



# *Daughters of the Republic of Texas*



*The Cradle | Galveston*

# **MEMBER HANDBOOK**

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[drinfo.org/members](http://drinfo.org/members)

## **The Seal of the DRT**

The seal of the DRT is a five-pointed star encircled by wreathed leaves of Live Oak, signifying STRENGTH; an Olive branch signifying PEACE; outside of which are the words "Daughters of the Republic of Texas" with "1836" to the left of the topmost point of the star and "1846" to the right of the topmost point of the star. To the left of the lowest point of the star, below the word "Daughters," is a small star and to the right of the lowest point of the star, below the word "Republic," is another small star; between the lowest points of the star is the date "1891," (the date of the organization of the DRT). This seal is a reproduction of the Seal of the Republic of Texas except for the added wording, dates, and stars. (*Bylaws Article XI Seal, Insignia, Motto, and Colors: Section 1 Seal*)

## **Pledge for New Members**

*“Realizing that the heritage to eligibility in the Association of Daughters of the Republic of Texas is a sacred honor to be cherished, as a member of the (name of your chapter) Chapter, I pledge myself to be faithful to its lofty ideals and to guard its interests and achievements.”*

*~ Written by Belle Fenn Clark*

### **My Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor \_\_\_\_\_

DRT Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date Admitted \_\_\_\_\_

*To Perpetuate the Memory  
& Spirit of our Ancestors*

### **Our Mission**

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, a lineal organization, shall educate, research, preserve, and protect the history of the Republic of Texas for all future generations.

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# Organization and History

## **DRT Legacy**

In 1907, at the last meeting of the Texas Veterans Association, only six members answered the roll call. After the usual memorial service, each one of these men expressed that, owing to the increasing infirmities of age, he would be unable to attend another meeting. They then unanimously voted for the dissolution of the organization.

But before adjourning for the last time, it was resolved that “the holy memories clinging around it should be merged into the patriotic association, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.”

Upon motion, they retired to the Presbyterian Church where, without the furling of a banner or the strain of martial music, these old heroes laid aside forever their badges of membership and bequeathed their memories and their deeds with an ‘Undivided Texas’ as a precious legacy to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, by them to be held in trust forever.

## **Final Meeting of the Texas Veterans Association**

Veterans who were present or remitting dues at their final convention held in Austin, Texas, in 1907 included:

- John Darlinton
- Melbourne Harral
- Asa Hill  
(*not present*)
- L.G. Lawlor
- Alfonse Steele
- J.N. Scott
- William P. Zuber



## Founders of The Daughters

In the summer of 1891, Hally Bryan (Perry) and Betty Ballinger spent much of their time reading the volumes of Yoakum's *History of Texas*. Mr. Ballinger, Betty's father, had converted his small law office into a library containing books that told the story of the struggles for Texas independence. These accounts fascinated Hally and Betty, who were first cousins.



*Betty Ballinger*

The two girls grew up together in the Ballinger's home in Galveston after the death of Hally's mother. Betty's grandfather had fought in the Battle of San Jacinto, and Hally was a descendant of Moses Austin. They decided to do something to keep alive the ideals of pioneer Texans and to preserve, for future generations, the heritage of people and events that led to the formation of the Republic of Texas.

Colonel Guy M. Bryan, a member of the Texas Veterans Association, took his daughter and niece-in-law to Houston to meet with other women whose families had served the Republic. On November 6, 1891, the group organized with Mrs. Anson Jones, widow of the last President of Texas, chosen as the first President of the "Daughters of the Lone Star Republic." In Lampasas on April 21, 1892, the organization changed its name to the "Daughters of the Republic of Texas."

The small library building in Galveston is preserved and known today as "The Cradle." Each year on November 6, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas celebrate Founders Day, honoring Hally Bryan Perry and Betty Ballinger.



*Hally Bryan Perry*

# History of the Texas Flag

The first flag of the Republic of Texas was adopted on May 11, 1836, by the provisional government. It was designed by Lorenzo de Zavala with a blue field, large white five-pointed star in the center, and the letters “T-E-X-A-S” between the points of the star. However, this flag was never made up in cloth or flown by the Texas Army.

A month prior to the adoption of the first flag of the Republic of Texas, President David G. Burnet and Commodore Charles E. Hawkins designed a flag for use by ships of the Texas Navy. Its conformation was union blue, white star central with thirteen stripes alternating white and red.

When the First Congress of the Republic of Texas met, an act was passed on December 10, 1836, designating the first official flag to be the design suggested by President David G. Burnet showing a blue field with a large gold star in the center.

On January 25, 1839, the Third Congress of the Republic of Texas changed the official flag to the one we fly today. Designed by Dr. Charles B. Stewart, it consists of a three bar arrangement, blue at the hoist central with a five-pointed lone star and two horizontal bars of white and red joining the blue and extending to the fly with white stripe uppermost.



## Flag Protocol



The Texas flag shall be displayed on the viewer's right, and the United States flag shall be displayed on the viewer's left when the flags are on separate poles.

When one flag pole is used for the United States and Texas flags, the United States flag is flown above the Texas flag; the flags shall be of equal size.



**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of  
the United States of America**

*“I pledge allegiance to the flag  
Of the United States of America  
And to the Republic for which it stands,  
One nation under God, indivisible,  
With liberty and justice for all.”*



**Pledge to the Texas Flag**

*“Honor the Texas Flag;  
I pledge allegiance to thee,  
Texas, one state under God,  
One and indivisible.”*



## Official State Song “Texas, Our Texas”

Texas, our Texas! All hail the mighty State!  
Texas, our Texas! So wonderful, so great!  
Boldest and grandest, Withstanding ev'ry test;  
O Empire wide and glorious, You stand supremely blest.  
(Chorus)

Texas, O Texas! Your freeborn single star,  
Sends out its radiance to nations near and far.  
Emblem of freedom! It sets our hearts aglow,  
With thoughts of San Jacinto and glorious Alamo.  
(Chorus)

Texas, dear Texas! From tyrant grip now free,  
Shines forth in splendor your star of destiny!  
Mother of Heroes! We come your children true,  
Proclaiming our allegiance, our faith, our love for you.  
(Chorus)

### **Chorus:**

God bless you, Texas! And keep you brave and strong,  
That you may grow in power and worth,  
Throughout the ages long.

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William J. Marsh. Music by William J. Marsh.*

## The DRT Flag

The Flag of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas was first shown to the members May 13, 1987, at the Formal Opening of the 96th Annual Convention in Dallas. The flag was designed by Edith Mae Johnson, Chairman of the Alamo Committee 1985-1987, to be flown at the Alamo during the Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1986.

Official adoption of the flag by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas came at the 100th Annual Convention in San Antonio in 1991. Martha Rash moved the adoption of the flag that was first presented during her term of office as President General. The motion was seconded by Florine Railing, and it carried unanimously. In 1993,



during the term of President General Gail Loving Barnes, the seal on the DRT flag was changed to conform to the official description of the DRT Seal as stated in the DRT Bylaws.

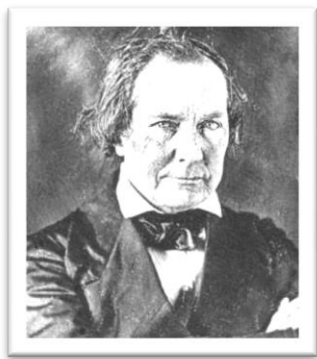
The flag consists of the Seal of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in blue and white centered on a field of white. Three edges of the flag are trimmed in gold fringe. The flag is double faced so that the seal can be seen from either side.

The original flag measures three feet by five feet and is made of nylon. It was made by the Capitol Flag Company, 4822 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77011.

*DRT flags are available from the DRT Headquarters (HQ).*

## Celebrate Texas Honor Days

*DRT promotes the celebration of Texas Honor Days. Chapters are encouraged to honor these days in some way, and members are encouraged to fly the Texas flag on each of these Honor Days.*



*Mirabeau B. Lamar*

### **Mirabeau B. Lamar Day (January 26)**

On this date in 1839, the Congress of the Republic of Texas passed The Education Act, setting aside land for public schools. Mirabeau B. Lamar, second President of the Republic of Texas 1838-1841, successfully argued the importance of public education and proposed the first actions that laid the foundation for a public school system in Texas. 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.

### **Texas Statehood Day (February 19, 1846)**

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

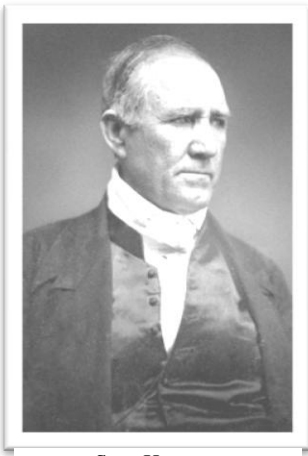
### **CRT Founders Day (March 1, 1929)**

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” (CRT).

### **Texas Independence Day (March 2)**

### **Texas Flag Day, and General Sam Houston’s Birthday**

On this date in 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



*Sam Houston*

chapters on this day which is also Sam Houston's birthday (March 2, 1793-July 26, 1863). In 1915, the Texas legislature declared Texas Independence Day, March 2, as Texas Flag Day.

### **Alamo Heroes Day (March 6, 1836)**

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 possible.

### **Goliad Heroes Day (March 27, 1836)**

Following the fall of the Alamo, the Mexican Army, under the 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 of Texas Independence. "Remember Goliad!" became one of the great battle cries at the Battle of San Jacinto.



*The Alamo*

## **San Jacinto Day** (*April 21, 1836*)

On this date, General Sam Houston and the Texian 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.

## **Texas Heroes Day** (*September 18*)

DRT has designated this day to honor and preserve the memory of the soldiers who died defending the Republic of Texas and to pay tribute to the men and women of the military, both past and present, who serve Texas.

## **Texian Navy Day** (*Third Saturday in September*)

In September 1835, the first naval engagement of the Texas Revolution occurred near Velasco. In the resulting battle, the Texian Navy won its first victory in the War of Independence on the high seas.



*Texas Heroes Monument*  
[galveston.com](http://galveston.com)



*The "Come and Take it Cannon"  
of the Battle of Gonzales*

## **Gonzales Day** (*October 2, 1835*)

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 for 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.

## **Stephen F. Austin's Birthday**

*(November 3, 1793)*

“The Father of Texas.” (d. December 27, 1836)

## **DRT Founders Day** *(November 6, 1891)*

On this date, a group of seventeen ladies met in Houston in the home of Mrs. Andrew Briscoe to carry out the idea of Miss Betty Ballinger and Miss Hally Bryan for organizing a Republic of Texas daughter's organization to meet with the Texas Veterans.



*Stephen F. Austin*

## **The Siege of Béxar Day** *(December 9, 1835)*

At the first battle at San Antonio, the Texian Army defeated General Cos and forced his retreat back to Mexico. His return with Santa Anna resulted in the 1836 historic battle at the Alamo and massacre of the Texian forces.



*DRT Members (photo taken in 1908)*

## DRT Headquarters (HQ) | Austin

The DRT Headquarters is the communications center for the DRT and houses the Archives and Business Office. The Archives contain bound membership records and related documents from 1891 to the present. The Headquarters staff maintains membership and ancestor records and can do limited searches on ancestors registered with the DRT for a small fee plus copying costs as time permits. DRT supplies and historical publications are available for purchase.

**Website:** [drinfo.org/members/](http://drinfo.org/members/)

## Republic of Texas Museum | Austin

In 1903, the Republic of Texas Museum was housed in one room of the State Capitol. The collection of Republic era artifacts grew rapidly through the dedicated efforts of the DRT, and more space was required. In 1916, the Land Department moved from the Old Land Office Building on the Capitol grounds, and a portion of the structure was turned



over to the DRT for use as a museum. The DRT Museum occupied the second floor of the building until 1989 when restoration of the deteriorating structure began. Four years later, during the centennial year of the DRT, the Daughters purchased a building to house the Museum, the organization's Headquarters. The Republic of Texas Museum holds over 3,000 artifacts.

**Website:**

[drinfo.org/preservation/drt-properties/republic-of-texas-museum](http://drinfo.org/preservation/drt-properties/republic-of-texas-museum)

## The Cradle | Galveston

This building was originally the law library of William Pitt Ballinger, father of DRT co-founder, Miss Betty Ballinger. Now known as The Cradle, it is cherished by the Daughters as the place where Miss Ballinger and her first cousin, Mrs. Hally Bryan Perry,



formulated the idea for their new organization which would become the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. The Cradle was restored in 1993-1995 to reflect the original furnishings of the late 1800s.

The Cradle is open by appointment only. Please contact The Cradle Chairman Gwen Lejsal at [cradlechair@drinfo.org](mailto:cradlechair@drinfo.org) or (713) 582-1914.

# Birthplace of the DRT

**Location:**

2902 Avenue O ½, Galveston, Texas 77550  
(Corner of Avenue O ½ and 29th Street)

**Mailing Address:**

P.O. Box 3268, Galveston, Texas 77552-0268

**Website:**

[drinfo.org/preservation/drt-properties/the-cradle-galveston](http://drinfo.org/preservation/drt-properties/the-cradle-galveston)



## The DRT Library Collection | San Antonio

The DRT Library Collection is located in the former Federal Depository which is owned by Bexar County. An agreement was made with Texas A&M University-San Antonio to move the Collection under their oversight.

The Collection has been developed and is supported and maintained by the DRT for the use of all researchers. The need to encourage the study of Texas history and to preserve its documents was of such significant importance to the founders of the DRT that this was stipulated specifically in the 1893 Charter.



The Collection contains thousands of book titles, primarily history, but also including genealogy, politics and government, art, natural history and science, religion, folklore, and fiction, all associated with Texas, including the extensive libraries of Dr. William Eager Howard, C. Stanley Banks, and Maury Maverick, Sr., approximately 450 collections of personal and family papers and organizational records dating from 1519 to the present, and maps, photographs, artwork, vertical files, and other media.

### **Location:**

Texas A&M University at San Antonio  
126 East Nueva Street, San Antonio, Texas 78204

**Email:** [drtlibrary@drtinfo.org](mailto:drtlibrary@drtinfo.org)

**Website:** [drtinfo.org/drt-library](http://drtinfo.org/drt-library)

## J.B. Wells House | Gonzales

This fifteen-room home was built in 1885 by T.N. Matthews who sold it to James Bailey Wells soon afterwards. It was a marvel for its time, with fire escapes, lightning rods, and indoor plumbing. Many of the window and wall coverings and furnishings continue to grace the fifteen rooms of the interior surroundings. The structure consists of Florida long-leaf pine lumber delivered by steamship to the port of Indianola and transported by oxen to Gonzales.



At the death of Mr. Wells, the house was given to the DRT with the Gonzales Chapter as custodians. On Sunday, April 25, 1999, the Gonzales Chapter, Gonzales, Texas, presented to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas a deed of property to the J.B. Wells House. President General Tookie Walthall accepted the gift on behalf of the Daughters. All maintenance is under the care of the Gonzales Chapter with no cost to the Daughters.

The house is open on the first Saturday of each month 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Group tours may be arranged through the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce at (830) 672-6532 or [admin@gonzalestexas.com](mailto:admin@gonzalestexas.com).

### **Location:**

829 Mitchell Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629

### **Website:**

[drinfo.org/preservation/drt-properties/j-b-wells-house](http://drinfo.org/preservation/drt-properties/j-b-wells-house)



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# Miscellaneous

## **Annual Convention**

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The Annual Convention of the DRT are held by districts in their numerical order on the fourteenth day of May, or on the approximate date agreed upon by the Board of Management and the hostess district but after the second Sunday in May. The Convention city is to be decided by the chapters in the district. All members whose dues have been paid for the current year may attend the Convention and be eligible to vote. The Convention is held for the purpose of receiving reports of the Board of Management and the committee chairmen, to conduct DRT business, including Bylaw changes and elections. *See MOP Article XI Meetings: Section 11.03 Conventions.*

## **District Meetings**

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District meetings are held August through October of each year, except for the weekend before Labor Day or the third Saturday of September, when no District Meetings shall be held. They provide an opportunity for the BOM to communicate with Chapter Officers and members. Breakout sessions are held with those Officers Generals in attendance and their chapter counterpart and may be held with Committee Chairs and other members who wish to participate. *See MOP Article XI Meetings: Section 11.02 District Meetings.*

## **The Board of Management (BOM)**

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The DRT is governed by a Board of Management consisting of:

- President General
- President General-Elect
- Chaplain General
- Recording Secretary General
- Treasurer General
- Registrar General
- Custodian General
- Executive Secretary General
- Historian General

The Parliamentarian General is appointed by the President General and has no vote. The District Representatives **will** serve two-year terms beginning in the even numbered years to stagger the term of

the BOM. Each District elects a representative from its district, consisting of the nineteen members of the BOM. Officers are elected in odd numbered years for a two-year term. No officer is paid a salary. Board of Management email are found on the [Members' website](#) under About DRT > Board of Management.

The entire Board of Management can be reached by email at [boardofmanagement@drinfo.org](mailto:boardofmanagement@drinfo.org).

## **Government**

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Daughters of the Republic of Texas operates under a Charter filed with the State of Texas, renewable every fifty years and by a set of Bylaws approved by the members at Convention on even numbered years. The Charter was filed in the Department of State on March 9, 1895, as No. 6702. It has been extended and amended.

## **Bylaws**

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**Website:** [drinfo.org/members](http://drinfo.org/members)

Forms & Publications > Publications > Bylaws

## **Manual of Procedure (MOP)**

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**Website:** [drinfo.org/members](http://drinfo.org/members)

Forms & Publications > Publications > Manual of Procedure (MOP)

## **The President General's Project**

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The President General selects one or more special projects each year. Members are encouraged to contribute. Chapters working toward the Six Star Award must contribute at least one dollar (\$1.00) per Chapter member. Members At-Large may send their contributions with their dues.

# Membership

## **Eligibility**

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Any woman having attained her sixteenth birthday and who is a lineal descendant of a man or woman who rendered loyal service for Texas prior to the consummation of the Annexation Agreement of the Republic of Texas with the United States of America on the nineteenth day of February 1846, is eligible for membership. Any girl who is a member of the Children of the Republic of Texas (CRT) is eligible for transfer to the DRT any time after her sixteenth birthday, but before her twenty-first birthday without payment of the initiation fee.

## **Fiscal Year**

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The fiscal year of the DRT begins the first day of June and extends to the thirty-first day of May inclusive.

## **Dues and Fees**

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Dues and Fees are set by the convention upon the recommendation of the Board of Management.

## **Resignation**

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Members may resign her membership to DRT by following the procedures in MOP Article III Membership: Section 3.11 Resignation.

## **Reinstatement**

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A former member who wishes to reinstate her membership may follow the procedures in MOP Article III Membership: Section 3.12 Reinstatement.

## **Member At-Large**

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A Member At-Large is not associated with a chapter. This membership is generally sought by those ladies not residing near a chapter but who wish to become members of DRT. A Member At - Large can attend state convention and can vote but cannot hold office. Members wishing to transfer to Member At-Large shall

complete the Transfer Request Form M.09 located in the [Forms section of the Members' website](#) and follow the instructions on the form.

### **Supplemental Applications**

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A member in good standing may make an application for additional ancestors in her line who meet the qualifications. Supplemental papers are prepared in the same manner as a primary application, using the same standards of documentation to prove lineal descent from a different ancestor. The member will furnish supporting proofs for the generations not previously submitted. The Chapter Registrar and Chapter President sign supplemental applications, but endorsements are not necessary since the applicant is a DRT member.

### **Posthumous Membership**

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The application for membership on behalf of a deceased woman. *See the DRT Bylaws Article I Members: Section 1.G Posthumous.*

### **Transfer of Membership**

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*See the DRT Bylaws Article I Members: Section 5 Transfers and Article II Fiscal Year, Dues, and Fees: Section 3.D Transfer Fee.*

### **Chapter Officers**

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*See MOP Article XV Chapters and Chapter Officers: Section 15.01 General Information for Chapter Officers.*

### **State Committees**

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*See MOP Article X Committees: Section 10.01 Committee Types.*

### **Children of the Republic of Texas (CRT)**

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Chapters will provide training in patriotism and leadership to today's youth.

**Website:** [drinfo.org/membership-2/children-of-the-republic-of-texas](http://drinfo.org/membership-2/children-of-the-republic-of-texas)

## Forms

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All DRT forms are available to download on the DRT members' website [drinfo.org/members](http://drinfo.org/members) under Forms & Publications > Forms.

## Awards

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The Awards Committee is responsible for the Chapter Awards and Senior Member Awards and distributes them at Convention. Chapter Awards provide chapter recognition and give chapters an opportunity for self-evaluation. They stimulate pride in and enthusiasm for the goals of DRT and encourage Chapters to support the work of the Organization including preserving and promoting the study of Texas history. *See MOP Article X Committees: Section 10.05 Standing Committees (b) Awards Committee and Bylaws Article VIII Committees: Sections 1, 2, and 5.*

## Volunteer Hours

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Volunteer hours are counted when a DRT member spends time working towards DRT's stated purposes. These pertain to the history of the Republic of Texas, such as presenting a program in a DRT chapter or a school or civic organization. *See MOP Article X Committees: Section 10.05 Standing Committees (b) Awards Committee.*

## Memorial Medallions

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All medallions shall be sold only by submitting the proper form to the Historic Sites Chair. The medallions will be shipped to purchaser by Headquarters. The various types of medallions are listed below, and information can be found in the MOP Article XII Memorial Medallions.

- (a) CRT/DRT Member Medallion
- (b) Ancestor Medallions
- (c) Veteran Medallions
- (d) Defender Medallion
- (e) Citizen Medallion
- (f) Historic Sites Medallion



## Seal and Insignia

*Members may purchase an ancestor bar and DRT membership pin through the official jeweler for DRT and with approval of their Chapter Treasurers.*

The pins are fastened to ribbon which may be purchased from one or more chapters. The one-inch insignia is the membership pin. It is pinned to the top of the membership ribbon and worn over the left shoulder at official DRT functions. No other item will be worn above the membership pin with the exception of the plain, gold fastener bar approved by the BOM. The ribbon may be suspended from beneath the bar. The official DRT pins that is to appear are as follows:

1. One-inch Membership Pin
2. Service Year Rocker Pin(s)
3. Senior Member Pin
4. Ancestor Bars
5. BOM Pins
6. Ex-BOM Pins
7. RTHC Final Push Pin with Dangle (*donation of a minimum of \$500.00*)
8. Preservation Projects Donor Pin (*donation of \$100.00 or more*)
9. DRT General Committee Pin
10. DRT General Committee Bar
11. Chapter President Pin
12. Ex-Chapter President Pin
13. YOUR Chapter Pin
14. Chapter Officer Pin
15. Six-Star Pin (*retired*)
16. Six-Star Bar
17. Star Pin
18. Bluebonnet Pin (*retired*)
19. Commemorative Pins (*approved by the BOM*)

The three-quarter insignia (or recognition pin) can be worn as a piece of jewelry over the left breast at meetings of DRT, and on such occasions as are worthy of its display. Pins not approved by the



BOM cannot be worn on the ribbon. If a member finds it necessary to wear multiple widths of ribbon, the membership pin, bars, and DRT service pins shall be worn on the inside ribbon. The commemorative pins shall be displayed on the outside ribbon, lower than the membership pin.

Only BOM-approved pins will be worn in accordance with the list on page 21. Chapter pins and other pins can be purchased at District Meetings and annual Conventions.



Ribbons can be purchased at District Meetings and annual Conventions as can the blue tartan which holds the ribbon if members wish to wear one.

The pin carrying the insignia of the DRT shall measure one inch and shall consist of a reproduction of the Texas Flag in red, white, and blue enamel in the corner of a five-point star, each point bearing one of the letters in the word "T-E-X-A-S." The circle around the star, which is gold, shall carry the words "Daughters of the Republic of Texas." To the left and below the "Daughters" is "1836," and to the right below the word "Republic" is "1891." In the circle and between the two lowest points of the star are the words "ONE AND INDIVISIBLE."



The small recognition pins are replicas of the large pins, three-quarter inch in diameter. Both the large and small pins are worn over the left breast at meetings of the DRT and on such occasions as are worthy of display. The official insignia is worn only on the official DRT ribbon to DRT functions. The recognition pin may be worn at any time as a piece of jewelry without being put on the ribbon. Members may purchase

ancestor bar(s) and the DRT membership pin from the official DRT insignia vendor, J. Brandt, using the Jewelry Insignia Form found on the [DRT website](#). This form must be signed by the Chapter Treasurer prior to submittal of the form to the vendor.



The one-inch insignia is pinned to the top of the membership ribbon and worn over the left breast. No other item is to be worn above the membership pin except for the plain, gold fastener bar approved by the BOM. The ribbon may be suspended from beneath the bar. Ancestor bars shall be worn below the membership pin.

Trinket pins are not to be worn on the ribbon. Insignia of other organizations, such as Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) or United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) pins are not to be worn on the ribbon. Upon the death of a member, any eligible family member may wear the insignia.

## **Native Texan License Plate**

The Native Texan License Plate was sanctioned by House Bill 2971, Section 504.637, which was enacted on September 1, 2003, as the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) License Plate. Monies from the sale of these plates are used only for the purpose of: (1) preserving Texas historic sites; or (2) the funding of educational programs that teach Texas history.



**Website:** [drtinfo.org/education/native-texan-license-plate](http://drtinfo.org/education/native-texan-license-plate)

# Republic of Texas History Center (RTHC)

In May of 2013, land adjacent to the French Legation in Austin was purchased to house the new Republic of Texas History Center (RTHC). This new location will facilitate the organization's mission of "perpetuating the memory and spirit of those who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas." The new RTHC will house the following:

- Republic of Texas Museum
- Texas Family History and Genealogy Center
- Meeting Rooms
- Museum Store
- DRT Business Office
- Climate Controlled Storage

*Help the Daughters build the Republic of Texas History Center by making a One-time or Recurring donation today!*  
[drinfo.org/help-the-daughters-build-the-republic-of-texas-history-center](http://drinfo.org/help-the-daughters-build-the-republic-of-texas-history-center)



**Location:**

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**Mailing Address:**

P.O. Box 6290, Austin, Texas 78762-6290

**Website:**

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