



The Invincible Newsletter



Admiral James Tyson Joins The Board



Admiral James (Jim) Tyson enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1978 as a computer programmer analyst, with an initial assignment at the U.S. Army Logistics Center. In 1979, he was recruited to the White House Communications Agency, where he performed as programmer for the President, the White House Staff, and the National Security Council until completion of his enlistment in June of 1982, earning him a Presidential Service Badge.

Upon leaving the Army, Jim was recruited into an intelligence think tank in the Washington D.C. Area, where he worked on assignments for Rome Air Development Center and other government agencies. This was followed by work as a sub-contractor at the IBM - Federal Systems Lab in Manassas, Va., working on a sonar simulator for fast attack submarines.

Upon completion of this contract, Jim was contracting for, and then hired as the youngest Senior Systems Engineer ever hired by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles where he was responsible for the state's vehicle tags and titles system.

Jim was then recruited to Time-Life, where he became the Finance and Admin Systems Manager for the books, music and video division. This was followed by work in the insurance and software development industries. He was finally recruited from there to the Houston area by Sonat, which was then acquired by El Paso Corporation where he works to this day.

Jim is currently an Internal Consultant (Information Technology) for El Paso, with responsibilities including Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery for all three divisions of El Paso, as well as coordination between business areas and the Governance Committee to ensure that projects get properly prioritized and implemented. Jim has had 29 years of information technology experience.

Jim first came into contact with the Texas Navy in the late 90's, when he was elected Executive Officer of the PT-309 project - a restoration of a WWII combat veteran PT Boat - that was occurring in the Clear Lake area. Jim remained Executive Officer until the vessel was relocated to the Admiral Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas. Jim was commissioned by Gover-

nor George W. Bush on May 5th, 2000. He was later elected to the Board of Directors in 2002. Jim remained on the Board, working first with Admiral Walter Nass and then Admiral Dick Brown on building the Texas Navy web site, as well as working on the Nominating Committee. Jim moved to Emeritus status in April, 2009. Jim was re-elected to the TNA Board on November 27, 2010.

Jim is also currently serving as Administrative Officer, Galveston Bay Power Squadron, where he will serve as Executive Officer in 2011 and Commander in 2012, and is a current Trustee and former Secretary of the Houston Yacht Club.

Jim is presently helping the Texas Navy up-grade our association to more current technology which will advance our ability to serve our members more effectively . We are very fortunate to have Admiral Tyson's talents and dedication in our association. Welcome back on the Board Admiral Tyson!

Reminder

Open Business Meeting

At 1 pm on January 8, 2011 in room 170 (hearing room with plenty of seating) of the Stephen F. Austin Building of the General Land Office located at 1700 N. Congress Ave., Austin, Texas there will be an open Board of Directors meeting. After the formal opening of the meeting there will be an opportunity for any current/paid members of the TNA to address the Board for a limited period of time on any TNA related topic. The exact amount of time given to each TNA member wishing to speak will be determined by the President based upon the total TNA members wishing to speak. Come early and sign in on the speakers list. The Board will welcome constructive comments to improve the TNA. *Admiral Patterson will have a few very interesting historical documents out for view.*