



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A Message from the Governor:

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone attending the Texian Navy Day celebration.

Texas has a history unlike any other state. Six national flags have flown over the Lone Star State, representing the nations that have claimed sovereignty over part or all of Texas. Texans — then often called Texians — fought a revolution that included one of the most famous battles in U.S. history, the Battle of the Alamo. As a result of that revolution, the Republic of Texas was its own country for a decade.

The Texas Navy played a very important, albeit brief, role in Texas history. The navy was essential to the Republic of Texas' independence from Mexico, allowing Texas to control the sea lanes along the coast despite a considerable size disadvantage and minuscule budget.

What the navy lacked in numbers, it made up for in ingenuity and grit. Men like Secretary of the Navy Samuel Rhoads Fisher, whom you honor today, displayed perseverance and valor. Like true Texans, they protected their homeland with great tenacity until the navy was disbanded in 1846.

In 1958, Governor Price Daniel, Sr., reactivated the Texas Navy. The current version of the Texas Navy, designed to assure the survival of Texas naval history, has brought together people interested in preserving the history, rights, boundaries, water resources and civil defense of Texas.

I applaud the efforts of all Texans working to preserve the history of the Texas Navy and our state history in general.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in wishing you all a wonderful celebration.



Sincerely,

Rick Perry

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Governor