

## What are we?

Autobiographical actors?  
Impersonators?  
Re-enactors?  
First person interpreters?  
Storytellers?

The answer is "Yes!".....  
We teach while we entertain audiences of all ages.

**It is time to reserve  
A Cowboy's Christmas**

**Houston area  
December 7-13**

**Dallas/Fort Worth area  
December 14-19**

**Austin/San Antonio  
December 20-24  
(almost sold out)**

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## Heroes Of History

The world changes...we change. Change is constant. Things will never be the same. And so it is with **Texas Heroes**...it has changed. In fact, **Texas Heroes** has changed so much the name itself is causing confusion. How about a poster that says, "**Texas Heroes** presents Patrick Henry". Yes, we got feedback from those.

Replace that poster with one that says, "**Heroes Of History** presents Patrick Henry". That makes a lot more sense. Although the name doesn't flow as well, and isn't as memorable, **Heroes Of History** says it all. So, **Heroes Of History** it will be from now on.

If you are writing us a check or sending us mail, **Texas Heroes** will still work. In fact, when I call people I will probably slip up and say, "Hi! This is Bob Heinonen with **Texas Heroes**."

## Patrick Henry: Why America

Patrick Henry has reawakened the independent spirit of his audiences because of his fierce defense of individual liberty. He risked his life saying, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, Give me Liberty or Give me Death!"

The American Revolution was fought because King George III of England broke the legal written contract with the people of the colonies. As specified in the First Charter of Virginia signed in 1606, the colonists were English citizens and, as such, were entitled to representation in Parliament. But the colonists had no representatives. Parliament passed laws and taxes on the colonists - "Taxation without

representation!" When one party breaks a legal contract, the other party is no longer obligated under the provisions of the contract.

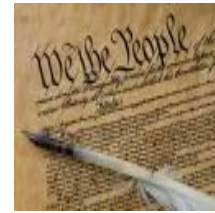
Breaking a legal contract which forms a government has the same ramifications today.

Our Constitution is a legal contract between "We the People of the United States" and the men we allow to govern us. The contract specifies the terms under which the government must operate. If the men forming the government violate the terms of the contract, the people are no longer obligated under the terms of the contract and the people must form a new government under a new contract.

That is what happened during our American Revolution between the time of the signing of our Declaration of

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

That is our Declaration of Independence with my underlines.



The only thing that has changed, other than our name, is that we will now offer characters known outside of Texas. The world is now our stage.

Across the next months you will see new historic figures introduced. Some will be for schools and the general public. Others will only be for the general public because we will not provide Curriculum Guides or follow TEKS guidelines.

If you are particularly interested in seeing us portray a specific character, let me know. I will pass the information on to our performers to see who is interested, and I will also see if someone outside our group can bring their program up to our standards.

I guess I should be proud we have to change. And I am. Thank you for your support over the last eight years and 2,500 performances.

## LEGENDS OF HISTORY

Legends are topics we love and hate. Legends are those parts of history that may not be proven, but people want to believe they are true. Some are true; some are not. If you have a legend you would like addressed, let me know.

**Legend:** Texas is the only State in the United States that was once a recognized nation.

**What We Know Now:** Texas, as most of us know, was an independent nation from when it achieved independence from Mexico in 1836 until it accepted the offer of the United States of America to become a state at the very end of 1845...a period of almost ten years. Some people will refer to California's Bear Flag Republic in 1846 as the exception but the Bear Flag Republic lasted less than a month; it's President was in office 25 days before the American flag was raised. It would hard to call California an internationally recognized nation.

A state was  
a nation

So, do any other states qualify as a nation? How about the original thirteen states? The Declaration of Independence of 1776 refers to the "thirteen united States of America" (notice the small "u"), that as "Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do" and refers to the "State of Great Britain". The Declaration of Independence defines the states as independent nations; the term "state" meant "nation" or "country".

The *Declaration of Independence* was not declaring the independence of a single nation but was declaring the independence of the thirteen independent nations which were uniting in a common cause. When men talked about their country, they meant New York, Virginia, Georgia, etc.

In 1777, the year after the *Declaration of Independence*, the *Articles of Confederation* were agreed to by the Continental Congress and it stated "Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right, which is not by this Confederation expressly delegated to the United States, in Congress assembled." The *Articles of Confederation* was finally ratified by the "states" in 1781.

Not until the United States Constitution was written in 1787 did the independent nations subordinate themselves to a common national government. During that eleven year period, the nations were allies in war but were independent states.

And, let's not forget Hawaii which had been a recognized sovereign nation as a kingdom, a constitutional monarchy, and then a republic longer than Texas was a nation.

As much as we Texans like to think Texas is the only state in the United States that has been an independent nation, the fact is that the thirteen original states and Hawaii had all been independent recognized nations prior to accepting the Constitution of The United States of America as their method of government.

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## August Performances

	<b>Day</b>	<b>Organization</b>
	5	Medina Public Library, Medina (2 performances)
	6	Parkwood Retirement Community, Bedford
	8	The Wesleyan at Estrella, Georgetown
Helen Garrison tours Houston and	10	Wynwood at Vernon, Vernon
Bob Heinonen tours the Panhandle	11	Park Central Retirement Community, Amarillo (3 performances)
	11	Irving Public Library Southwest Branch, Irving
	12	The Arbors, Armarillo
	12	Parkway Place, Houston
	13	Carriage Inn, Bryan
	13	Village on the Park Steeplechase, Houston
	13	Windsong, Lubbock
	13	Grand Court – Lubbock, Lubbock
	14	Wesley Court, Abilene
	14	Atria Collier Park, Beaumont
	15	Baytown Historical Preservation Association, Baytown
	16	Cypress Woods, Kingwood
	19	Elderhaven of Austin, Austin
	20	Sun City Texas, Georgetown

This is the reservation list as of the issuance of this newsletter. For an up-to-date list, check our website calendar at:

[http://www.TexasHeroes.net/Texas\\_Heroes\\_calendar.htm](http://www.TexasHeroes.net/Texas_Heroes_calendar.htm)

For a list of all clients, go to <http://www.TexasHeroes.net/ThePast.html>