



The San Jacinto Patriot

Newsletter of the San Jacinto Chapter #1, The Sons of the Republic of Texas

July 5 Meeting to Feature Frank Holcomb

July's meeting will feature San Jacinto Chapter member, Frank Holcomb, an enthusiastic Texas historian who also practices tax, estate planning and corporate law.

Frank grew up in Dallas, attended the University of Texas at Austin, obtained his law degree from the University of Houston and earned his final degree, a Masters in Tax Law (LL.M.), from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

His first job was with the Office of Chief Counsel to the IRS where he worked in the Refund Litigation Division. After three years in Washington, D.C., in 1976 Frank entered private practice in Houston.

He has been a member of the San Jacinto Chapter of the Sons of the Republic for over 20 years and has spoken to our group as well as other groups on his collection of Texas maps. These maps, which hang on the walls of his law offices in this complex, illustrate the founding of the Republic of Texas and the growth of our state into the modern era.

After his talk, Frank has invited anyone interested to join a brief tour of the 36 maps currently in his office.

The meeting is at the Post Oak Grill, 1415 S. Post Oak Lane, Houston, TX 77056, and the formal program begins at noon. The cost of lunch is \$25. No reservations are required.

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HOUSTON ★ ASTROS

Sons of the Republic of Texas Day at Minute Maid Park!

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Sunday, July 29th 1:10 PM
Astros Vs Rangers



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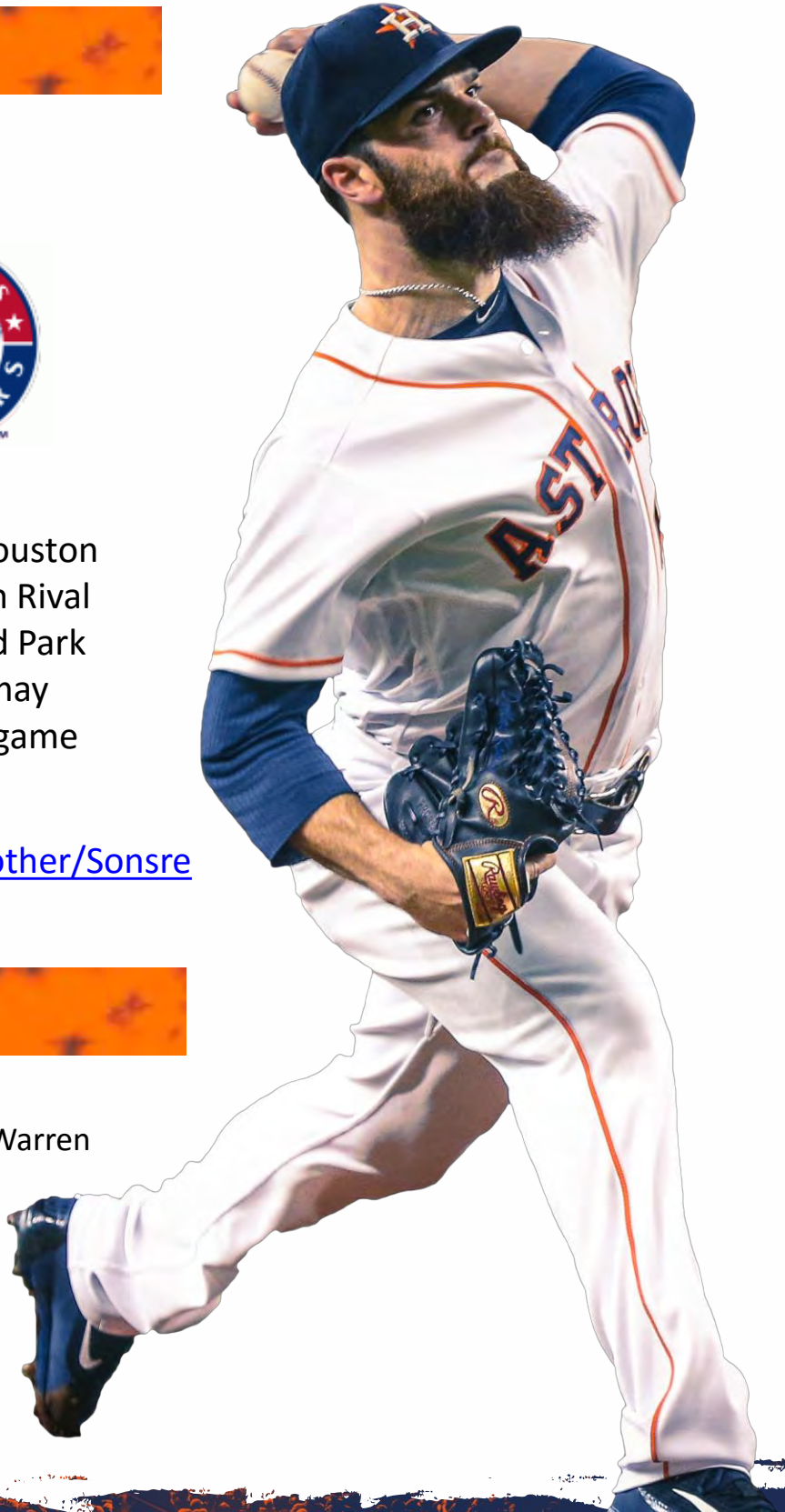


Come out and cheer on the Houston Astros as they take on division Rival Texas Rangers at Minute Maid Park on Sunday July 29th ! You may purchase your tickets to the game through the link below.

<https://groupmatics.events/s/other/Sonsrepublic2>

Questions

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Message from the President

I hope that everyone's summer has been going well.

Since the last chapter meeting, the quarterly meeting was held in Bay City. The meeting kicked off with acknowledgements from city and county dignitaries in celebration of the 25th anniversary of moving the SRT headquarters to Bay City. The day wrapped up with cannon play in the town square.

During the meeting, Steve Manis was installed as the new District Rep for our area. Steve, in case you don't know him, is a great guy. He will serve the organization well in this role and I look forward to working with him.

Many thanks to our own Ron Brown, KSJ, who served previously in that role and left some big shoes to fill. Ron hasn't completely retired from SRT national duties as he is now serving as a member of the Executive Committee. Ron also took on the task of heading up a committee to look at how we should handle raffles in the SRT.

Speaking of raffles, we do have some plans in the works for a raffle that promises to bring some needed funds for the Sailor of the Year award. We are putting those plans on hold while we learn more about raffle rules.

Our other plans include a Thirsty Thursday event in the not-too-distant future in order to connect with members who cannot make it to our monthly lunch meeting. Look for details on that soon.

We are also working on our email distribution list so that we can more consistently and effectively communicate with all of our chapter members.

Lastly, I want to encourage you to share your stories of your ancestors, announcements and events with us for publication in this newsletter. Our enhanced email list will make this an effective platform for spreading the word for what is going on. The stories of our ancestors will help to further our mission of honoring their lives as citizens of the Republic of Texas. They are, after all, why we are here.

God bless Texas!

Paul

Texas' Star on the Star Spangled Banner Didn't Appear Until July 4, 1846

When Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas, handed over the reins of government to the first Governor of the State of Texas, James Pinckney Henderson, the Lone Star Flag was lowered and the Star Spangled Banner was raised for the first time in Austin. Texas formally became the 28th state in the Union on February 19, 1846, but the flag that was raised had only 27 stars. A flag with 28 stars would not become the official flag of the United States for another 135 days.

In 1777, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act, creating the first flag of the United States. The Act provided, "the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." In 1794 the admission of Vermont and Kentucky into the union prompted a change where the number of stars *and* stripes was increased to 15.

Other than that, there was little to regulate the ultimate design of the flag, and its appearance

was ultimately left up to the maker of the flag. Some flag-makers arranged the stars into one big star, in a circle or in rows, and some replaced a state's star with its initial. The most famous arrangement from the Revolutionary War—the Betsy Ross flag—featured 13 five-pointed stars arranged in a circle, with the stars arranged pointing outward from the circle.



**Anson Jones presiding at the transfer of power.
"The Republic of Texas is no more."**

The admission of Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, and Mississippi caused Congress to address pass the Flag Act of 1818, which specified

the flag should have 13 horizontal stripes, alternating between red and white with a blue field of stars, arranged in rows, representing every state in the union. However, the Act stated that stars would only be added on the following July 4—Independence Day.



The U.S. flag from July 4, 1846–July 3, 1847

Two hundred years later, the Flag Act of 1818 is still the law of the land, but it still left the arrangement of the stars subject to interpretation, nor did the Flag Act specify whether the flag should have 7 red stripes and 6 white stripes or vice versa. It was not until June 24, 1912 when President William Howard Taft signed an executive order that established six, horizontal rows of five-pointed stars, with a single point facing upward.

The Curtis Osborne San Jacinto Star Award



Named in honor of the late Curtis Osborne (San Jacinto Chapter President 2014–2016) and awarded to members of the San Jacinto Chapter who have served the Chapter with extraordinary distinction.

2018 Recipients

James Bevill
Tom Houston, KSJ

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Tom Green, KSJ – 2015
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