

# HISTORY & FOLKLORE

## SAM HOUSTON CENTER SETX SERVICE MILITARY IMAGE SERIES

Come celebrate Southeast Texans' service to the nation as part of the Sam Houston Center's America250 events commemorating the country's 250th birthday. The event takes place Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Events will include historical exhibits and tours, activities for children, refreshments and special entertainment. *More photos of these special Southeast Texans will come in the following weeks up through Tues., June 30.*



**Andrew "Andy" James Kyle, IV, United States Army Air Force, 1940s.**  
*Andy Kyle WWII Collection, 2015.065. SHC, TSLAC.*

Andrew J. "Andy" Kyle, IV, was born in New Hampshire in 1915. He attended Ohio State University, where he obtained a degree in journalism. Kyle registered for military service and served as a technical sergeant with the 314th Troop Carrier Group of the United States Army Air Force. During World War II, he was an airplane mechanic and took part in five different airborne operations including D-Day. After his military service, Kyle moved to Liberty, Texas, where he was a florist and worked for the Liberty Vindicator. Kyle passed away on March 26, 2014, and was buried in Liberty, Texas. Learn more about the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center's collections at [www.tsl.texas.gov/shc](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/shc).



**ABOVE:**  
**Sergeant Frank I. Dulaney, United States Army, 1918.** *James H. Young Collection, 1983.019. SHC, TSLAC.*

Frank Irby Dulaney was born June 30, 1891, in Rio Frio, Texas. Prior to his enlistment, he worked for the Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad in Silsbee, Texas. Dulaney was drafted into the United States Army's 360th Infantry, Company C. After completing his training in August 1918, Dulaney was sent off to the European Theater. On June 21, 1919, the unit was demobilized. Dulaney passed away on July 29, 1964, and was buried in Houston, Texas. Learn more about the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center's collections at [www.tsl.texas.gov/shc](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/shc).

**AT LEFT:**  
**Francis "Frank" Alvin Key, United States Army, 1940-1945.** *Small Collections, SC11-038. SHC, TSLAC.*

Francis Alvin "Frank" Key was born in Hardin, Texas, in 1919. He graduated from Hull-Daisetta High School in 1930 and went to Stephen F. Austin University. Key registered for military service in 1940 and was inducted into active service in June 1942 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Key served with Battery A, 894th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, United States Army, during World War II. In October 1945, Key was discharged with honors at Camp Swift in Bastrop County, Texas. On November 21, 1964, Key passed away and was buried in Hardin, Texas. Learn more about the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center's collections at [www.tsl.texas.gov/shc](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/shc).

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## Farewell to the old '409', Hello '936'

by Kevin Ladd

LIBERTY COUNTY - Folks in the South Liberty County area will need to get ready for the new "936" telephone area code, which will officially go into effect on February 19, replacing the old "409" area code.

Although the official changeover date is February 19, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) will give telephone customers the option of using either 409 or 936 until August 4. This six month grace period will give folks time to get used to the new area code and also time to reprogram telephone and computer systems for the new code.

The PUC voted to split up the 409 area code back on August 5, 1999, thereby creating two brand new area codes, the 979 and 936. Local cities and towns that will be in the 936 area code include Ames, Batson, Daisetta, Dayton, Devers, Hardin, Hull, Kenefick, Liberty and Moss Hill. Other cities in the 936 area will include Conroe, Huntsville, Groveton, Diboll and Nacogdoches.

Counties included in the 936 area code are Waller, Grimes, Madison, Houston, Walker, Trin-

ity, Polk, San Augustine, Shelby, Angelina and Nacogdoches and parts of Liberty, Hardin, Washington, Brazos and Montgomery counties.

The new 979 area code covers Bryan-College Station, Clute, Lake Jackson, Freeport and Hempstead. The cities of Beaumont and Galveston will remain in the 409.

Here is a checklist for changing over to the new area code:

- Revise printed materials such as personal and business checks, business cards, mailing labels, advertising and promotional materials, invoice and Internet and website information.
- Reprogram or change automatic dialers, modems, cell phones, mobile phones, speed dialers, burglar alarm systems, fax machines and pagers.
- Notify friends and relatives about the new area code. Businesses should also alert vendors, customers, business associates and others about the change.



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