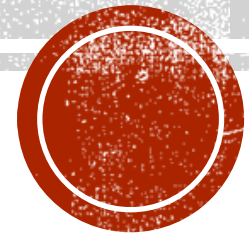


TEXAS HONOR DAYS

Prepared by the DRT Historic Education Committee 2022



WHAT IS AN HONOR DAY?

- DRT promotes the celebration of Texas Honor Days. Chapters are encouraged to honor these days in some way. DRT Members are encouraged to fly the Texas Flag on each of these Honor Days.
- Special programs, visits to the historic sites, floral tributes, and media contact reminding them of the special day and how the chapter is remembering our history, are just a few of the ways chapters can honor these special days in Texas history.
- Each one of these Honor Days can be expanded by the chapters into different research projects and individual interesting programs.

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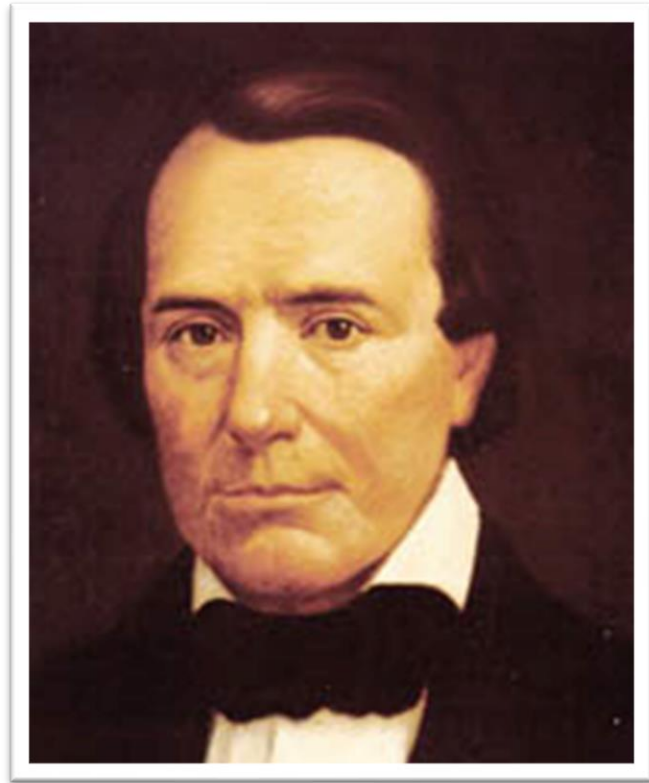
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JANUARY 26 - MIRABEAU B. LAMAR DAY

- Lamar is honored as the Father of Texas Education.
- DRT may observe this day by providing historical materials to local schools and the news media.
- It is also an excellent time to honor teachers of Texas history.



FEBRUARY 19 - TEXAS STATEHOOD DAY

- The legal entry of Texas into the Union was 29 December 1845, but the decade-old Republic of Texas did not formally transfer its authority to the new State of Texas until 19 February 1846.
- DRT celebrates 19 February 1846 as Statehood Day and as a Texas Honor Day.



Map of The Republic of Texas overlaid on the current map of the State of Texas

MARCH 1 - CRT FOUNDER'S DAY



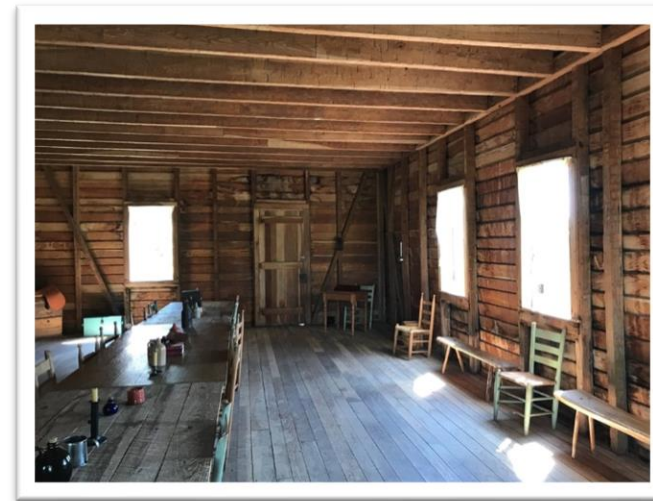
On this day the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, at the 1929 Convention, approved that DRT sponsor a junior organization to be known as the “Children of the Republic of Texas.”

▪ Objectives

- To encourage the study of Texas History
- To help preserve the place made sacred by the men and women who achieved Texas Independence
- To stimulate historical research into the earliest records of Texas
- To foster the preservations of documents and relics
- To revere the Flag of Texas and to promote the display of same
- To cherish and preserve TEXAS, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE, as achieved by the Fathers and Mothers of the Texas Revolution

MARCH 2 - TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

- On March 2, 1836 the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed at Washington-on-the-Brazos.
- A big celebration is held at the site each year and many Daughters participate in the event.
- Various programs and social events are held throughout the State by DRT chapters on this day, which is also Sam Houston's birthday and Texas Flag Day.
- The quill pen used by the signers of the Declaration of Texas Independence was given to Collin McKinney (the oldest signer.)
- The pen has been passed down through the McKinney family to the youngest son, even to this day.



Washington on
the Brazos

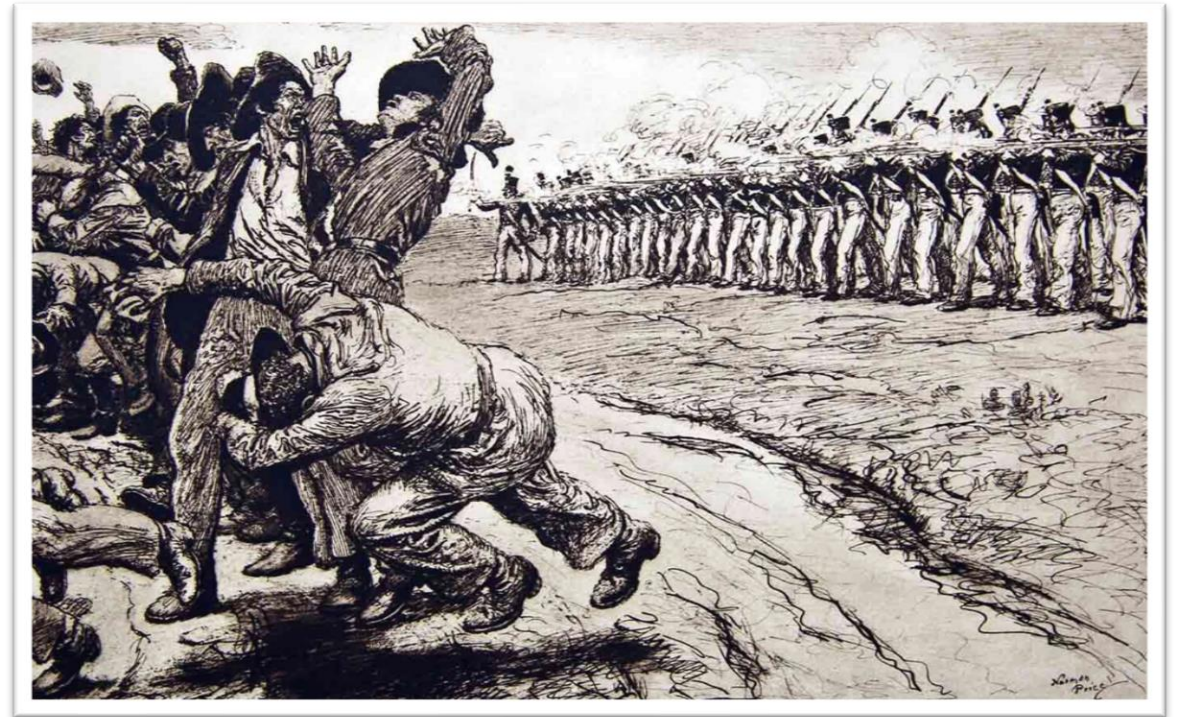
MARCH 6 - ALAMO HEROES DAY

- An observance at the Alamo honoring the patriots who died there is held annually by the Alamo Mission Chapter.
- The heroes' names and places of birth are called out by the President General in a solemn and impressive ceremony.
- Daughters are encouraged to participate in local celebrations on this day if at all possible.



MARCH 27 - GOLIAD HEROES DAY

- Following the fall of the Alamo, the Mexican Army, under command of General Santa Anna, attacked Colonel James W. Fannin's men at Goliad.
- Fannin was forced to surrender. He and his men were promised fair treatment and parole, but General Santa Anna ordered that all of the men should be shot.
- On March 27, 1836, 320 Texian prisoners were executed, the largest loss of life in the cause for Texas independence.
- "Remember Goliad!" became one of the great battle cries at San Jacinto.



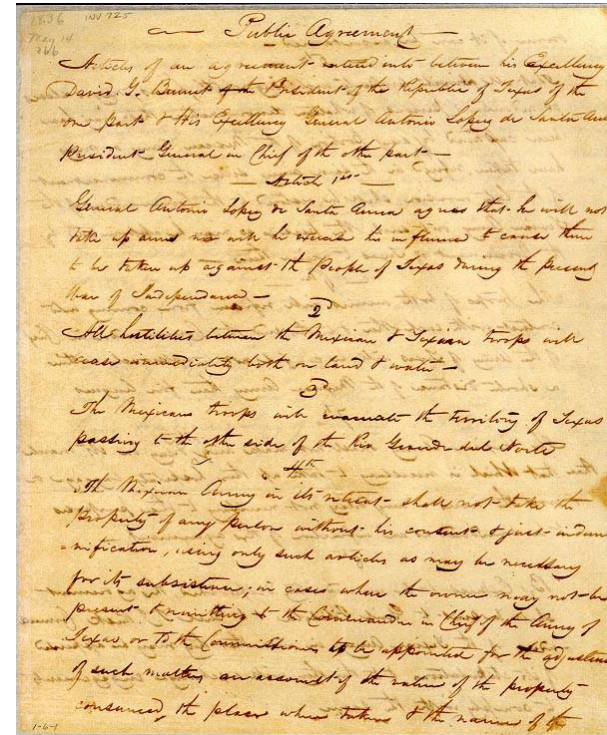
APRIL 21 - SAN JACINTO DAY

- On this date, General Sam Houston and the Texas Army defeated Santa Anna's Mexican troops in the Battle of San Jacinto.
- An annual celebration is held at the San Jacinto Monument and Battlefield.
- In San Antonio an Annual Pilgrimage to the Alamo is sponsored by the Alamo Mission Chapter. It is always the first Monday of Fiesta Week, originally "Fiesta San Jacinto," which includes San Jacinto Day.

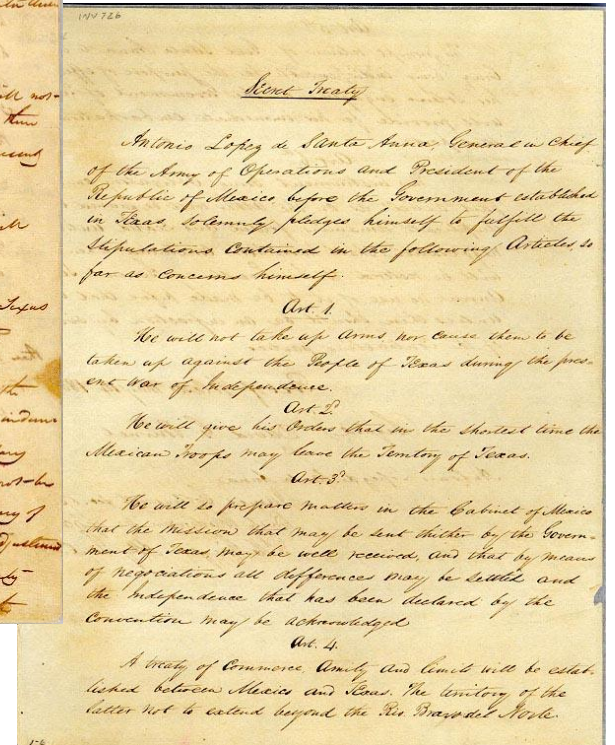


MAY 14 - TREATIES OF VELASCO DAY

- May 14, 1836, the day the Treaties of Velasco were signed between General Santa Anna and Republic of Texas Interim President David G. Burnet.
- In the public treaty, the Mexican ruler promised to never again fight against the Texans. He also agreed to order all Mexican forces out of Texas immediately.
- In the secret treaty, in return for his freedom, Santa Anna agreed to work for Mexican recognition of Texas independence. It called for the Texas government to release Santa Anna immediately and give him an escort back to Mexico. In return, Santa Anna would also agree to work inside Mexico to get the Texas boundary set at the Rio Grande.



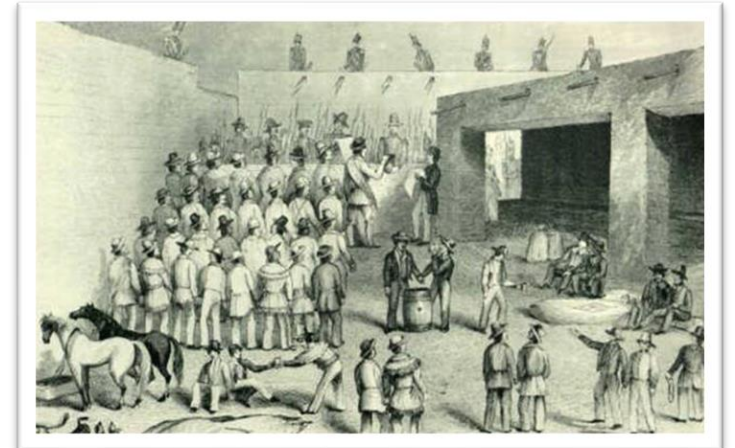
Public Treaty



Secret Treaty

SEPTEMBER 18 - TEXAS HEROES DAY

- The date of September 18th has multiple significant factors in that on September 18, 1842; thirty-six volunteer Texan soldiers were killed on the field of battle in the Dawson Massacre. Of the survivors, three escaped to tell the story, and fifteen others were taken prisoner by Mexican soldiers in the Woll invasion near Salado Creek (where Fort Sam Houston is now located in San Antonio). The captured prisoners were marched away to Perote Castle Prison in Veracruz, Mexico. Of these men, only nine survived to return to Texas. The remains of one captive who died was thrown into the castle moat.
- September 18, 1848, the remains of fifty-two men who died in Perote Prison, including sixteen of the seventeen who survived the Mier Expedition, were imprisoned at Perote Prison, and drew the “Black Beans of Death” on March 25, 1843, to decide who would be executed, were buried at what became known as Monument Hill at LaGrange.



Texians drawing the Black Beans

3RD SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

TEXIAN NAVY DAY

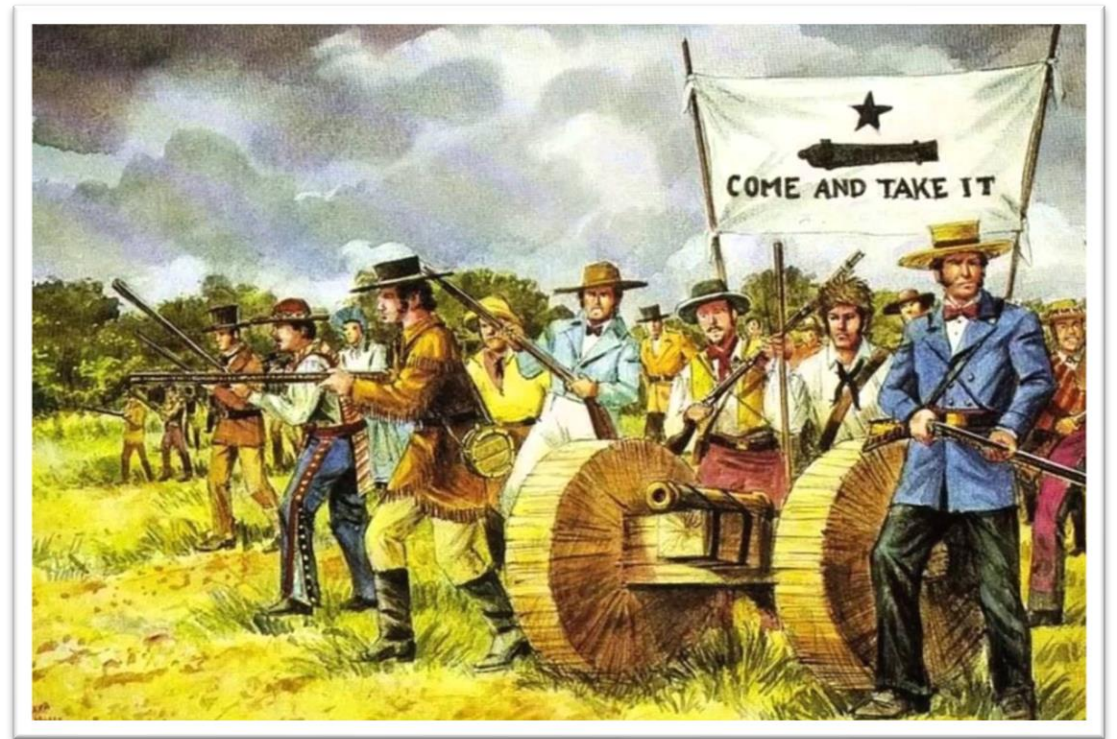
- In September 1835, the first naval engagement of the Texas Revolution occurred near Velasco.
- In that engagement between a Texian privateer, the San Felipe, and a Mexican war schooner, the Correo, the Mexican ship was forced to unconditionally surrender.
- Thus, the Texian Navy won its first victory in the War of Independence on the high seas. This event was one month before the first significant land battle of the Texas Revolution at Gonzales.



The Independence

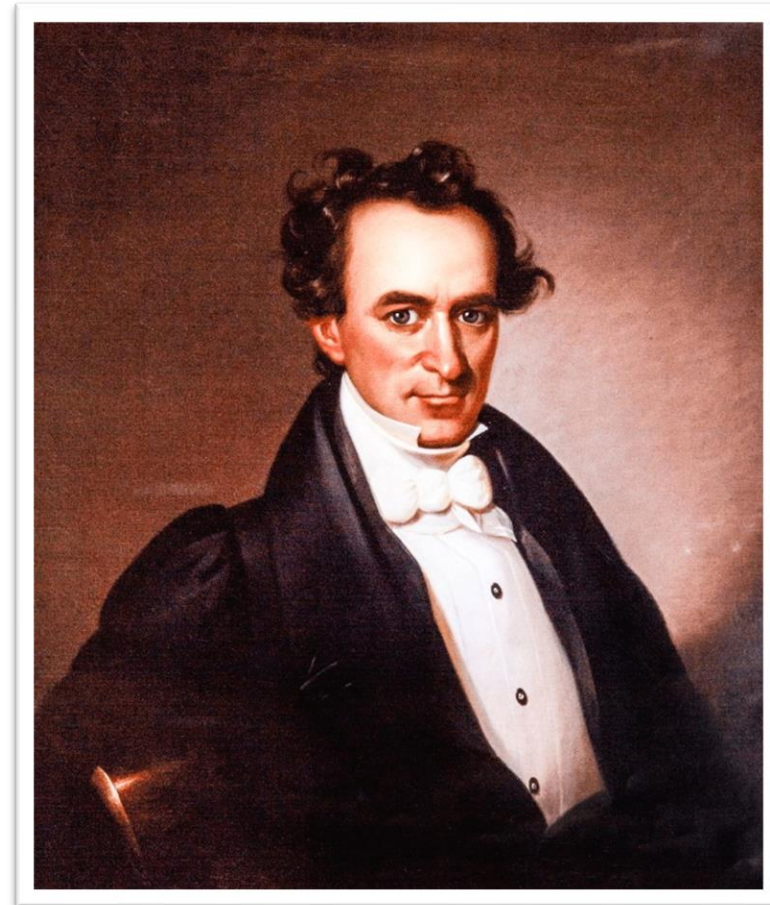
OCTOBER 2 - GONZALES DAY

- The first recognized battle of the Texas Revolution was fought in Gonzales.
- The Texas force of one hundred and sixty men challenged the Mexican military authority by refusing to surrender a brass cannon previously given to the town as a means of protection against the Indians.
- The Battle of Gonzales lasted only a few minutes, but most citizens in Texas realized that there was no turning back. A war had begun.



NOVEMBER 3 - STEPHEN F. AUSTIN'S BIRTHDAY

- Remembering The Father of Texas birthday provides a time to reflect on the life of our founder and the importance of his contributions to Texas history, and ultimately U.S. history.
- He lived only forty-three years, but the significance of his achievements in the successful settlement and independence of Texas shaped our country's history forever.



NOVEMBER 6 - DRT FOUNDER'S DAY

On November 6, 1891, a group of seventeen ladies met in the home of Mrs. Andrew Briscoe in Houston to carry out the idea of Misses Betty Ballinger and Hally Bryan for organizing a Republic of Texas daughters' organization to meet with the Texas Veterans.



The Cradle, Galveston Texas

DECEMBER 9 - SIEGE OF BEXAR DAY

- The Siege of Bexar began in October 1835 and ended with the surrender of Mexican General Cos on December 9, 1835.
- This was the only victory of the Revolution until the Battle of San Jacinto.



Col. Benjamin Milam
Milam Park, San Antonio Texas

- When Texian troops were about to go into winter quarter, Colonel Ben Milam drew a line in the dirt and challenged them by saying, “Who will follow old Ben Milam into San Antonio?”
- 300 men, under the leadership of Ben Milam and Francis Johnson, entered San Antonio before dawn on December 5.
- The conflict was fought house to house. Milam was killed by a sniper. General Cos surrendered on December 9. This is how the Texians got the Alamo.

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