



Texas Navy Association

Historical Article



Texas Navy Reactivated By Daniel

HOUSTON (AP)—The Texas Navy was reactivated Monday— San Jacinto Day— by Gov. Daniel to help retain Texas' oil rich tidelands whose boundaries remain in dispute.

The Governor said the Navy would be a patriotic organization and an arm of the civil defense of the state. The Battleship Texas, grounded in concrete near the San Jacinto Battlefield, will be the flagship of the fleet.

Daniel signed his Navy proclamation after making the principal speech at ceremonies commemorating the 10th anniversary of the enshrining of the Battleship Texas.

The Governor said the Navy was open to "all Texans willing to use every legal means to protect the rights and boundaries of our state."

"All Texas citizens owning power-driven craft of any size are invited to join the Texas Navy by registration of their vehicles and participation in fleet maneuvers at the San Jacinto Battleground on April 21 of each year."

Following his talk on the battleship, Daniel spoke at the San Jacinto Monument where 122 years ago Texans under Gen. Sam Houston defeated the Mexican army in the battle that meant independence for Texas.

The Governor said that "among the principles in greatest danger today are those of states' rights and local self-government, part of the theory of decentralization of governmental power which is one of the greatest safeguards of liberty and freedom."

Daniel hit at a recent governmental action on the tidelands issue and promised an all-out fight to protect the three league (10½ miles) boundary.

"In spite of all the promises, treaties and solemn agreements, the Attorney General of the United States has instituted lawsuit which attempts to reduce our Gulfward boundary to three miles," he said.