



SAN JACINTO PATRIOT

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Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Held the First Thursday of Every Month at Noon

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, February 4, 2010**, at the **Post Oak Grill**, 1415 South Post Oak Lane, Houston, Texas at Noon. Many attendees arrive by 11:30; be there by 11:45 a.m. to ensure you get a good parking spot and a seat. The cost of lunch is **\$22.00**, payable at the door by cash or check. Parking is free in the garage - enter restaurant from the rear door in the garage.

About This Month's Guest Speaker:

Our Guest Speaker for the February 2010 luncheon meeting will be Raúl A. Ramos. Dr. Ramos is an associate professor of history at the University of Houston. He received his A.B. from Princeton University and his Ph.D. in history from Yale University. Before joining the faculty at UH, he taught at the University of Utah. He was a fellow at the Clements Center for Southwest Studies at SMU during 2000-2001. He is the author of *Beyond the Alamo: Forging Mexican Ethnicity in San Antonio, 1821-1861* (University of North Carolina Press, 2008). The book received the 2008 T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award from the Texas Historical Commission. Ramos is currently co-editing a volume on the Hispanic History of Texas for Arte Public Press and writing a book on Mexican Centennial parades across the Southwest in 1910.

Upcoming Events and Items of Interest:

It has been reported that Sir Knight Sam Houston IV, KSJ, recently accepted appointment as General of The Texas Army. Our Chapter's hearty congratulations and support are extended to Sam IV, as he takes on this important role in the preservation of Republic of Texas History.

San Jacinto Chapter No. 1 held its Chapter Christmas Party & USS Texas Fund-raiser on the evening of Thursday, December 17, 2009, at the home of Sherry & Lewis Chandler in Bellaire. A large crowd of SRT members, spouses & friends attended the holiday open house and enjoyed good food, drink and Texian fellowship.. Thanks to everyone's generosity at the door, the USS Texas Sailor of the Year Awards are funded again for 2010. Special thanks are due to the Chandlers, for hosting such a great, no-holds barred party. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WOULD NEVERTHELESS LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE SAILOR OF THE YEAR FUND, please contact Chapter President Clay Fisher at clay@LCFisher.com More donations are needed, and all will be greatly appreciated.

In further connection with the up-coming 2010 SJC #1 Sailor of the Year Awards, the skipper of USS Texas (SSN 775), CDR Robert Roncska, has notified us with the good news that our award winners will most likely be able to be present once again on San Jacinto Day here this year, to receive their awards in person. We are looking forward to welcoming our USS Texas shipmates to Houston!

From San Jacinto Chapter of DRT, please note the following: The Allies for the Alamo will make a presentation on February 4, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. The presentation will be at the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum, 1510 Cambridge Street, (formerly 1510 North MacGregor) Houston, Texas 77030. Dr. Sharon Skrobarcek and Tony Caridi, Director of Marketing and Development for The Alamo, along with 2 members of the Core Team - Twain Tharp and Jeanie Travis - will be attending. Attached is the Enrollment Packet for the Allies of the Alamo.

The Lone Star Chapter of SRT has agreed to participate in the Conroe GO-TEXAN Parade, and their plan is to duplicate the SRT effort from Tomball. The parade will be held on the afternoon of February 20, 2010, in downtown Conroe. Those who are interested in participating are encouraged to contact Mr. Fred Mead at fmead@lonestarsrt.org .

The Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground has announced that it will once again host a Champagne Brunch on Sunday, February 28, 2010, at the Houston Club, in commemoration of Texas Independence Day. For more information, contact Ms. Jan DeVault at jdv3dgel@ix.netcom.com

San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will once again host the annual Texas Independence Day Celebration and Chili Cookoff. The event will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at the Pioneer Memorial Log House. If you are interested in fielding a chili team, contact Ms. Eron Tynes at 54texan@peoplepc.com. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 per child under age 12, includes chili, drinks & dessert. Proceeds benefit the Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum.

SRT's Annual Meeting and associated awards ceremonies will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Tyler, Texas, on Friday-Saturday-Sunday, April 9, 10, and 11, 2010. Please mark these dates on your calendar; the agenda and the registration forms for the meetings, meals and events will be published in

the near future on the SRT website www.srttexas.org. Holiday Inn Select is located at 5701 South Broadway Avenue, Tyler, Texas 75703, Tel: (903) 561-5800. For those spending the night either before and/or after the meeting, the SRT room rate at the hotel is \$92.00 per night,

In connection with his fine new book "*The Paper Republic: Financing the Texas Revolution*", chapter member James P. "Jim" Bevill will be hosting a number of lectures and book signings during February, March and April of 2010. For a complete list of those events, please contact Chapter President Clay Fisher at clay@LCFisher.com

Those in possession of photos, news clippings, or other materials suitable for inclusion in this year's Chapter Archive Book (a/k/a the "scrapbook") are encouraged to get in touch with Chapter President Clay Fisher (clay@LCFisher.com) as soon as possible. Assembly of the archive book will commence in February, for submittal at the 2010 SRT Annual Meeting in April.

Chapter #1's Elizabeth Powell Tavern marker repair project is underway again, after having been stalled, due to the Texas Historical Commission's inability to supply the replacement bronze parts which we ordered last summer! The parts have finally arrived, so watch for updates.

Mark the following dates on your calendar – more information will be supplied next month:

The San Jacinto Museum of History's San Jacinto Day Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

The Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground's Battle of San Jacinto 2010 Symposium will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010.

The Official State of Texas Ceremony commemorating the 174th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto will be held at on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the San Jacinto Memorial Monument in La Porte. San Jacinto Chapter # 1 will be presenting its annual USS Texas "Sailor of the Year" Awards at the Ceremony.

The San Jacinto Museum of History and TPWD will hold the annual San Jacinto Festival & Battle Re-enactment on Saturday, April 24th, 2010.

Visit our chapter website for more information –
<http://www.sanjacintosrt.org>

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