



THE BATTLE REPORT

San Jacinto Battleground/Battleship TEXAS State Historic Site

“The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate the site’s day-to-day natural and cultural resource management activities. Our goal is to inform and educate our staff, partners, and friends – and those we have yet to meet – Welcome!”



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Gov. Perry appoints new member to San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board

George W. “Trey” Strake III was appointed as Chairman to the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board, replacing outgoing Chairman Jeff Dunn. Trey Strake has more than 23 years experience representing office tenants. Mr. Strake is a leader within the real estate discipline and within Cushman & Wake-



George W. “Trey” Strake III



Jeff Dunn
Outgoing Chairman

field (C&W). He focuses primarily on office leasing requirements, specializing in tenant representation for major corporate clients. He is repeatedly acknowledged as one of C&W’s Top 10 Producers. In 2003, Mr. Strake won C&W-Houston’s Deal of the Year Award.

Formerly with Cushman Realty Corporation, Mr. Strake joined C&W when the two companies merged in 2001. Mr. Strake began his career as a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker in 1982. In 1991, Mr. Strake joined Rubloff, Inc. as Vice President of the Corporate Services Group.

Mr. Strake is a 1982 graduate of Texas A&M University, where he obtained his BBA in finance. He is active in the community, serving on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the Houston Museum of Natural Science, the Board of Directors of Covenant House Texas (having recently served as Chairman for the Expansion Capital Campaign), the Board of Bridges to Life, the Board of Memorial Hermann Hospital, the Board of Trees for Houston, and the Board and Executive Committee of Buffalo Bayou Partnership. In addition, he is a member and past President of the Houston Office Leasing Brokers Association (HOLBA), as well as a member of the Houston Association of Realtors, Texas Association of Realtors, and National Association of Realtors. Mr. Strake resides in Houston with his wife and three children

Reveille



Park Hosts and Clerks and Bears.....Oh My!

This week, we've had lots of folks join the San Jacinto Team. So, instead of doing one per week, we going to do a power-packed "New Faces" issue of your favorite newsletter.

Returning Park Hosts: Jay and Barbara Chandler

Photo by Barbara Graf

Jay and Barbara Chandler return to San Jacinto this week. Jay will be tromping the decks of the Battleship TEXAS, talking to visitors of all ages about our wonderful ship. He is retired, after a career in the utility industry. Barbara will be hard at work, assisting curator Angela McCleaf with cataloging artifacts and Marketing Specialist Barbara Graf with Hard Hat tours. She is retired, after a career with the Missouri Department of Revenue. When they are not on the road or hard at work, Jay enjoys photography and Barbara enjoys camping and traveling. Being full time RV'ers, home is "...where we park it."





Morning Maneuvers

New Park Hosts: Claude and Cheryl Norman

Photo by Barbara Graf

Claude and Cheryl are here for their first stint at San Jacinto. Claude retired as Manager and VP of a private security firm. Cheryl is retired, after a career in property management. They are both former police officers and full time RV'ers. When they are not traveling around this great state, Claude enjoys boating, golf and reading. Cheryl enjoys photography, traveling and boating.



Returning Park Hosts: Jeaneen Rodgers

Photo by Barbara Graf

Jeaneen returns to San Jacinto for another tour of duty. She is originally from Dallas, but calls Sullivan home. She has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. In addition to owning her own business, she was a part time teacher and worked as a swimming instructor for 28 years. She enjoys traveling, volunteering, and meeting new people. When she's not hard at work in the park, Jeaneen likes to go canoeing, swimming, walking, camping, and likes to sew.



Scuttlebutt



New Clerk I Sylvia Meek

Photo by Abbie Salyers

Sylvia is a graduate of Dobie High School in Pasadena and calls Houston home. She has a boxer, named Miss America, and a cat named Homer Dail. She's the mother of 2 and has 2 grandchildren. On her day's off, Sylvia enjoys cooking and sewing.



New Clerk I: Lisa Smith

Photo by Abbie Salyers

Lisa came to us from Champagne, IL and calls Pasadena home. She has one son, Daniel, and has a pair of Chihuahuas, Chico and Harley. On her days off, she enjoys painting.



New Clerk I Linda Tupa

Photo by Abbie Salyers

Linda returns to San Jacinto after serving as a seasonal Clerk I during the summer. She is a graduate of Louise High School and calls Deer Park home. She is the mother of 5 and has 7 grandchildren with 2 on the way. When she's not hard at work, Linda enjoys rock hunting and being with her grandchildren.



New Clerk I: Donna Williams

Photo by Abbie Salyers

Donna came to us all the way from the great state of Maine. She's been married for 25 years and calls Houston home. She has 2 dogs, Misty and Peanut. Though not a native Texan, she's been here for 40 years and prefers our winters. She's a graduate of Unity Freedom High School and enjoys gardening and watching television.

On the Horizon



Upcoming Events

Nov. 14th - Battleship TEXAS Foundation Board Meeting. 9:30am - 12:00pm

Nov. 17 - Hard Hat Tours on BB35. 8:30am - 3:00pm

Nov. 22nd - Park Closed for Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 1st - Yuletide Texas Begins

Words of Wisdom

“ You will find that the State is the kind of organization which, though it does big things badly, does small things badly, too.”

- John
Kenneth
Gallbraith



This Week in History

Oct. 29

1929 - “Black Tuesday.” The stock market crashes & America is plunged into the Great Depression

Oct. 30

1855 - Prize saddle-maker Paul Bauer, the son of German immigrants, is born in Yorktown, Texas

1945 - BB-35 leaves Los Angeles for Hawaii during “Magic Carpet”

Oct. 31

1863 - Notorious outlaw “Black Jack” Ketchum is born in San Saba County

1912 - Singer, actress and the wife of Roy Rogers “Dale Evans” was born in Uvalde, Texas

Nov. 1

1912 - The last cattle of the XIT ranch are sold
1957 - Renowned Country Western singer “Lyle Lovett” was born in Klein, Texas

Nov. 2

1949 - The Daughters of the Republic of Texas became custodians of the French Legation

Nov. 3

1793 - Stephen Fuller Austin was born at the Lea mines in southwestern Virginia

Nov. 4

1911 - Col. Edward House of Houston meets Woodrow Wilson & becomes his aide & confidant



Happy 5th Birthday to the Battle Report!!!!

This time a year ago, former editor Russ Kuykendall was hinting that the time to pass the baton was close at hand, either in late 2006 or early 2007. In May of this year, our new Park Ranger IV Interpreter Tim Reeves stepped up to the plate and took on the challenge of keeping all our constituents informed by becoming the third editor of the weekly newsletter. A weekly report from park managers to regional directors, which eventually became no longer mandatory to write, was the impetus for the evolution of the Battle Report. Once this crossroads was reached, the staff at San Jacinto decided to turn the report into a newsletter instead – and the rest as they say – is history. The first issue was distributed on November 5, 2002 for the week of October 28 thru November 3, 2002. Former Battleground Park Manager and TPWD Region 4 State Parks Director Jerry Hopkins was the newsletters first editor, and Assistant Park Manager Scott Triebes also served several stints as special guest editor. Five years is a significant milestone for a weekly park newsletter, and we hope to be providing it to you for many years to come.

– Russ Kuykendall, Park Manager San Jacinto Battleground S.H.S.