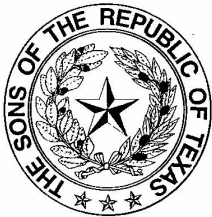


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Plan to attend our next chapter event.

We hope to see you there!

September Meeting Set - Sam Houston IV Guest Speaker

The third quarterly meeting of the Thomas J. Rusk Chapter # 8 for 2007 is scheduled for **Thursday, 13 September 2007, at Margaux's Restaurant** located at 150 Turtle Creek Boulevard at Irving Boulevard. Our guest speaker will be Sam Houston IV. The Cash bar opens at 6:30PM with dinner at 7pm. The cost is \$20 per person, pay by cash or check at the door. Dress is business casual. **RSVP by e-mail to www.thomasjrusk.org or by phone at 972-733-0357.** All RSVP's are required by 10 September.

Sam Houston IV was born in Claremore, Okla., Sept. 25, 1931. He is great-grandson of General Sam Houston and the grandson of Temple Lea Houston, the first child born in the Governors mansion in Austin, Texas.

He married the former Virginia Mikeska, and they have three children Vicky, Steven And Kevin. His education was primarily in private schools, St. Michaels College, Schreiner Institute, and Allen Military Academy. He has a degree in History from the University of Houston.

Houston served in the Army during the Korean War as a small unit Infantry combat leader. He continued his service in the Army Reserves retiring as a Lt. Colonel.

He reaches out to school children when they first study Texas history, with recollections of the Houston family and interesting facts of the Texas Revolution. He speaks to all types of organizations, was appointed to the Bicentennial Commission of the U.S. Constitution and served on the Sesquicentennial Commission of the Republic of Texas celebration.

He has served as President General of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, was Knight Commander of the Knights of San Jacinto. He is one of eight men in the 100 year history of the SRT who has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. The title he is most proud of is being given the name "Little Coloneh" (Ka-La-Na) by the Cherokee Indian Nation in 1931.



Message from the Chapter President



Frank R. Brown
President TJR Chapter # 8

As we move into the third quarter of the year, we have mostly good news. Here it is, in no particular order:

We've added some biographies of the SRT-qualifying ancestor of several of our members to the Thomas J. Rusk Chapter website (Visit the site and read them.. and then submit your ancestor's bio to be published there, also!

The Governor of Texas, Hon. Rick Perry, has signed into effect a bill that changes the wording of the Pledge to the Texas Flag. The new wording is as follows:

Honor the Texas flag;
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
one state under God, one and indivisible.

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On Saturday, September 15, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., the SRT will honor the veterans of the Republic of Texas Navy buried at the Texas State Cemetery by a ceremony for three of them in particular -Captain Robert Oliver, Lieutenant Charles F. Fuller, and Midshipman Fielding R. Culp. These are the three men who were removed from a defunct Cemetery in New Orleans in the 1950's and transferred to the Texas State Cemetery by direct action of the SRT. The Honorable Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office will be the keynote speaker. The Texas Navy Association will also participate in the ceremony, and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will be recognized for their past work in organizing the re-interment of the three Texas Navy veterans from their resting place at the condemned Girod Street Cemetery in New Orleans back in 1955.

The Texas State Cemetery is located at 909 Navasota Street, in Austin, Texas, six blocks east of Interstate 35 via 7th Street. The ceremony, at the Republic Hill Section of the cemetery may be reached via pedestrian gate just north of 7th Street. The ceremony will be just inside the Republic Hill gate. Further information about the 1955 re-interment and the events leading up to it, as well as more information about this year's ceremony and the three Republic of Texas Navy veterans may be found on the SRT website (<http://www.srttexas.org/texas%20navy.html>).

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department remains intact, and no state parks have been transferred to the Texas Historical Commission. Funding for the operation of its parks remains as sketchy as ever. You are encouraged, urged, even pleaded with.. to visit your State Parks and make contributions to them as you are able.

Our speaker for the Sept. 13th meeting is Sam Houston IV. You will enjoy his program, like Justin Wilson said..." I gar-on-tee"

Sincerely,

Dick Brown

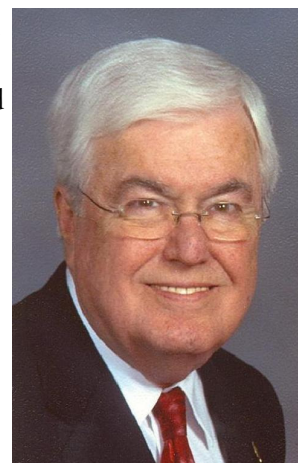
Recap of June '07 Meeting

The June '07 meeting (hailed Past Presidents night) was a huge success. In attendance were six Past Chapter Presidents who were honored with plaques. We also had a number of potential and pending members. Dick Reese, The SRT President General, was our guest speaker and gave an outstanding speech about all the contributions that he's made to our organization. Dick Brown, our chapter president, announced that David Stone, our chapter treasurer was moving to Canada. Nick Gilliam, our District Representative, has agreed to fulfill David's term for the remainder of the year.

TJR Officer Profile – David Dibrell, Vice President

David Dibrell is currently serving as Vice President of Thomas J. Rusk Chapter #8 of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and has been a member of the Chapter since 2002 although he had attended meetings since 1998. He became a life member in 2006. David retired in 2004 as Vice President of Information Technology for Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company's Dallas offices.

An avid student of history and genealogy, Dibrell's SRT membership is based on his great-great-grandfathers Henry E. McCulloch and Nathaniel Benton, both Texian Patriots and early settlers in Texas. Both McCulloch and Benton were members of Guadalupe Masonic Lodge No. 109 in Seguin as well as the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Like his forefathers, Dibrell is an active Mason and served in various leadership roles in Richardson, Dallas and then as Grand Master of Masons in Texas in 2001.



Dibrell lives in Dallas with his wife, Marlene, who is in charge of the Rainbow Girls in Texas. They have two daughters and two grandsons.