



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, May 6, 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:

For the May luncheon meeting our guest speaker will be **Steven K. Howell**. Mr. Howell joined the Battleship *Texas* Foundation as its Executive Director in February 2008. The Foundation was created by the Texas Legislature in 1947 to coordinate all aspects of receiving the *Texas* from the U. S. Navy as the first museum ship in the USA. The Foundation, in partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has responsibility for the preservation, restoration and presentation of the USS *Texas* (BB-35), world's last dreadnought-type battleship. The BTF and TPWD have raised almost \$30 million for the construction of a dry berth which will allow the *Texas* to be removed from the water and properly presented with her entire hull viewable. This project will take approximately five years to complete.



Mr. Howell has also served as a consultant to firms in a range of industries, providing counsel on mergers and acquisitions, capital fundraising and operational management. He lives in Houston with his wife of 36 years; they have three grown sons and two grandchildren. He has earned an MBA (Finance) degree from Texas A & M University and has done post-graduate work at the University of Houston. His undergraduate degree (BBA – Management) is from The University of Texas business school.

Mr. Howell, born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has lived in Washington, D.C., in Virginia, and in Texas. He served as a Line Officer in the United States Navy and qualified as both Surface Warfare Officer and Command Duty Officer. Serving aboard the USS *Denebola* (AF-56), he was Damage Control Assistant (in the Engineering Department) and later served as Communications Officer (in the Operations Department). While serving as the Communications Officer, he received a Top Secret security clearance. His collateral duties included serving as the ship's Legal Officer. He completed active Navy service as a Lieutenant.

Following military service, he was a construction executive for a \$100 million petrochemical facility. Other experience includes construction management

for commercial office buildings and operational management for oil and gas exploration, crude oil marketing, petrochemicals manufacture, coal mining and refined products distribution. Mr. Howell has negotiated mergers and acquisitions, structured the management of merged firms, designed and implemented strategic plans, negotiated credit lines with commercial banks and has additional experience in divestitures of several types of assets and firms. Mr. Howell has over 22 years' experience in the diversified energy business, including service as Director and Chief Operating Officer of a \$285 million revenue diversified energy firm, listed on the New York Stock Exchange and, later, as a private investor in producing oil and gas properties.

He is a member of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church and serves on the Vestry. Mr. Howell is a Life Member of the Greater Houston Partnership, has served on the Advisory Board of the Houston Independent School District, the Board of Trustees of Texas Military Institute, the Houston Food Bank and the Houston Community College System Foundation and the Executive Committee of The Houston Forum. He has also served as the Finance Chairman for the Republican Party of Harris County and as a Precinct Chairman. In addition to serving as Executive Director of the Battleship Texas Foundation, Mr. Howell serves as an officer of the Howell Family Foundation, serves as a Director of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation and as a Director of the St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities.

Steven K. Howell has been nationally broadcast as an energy spokesman and has been a local speaker on energy, free market economics and the Battleship Texas. He may be reached by e-mail stevenhowell@att.net [home] or bb35foundation@aol.com [office] or by phone 713 827-9620 [office].

Chapter President's Report:

Time flies.

We are already in May 2010. This month's meeting should be very interesting as we have Mr. Steve Howell from the Battleship Texas Foundation. He will give us the latest information and what is going on with the Battleship. This is very timely.

Also, we are having a Texas History Quiz at the meeting. The winner wins a Free lunch on me.

This past month we had the Sailor of the Year and Junior Sailor of the Year in town. We treated them to a dinner at the Steamboat House and at the Monument Inn. They were here to attend the Memorial at the Battleground. Attending was Mr. Robert Ronscka (Captain of the Boat), Mr. Rory Wohlgemut (the COB), and Christopher Taormina (JSOY). Mr. Michael Reuss (SOY) could not make it as his wife was having a baby. The San Jacinto Chapter awarded the Plaques and Check on Wednesday. The Sam Houston Chapter (Mr. Bob Hancock) also awarded Scholarships to the winning students.



Also this month, we attended the SRT Annual Meeting in Tyler. Clay Fisher and Denton Bryant, each won the Distinguish Service Award on the National Level. Mr. Sam Clark was sworn in as President General and made a Knight of San Jacinto. David Hanover (the Chairman of the Texas Navy Day Committee) became the First Vice President, Tom Houston became the Second Vice President, Bob Steakley became the Secretary General, Bob Kendall and Ed Heath are also on the National Board.

J. Richard Reese remains active as an Official Consultant to the San Jacinto Chapter.

Jerry Drake, Larry Spasic, Jack Edmonson, and Todd Staples were inducted as National Honorary Members.

On May 1st, we are attending a re-dedication of the Historical Marker at the Madam Powell Tavern located near Wharton Texas. Tom Green and Dale Williamson are in charge of this Event.

On Sept. 18, 2010, we are performing an Historical Re-dedication on the Historical Marker placed on Samuel Rhoads Fisher Grave in Matagorda. This is an Official Texas Historical Day as this is Texas Navy Day. More details as they are firmed up. Make plans to attend.

The next meeting of the San Jacinto Chapter is June 3, 2010.

Ronald W. Brown, P.E.

President of The San Jacinto Chapter #1

Summerfield G. Roberts Award:



San Jacinto Chapter member **James P. "Jim" Bevill** was this year's recipient of the Summerfield G. Roberts Award, given annually by The Sons of the Republic of Texas "to the author of a work of creative writing on the Republic of Texas judged best by the Judging Committee." Jim's fabulous book ***The Paper Republic: The Struggle for Money, Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas*** is chock full of historical delights. The award was presented at the annual meeting in Tyler.

Upcoming Events and Items of Interest:

Click on calendar events for more information:

San Jacinto Chapter #1 - May 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Madame Powell's 1936 Marker Rededication 2:00 p.m.

2	3	4	5	6 SJC Meeting - Noon Steven K. Howell Battlechin Texas	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 San Jacinto Veteran's Memorial Ceremony
30	31					

[Click here to view the San Jacinto Chapter website calendar.](#)

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NAME AND CITY OF SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE)

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P.O.BOX 2599
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78299

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From the *Texas State Historical Association* "Texas Day by Day"

May 01, 1718: San Antonio de Valero Mission founded - <http://www.tshaonline.org/daybyday/05-01-002.html>
May 03, 1693: Spanish expedition heads for East Texas - <http://www.tshaonline.org/daybyday/05-03-002.html>
May 05, 1862: Texas native Zaragoza repels French - <http://www.tshaonline.org/daybyday/05-05-002.html>
May 08, 1846: Battle of Palo Alto - <http://www.tshaonline.org/daybyday/05-08-002.html>
May 14, 1836: Santa Anna and Burnet sign Treaties of Velasco - <http://www.tshaonline.org/daybyday/05-14-003.html>
May 16, 1843: *Austin* and *Wharton* engage the *Moctezuma* and the *Guadaloupe* - <http://www.tshaonline.org/daybyday/05-16-003.html>
May 17, 1839: Texas Rangers defeat revolutionary plotters - <http://www.tshaonline.org/daybyday/05-17-001.html>
May 19, 1836: Indians take captives at Fort Parker - <http://www.tshaonline.org/daybyday/05-19-001.html>
May 26, 1837: Travis estate advertises for return of escaped slave - <http://www.tshaonline.org/daybyday/05-26-004.html>

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