto Day
5/20/2023	11:30 am	Carroll Adams, Katy ISD Texas history Teacher
6/24/2023	11:30 am	Sloan Rogers, <i>"Joseph Sovereign – Battle of San Jacinto"</i>
7/15/2023	11:30 am	Rodney Koenig, Texas Heroes Day, La Grange, Texas
9/16/2023	10:00 am	Texian Navy Day
10/7-10/8/2023	All day	City of Katy Rice Festival
11/11/2023	All day	Father of Texas Celebration at San Felipe de Austin
11/18/2023	11:30 am	Steven Gonzales, Executive Director of the El Camino Real de los Tejas Historic Trail
12/09/2023	6:00 pm	Chapter Holiday Gathering

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