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THE TEXAS NAVY—Adm. S. M. Robinson, U.S.N., retired, looks over early Texas Navy historical displays aboard the battleship Texas.

## S.R.T. TO WEIGH PROPOSAL

# Texas Navy Museum On Battleship Texas Sought

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A Texas Navy museum aboard the Battleship Texas. That proposal will be laid before the executive committee of the Sons of the Republic of Texas at a luncheon at San Jacinto Inn Tuesday.

After the luncheon the group will meet aboard the Battleship Texas, and will be shown some of the early Texas Navy historical data already on display.

Boosted by Admiral Joseph Wearden, of Victoria, president of the Sons of the Republic of Texas,

will attend the Tuesday sessions.

The prime mover of the museum project is the Battleship Texas Commission. In the forefront of boosters for the proposal is Adm. S. M. Robinson, retired, who lives at 300 M.A.S., Apartment 1.

Admiral Robinson, now 73, retired when he was 62. He was first aboard the Battleship Texas right after she was commissioned 43 years ago. Admiral Robinson has been a flag officer in the U.S. Navy since 1931.

Admiral Robinson, an ardent admirer of the Texas Navy, has been working on the museum project since he came to Houston four years ago.

"Our interest," Admiral Robinson said, "is two-fold. First, we want to render recognition to a small body of men, never more than 200, who played such a vital role in winning our independence. Second, we want to acquaint the people of Texas with the important work these men did."

In the Battleship Texas, he pointed out, an adequate site is already available, it adjoins the great San Jacinto Monument, there is room for expansion, and between 5000 and 6000 people every week go aboard the Battleship Texas.

The importance of the Texas Navy, Admiral Robinson says, "was tremendous."

"For instance," he said, "Sam Houston's powder and food came from captured ships, some of them captured as far away as Yucatan."

### Held Off Mexicans

"Santa Anna had reinforcements to help out his 5000 men, but they were held out in the Gulf by the raiding Texas Navy which wouldn't let them come on in."

"The powder for Sam Houston's guns was captured by a 65-ton vessel, the 'Liberty,' captured by William S. Brown, which captured the vessel 'Sisal' down in Yucatan, and brought the ammunition right on up to the Texans," Admiral Robinson related.